



SITM UPDATE

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President
Bev Perkins

President's Message: *Imagine!*

Well, the March winds are here, hopefully bringing April showers which then hopefully bring May flowers. I hope you are all keeping warm. This month is a big one for our club, with the International Goodwill & Understanding Committee's annual Nepal Project update, as

well as our third annual event - now called Making a Difference for Women. These two events show us all that our efforts do not go unrewarded, in the local community as well as across the world. We have seen the changes in the village of Thulipokhari, Nepal since we started our project in 2000, including more smiles on the faces of villagers and evidence of their prosperity (lots of fat livestock). This year's Making a Difference for Women event hosts approximately 75 local women who are trying to get into the workforce, and provides our members with a hands-on chance to share their knowledge and experience. This is a wonderful way for our members to see first-hand how we can improve the lives of women and girls in our community. Kudos to all our members who are taking part in this extremely worthwhile event! Please remember that mentorships are available (see Doreen Rogers for details) for those who feel they couldn't participate in the event or who want to do more for these local women.

Our club has made its first donation of bracelets to graduates of Renown's chemotherapy program, a donation which included bracelets made by other clubs throughout the region (thanks to the efforts of our own Governor Sue Camp).

Coming up soon is another opportunity to serve our community by working at Aly's Prom Closet (also our Happy Dollars recipient for March). Jean Neddenriep and her Economic & Social Development Committee will feature this project at our March 18th meeting. I'm sure we'll see some sign-up sheets at upcoming meetings. This is a great chance to get in on the great work being done in our community for local high school students!

This month will end with another big meeting: Human Rights/Status of Women Committee's annual Ruby Award Luncheon. Once again, we are being honored with a visit from the President of Soroptimist International of the Americas, which means we will probably be honored with a visit from regional Soroptimists dignitaries as well. The evening before our meeting we will have a welcoming reception for President Cathy Standiford at Ethan Allen, graciously provided by Jeannie Baxter. Sign-ups are already going around for this reception. Don't miss this chance to meet and chat with this wonderful, hard-working Soroptimist!
Happy March

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Making a Difference for Women

March 6, 2010 Atlantis Resort Casino



“She Thought She Could, so She Did!”

Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows (SITM) and Job Opportunities in Nevada (JOIN) held their 3rd annual Making a Difference for Women event this month. Participants included women looking for work or those looking to earn a higher salary to support their families. Workshops included: Job Applications and Preparing for the Job Interview, Mock Interviews, Money Management, Credit Repair, and Mentoring.

Luncheon speaker Tom Fitzgerald, Director of Nevada Works, unveiled a new job search website at www.nevadaworks.com. Former SITM scholarship recipient April Perkins gave a moving speech and how her life was changed by support from SITM.

After lunch, participants visited with local training and educational vendors including ABA Training Center, Career Choices, Community Services Agency, Western Apprenticeship Coordinators Assoc., New Horizons Computer Learning Centers, The Children’s Cabinet, Truckee Meadows Community College Workforce Development and Continuing Education, and Morrison University. Participants were encouraged to apply for scholarships from SITM to access additional educational or vocational training.

At the end of the day, SITM provided a career fashion show and then gave participants a shopping spree in a clothes closet.





Nepal Update

by Jennifer Crowe Clark

It's been nearly 10 years since SITM first took on the project of constructing and operating a girl's dormitory in Thulipokhari, Nepal. And oh what a difference a decade makes!

Consider the impacts of this program, both direct and indirect:

- More than 500 girls have been educated through the scholarship program.
- More than 100 families have been directly impacted by the Animal Assistance Program.
- Hundreds more have been impacted indirectly by the financial investment in the village.
- The government has improved village infrastructure by building water projects.
- Thulipokhari now boasts a hospital, electricity and a road, none of which existed when the project was launched.
- Female literacy rates from climbed from 14 percent to 30 percent.

Through the generous sponsorship of SITM members, their families and friends, our club has been able to change the lives of hundreds of people who live halfway around the world. The support of our donors has resulted in young Nepalese women taking leadership roles in their communities in nearly every sector of the economy all across the country: banking, government, education, small business and management.



The International Goodwill and Understanding Committee is again hosting the annual Pledge Drive for our project, "Removing Barriers to Education for Girls in Thulipokhari, Nepal." For just \$30 a month/\$300 a year, a girl will receive a scholarship allowing her to overcome the barriers to receiving an education. Donations also are welcome for the Animal Assistance Program and to purchase books for the school library.

For more information about how to support this important project, contact Jo Ann Roberts at (775) 358-0449 or jroberts75@aol.com.



March 30th at 5:30pm – **Spring Fling Walk** – Come walk with fellow Soroptimist and step into spring! Meet after work at the park off of Steamboat Parkway. From 395 going south turn left onto Damonte (east) as if you were going to Home Depot. Take a left on Steamboat Parkway. After Home Depot you will come to a 4 way stop. Go straight and then on the right you will see a park. We will meet at the park and walk the loop or as far as you want. This is a paved and flat trail.

SITM Health Committee, Niki Ewing, Coordinator



SNR Conference April 2010

by Faye I. Andersen

“Lighten Up! & Follow the Path!” to the 34th annual Sierra Nevada Region Conference, April 23-25 at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno. Enjoy workshops, an awards dinner, scholarship lunches, club recognition, plus election of new officers and directors for the next biennium.

Registration Deadline Approaches

There is no registration fee; you only pay for the meals you choose. First time attendees are paid for by the club. But, you must register by the March 29 deadline (penalties apply after this date). Schedules and registration forms are available from General Fund Treasurer Norma Rash.

Friday Day and Night

Friday afternoon opens with a selection of workshops featuring “Trafficking”, a Treasurer’s workshop and a Delegate’s Briefing. Friday night is a time for “Celebrating Our Members and Clubs” with member and club recognitions and awards.

Saturday Business & Scholarships

Saturday morning is about taking care of business, including the election of the 2010-2012 officers and directors. During Saturday’s lunch meet the youth scholarship recipients. More business follows in the afternoon.

Saturday Night Installation

The day concludes with a rousing installation of SNR’s new officers and directors by SIA Executive Director Leigh Wintz. There will be special entertainment for the evening.

Sunday Brunch

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service leads off the morning recognizing the members we’ve lost this past year. The brunch then features women’s scholarship recipients and honorees chosen from among club entries.

Greet old friends and make new ones with Soroptimists from around Nevada and northern California at this year’s Region Conference.

**34th Annual
Sierra Nevada Region Conference
April 23-25, 2010**

SOROPTIMIST
Best for Women

- Informative Workshops
 - Celebrate Our Members and Clubs with Region Awards
- Election of 2010-2012 Region Officers and District Directors
 - Youth & Scholarship Presentations
- Installation of New Officers
 - Making a Difference for Women Brunch
 - Meet Old Friends; Make New Ones

International Women's Day 2010

Monday, 8th March 2010

Even though it may not be considered fashionable these days, I have to confess that I am a feminist. Originating from the suffragettes who chain-linked themselves to lampposts and the bra-burning hippies from the seventies, feminism is now considered slightly ridiculous and outdated. The young women of today either think that women have equal rights or that the good old days of being a housewife were not that bad after all.

For me, feminism simply means that a woman has the same rights as a man, has equal access to health services and education and can function as a responsible, leading person in her community. Those minimal rights are still a utopia for millions of women and girls today. We, as Soroptimist, must empower women and girls to become equal partners in their communities and show our solidarity to the women all over the world by celebrating March 8, International Women’s Day.



Education is the key to a better life; literacy enables women to know and defend their rights and opens the road to self-improvement. To be educated and to go to school, girls must have the time and be in good health. Freeing them of water-fetching chores gives them time. Having access to clean water and adequate sanitation helps preserve their health.

That is why World Water Day on March 22nd is so important and must remind us of the 2.5 billion people who lack these basic services. Soroptimist can help by supporting and implementing water and sanitation projects.

In most communities, women are responsible for providing and managing the water supplies. By setting up practical and sustainable water projects and teaching the women to manage them, we empower the local women to be responsible and respected members of their communities. Women's emancipation and access to safe water and sanitation are both basic human rights that SI/E has pledged to sustain.

So, with all this in mind, I encourage you to be an old-fashioned feminist like me: stand up for women and their rights (no handcuffs or bra-burning needed) and campaign for access to safe water and sanitation for all – but especially for women and girls. If you need inspiration, please go to our water website

<http://www.facebook.com/l/bfc50;www.soroptimistsgoforwater.nl>

or go to the SI/E web site

<http://www.facebook.com/l/bfc50;www.soroptimisteurope.org>

and learn about the latest projects and events .

In friendship,
Eliane Lagasse
SI/E President 2009-2011

SI Pune Metro East


Here we are in Pune which is due southeast of Mumbai in India. Well I'd would like to tell you about how our newly chartered club SI PUNE METRO EAST celebrated IWD. We have seen over the year clubs, organizations felicitating women who have contributed to the social

change for women, or in the field of education for women etc. but it seems every year in this city we're honoring just about the same people. So this year this club decided to do things differently. One of our members Neerja Bajaj suggested we invite our maids that is our domestic helps and treat them to an evening of fun and games and explain to them what IWD means.

As you know most of us have house help for domestic chores and often for cooking and these maid work sometimes in more than one home. So we first decided to have them inform their mistresses that they would take off to celebrate IWD.

Each member got a gift for their maid or maids, and brought them to the meeting. We had a traditional welcome in true Indian style. Then I said a few words of welcome and one of our members explained to them what IWD means. She said that we are honoring you all because you manage our chores and our homes so we can go out and work in the community. So you are indirectly helping the community. They were thrilled. We gave them a chance to say a few words and some of them got pretty emotional. Then we played musical chairs and pinning the donkey's tail. We had organized snacks and tea, and before they left we gave away the prizes, the gifts and a rose to each. We felt great and they were honored. Today we have our pic in the local newspaper with a big write up--a fulfilling IWD.

in friendship
nisha ghosh
president
SI PUNE METRO EAST.



International Women's Day
(8 March) is a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future. In some places like China, Russia, Vietnam and Bulgaria, IWD is a national holiday. This slide show photo link was posted on the SI Chatline by Dawn Marie Lemonds, SI Programme Director who was at the UN in New York participating in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Conference. <http://online.thomsonreuters.com/womensday/>



What you missed . . . !

by *President Beverly Perkins*

2/18/10 This week's meeting: This week our small but enthusiastic Environment Committee (today consisting of Sonya Giroux) brought in Charlotte Overby from the Nevada Wilderness Project as our speaker. Charlotte provided us with a beautiful slide presentation and an informative talk on their cooperation with Nevada's utility providers in an effort to minimize the damage to quality of life (both human and wildlife) and maximize the effect of the use of our dwindling resources. This cooperation with utilities being a relatively new concept for wilderness advocates, Charlotte and the others with Nevada Wilderness Project have embraced it with their usual enthusiasm, naming their approach, "smart from the start" (harnessing renewable & clean energy resources while protecting wildlife habitats and the natural beauty of the state). Any members who have additional questions for Charlotte can reach her at charlotte.overby@wildnevada.org. Coordinator Sonya acknowledged her committee members, Paula Ringkob and Pam Sutton, and presented our guest with a donation from the committee.

2/25/10 This week's meeting: This week President-Elect Patti provided us with a wonderful motivational speaker from KUNR, David Stipech, whose topic was "Work Effectively, Live Exceptionally." His talk touched us all, and was also very entertaining. As it turns out, most of our members listen to KUNR, which was very gratifying to our speaker. He left us with lots to think about and handouts to take home to our families and offices, as well as inviting comments and suggestions for the radio station. President-Elect Patti presented him with a donation for KUNR from the Arts & Culture committee. Red shirts were handed out to workers for the Making a Difference for Women event next week, and Mich Glazier volunteered as a last-minute mentoring speaker when we learned our speaker had an emergency and had to leave town. The Nominating Committee handed out nomination forms and asked members to sign up, but if you missed them, please contact either Marilyn Pearson, Cindy Burk or Scarlet Ewy to let them know which Board position you would like to run for. Those of you who are nominated but did not pick up the information sheet can pick one up at our next meeting (they are due back to the Nominating Committee by March 8th).

3/4/10 This week's meeting: Today we had what has become for many members the highlight of our year: The International Goodwill & Understanding Committee's annual Nepal update and pledge drive. Once again Dr. Purna Subedi (apologies to all concerned if I misspelled his name) spoke to us and showed new photos of his former home, Thulipokhari, Nepal. He showed us the many changes in the village since our original project launch in 2000, chief of these being the smiles and prosperity (evidenced by electricity, cell phones and internet, as well as fatter livestock) which are now more the rule than the exception in this village. We saw current photos of the students (now mostly female) as well as teachers and residents of the dorm built with the help of our club. We also heard the heartwarming story of how he came to the United States and became Jeannie Baxter's "third son." He ended his presentation with a photo of his family, all living safely in the United States. IGU Committee coordinator Connie Steinheimer reminded us that Nepal has been through quite a bit of political turmoil, which this village has survived to a large extent due to the "American Mothers" group (SITM) which was given credit for the largest building in the district and the first to have electricity. Anyone wishing to pledge donations to this project can contact JoAnn Roberts for additional information (358-0449 or jroberts75@aol.com).

3/11/10 This week's meeting: Today we celebrated lots of birthdays, gave lots of ROSES, and passed several changes to our ByLaws. Our Nominating Committee presented the nominations for Board positions (attached to the Friday Digest) to be voted on at our April business meeting, where nominations from the floor will also be entertained. President-Elect Patti received approval of the membership to proceed with a potential project based on the SIA project on Teen Dating Violence Awareness partnering with Girl Scouts next year. The members also voted to cast our club ballot for Pat Donahue for SIA President-Elect and voted to donate money towards a gift from the region to outgoing Governor Sue. Human Rights/Status of Women got approval for a make-up meeting for all members attending the reception for SIA President Cathy Standiford on the 24th of this month. Speaking of which, there is a sign-up sheet going around for members who plan on attending this event to welcome our federation President. The event will be held at



Ethan Allen, and there will be no cost to attendees. Members are being asked to sign up if they want to bring snacks, however. Lastly, I want to mention the huge publicity our club has been getting lately, thanks in large part to Jennifer Crowe-Clark, who was at our Making a Difference for Women event last Saturday with all 3 TV stations, and who also wrote a lovely article for the RGJ, which can be accessed through our website.

Board/Business Update

by Faye I. Andersen

It's hard to believe it's time to begin the process of electing the 2010-2011 SITM officers, directors and delegates. A list of nominees was presented to the membership at the March Board Meeting by Coordinator Marilyn Pearson and her committee members Cindy Burk and Scarlet Ewy. Please see a complete listing of nominees on page 7.

Voting will take place at the next Business Meeting on April 8. If you are unable to attend, please see Marilyn, Cindy or Scarlet for an absentee ballot and instructions for voting.

A Service Project for Next Year

Upon recommendation of President-Elect Patti Dotty and members of the board, a proposal for a new hands-on service project next year was brought to the members in March. The project would be modeled after the SIA program "Soroptimist Teen Dating Violence Awareness Day". Locally, SITM would consider approaching the Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada as a potential partner on the project. Look for more information about this new project in the months ahead.

February Happy Dollars

Some \$360 in February Happy Dollars were collect in February for Ronald McDonald House, to provide food and shelter for parents and family of hospitalized children. March Happy Dollars are designated for Aly's Prom Closet to provide prom outfits for high school students who couldn't otherwise afford to attend their proms.

Bylaw Changes Approved

The second reading of proposed bylaw changes was made at the March Business Meeting. Members voted to approve the following changes:

- 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.

Membership Update

The board granted an additional month of leave for Pam Sutton, for personal reasons. Continuing on leave of absence is Joan Hughes through March, due to travel.



SITM SLATE OF CANDIDATES 2010-11 BOARD

President Patti Doty

These club members are running for the 2010-11 SITM Board next year. Be sure to attend the April 8th Business meeting where the vote will be held. If you are unable to attend that meeting and need an absentee ballot, please contact Nominating Committee member Scarlet Ewy at vvvsss@att.net.

Office

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

Candidates

Norma Rash
 Thuy Tran, Patty Tucek
 Mich Glazier
 Teresa Mentzer
 Ann Steckline, Doreen Rogers
 Pam Robinson
 Vivian Ruiz
 Rosalie Henry

Board Members already seated for next year:

Service Fund Treasurer - Paula Ringkob
 Delegate 1 Year - Peggy Smith
 Alternate Delegate 1 year - Carol Dinneen
 Director - Marilyn Pearson
 Director - Bev Perkins

Don't miss these upcoming events:

- March 18 - Economic & Social Dev. - Aly's Prom Closet
- March 25 - Human Rights/Status of Women - Ruby Award
- April 1 - Recruitment & Retention Social
- April 6 - Board meeting, Pearson home
- April 8 - Business meeting, election of 2010-11 Board



April Birthdays

- Sue Camp 4/3
- Niki Ewing 4/9
- Scarlet Ewy 4/10
- Jennifer Crowe-Clark 4/17
- Paula Leyba 4/18
- Dorothy Nash Holmes 4/21
- Elsie Doser 4/29
- Sonya Giroux 4/30



Reader Recommendation

by Kay Dunham

The Nook Electronic Reader



Color your nook and
express your style -
Learn more about nook -

I recently purchased my Nook from Barnes & Noble and really enjoy the reading experience. The screen is very easy on the eyes with no glare and font size selection to make the letters larger if needed. My nook allows me to access ebooks anytime, the ability to develop a "wish list" of titles for future reading, and the retention of all titles purchased in my endless archive. My nook can hold up to 1200 titles including books, newspapers, magazines, etc. With a great battery life my "book" is ready anytime to transport me to another place through reading an ebook. I have also noticed the electronic book versions are significantly less expensive than printed books. With the electronic book format it's not necessary to worry about storage for bulkier actual books. Think of the trees we save by using ebooks!

A recent title recommended by Liz Lukasavich, "The Madonnas of Leningrad," is a touching wartime story told from the memory of an elderly woman who is suffering the effects of Alzheimer's. She worked in the Hermitage Museum (formerly the Tsar's winter palace) during WWII and drew on her memory of the paintings to help her endure the hardships of life in Leningrad during the German siege. If you have a nook I would be happy to lend it to you. Nook users can lend their archived ebooks to another nook reader which allows others to enjoy a favorite read without purchasing their own copy.

The wide variety of ebooks available spans the gamut from current bestsellers to classics and are as close as a tap on the touch screen. Check out the nook at www.bn.com along with the extensive list of titles available in ebook format.

Kay Dunham
Nook enthusiast

Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows Officers and Board of Directors 2009-2010

President	Beverly Perkins
President-Elect	Patti Doty
Vice President Service	Mich Glazier
Vice President Technical	Becky Moody
Recording Secretary	Dorothy Nash Holmes
Corresponding Secretary	Ann Steckline
General Fund Treasurer	Norma Rash
Service Fund Treasurer	Paula Ringkob
Delegate 1 Year	Peggy Smith
Alternate Delegate 1 Year	Carol Dinneen
Delegate 2 Year	Paula Leyba
Alternate Delegate 2 Year	Enid Oliver
Director	Gayle Baxley
Director	Marilyn Pearson
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SITM Board Recipe of the Month

Las Palmas 1-2-3 Enchiladas

by Ann Steckline

2 cups of cooked and shredded chicken
1 can (19 oz) Las Palmas Green Chile Enchilada Sauce
3 cups (12) oz. shredded Monterey Jack Cheese, divided usage
8 corn tortillas
1/2 cup of chopped onions
3/4 cup of dairy sour cream
1 can (4.5 oz.) chopped green chiles

1. In a small bowl, combine chicken, 2 cups of cheese, green chiles and onion.
2. In a small skillet, bring enchilada sauce to a boil, remove from heat. Dip each tortilla into heated sauce to soften.
3. Spoon 1/3 cup chicken mixture and 2 tablespoons sour cream down the center of each tortilla. Roll; place tortillas seam down in a 12x8 inch baking dish. Pour remaining heated enchilada sauce over top; sprinkle with remaining 1 cup cheese. Bake 20 minutes at 350°F.

Makes 4 servings





Community Corner

Casa de Vida provides care for pregnant and parenting families, the free Clothes Closet is in desperate need of formula, all size diapers, children's clothing (up to size 4T), blankets and **baby equipment** (carseats, cribs, playpens, etc.) Donations are kindly accepted anytime at 1290 Mill St. Reno, NV. Questions: info@casadevidareno.org or 775-329-1070



Sierra Nevada Stitchers

(SNS) need donations of washable cotton fabric, batting for quilts, and stuffing for dolls and animals. Cleaning out your sewing cupboard? Please consider donating to SNS a group of volunteer seamstresses and knitter who have been providing handmade quilts, stuffed animals, dolls, t-shirts and baby items to disadvantaged children in the community for 17 years. To donate, email snstitchers@yahoo.com or call Shirley at 775-303-3196





Happy Dollar Notes

by Marilyn Pearson

2/18/10 Environment Committee, Nevada Wilderness Project February Happy Dollars go to the Ronald McDonald House.

Sonya Giroux gave Happy Dollars for the program and for going to Hawaii on Friday for a relaxing Babymoon before her baby is born in June. **Azadeh Nadimi** gave for the program, for her daughter who is visiting, and for going to Cabo next week. **Pam Robinson** gave for the “giant pile” of women’s scholarship applications she’s received, for the three day weekend, and for celebrating her 20th wedding anniversary. **Enid Oliver** gave for the program and for her recent trip to Elko. She has a new awareness for Nevada’s beauty. **Michelle Jones** gave for the program and for visiting family. Her son Brayden shakes hands now, much to the delight of his family. Michelle is having “so much fun” taking a vacation from work. **Margie Hermanson** gave for her guest and grand daughter, Reese, who attended the meeting today. She has lots of grandchildren visiting right now. **Mich Glazier** gave for the program saying “Nevada is beautiful”. She also gave for Reese a “little gem”, and for Niki Ewing’s work on the SITM Facebook page. **Jo Ann Roberts** gave for Sonya and the environment committee and for the cause. Jo Ann saw Pat Williamson and Faye I. Andersen recently and they both say “hello” to the members. **Billie Mendiola** gave for the program and for her son who is still recovering from back surgery but is going back to work. **Carol Dinneen** gave for the program and because she’s going to be a grandma again. **Kay Dunham** gave for the program saying she’s a “big fan” of renewables in Nevada. **Vicki Schultz** gave for her trip last week where she traveled to Dallas and DC between snowstorms. She visited her daughter and grand daughter and went to Philly with friends for Valentine’s Day. **Jean Neddenreip** gave because she’s been on vacation to Cowboy Poetry and then to Palm Springs. Her son’s unit will be home from Afghanistan in 43 days. He’s been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. **Niki Ewing** gave for the program and for the Health Committee’s Spring Fling walk that will take place soon. She and Brian celebrated their 2nd anniversary recently. SITM already has 22 fans on the Facebook page. **Gayle Baxley** gave saying her grand daughter hasn’t had her baby yet. Gayle received her first Social Security check and she and Glen are taking a

much needed vacation cruise two days after Thanks to Youth! **Rosalie Henry** gave for her brother’s bypass surgery and that he’s doing well enough to go back to work part time after two months. She thanks members for their prayers for him.

2/25/10 Happy Dollar Notes were unavailable for this meeting.

3/4/10 International Goodwill & Understanding Committee, Nepal Pledge drive, speaker Dr. Purna Subedi. March Happy Dollars go to Aly’s Prom Closet.

Teresa Mentzer gave Happy Dollars to thank Purna saying “this is why I’m a Soroptimist”. **Eileen Fuller** gave for the program saying it was the reason she joined SITM. Eileen’s daughter was recently named a top business woman in Las Vegas. **Georgia Baker** gave to thank Purna saying “it’s amazing what we’ve accomplished”. She also told a story about a recent bank robbery attempt at one of her branches. The robber was caught. **Kris Olsen** gave to that Jeanne Baxter and Purna and reminded members that March is Colon Cancer Awareness month. **Jo Ann Roberts** gave dollars from **Laurie Chappelle** who says “hello” to all members. Jo Ann gave for David Spillers who donates all the printing for SITM. **Jeanne Baxter** gave for Purna coming to address the club. **Connie Steinheimer** gave for Purna’s visit and for Jeanne’s family and Ethan Allen who make the IGU garage sales possible. This will be the 20th garage sale for Nepal this Spring. Connie also gave for her two daughters and Aly’s Prom Closet. **Vicki Schultz** gave for the program thanking the IGU committee for all their work. Vicki’s daughter is turning 40 and is having an “F” party where all the guests come dressed as a character starting with the letter f. Vicki will be a Fairy God Mother and needs a wand and some wings. **Kay Dunham** gave for the program and said she turned 65 yesterday and is looking forward to Medicare coverage. **Dorothy Nash Holmes** gave for the program and said Purna ate off her dishes that she donated when his family’s home burned down in Sacramento. Dorothy’s son is completing in the Lodi Wine Growers culinary event and could win a scholarship. **Faye I. Andersen** gave the thank Purna saying “no one can tell the stories like you”. Faye also gave thanks to David Spillers for continuing to support SITM. **Mich Glazier** gave for the program, the cause and for her husband who saw them at the Squeeze-In on



the Food Channel recently. She also gave for David Spillers and for Women's History Month. **Paula Ringkob** gave for Purna, the program, and the animal assistance drive which is one of her favorites. Paula returned the Olympics where scalpers were getting \$3200 for the USA/Canada hockey game. Her brother bought a ticket. **Cindy Burk** gave for Purna saying it was fun to see how far the program has come. She particularly likes the water buffalo pictures. She had a great time on her trip to San Francisco and plans to do it again. **Pam Robinson** gave for the program and for her new iPhone saying "I have apps!" Pam will miss the meeting next week due to lender training, 30 hours she feels she already knows about. Pam is going to visit her daughter in Las Vegas and attend a Donnie and Marie show. **Vivian Ruiz** gave to thank Purna for the "amazing program" saying she's proud to be part of SITM. **Carol Dinneen** gave for the program saying it was one of the reasons she joined the club. She was the Olympic events in Whistler but on the flight back ran into turbulence and dropped 1500 feet. Several people on board were injured. **Margie Hermanson** gave for the "amazing meeting" today and for all the members who have donated items for the MADFW goodie bags. Margie reported Vivian Ruiz got Jenny O Salon to donate a haircut or makeup session for every attendee. **Doreen Rogers** gave for the program and the cause. **Marna Griffin** gave for the program saying it brought back memories of her trip to Nepal where she saw kids walking 2-3 hours to get to and from school. She thanked members who helped sort clothes for the MADFW cloths closet last weekend. **Thuy Tran** gave for the program and the cause saying she never got to go to a prom because of her strict upbringing. **Millie Mitchell** for the program. Her 21-year-old nephew recently won 25k for redoing a jingle for a company. **Deborah Sanborn** gave for the program and the cause. **Rosalie Henry** gave for the program and the cause saying lots of effort goes into everyday life in Nepal.

3/11/10 Today's meeting was the March Business meeting.

Margie Hermanson gave Happy Dollars saying she was dressed to help the UNR basketball team win tonight even though she couldn't attend the game. Margie will be in Phoenix next week and is looking forward to the 70-80 degree weather. **Vicki Schultz** gave dollars to thank the Making a Difference for

Women (MADFW) committee for a great event last weekend. She wonders where all the clothes come from in the clothes closet. She also wonders if the event needs to start at 7:30 am! Her daughter will run a half-marathon soon. **Jean Neddenriep's** daughter-in-law is running in the same marathon and Jean will be there to cheer her on. Jean recently heard author Greg Mortenson speak at an event in Carson City. He is the author of "Three Cups of Tea" and "Stones for Schools" about building schools in the Afghanistan region.

Georgia Baker gave for MADFW and thanked members for all their help in the clothes closet. She also thanked Jennifer Crowe Clark's Mommy club for all the baby clothes donations. Georgia went to another event after MADFW and fell asleep! She's also purchased a motorcycle of her own. **Dorothy Nash Holmes** gave for the MADFW event and thanked all the speakers, workshop presenters and fashion show models. She was up for 15 straight hours and slept for 10 hours after the event. Her husband has qualified to run in the New York and Boston marathons after training for only two years. **Norma Rash** gave for the MADFW event and for her trip to party with her Roxie club friends in Calaveras County. They party hard and she's never gotten arrested but says "I know the sheriff". **Sue Camp** gave sad dollars for former member Margaret Hall whose has been battling cancer. Margaret was released from the hospital to go home because she only has three months to live. **Gayle Baxley** gave for MADFW where she took lots of photos and a video of the fashion show. **Doreen Rogers** gave to thank Mich Glazier for doing the Mentee workshop at the last minute. She has 22 participants who need mentors. Her 15 year old grandson will be in the Oklahoma play soon. **Cindy Burk** gave for the event saying she enjoyed working with Pam Robinson on the Finance workshop. She also thanked Doreen Rogers for her recent banking help. **Teresa Mentzer** gave for all the members who are running for office and encouraged new members to attend the Sierra Nevada Region conference in April. **Wendy Dennis** gave for the event, to Kay Dunham for her work on the venue organization, and to Jennifer Crowe Clark for getting all the television station coverage of the event. She saw herself on three different channels. **Tina Smith** gave saying she had gun with Susan Hargrove and leading their group of participants at MADFW. **Niki Ewing** gave to encourage members to clean out their wallets of important documents and keep records of important documents at home after her



grandmother was stranded in rural Texas after her purse was stolen. **Diana Dillon** gave for the two high school volunteers at MADFW who organized the clothes closet by size, type of clothing, and color! **Sonya Giroux** gave for her recent Babymoon in Hawaii. She took her id cards out of her wallet and realized it when she approached the security checkpoint at the airport. A quick trip home solved the problem. She and her husband also had to “evacuate vertically” in their hotel due to the Tsunami warning from the Chilean earthquake. **Patty Tucek** gave for the event and to all members who offered their time. Her son, who is in the National Guard, was awarded 11th in his division for marksmanship. **Marna Griffin** gave for the event, for the Atlantis, and for the friends of members who donated clothing. All the leftovers were taken to Good Shepherd who were “thrilled” to get them. **Kay Dunham** gave for the event saying the women got a lot out of it. She’s going to Disney World next week and will get to see her 5 year old grandson. **Thuy Tran** gave for the event and also for meeting Jesse, a recipient of a Habitat for Humanity home. **Rosalie Henry** gave for her 40th high school reunion. She got emails from her two best friends in elementary school.