

SITM Update

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Enjoying the Fall Season - - and a Busy One

September brings my favorite season, Fall. I love the changing colors and falling leaves. I love the evenings turning cooler and being able to sleep with a light blanket. I love the excitement of the football season even if I have no idea what is happening during a game. I hope that each of you will take a moment and enjoy this beautiful time of the year.

As I write this we are in the middle of the Air Races. This year has been a challenge for our Queen and her Court. Merchandise did not arrive as planned on the scheduled "set-up" day, the computers decided to crash on the first day of sales. The cashiers had to hand write each sale and then input the next day when the computer decided to come back among the living. The crew on Monday set and re-set the sweatshirts at least 4 times. (Remember this fact for next year's trivia contest!) Now that it is over I guess we can laugh and marvel at our strength as Soroptimists. We did it! I thank each of you that took the time out of your busy schedules to help. I thank each of you for bringing your husbands, boyfriends, girlfriends, friends and children. A special thank you goes out to Nick Moody (Past President Becky's son). He was there on Monday (without Mom) and helped move and then move again and then move again the sweatshirts, shirts and hats. Those

of us that were there that day have said we will gladly take him should his parents ever want to get rid of him....of course this will be AFTER his graduation!! We are not fools.

School Supplies for Libby Booth School



Education Women Co-Coordinator Carol Dinneen shows off some of the school supplies members donated for Libby Booth Elementary School.



President Margie Hermanson with Air Race Queens Kay Dunham and Diana Dillon.

The Hospitality Committee headed by Sue Camp and Mich Glazier got us started with Secret Pals again this year. This is always fun to try and figure out who has your name. Jennifer Thompson presented a wonderful speaker on recruitment for the club on behalf of the Recruitment and Retention Committee. Did you know the value of each volunteer in the state of Nevada is \$19.00 an hour? We had a drive for school supplies for the Education Youth Committee. They also had two Reno Gang Unit Police Officers come and speak to us about gangs in the Reno/Sparks area. What a busy month. I hope you were able to attend at least some of the meetings. Along with

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all of this we have had prizes and presents...we are keeping the fun going. You DO NOT want to miss a meeting!! You never know if the prize will end up with your name on the winning ticket.

I hope each of you will thrill in the fun of fall accessories, be it a new orange purse or brown shoes. They will be perfect for the Fall District meeting on October 19. SITM is the host club. Put it on your calendar today and plan on attending. Better yet bring a perspective member. What better way is there to get to hear and see what Soroptimist is all about?

I hope to see each of you at all the fun fall meetings ahead.

Yours in fun, SERVICE and friendship,
Margie

New "Boutique" Feature Debuts at Garage Sale

The SITM-IGU sponsored fall garage sale will be October 5. This year, the committee will be separating out a few things that will be sold in a special "boutique". Therefore, if you are planning to donate anything special like designer clothes, handbags, shoes, sterling silver or china, please separate it out from your regular donations and mark it for the boutique. The committee will be deciding if this experiment is worth the extra effort.

Thanks to the donors for your donations, help and support. Remember to clean-out your closets, your parent's closets and your friends' closets and bring lots of stuff to the garage sale.

GOT TOO MUCH STUFF?

Donate to IGU SPONSORED
GARAGE SALE
OCTOBER 5, 2013



Workers Needed for
Friday, October 4, 2013
Set Up and
Saturday, October 5, 2013
Sales & Clean Up

Sign-up sheets at the meetings
Questions: call Judge Connie at 775-771-7512

Calendar

- September 19 – SOLT
- September 26 – Bracelet Making for American Cancer Society
- October 3 – Public Awareness
- October 8 – Board Meeting, NV Energy
- October 10 – Business Meeting
- October 17 – Health Committee C.J. Bawden, Communications Officer for the Silver State HI Exchange
- October 19 – District III Fall Meeting, NV Energy
- October 24 – UN Day; IGU Committee, Dr. Carina Black

You can follow our weekly activities on:



Passion for Disadvantaged Women and Children Leads Monica House to SITM

By Connie Steinheimer

This month's featured member is Monica House. Monica has been a member of SITM since 1995 and has held many offices, Treasurer-Service, Recording Secretary, President-Elect and President, Director, and Parliamentarian. Monica has been a Ceec Abrahams Awardee and was honored by SITM with Laurel Society membership.

As we visited recently she told me some of her fondest memories of her membership are from conferences, retreats, and the air races. Most of the time Monica was a single parent, and her son Tommy was frequently a part of the SITM activities. A special memory is of Faye Andersen and Jo Ann Roberts driving Tommy around the air races in the golf cart we used to use. It truly meant a great deal to her to have her son included and welcomed at our club.

To get to know Monica a little better, you need to know she is very close to her family. Her son Tommy is her pride and joy. He is currently in L.A. working on a career in acting/theater, but she gets to see him frequently.

Monica also enjoys spending time with her active parents. They frequently fly in small and large planes enjoying trips near and far. Did I mention that Monica is a pilot? She decided to get her pilot's license to make travel to her very special place, second home in northern California, Shelter Cove, easier. By car it takes 7-8 hours, a trip that in the plane only takes 1 ½ hours (weather permitting).

Whether it is by plane that she pilots or one someone else pilots, Monica loves to travel! She views all her trips as unique, however special mention goes to Vietnam with her Veteran

Dad, SI Puné Metro East in India with her Mom, Nepal with Jeanne, Norma, and Connie, and all of the scuba diving trips.

But being outdoors hiking, diving, boating, fishing, flying, or gardening are all wonderful adventures for

Monica. She finds time in her busy schedule to excel as First Vice President at Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, do Pilates and Yoga several days a week, and walk her dogs daily.

Animals are a big part of her family which currently includes two dogs, two cats, one hawkhead parrot, and a fish. Her third dog is in retirement in LA with Tommy and his friends. Monica didn't start out as a financial advisor. Her professional journey started at Whittell High School at Lake Tahoe, UNR, BA in Psychology, University of Hawaii, Masters Degree in Social Work, and trips through Europe and studying in Madrid.



Abalone diving with Dad in August.

Along the way Monica was a cart girl at Edgewood Golf Course, a dorm counselor, a waitress, an intern working with homeless, abused women and the elderly, and she worked at Willow Springs Hospital with emotionally disturbed children. Although she found the work rewarding, Dean Witter hired her as a financial advisor (her other passion) and the rest is history.

Soroptimist membership has allowed her to pursue her career and still give back to the community. Monica shared with me, "There are so many things in this world we cannot control, but knowing we can make such a difference at a local level and knowing where our dollars go is extremely rewarding and important to me."



Ready for flight.

Celebrate International Goodwill

By Connie Steinheimer

YOU MUST ATTEND the October 24, 2013 meeting when the IGU Committee will be bringing you Dr. Carina Black from the International Center.

Dr. Black is the Executive Director of the International Center and a faculty member at the University of Nevada. She is a native of Argentina and a citizen of Switzerland and the US. She is a very interesting person, who received her Ph.D. from the University of Nevada in 1997 in Comparative Politics. She is the mother of four children and is fluent in four languages.

The International Center is located on the University of Nevada Campus. The Center hosts International delegations and works toward international goodwill and understanding. The international visitors the Center brings to Reno are high-level delegates through the US Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. An example of one of eight groups the Center is hosting in September is the Global Women's Health Delegation. The delegation visited Reno to learn about the promotion of cooperation to prevent and manage health problems affecting women, such as cancer, stroke, heart disease, diabetes and HIV-related illness. The delegates hailed from Algeria, Bahrain, Burma, Kenya, the Netherlands, Pakistan and Romania.

You don't want to miss this meeting and we encourage you to bring a guest. Come hear more about Dr. Black, what she and the International Center are doing to promote international goodwill and understanding right here in Reno, and how you might get involved.

Immediate Past-President Alice Wells and newly-installed President Ann Garvie



New SI President Ann Garvie

(Reprinted from the SI Global Voice)

At an inaugural dinner at Newnham College, Cambridge (UK) following the [Soroptimist International Board meeting](#), Ann Garvie succeeded Alice Wells as President of Soroptimist International for the 2013-2015 biennium. We thank Alice Wells for her tireless work as President for the 2011-2013 biennium and her outstanding leadership to improve issues for women and girls worldwide.

Ann Garvie has been a Soroptimist since 1979 and is a member of SI Glasgow City in Scotland, UK. After serving as Club President and Regional President, she went on to hold many roles at Federation level, including Federation International Project Liaison for the Limbs for Life project (1999-2003) and SIGBI President (2003-4). From 2005-7 she was the Soroptimist International Chair of Finance.

Ann describes her objective for 2013-14 as to "seize the day in order to secure the future".

"My vision is to lead an effective, dynamic and globally recognised organisation which empowers every member, so that more people know and value our ability to influence the policies and plans of those in government who shape our lives."

October 24 is United Nations Day

UN Day marks the anniversary of the ratification of the UN Charter in 1945.

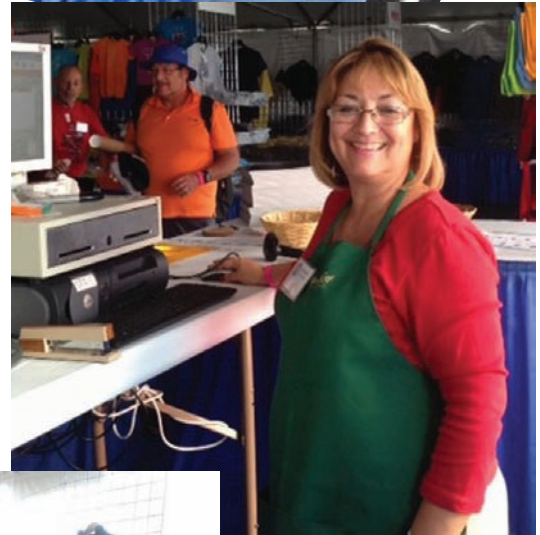
Soroptimist International is a Non Governmental Organization (NGO) chartered by the U.N. NGO's interact with the UN Secretariat, programs, funds and agencies and they consult with the Member States. NGO work related to the UN includes information dissemination, awareness raising, development education, policy advocacy, joint operational projects, and providing technical expertise and collaborating with UN agencies, programs and funds. This work is undertaken in formal and informal ways at the national level and at the UN.

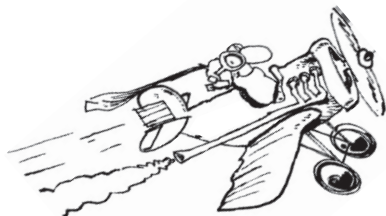
Soroptimist International has a network of permanent SI representatives in all major UN centers -- New York, Geneva, Vienna, Paris, Rome and Nairobi. We hold General Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council, (ECOSOC), plus official relations with several agencies and technical bodies.

In addition to attending the larger conferences held by these organizations, our representatives are also members of various NGO committees including human rights, education, the working group on Gender Equality, Traditional Beliefs and Practices, and the NGO Group for the Status of Women.



**NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP
AIR RACES**
September 11-15 2013
Presented by Breitling





August Board & Business Update

By Faye I. Andersen

September Board and Business Meetings were quick and the Business Meeting was particularly lacking in attendance, since so many members were working at our annual Reno Air Races fundraiser.

Money Matters

Speaking of the Reno Air Races, the Board recommended and the membership approved a \$300 donation, from the President's discretionary funds, to the RARA fundraising dinner.

SITM's \$30,000 emergency funds CD have been rolled-over for another year at Mutual of Omaha.

A \$100 donation was made to the Make-a-Wish Foundation, an outstanding donation from one of last year's committees.

August Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars collected in August totaled \$337.75 and were designated for VSA Nevada, providing arts opportunities and education for all Nevadans. September Happy Dollars are designated for the Empowerment Center, providing safe and sober housing to recovering addicts and alcoholics.



Jim Cox, from Five Star Residence of Reno and a Past President of the Alzheimer's Association, spoke to members and guests at the September 5 meeting on all elements of volunteerism.

Next Wine Pairing in the Planning

The Board recommended and the membership approved pursuing another Wine Pairing dinner and Jennifer Burnitt has agreed to work on the planning. The tentative date is October 24, so mark your calendars and stand-by for the location.

Membership Update

The Board approved a leave of absence for Georgia Baker during the month of October for back surgery. Remaining on leave are Marna Griffin through October 12 for travel; and Ploypun Pihakane through January 8 for work.



Member Georgia Baker, center, shows off her prize for bringing Sandra Finelli, Exec. Dir., Empowerment Center, and Cristi, a former client and now Vista volunteer for the Empowerment Center, to the Recruitment & Retention Luncheon.



Recruitment & Retention Co-Coordinator Jennifer Thompson gives an overview of SITM projects and pursuits for the benefit of guests attending the SITM lunch.

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SITM meets every Thursday noon at the Atlantis Resort & Spa, 3800 South Virginia Street in Reno, second floor convention center. For reservations www.sitruckeemeadows@hotmail.com. no later than 7 p.m. on the Tuesday before the meeting. Lunch is \$17.

Soroptimist is an international organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world.



For information about our organization, check out these Soroptimist Websites:
 Sierra Nevada Region: www.soroptimistsnr.org
 Soroptimist International of the Americas: www.soroptimist.org
 Soroptimist International: www.soroptimistinternational.org



Did you know . . .

Regional Gang Unit

- The Regional Gang Unit (RGU) was formed in 2001 in order to bring a regional approach to gang suppression and intelligence gathering. The RGU partners the Reno Police Department, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, the Sparks Police Department, and the Washoe County School District Police Department.
- There are approximately 2,200 gang members in the Reno-Sparks area. Some 1,400 are active. There have been 700 arrests this year and 320 of those arrests are from the Regional Gang Unit.
- Overall, male gang members represent 92% of all gang members, while only 8% are female. 73 % of all gang members are adult, whereas 27% are juvenile.

Officers Javier Lopez and Jennifer Ury from the Regional Gang Unit educate members at the August 22 program on gang prevalence and violence in the area.

