

SITM UPDATE ~ "The Power Within: to Make a Difference"



Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows

Letter from the President by Gayle Baxley

The process of choosing a nominating committee has me reminiscing about my journey as your President. The journey began when I joined SITM some 13 years ago. I always knew that I wanted to serve, but I knew that I had to find the right time. Then two years ago, I was chosen to serve on the nominating committee. I knew the time was finally right for me to take the path to President, if that was the desire of the club. So, I nominated myself for President-Elect. I chose not to depend on someone else to nominate me. Maybe no one would know that I felt the time was right. What I am trying to say is that only you know if you are ready to serve. There are many positions available. If you would like to serve on the board, feel free to nominate yourself. No one may realize that you are willing. And serving on the board is indeed a privilege, an honor and, most of all, a great experience.

I want to also encourage everyone to attend and participate in this year's Region Conference. Please mark your calendar for April 25 – 27. As the host club, we will be responsible for welcoming the attendees and making their experience special. This is an opportunity for SITM to shine and show just how special our club is. I am looking forward to showing off my SITM to all the other clubs in the Region. I am so proud to be *your* President.



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32nd Annual Sierra Nevada Region Conference

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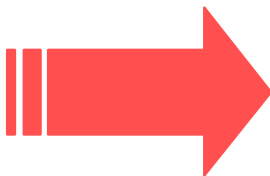
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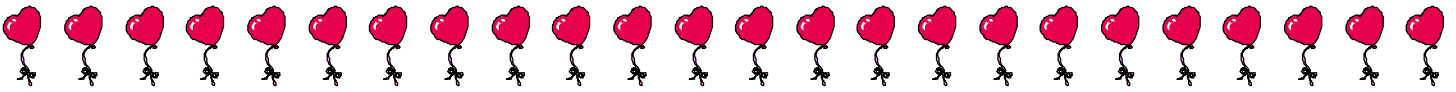
See President-Elect Marilyn Pearson for registration information or to volunteer to



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News of Our Members—HAPPY DOLLARS!

January 17, 2008

President Gayle Baxley is happy for the program featuring current information on SITM's website and for the committee which has worked on the Club's new service project.

Marilyn Pearson paid Happy Dollars to show the tote bag which will be given to participants at the new service project *Women Moving Forward*. And **Marna Griffin** is Happy the new service project now has a name. **Jennifer Crowe** is Happy to be back to regular attendance. She and Addison are enrolled in a music program at Maytag Music Center and Addison really loves it. Don't forget to take part in the Caucus on Saturday – she doesn't want you to miss this opportunity but she will be glad when it is done! **Pam Robinson** paid Happy Dollars for the website update and for the name for the new service project. **Paula Ringkob** is Happy for her great two week trip to Egypt which she really enjoyed. The only downside was the cold she brought back home. **Carrie Porter** is doing research for a new project – the role of women and their movement across the United States pulling and pushing handcarts as they settled in the West. **Dawn Pontrelli** is Happy for women working together for the new service project. She had been wanting a guitar and her hints weren't successful so she bought one on her own – a pretty blue one. She and her daughter will now take music lessons together.

Kelley Kordonowy paid Happy Dollars for her trip to Silver Springs to see the Extreme Home Makeover. The new house has the walls up and the roof on. As a VIP, Kelley enjoyed a cheese burger and 22 degree weather. **Bev Perkins** paid Happy Dollars for *Women Moving Forward* and the new website. She also asked everyone check their mailboxes as she has distributed some mail. Her husband is at the new Extreme Home Makeover worksite helping with the clean up along with some of his co-workers. She is also thankful for her sister who is taking care of their Mom who has been sick with the flu. **Kay Dunham** is thankful for John who was her guest for lunch, for the upcoming three day weekend and for her grand-niece Heidi who is doing very well. She is now eating, maintaining her temperature and is still on oxygen just so she doesn't expend so much energy on her breathing. **Niki Champ** had Sad Dollars for the death of Sgt. David Drakulich who was killed in Afghanistan. **Vickie Butler** had Happy Dollars for Paula Ringkob for writing all the checks for the Education Youth Committee. She was also happy for the good job the ad-hoc committee did, especially for the great name which was decided today. **Vicki Schultz** was Happy to be back after missing last week's meeting because she was attending the Atlanta Gift Show helping buy great new things for Gesture and for the opportunity to stop in Dallas to see Nicole at SMU as she starts the spring semester.

Monica House spent a wonderful week in Shelter Cove during the big storm with 30-40 foot waves and had Happy Dollars for son Tommy who was accepted into the

Master Acting Class in Los Angeles. **Eileen Fuller** was Happy to be back after missing last week's meeting because she was at an awesome four-day portrait workshop. The workshop was a Christmas gift from her daughter. Eileen also invited us to the Bardwell reception at Wild Flower Gallery. **Sarah Carrasco** was Happy for the new service project and for the name. **Paula Leyba** is looking for names of good orthopedic doctors that might be able to help with her leg which continues to give her problems.

February 7, 2008

President Gayle Baxley was happy for the District Meeting; the weather was fine. Afterwards, she drove to Sacramento and there were no issues driving over. They were lucky to make it back over safely though! **Marilyn Pearson** was happy for the program today and her upcoming retirement. Tomorrow she's going to be 60! **Bev Perkins** was happy for the program and for the District Meeting. Her Mom is feeling better after getting over the flu. She is glad to see Linda Buszka today and happy that her husband is leaving for sailing training. **Pam Robinson** is happy for the program and her new position in the mortgage industry. She is surviving 60! **Linda Lamke** is happy for the program. Her son and his family came for a visit and had a great time with their snowball maker. More family is due this weekend. Sarah Carrasco is happy to be back after missing several meetings. **Kasey La Foon** is happy to be on the fashion show committee but needs help calling people to be models—she's in the directory, so please call her.

Michelle Jones is happy for the program and is getting ready to go to Hawaii. **Georgia Baker** is happy to be back after a month off. Linda Buszka is staying with her. She went a great party for Nelson Burk planned by Cindy—she can really plan a party. And she's thrilled to be moving to the Damonte branch after getting a great review and big raise! **Linda Buszka** is happy to be back after a year and she has a new club in Arizona. She is enjoying staying with Georgia and Cindy. Cindy Burk was happy to have Linda back—it's been a year and for the program. She has a home at Graeagle and talked about the wildlife she feeds regularly and how she's tried to get them to come to her home in Reno also.

Paula Ringkob was glad to be back after having pneumonia. **Scarlet Ewy** was happy that she didn't get in a wreck in her rental car after a harrowing series of events—she was very lucky.

Faye Andersen was happy for the program and District Meeting and for Linda Buszka's visit. **Jo Anne Roberts** was happy for having eight members at the District Meeting and that Faye was the designated driver. She was also happy to see Linda Buszka. **Dawn Pontrelli** was happy that she was getting used to her ADD diagnosis and medications. She's hired a professional organizer. She was also happy for the program. **Vicki Schultz** was happy that she spent the weekend with her grand-daughter but unfortunately spent 4-1/2 hours at the airport with a delay waiting to get back home. **Carrie Porter** told a story about her son and daughter-in-law who were on Oprah a couple of years ago, several times, and then on the Dr. Phil Show. They are going to be on it again! **Kay Dunham** was happy for the trip to Portola and her bead-making class learning about heart health. **Niki Champ** is happy to report

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that she is finally a BRIDEZILLA! She is leaving for Hawaii in 2 days to get married and is very excited. **Patty Downs** was happy to talk about her recent trip to Hawaii; it was so windy that it blew over her wine glass. However, that was much better than getting home where the ice on her driveway was impossible to break. **Pam Sutton** was happy that Patty's trip to Hawaii reminded her of her trip to Cozumel several years ago.

February 14, 2008

Gayle Baxley is Happy for the Nominating Committee and for the members willing to serve in this capacity. **Tracy Turner** spent a week volunteering at the Golf Tournament in Pebble Beach in Carmel. She worked in the hospitality area and met a lot of celebrities and professional golfers. But Tracy is not happy with the cold she has but it is the first in over three years and is sorry to break the healthy streak. **Marilyn Pearson** is Happy for being on the Board and for those volunteers willing to serve for next year. It is only one more meeting per month. She is also Happy for those willing to serve on committees. **Carol Dinneen** is Happy for the fun week skiing in Jackson Hole and for Habitat for Humanity. She also indicated she will be arranging for additional workers needed to remodel a house for a family with a son with special needs. The family has a home but work is needed to make it accessible for the son. **Bev Perkins** is Happy for Valentine's Day and let us know her Mother is in the hospital in Redding. She had been sick for about a month and finally agreed to go to her doctor and from there she went to the hospital. **Paula Ringkob** is Happy to give an update on Gayle Kmetovich. She and Gayle and their husbands met before the Willie Nelson concert at the Peppermill. Gayle looks wonderful and was in a wheelchair due to the distance to walk at the Peppermill. She is doing very well and hopes to be able to attend a SITM meeting soon. **Linda Lamke** is Happy for the weekend spent with her daughters and sons-in-law. They were able to spend a lot of time together and the daughters brought many bags of clothing for the March 15 Women Moving Forward seminar. **Barbara Dailey** is Happy for being flu-free and able to do what she needs to do, also for the business meeting which went smoothly. Happy Valentine's Day to everyone! **Pam Robinson** was apologizing for the e-mail confusion resulting from the change in the structure at the Bank. She has been in training this week and things are "crazy". On Saturday, she and Mike will celebrate their eighteenth wedding anniversary. **Liz Lukasavich** is Happy to echo President Gayle's comments regarding serving on the Board. Her schedule at the University of Phoenix will now allow her to return to regular attendance at the Board Meetings. **Billie Mendiola** wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and was glad she was no longer in the floral business as she was in the past. She remembered this day as one of the busiest in the year. **Dawn Pontrelli**

is Happy to be at the meeting with her daughter who was all dressed in red! **Judie Henderson** is Happy to let us know she is working for a group of wonderful doctors who are pulmonary specialists. She is thrilled with the longer days – summer's almost here. Last Saturday she attended a concert presented by the Notables and said she danced every dance and today she was training people in CPR. This is an annual event presented on Valentine's Day and Judie encouraged us to attend the training next year. **Kay Dunham** had an opportunity to see Wendi Dennis and Wendi invites all of us to attend her "Wake-up Beautiful Seminar" to be held on Monday, February 25 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The seminar will be held at the Charisma Salon at 1795 Lakeside Drive. RSVP by February 20 to 225-0355. Kay also encouraged us to attend the Region Conference in April especially on Friday night where Lynn Dunning, immediate past president of Soroptimist International will be the featured speaker. **Pam Sutton** is Happy to report her glass work has been accepted into the Artisan Shop at North Tahoe Arts in Tahoe City. **Kasey La Foon** is so excited today is Valentine's Day and she has valentine's for everyone. Tonight is a production of the Vagina Monologues and she is dragging her finance there. **Cindy Burk** is Happy for having Linda Buszka as her house guest sharing Linda with Georgia Baker. Last Sunday she and Nelson were riding his motorcycle and on East Lake Boulevard saw a beautiful bald eagle at the top of a tree near the campground at Washoe Lake. Cindy and

attending the Conservancy day, February encouraged others. **Linda** everyone a Valentine's day and it was to see has missed all of will be 50 years of February. **manson** is report her husband doing GREAT. He has been a good patient and she has not had to be much of a nurse. The University of Nevada basketball game is tonight and she and Bob will stay home and watch the game on TV as they are playing in Boise, Idaho. **Deborah Albrecht** was without a car today so she called Linda Lamke who picked her up for today's meeting. She also has motivational books by Zig Ziegler for the women attending the Women Moving Forward seminar. **Patti Doty** is Happy for the nominating committee and for the almost three-week trip to India. **Scarlet Ewy** is Happy for the great musical valentine from her husband Vincent, and they did their pre-need work together. It was fun and a nice afternoon and it feels good to have it handled. **Carrie Porter** is Happy her mother-in-law is recovering from her broken hip and resulting surgery and has decided to give up driving. She is now out of the rehabilitation hospital and into a lesser care facility in the same complex where her apartment is located. **Faye I. Andersen** is Happy for the unusual shrink-wrapping of the Atlantis Hotel and Casino's new addition during construction.



Nelson will be Nevada Land tour on Saturday 23 and she is going to join **Buszka** wished Happy Valentine's said how good everyone. She us! And, Linda old at the end **Margie Her-** Happy to re-

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February Board/Business News by Faye I. Andersen

SITM Board and Business Actions

Nominating Committee Named

Hard to believe, but it's time to begin the process to nominate members to serve as 2008-2009 officers. **President Gayle Baxley** appointed **Immediate Past President Pam Robinson** to coordinate the **Nominating Committee**. The board appointed **Ann Steckline** to serve on the committee and the membership appointed **Linda Lamke**.

During the next month committee members will be seeking members willing to serve in the various offices during next club year. Please answer their call. **President-Elect Marilyn Pearson** will ascend to President for the 2008-2009 term.

Elections will be held at the April Business Meeting. It's your chance to vote!

Woman Moving Forward set for March 15

SITM's upcoming women's training project has a name. At the January Business Meeting, members chose **Women Moving Forward** as the name of our newest service project. In conjunction with Job Opportunities of Nevada (JOIN) SITM members will stage the March 15 event to be held at the El Dorado Hotel and Casino.

Up to 40 women recommended by JOIN and other non-profit organizations will receive a one-day training provided by members to help them gain employment or re-enter the workforce.

An allocation of \$5,000 from the **Women's Scholarship Fund** was approved to provide scholarships/grants to attendees of the training to continue their educational pursuits.

Members are asked to sign-up and volunteer to work registration, the luncheon, assist the exhibitors and act as mentors. Contact **Co-Coordinators Sarah Carrasco, Kay Dunham** or **Marna Griffin** for more information. To volunteer as a mentor, contact **Cheryl Powell**.

SITM is Host Club for 2008 SNR Conference

Calling all members! SITM will host the **32nd Annual Sierra Nevada Region Conference**, April 25-27 at the Atlantis Casino Resort in Reno, where SITM's own

Governor-Elect Sue Camp will be installed as **Region Governor**.

Volunteers are needed to work before and during the conference to handle hosting duties such as registration, hospitality, raffles, transportation and other "behind-the-scenes" duties that make a successful conference run smoothly.

President-Elect Marilyn Pearson is looking for volunteers who can work from a few hours, to all weekend. She has a job for you! Enjoy the camaraderie of fellow SITM members and meet Soroptimists from throughout the region.

Recent Money Matters

December Happy Dollars totaling \$377 were designated for the Launching Pad, a home for women struggling with substance abuse. Some \$317 in **January Happy Dollars** were collected for Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in Hawaii. **February Happy Dollars** are designated for Habitat for Humanity.

Generous members donated \$633 in December towards the **December 10th SI President's Appeal**. When combined with a \$500 budgeted donation, SITM donated a total of \$1,133 towards this annual appeal. This year **SI President Margaret Lobo** selected "**Restoring Dignity**", a partnership with the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia which treats women suffering from obstetric fistulae.

Membership Changes

Welcome back to **Dorie Guy**, who was on leave through January for business and personal reasons. Remaining on leave are **Gayle Kmetovicz**, through February for medical reasons; and **Linda Asato**, through June for personal reasons. The board granted new leaves of absence to **Terri Bacon** for work reasons; and to **Catherine Nicholson** for work reasons.

The board accepted with regrets the resignation of **Marie Edwards**.





Women Moving Forward *By Kay Dunham*

The preparation for our **Women Moving Forward** event is in high gear. We will need many volunteers for the day to make it a successful project. A clipboard is available at our meeting for signups to help that day. Please mark your calendars for **March 15!!**

We also will need **donations** for our participant's tote bags. *We need 40 of each item.* Let's make their totes fabulous with some great freebies!! Any items you are able to donate can be dropped off at my office - 190 W Huffaker Lane, Suite 405. Thanks to all of you for your support for this exciting new opportunity to advance the status of women in our community.

What you Missed *By Carole Criddle*

January 17, 2007

We saw our updated website. Then we reviewed and voted on a new name for our Women's Training Project. The selected name is "Women Moving Forward".

January 24, 2008

Today's speaker was Janice Oberding, who told us about the ghosts of Nevada. It was an interesting presentation and included a lot of Nevada history as well.

January 31, 2008

The Education Youth Committee presented the Violet Richardson Award today, and we were fortunate to be able to meet four wonderful young ladies who work hard to improve their schools and the community.

February 7, 2008

The meeting, presented by the Environment Committee, was a great presentation by Sonya Hem of the Nevada Land Conservancy. It is easy to forget how much wonderful nature we have in our midst, but Sonya had pictures to remind us what is right outside our front doors. Thank you Environment Committee.

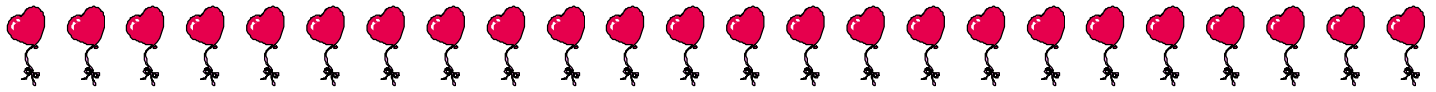
January 14, 2008

We had our business meeting.

February—March 2008

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Women Moving Forward—Program Sneak Peek



Eldorado Hotel and Casino, Reno, Nevada
Saturday, March 15, 2008
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

**Presented by Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows (SITM)
and Job Opportunities in Nevada, Inc. (JOIN)**



Welcome to the inaugural Women Moving Forward! We are so pleased that you could join us for this exciting day of fun and informative workshops and speakers. This is a new event for SITM and we are hopeful that Women Moving Forward will be a benefit to you – our guest.

We have a busy day planned for you, thanks to the hard work and careful organization of the Women Moving Forward Committee. The Committee is hosting today's activities with the support of the entire SITM membership. You will see many of our members today – their name badges make them easy to identify – so don't hesitate to say hello or ask a question. We are here for you!

Women Moving Forward is a new project that is focused on a primary Soroptimist goal – assisting women in our community to lead the lives they want and helping them achieve their dreams.

On behalf of all of the members of Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows, thank you for being our guest today, and we hope you enjoy this day as much as we all enjoyed planning it.

Sincerely,
Gayle Baxley, President

Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows

Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows is part of a worldwide organization of women in management and professions working through service projects to advance human rights and the status of women and children. SITM achieves its mission through a variety of projects including local adult and youth scholarships, Partner in Education with Libby Booth Elementary School, and an annual fundraising campaign to support the club's dormitory and scholarship program for girls in Thulipokhari, Nepal, to attend school.



Job Opportunities in Nevada (JOIN, Inc.) is a private, non-profit job training agency designed to help individuals gain the skills they need to become more employable in the local labor market. JOIN focuses on occupation-specific training that is offered in the communities we serve. Programs have been provided in all 13 northern Nevada counties. There are currently branch offices located in Carson City, Elko, Ely, Fallon, Reno, Sparks and Winnemucca.





Pictures and Announcements



District Meeting Attendees 2008

Quote of the Month

The prize in any argument is finding the truth for everyone and recognizing the worth of both side of a story. The you can run and play again.

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Mark the Date

Saturday, March 15, 2008

Women Moving Forward Seminar

Eldorado Casino

Volunteers Needed!

For Mentors

Please See Marilyn Pearson or Kay

Dunham ASAP!



Sierra Nevada Region Conference

April 25-27, 2008

Atlantis Casino Resort

Full Details and Registration information available at

www.soroptimistsnr.org

Click on Member Resources

Enter your Member ID (Soroptimist)

And Password (Synergy)

Hurry—Registration due by March 24!



Clothing Drive!

As part of our new event, WOMEN MOVING FORWARD, we are having a clothing drive. The clothes we collect will be available at the event for the women to have.

We only want clothes that are in good, clean condition that would be acceptable to wear to work. Keep in mind, there could be any number of work places, not just offices. So the importance is good condition and clean. Please indicate the size if you know it. Also, larger sizes are always needed. Accessories and jewelry and purses would also be great donations.

You can bring the clothes to SITM meetings on Feb. 28, Mar. 6 and Mar. 13. Marna will have her truck parked at the Atlantis and you can put them in the truck before the meeting so you will not have to carry them up-stairs.





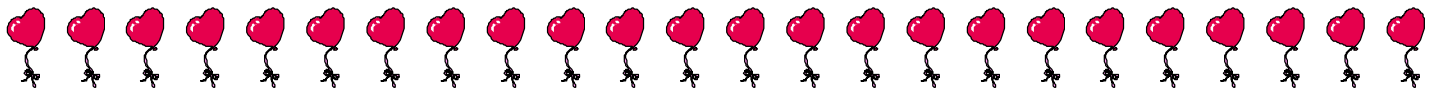
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Celebrating March Birthdays!!!



- Laurie Chappelle..... March 1
- Judie Henderson..... March 1
- Kay Dunham March 3
- Linda Lamke..... March 6
- Linda Asato March 9
- Diane MacDonald March 10
- Connie Steinheimer March 12
- Doris Phelps March 15
- Pat Levy March 18
- Peggy Marsh March 20
- Patty Downs..... March 23
- Margie Hermanson March 30

