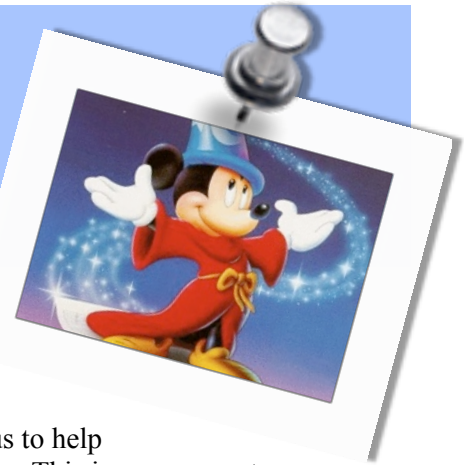




# SITM UPDATE

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President  
Bev Perkins

## President's Message: *Imagine!*

It's a little difficult for me to come out of my stupor at this time of year; but fortunately I have you ladies to remind me what life is all about. Our Finance Committee, always entertaining, came through with a budget a whole month ahead of time this year! Our

Friendship Link club, SI Pune Metro East, continues to gift our club with charming and beautiful things - most recently, a framed miniature painted on a leaf and a small commemorative club banner with their name on it. The Making a Difference for Women Committee announced that they have come in under budget for the third year running - kudos to that large team!

This time of year brings with it exciting awards presentations both within our club and at regional conference (we are finalists for the regional Evelyn Holland SOLT award this year!). It looks like our April 22nd scholarship program will be well-attended, as usual. The Education Women Committee has lined up lots of recipients to honor. Near the end of this month, our Thanks to Youth Committee will give us a glimpse of their May 27th event, where we honor our community's youth. Then, in June, we will honor one of our own with the Ceec Abrams Award.

Our service continues unabated as the year winds down: the Economic and Social Development Committee has arranged for us to enjoy assisting promgoers select their prom duds again this year, always a rewarding experience. The Environment Committee has set up a

SITM Service Day for us to help improve our public areas. This is a new event, and we're excited to get the chance to help improve our environment!

With elections behind us, President-Elect Patti is searching for committee coordinators. Be sure to let her know if you're interested in coordinating or jointly coordinating a committee next year. This year's coordinators have prepared (or are preparing) committee binders (or folders) for incoming committees to use, which should make their jobs a little easier. It's always nice to be able to get things done without reinventing the wheel every year. I wish I could list everyone who has worked hard to make this year so far such a great success; but that would definitely be too long a list for a newsletter, since it includes most of you.

Happy April!



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## **SIA President Cathy Standiford speaks The Soroptimist Ruby Award Recipient Honored**

*by Faye I. Andersen*

Celebrating diversity and combating human trafficking were among the topics at SITM’s March 25 meeting. The program honored SITM’s Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women recipient Lilli Trinchero and SIA President Cathy Standiford.



**Lilli Trinchero and SITM President Bev Perkins.**

### **Honored for Her Anti-Bullying Campaign**

Lilli was honored for her efforts to eradicate bullying in local schools. She established her Celebrate Diversity Foundation through the Community Foundation of Western Nevada in 2002. Since that time, her Foundation has worked with the Community Foundation to establish anti-bullying curriculum taught in third and sixth grades, middle and high schools; created the No More Bullies resource guide; and established Teen Truth assemblies on the effects of bullying.

Lilli sponsored the Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada



Council’s Conference on Girls’ bullying and has become an active member of the Attorney General’s task force on bullying. At the meeting she spoke about her upbringing as an Italian-American and her own, and her children’s experiences with bullying.

### **Emphasizing the International in Soroptimist**

SIA President Cathy Standiford spoke about “Putting the International in Soroptimist”. She outlined the structure of Soroptimist International and our Federation and spoke about participating in pre-determined organizational projects. President Cathy also encouraged us to understand issues facing Soroptimist clubs around our Federation that are different than what members in America face.

She was passionate about programs to prevent human-trafficking, giving several examples where women and girls were kidnapped, raped, bought or sold. She credited poverty, lack of education and violence directed at women and girls as contributing to the problem.



**SIA President Cathy Standiford speaks to SITM members.**

President Cathy also spoke about expanding a program currently established in the Soroptimist International of Europe Federation whereby Soroptimists can partner with clubs in another part of the world to jointly sponsor programs to benefit women and girls.

When we help one woman or girl, regardless of the community or country, we help all women and girls in the world.





## Reception for President Cathy

Prior to the Ruby Award luncheon, SITM members met and greeted President Cathy at an evening reception. Jeanne Baxter opened up Reno's "largest living room" at Ethan Allen to host the informal affair. About two dozen members took the opportunity to meet and discuss everything from global to local issues and projects of Soroptimist.

The reception and luncheon were produced by the Human Rights/Status of Women Committee.



Norma Webster, SIA President Cathy Standiford, Faye I. Andersen, Carol Dinneen, Jo Ann Roberts, and Vicki Schultz.



SNR Governor Sue Camp, Jean Neddenreip, Carol Dinneen, and Cindy Burk sample the food.

## SITM Committee Reports

### Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training (SOLT), Coordinated by Norma Rash and Carol Dinneen

*by Carol Dinneen*

The club year for SOLT started out with planning a presentation for a meeting that coincided with Founders Day. Norm Rash and I had a lot of fun researching some obscure facts about the founding of Soroptimists. Our presentation was entitled "Did You Know" and we hope that even some of the long term members learned a few new things.

This was a busy year for SOLT in terms of the number of inductions we performed. There were 10 new members inducted and two reinstatements. Norma developed a Power Point presentation for use in orientations. She also prepared folders for all new members that include the material covered in the Power Point. Her work on this was submitted for the Evelyn Holland SOLT award and we just learned that we are one of three finalists for the award to be given out at Region Conference. Thank you for all your hard work Norma.

Hopefully, next year will be just as productive and see many new members coming into the club.

### Education Women Coordinated by Pam Robinson and Billie Mendiola

*by Pam Robinson*

The Education Women Committee has had a busy spring. We received 16 Nancy Gomes/Mary Gojack undergraduate scholarship applications, 18 Jack Simon graduate scholarship applications, and 14 Women's Opportunity Award (WOA) applications. Tracy Turner coordinated the undergraduate and graduate scholarship applications, and Mich Glazier and Georgia Baker coordinated the WOA application process.



The WOA recipient this year is Ariane Wittman, a paralegal studies student at TMCC. The committee also chose two “special” WOA recipients.

The committee interviewed graduate and undergraduate scholarship applicants on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and chose 8 undergraduate recipients and 7 graduate recipients. We had applicants majoring in nursing, social work, business, biochemistry, speech pathology, anthropology/archaeology, and medicine. \$21,000 has been granted to undergraduates, and \$15,000 has been granted to graduates.

We will celebrate these awards and our recipients at our annual Education Women Scholarship luncheon on Thursday, April 22, at the Atlantis. Our special guest speaker will be Leigh Wintz, CAE, Executive Director of SIA.



**Pam Robinson, Norma Webster, Sue Smith, Margie Hermanson, Billie Mendiola, and Georgia Baker review scholarship applications.**

## **Newsletter Committee**

**Coordinated by Marilyn Pearson**

*by Marilyn Pearson*

The Newsletter Committee has had a busy year reporting on SITM activities each month. Committee members Faye I. Andersen, Connie Steinheimer, and Betsy Dart helped to produce a timely newsletter each month. New this year are the Reader Recommendation

column, the Recipe of the Month Column, the Member Profile column, and the Community Corner page. This is also the first year the SITM Update has been sent, via email, to people outside the club. The “public” version of the newsletter is minus our Happy Dollar notes. The public version goes to all the District and SNR folks as well as to SIA and SI. We also send it to various local community agencies that are interested in Soroptimist happenings. If you would like your company or friends to receive the public SITM Update newsletter electronically each month, just contact me!

## **What I like About Being on the SITM Board**

*by 2009-10 Board Members*

**Becky Moody:** “What I liked most about being on the board this year, is that I didn't have to take the minutes for the first time in 2 years....only when Dorothy couldn't make it. More importantly, getting to know all the members better. A great group of women!!!”

**Bev Perkins:** “I liked the Board meetings at Marilyn's house and getting to know (and appreciate) Board members better this year. I'm constantly amazed at the quality of people we have on our Board!”

**Norma Rash:** “On a serious note: Getting to know SITM members on a more personal level. Lighter note: Location, location, location and of course the food!!”

**Mich Glazier:** “I enjoy being on the Board of SITM because I learn so much about the inner workings of the club. It's also great to get to know the other board members better.”

**Patti Doty:** “I liked being on the board because....

- 1) I'm nosy and like knowing what's going on
- 2) It was a great way to get to know some of our members better--working together is the BEST
- 3) Great Food!!! Maybe this should be #1.
4. Besides it is a very good way to participate in the great work of our club.”

**Carol Dinneen:** “The thing that stands out in my mind about this year's Board is President Bev's sense of



humor. We accomplished a lot but also had fun because she finds the humor in life.”

**Marilyn Pearson:** “I enjoyed working with amazing women, doing important work for the community, eating wonderful food, and having meetings at my house.”

## **Board/Business Update**

*by Faye I. Andersen*

Congratulations to those members elected at the April Business Meeting as the 2010-11 officers, directors and delegates. For a complete listing, see page 6. Now that President Patti Doty’s team is in place, she will be appointing committee coordinators. So please answer her call. Thank you to Election Coordinator Marilyn Pearson and members Cindy Burk and Scarlet Ewy for coordinating the nominations and elections.

## **Committee Notes**

The Education/Women Committee has selected recipients for the Nancy Gomes/Mary Gojack undergraduate and Jack Simon Memorial graduate scholarships that will receive a total of \$36,000. Eight undergrads and seven graduate students will be honored at the annual women’s scholarship luncheon on April 22. One Women’s Opportunity Award and two special WOA awardees will also split a total \$2,000 at the luncheon.

The Thanks to Youth Committee is seeking nominations for their “Unsung Heroes” award. Youth ages 7 to 18, attending school in Washoe County are eligible and should be nominated for their actions to help out community, school or family. Nominations must be postmarked by April 23. The committee is also looking for event sponsors and table sponsors. The annual Thanks to Youth luncheon is scheduled for May 27.

The Environment Committee is sponsoring an SITM Service Day on May 8 as part of the Truckee Meadows Community Cleanup. SITM members will tackle Oxbow Park in Reno. Bring friends and family with you, and pointed shovels and gloves. Food and water will be provided. For more information and to sign-up, see Coordinator Sonya Giroux.

## **More Committee Notes**

Finance Committee Coordinator Pam Robinson presented the 2010-11 General and Service Fund Budgets at the April Business Meeting, one month ahead of schedule. Thanks to Pam and her hard-working Finance Committee. Next year’s budgets were approved by the membership.

The Recruitment and Retention Committee reported on the past year’s activities and recommendations for next year. Their successes include their Fall Recruitment Social, their Rookie Luncheon for new members and the monthly Birthday Greetings. They proposed and the Board and membership approved a budget allocation to host prospective members for lunch during meetings in the upcoming club year.

## **Money Matters**

Aly’s Prom Closet was the recipient of \$388 in March Happy Dollars. Aly’s also received another \$500 in committee funds from the Economic & Social Development Committee. April Happy Dollars are designated for the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Northern Nevada which grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions.

The Health Committee has used some of its committee funds to make a \$200 donation to the Urban Roots Garden Classroom and a \$650 donation to the St. Mary’s Take Care-a-Van Dental Program.

## **Join the SITM Table for CAAW’s Awards Program**

This year’s Committee to Aid Abused Women’s Hannah Humanitarian Award recipients are former SITM member Judge Deborah Schumacher, and Mike Wilden, Nevada Director of Health and Human Services. SITM is a former recipient of CAAW’s Hannah Humanitarian Award. Jo Ann Roberts and Faye I. Andersen are looking for members to join them to make up a table of eight for the May 13 breakfast celebration and award ceremony. Cost is \$30 per person. Look for a sign-up sheet at regular meetings.



## **SITM Board of Officers for 2010-11**

**Congratulations to the new Board which will take office  
on July 1, 2010!**

**President: Patti Doty**

**President Elect: Norma Rash**

**Vice President Service Committees: Mich Glazier**

**Vice President Technical Committees: Patty Tucek**

**Recording Secretary: Teresa Mentzer**

**Corresponding Secretary: Doreen Rogers**

**General Fund Treasurer: Pam Robinson**

**Service Fund Treasurer: Paula Ringkob**

**Delegate 1 Year: Peggy Smith**

**Alternate Delegate 1 Year: Carol Dinneen**

**Delegate 2 Years: Vivian Ruiz**

**Alternate Delegate 2 Years: Rosalie Henry**

**Director: Marilyn Pearson**

**Director: Beverly Perkins**



## Donation to Ronald McDonald House

*(recipient of February Happy Dollars)*

*by Margie Hermanson*



*Margie Hermanson presents check to Ronald McDonald House.*

I selected Ronald McDonald House for Happy Dollars because, as most of you know, my oldest grandson, Austin, was born 13 weeks early and only weighed 1 pound 15 ounces. Because of his birth weight he has had many health issues. The most severe being cerebral palsy. This is a brain injury that has left him unable to walk. He also has curvature of the spine and last April had to have a steel rod inserted in his back so that he can sit straighter. This was done at Shriner's Hospital in Sacramento.

My son (Erik) and daughter in law (Vicki) were able to stay at the Ronald McDonald House near the hospital. When I saw the support and comfort they received I knew I wanted to nominate Ronald McDonald House here for our Happy Dollars.

Even though Erik and Vicki have been through around 15 different surgeries and so many ER trips to the hospital they can not even count, each one feels like the first time. To have a place like Ronald McDonald brings a bit of peace to such and hectic and fearful time. They did not have to worry about where they were going to stay, where to eat, and how far it was from the hospital. They also had the companionship of other parents going through the same thing. Unless you have been there, it is impossible to understand. This also

saved them well over a thousand dollars. The house had soups and other canned food available if needed. It had an oven and microwave, refrigerators, coffee pots, toaster ovens you name it, it had it. Families were able to fix a meal or just grab some coffee.

Each family had a private bedroom and bathroom, a couple of comfortable chairs and TV. There was also a large living room, dining room and game rooms. Computers were also available. As each child arrived they received a stuffed animal and assorted other toys that had been donated. They even had quilts a group of ladies makes for each child. Outside were play yards and picnic tables. Overall it was just a warm comfortable environment for families going through very hard times.

I just wanted to give each of you a small picture of where the dollars went. I also want to thank each of you for the donations you made. It really does make a difference in the lives of many families.



### May Birthdays

Billie Mendiola 5/3

Vivian Ruiz 5/11

Kasey LaFoon 5/15

Patricia Williamson 5/22

Liza Chapen 5/22

Liz Lukasavich 5/26



## What you missed . . . !

by President Beverly Perkins

**3/18/10** This week's meeting: We were visited by a long-time friend of the club today: Becky Blank, from Aly's Prom Closet, was brought to us by Jean Neddenriep and the members of the Economic & Social Development Committee. Lots of fond memories of proms and/or working the "store" in previous years were shared during Happy Dollars (which go to Aly's Prom Closet this month). Sign-up sheets were passed around to work the "store" next month. If you didn't get a chance to sign up, please contact Jean at [Jean.Neddenriep@chw.edu](mailto:Jean.Neddenriep@chw.edu). This is one of the most rewarding things our members do during the year. Our speaker finished early, which left lots of time for the aforementioned Happy Dollars, most of which were very entertaining. If you weren't at the meeting, be sure to ask Patty Downs about her DMV visit - she's probably still angry and will be happy to fill you in. Actually, many of us were able to identify with her suffering with our own experiences at DMV (hers were just better told than most).

**3/25/10** This week's meeting: This week we were doubly treated: we met and heard the story of our Ruby Award winner, Lilli Trincherro (who is an avid advocate of her anti-bullying campaign); and we got a fresh look at the international nature of Soroptimist International of the Americas from SIA President Cathy Standiford. Lilli has established a Celebrate Diversity Foundation through the Community Foundation of Western Nevada; sponsored a Girl Scout conference to spread bullying awareness among girls; and is an active member of the Attorney General's task force on bullying. President Cathy is from Garden Grove, California, and is very passionate about human trafficking (you may recall from our December 10th President's Appeal program, also put on by this committee). Today's meeting was sponsored by the Human Rights/Status of Women Committee, coordinated beautifully again this year by Faye I. Andersen.

**4/1/10** This week's meeting: I've got to tell you: what started out to be a pretty bad day turned around the second I walked into our meeting room at the Atlantis! Evidently Co-coordinators Eileen Fuller and Teresa Mentzer asked the Atlantis staff to rearrange the table settings a little for our April Fools Day meeting. The

Atlantis staff really takes their job seriously! They were so proud of their handiwork they were taking pictures of it when I walked in. The rice was red, the chicken was yellow, the fish was bright kelly green (I wasn't brave enough for that one). They made a mouse out of kiwi fruit and put some cheese in front of it next to the rolls; and they put a string of garlic under the dessert trays. All the dishes and silverware were mixed up, so we had a little fun finding what we needed to eat with. The head table was treated to chopsticks and plastic water glasses with umbrella straws (some upside-down) in them. Some places had mustard packets at them, and some had a slice of cheese. Then Eileen added noisemakers and plastic bugs (I got a centipede), along with little jars of bubbles which I noticed ladies enjoying during the meeting. Everyone shared practical jokes and we voted on the best: Rosalie Henry, looking quite lovely in her nose-glasses, was our big winner of a facial (donated by our wonderful Wendy Dennis) - be sure to ask Rosalie to retell her story if you missed it.

**4/8/10** This week's meeting: We had a very productive meeting today. Marilyn Pearson and her Nominating Committee ran a very smooth election of officers. See the April newsletter for election results. Pam Robinson and the Finance Committee presented their budgets for next year a whole month early - very impressive! Eileen Fuller presented a new member application for Theresa Hella to the members, and Teresa Mentzer celebrated our April birthdays (those of you not at the meeting need to check your mailboxes or check in with President Bev soon to pick up your birthday gifts). On behalf of the Education Women committee, Pam Robinson announced the results of their hard work this year, and we look forward to their scholarship meeting April 22nd. Sonya Giroux, as coordinator of our Environment Committee, presented a proposal to have a SITM Service Day on May 8th, which was approved by the members. Look for sign-up sheets at future meetings. JoAnn Roberts will be sending around a sign-up sheet for the next few weeks for those who want to attend the Hannah Humanitarian Award breakfast. Norma Rash presented the club with a mini-banner from our Friendship Link club, SI Pune Metro East; and also passed on to the President a lovely gift from our Friendship Link club.



## Grant of Friendship Opportunity

submitted by Norma Rash

Dear Everyone,

The message below was sent to The International Soroptimist for inclusion but somehow it slipped between the cracks and wasn't in the first electronic edition. It's to go in the next edition but that isn't allowing all that much time for applicants to think about their applications. At last Sunday's Tasmanian Region meeting it was agreed that I would put it on the Chat Line with a request for everyone to pass the information on to clubs in their Region, their Friendship Link clubs, Soroptimist friends worldwide and so on. In other words, please use whatever Soroptimist networks you have to get the word around! We look forward to welcoming the successful Soroptimist/s to our beautiful state in 2011. Of course I'm not biased! Why not come and see for yourself?

Many thanks.  
Margaret Morgan,  
SI Hobart,  
Region of Tasmania,  
SISWP



### Friendship Grant

The Region of Tasmania (Australia) invites Soroptimists residing outside Australia to apply for a Grant of Friendship for 2011. Tasmania is the beautiful island state, south of the mainland of Australia. Its six Soroptimist clubs are spread across the state, allowing the successful applicant the chance to experience much of the diversity of Tasmania. This includes wine regions, wilderness areas and picturesque coastlines with beautiful beaches as well as historical buildings.

The grant is for two English speaking Soroptimists or one Soroptimist and spouse/partner /friend who have not been recipients of previous grants. The six clubs in the Region offer home hospitality and accommodation for 2 -3 weeks between February and April 2011.

The recipients will be expected to pay all traveling expenses to and from Tasmania and admission fees where applicable. Transport from arrival, to departure airports and between clubs will be supplied. If a club

meeting coincides with a visit, the guests may be asked to speak informally.

Applications should be in English and should include the applicant's Soroptimist background, occupation, interests and leisure activities as well as the reason for wishing to visit Tasmania. Applications close on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 and should be sent by email:  
juliegrey@activ8.net.au

### Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows Officers and Board of Directors

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### Don't miss these upcoming events:

- April 15 - Environment Committee
- April 22 - Education Women - Scholarship luncheon
- April 23-25 - Sierra Nevada Region Conference, Atlantis Hotel Casino
- April 29 - Thanks to Youth Kickoff meeting
- May 6 - Environment Committee
- May 11 - Board Meeting, Pearson home
- May 13 - Business Meeting



## New Member Profiles

by Connie Steinheimer

The spring in Nevada is turning out to be unpredictable. I guess that is the way it usually is, but doesn't it seem like this year is more so than most? One day it is beautiful and the next day it is still winter. That change makes us appreciate the lovely days and warm sun all the more. As I reviewed three of our newer members' information, I was struck by the newness of their membership to SITM. It seems as though they are the spring of their club membership. They have just begun to appreciate the season of SITM membership.

I was also struck by all their similarities masked as being very different people. All of them joined pretty much for the same reason. They wanted to give back to the community and enjoyed the fellowship of SITM. Who are these new "ish" members I am talking about? They are Rosalie Henry, Sue Smith, and Millie Mitchell.

just one more step along the "journey [of her] life [which] is about change and personal growth."



**Millie Mitchell**



**Rosalie Henry**

Millie told me that she thought we were a "nice group of women doing really interesting and fun projects to help out the community." Sue said she was "always interested in being involved in SITM" and thought now was a good time. Rosalie saw her joining of the club as

As with so many of our members, these wonderful women are busy and enjoy varied and rich work lives. Millie is in the Development and Alumni Relations Department of the University of Nevada, as Director of Development for the University Libraries. Whew! Just the description of her job seems involved. Sue is a commercial real-estate broker (who previously took a stint in politics as a Reno City Council member) and has served as a Planning Commission member, on the Regional Transportation Commission, and on the Washoe County Water Board. Rosalie worked for 30 years in the corporate world mostly with computers, and then decided to make a BIG change. She is now a licensed massage therapist, certified in clinical hypnotherapy, and utilizing a variety of gentle touch techniques including advanced lymphatic drainage therapy; as Rosalie calls it "healing modalities". Did you know that George Burns who lived to be 100 had a massage every day? I think there is something to this "healing hands" stuff.

None of our new members come to Soroptimist as neophytes to volunteer work. They all give back to the community in their careers' and spare time. Rosalie wants to continue her growth to fulfill her desire to serve senior women in health and transition. Sue has been



involved for 20 years in all of the initiatives that have helped our community including being on the City Grant Committee that is responsible for distributing federal grant money to the non profit organizations in the Truckee Meadows. Millie is involved in the Kids Klub in Sparks which is part of the Food Bank’s Kids Café program.



**Sue Smith**

This year Sue happily serves on the Education Women committee where she has enjoyed the chance to interview the scholarship recipients, Rosalie has been filling her time with the Health Committee and Attendance, and Millie has been active with the IGU and Attendance committees. The Reno Air Race work time was memorable for all of them.

Sue has three children (2 girls and a boy) and a husband; Rosalie “lives with a great guy”; and Millie moved to Nevada nine years ago to be an active “Aunty Millie” to her three nephews, which has worked out to be “the best decision [she] has made in a long time”, but she would love to hear of a “nice, eligible, middle aged man”. So everyone keep those eyes peeled!

Millie, Sue and Rosalie also agree that it is too soon for them to speak of a favorite Soroptimist experience, although the bus trip to Elko left quite an impression on Millie, and Sue had a great time watching her lawyer husband take a turn at retail at the Air Races. All three

are still trying to experience all that the Club and Soroptimist membership offers to pick a favorite experience yet. This newness they spoke of is what reminded me of the weather and spring, it also came to mind as they said they had no idea yet what they wanted to accomplish in SITM in the future. That reminds me so much of the garden this time of year. Sue, Rosalie, and Millie have their whole persons in place, just like I have my trees in the yard, but they are looking forward to adding more interest and fun with their membership in our club, just like the flowers I want to plant and those I am watching come through the soil, will do for the yard. With Rosalie, Millie and Sue joining our club we are fortunate to be able to add these “flowers” to our garden of club members.

Oh, there is one last really big thing they also agree on, something else that most of our members and their sponsors have in common. What is that? Well,..... it is loving and being owned by one or more dogs, of course. Millie, sponsored by Vicki Schultz, has “Sassy” a 12 pound rat terrier (her description, not mine), Sue, sponsored by Peggy Smith, has “four (yes count them 4) LARGE dogs”, and Rosalie, sponsored by Pam Sutton, has “two wonderful pups”.

Thank you sponsors for bringing these women to join our club. No wonder these three have fit in so well with our club, they have great sponsors, and they are each just a bit different from each other and each of us, and a whole lot the same as all of us!

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## Cranberry-Apple Breakfast Treat

*submitted by Patti Doty*

4 cups milk  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup packed brown sugar  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt  
6 oz. seedless raisins (more ok)  
2 cups uncooked old-fashioned oatmeal (not quick cook or instant)  
4-5 apples, cored, not peeled, sliced thin or chopped  
1 cup fresh cranberries, slightly chop if large  
1 cup chopped nuts  
Cinnamon sugar  
Sour cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Add milk, sugar and salt in a large microwave-safe bowl. Microwave until very hot but not boiling (about 4-6 minutes on high). Add rest of ingredients except cinnamon sugar and sour cream and mix well. Pour into Pyrex or stoneware serving dish (9x13 or a little larger) and bake for 40-45 minutes.

Serve plain or with dollop of sour cream sweetened with cinnamon sugar. May also serve with mild or cream. Good cold, too! Keeps well for leftovers.

Serves 8-12.





## Thanks to Youth Fair

Join us for the

Thanks to Youth Kickoff meeting

April 29th.

Play games, earn raffle tickets,  
and win "fabulous" prizes!

Bring your checkbook to purchase  
TTY tickets and earn even more  
raffle tickets.

### Happy Dollar Notes

by Marilyn Pearson & Betsy Dart

2/25/10 Speaker from KUNR public radio.

**Patti Doty** was happy about New Zealand. **Bev Perkins** thought Patti did a good job at running the meeting today and enjoyed the speaker. **Gayle Baxley** had a grandson born Tuesday and is happy that her husband is no longer working nights. He was laid off in time to get the COBRA subsidy. **Georgia Baker** is thinking of Meg Price today. She is working with Margie on the Suits and Sneakers event for May. **Jean Neddenriep** says thank you for the presentation, especially the reminder about stillness. She has good news that Curt will be home March 28 and got his promotion to lieutenant colonel. **Teresa Mentzer** had a great trip to Oaxaca Mexico. It was peaceful and still and lots of fun. It is not a typical high rise city and she was able to get immersed in the community. She felt the big earthquake but just had another margarita and was glad there was no tidal wave. **Margie Hermanson** says her 3 year old grandson has inherited her OCD tendencies and came over to her house and organized all the grandkid toys. She thinks Georgia does a phenomenal job for the Cancer Society for the Suits and Sneakers event. She recommends it as very fun.

**Patty Downs** had a Seinfeld day. A woman backed into her and left. She also shared that her girlfriend of 20 years gave her a scrapbook of their friendship for her birthday. She noticed that hairstyles and husbands had changed over the years but their friendship stayed—kind of like SITM. **Kay Dunham** thinks the Finance Committee is run very efficiently by Pam. Everything is in place for the Making a Difference for Women event. **Niki Ewing** says thanks for the program. SITM now has 38 fans on Facebook. **Lynn Robins** says thanks for the program. She suggests that instead of saying, "Oh God, it's morning," to say, "It's morning. Thank God." **Faye Andersen** says that her surgery went well on her good leg. She used a walker for a while and is now back to work. **Dorothy Nash Homes** is very glad that Mich will fill in for the mentoring program at MDW. Her web site for her judgeship candidacy is up and running and she's really pleased with it. **Sue Smith** says that KUNR is her favorite. Our speaker has always given very gracious responses to her suggestions. **Jennifer Crowe** says the presentation gave her a lot to think about. **Mich Glazier** had a dog that is sick with heart failure. It is only 8 pounds and looks cute when it waddles in the snow in a parka and sweater. She is thankful that she is retired and is able to be home with her dogs in their final days. **Pam Robinson** liked the program. She tries to be still and Sheri's yoga class helps her. She had a lot of fun shopping for the fashion show with Margie. Paula Leyba came and took pictures of everybody in her office. **Marna Griffin** is glad her son is here. He is a lobbyist for the special session of the legislature so will be here as long as they are in session. She shared that Linda Lamke spent 2 days in the hospital and they are not sure yet what was wrong. **Paula Leyba** could have used some grace on the freeway today. When somebody cut her off she glared at him and thinks she needs to practice grace. **Doreen Rogers** thought the presentation was food for thought. Her grandson is the musical Oklahoma at Billinghamurst. She found cowboy boots for his costume in a thrift store after a kind lady looked in the back room and found just his size. **Norma Rash** shared that her grandkids were talking about the bad D and S words and meant "dumb" and "stupid". She agrees with them and thought they were insightful. **Thuy Tran** is learning to read and write Vietnamese which is helping her learn more about her heritage. She found out her last name is the name of a king.

3/18/10 Economic and Social Development, Aly's Prom Closet, March Happy Dollar recipient agency.



**Ann Steckline** gave Happy Dollars for Aly's Prom Closet. **Jean Neddenreip** gave for her son Kurt whose arrival back home has been delayed because they have to do inventory. **Tina Smith** gave for the program today and the nice weather. **Georgia Baker** gave for the program saying it's "fun and amazing" to help the girls choose their outfits. Her brother was her escort to her prom. She also gave for her guest, Theresa Hella. **Eileen Fuller** for the program and for the fun time she had with Siobhan Carlon at last year's prom closet. Eileen's daughter turned 40 last week. **Doreen Rogers** gave for the program and for her 83 year old father who visited friends recently. **Vicki Schultz** gave for the program and said her oldest daughter is also 40. Vicki is now going as a fancy queen fairy god mother to a family party. **Cindy Burk** gave for the program and for the speaker Becky whom she used to work with at RGJ. **Patty Downs** gave for the program and said she had to renew her driver's license this month and had a "horrible" experience waiting 3 1/2 hours at the DMV. **Kris Olsen** gave for Aly's prom closet and for her friend Margaret Hall who is close to dying. Margaret's son is asking friends to note special "Margaret moments" for the family. **Billie Mendiola** gave saying she loves working at the prom closet. Billie also had a DMV story saying she babysat her grandson 4 1/2 hours while her daughter-in-law was at the DMV. **Becky Moody** gave for the program and told a story of being unable to buy a dress for her prom but having a friend buy one for her. **Dorothy Nash Holmes** gave for Aly's prom closet and for her 9 year old grand daughter who wants Dorothy to help her make a dress out of red Chinese silk. She was at the DMV from 11:00 to 6:00 recently! **Betsy Dart** gave for the program and for her difficult to find navy blue shoes, which no one makes anymore. She found them at a thrift store and has had other women ask where she found them. **Susan Hargrove** gave for the program and said she plans on volunteering at Aly's prom closet. **Pam Robinson** gave for her trip to Las Vegas with her daughter. They saw the Donnie and Marie Osmond show, which her daughter loved. Pam was there for a 30 hour mandatory training on how to do loans. "I passed my test" and had trained the presenter! **Teresa Mentzer** gave for the program and had her own story about the DMV. She said the online registration is not working well enough. **Monica House** gave for the program and for the great Spring weather. She skied at Heavenly recently saying it was "like a postcard".

**Linda Lamke** gave for her experience at the DMV where she tried to "renew my husband". Her doctors are stumped about her recent illness and that has her scared. Nevertheless, she's going on a trip to Europe for the next two weeks. **Mich Glazier** gave for the program saying she can volunteer there now that she has retired. Mich has become "klutzy" since retiring. **Sue Camp** gave for Aly's saying she's looking forward to working there. Her DMV story was taking her friend there and "it only took 20 minutes". **Paula Leyba** gave saying the DMV on Greg street is fast. **Gayle Baxley** gave saying her visit to the DMV only took 10 minutes. She lost her dog of ten years this week. **Rosalie Henry** gave saying she got the same prom dress as her friend in high school. **Lynn Robbins** gave saying she's missed 3 meeting because she had a hysterectomy. **Bev Perkins** gave saying her DMV photo shows her wait.

3/25/10 Happy Dollar note were not available for this date.

4/1/10 April Happy Dollars go to Make a Wish Foundation of Northern Nevada

**Patti Doty** thought the meeting was fun. Her grandson turned 17 and her granddaughter is 15. She gave her kudos because she was the only one who noticed she changed her hair. She had a wonderful vacation in New Zealand. She has a wonderful dog who is perfect for her and is sad to find out he has cancer. **Gayle Baxley** had a red letter week. Her husband turned 62 so he is now on Social Security. Her daughter and 2 grandchildren are here for a visit from Georgia. She went through boxes and found stacks of unused greeting cards for every occasion. **Georgia Baker** went to the dentist today and glad she didn't drool at lunch. Her mammogram came back good. She spent 5 hours fishing on the East Walker River. As a woman is is very difficult to pee in the wilderness and it reminded her of the squatters in China. **Eileen Fuller** thought the meeting was fun and told everyone to play with the bubbles on their tables. She went to Sorenson's Resort to visit Daffodil Hill near Volcano, CA. Across the street was an SI book. She painted daffodils, sold a painting and had a romantic interlude with her husband. **Pam Robinson's** daughter had a birthday and is now older than Pam! **Teresa Mentzer** says that the



Recruitment and Retention Committee is so much fun she looks forward to doing it again next near. **Sue Smith** is on the committee but was not involved in the planning of today's meeting. She had a nice visit with the grandkids. **Tina Smith's** brother is in town for Easter and is looking forward to a big Easter dinner. **Marna Griffin** is celebrating her 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. She's not going to tell if they had a "romantic interlude" because it's "nobody's business"! She saw the Soweto Gospel Choir perform and they were fabulous. Beth McMillen, who is from Johannesburg, told about her homeland. **Doreen Rogers** found an April Fool surprise in her coffee cup. Her grandson had his first birthday and a party on Sunday. He got his first haircut and her daughter saved his curls. **Mich Glazier** had 2 happy dollars but forgot the second. She says her "senior moments" are sometimes more like "senior hours". **Sue Camp** will have a 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary soon. Her husband celebrated by buying himself a new truck. **Paula Ringkob** has a son who works for the Atlantis and had a wonderful dinner there which even included coffee cake for the next morning. **Azadeh Nadimi's** Bahai and Persian culture celebrates the first day of spring as the New Year. **Debra Sanborn** shared that it is the first anniversary of her mother's death. Her family got together for a wonderful dinner at the Atlantis in her memory. **Thuy Tran** spent St. Pat's Day in San Jose with family. She stocked up on Vietnamese food. **Paula Leyba** shared a story about a 90 year old man who came to her for a birthday portrait. She has a sad dollar because she found out last week a good friend from Ely committed suicide. **Cindy Burk** is happy her mom is here today as a guest. It has become a ritual for her to come to SITM for lunch and then spend the afternoon in the casino. Wish her good luck with her quarters. **Rosalie Henry** was excited to be acknowledged for her story in the program activity. She shared that she spoke to Pam Sutton yesterday and she is doing awesome. She's feeling strong and says thank you to the club for all the support. **Bev Perkins** is happy to be going to her Mom's for Easter and to deliver her tax returns. She and her sister have been stringing beads. They even tried to make beads using the patterns from Beads for Life and found it was very difficult. **Vicki Schultz** gave for the Make a Wish foundation and the program. She and Russ will be taking a 2 week road trip around California, seeing clients and spending the weekend in Santa Barbara. **Patty Downs** spent 4

hours with the Big Brothers Big Sisters kids when they toured the hospital. Her charge's highlight was seeing x-rays of body parts. She was pleased that her new nurse manager knew she was "off to SITM" today, though only being there a month. Her boyfriend of 7 years couldn't remember Soroptimist Thursdays. **Kris Olsen** went to the NV Women's Expo and saw Vicki there. **Jo Ann Roberts** shared for Faye that she found a great dog sitter who comes to the house. Her own Happy Dollars were in honor of her grandson's teacher who made Daniel's day when she named him student of the month. He was surprised and proud and framed his certificate. **Ann Steckline** thought the program was fun and wished every one a Happy Easter. **Kay Dunham** thinks God must be a man or it would be easier for women like Georgia when they are in the wilderness. Her grand daughter got her first big job with a lawyer and is learning a lot. Kay burst out laughing when a friend shared the name for a new baby as Dexter. **Billie Mendiola** has a new job at Bassett Furniture and is excited to be able to work with fabric again. **Sonya Giroux** went to her first family reunion with her husband's family, even though they were together for 10 years before they got married. She was able to recite off all the names of the large number of relatives who attended.

4/8/10 April Business Meeting/election of new Board for 2010-11 club year.

**Teresa Mentzer** gave Happy Dollars to congratulate both the old and new Board members and said she looked forward to being on the Board next year. **Rosalie Henry** gave to update the members on Pam Sutton after the loss of her husband last month. Pam isn't up to seeing the whole club yet but could receive emails and phone calls. **Diana Dillon** gave to ask members to volunteer to get massages (\$10) at the Milan Massage School to support one of the young women who volunteered at MADFW. **Kay Dunham** gave for getting the budget done. Tomorrow is her grand daughter Supria's 22nd birthday. **Marna Griffin** gave for her guest, grandson Jackson, and for her upcoming trip to Monterey her grandchildren. She's also planning to take her husband Jeff to a spa for his birthday soon. **Doreen Rogers** gave for the reorganization at her work that will allow her to visit her son in Las Vegas more often. **Georgia Baker** gave to congratulate the new Board



members. **Jean Neddenreip** gave for the people who signed up to work at Aly's Prom closet and for her son who has returned home safely from Afghanistan. **Kris Olsen** gave for Margaret Hall's celebration of life this weekend. **Margie Hermanson** gave saying her birthday was fun, "when you're this old who cares?" She told a story of trying to fly standby to Seattle Easter weekend. She made it but her husband didn't. **Sue Camp** gave for the new club officers and for the new truck she got from her husband. He left his \$400 glasses on the hood and then drove away and lost them. **Eileen Fuller** gave to congratulate the old and new Board members saying "you guys are awesome". She doggysat her grandkids' pug named Griffy over the weekend. She was glad when they returned because he was so noisy. The grandkids felt the Mexico earthquake while at Disneyland where the rides were shut down for two hours as a precaution. **Tracy Turner** gave for Marna's grandson Jackson who goes to Damonte Ranch Elementary school which received an award because of their anti-bullying program. Tracy's mom is in a care home after suffering a stroke last October. She's gotten her speech ability back now after recovering from an infection. **Enid Oliver** gave for the new Board members and for a fun shopping trip she took with her girlfriends last weekend. **Pam Robinson** gave for the finance committee and for being treasurer again. **Marilyn Pearson** gave for her recent trip to Hawaii on an Elderhostel cruise. The participants were "elderly" but very interesting and involved in learning. She and her husband were the youngest members at 62 and 65 years old. **Paula Ringkob** gave for the new Board and to thank Pam Robinson for her work on the Finance committee and for agreeing to be General Fund Treasurer next year. Paula is proud to be a new member of Facebook saying "maybe I'll even send a message some day". **Norma Rash** gave for Pam Robinson's leadership on the Finance Committee and for her recent fun but tiring trip with her girlfriends. She's looking forward to camping in her new travel trailer soon. **Patti Doty** gave for the old and new Board members and for Bev Perkins' leadership. She also gave for Pam Robinson and the Finance Committee saying the budget process was "easy and smooth". Patti made a find while looking through some of her parents old things, a \$100 saving bond now worth \$500!