



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

Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows



Letter from the President by Gayle Baxley

Well, by now, you should have received your annual billing from Soroptimist. For most of you, this does not present any type of dilemma. You will just take out your checkbooks and write the check. But for some of you, you will need to consider whether your membership is worth the cost. I understand. Times are tough and money is tight. We all need to set priorities.

So what is it that you get for your investment? First and foremost, you get the opportunity to be involved with the largest women's service organization in the world. You get to participate in many projects which benefit women and girls around the world and in our own community. In addition, you get to be associated with a group of ladies who are there for you in times of joy and in times of hardship. The friendships you develop while working on a project or serving on a committee last a long time. These are the real benefits of membership.

Membership in SITM does not have to be as expensive as it may seem. You do not have to participate in everything. You do not have to give Happy Dollars every week. You do not have to participate every time money is requested. The budget proposed this year even includes a line item for our basket at conference. Our Women Moving Forward project included a budget item for their raffle prizes, so that our members did not have to be asked for donations. In addition, if necessary, you can skip some meetings. I don't encourage this, as attendance is so important, but it is an option.

I hope you will all feel that the benefits of membership outweigh the costs. I know I certainly do. This will be my 29th year of membership in a Soroptimist Club, and I treasure every single one of them. I also treasure all the special women I have gotten to know because of Soroptimist. I would hate to lose touch with any of you.

Famous Women of May by Judie Henderson

Two very significant women in our history made an impact in the month of May. The first, Florence Nightingale was born in May of 1820. The "Lady with the Lamp" was named after her birthplace, Florence, Italy and defied her parents' wishes by following her "divine calling" and becoming a nurse. She advocated for improved medical care in the hospitals of Italy and dedicated her life to the sick and deprived. Her medical advances included improved sanitary conditions for soldiers returning from the Crimean War and the establishment of nursing schools in the United States.

The second, Joan of Arc, was burned at the stake in May of 1431. Today a virgin saint, Jeanne D'Arc, the "Maid of Orleans," led France to many victories against the British Army in the 15th century and was convicted of heresy. She led Charles VII to his coronation and divined her intuition during the sieges against England as visions from God. While spending almost a year in an English jail with other war criminals, Joan of Arc found it necessary to protect herself from rape by layering herself in men's pants. Her death by burning was actually punishment for the crime of "cross-dressing". After much review of her trial by the Vatican, she was canonized as a saint in 1920.



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News of Our Members—HAPPY DOLLARS!

April 17, 2008

KASEY LA FOON had a fun weekend in Napa with her future Mother-in-Law. Her Mary Kay business is having a Business Networking Night the next two Tuesdays. **EILEEN FULLER** for being forgetful...she was to have done Happy Dollar notes last week and forgot. Also for her upcoming trip to Tucson with her friend Doreen. Her grandson had his 2nd birthday and was driving an electric ATV and kept running into the fence. Her softball team had its first game. **CINDY BURK** was happy for the program and the update on the Nepal school. **SUE CAMP** was happy for the program and for shooting bugs with water pistols with her grandson. **PATTI DOTY** has happy for the program and she told us about the school and uniforms in Africa. **JANICE HOKE** was happy for her trip to Paris. **MARILYN PEARSON** was happy for the wonderful program about our Nepal project and also for her retirement from the school district after 32 years!

April 24, 2008

Regrettably, our HD notes-taker had to leave early to make a commitment for the Sierra Pacific Conference and the Women's Scholarship Program ran a little over. Only 4 members completed the happy dollar sheets. Bev said almost without exception all happy dollars were given to honor the women who received scholarship awards. The members who completed the forms were: **Kasey La Foon** – Dollars given for Jill Derby's speech. It really touched her heart with the values of Mary Kay. We truly believe in the "Golden Rule" and that everyone has a sign hanging around their necks that says "Make be feel important". **Barbara Dailey** – For the program in its entirety and all who contributed to it. **Margie Hermanson** – Great Program. Sorry to miss conference this weekend but have a party for my niece returning from Thailand. It's in Sacramento. **Jo Ann Roberts** – Wonderful program. Congratulations to the committee and awardees. Jo Ann had received a letter from Gayle Kmetovicz who sends a hug to the entire club. Jo Ann is looking forward to conference.

May 1, 2008

President Gayle Baxley paid Happy Dollars for all the SITM workers at the Region Conference. In two weeks, she will be traveling to San Luis Obispo to attend her former Soroptimist Club's 65th anniversary. **Marilyn Pearson** paid Happy Dollars for all the workers at the Sierra Nevada Region Conference and for all the members who filled in for her when she was ill with the stomach flu. And, for Norma Rash for making certain we all received our red shirts for Conference. **Eileen Fuller** paid Happy Dollars to introduce her guest Sherrie Pres-

cott who will organize your home or office and Sherrie brought some flyers complete with before and after pictures. Eileen also introduced another guest, Doreen Rogers and told of their trip to Arizona to paint the cacti which were in bloom. Eileen's daughter and her friend will be visiting for the weekend and they will be attending Max's Little League game. There are some of Eileen's paintings hanging at the airport and she sold one of those paintings. Two of her paintings are at the Library and Eileen invited everyone to attend Arts in Bloom at the Sparks Marina Mother's day where she will be exhibiting her paintings. **Billie Mendiola** paid Happy Dollars as she remembered her Dad who has been gone for a year this week. She is planning a special date with her granddaughter on May 2 where they will have lunch together and then see a movie. **Teresa Mentzer** paid Happy Dollars for winning the beautiful necklace which was raffled at the SNR Conference. Teresa also told us Thanks to Youth needs a Committee Coordinator for the next club year and she is willing to help whoever will take over this responsibility. **Georgia Baker** paid Happy Dollars for a great Conference with special thanks to President Gayle and President Elect Marilyn. And she is Happy Faye Andersen won the 50/50 Raffle for all she does for the Region. This coming weekend she and Jon are putting in the new kitchen cabinet doors and drawer fronts and the kitchen will look brand new! **Jo Ann Roberts** paid a Happy Dollar from Linda Buszka and she says "Hi" to everyone. And Happy Dollars for the 37 SITM members and for Craig Lamke and Glenn Baxley for all their work at the SNR Conference. **Tracy Turner** paid Happy Dollars for her trip to China and she was pleased she and Paula Leyba had talked about Paula's trip before she went. Tracy said the trip was great fun and an excellent experience with the contrast of cultures and her walk on the Great Wall. She and her husband made "bus friends" during the trip. She is now working full time at the Community Foundation of Western Nevada. Tracy also let us know her Mom's back surgery didn't go well; she had scheduled back surgery but during the operation her blood pressure dropped and the surgery was interrupted. The doctors will try again when she is stronger. **Paula Leyba** paid Happy Dollars as she enjoyed her first Sierra Nevada Region Conference. **Dawn Pontrelli** paid Happy Dollars for a beautiful weekend away in Seattle with Greg and Sierra! The gorgeous sunny weather made for an awesome trip. **Kay Dunham** paid Happy Dollars for the SNR Conference last weekend – it was great fun and President Gayle filled in nicely. The Dunham family has a new addition, a nephew, Paul John born at nine pounds. He is Dan's brother's first grandchild. **Pam Robinson** paid Happy Dollars for the great business pictures taken by Paula Leyba at First Horizon Home Loans. She had Happy Dollars for the Conference last weekend and for President Gayle. Also for the meeting today with some great ideas. Lastly, for

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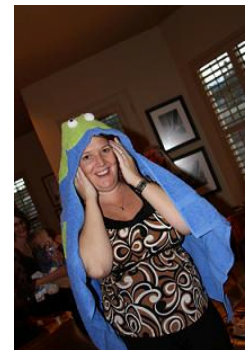


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the earthquakes which they are still feeling but all is OK at their home. **Michelle Jones** paid Happy Dollars for the Conference and especially for the speaker Allison Levine who was excellent. She left the Conference as she had volunteered for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation where she worked nine hours but \$1.6 million dollars was raised for the Foundation. **Margie Hermanson** paid Happy Dollars to wish a Happy Birthday to Billie Mendiola. She will be taking care of her grandchildren from Seattle for five days next week. Margie and her husband have placed earthquake insurance on their home and on their rental house and said everyone should consider this. There will be Coaches for Cancer event on June 28 and she will bring details to us as there may be some volunteer opportunities. **Linda Lamke** also paid Happy Dollars for Allison Levine, the Conference speaker who was outstanding, and for the survey conducted at today's SITM meeting. She will be going to California tomorrow for her grandson's eighth birthday celebration. **Pam Sutton** paid Happy Dollars as this month's Happy Dollars will be going to the ALS Society to be used in Northern Nevada. She is also happy for the survey as developed by President Elect Marilyn and the Recruitment and Retention Committee. **Vicki Schultz** paid Happy Dollars as the winner of one of the baskets from the basket raffle at Conference. She has given the basket to Michelle Jones to "fix it up" for a donation to the Thanks to Youth luncheon. After leaving Conference, Vicki spent the weekend in Las Vegas visiting with her new granddaughter! **Doreen Rogers** paid Happy Dollars to celebrate her third wedding anniversary telling us she is so very Happy! **Carol Dinneen** paid Happy Dollars to let us know she had lots of damage and broken items along with some interior damage to her home in Mogul. The good news is there is no structural damage although it will take a lot of work to repair the interior. **Sue Camp** paid Happy Dollars for the program today, for ALS, and for all everyone did at Conference. She was especially thrilled with the full-page ad in the program and for the reception held in her honor. **Norma Rash** paid Happy Dollars for her weekend at the Sierra Pacific Region's Conference where the theme was "High Time in the Sierra". She enjoyed renewing friendships and indicated there is a broad understanding when other meetings are attended. Norma was pleased to be able to spread the work on the projects SITM does. **Sonja Hem** paid Happy Dollars to let us know she is glad April is over. This is a busy month for the Nevada Land Conservancy with Earth Day and for the tree planting at the site of the Hawken Fire. **Faye I. An-**

dersen paid \$100 Happy Dollars for ALS and for winning the 50/50 Raffle at the SNR Conference. In the years she has been attending Conferences and other meetings, she could count on one hand the number of times she has won one of the drawings. She is normally not lucky! **Paula Leyba** paid Happy Dollars for Bev Perkins keeping track of her raffle tickets when she left. She also was Happy for the speakers at the Conference, Allison Levine and Melissa Farley. **Patti Doty** paid Happy Dollars for today's meeting and for Allison Levine. Her family is vacationing in Hawaii but has been concerned about the earthquakes here. Special Happy Dollars for having such good friends in the area. **Patty Downs** paid Happy Dollars for the Conference. And she is Happy for the \$800 in Happy Dollars last month for the school in Karatu, Africa. This means eight more girls can attend school. **Carrie Porter** paid Happy Dollars for everyone at Conference and for President Elect Marilyn who had us organized. She spent a week with her mother-in-law in Arizona. Although she had taken some work with her expecting to complete some of it while her mother-in-law was resting, they spent their time shopping and visiting! **Bev Perkins** paid Happy Dollars for Conference, for Sue Camp, and for Gayle taking over for Marilyn when she was sick. Bev has a new addition at her home, a 22 year-old who has moved in. They are still receiving small earthquakes but are working through them. The TV was shaken from the TV stand and is not operable and is still on the floor but Bev is not unhappy about that as she didn't like the TV.

Kelley's Shower Photos



Quote of the Month
The moment a child is born,
the mother is also born.
She never existed before.
The woman existed, but the mother, never.
A mother is something absolutely new.
 ~Rajneesh





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

The highlight of the **May Board** and **Business Meetings** was review of the proposed budgets for the 2008-2009 Club Year. Thanks to **Finance Committee Coordinator Vicki Schultz** and **Treasurer-General Michelle Jones** and **Treasurer-Service Paula Ringkob** for their hard work to bring budget recommendations for the new year. Both budgets will be offered for a vote of the membership at the **June Business Meeting**. Here are some highlights:

For the General Fund . . .

The Committee recommended slight increases in: the Region Conference first-time attendees' budget; Women's Expo expenses; and missed lunch income. Reductions were proposed in the budget for roster and labels; supplies, postage and printing and the new member induction budget. A few other line items were adjusted to reflect increases in Federation and Region dues and Region fees.

For the Service Fund . . .

The Committee recommended doubling the club's contribution to the **SIA Laurel Society** to \$2,000; eliminating the Nevada Women's Fund Ad Fee; and, at the request of the Committee, carrying over the IGU unspent service funds from last year.

New Additions . . .

The Committee recommended: establishing the **Women Moving Forward** budget at \$5,000; subsidizing the **Thanks to Youth** budget with an additional \$5,000 to be awarded in 2009; matching monthly **Happy Dollars** up to \$500 per month; and adding a "raffle prize" line item so members won't always be called upon to donate to these periodic fundraisers.

Further, the **Finance Committee** recommended leaving the club's current investments in the money market funds at Ameriprise.

Copies of the proposed budgets were emailed to members. If you have any questions or wish to propose changes, please see **President Gayle** before June.

Women's Expo a Success

SITM joined **SI/Reno** and **SI/Washoe County** at this year's Women's Expo and spent the weekend meeting and greeting women and making them aware of our clubs. Soroptimist was the featured nonprofit at this year's Expo and received a free booth space. **Recruitment and Retention Coordinator Eileen Fuller** reports the event even netted \$57 for each club after expenses for a joint website, AV equipment and raffle prizes.

Air Races Planned for September

Air Race Co-Coordinator Kay Dunham presented the

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Learning about SITM *by Pam Robinson*

What is the Laurel Society?

The Laurel Society was established in 1994 as a permanent recognition program to honor individuals dedicated to the Soroptimist organization and its mission. After the completion of a successful fundraising campaign to secure the financial health of Soroptimist, many members wished to continue their financial support. The Laurel Society was created to show appreciation to donors for gifts that would continue funding for Soroptimist programs.

The distinctive Laurel Society pin includes the laurel leaves from the Soroptimist emblem. Laurel leaves are symbolic of victory and typify friendship and success. There are several levels of membership in the Laurel Society, all named with diplomatic terms. Our members are considered emissaries of the Soroptimist mission to improve the lives of women and girls. The first level of membership is the Attaché' and is identified by a sapphire on the pin. The next membership level is the Envoy, identified with a ruby on the pin. We have two Envoy Laurel Society members in our club, Jo Ann Roberts and Faye I. Andersen, and several Attaché' members as well.



Soroptimists who are committed to this mission and have extended international friendship are ideal candidates in the Laurel Society. These women have demonstrated success in their personal, career, and club endeavors. Often they have been active in district and region activities as well as local club projects.

Each year our club, through its President, submits names for one or two new Laurel Society members. The contributions are used to fund Soroptimist programs and awards such as Women's Opportunity Awards, Club Grants for Women and Girls, Soroptimists STOP Trafficking, Violet Richardson Awards, Making a Difference for Women Awards, and the Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence.

More information on this wonderful recognition and fundraising program can be found on the Federation website at www.soroptimist.org.





What you Missed *By Carole Criddle*

April 17, 2007

Faye I. Andersen gave a beautiful and informative history of our Nepal project complete with photos and details many of us had never seen before. Thank you also to Teresa Mentzer who donated, amid a few tears, a generous \$500 contribution to the Nepal Project from her company.

April 24, 2008

The Women's Scholarship luncheon is one of the highlights of our year, and this year was no exception. Coordinator Pam Robinson and her committee did a fantastic job of selecting recipients for this year's scholarship funds as well as putting on a meeting to make the entire club proud. And we were able to show off in front of a number of Region dignitaries, including Governor Poco Davis.

May 1, 2008

The meeting gave us all an opportunity to express our opinion as to what direction we wish for our club.

May 8, 2008

It was our May business meeting. The finance committee presented the proposed budgets for the 2008-09 year. The budgets will be voted on at the June business meeting.

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Committee's budget for this year's upcoming event, which projects an income from calendar and other sales to top \$10,000. Mark your calendars now to work at the RARA sales booth any day September 8-14, 2008.

Happy Dollars Now and in the Future

Some \$800 was collected in **April Happy Dollars** for the Karatu Primary School in Tanzania, Africa to help pay for girls' uniforms so they can attend school. **May Happy Dollars** are designated for the ALS Foundation of Nevada.

Forms to request Happy Dollars for next club year have been developed by **President-Elect Marilyn** to help facilitate the review and decision-making process. If you or your committee would like to apply for an organization to receive one of the eleven months of Happy Dollars available next year, please submit a form to P-E Marilyn.

Membership Changes

The Board approved a leave of absence for **Kelley Kordonowy** through the end of the June, following the birth of her son. Remaining on leave are: **Gayle Kmetovicz**, for medical reasons; **Linda Asato**, for personal reasons; **Terri Bacon** and **Catherine Nicholson** for work reasons.

May—June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12	13	14	15 Committee Sign-Ups	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanks to Youth	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 OPEN Meeting	30	31
June 1	2	3	4	5 OPEN Meeting	6	7
8	9	10 Board Meeting	11	12 Business Meeting	13 <i>June Newsletter</i>	14 <i>Flag Day</i>





Pictures from Conference



SOLT Article by Norma Rash

The following words are qualities of a good leader as contributed by our members at the April 3rd meeting.

Omphalos (Central/Focal Point)

"L"

- Leading by example
- Listener
- Likeable
- Laughter
- Lifts spirits
- Loyal
- Loving
- Learned
- Looks for the best
- Lungpower

"S"

- Strength
- Sincerity
- Successful
- Sensitive
- Sensible
- Sympathetic
- Sense of Humor
- Savvy
- Sounding Board
- Supportive
- Soulful
- Skillful

"O"

- Organized
- On-time
- Outstanding
- Optimistic

"T"

- Tenacious
- Tireless
- Terrific
- Tactful
- Timely
- Team player
- Truthful
- Trustworthy
- Tap dancer
- Tough
- Team builder

Pictures from Womens' Expo





Announcements



Relay for Life
Saturday, May 31,
2008
Bishop Manogue
Track
Volunteers Needed
Shifts Start at 11:30
AM
 Please Contact
 Judie Henderson
 versantly@yahoo.com

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Mark your calendar for the 34th annual Wine & Restaurant Faire, and dream of letting your taste buds go wild.



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Live Music
 Silent Auction
 Souvenir Wine Glass
 Grand Prize Drawing
 Wine and Beer Tasting
 Culinary Delights Prepared by Area Restaurants and Caterers

Soroptimist Wine & Restaurant Faire Fundraiser

\$30
in advance

\$35
at the door

Saturday June 7th
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Coyote Moon Golf Course
 10685 Northwoods Blvd., Truckee, CA

Tickets will be on sale, starting in May, at Dickson Realty, Truckee Chamber of Commerce, Truckee Physical Therapy, W&T Graphix, and on the day at the door. For more information please contact Lauren Schmidt 530 414-4028.










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20th Annual Thanks to Youth Awards Luncheon

**Honoring Young Heroes and
 Scholars in Our Community**

Thursday, May 22, 2008
 Atlantis Casino-Reno
 Seating at 11:30 a.m. Program at Noon
 \$30 per person / tables for 4 or 8 available

Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows will present:

- Seven Outstanding Young Scholars
 Receiving a Total of \$14,000
- Seven Young "Unsung Heroes"
 Special recognition for Community Service and Other Activities



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. It achieves its mission through a variety of projects including social and youth activities, Partner in Education with Liberty-Bloom Elementary School, and an annual fundraising campaign to support the club's dormitory and scholarship program for girls in Truhot, Nepal, to attend school.



Roster Updates

**Please send all roster updates to Pat
 Levy at patmlevy@hotmail.com**





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Celebrating June Birthdays!!!



- Pam Robinson June 6
- Shirley George June 8
- Enid Oliver June 10
- Barbara Dailey June 21
- Monica House June 22
- Catherine Nicholson June 22
- Barbara Vucanovich June 22
- Kelley Kordonowy June 26

