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SITM Salutes Long Time Member Sue Camp

This week we lost one of the most dedicated and highly-respected Soroptimists in the Sierra Nevada Region. Sue's life will be celebrated on November 1, 2014 in Reno, details to follow.

Sue Camp 1947 - 2014

Sue Camp was born and grew up in Southern California. After high school, she traveled some before starting work, thus beginning her lifelong love of travel. She met Vic Camp upon his return from a tour in Vietnam and they were married in 1967. They have two children, Dawn Renee and Victor John.

Before meeting Vic, Sue went to Cal Western University and worked at Disneyland, where she customized hats at the Mad Hatter. This undoubtedly helped craft her somewhat zany sense of style, but it also taught her the value of customer service. Her professional career was primarily in sales, where she traveled on business throughout California and Northern Nevada and later for two and a half years in Hawaii. She was always one of the top salespeople in the companies for which she worked. She thought sales were easy because she simply needed to determine what the stores needed for their customers, and then appeal to that need. She later earned a BS in Business Administration from Sierra Nevada College and expanded more into marketing. She eventually teamed up with her husband in their business Construction Inspection Associates.

Sue moved to Reno in 1974 where she continued her career in sales and later expanded her involvement in public service. She was appointed to the Reno City Council in 1996, and was later appointed to the Washoe County Commission in 1997. She enjoyed the leadership opportunities of office, but had a hard time with having her statements twisted into things she didn't believe.

Sue joined Soroptimist in 1993. As her daughter Dawn recounts, Soroptimist was a natural fit for Sue due to her sincere interest in helping others realize their full potential — particularly women. She encouraged Dawn and countless other women to go to college and become professionals so they could support themselves and not be dependent on others. Sue served as president of SITM in 2002-2003. She served as District 3 Director for 2004 – 2005 then as Sierra Nevada Region Governor from 2008 – 2010. Sue was awarded the Laurel Society membership in 2006 and became an Envoy in 2010.

Sue loved to see new places. In addition to travel on Soroptimist business, she and Vic went on numerous cruises, to the Panama Canal, the Bahamas, Alaska, the Mediterranean and other destinations. She was always looking forward to the next big adventure. More recently she and Vic took up golf. Dawn says "It was something



they could do together that got them outside. They liked the challenge and the opportunity to go with other couples. It was a real highlight of their last decade together".

President Pam Sutton

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Supporting SITM's Friendship Link in Puné, India

By Paula Ringkob



Monica's Mom, Carolanne House, standing second from left; Nisha Ghosh, Founding President; and Monica House are joined by members of SI/Puné Metro East at Nisha's home in India.

Club members receive training on gender sensitization and child abuse and then conduct workshops in schools for children, parents and teachers. SIPME has made a difference by reaching the minds of 3,985 school children.

In June, the SITM IGU Committee voted to send \$542 raised in March Happy Dollars and \$200 in budgeted funds to SIPME. The funds totaling \$742 are being donated to SIPME to support their ongoing initiatives to change attitudes and prevent gender violence in India.

In her thank you to the IGU Committee, Nisha wrote "On behalf of my club, I would like to thank all you gracious ladies for keeping the Friendship Link very alive and showcasing the work of SI Puné Metro East. It means a great deal to us and we hope to meet more of your members in India."

Monica House is the SITM Friendship Link liaison to international SI clubs. In 2012, she visited Puné, India and the SIPME Club for two weeks.

First, a bit of SITM history: In 2010, SITM spread the word to other SI clubs that we would like to host an international SI visitor in Reno. Applications were reviewed and Nisha Ghosh was selected. After visiting us, Nisha went on to become the founding President of SI Puné Metro East – a club in Puné, India (a city of 4 million people).

SIPME is now participating in the international One Billion Rising movement which seeks an end to violence against women. The campaign was initiated by Eve Ensler (she wrote the play *The Vagina Monologues*).

Throughout September, the Education-Youth Committee will be collecting toiletries for the Libby Booth Hygiene Closet. If you'd like to donate, please bring full-sized soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, hair brushes and combs to any Thursday meeting.

Calendar

- August 21 – Truckee Meadows Water Authority General Manger Mark Foree
- August 28 – Hospitality Committee, discuss celebrating Sue Camp's life
- September 4 – Membership Committee
- Sept. 7 – 14 – Reno Air Races, Stead Airport
- September 9 – Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Disability Resources
- September 11 – Business Meeting, Noon, Atlantis
- September 18 – Candidate's Forum
- September 25 – Education Youth
- October 2 – Health Committee

You can follow our weekly activities on:



Newly inducted (but returning) member Maryann Decker, was inducted by Membership Co-Coordinator Anna McArdle at the August Business Meeting. Margie Hermanson stood in for Maryann's sponsor, Shirley George.

Everything You Wanted to Know About the Air Races!

September 7-14 2014

Volunteer and Watch the Reno Air Races for Free
Volunteer for Soroptimist for a morning or afternoon shift.
The other half of the day is yours to watch planes.

It's that time again – the opportunity to volunteer at the races to assist our club in raising the funds we need each year to fund our various service projects.

The following shifts are available!

9/10 – Wednesday 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Noon to 6 p.m. or close
9/11 – Thursday 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Noon to 6 p.m. or close
9/12 – Friday Noon to 6 p.m. or close
9/13 – Saturday, Noon to 6 p.m. or close
9/14 – Sunday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Noon to close

To volunteer contact Niki Ewing at nchamp1@yahoo.com, or 775-772-2966

What does Air Races fund you ask?

Making a Difference for Women	\$5,000
Committee Service Funds	\$2,700
President's Emergency Fund	\$ 250
Federation Laurel Society	\$1,000
Region contributions	\$ 350
Soroptimist International President's Appeal	\$ 250
Federation Club Giving Campaign	\$1,000
Nevada Women's History project	\$ 50
Region Conference Basket	\$ 150
Live Your Dream Award (formerly WOA)	\$1,500
Bank fees	<u>\$ 144</u>
TOTAL	\$12,394



Air Race Queens Diana, Kay and Niki pose with specially-selected air plane toy props provided for the August 7 meeting by Niki's twins, Parker and Tanner.



"Calendar Girls" from left Doris Phelps and Paula Ringkob hand-over calendars to Ana Nadimi to sell as part of our fall fundraiser.

How can you help?

1. Sell our traditional "Ghosts" calendars - \$15 each again this year.
2. Volunteer for several shifts at the event, bring friends and even perfect strangers to cover more shifts! We have over 220 shifts to fill. It is a full club event requiring the total support of every member to have another successful fundraising year. Each member is responsible for at least 3 shifts but if you are unable to fill them yourself, please find other willing volunteers to help out. Passes for admission and parking are provided to each volunteer.
3. Work Set-up Sunday September 7 - 10:30AM. Bring your Soropti-Misters, hand carts and be ready for fun arranging the merchandise displays. Lunch will be provided by the committee.

On behalf of the Air Race Committee please support this vital fundraising event by volunteering, recruiting others and selling calendars. You may email your shift requests to Niki Ewing or sign up at our meetings. The event kick-off meeting was August 7. We hope all of you will take your calendars, sign up for shifts and get excited for another successful event.

Delegate's Report -- Soroptimist Development Retreat

Friday and Saturday, July 18 & 19, 2014

By SITM Delegate Bev Perkins

This year's development retreat began Friday afternoon with workshops on Anti-Trafficking, Awards, and Bylaws. Co-coordinator of the Bylaws committee Barbara Atwell attended a class called "Bylaws Made Easy" and reported that she and her committee have a lot of work to do this year. I attended the Awards workshop, presented by District I Director Sherry Hoyer, from Redding. A copy of all of the SNR Forms is contained on a CD given each attendee.

New Award Deadlines Discussed

We were reminded that Ruby nominations were due to Region by February 1, 2015, and that the recipient can be a club member. The Live Your Dream (formerly WOA) applications are due to clubs by November 15th of this year and to Region February 1, 2015. Celebrating Success submissions to both Region and Federation are due July 1, 2015. We just went through the somewhat harrowing process of scrambling to get our submissions for Margie's year in to Region before July 1st in order to make the new deadline. Our SNR deadline of July 1st takes into account all club activities for the club year.



Barbara Atwell, owner of Quilted B helps a customer at SDR interested in her beautiful handiwork.

It was noted that we have no information on the girl program (formerly Violet Richardson Award), which was unveiled at Convention. I'm sure Immediate Past-President Margie has news of that for us, or will soon.

Heads up Advice on Balancing Your Club

The second workshop I attended was entitled Balancing Your Club, and it was presented by our new District V

Director, Noel Trim, from SI/Truckee Donner. Noel gave us several reasons to be a volunteer, which we can pass on to potential members: volunteering develops new skills; increases our knowledge base; finds us new interests; allows us to explore potential new career fields; builds a network of contacts; enhances self-esteem; increases our qualifications for potential civic or political roles; provides leadership opportunities; provides personal growth; gives us membership in our community; and makes us feel appreciated.



Margie Hermanson, left and Sue Camp at the Soroptimist Development Retreat Dinner in July.

Noel recommended using the SNR organization flow chart as a model for club organization, noting also that the SIA website is a great resource. She recommended that we lead by example and treat members with honor and integrity, supporting each other in whatever we do, stressing Governor Jackie's theme of NO GUILT, YOU FIRST (you being each member). She recommended mentoring and/or selecting a Soroptimist "mother" or two from among more seasoned members to whom newer members can go for information and advice. We in our club have been spoiled by having several "mothers" in Past Governors JoAnn Roberts, Faye I. Andersen, and Sue Camp, to name a few.

After a wonderful feast put on by the Atlantis staff, Nick Farinha (nephew of Governor Jackie) spoke to us on the topic of public speaking.

Workshops for Club Officers

Saturday morning we had breakfast with our District Directors, then went into the workshops for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and new members (Soroptimist 101). Following these special sessions, there were workshops on membership, SIA website, public awareness and legislative advocacy/anti-trafficking. I attended the membership workshop presented by Region Secretary Lane Parks. Lane stressed the importance of first impressions and inclusiveness. She suggested that we

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keep a current brochure, containing photos of the current President and recent club activities (i.e., garage sale photos) rather than historic information.

She reminded us that our past successes are our best advertisements, so using past award winners as speakers or volunteers and inviting past speakers to meetings as guests could generate new members. Several suggestions were given by attendees at the workshop as well. A separate report in greater detail will be given to our Membership Co-Coordinators.

Focus on Fundraising

The next set of workshops included promotions, personal safety, fundraising, and making a club work. I attended the workshop put on by Fundraising Chair Linda McDoniels and President Sandra Bier from Cameron Park/El Dorado Hills (by phone). Everyone received a packet of information on the Lunafest, a fundraiser sponsored by Clif Bar and Company CEO, Kit Crawford. After lunch, our speaker Nick Farinha gave us a presentation on power point do's and don'ts, speaker props and other visual aids, demonstrating all of this to a very enthusiastic crowd.



SITM members who attended SDR; front row from left, President Pam Sutton Sue Camp and Faye I. Andersen. Back row from left: Margie Hermanson, District V Director Noel Trim, Penney Leezy, Bev Perkins and Barbara Atwell.

In attendance from our club were Sue Camp, Margie Hermanson, Penney Leezy, Barbara Atwell, Bev Perkins, Faye I. Andersen, and President Pam Sutton. More details from all workshops are available for the asking.



Penney Leezy customizes one of her jewelry pieces for a customer.

District Director Noel invited us to the Fall District Meeting to be hosted by SI/Truckee Donner on Saturday, October 25, 2014 and asked us to watch for details to come.

Help for the Asking

Finally, Governor Jackie reintroduced her Board and offered their services as potential speakers at our meetings. Contact information is in the roster. All attendees were given a CD containing the material presented at the event, including handouts.

GARAGE SALE
We're doing it again.
We need your donations!!!
SITM'S GARAGE SALE
Saturday, October 4, 2014

at Judge Connie Steinheimer's home
1140 Alpine Circle, Reno
Proceeds to benefit the
IGU Nepal Projects

Drop-offs accepted at Ethan Allen
until October 1, 2014

The Many Hats, and Faces and Jobs of SITM Member Niki Ewing

By Pam Robinson

Newly crowned Air Race Queen, Facebook Diva, Fitness Guru, and Soroptimist member since 2002 – all of these are the one and only Niki Ewing. Raised in Anchorage, Alaska where her favorite subjects were sewing and solar systems, she met a friend who moved there from Reno.

Niki visited Reno in the fall of 1994 and decided to enroll at UNR. So, she drove down the AlCan Highway and moved here in January 1995. She decided to remain in Reno because of the career opportunities, community, and great weather.

After graduating from UNR with a degree in Marketing, she worked for Clark & Sullivan Construction and met Diana Dillon. Diana encouraged (aka insisted!) her to join SITM after Niki started working for New York Life. Niki says it was perfect – she was a Girl Scout growing up and found SITM to be a perfect fit for continuing her love of volunteering and giving back.

Life has changed quite a bit since then. Niki met her husband, Brandon, on a blind date. She was introduced to him by former SITM member, Hilary Vonich, whose husband worked with Brandon at the time. Their first date was a hike, and the second date was a Jimmy Buffett concert. They traveled a lot, and Brandon proposed to her on the London Eye! Their twin sons, Parker and Tanner, were born October 26, 2008 and make her laugh and smile every day. She loves experiencing trips, activities, and



Niki, Parker, Brandon and Tanner Ewing.



They make her laugh every day. Niki with Parker and Tanner at her favorite vacation spot, Maui, Hawaii.

whatever they do each day. They make everything feel brand new and exciting all over again.

Niki is active at Mountain View Montessori where the boys go to school. She enjoys being around the other moms and sharing parenting challenges and accomplishments. We've watched them grow up on Facebook, and they are a lively duo.

Certified as a personal trainer, Niki says her passion is fitness and nutrition, although her weakness is chocolate. She has designed her own workouts and loves to share her knowledge with anyone who needs help.

Her favorite vacation spot is Maui, Hawaii where she and Brandon can relax and enjoy activities with Parker and Tanner. They love to kayak and look for turtles and saw 30 dolphins swimming around them on their last vacation.

Our afghan delivery to the Volunteers of America is definitely one of Niki's favorite SITM projects. She also enjoys the Salvation Army Christmas delivery. Her favorite SITM memory is when she was presented the Ceec Abrahams award last year. She was getting up to take the photo of the winner for Facebook when her name was announced! It was a wonderful surprise and well deserved.

Niki believes that whatever you put your mind to, you can do, and she is a great role model for our club members!

Delegate's Report – 43rd Biennial Convention Soroptimist International of the Americas

By Immediate Past President Margie Hermanson

Wednesday July 23 I was up early and ready for the airport and the plane to take me to The Soroptimist International of the Americas 43rd Biennial Convention. Having never been to one I did not know quite what to expect and I was very excited. I was a bit worried about being the only one from our club and not knowing anyone. Well the flight from Portland to Vancouver proved that not to be a problem at all. I was surrounded by Soroptimists including Past Sierra Nevada Region Governor Suzi Bailey. We all bonded and laughed non-stop. By the time we got to Vancouver the session for delegates and how to vote was over... but being the smart person that I am, I was able to figure it all out!



At SIA Convention, Margie Hermanson caught up with newly installed SIA President Poco Davis. Poco is a Past Governor of the Sierra Nevada Region and member of SI/Metropolitan Las Vegas.

That night we had a meet and mingle cocktail party and it was so fun to visit with other members from our region. We also had time to visit with Jacqueline Bond, SIA Board member. If you remember she spoke at our Scholarship Luncheon and at the SNR Conference in April. It was great fun seeing all the different clubs and regions.

Speakers and Bylaw Debates

The next day we were in sessions all day and had some wonderful speakers. We also had the fun time of considering resolutions and by-law changes. Most were just housekeeping but the big news was the dues increase. SIA is down 10,000 members in the last 10 years so this was something that had to be done. No one wants to spend more money but we do not want to lower our standards. The dues are going up to \$68.00 for the year 2015-16 and another \$2.00 each year for 2 more years. The total increase will bring the SIA dues to \$72.00 for the year 2018-19. This is up from the \$52.00 we pay now for SIA dues.

That night we had a social with three regions near us at a pub. It was great fun to visit with members from the clubs close to us.

Awards and Announcement of New Programs

On Friday we had more sessions and an amazing speaker, Kayce Jennings (Peter's daughter) and she spoke about her documentary Girls Rising: A Powerful Force for Change. It is the story of nine girls from all over the world and what and how they are rising above their living circumstances. It was the launch for a new SIA program. DREAM IT*BE IT. This program is much like our Making a Difference for Women but geared towards high school girls. At our Region Conferences we will receive information on how to launch this program.

The afternoon had awards given out (Live Your Dream and Violet Richardson) and then we broke for smaller sessions. I attended the membership workshop with Joanne Valentine, past SNR District Director. She did a great job and it was fun to hear about the issues other clubs have getting new members (and keeping them)! The second one I attended was



Here's SNR Governor Jackie DeMartini, from left; Joanne Valentine, a Past District Director; Margie; and Jacquie Bond, a member of the SIA Board, who visited us in April.

Personal Development. Mostly it was the power of networking.

Laurel Society Gathering

That evening I was honored to attend the Laurel Society Party, Girls Just Want to Have Fun. The room was decked out in glitz and diamonds with a couple of Marilyn Monroe look-a-likes walking around. It was so much fun. I really got to visit with many other members.

Invitation to SI Convention & Installation of SIA President

Saturday was back at a general session with an invitation to Soroptimist International Convention in Istanbul by SI President Ann Garvie, on July 9-12, 2015.

Dinner featured the Installation of SNR Region's own Poco Davis. How exciting to have a member from our region being installed at the President of SIA.

Farewell to New & Old Friends

The evening ended and I bid farewell to all the new friends I had made. I cannot begin to tell you how inspiring this convention was and how much I learned. We look at our little club and think we are doing so much...then we go to our District Meeting and think WOW we are part of something even bigger and then Region Conference comes along and again we are inspired....but this was beyond what I even realized.

These ladies were all there for one thing...to IMPROVE THE LIVES OF WOMEN AND GIRLS. I was honored to represent our club and I cannot wait for the next SIA Convention in Orlando Florida in July 2016. Think about going....you will NEVER be sorry!!



Enjoying a relaxing moment is, from left: Past SNR Treasurer Gina Grether, Margie and Past SNR Secretary Sarah Walker.

188 Years of Perfect Attendance Honored

Seventeen SITM members achieved Perfect Attendance this year. They were awarded certificates at the July Business Meeting and thanked for their dedication to Soroptimist. The award is achieved by attending the 45 weekly SITM meetings, or earning "make-ups" by attending monthly Board meetings, or participating in club fundraisers or events such as the Air Races, garage sales, senior gift delivery and others. "Make-ups" are also given for attendance at District, Region and Federation meetings and meetings of other Soroptimist Clubs.

Faye Andersen	28
Barbara Atwell	2
Sue Camp	13
Diana Dillon	17
Kay Dunham	18
Mich Glazier	5
Margie Hermanson	7
Becky Moody	8



Enid Oliver	6
Bev Perkins	11
Paula Ringkob	7
Jo Ann Roberts	31
Pam Robinson	24
Vivian Ruiz	1
Vicki Schultz	5
Pam Sutton	2
Dot Watts	3

August Board & Business Update

By Faye I. Andersen

One highlight of the meeting was the induction of new (really returning) member Maryann Decker. Maryann belonged to SITM years ago and her sponsor, Shirley George enticed her to return. However, Shirley wasn't available at the meeting, so Maryann was introduced and welcomed by long-time friend Margie Hermanson. She is an interior designer and owner of Consign & Design Unlimited. Welcome Maryann.

Celebrating Sue Camp

SITM lost its long time and dedicated member Sue Camp on August 8. President Pam has appointed an Ad Hoc Committee head by Margie Hermanson, to explore options and ways to celebrate Sue's life. Lots of ideas and suggestions are being forwarded to the committee. Contact Margie if you have ideas you'd like to share. Stand by for more news.

In the meantime, the Hospitality Committee will be devoting at least a portion of the August 28 meeting to remembering Sue.

Hygiene Drive in September

The Education-Youth Committee requested and the membership gave approval to solicit hygiene items from members during the month of September for the Hygiene Closet at our adopted school, Libby Booth Elementary. The committee met with the principal at the school and it was determined this was an unmet need. This is not the drive for individual hygiene items (like hotel-sized soaps) for the Wooster High students, but full-sized items the children can use throughout the school year.

The committee is looking for full-size shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, hair brushes and combs. Bring them to any meeting in September for the committee to pick up.

Book Drive in November

The Education-Youth Committee also requested, and the membership gave approval to solicit hardcover books for the Libby Booth Library in November. The principal had praise for SITM and our book pillow program for each student the past two years. However, she expressed the need to stock the school library, which is quite bare. They would like to have books all students could share.

Watch for more announcements about this program, and the best way to donate, either books or money to purchase books. The committee is looking into scholastic discounts available to schools.

Next Garage Sale is October 3-4

The Board recommended and the membership approved the IGU Committee's next Garage Sale. Set-up will be October 3, with the sale October 4. Your donations are needed and a sign-up sheet to work will be circulating in September. See the committee's "ad" on page 5 for instructions about donating and storing your items.

Reno Air Races Needs Volunteers

Your help is needed to work at the Reno Air Races September 7-14. Recruit your family members, friends and co-workers to work one or more approximate five-hour shifts selling RARA merchandise. Sign-ups will be circulating at upcoming club meetings. A list of volunteer times can be found on page 3, along with a breakdown of where the money raised is allocated by the club.

Happy Dollars for July-August

Some \$160 in Happy Dollars was raised during July meetings for Awaken, a program rescuing women and children from human trafficking. Happy Dollars for August are dedicated to Doors for Recovery, a program transforming youth to recovery from alcohol and drug addiction.

Delegates Report on SDR and SIA

SITM Delegate Bev Perkins attended the annual Soroptimist Development Retreat in July, along with President Pam and five other members, and verbalized her report at the Board and Business Meeting. Immediate Past President Margie Hermanson represented SITM at the Soroptimist International of the Americas (Federation) Convention in Vancouver, B.C. as well. Synopsis of their reports can be found on pages 4 and 7.

Membership Update

The following members remain on leave of absence: Jean Neddenriep through August for medical reasons; Jennifer Crowe Clark through September 11 for work; and Lynn Robins through September for medical reasons.

Committees Gear-Up for another Successful Year

Committees are the backbone of the club. They do almost all of the work. Nothing much happens in the club without them. Members got their first opportunity in July to meet their Committee Coordinator(s) and discuss issues and projects for the coming year. Technical Committees, headed by Vice President Jennifer Burnitt, came together at the July 10 meeting and Service Committees, headed by Vice President Michelle Jones, met at the July 24 meeting.

Committee members were able to spend a little time with their fellow committee members, share information and begin planning their committee's upcoming year.



Education Youth Co-Coordinators Teresa Mentzer and Connie Steinheimer.



Patti Doty and Michelle Jones join in the discussion.



Meeting at the IGH Committee table were, from left, Becky Moody, Mich Glazier and Paula Ringkob.



Niki Ewing, left, joined Kay Dunham and VP-Technical Jennifer Burnitt displaying the "SERVICE" sign at the July 24 meeting.



Two dozen Soroptimists joined Georgia Baker to celebrate her pending marriage to Jon Flambures. Members brought Georgia what seemed to be an endless supply of "sexy panties".

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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.orgSoroptimist International of the Americas: www.soroptimist.orgSoroptimist International: www.soroptimistinternational.org

Did you know . . .

WOA and Live Your Dream Stats

In 2012-2013, 1,235 women received over \$1.6 million in funding through the Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Awards. This year, funding increased by \$95,264 (6%) and 46 additional women received the award. The total non-cash awards given by clubs totaled \$55,083. This year, 75 percent of clubs in Soroptimist International of the Americas participated in the program.

In an effort to determine the impact of the Women's Opportunity Awards program, SIA sends surveys to recipients three years after they receive the award. For 2012-2013, SIA sent surveys to 116 region-level recipients from the 2009-2010 club year. The results of the survey are as follows:

100% of survey respondents reported an increased sense of self-esteem and self-confidence.

50% of survey respondents reported earning an educational degree/certification.

50% of survey respondents reported still working towards an educational degree/certification.

61% of survey respondents reported securing higher-paying employment.

72% of survey respondents reported an improved standard of living for themselves and their dependents.

100% of survey respondents reported serving as a role model for their dependents.