



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



*Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows*

## Letter from the President by Gayle Baxley

I am writing my article this month much earlier than usual. That is because I will be on vacation when I would normally be writing. I will miss the board meeting, the business meeting and our new project, Women Moving Forward. I am disappointed to say the least. So, why didn't I change my vacation time? Because this particular week is Spring Break for my granddaughters, and we are taking them with us. So I have had to go back to my installation and read again what I wrote. I said that you do not have to be a perfect Soroptimist, just the best Soroptimist you can be. Well, I am giving myself the same advice. I can not be a perfect president, but I am trying to be the best president I can be.

That being said, I am still envious of those of you who will be participating in the Women Moving Forward Project. Everything is moving forward with great efficiency, thanks to all who have stepped up and are contributing their time and their talents. I am confident this will be a great event.

This is such an exciting time of year. It is the time we honor those outside of our club. By the time you read this we will have given our Women of Achievement Award, where we honor women who have made a difference in the community. In a few weeks, we will be bestowing our scholarships on deserving women who work hard to better their lives and the lives of their families. Then comes Thanks to Youth. Here we get to honor young people who again make a difference for their families and their communities. Wow!

And please don't forget Sierra Nevada Region Conference. This is a time for us to recognize what we have achieved, and to learn from the other clubs in our region. It is a great opportunity and an honor for us to be hosting the Conference this year.

Thank you to all of you who are making this such an exciting and productive year. See you when I return from vacation.



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- Marna Griffin—Delegate 2 year
- Billie Mendiola—Alt. Delegate 1 year
- Liz Lukasavich—Alt Delegate 2 year

### 32nd Annual Sierra Nevada Region Conference

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*Dynamic Speakers ...Outstanding Workshops ...SI & SIA Leaders*

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*See President-Elect Marilyn Pearson for registration information or to volunteer to work at the conference.*



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## News of Our Members—HAPPY DOLLARS!

### 2/21/08

**Pres. Gayle Baxley** was happy to be going on vacation with her two teenage granddaughters who don't get along, going to Montana. She will be missing WMF, so please feel sorry for her. Her husband was in the hospital this week and admitted but is now home. **Becky Moody** was happy for today's program and getting to talk to everyone today. Her son has his basketball banquet this week with Matt LeGrone. Please come to McQueen Qdoba night. **Michelle Jones** loved Maui and wants to move there. The game was great too. She came home and immediately went to Las Vegas for a wedding and had a great time there too. Her dogs appeared to be okay at first until they realized they were suffering from separation anxiety. She cannot wait to shop for the raffle for WMF. **Candy McAuliffe** came home from her cruise out of Ft Lauderdale and has a tan line. Her mother-in-law is having breast cancer surgery next Tuesday. **Paula Leyba** is tired of the cold and has the winter-time blues. **Pat Levy** is glad to be back after a bout with pneumonia and a trip to Palm Springs. She also got a spot of cancer removed from her nose. **Marilyn Pearson** said she uses Neutrogena and an SPF45 all the time and was told to use SPF 70 when outside to avoid skin cancer! **Linda Lamke** enjoyed the program and also has had skin center twice. **Marna Griffin** wants everyone to watch Faye because she must be buying lots of new clothing since she's been donating so much to WMF that she's filled up Marna's truck. Also her trip to Palm Springs to meet old friends from 20 years ago was great. She stopped by the women's placement organization in Phoenix that WMF is patterned after and they made \$1 last year. She also went to the Grand Canyon and Sedona. **Pam Robinson** is happy for the program and her daughter babysitting for 7 days for her other grandkids. **Billie Mendiola** is babysitting for her 4 grandkids Saturday night and giving away her old jewelry to her granddaughter. **Kay Dunham** is happy for signups for WMF. Her daughter passed her exam for her massage therapist license. She is babysat her kids dogs this weekend and they walked her. **Kasey La Foon** is happy that her national sale director is coming to town on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and it's free to see the new product and get free makeup. She just found out she's lactose intolerant and looking for soy yogurt if anyone has any suggestions. **Eileen Fuller** got her test results from her doctor today and her cholesterol is not good. She went to Lovelock last weekend for the hot air balloon rally and it glad to be home. **Faye Andersen** is happy for all the sick people in the office and hopes she doesn't catch it! **Jo Ann Roberts** is happy that Sue Camp is back. She had her granddaughter over for shopping and a haircut. She is also happy for today's article in the RGJ about Ridgehouse. **Norma Rash** is happy to be home, but then she got sick. She celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on a train ride to Reno. Her son gave her a list of 60 reasons why she's the greatest mom in the world and it was the "greatest gift from her son." She went back to NM and her Dad is doing well. **Carrie Porter** is happy that the Junior Assembly is happening this Saturday night and she is doing all the records. **Sue Camp** is thankful for all the love, support and cards. Unfortunately, her tan is gone after her trip to the hospital.

### 2/28/08

**KASEY LAFOON** is excited about the upcoming glamour event for Mary Kay. She requested help for the upcoming fashion show at Women Moving Forward. She also she said she LOVES Girl Scout Cookies (note: YEAH RIGHT on her tiny body!)

**DOROTHY NASH HOLMES** talked about her daughter being a

guest on Dr. Phil. She was a post partum depressed mom. Watch out is all she can say to Carrie Porter's family, who are guests on Fridays show. **LINDA LAMKE** is happy for a WONDERFUL February. **BARBARA DAILY** for the program today. **LINDA BUSZKA** via **Vicki Schultz** said "hi" to everyone. **VICKI SCHULTZ** was happy because her daughter was inducted into a prestigious honor society at SMU. They chose only 25 out of 250. She is leaving for Hawaii (big island) for 12 days. Her daughter and her roommate will be joining them for Spring Break. She ran into Linda Buszka at the airport and they enjoyed a nice visit while they waited for their luggage. **MARGIE HERMANSON** had quite a week last week. Went to Sacramento twice to see her Mom in the hospital. Her youngest grandson was sick and ended up having a seizure (spike in temperature) and went to the ER via an ambulance. Very scary. He is fine now. But the good news is her oldest grandson and family are leaving for their Make-a-Wish trip to Disney World. Husband will be 6 weeks post surgery so they are going on vacation to San Francisco and Carmel for 10 days. **PAM ROBINSON** is happy for her yoga class. She hates to miss it. Finance Class for Women Moving Forward is almost done. She thanked **CINDY BURK** for all her help. Her daughter survived babysitting all her nieces and nephews...**CINDY BURK** thanked **LINDA LAMKE** for giving her a book.. "The Birds Around Us."

### 3/6/08

**President Gayle Baxley** was happy for the program, going on vacation and for Marilyn being in Hawaii. **Kelley Kordonowy** was happy for the program and guests, that she only has 11 weeks to go for her baby and that her girlfriend, who joined the Peace Corps (lifelong dream) is back home from Africa. **Connie Steinheimer** is happy for the program and honorees and glad to be here. She also wants to remind everyone to be at the TTY meeting on 3/20 and let everyone know that the IGU garage sale is coming so please drop your stuff off at Ethan Allen. Being Chief Judge is adding a "dimension" to her life. **Kay Dunham** is happy for the program and volunteers. Monday was her 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her 29<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her niece's premature baby is going home in 3 days if it can sit up in the car seat. **Guest from the Nevada Land Conservancy** talked about her friend's baby's birth notice in the paper and how the gender was reported incorrectly. **Deborah Albrecht** said "hi" to Susan Hill. **Billie Mendiola** was happy for the program and her grandchild is coming over to spend the night on Saturday. **Sue Camp** is happy for the recipients and "proud to know you" and that money is going to Barbara at Launching Pad. The lump on her neck is not cancerous and her mammogram is clean. **Mitch Glazier** is happy for the recipients and TMCC now has a woman president. **Pam Sutton** congratulated Kay Dunham by saying "you are well preserved" and was happy for all the recipients and she has been accepted to show at Tahoe for her glass. **Jennifer Clark-Crowe** was happy to the program and that she was going to LA next week and going shopping on Rodeo Drive. **Pam Robinson** was happy for the program and the Nominating Committee and Education Women Committee. **Marna Griffin** was happy for the program and the Girl Scout camp and for Girl Scouts and Linda Reed. **Jo Ann Roberts** was happy for the program and the recipients and Girl Scouts. She took Madison to Belle's Tea Cottage and she was thrilled! **Dori Guy** was happy for Girl Scouts too as she is a former leader. She was also happy for her guest. She has been gone on leave to participate in the Democratic Caucus and loved it. **Barbara Pearson** is happy to know Sandy; she remembers Sandy from when she was invited to a collaborative event at Ridgehouse and learned about running a non-profit from her' now she works at Launching Pad. She has happy also for Barbara Robinson at Ridgehouse. **Linda Reed** was happy for the program and said thanks to Marna Griffin and Cindy Burk and also for the program at Libby Booth. **Annette (guest)** was happy for Girl Scouts, as a former

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leader herself. Dawn Pontrelli gave a tearful thanks to everyone for their strength and energy in her time of loss with the passing of her Mom. Linda Lamke gave happy dollars for Barbara and was happy for the program and felt blessed to be in the club. Liz Lukasavich was happy for the program and Girl Scouts. Paula Leyba was happy for the recipients stating "you girls rock!" Barbara Robinson, Assistant Director at Ridgehouse gave happy dollars for the recipients. Teresa Mentzer was happy for the program and told everyone to not miss the TTY meeting on 3/20. Eileen Fuller was happy for the recipients and that her daughter was turning 38 on Saturday. Her #2 grandson is starting Little League on Saturday. She is down 10 lbs. and only has 30 more to go! She has been accepted as a teacher at NV Fine Arts. She also has two paintings on display at Sierra Arts. Michelle Jones was happy for the recipients and for her 2 guests, for Dawn Pontrelli and for Girl Scout camp. Bev Perkins was happy for George and Tracy and for the recipients. And Carol Dinneen was happy for the recipients and for her daughter who has lost 80 lbs!

3/13/08

Mich Glazier was first with Happy Dollars for Robert from People to People and their wonderful program. (She was pleased to present a check to them to assist in sending young people to Brazil, from the Arts & Culture Committee.) Eileen Fuller was proud of grandson Maxwell's behavior at Toastmasters and at the library this morning. She watched him and his little brother Jackson earlier this week. The baby is almost 2 now, growing up so fast. Daughter turned 38 last weekend, and she called today to say she just got a promotion at Wynn Properties to Vice President of Human Resources. Son Mark unfortunately just lost his management job as the plant he worked for closed down last week. Anyone knowing of mfg. supervisor opening, please alert her. Pam Robinson gave H.D. for the Nominating Committee and volunteers who actually took her calls and agreed to go on the slate, and also for the Women Moving Forward Committee. She and Cindy practiced their presentation for Saturday. It will be a great day. Marna Griffin heard from Linda Reed, the recipient for the Girl Scouts of \$250 from our club earlier, who is looking forward to putting it with the Happy Dollars from this month to send more Libby Booth girls to camp. Paula Ringkob gave H.D. for the Nominating Committee and volunteers, and the Women Moving Forward Committee. Saturday will be special. Beverly Perkins gave a Happy Check for the Nominating Committee and for Pam Robinson also taking over all of the duties in Sarah's absence as co-chair on Education Women Committee. Lots of hours of hard work! Carol Dineen gave H.D. for Libby Booth Girl Scouts. She told a story about her daughter and her experience at horse camp. She loved the horses so was gullible to the wrangler's persuasion that if she was "really good" she could get up early to help muck out the stalls, and she did! Jean Neddenreip gave H.D. for 4 days in the desert with 2 days of golfing. Teresa Mentzer gave H.D. for Paula Leyba agreeing to use her video camera to take testimonials for Nevada Women's Expo. Carrie Porter gave H.D. to tell us that her son and daughter-in-law's reappearance on the Dr. Phil Show wasn't quite as bad as she expected. It's because her daughter-in-law's conversation was totally scripted by their writers this time. She also mentioned that the recent Nevada Women's History conference was the best ever this year. Scarlet Ewy gave H.D. for her recent tax trauma. Now they are going to take a trip driving to Canada and asked how hard will it be to take their dog along? Kasey La Foon

gave H.D. for her story of going to a 4-day Girl Scout camp and forgetting to pack any extra socks! For a city girl that was a little traumatic. Billie Mendiola gave H.D. for the worthy cause of girl scout camp, and because she is looking forward to going on a cruise. Marna Griffin remembered more reasons to be "happy" for Carrie Porter's Women's History Project and the great series of articles in the paper recently. She is also happy that Sonya Hem is here and applying for membership. She is the Deputy Director of the Nevada Land Conservancy, where Marna was a board member. Also the clothing work party for WMF day: there were 15 people and 15 "tons" of clothes. She is glad to see that room in her house again. Vicki Butler gave H.D. for the Youth Scholarship Committee, where they had 44 applicants, now narrowed to 30, but they will be meeting again to come up with the 7 to receive awards. She and Hal went to New York for their son's recital: Jeff attends NYU as a W. Reinhold scholar and is a pianist. Linda Lamke gave H.D. for being on the Kids' Scholarship Committee. It makes you feel so good to learn about the wonderful young people we have in our community. Today is her husband's birthday. In the past, he hasn't hesitated to tell people he is one week younger, particularly when she turned 30 and he bragged that he was married to a much older woman since he was still in his 20's. They are looking forward to more time with family, meeting in Tahoe. Georgia Baker gave H.D. for the Girl Scouts where she spent many years but only managed to earn one badge. Also H.D. for Patty Downs who was busy with a Soroptimist project every night this week. Candy McAuliffe gave H.D. for her husband Jeff's acceptance into the Sierra Arts miniature show, "Nevada Wide Open." and the reception this Friday night. The show will be at Sierra Arts until the end of April, then travels elsewhere in the state. They weren't too thrilled with the juror's editorial but he was glad to be accepted in the show. Kay Dunham gave H.D. for the work party at Enid's where they had wine and pizza and solved all the world's problems while they were at it. Granddaughter Supria is now employed as a massage therapist and working around her school hours. An afterthought: Don't forget to wear your name badges on Saturday, ladies. Cindy Burke: She'd better give some H.D. being on the Girl Scout board. She is a strong proponent of camp, the girls need the outdoor activities versus passive ones like Internet time. The Girl Scout Alumni Association will have a wine & cheese tasting for \$25 per person at Somerset, Whispering Vine in early April. There will be wine and cheese, coffee and chocolates. You need not be a former girl scout to attend. Oh, and her mom is coming to visit and will attend SITM while she is here. Pam Robinson forgot to mention that she has Macy's shopping \$10-off coupons to sell for \$10. Quest, a substance abuse counselling non-profit where she is a board member, will get the benefit. The shopping day will be 6-21, so see Pam for the coupons. Michelle Jones paid H.D. to tell us a funny story from work, though the compliance officer didn't find the humor in it. An employee burned some popcorn in the microwave. The fire alarms went off and everyone had to evacuate the building. The night at Marna's sorting clothes was great. She was happy to report 22 raffle prizes are ready for Saturday. Her mom and brother are coming to town this weekend and she'll be glad to see them. Carol Dineen ended with more H.D. for her grandson's 2nd birthday.

Quote of the Month
A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while, he knows something.
Wilson Mizner



## March Board/Business News *by Faye I. Andersen*

### SITM Board and Business Actions

**Editor's Note: The monthly SITM Board Meeting is on the move. The April Board Meeting will be held April 8 at President Gayle Baxley's office at Dickson Realty, 900 S. Meadows Parkway, No.2413 in Reno (if lost call Gayle's cell 287-3400).**

### Nominations Announced for April Elections

The **Nominating Committee** has reported its slate of members willing to stand for election for the **2008-2009 Club Year**. (See page 6 for complete details.) Thanks to **Nominating Committee Coordinator Pam Robinson** and members **Ann Steckline** and **Linda Lamke**.

Elections will be held at the **April Business Meeting**. If you don't plan to attend that meeting, contact the **Nominating Committee** for an absentee ballot.

### You're Needed to Help Host the 2008 SNR Conference

**President-Elect Marilyn Pearson** has a job for you at this year's **Sierra Nevada Conference**, April 24-27 at the Atlantis Casino Resort in Reno. She's looking for volunteers who can work from a few hours, to all weekend to handle hosting duties such as registration, hospitality, raffles, transportation and other "behind-the-scenes" duties that make a successful conference run smoothly.

SITM's own **Governor-Elect Sue Camp** will be installed as **Region Governor** Saturday night at this year's conference. Here's your chance to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow SITM members and meet Soroptimists from throughout the region.

### A Couple of Money Notes

**February Happy Dollars** of \$271 were collected and donated to Habitat for Humanity. **March Happy Dollars** have been designated to send girls from Libby Booth Elementary School to Girl Scout Camp.

At the request of the **IGU Committee**, the board recommended and the membership passed a motion allowing the committee to carry forward to the next budget year approximately \$530 of its annual committee money. The maneuver was requested in order to allow for a special presentation by the committee in October.

### Membership Changes

Remaining on leave are: **Gayle Kmetovicz**, for medical reasons; **Linda Asato**, for personal reasons; **Terri Bacon** for work reasons; and **Catherine Nicholson** for work reasons.

The board accepted with regrets the resignations of **Sarah Carrasco** and **Patti Graham**.

## Tax Season Humor from the Internet

What Happened?

At first I thought this was funny...then I realized the awful truth of it. Be sure to read all the way to the end!

Tax his land,  
Tax his bed,  
Tax the table  
At which he's fed.

Tax his tractor,  
Tax his mule,  
Teach him taxes  
Are the rule.

Tax his cow,  
Tax his goat,  
Tax his pants,  
Tax his coat.

Tax his ties,  
Tax his shirt,  
Tax his work,  
Tax his dirt.

Tax his tobacco,  
Tax his drink,  
Tax him if he  
Tries to think.

Tax his cigars,  
Tax his beers,  
If he cries, then  
Tax his tears.

Tax his car,  
Tax his gas,  
Find other ways  
To tax his a&\$!

Tax all he has  
Then let him know  
That you won't be done  
Till he has no dough.

When he screams and hollers,  
Then tax him some more,  
Tax him till  
He's good and sore.

Then tax his coffin,  
Tax his grave,  
Tax the sod in  
Which he's laid.

Put these words  
upon his tomb,  
"Taxes drove me  
to my doom..."

When he's gone,  
Do not relax,  
Its time to apply  
The inheritance tax.

- Accounts Receivable Tax
- Building Permit Tax
- CDL license Tax
- Cigarette Tax
- Corporate Income Tax
- Dog License Tax
- Federal Income Tax
- Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA)
- Fishing License Tax
- Food License Tax,
- Fuel permit tax
- Gasoline Tax (42 cents per gallon)
- Hunting License Tax
- Inheritance Tax
- Interest expense
- Inventory tax
- IRS Interest Charges
- IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax)
- Liquor Tax
- Luxury Taxes
- Marriage License Tax
- Medicare Tax
- Property Tax
- Real Estate Tax
- Service charge taxes
- Social Security Tax
- Road usage taxes
- Sales Tax
- Recreational Vehicle Tax
- School Tax
- State Income Tax
- State Unemployment Tax (SUTA)
- Telephone federal excise tax
- Telephone federal universal service fee tax
- Telephone federal, state and local surcharge taxes
- Telephone minimum usage surcharge tax
- Telephone recurring and non-recurring charges tax
- Telephone state and local tax
- Telephone usage charge tax
- Utility Taxes
- Vehicle License Registration Tax
- Vehicle Sales Tax
- Watercraft registration Tax
- Well Permit Tax
- Workers Compensation Tax

COMMENTS: Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago, and our nation was the most prosperous in the world. We had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world, and Mom stayed home to raise the kids.

What happened?

Happy Tax Season!



**Member Profile** by *Judie Henderson*

Member Liz Lukasavich, was sponsored by Kay Dunham in 2004 just before Christmas. She is privileged to be able to give back to the community and to honor talented young girls. Once a scholarship recipient herself (she even won a \$50 savings bond!!), Liz is an active member of the Youth & Education Committees and is currently a 2-year Delegate on the Board. Working as a consultant for various non-profit organizations that receive grants from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Liz teaches staff how to conduct humanitarian assessments in conflict situations. *WOW!* This level of compassion is what drove me to learn more about Liz and to share her with our club. If Liz were granted a "secret Soroptimist wish", she would like to have more opportunities to get to know her Soroptimists better. She is impressed by our dedication and devotion to SITM activities and really wants to know what makes us tick. Find Liz Lukasavich at the next meeting and spend some time sharing and learning with her!

**What you Missed** By *Carole Criddle*

- February 21, 2007**  
The highlight of today's meeting was the attendance of Governor-Elect Sue. We are so glad that she is feeling better. We received an update on our "Women Moving Forward" project and an update on our role at the Sierra Nevada Region Conference. Then we had an opportunity to learn a little about our fellow members.
- February 28, 2008**  
Today's meeting was brought to us by the Health Committee. Roselle Williams told us the seven dimensions of having balance in our lives.
- March 6, 2008**  
Today's meeting was presented by the Human Rights/Status of Women Committee. The Women Helping Women Award was presented to Sandy Finelli, who has worked with Ridgehouse and Launching Pad as well as other social service agencies. A check for \$500 was presented to the Launching Pad in her name. In addition, checks were presented to charities in the names of four other nominees: Linda Reed - Girl Scouts, Susan Hill - Susan G. Koman, Allison Gaulding - Planned Parenthood and Jennifer Satre - Renown Healing Garden. What a great meeting with many guests.
- March 13, 2008**  
We had our business meeting.

**March—April 2008**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16	17 <b>St Patrick's Day</b>	18	19	20 <b>Thanks to Youth Committee Mtg</b>	21	22
23 <b>Easter</b>	24	25	26	27 <b>Conference Hosting Committee</b>	28	29
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6	7	8 <b>Board Meeting</b>	9	10 <b>Business</b>	11 <b>April Newsletter Deadline</b>	12





## Learning About SITM *by Pam Robinson*

SITM has twenty-two regular committees managing the activities of our club. They are divided into Technical, Service, and Ways and Means.

The Technical Committees support the club's day-to-day activities. They consist of Archives, Attendance, Laws and Resolutions, Recruitment and Retention, Finance, Public Relations, Hospitality, Newsletter, SOLT (Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership), Roster/Database and Photo/Scrapbook. During the year, each of these committees is tasked with the business of the club. For example, new members present their applications to Recruitment & Retention. Then, the SOLT committee provides orientation and conducts the induction. The Attendance Committee takes over and keeps track of the meetings, and so on. We ask each of our members to serve on at least one Technical Committee.

The Service Committees consist of Arts & Culture, Economic and Social Development, Education Women, Education Youth, IGU (International Goodwill and Understanding), Environment, Health, and Human Rights/Status of Women. Each of these committees works to provide pertinent information to the membership, organize service activities and put our hard-earned dollars to work in the community and in the world. As with the Technical Committees, we ask each member to serve on at least one Service Committee.

The Ways and Means Committees are Thanks to Youth and Air Races. Although not officially a fundraising committee, our new Women Moving Forward committee may be considered in this category also. Ways and Means committees work to raise money used in our various service projects. For example, the monies earned by working at the Air Races fund our service projects, service committee donations, and federation donations. The Thanks to Youth event raises money for youth scholarships and other youth activities. The Education Youth Committee (a service committee) makes the determination where the funds go that are raised by the Thanks to Youth event. Each member is encouraged to participate in one of these committees and all members are encouraged to work during the events.

Our newest addition is the Women Moving Forward Committee. This committee is working hard to plan the March 15 event where we will have the opportunity to meet and work with 40 women who are getting started in the job force. This will be an exciting opportunity to do hands-on service.

Participating in committees is the best way to get to know your fellow Soroptimists, and coordinating a committee adds to your leadership skills.

### Nominations Announced for 2008-2009 Club Year

The **Nominating Committee** has reported the slate of members standing for election to office for the **2008-2009 Club Year**. Elections will be held at the **April Business Meeting**. If you do not plan to attend that meeting, you may request an absentee ballot from **Nominating Committee Coordinator Pam Robinson** or members **Linda Lamke** and **Ann Steckline**.

\* Members completing a predetermined term of office.

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| *President                   | Marilyn Pearson             |
| <b>President-Elect</b>       | <b>Beverly Perkins</b>      |
| <b>VP-Technical</b>          | <b>Barbara Dailey</b>       |
|                              | <b>Teresa Mentzer</b>       |
|                              | <b>Ann Steckline</b>        |
| <b>VP-Service</b>            | <b>Jennifer Clark-Crowe</b> |
|                              | <b>Mich Glazier</b>         |
| <b>Correspond. Secty</b>     | <b>Dorothy Nash Holmes</b>  |
| <b>Recording Secty</b>       | <b>Becky Moody</b>          |
| <b>Treasurer-General</b>     | <b>Norma Rash</b>           |
| *Treasurer-Service           | Paula Ringkob               |
| *Director (2 yr)             | Gayle Baxley                |
| *Director (1 yr)             | Pam Robinson                |
| <b>Dir./Delegate (2 yrs)</b> | <b>Kasey La Foon</b>        |
|                              | <b>Patty Doty</b>           |
|                              | <b>Paula Leyba</b>          |
| <b>Alt. Dir./Del. (2 yr)</b> | <b>Deborah Albrecht</b>     |
|                              | <b>Cheryl Powell</b>        |
|                              | <b>Enid Oliver</b>          |
| *Dir./Delegate (1 yr)        | Marna Griffin               |
| *Alt. Dir./Del. (1 yr)       | Liz Lukasavich              |



**Nevada Women's Expo**  
**April 5-6, 2008**  
**Convention Center**

Go to [www.bestforwomen.net](http://www.bestforwomen.net) to get your discount coupons!

Visit our booth! We'll have a widescreen video, testimonials, photo collage, raffle, and handouts.

*Invite everyone you know!!!*



## Pictures



**Recipients of the 2008 Violet Richardson Award**



**Recipients of the 2008 Women of Achievement Award**





## Women Moving Forward by Carole Criddle (photos by Paula Leyba)

On March 15, 2008, the Eldorado was the home for our first annual **Women Moving Forward Conference**.

We had 46 women from various organizations in the Reno area registered for a full day of education on various topics from ranging from preparing for interviewing, mock interviews, and money management (balancing your check book and preparing for your future). Seminar participants checked in, attended a general session and were broken up into groups who were escorted throughout the day so that they were able to attend easily each seminar.



Then it was time for lunch! What a great lunch we had: tasty, great service and nice accommodations. Our own 2007 Woman of Achievement recipient Barbara Pierson was our keynote speaker and



talked about her own struggle with being down-and-out and pulling herself up into a life of success. Her story of inspiration, told with grins and giggles, entertained and inspired all.

After lunch, participants visited the vendors we had on-hand including JOIN, TMCC, New Horizons Learning Centers, Mary Kay, Associated Builders (who awarded a scholarship that afternoon), and others who had advice for placement and childcare.

But our day was not yet over! Our own SITM fashion show commenced at 2:15 with what-to-wear and what-not-to-wear to an interview or work, whether it is an office, ware-



house or the medical field. Fun was had by all and thanks to our many model participants. At the end of the fashion show, the models handed out balloons with jewelry gifts to all the participants.

Then we had a fantastic raffle followed by the handing out of the completion certificates. Hugs were abundant.

Finally, the participants were given the opportunity to raid our clothes closets and take home as many outfits as they could carry, enabling them to have outfits for their future interviews and days on their new jobs.



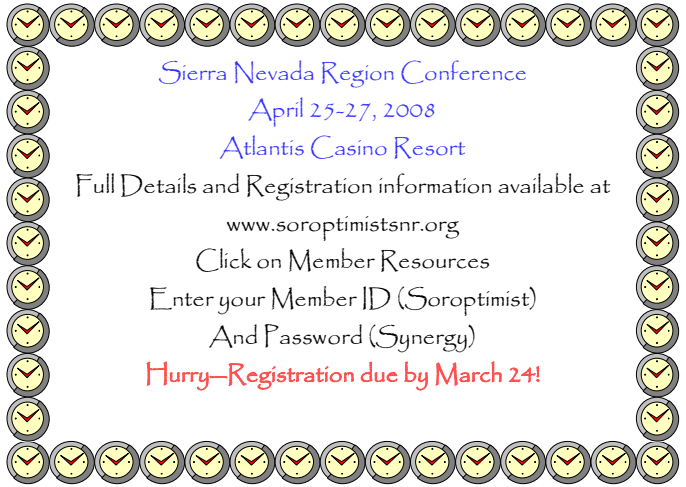
We wished them all luck and thanked them for attending as they walked out the door.

Thanks to the Eldorado for the fantastic venue. We look forward to another successful event new year.





# Announcements



## Sierra Nevada Region Conference

April 25-27, 2008

Atlantis Casino Resort

Full Details and Registration information available at

[www.soroptimistsnr.org](http://www.soroptimistsnr.org)

Click on Member Resources

Enter your Member ID (Soroptimist)

And Password (Synergy)

**Hurry—Registration due by March 24!**



## Recycle Your Old Cell Phones!

Kenya Calls

Bring them to Conference

April 25-26

A box will be available.

**The Challenge has been made!**



## Kelley's Baby Shower

April 3, 2008

5:30 PM

Niki's House

16925 Rue Du Park, Reno

Directions will be given via e-mail after you sign up.

**See you there!**

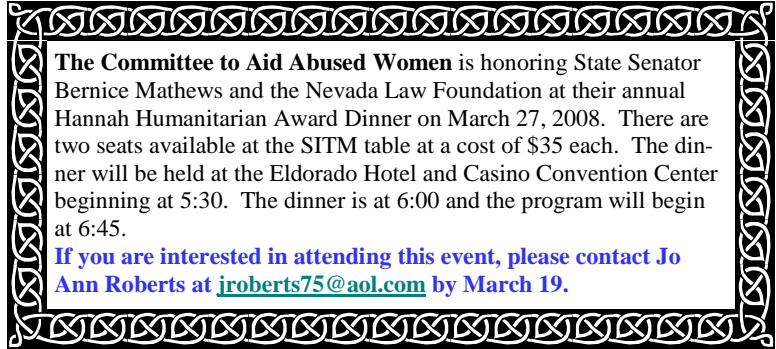


## Keep Your Calendars

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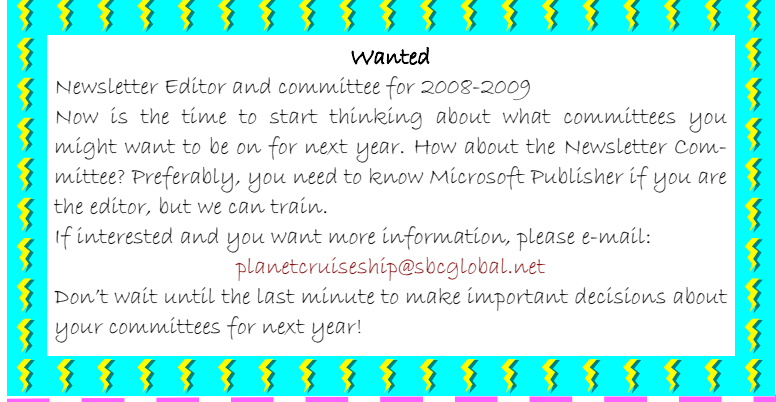
The date isn't set yet but the Hospitality Committee has plans for a belated bridal shower for Niki Champ.

Details will be revealed at upcoming meetings!



**The Committee to Aid Abused Women** is honoring State Senator Bernice Mathews and the Nevada Law Foundation at their annual Hannah Humanitarian Award Dinner on March 27, 2008. There are two seats available at the SITM table at a cost of \$35 each. The dinner will be held at the Eldorado Hotel and Casino Convention Center beginning at 5:30. The dinner is at 6:00 and the program will begin at 6:45.

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Jo Ann Roberts at [jroberts75@aol.com](mailto:jroberts75@aol.com) by March 19.



### Wanted

Newsletter Editor and committee for 2008-2009  
Now is the time to start thinking about what committees you might want to be on for next year. How about the Newsletter Committee? Preferably, you need to know Microsoft Publisher if you are the editor, but we can train.

If interested and you want more information, please e-mail:  
[planetocruiseship@sbcglobal.net](mailto:planetocruiseship@sbcglobal.net)

Don't wait until the last minute to make important decisions about your committees for next year!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Thulipokhari

Nepal

**BRING A GUEST**

**APRIL 17, 2008**

The IGU Committee will present a program on SITM's Girls' Dormitory and Scholarship Program in Nepal.



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## Celebrating April Birthdays!!!



- Niki Champ ..... April 1
- Sue Camp ..... April 3
- Scarlet Ewy ..... April 5
- Jennifer Crowe-Clark ..... April 17
- Paula Leyba ..... April 18
- Dorothy Nash Holmes ..... April 21
- Elsie Doser ..... April 29

