

# SITM UPDATE ~ "Positively Magic"



*Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows*



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## Letter from the President *by Pam Robinson*

It's hard to believe this year has flown by so quickly. Thanks to Youth is coming up on May 24. The Education Youth Committee has selected several very deserving unsung heroes and scholarship winners. Please sell as many tickets as you can and encourage your friends, family and business associates to attend. The proceeds are important to our youth projects and next year's winners. Mich Glazier and Monica House and their Thanks to Youth Committee have worked very hard on this fundraiser.

The Sierra Nevada Region Conference was quite an experience. Over 350 Soroptimists were in attendance. It was my pleasure to represent SITM and accept awards for our newsletter and public relations. A major highlight of the event was presenting Jo Ann Roberts with the Laurel Society Envoy pin. Jo Ann is well known and regarded throughout our Region, and we all cheered for her.

We also had two winners recognized at the Conference. Our Violet Richardson awardee, Angelina Cardona, was the Region winner and received \$1,000 for herself and \$1,000 for her charity of choice, Lighthouse of the Sierra. Our WOA winner, Amy Quiring, received an additional \$3,000 from SNR. Our Education Youth and Education Women Committees did a fabulous job in choosing our recipients. I was also privileged to invite everyone to next year's conference from April 25-27 at the Atlantis. We are the host club.

The SI Panty Drive (SIPD) was very successful. We donated over 11,000 pairs of panties which will be on their way to Kenya soon. Members also donated funds to cover the \$150 per duffle bag cost to get to Kenya. The Woman of Distinction honoree was very pleased to accept the donations. She spends most of the year in Kenya and has founded several groups to help the women there.

We will spend the coming month planning for next year. President-Elect Gayle will be organizing committees and working on next year's calendar. We have many opportunities and challenges, and the positive magic will continue.

Thank you all for your friendship, support, and commitment to Soroptimist.

## What's Coming Up *by Lynn Robins*

**May 17th: Committee Sign-ups for 2007-2008**  
Please sign up for one or more committee. The more hands, feet, and minds the better on any of our committees. We want the new members to jump right in.

### May 25th: Thanks to Youth Awards Lunch

Come one come all and bring some friends. Let us celebrate our young people in



our community. For recruiting members to our club this is a big part of what we do.

### May 31st: Environment Committee

Niki and her committee will have 3 speaker/comp guests from DRI for the May 31<sup>st</sup> meeting: Dawn Coots, Heather Emmons, and Kate Kirkpatrick.

### June 7th: Committee Coordinators

Getting organized. New year, new committees. Be sure to sit with your committees.

## Board Members 2006-07

- Pam Robinson-President
- Gayle Baxley-President Elect
- Jo Ann Roberts-Parliamentarian
- Sarah Carrasco-VP Service
- Judi Miller-VP Technical
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- Recording Secretary-Marilyn Pearson
- Corresp. Secretary-Jennifer Crowe
- Governor Elect—Sue Camp
- Director 1 year— Diana Dillon
- Director 2 year— Kay Dunham
- Delegate 1 year-Tracy Turner
- Delegate 2 year— Kelley Kordonowy

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## News of Our Members



**Pam Robinson** paid Happy Dollars to thank **Kelley Kordonowy** for all her work on the newsletter. She was also happy to celebrate the birthday of her "little boy" (How old is he, Pam?) and for having passed five years since the end of her radiation treatment. **Gayle Baxley** reported, sadly, that the new manager of Dillard's had reportedly decided not to offer any assistance from store employees to Ally's Prom Closet this year because none of the recipients would ever be customers of the store. Let's hope these young women are successful enough in life to shop elsewhere. **Faye Andersen** told of Ruby, her seven-month old border collie, having had a chance to visit Fallon and herd goats. It seems Ruby's mom did a great job that day herding. Ruby's brother, Charlie, did a great job, and Ruby chased Charlie. **Bev Perkins** was happy that she survived the tax season. **Tracy Turner's** mother is doing well after her back surgery, and is at a rehab center weaning herself of a walker and learning to use a cane. **Eileen Fuller** was off to the Davis club's Arts & Authors to sell her artwork. She told a funny story of her 14-year old grandson having gotten "busted" for drinking with some friends before school. She chuckled to remember what a handful his dad, her 35-year old son, was at that age. What goes around, comes around! **Janice Hoke** reported that her son Charlie received one of nineteen department awards for teaching excellence at the Air Force Academy. She's enjoying her new job in a two-woman office at the American Institute of Architects. **Jennifer Crowe** recently helped her grandmother celebrate her 81st birthday, and all she wanted to talk about was her new great-grandchild-to-be. **Paula Leyba** celebrated her birthday and her husband's with a special dinner at Picasso's. **Carrie Porter** noted that Mary Ellen Glass, the woman who started the oral history program at UNR, passed away recently. **Carol Dineen** asked about donating to the Baby Bundles at Trinity Episcopal Church. Anyone who would like to make or donate a baby afghan for this worthwhile project is welcome to do so. The packages go to families who can't afford the basics for their new infant. **Billie Mendiola** was pleased that her mother's house closed. **Sue Camp** told another wonderful story on her husband's recent car problems and three-hour towing escapade from Fernley. He now has a new car. (Sue, would you like to adopt me?) **Mich Glazier** asked for prayers and good thoughts for her two Maltese, who are in the vet's and not doing well. **Margie Hermanson** is headed to Phoenix for dinner with **Linda** and **Steve Buska**. Her son is a fireman at Moffett Field and organized an Easter egg hunt for some of the area chil-

dren there. Her 8-year old grandson felt sorry for a little boy who didn't have any eggs and gave him some of his. **Marna Griffin** was happy to report that her ankle is doing better and that she had a clean mammogram. She also thanked the club for donating to the Trinity Brown Bag Lunch Program. **Georgia Baker** enjoyed Easter Sunday at Garwood, where they had a "liquor bottle" hunt for the grownups. She also drove to Vegas for a concert and would up with a high roller suite for \$99. **Niki Champ's** mom is coming to see her new condo. **Niki** recounted an experience with a woman cutting her off in traffic recently. When she looked at the car's license, it said, "Grandmas kick ass, too!" **Kay Dunham** has been making afghans for the Trinity Baby Bundles project. She said it was a good outlet for her "crochet fetish." **Norma Rash** was going through boxes and discovered her senior high school yearbook, which provided much enjoyment. Kathy Martin and her husband recently purchase 50 boxes of Pergo flooring for their house remodeling. When she asked her husband who was going to install, she got not much in the way of a positive response. It seems that every home show for which she had to set up, her husband gets sick. Barbara Pierson was happy that Dawn Gibbons visited the Launching Pad. Barbara is working with Charles Schwab to provide work opportunities for women who are coming out of jail. She'll soon be in Tucson for her daughter's graduation from college. Michelle Jones' is happy that her dad is out of the hospital. She also shared a funny story about her husband, who's recently lost weight, shopping for new jeans. Sounds like Michelle will let him go by himself next time! **Marilyn Pearson** for her parents getting better. **Jennifer Crowe** was going crib shopping with her Mom. **Michelle Jones** was happy because her Dad is doing better. **Kay Dunham** thanked **Tracy Turner** for the seminar she gave. Also for the elections. **Liz Lukasavich** thanked Bristlecone for their fundraiser and was happy to have won a trip to Frisco, Colorado. **Sue Camp** went to San Francisco to see her grandson for Easter. Coming back ran into **Vicki Butler** coming out of the bathroom at Jack in the Box. Small world! **Margie Hermanson** had all of her children and grandchildren here for Easter. **Laurie Chappell** was pleased her church had 114 attend Easter service. **Eileen Fuller** has a new class starting and is very happy about it. **Linda Lamke** is going to Colorado for a vacation. She is very grateful for the wonderful trips they have had this past year. **Vicki Butler** loved seeing Sue at Jack's restroom. Her son has selected NYU. **Tracy Turner** is very happy her Mom had back surgery and is doing WONDERFUL. Bristlecone event raised \$45,000. **Lisa Carpenter** thanked **Paula Leyba** for the wonderful pictures she took of her for her business cards. **Paula Leyba** has some prom pictures this week and is very excited about it. Not happy about having to do taxes. Is anyone??? **Bev Perkins**

### News of Our Members (con't from page 2)



shared her bangs are long enough to put up and she does not know if she wants to cut them. Her dog died on Easter and she is very sad. The cat is also sad and her husband had to buy a new truck to help with his sadness.

**Norma Rash** went to Bristlecone Dinner and had a great time. **Faye Andersen** for Trinity Church and their sack lunch program. **Carol Dineen's** Mom celebrated her 89th birthday and sometimes get "naughty" to the lady next door. When asked what they do about it she was told they send her to her room. **Cindy Burk** accepted the Treasurer position with the Girl Scouts. Also just got back from a cruise with her parents. Had a great time She won \$250.00 playing BINGO. Did not like her spray on tan. It was too much work. She could not swim or shower. **Governor Poco Davis** was able to attend our Women's Scholarship luncheon and on behalf of her and her Board Members, said thank you for a great kick off to the Annual Conference. **Tracy Turner** has a new friend in **Norma Rash**. The two went to lunch which lasted so long, they almost had dinner together too! **Marie Edwards** took to the skies again, this time to Alaska to see the kids and grandkids. **Carol Dineen** reported that lots of panties had been donated for the SIPD (Soroptimist International Panty Drive). **Michelle Jones** thanked 1st Independent Bank for their sponsorship of Arts, Authors, and Autos, which is how we were able to provide the scholarships we did. **Jennifer Crowe** thanked her mom for all the hard work she has done over the years at AAA. It was great to have her as a guest to see how her efforts pay off. **Kelley Koronowky** thanked David Spillers of Digiprint for his sponsorship of AAA and his continued support of our club. **Georgia Baker** acknowledge **Kimberly Rossiter** and the Women-Education Committee for another successful year. She also wished a Happy 65th Birthday to SI Reno. **Marilyn Pearson** really enjoyed being on the Education-Women Committee, giving lots of money away to well deserving women in our community. **Faye Andersen** thanked **Jeanne Baxter**, Timothy and The Sullivan's for their continued support year after year. **Vickie Schultz** went to Dallas for "Mom's Week" and spent time with her daughter Nicole at her Sorority house. **Pam Robinson** gave a heartfelt thanks to the committee for selecting the scholarship winners. **Pam** was actually a Re-Entry student before her career in the mortgage business. We raised lots of Happy Dollars celebrating the program and scholarship awardees. Members included: **Patty Downs, Tracy Turner, Sue Camp, Jeanne Baxter, Marie Edwards, Michelle Jones, Jennifer Crowe, Georgia Baker, Marilyn Pearson, Norma Rash, Jo Ann Roberts, Faye Andersen, Carrie Porter, Kay Dunham, Terri Bacon & Connie Steinheimer.**



### Other Clubs In the Spotlight

from SI of the Americas

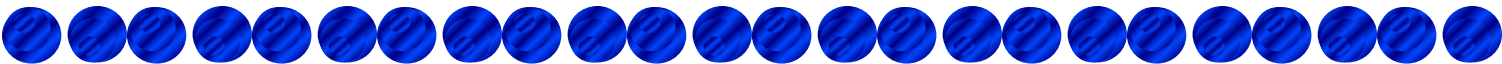
## Inspiring Teenage Girls to Reach their Full Potential

Though women and girls have made great strides, girls still lack access to education. Without education, women and girls are often stuck in cycles of poverty and violence. Worldwide, more than 62 million girls lack access to education, and in many countries, women and girls lag behind boys in math and science skills. Additionally, nearly 495 million



women and girls are illiterate. To help disadvantaged girls in Taipei, Taiwan, strive for success, Soroptimists developed an after school tutoring program. The tutoring program emphasized

math and English-language skills, and was offered to adolescent girls from aboriginal and low-income families. The classes provided skills training and development, and helped spark interest and excitement about education among the girls. Club members volunteered as tutors and mentors to the girls, and also collected school supplies, including books and stationery for program participants. The program, which received a Soroptimist Club Grant for Women and Girls, benefited more than 200 young women.



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

Welcome to new member **Barbara Pierson**, sponsored by **Sarah Carrasco**. Barbara was inducted at the **May Business Meeting**. Welcome!

### 2007-08 Budget gets Final Touches

A draft of the club budget was presented at the **April Business Meeting** for review and comment by members. The final **2007-08 Club Budget** will be presented at the **June Business Meeting** for approval. Committee Coordinators or members who have additional comments or amendments should contact **Finance Committee Coordinator Vickie Schultz** by May 24.

### Finances and Money Matters

Incoming **President Gayle Baxley** and incoming **President-Elect Marilyn Pearson** will be attending the Soroptimist Professional Development Seminar, August 24-25 in Philadelphia. The SITM Board recommended and the membership approved the expense in lieu of sending representatives to the **Soroptimist International of the Americas Biennial Convention** in Taiwan in 2008.

The **Ways & Means – Air Race Committee** presented its annual budget at the **May Board and Business Meetings**. The report included anticipated income of \$10,365 for calendar and art sales and income from members working at the Reno Air Racing Association booth throughout the event.

### Another Successful Garage Sale

Thanks to SITM members, spouses and friends, the **IGU Committee** reported another successful garage sale held on May 5. The sale raised \$2,262 for the SITM’s dormitory/scholarship project for girls in Thulipokhari, Nepal.

Twenty-eight members, plus eight Soropti-misters and Sorpti-friends worked to set up the sale Friday night and sell on Saturday at **Judge Connie Steinheimer’s** home. Volunteers Friday night were treated to margaritas, chips and salsa, compliments of **Jo Ann Roberts**, who shared the contents of a fiesta basket she won at the SNR Conference the previous weekend.

Thank you to all who donated items, worked set-up and/or the sale and purchased items. Items left-over

at the end of the sale were picked up by Ridge House, a transitional housing and support programs for women and men released from prison.

### SI/Reno’s 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The **SI/Reno** club is celebrating the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their chartering with a unique May Festival service project. They have adopted the residents of Carville Park apartments, a housing complex for approximately 200 low-income seniors. SITM members are invited to join them May 19 at 10 a.m. at Carville Park apartments, 1244 Carville Drive in Reno.

SI/Reno members asked for donations of personal hygiene products to be given to the seniors. Often times their limited incomes don’t afford them the extra money for items like toothpaste, laundry soap, toilet paper, Kleenex and other personal items.

The **SITM Board** recommended and the membership approved a solicitation of members to donate towards the purchase of these items. With the addition of service funds from the **Human Rights/Status of Women Committee** and members’ individual generosity, \$461 was collected for this donation. The money will be presented to SI/Reno to purchase any items needed by the seniors.

SI/Reno also held an anniversary party on April 25 at their regular club meeting. Several members from SITM attended and joined in the celebration.

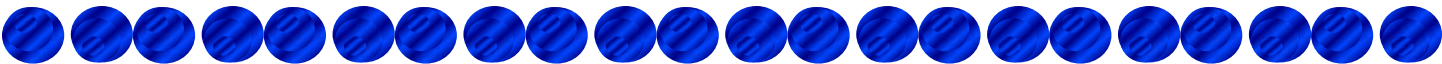
### \$695 for Sack Lunches

Some \$695 was collected during **April Happy Dollars** for donation to the Trinity Episcopal Church sack lunch program. The church provides a free sack lunch to homeless people in downtown Reno area. **May Happy Dollars** are designated for Angel Kiss, a nonprofit organization providing financial assistance related to treatments for children with cancer and their families.

### Leaves of Absence and Member Changes

The Board granted leaves of absence for: **Carol Criddle** through May for family reasons; and **Thuy Schneider** through June for family reasons. Remaining on leave are: **Patti Graham** through June for personal reasons; and **Linda Buszka** through June for relocation to Phoenix. The board accepted with regrets the resignation of **Terrie Schulte**.





**Other Clubs In the Spotlight**  
*from SI of the Americas*

**Empowering Women**

**through Skill Development**

Soroptimists in Curitiba, Brazil, are helping women move from poverty to prosperity. Of the 1.2 billion people worldwide living in abject poverty-on less than \$1 a day-70 percent are women. Women are often stuck in low-wage jobs or relegated to work in the informal economy, with little opportunity for economic stability or success. Recognizing that education is the key to economic independence, club members in Curitiba partnered with the Foundation for Social Action to generate work and income for women and girls in low-income

areas. Women were taught to make handmade crafts and goods from recycled rubber, and



then use the crafts to generate income. More than 60 women who are heads of their households have benefited thus far from the initiative.

The program helped women and girls improve their self esteem and financial situations, as well as the socio-economic conditions of the communities in which they live.

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**Celebrating June Birthday's!!!**



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| Becky Bowman       | June 1st  |
| Pam Robinson       | June 6th  |
| Sarah Carrasco     | June 8th  |
| Shirley George     | June 8th  |
| Ann Steckline      | June 15th |
| Enid Oliver        | June 10th |
| Barbara Dailey     | June 21st |
| Monica House       | June 22nd |
| Barbara Vucanovich | June 22nd |
| Kelley Kordonowy   | June 26th |





## Tidbit of the Month *by Paula Leyba*



*“Listen, can you hear it? Spring's sweet cantata. The strains of grass pushing through the snow. The song of buds swelling on the vine. The tender timpani of a baby robin's heart. Spring.”*

*Diane Frolov and Andrew Schneider,  
Northern Exposure, Wake Up Call, 1992*

### **What You Missed** *by Liz Lukasavich*

Did you miss these meetings? Participation is the price of membership. (Wise old Soroptimist saying.) If you missed these meetings, you didn't get the full value of your membership. Here's a recap of what you missed since the April Business meeting.

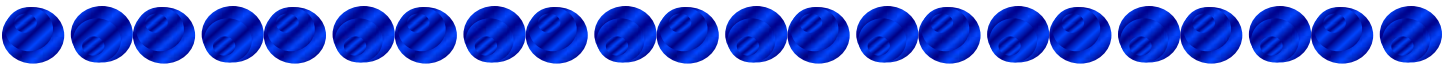
**April 12** – President Pam began this month's business meeting by congratulating the newly elected officers for 2007-2008. Thanks were extended to all who participated in the recruiting process and to those who ran for office. Other business items included the distribution of the general and service fund budgets for next year. These budgets will be voted on at the June business meeting.

Also, President Pam happily announced that SITM is a semi-finalist for two SIA Celebrating Success awards: our “Practically Perfect Soroptimist” brochure (submitted by Kay Dunham); and our Happy Dollars fund-raising activity (submitted by Faye Anderson). The winners will be announced this summer.

**April 19** – Finance Committee Budget Review. That about sums it up. We reviewed budgets!

**April 26** – The Education Women Committee, spearheaded by Kimberly Rossiter (Coordinator), did an outstanding job of selecting recipients for this year's SITM Women's Scholarship Awards (WOA). During this flawlessly run luncheon, twelve remarkable women were recognized for their “grit and determination” in surmounting personal adversities in order to pursue a higher education. Kudos to the committee: Sarah Carrasco, Patty Downs, Margie Hermanson, Judy Miller, Enid Oliver, Marilyn Pearson, Thuy Schnieder, Vicki Shultz, Connie Steinheimer, Tracy Turner, and Norma Webster for the excellent program.

**May 3** – Pam Sutton and other Health Committee members organized a very inspiring and informative program on ALS (often referred to as “Lou Gehrig's disease”). Megan Testa (LPN), Executive Director of ALS Nevada, talked about the organization and its upcoming fund raising events; Victoria Alexander (ALS nurse) described her role as a care giver for Bruce Laxalt, Pam Sutton's husband; and Sandy Goetze shared her story of her late husband's illness.



# SITM Picture Gallery



Norma Rash, Kelley Kordonowy, Gayle Baxley, Sue Camp, Patti Doty, Faye Andersen & Marilyn Pearson enjoy some libations before dinner at the SNR Conference.



Violet Richardson (Tracy Turner) & Adelaide (Sue Camp) confront Stuart Morrow (Gov. Poco Davis-not shown) about how they were the ones who really got Soroptimist going.



Proudly wearing their Press Hats, Bev Perkins and Marilyn Pearson keep busy taking notes at Conference.



Vickie Butler sits next to our Envoy Level Laurel Society Recipient Jo Ann Roberts. Congratulations Jo Ann!



Linda Lamke, Tracy Turner and Soroptimister Jeff Tuner assist in setting up for the IGU Garage Sale.



Caught with a margarita and chips, Ann Steckline and Linda Lamke take a break from all their hard work prepping for the yard sale.



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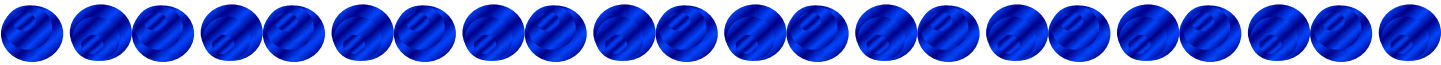
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# Community Events

**Bridge & More**

5/25/2007 1:00 pm

Have you always wanted to learn how to play bridge? Are you looking for a new group to play with? A new adult games group is forming at the library. Cribbage and board games also available. Adults

Price: free

Location: Spanish Springs Library

7100A Pyramid Lake Hwy

Sparks, NV 89436

Contact: 424-1800

**Lifescapes**

6/1/2007 2:00 pm

Lifescapes is a progressive guided writing program for seniors who wish to record their memories on paper.

Adults

Price: free

Location: Incline Village Library

845 Alder Ave., Bldg. A

Incline Village, NV 89451

Contact: 832-4130

**Tai Chi for Adults**

6/2/2007 11:00 am

For over 300 years people have been gaining strength and flexibility through Tai Chi. This ancient martial art is credited with keeping hearts healthy and attitudes young. Hosted by local instructor Doug Armstrong. Adults

Price: free

Location: Spanish Springs Library

7100A Pyramid Lake Hwy

Sparks, NV 89436

Contact: 424-1800

**The Platt Brothers**

6/8/2007 3:30 pm

Cy and Boone Platt delight audiences with a hilarious, high-energy montage of dance and acrobatics. Their training encompasses everything from ballet and modern jazz to hip-hop, break dancing, singing, comedy improv, stage combat and gymnastics!

Price: free

Location: Duncan/Trainer Community Library

1650 Carville Dr.

Reno, NV 89434

Contact: 333-5134

