



SITM UPDATE ~ We are the World



Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows

Letter from the President *by Marilyn Pearson*

Okay . . . I asked for this job and now I've got it! Buyer's remorse? No, actually I'm looking forward to carrying on the tradition of so many Past Presidents and doing the best darn job I know how. Remember, I'm newly retired so I have lots of time for organizing and emails . . . yikes!

Let's start with some "thank yous". Thank you to the members who volunteered (or consented with just a tad of arm-twisting) to be Committee Coordinators. Thank you to the members who volunteered to run for Board positions and to those who were elected. Thank you to Faye I. Andersen and Norma Rash for taking our theme this year "We are the World: Soroptimists think globally and act locally" and making it into a fabulous installation ceremony. Thank you to Paula Leyba for making me appear years younger in this photo!

And lastly, but probably most importantly, thank you to . . . YOU! Each one of you is important to the club. The precious time you volunteer, whether attending meetings or supporting projects/events, adds to the total of what SITM is, a strong and vital club. I'm proud and honored to be your president this year and look forward to working to meet our goal of providing support to women and girls locally and throughout the world.

Happy Dollar Recipient for July

Our Happy Dollars for June will be going to the Keaton Raphael Memorial for Neuroblastoma, Inc., The Keaton Raphael Memorial was originally founded in 1998 in Roseville, CA by Robyn & Kyle Raphael following the death of the 5 year old son, Keaton, from neuroblastoma. The local chapter was founded in 2004 to become a leading support service organization for children and families afflicted with childhood cancer. Executive Director, Lizzie Dalton, came and spoke to us about the need for services. The funds being raised by our club will go to reimbursing the costs of families traveling to Washington D C and meeting with our governmental leaders to lobby for increased funding for the care and research for childhood cancers.

Some facts about childhood cancer: Cancer is the #1 disease-related killer of children under the age of 15 years. Cancer kills more children each year than juvenile diabetes, cystic fibrosis, congenital anomalies, pediatric AIDS and asthma COMBINED! Childhood cancer receives the least amount of research funding. Childhood cancer families experience a wide range of emotional, psychological and economic impacts. It is estimated that families will have an additional annual expense of \$40,000 even if the child's illness is covered by insurance.

This month's Happy Dollar recipient was proposed by Eileen Fuller.



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- Marilyn Pearson—President
- Beverly Perkins—President Elect
- Jo Anns Roberts—Parliamentarian
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- Jennifer Crowe—VP Service
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- Gayle Baxley—Director 2 years
- Marna Griffin —Delegate 1 year
- Paula Leyba — Delegate 2 year
- Patti Doty —Alt. Delegate 1 year
- Cheryl Powell—Alt Delegate 2 year

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News of Our Members—HAPPY DOLLARS!

Many Happy Dollars were given for the new board and for the past year. Members were especially happy about President Marilyn and her theme "We Are the World". There was also a number of Happy Dollars for our new members. Bev Perkins is happy that her husband, a firefighter, is safe for the present. She was also happy that Gayle Kmetovicz was able to attend our first meeting of the new year. Dorothy Nash Holmes was handing out new business cards for the law firm which she has joined. She will be trying to specialize in Elder Law, but until that specialty is built up, will take cases in litigation, where she has so much experience. She was also grateful that her daughter was able to stand in for Dorothy for the installation of officers, while Dorothy was busy in Las Vegas. Paula Ringkob's grandchildren are visiting from Seattle. They are a big help with the yard work, which saves Paula's back. Sue Camp is off to Tapei for the SIA Federation Convention. Margie Hermanson took care of her grandchildren while her son attended his reunion. When the grandchildren left, she and hubby collapsed, but they had a wonderful time with the kids. Sonia Hem, a brand new member, was happy that her husband rebuilt his mother's bicycle for her to use. Now all she needs is a basket. Marna Griffin is planning on taking her granddaughter to Girl Scout Camp at Graegle. She is hoping that the smoke will have subsided by the time they go. Gayle Kmetovicz would like to give a rose to every member of SITM for the support she has received over the last year. She reports that she no longer has any paralysis. Kay Dunham let us know that Air Race Calendars have arrived, so, if you want a head start on your calendar sales, go by her office and pick up a few. Vicki Schultz missed last week's meeting, because husband Russ was having surgery to repair a torn Achilles tendon. He will be on crutches for a few weeks and Vicki is appreciating all the chores he does, now that she has had to take them over. Michelle had news, she is expecting a BOY. We are going to have a number of new Soroptimisters in training in the next few years. Niki Champ reports that she can now feel her little ones kicking. Pretty exciting! Eileen Fuller had a reunion with some high school friends from Yucaipa. She gave them art lessons, they visited the Pantages Theater and just had a great time. Pam Robinson's grandchildren were at Thursday's meeting, having just been picked up at the airport. Kris Olson thanked the

club for its support of the Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure. Carrie Porter will be going to New Mexico to complete the packing of her brother's books and to attend his memorial service. She plans on wearing a Willie Nelson T-shirt in his honor. Sande Riemers McLaughlin has no trips planned for this year. Last year, she rode a motorcycle to Alaska, but is not planning anything so adventurous this year. Linda Lamke's 14 year old granddaughter is visiting Linda, and this has given them both an opportunity to find interesting things to do in Reno. Jo Ann Roberts spent a nice three day weekend at Eagle Lake with family and friends. Our members were all impressed by the performance by two members of the NotPresident Marilyn said she had spoken with Thuy Schneider who is very involved right now with her church, which is having problems with its mortgage. If anyone would like to assist the church meet its obligations, please contact Thuy. Bev Perkins traveled with her step-daughter to a wedding for her nephew in Roseville, CA. They both came back alive. Janice Hoke is having a fun summer, hiking at Tahoe. She and her husband are now off to Oshkosh for a fly-in. They will be camping out under the wing of their plane. Eileen Fuller is thoroughly enjoying Artown. She has 18 of her paintings around the City on exhibit. One of her pictures on exhibit is "Talking Tad", which is a portrait of Tad Dunbar. It was so named because Tad could not keep from talking during the sitting. Becky Moody was off to Fallon to see her son in a Babe Ruth tournament. The program by the Noteables caused many of our members to remember the music of the Beatles as well as Creedence Clearwater. Margie Hermanson also appreciated the affect that seeing people with disabilities can have on others. Her grandson, Austin, has had such a positive influence on others, because of what he can do. Billie Mendiola, a nonworking interior decorator, needs a project. She realized this when she found herself vacuuming her patio. Dawn Pontrelli will be out the next six to eight weeks, as he has surgery. Let's all keep her in our prayers. One of the needs which the Notables has is CD's for their members to borrow. Karen Kiester will be helping them out, as he has a large number of CD's to donate. Faye Andersen reminded us of what our own club and region accomplished at Ronald McDonald Camp. We raised over \$50,000 to build an amphitheater, where the campers could put on performances without physical barriers. Former member, Linda Buszka, was visiting from Arizona and she said she is staying this visit with Georgia Baker.

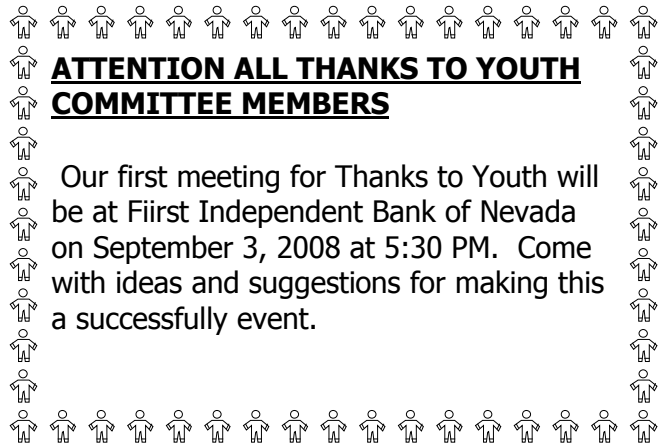
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Her last visit she stayed with Cindy Burk, so she is getting a reputation for sleeping around. Marna Griffin attended Food for the Soul, and was at the same table with John Farahi. She took the opportunity to tell everyone at their table of the wonderful support John Farahi and the Atlantis give to Soroptimist, and especially, to our Thanks to Youth event. Marna also took her granddaughter to Girl Scout Camp, where she was known as the "hip" grandma, because of all the things she participated in. Gayle Baxley had an embarrassing time when she realized she had pulled the wrong check out of her purse and put into the church offering. She had to call the church and ask for the check back.



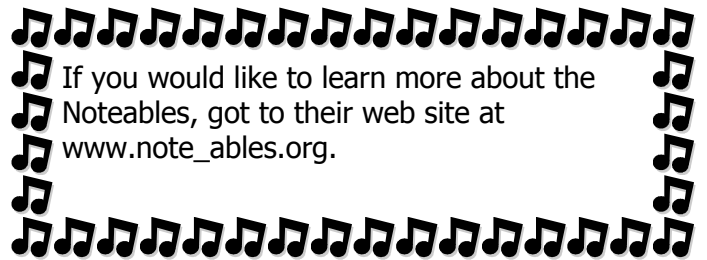
ATTENTION ALL THANKS TO YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Our first meeting for Thanks to Youth will be at First Independent Bank of Nevada on September 3, 2008 at 5:30 PM. Come with ideas and suggestions for making this a successful event.



ATTENTION ALL IGU COMMITTEE MEMBERS

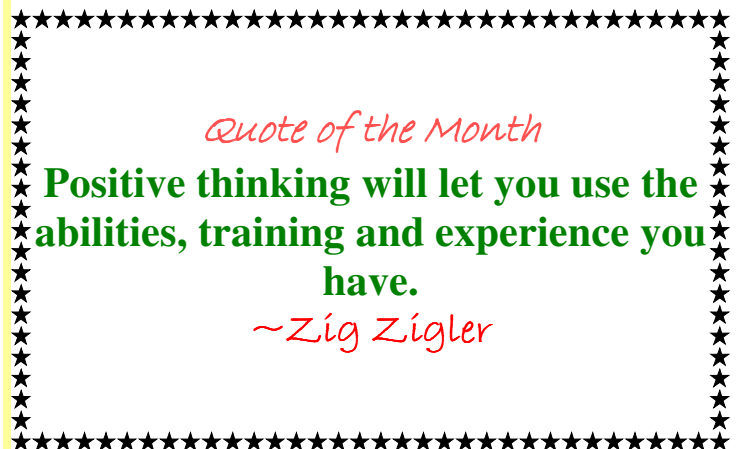
The first meeting of the IGU Committee for the 2008-09 Club Year will be held August 4 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for a pot luck dinner at Judge Connie's home at 1140 Alpine Circle in Reno. This meeting will include a discussion of our Committee's plan for the year including a potential program for the October 3 meeting. So bring your ideas and join in the decision process. Coordinator Connie would appreciate an email sent to Judge.Steinheimer@washocourts.us with an RSVP and what you would like to bring.



If you would like to learn more about the Noteables, got to their web site at www.note_ables.org.



The August 7 meeting will be at Meadowood Courtyard, not at the Atlantis. So mark your calendar and make sure to go to Meadowood Courtyard for our luncheon meeting.



Quote of the Month

Positive thinking will let you use the abilities, training and experience you have.

~Zig Zigler





July Board/Business News *by Faye I. Andersen*

Andersen

Congratulations and welcome to six new SITM members, inducted at the **July Business Meeting**. Returning to SITM was **Kris Olsen**, formerly from **SI/Washoe County**, and **Peggy Smith**, transferring from **SI/Portola**. Inducted as new members were **Patty Tucek**, sponsored by **Diana Dillon**; **Sonya Hem**, sponsored by **Judy Miller**; **Doreen Rogers**, sponsored by **Eileen Fisher**; and **Karen Keister**, sponsored by **Bev Perkins**. Welcome to SITM ladies.

Website Upgrade Approved

The Board recommended and the membership approved up to \$2,000 to be expended to design, develop and test a secure utility for the club's website. That means the site will have both public and private pages assessable only by members. **PR/Website Co-Coordinator Pam Sutton** has solicited bids to have the work done and is actively redesigning the current website. Look to see big changes around September.

Perfect Attendance Award

Some 19 SITM members were honored for a total of 138 years of **Perfect Attendance** at the **July Business Meeting**. See page ___ for a complete list.

Club Calendar Available

If you missed it at the **July Business Meeting**, you can still get a **Club Calendar** for 2008-2009 from **President Marilyn**. It contains all of the program meetings, district and region meetings, club fund raisers and special events.

CD Up for Renewal

Finance Committee Coordinator Vicki Schultz is seeking bank bids for a one-year CD on the club's \$30,000 reserve fund. If your bank would like to offer a rate, please see Vicki before the end of July.

Happy Dollars for June and Next Year

A total of \$500 was collected for the Susan G. Komen
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Learning about SITM *by President Marilyn*

Did you know?

Soroptimist an international volunteer organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. About 95,000 Soroptimists in more than 120 countries and territories contribute their time and financial support to community-based projects benefiting women and girls. Soroptimist International of the Americas, a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, is headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Its major project is the Women's Opportunity Award—cash grants for women seeking to improve their economic situations through additional education and training. Since 1972, the program has disbursed almost \$20 million in cash grants to about 25,000 women.

Happy Dollars for 2008-09

July—Keaton Raphael Memorial

August—Dano Aids Clinic—Clinical trial of new treatment for AIDS

September—Step-Up, a non profit organized by a young woman (and a Thanks to Youth Honoree) to help teens make better choices to avoid becoming teen parents.

October—IGU Committee for a project, yet to be determined.

November—Quest Counseling and Consulting, a substance abuse counseling program for adults and adolescents

December—International President's Appeal. This will be announced at a later date.

January—Bristlecone Family Resources—addiction treatment services to adults and their families through residential and outpatient services.

February—Alys's Prom Closet—a program to provide





What you Missed *By Someone*

Date June 19, 2008

Year in Review Paula Leyba and her committee put on a wonderful presentation of the 2007-08 year in pictures. It was so much fun to see our projects, programs and parties.

Date June 26, 2008

President Marilyn and her board were installed for the 2008-09 year. Her focus for the year is "We are the World". She spoke so meaningfully on her travels and the people she has met and the conditions she has seen. We will learn much this year about our world and what we can do to make it a better place.

Date July 10, 2008

Business Meeting

Date July 17, 2008

Thanks to Arts & Culture Coordinator, Janice Hoke, and her committee, we had several members of the Notables sing and play for us at our meeting on Thursday. Executive Director, Manal Topozada told us how she started this music experience idea for people with disabilities and how it's grow tremendously in the last several years. The program is housed at the McKinley Arts and Culture Center and is always looking for volunteers.

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the opportunity for young people to attend their high school prom by providing clothing, hair styling, makeup, etc. and other needs for attending this important event in their high school experience.

March—Habitat for Humanity—building houses for low income families.

April—Launching Pad—A recovery house program which helps people suffering from and trying to recover from addictions

May—American Lung Association Asthma Camp to allow young people with breathing problems to have the experience of attending camp.

June—President's Choice—and we know this will be something special.

July—August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	August 1 COTR	2 COTR
3	4	5	6	7 Meeting @ Meadowood Courtyard	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23





138 Years of Perfect Attendance

Some 19 SITM members were honored at the **July Business Meeting** for completing a total of 138 years of **Perfect Attendance**. Congratulations to the following members for their legacy of Perfect Attendance.

- 1 year Barbara Dailey
- 2 years Ann Steckline
 Becky Moody
 Paula Leyba
 Linda Lamke
 Michelle Jones
- 3 years Tracy Turner
 Paula Ringkob
 Billie Mendiola
- 4 years Marilyn Pearson
- 5 years Bev Perkins
 Carrie Porter
- 6 years Gayle Baxley
- 7 years Sue Camp
- 11 years Diana Dillon
- 12 years Kay Dunham
- 18 years Pam Robinson
- 25 years Jo Ann Roberts
 Faye I. Andersen

July Board/Business Meeting (continued)

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Race for the Cure for **June Happy Dollars**, which was **President Gayle Baxley's** choice. That amount was supplemented by an additional \$200, which was a refund from a previous donation to pay for mammograms for indigent women.

The Board recommended and the membership approved allocation of **Happy Dollars** for the next 11 months. See page 4 for a complete listing.

Membership Changes

The Board approved leaves of absence through August for **Liz Lukasavich** , and through December for **Pat Levy**, both for work reasons. Remaining on leave are **Kelley Kordonowy**, following the birth of her son, and **Gayle Kmetovicz**, for medical reasons.

Perfect Attendance 2007-08





Announcements and Pictures



Your 2008-09 Board flanks new President, Marilyn Pearson.

Pam Robinson proudly wears her Laurel Society pin after being honored by the Club



Cec Abraham Award winner, Connie Steinheimer, is joined by fellow honorees, Bev Perkins, Linda Lamke and Paula Leyba. Also present are SOLT Committee Coordinator, Norma Rash and committee members, Carol Dinneen, Pam Robinson and Cindy Burk





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Celebrating August Birthdays!!!



Becky Moody.....
Sande Reimers-McLaughlin

August 22
August 25

