



SITM UPDATE

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Bev Perkins

President's Message: *Imagine!*

Well, this year seems to be moving along briskly! The sun is out (a rare thing, lately) and tax season is suddenly in full swing - I only mention this in the hope that you might be a little forgiving of your President if she seems a bit (more)

distracted. Reminders are always welcome, and please feel free to let me know if you feel I've left something out at any of our meetings (or e-mails, for that matter).

I'm pleased as punch about our new Ad Hoc Committee, which is delivering the first fruits of our labors to Renown's chemo center today. Also, I'm very proud of this year's Board members, who put up with sometimes less-than-competent leadership and sometimes wearying issues to discuss! Thank you, ladies, for your tolerance and perseverance. And thanks to all our members for your dedication and willingness to serve women in your community and the world. Our club has taken on additional projects this year, and everyone involved has graciously stepped up to offer time and talents when called upon. Making a Difference for Women is

March 6th), and we're all getting excited about this year's expanded event. We have also recently been graced with the presence of Gayle Kmetovicz, and were all thrilled to see her at a meeting again.

President-Elect Patti is gearing up for her year coming up in July: she is running our February 25th meeting to ensure she has this down long before her year starts. It looks like she's got a great speaker, so I hope everyone is able to attend that meeting. Our nominating committee is now set: Marilyn Pearson is the chair, and Cindy Burk and Scarlet Ewy are members. All of you with suggestions for officers please let one of the committee know. Otherwise, look to hear from at least one of them soon.

I hope you have a Happy Valentine's Day!




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Soroptimist International of Pune Metro East Chartered January 2010

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SI Pune Metro East Chartered

by Norma Rash



It's official. SI of Pune Metro East was chartered as a club in the Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland Federation on January 31, 2010. Celebrating with charter members were Soroptimists from the following: 12 members from Holland, 13 members from Denmark including SI President Hanne Jensbo, 5 members from England including chartering officer Federation President and Regional President, 1 member from Switzerland, 4 members from Germany and several members from Indian clubs.



The pictures defy the roadblocks the new club faced just five days before the event. The person helping with the website left Pune to attend his mother who was gravely ill, a key club member decided she could not join due to time and commitment issues, the mistress of ceremonies came down with bronchitis so they had to find a replacement, and the venue cancelled the use of their fine dining room so the search was on for a new location. Not to be deterred, Nisha and her prospective members, carried on in true Soroptimist spirit. They found another restaurant to hold their event. Nisha wrote: "I dressed round tables with blue sashes. The perfect setting as I had seen at the Reno conference. Then it was a DREAM CHARTER."



She further stated, "The comments we got have us over the moon. International standards, some said, hadn't seen a charter like this. Some said very professional. We had a complete audio visual presentation of our members, projects, and finally congrats to the club with confetti and pop ups coming on at the precise moment."

SI of Pune Metro East is very appreciative of the charter gift they received from SITM. Formal thank you letters will be received, as well as a friendship link flag, as soon as President Nisha recovers from the chartering and hosting visitors who attended.

Stay tuned for more from our friend President Nisha and the members of SI of Pune Metro, East.



Congratulations!
SI of Pune Metro East





Violet Richardson Award

by Ann Steckline

Another year has passed and our Luncheon for Violet Richardson Winners is just a fond memory. The Luncheon was sponsored by Education Youth. We honored 3 winners, fun was had by all. Violet Richardson honors young women between the ages of 14 and 17 who volunteer in our community or schools. They are positive young women who believe in the power of volunteering. These young women make the community and the world a better place through their volunteer projects.

The three women chosen are:

1st place: Amber Harris who volunteers at the Girl Scouts Organization. Girl Scouts mission is to help girls grow strong and build character. Amber feels that Girl Scouts can also improve leadership skills for young girls, build friendships, and give them a chance to have a once in a lifetime experience doing various things that interest them. Amber has volunteered in many organizations that read, teach, and help children, works with the Head Start Program, and Tae Kwon Do. Amber works with the Washoe County Flood Department to aid with possible flood disasters and emergency response. She just completed her Silver award by teaching 32 kids how to protect themselves and the rules of safety and provided them with identification cards. Amber feels that Girl Scouts is a wonderful organization that has taught her a lot about herself. Received \$600.00

2nd place: Lacey Paccella. Why does she donate her time and get so involved in her community? She does because she loves the rewarding feeling knowing that she has helped make a difference in another person's life. Lacey is involved in Police Explorers, the run for education, safety and healthy homes run, the special Olympics, feeding the homeless, adopt a family for Christmas, shop with a cop, moms on the run, Truckee River Clean up, and keeping Tahoe Blue. Lacey feels people sometimes just need a helping hand and hers is and always will be available! Received \$300.00

3rd place: Ashley Smith is currently a Junior at Reed High School where she is very involved in the NJROTC program. Ashley has held the positions of platoon

commander, supply officer, member of the unarmed drill team, and rifle team member. In addition, she has attended the Leadership Academy at Whidbey Island, Cadet Olympics, and the Silver State Biathlon. Ashley is also very active in both student council and community work. The role of ROTC is to produce better citizens, instill discipline, and hold yourself to a high standard. Received \$100.00

Our committee hopes everyone had a good time at the luncheon and enjoyed the wonderful recipients. I think Violet would have been proud of these young volunteers!



SITM Nominating Committee
Marilyn Pearson
Scarlet Ewy
Cindy Burk

The committee is gathering candidates for our 2010-11 Board. Please contact the committee if you would like to run for an office or nominate another member by March 5.

These are the positions that need filling.

- President-Elect
- Vice President of Service
- Vice President of Technical
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary
- General Fund Treasurer
- Delegate 1 Year
- Alternate Delegate 1 Year
- Delegate 2 Years
- Alternate Delegate 2 Years

Check out the club Bylaws for a complete listing of officer duties.



What you missed . . . !

by President Beverly Perkins

1/21/10 This week's meeting: For those of you unlucky enough to have missed it, this was a good one! Due to the tragic loss of her entire committee, and being on leave herself, the Arts & Culture Coordinator allowed the Ad Hoc Committee, Beads of Strength, take over the meeting. After a brief explanation of the committee's purpose, Coordinator Tina Smith and member Marilyn Pearson handed out beading kits to all present and gave a little lesson in beading. Committee member Enid Oliver gave instruction to members and guests at her table. One of the side benefits of having a working meeting is that we all get to chat (compare our work, discuss stringing methods & knots, etc.). The hardest part is packing up and getting back to our meeting's business. I'm hopeful that many women in the local cancer treatment programs will benefit from our labors and find some joy in receiving this gift from our club.



Jean Neddenreip, Patty Downs, Tina Smith, and Margie Hermanson make beaded bracelets.

1/28/10 This week's meeting: The IGU Committee, imaginatively led by Connie Steinheimer, gave us a heartwarming presentation on Beads for Life, a project benefitting impoverished women in Uganda. Members of the IGU committee modeled some of the beads made by Ugandan women, as well as offering them for sale to members. Though it doesn't look like it, all of these beads are handmade of paper and strung into jewelry by Ugandan women. The money they make from this project has increased the weekly earnings of many of them from about \$1 (hand-crushing rocks in a quarry) to \$5 or so (inside their homes or at get-togethers) - almost \$1 a day.



Doreen Rogers, Governor Sue Camp, Norma Rash, Millie Mitchell, Connie Steinheimer, and Rosalie Henry show off their Bead for Life jewelry.

Coordinator Connie attempted to get the members to do the Ugandan bead dance, but everyone was too busy shopping (but nice try, Connie). The IGU Committee announced that they will be putting together a basket for the International Women's Day event this year (providing at once a donation and recognition for our club). Several of our members also donated sufficient money to be pooled to purchase a bracelet for every participant at our Making a Difference for Women event in March (that's 75 participants!). For those desiring to purchase additional jewelry, handmade by the women of Uganda, or just to see what this wonderful organization is doing for these women, check out their website at www.BeadforLife.org.

2/4/10 This week's meeting: This week Education Youth Coordinator, Ann Steckline, along with her committee, introduced us to this year's Violet Richardson finalists and awardee (whose name will be sent on to the region level). Cindy Burk gave us a brief background of the award and the inspiring women it was named for, then Marna Griffin introduced the 3 winners and their families. Our 3 young honorees then each gave us a brief overview of the great things they have been doing for our community. Unfortunately, kleenex was not supplied (good thing I carry my own). Lots of guests came to the meeting, and it was a very festive and moving meeting.



2/11/10 This week's meeting: We had a very long meeting today, what with birthdays (Happy Birthday to Gayle Kmetovicz, Marilyn Pearson, Millie Mitchell, and Tina Smith), new member induction (welcome Azadeh, Becki and Debra!), and several committee reports. I would also like to wish Happy Birthday to Janice Hoke and Joan Hughes, who were not at the meeting. Lots of ROSEs were given out, which always makes me happy (see next month's minutes for details). Officer reports were approved, as well as budgets from Thanks to Youth and Making a Difference for Women. The members also approved setting up a "Be a Fan of Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows" page on Facebook. Niki Ewing has graciously volunteered to oversee this project, so all submissions should go to her. Kay Dunham gave us a first reading of suggested bylaws changes, which are attached. Kay requested that all comments and/or questions on bylaws changes should be sent to her and the President prior to next month's business meeting. The Health Committee's request to solicit toiletries from members was approved, as well as the Finance Committee's request to combine the Janus and Ameriprise funds. The IGU Committee was given permission to hold a garage sale on May 22nd, and to solicit funds and/or time from the membership at their June meeting. Arts & Culture Coordinator Liz Lukasavich will be donating committee funds to KUNR (a local non-profit radio station) and our Beads for Strength project. Thanks to Governor Sue Camp, several other clubs in the region have made many bracelets for us to give to cancer patients through our Beads for Strength project. Whew! What a meeting!

Education Women News from Past Recipients

Annie

(Coordinator Pam Robinson) Annie was one of our most fragile applicants, we thought, but she's hanging in there. She's from Sri Lanka and had lost her husband to a lung disease, I believe, and has a small child, I believe.

“Hi Pam:

I received the check today. Thank you very much. I cannot explain in words how much you helped me. I am very grateful.

May the grace of god be with SITM now and always. Annie”

Bonnie

“I hope and pray you are all doing well during these turbulent times and that you have a warm and nurturing holiday with lots of peace and good things to eat.

I was invited second time to join Phi Theta Kappa and will be attending my first meeting 1/12 at the TMCC campus. i have been so blessed this year and I do want to tell all of your that felt that I was worth investing in, I will always be grateful. Someday, God willing, I will be doing the things your are doing and making others lives rich and productive.

Bonnie”

Christy

“I just wanted to send my thanks and appreciation to all of you for your support. I can’t believe I’m so close to leaving the chrysalis stage to become that beautiful butterfly (or nurse) I’ve envisioned in this my fourth and final semester.

Christy”

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Board/Business Update

by Faye I. Andersen

Three new members were inducted at the February Business Meeting. They are: Azadeh Nadimi, sponsored by Marna Griffin; Becki Rossini, sponsored by Diana Dillon; and Debra Sanborn, sponsored by Gayle Baxley. Welcome Azadeh, Becki and Debra.

Nominations Open for 2010-11 Club Year

A Nominating Committee consisting of Coordinator Marilyn Pearson, and members Cindy Burk and Scarlet Ewy has been assembled to develop a slate of new club officers and delegates for the 2010-11 Club Year. If you would like to nominate a member for office, or nominate yourself, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee. Elections will be held at the April Business Meeting.

“Bead for Life” has Brisk Sales.

The IGU Committee presented the program “Bead for Life” at the January 28 meeting and members purchased a total of \$1,930 in beaded bracelets, necklaces and other jewelry. Members also made donations to facilitate the purchase of a beaded bracelet for each of the participants in the upcoming Making a Difference for Women skills training workshop. (Attendance is anticipated to be 75.)

“Bead for Life” is a nonprofit program from Uganda creating sustainable opportunities for women in poverty to make and sell beaded necklaces, bracelets and key chains, with profits going back to the women and to community development and educational programs.

Upcoming Committee Projects

Several SITM Committees received approval from the board and membership for these upcoming projects:

- Budgets for the upcoming Making a Difference for Women skills training workshop and for Thanks to Youth were reviewed by the board and approved by the membership.
- The Finance Committee will be meeting February 24 to begin work on the 2010-11 Club Budget. Committee Coordinators should contact the Finance Committee with comments and requests for next year’s budget for their committees.

- The PR/Website Committee is exploring SITM’s entry into the realm of social media with the establishment of a “Be a fan of SITM” Facebook page on the World Wide Web.
- At the March 4 meeting, the IGU Committee will kick off their annual fundraising campaign for the project to educate girls in Thulipokhari, Nepal. The program will include an update on the progress of the girls living in the dormitory and attending school.
- The Roster Committee will be publishing an update by the end of March. Please send any updates to Coordinator Pam Sutton, or member Faye I. Andersen.
- The Health Committee will be collecting toiletries during the month of March for donation to the City of Reno Women’s Shelter.
- The IGU Committee has set May 22 for the Spring Garage Sale to raise money for the Nepal girls’ scholarship and dormitory housing project. Mark your calendars!

“Beads for Strength” Project Moves Forward

The Ad Hoc Committee to create beaded bracelets for cancer survivors received a \$150 donation from the Arts & Culture Committee to purchase materials. Marilyn Pearson, Enid Oliver and Tina Smith have been creating these keepsakes for women who are undergoing treatment at the Cancer Institute at Renown Hospital. The cost is approximately \$5 each and the labor is donated by SITM members. If you’d like to get involved, contact any one of the trio.

Bylaw Changes to be voted in March

Bylaws Committee Coordinator Kay Dunham presented the first reading of a list of proposed Bylaw changes that will be voted at the March meeting. They included:

- Requiring members to formally request permission from the board before soliciting members for non-club related projects or donations.
- Restoring the appointed position of Archivist to SITM appointments made by the President.



- Eliminating the Arts & Culture Committee.
- Placing responsibility for maintaining the club's Friendship Link with the IGU Committee.
- Restricting reprinting and distribution of the club roster.
- Establishing requirements for the Finance Committee to review payment of fees for District Meetings and Region Conferences.
- Plus, a couple of housekeeping items to eliminate outdated passages.

For a complete copy of all changes, see President Bev's February 12 Friday Digest for the Bylaws Committee report.

January Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars in the amount of \$286 were collect in January for Quest Counseling & Consulting, providing services for adolescents with addiction and mental health issues. Happy Dollars for February are designated for Ronald McDonald House, to provide food and shelter for parents and family of hospitalized children.

Membership Update

Continuing on of absence leave are: Pam Sutton through February for personal reasons; Deborah Albrecht through February for business reasons; and Joan Hughes through March, due to travel.

Save the Dates

Thursday, March 25, 2010

honoring



The Soroptimist Ruby Award:
For Women Helping Women

recipient

Lilli Trincherro

and her

Celebrate Diversity Endowment

Special Guest Speaker:

SIA President Cathy Standiford



Wednesday, March 24 at 6 p.m.

Reception for SIA President Cathy at Ethan Allen

Once again, our Human Rights/ Status of Women committee is bringing the Soroptimist International of the Americas Federation President to our club meeting! Don't miss this important meeting on March 25 to honor our Ruby Award winner, Lilli Trincherro and to meet SIA President Cathy Standiford. This would be a wonderful time to bring guests interested in learning more about the Soroptimist organization.



**Soroptimist International of
Truckee Meadows
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2009-2010

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Delegate 2 Year Paula Leyba
Alternate Delegate 2 Year. Enid Oliver
Director Gayle Baxley
Director Marilyn Pearson
Parliamentarian Jo Ann Roberts



March Birthdays

Feb. Tina Smith 2/22

Mar. Laurie Chappelle 3/1
Kay Dunham 3/2
Linda Lamke 3/6
Diane McDonald 3/10
Connie Steinheimer 3/12
Doris Phelps 3/15
Sue Smith 3/19
Peggy Marsh 3/20
Peggy Smith 3/23
Patty Downs 3/23
Margie Hermanson 3/30

Welcome New Members!



Azadeh Nadimi

Becki Rossini

Debra Sanborn

Don't miss these upcoming events:

February 18 - Environment Committee,
Nevada Wilderness Project

February 25 - President Elect Patti Doty, KUNR

March 4 - International Goodwill &
Understanding Committee, Nepal pledge

March 6 - (Saturday) Making a Difference for
Women event at the Atlantis, all day

March 9 - Board Meeting, Pearson home

March 11 - Business Meeting & birthdays

Save the Date

by Connie Steinheimer

The IGU (International Goodwill and Understanding) Committee will present the March 4, 2010 meeting. The focus of the meeting will be on Nepal. The Nepal project began to remove barriers to education for girls in Thulipokhari, Nepal and has grown to enriching education for girls in the village (computer project) and to enriching the prosperity of the region (animal assistance). The project has been enormously successful much to the credit of the Supedi family which has been instrumental in first our understanding of the needs of young women in Nepal hoping to secure an education, to next the actual building, naming and operation of the dormitory, through implementation of the original plan for scholarships and the animal assistance model. Dr. Purna Subedi has been our American club contact through out the project. He has spoken to the club on numerous occasions and since the spring of 2000 regarding the plight of girls in Nepal in relation to poverty, trafficking, and lack of education. In March he will be returning with new photos, stories, and letters from the students our project is assisting. SITM is fortunate to have his continued help and commitment to the Nepal project. It is with a great deal of excitement that the IGU Committee will be welcoming Dr. Subedi to the meeting on March 4. Please come and bring a guest. We promise you will not be disappointed, and will leave the meeting with a new sense of accomplishment and we hope, excitement for the future of our continuing Nepali efforts.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2010 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

*Join us for an afternoon of celebrating the contributions that women make
to our communities, our state, our nation and our world*

Sunday, March 7, 2010 - 12 to 3 PM
Siena Hotel Spa Casino, 1 S. Lake St., Reno
Catered lunch, music, raffle baskets

Tickets \$35 in advance/\$45 after February 26

Lunch and Roundtable Discussions with an
International Women's Delegation
Brought to Reno by the US State Department
and the Northern Nevada International Center

Participating organizations: AAUW Nevada, Delta Kappa Gamma-Lambda Chapter, Nevada Women's History Project, Soroptimist International of Washoe County, UNR Gender, Race & Identity Women's Studies Programs, UNR Committee on the Status of Women, UNR Women Without Borders, Truckee Meadows Community College, Western Nevada College, Great Basin College. All proceeds to benefit women's scholarships at public Northern Nevada universities and colleges.

Make your check to "Board of Regents" with "UNR Women's Studies" on the memo line, and mail it and your registration slip to Donna Clontz, PO Box 33244, Reno, NV 89533 **by February 26, 2010.** Questions? Call or email Donna at(775) 240-2745 or donnanorm1@yahoo.com. 2011.

-----REGISTRATION FORM-----

Name _____ Vegetarian meal requested

Address _____

Email _____

I can't attend, but am sending a donation of \$ _____ for the fundraiser.
Please send my portion of the proceeds to (check only one):

- Great Basin College
- Truckee Meadows Community College
- University of Nevada Women's Studies
- Western Nevada College



Happy Dollar Notes

by Marilyn Pearson

1/21/10 Ad Hoc Committee, Beads of Strength Project. January Happy Dollars go to Quest Counseling Services.

Becky Moody gave Happy Dollars for the bead project and for her son who called 911 after his friend dislocated a knee in the McQueen High School parking lot. **Eileen Fuller** gave for Quest and for her daughter who mentors homeless girls in Las Vegas. Eileen's art show was "a resounding success"; she made money. She is also selling VitaMeal bags for Haitian relief. **Cheri Woods** gave for Quest saying her older daughter is bi-polar and she has used their services. **Pam Robinson** gave for Quest and the fun Finance Committee meeting. She liked the beading activity today but says it's not her new profession. **Vicki Schultz** gave to say finance people aren't bead-ers and for Quest. **Margie Hermanson** gave because she's creative and OCD and to say that Patty Downs took the good beads in their kit. Margie got a new phone and was amazed when her 3 year old grandson asked "does it slide out?" **Paula Leyba** gave for Quest and for the beading saying she should have used her cheaters to help her see better. **Peggy Smith** gave because she's going to the Bridal Fair and the Grand Sierra this year. **Linda Lamke** gave saying she enjoyed beading with her partner, Cindy Burk. Cindy knew how to tie Girl Scout knots so their bracelets stayed together. **Kay Dunham** gave saying she not a beader. She started to tie her bracelet and all the beads fell off. Kay is excited about her new "Nook" reading device. Her niece's husband is in Haiti rescuing people with his dog. **Lynn Robbins** gave for Quest and remembers living in Canada and using a hair dryer to warm up the car engine so it would start. **Gayle Baxley** gave and is looking for a handmade baby blanket for her grand daughter's baby shower. **Sue Camp** gave for Quest and for the club's generosity in supplying minutes for a phone for Margaret Hall who is battling cancer. Sue reported SIA has collected 10k for Haiti. **Marna Griffin** gave saying Azadeh Nadimi will be inducted at the next meeting. She also gave for the great Making a Difference for Women committee meeting held recently. **Azadeh Nadimi** gave saying she enjoyed the beading activity today. She is looking for a CPA (and Gayle Baxley volunteered). **Carol Dinneen** gave for the beading and for Quest. She didn't have trouble seeing the beads but did have trouble picking them up. She has

lots of Safari Club guests in her house this week.

Doreen Rogers gave for beading and for Quest saying the bracelets made at her table were beautiful. She's looking for a cowboy hat for her son who will be in a production of "Oklahoma" soon. **Millie Mitchell** gave for beading and for Quest along her knot broke. Her nephew is going to Nashville after returning from Australia. **Enid Oliver** gave for Tina Smith and Marilyn Pearson and the bead project. She is dieting and "not liking it!"

1/29/10 International Good Will & Understanding Committee, Bead for Life program

Vicki Schultz gave Happy Dollars for the program saying she bought bracelets for her daughters for Valentine's Day. She also gave for Quest. **Sonya Giroux** gave for the program and announced she's going to have a baby with a due date of June 26th. She and her husband are going to Hawaii in late February. **Kris Olsen** gave for the generosity of the members in giving money towards phone minutes for former member Margaret Hall and for Sue Camp for collecting the money. **Kay Dunham** gave for the program and for the trip her grand daughter and her boyfriend had to Hawaii recently. The pilot announced the plane didn't have enough fuel so returned to the airport. After spending the night in a hotel, the couple make it home the next day. **Patty Tucek** gave for her 30 year girl friend reunion and for seeing her grand baby. **Linda Lamke** gave fore the program saying she was giving several bracelets to her daughter for Valentine's Day. **Vivian Ruiz** gave for the program saying it was hard to buy just one. She is happy her company, Disability Resources, received an award as non-profit of the year from the Sparks Chamber of Commerce. **Norma Rash** gave and suggested the club buy bracelets for all the Making a Difference for Women attendees. **Pam Robinson** gave for a recent skiing trip and said her son was going to Haiti to operate on people. **Marilyn Pearson** gave for her son who will ask his girl friend to marry him this weekend, in a tux, and in front of both families. **Paula Ringkob** gave for Sonya's announcement and told about her daughter-in-law's ultrasound, "amazing". Paula has tickets for the Winter Olympic for hockey and ice skating. **Michelle Jones** gave fore the program and for seeing the Lady at the Nevada Museum of Art recently. **Georgia Baker** gave for the program and the IGU committee saying she loved the jewelry. Georgia also



gave for Kay Dunham since she's transferred all her investments to Kay. **Gayle Baxley** gave for Pam Robinson and the beautiful baby blanket she made for Gayle's great grandson to be. **Azadeh Nadimi** gave for the program and found it "very touching". **Marna Griffin** gave for Sonya and for a career change. Marna is going into her husband's travel agency business along with Patty Tucek. **Dorothy Nash Holmes** gave to thank Norma Rash for suggesting the club buy Bead for Life bracelets for the MADFW goodies bags and to congratulate Sonya on her baby news. Her son is doing well in his 3rd semester at culinary school and has turned into "a clean freak" since taking a sanitation and toxins course. **Margie Hermanson** gave to congratulate Sonya and plans a baby shower in May. After last week's activity, Margie is buying beads to make a Mother's Day necklace. **Billie Mendiola** gave saying she loved the program and thanked Connie Steinheimer and her IGU committee. Billie's grand daughter will be 8 years old soon. Her son, who had back surgery, is doing well. **Scarlet Ewy** gave because she is going on a short trip to Furnace Creek in late February. **Jo Ann Roberts** gave after seeing Gayle Kmetovicz in the parking lot. Gayle was on her way to the doctor and hopes to make it to a meeting soon. **Rosalie Henry** gave for her mother who was in the hospital after having had a seizure. She is home now and doing well as is her brother. Rosalie also enjoyed the program today and purchased jewelry to give to her clients to show her appreciation. **Peggy Smith** gave to thank the club for sending a card to Sue Smith whose father passed away last week

2/4/10 Education Youth Committee - Violet Richardson. February Happy Dollars go to the Ronald McDonald House.

Bev Perkins gave Happy Dollars for Judie Henderson whom she saw recently. Judie is in the Honors program in Social Work at UNR and misses everyone. **Ann Steckline** gave for the three Violet Richardson awardees. **Enid Oliver** gave for the VR recipients for the Ronald McDonald House, and for the grand time she had at the Cowboy Poetry event in Elko. **Vicki Schultz** gave to congratulate the recipients and for an upcoming buying trip for Gesture and to see her daughter in Washington D.C. **Jo Ann Roberts** gave for the recipients, one of whom has tutored her grandson in

math. **Eileen Fuller** gave for the recipients and for her three year old grandson. She's been spending lots of time with him and he's "a joy". **Cindy Burk** gave for the recipients and for Marna Griffin and Azadeh Nadimi who listed her rental house which recently closed escrow. **Kay Dunham** gave for the recipients calling them "three delightful young ladies". **Linda Lamke** gave for the recipients and wonders why she didn't volunteer when she was in high school. She expects it was because boys weren't involved. **Monica House** gave for the recipients and for her son who's LA play got great reviews. **Azadeh Nadimi** gave for the program saying she used to be a girl scout. **Thuy Tran** gave for the recipients and related a scary real estate experience she had recently. She showed a house to "3 punks" and, realizing they wanted to vandalize the house, called the police. Two of them were arrested. **Pam Robinson** gave for the program and for Liz Lukasavich whom she saw recently. Liz's husband is doing pretty well. Pam has a new job at Eagle Home Mortgage. She will send her new email address out soon. **Georgia Baker** gave for her Girl Scout Troop 33 in Seattle, for the recipients, and for her friend, Teresa, who was her guest today. **Patty Downs** gave for the recipients and for her parents 50th wedding anniversary. Patty and Georgia are planning on going to the SIA conference in San Francisco in July. **Margie Hermanson** gave for the recipients saying "you're already Soroptimists". Margie is vacationing in San Diego soon. She's been buying beads even though she can't see them well enough to make things with them. **Millie Mitchell** gave for the recipients and wished them good luck. **Debra Sanborn** gave for the recipients, for Soroptimist and her friend Gayle Baxley. **Carol Dinneen** gave for the recipients saying she was a Girl Scout and a Cookie Mom. She's going skiing with her brother soon right before she has knee replacement surgery! **Marna Griffin** gave for the recipients saying she always enjoys reading their application essays. Marna will be going to Palm Springs soon to ride a 25 mile bike race in the Tour de Palm Springs. **Paula Leyba** gave for the recipients. **Marilyn Pearson** gave for the recipients and to say that her son's girl friend said "yes" to his marriage proposal so now there will be two weddings this summer. **Rosalie Henry** gave for the recipients, for Making a Difference for Women, and for Teresa, our Atlantis server. **Faye I. Andersen** gave to congratulate the recipients and for all the guests today. **Dorothy Nash Holmes** gave for the recipients and



announced her candidacy for Reno Municipal Court Judge. **Kris Olsen** gave to congratulate the winners and to say that Margaret Hall is going to an different care facility soon. **Norma Rash** gave to congratulate the recipients, and the support they get from their family and friends. She also thanks members for all their birthday wishes. **Lynn Robbins** gave for the recipients whom she expects will all be Soroptimists one day. **Gayle Baxley** gave for her grand daughter's baby shower saying the afghan she got from Pam Robinson was "a big hit". **Scarlet Ewy** gave for the recipients and their families.

2/11/10 Business Meeting, new members **Azadeh Nadimi, Becki Rossini, and Debra Sanborn** were inducted.

Gayle Baxley gave Happy Dollars for the news members who were inducted today, especially her friend, Debra Sanborn. Gayle's great grandson will be born soon. **Sue Smith** is happy to be back. She's been on leave taking care of her father who passed away last month. **Georgia Baker** gave to welcome the new members and for her guest, Teresa. **Kay Dunham** gave to welcome the new members and to congratulation President Bev on a good job conducting the Board and Business meetings. **Patty Tucek** gave for having fun babysitting her twin grand daughters this weekend. **Cindy Burk** gave to welcome the new members and to say that she's going to San Francisco to play for the first time in 20 years. **Azadeh Nadimi** gave for joining the club, for her son who turned 25, her daughter who's coming to visit, and for becoming a Big Sister. **Eileen Fuller** gave for babysitting her grandsons, aged 17, 11, and 3 months, recently. She's crewing for the Lovers Aloft balloon event this weekend. Her friend, whose legs were amputated, will be in the balloon. **Tina Smith** gave for her daughter getting married again. She announced it to the family at the Super Bowl half time. **Lynn Robbins** and **Millie Mitchell** gave for the new members. **Gayle Kmetovicz** gave for the new members and loved Azadeh's prayer. She's glad to be at an SITM meeting again. **Sue Camp** gave for the new members, for Gayle K. being back, and for Scarlet on the Nominating Committee. **Scarlet Ewy** gave for the "Scarlet Covering event on trafficking she attended recently at the Governor's Mansion. **Pam Robinson** gave for the new members, for the meeting today, and for adjusting to her new job. She says she's happy to

see that she's "not to old to learn new systems". **Debra Sanborn** gave for the new members and for the Beads of Strength project. **Norma Rash** gave for the new members, for Azadeh's lovely prayer, and for her husband's birthday tomorrow. She exited about getting a new travel trailer after the meeting today. This is also the one year anniversary of her dad's passing.