



# SITM UPDATE

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President  
Bev Perkins

## *President's Message: Imagine!*

Happy Spring! Lovely weather, right? No? I looked out my back windows yesterday at the lovely snow, blue sky and clouds, thinking how pretty it was - if only it were February or March. Not that it keeps us from our service

to the community. A hardy contingent from SITM attended the community cleanup at Oxbow Park last weekend. I discovered that the gym doesn't work quite the same muscles that weed-pulling works. Lunch afterwards was attended by both Reno and Sparks mayors and County Commissioner Kitty Jung (who sat and chatted with us for a while on the grass when she learned we were from SITM). Of course, there were also dignitaries there - like some guy dressed up as a flashy trash can.

Our year is starting to wind down, and scrapbook items (photos, memorabilia that mashes into a book) should be delivered to Paula Leyba next time you see her. Sonya Giroux's baby shower will be over by the time you read this, and we will be eagerly awaiting the arrival of her son Jack. Lots of members are attending Reno Aces games, courtesy of vacationing Norma Rash. It's still pretty cold during the night games, but if you applaud a lot your hands don't get as cold. Many of us are looking forward to our spring garage sale, coming up soon, so we can get rid of some of our "treasures." I know I can't wait to get rid of my pile.... Thanks to Youth tickets are hot items now, at only \$20 each. We're looking forward to that meeting with great coordinators Gayle & Marilyn running the event, this year entitled "Galaxy of Stars." Please remember committee sign-ups will be held at our May 20th meeting. You'll want to beat the rush to sign

up for your favorite committee.

It looks like Coordinator Connie has planned a wonderful June 3rd meeting for us as her last meeting of the year. Both she and Sonya Giroux have given us twice the normal amount of meetings this year because we are keeping up with Soroptimist International's Programme Focus Objectives for the year, which stress these two areas of service. Bet you didn't notice I was focusing on a couple SI areas of service, did you? Well, at least two of you knew, because both Connie and Sonya have worked extra hard to provide us with informative programs and fun activities which also serve the community and the world. **Happy May!**



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## **SITM Enjoys SNR's Annual Conference at Atlantis**

*by Faye I. Andersen*

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Sierra Nevada Region Conference was held April 23-25 at the Atlantis Casino Resort. Twenty-six members of SITM attended all or part of this second conference of the 2008-2010 biennium, presided over by SITM's own Governor Sue Camp.



**Sierra Nevada Region Governor Sue Camp.**

The two-and-one-half day conference featured workshops, club honors, election and installation of new Region Officers and Directors, Federation updates, women's scholarships, grants and recognitions, plus Soroptimist shopping.

Some 451 Soroptimists and guests from 59 clubs in Nevada and northern California attended this year's conference.

### **Friday afternoon workshops**

Two Friday afternoon workshops focused on the issue of human trafficking, or Modern Day Slavery. Police Chief Nick Sensley from Truckee presented, "Trafficking! What is the Problem?" discussing trafficking worldwide. The video, "Believe in Me" made participants realize trafficking can be a problem in our own communities. Young girls are most at risk, but everyone from children to the elderly can be targets for trafficking.

Linda Van Dam presented a workshop on "Sexting", transmitting sexually explicit photos or messages over the internet or cell phones. A large percentage of teenagers are posting nude photos on social networking sites. Three states have enacted laws and 15 others are exploring legislation against the practice.

"A Fighting Chance", a project of SI/South Lake Tahoe in response to the kidnapping of Jaycee Lee Dugard, was outlined by Brooke Laine and Ann Swallow. The project targeted fifth-graders with a video and instructional program to show children how to escape a potential adductor.

SNR Treasurer Jackie DeMartini presented "Paying Dues & Hosting District Meetings". Jackie detailed the breakdown of dues deadlines, payments and how dues are used by region, federation and international headquarters. She also explained budgeting and allowed expenses for District Meeting.

A Delegates workshop was also conducted by Parliamentarian Jacque Brown to instruct delegates of their duties when reviewing and voting on Region Bylaw changes and voting for new Region Officers and Directors.

### **Friday night welcome and club honors**

The conference officially opened Friday night with the "Parade of Presidents" honoring these 2009-2010 leaders including SITM President Bev Perkins. Six SITM members were honored as First-Time Attendees and presented with red roses. Jayne George, Susan Hargrove, Rosalie Henry, Debra Sanborn and Cheri Woods. SITM's 10 Laurel Society members in attendance were presented with yellow roses. They were: Faye I. Andersen, Georgia Baker, Gayle Baxley, Sue Camp, Diana Dillon, Kay Dunham, Norma Rash, Paula Ringkob, Jo Ann Roberts and Pam Robinson. A yellow rose was also presented to SITM's Life Member Jo Ann Roberts.



**Norma Rash, Kay Dunham, Leigh Wintz, Patti Doty, Patty Tucek, and Diana Dillon.**

Other SITM members attending all or part of the conference included Cindy Burk, Patti Doty, Mich Glazier, Monica House, Paula Leyba, Teresa Mentzer, Kris Olsen, Marilyn Pearson, Bev Perkins, Tina Smith and Patty Tucek.

Multiple club awards were presented Friday night and SITM was the recipient of many of them. (Proving again it's important to "fill-out-the-paperwork".) SITM was honored for:

- First Place Soroptimist Celebrating Success Program Category for "Beads of Strength"; (tie with SI/Chico)
- Second Place Newsletter Award for SITM Update
- Third Place Award for SOLT for "Power Point for Orientation" (tie with SI/Citrus Heights)
- Pepper Award for President-Elect's Protocol Quiz



**President Elect Patti Doty did paperwork for SITM awards.**

## Election and Installation of Officers

Saturday morning it was time to get down to business, including balloting for the 2010-2012 SNR Officer sand Directors. SITM's own Kay Dunham stood for election as District III Director.



**Jo Ann Roberts and Rosalie Henry are election timekeepers.**

After two ballots, Kay lost in a squeaker-vote to Debbie McMillan from SI/Elko. However, Kay went on to prove she's a winner anyway, by being the winner of a Laurel Society membership and pin. Since Kay is already an Attache member of the Laurel Society, she designated the money to go towards the next level, or Envoy level, of the program.

Elected to office for 2010-2012 were:

Governor	Kay Whitaker
Governor-Elect	Janice Labadie
Secretary	Patricia Papp
Treasurer	Gina Greither
Dist. I Director	Melissa McDonald
Dist. II Director	Trudy Mills
Dist. III Director	Debbie McMillan
Dist. IV Director	Lane Parks
Dist. V Director	Vicki Watson
Dist. VI Director	Kim Sayers
Dist. VII Director	Karen Leavitt

Saturday's night installation revealed incoming Governor Kay Whittaker's theme for the biennium, "Embracing our path to the future through the power of our past, we will arrive at our destiny." The Installing Officer was SIA Executive Director Leigh Wintz. Using an education and



book theme, Leigh presented the region officers and directors with books, beaded bookmarks and a Dr. Seuss book entitled, “Oh the places you will go.”



**Past Governor Jo Ann Roberts walks in “Parade of Governors”.**

Outgoing Governor Sue Camp was welcomed into the SWAT (Still Willing and Terrific) Team of Past Governors by Past Governor Jo Ann Roberts. For her governor’s gift from the region, she was also presented with an upgrade in the Laurel Society from Attache to Envoy level.



**Governor Sue Camp receives Laurel Society upgrade from Governor-Elect Kay Whitaker.**

The evening was capped by comedian and police officer Michael Mancini from Santa Cruz, California who entertained attendees with tales of his pursuits in law enforcement and his life as a husband and father.



**Marilyn Pearson and President Bev Perkins enjoy the entertainment.**

## **Scholarships, Awards and Recognitions**

*by Faye I. Andersen*

Conference is a time to recognize club awardees who have been selected as “best of the best” to be honored at region. At Saturday’s luncheon, SITM’s own Mitch Glazier presented the region’s Violet Richardson Award to Jennifer Chan from SI/Sacramento South.



**Mich Glazier and SNR’s Violet Richardson Award winner Jennifer Chan.**

Three Outstanding “S” Club members were also honored. They were Alexis Holmes from SI/South Lake Tahoe; Laura Zajac from SI/Colfax; and Kayla Gressel from SI/Portola. A one-time scholarship honoring long-time SI/Carson City member Mary Coffey was presented to Kelly Brown-Ferris to pursue her nursing degree.



Sunday's brunch concludes the conference with a host of scholarships and grants. This year's Fellowship Grant was presented to Elizabeth "Liz" Taylor from Susanville, who is studying at the UC Davis School of Medicine. The Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women was presented to Lisa Culp, the Executive Director of Women's Empowerment, working with homeless women. She was nominated by SI/Greater Sacramento.

SNR had 100% participation in the Women's Opportunity Awards program and was able to recognize and offer scholarships to six women. This year's WOA recipients were:

Constance White, submitted by SI/Sacramento is seeking a four-year degree in court reporting. In addition to a \$5,000 scholarship, Constance was also awarded a new laptop.

Nicole Stimac, submitted by SI/South Lake Tahoe, is seeking a degree in education.

Shannon Hadfield, submitted by SI/Pahrump, is working towards a degree in social work.

Monique Christy, submitted by SI/Downtown Redding, is working towards a degree in Health Science with sights towards a master's degree in Echo Cardiogram and Radiology.

Brittany Raccio, submitted by SI/Reno is working toward becoming a Radiologic Technologist.

Elizabeth Hubbard, submitted by SI/Carson Valley, is going back to school for her teaching degree.

Sunday's final presentation was by Rita Offersen, from SI/Hillerod, Denmark. She is visiting the United States as a Grant of Friendship recipient from SI/Citrus Heights.

## **Delegates Amend SNR Bylaws**

Conference is the time to add to or amend the region's bylaws. All four of the proposed amendments passed. They were:

#1 – Change the names of two clubs; added one club and removed three others. The name changes were District II

Club SI/Dayton changed their name to SI of the Comstock; and District VII Club SI/Rocklin –Loomis changed their name to SI/Loomis Basin. District IV added SI/Rancho Cordova to their ranks, but saw SI/American River surrender their charter. District III saw SI/Northeastern Nevada surrender their charter and District VII removed SI/North Lake Tahoe from their rolls.

#2 – Eliminated the region's Adjustment Committee as a standing committee, to bring the region in compliance with SIA bylaws.

#3 – Set financial policies for clubs, including: when the region's growth and development fund reaches \$3,000, the SNR board can waive the \$1.00 per member annual contribution to the fund; establishing each club's donation of six cents per member in Founder's Pennies as defined by the SI Constitution.

#4 – Changed the wording requiring the region's books to have a "financial review done by a CPA" to a "financial overview by an outside accountant or financial overview committee" at the close of each biennium.

## **Visitors from SIA's Federation Board and HQ**

The Official Federation Visitor for this conference was SIA Board member Judith Strong from Moorhead, Minnesota. She spoke about "Women Who Take Risks". Judith is an educational consultant following a 38 year career in education, retiring as vice president of academic affairs from Minnesota State University.

SIA Executive Director Leigh Wintz brought a Federation Update from headquarters in Philadelphia, PA. She also took the time Saturday afternoon for an impromptu Q&A session from attendees.

## **Sunday's Celebration of Life**

The closing day of conference began with a Celebration of Life Memorial for those Soroptimists who had passed during the last year. Twenty-five Soroptimists from around the region were memorialized. SITM's own Patti Doty memorialized the life and Soroptimist work of our own Marie Edwards.



## SITM Awards Scholarships to Local Women

by *Connie Steinheimer*

The Education Woman Committee presented the annual Women’s Scholarship Program on April 22, 2010. It was a thrilling event where we were able to meet many of this year’s scholarship and Women’s Opportunity Award Recipients but also Leigh Wintz, executive Director of Soroptimist International of the Americas. Tracy Turner acted as the moderator of the event and introduced Ms. Wintz to all in attendance.



**SIA Federation Director Leigh Wintz.**

Ms. Wintz spoke of our signature project for the Federation of the Americas, the Women’s Opportunity Award. She told a story of a young woman by the name of Cathy who was born and raised in the Midwest. At 16 years old she found herself pregnant and married the child’s father, 10 years her senior. Cathy’s husband began drinking and could never hold down a job. At 28 years of age and a single mother of 5 children, Cathy vowed that she would change her life by the time she was 30 years of age. She began to go to school as a Dental Hygienist and was awarded \$10,000 from the WOA which helped her emotionally and financially complete her schooling. This story reminds us of so many we have heard in our own club over the last 20 plus years that we have been giving scholarships.

In the Federation over 1100 women have received 1.5 million dollars in cash awards since this award was begun. Ms. Wintz said “it is inspiring to know that Soroptimist’s believe that when we help women we help their family

and their community.” She encouraged us to continue to support the Soroptimist programs that ensure that women like Cathy realize their dreams and reminded us of a powerful quote from Eleanor Roosevelt: “The future belongs to those who believe in their Dreams.”

After her presentation Patty Downs and Georgia Baker began the program to honor and introduce our recipients for this year. Certificates were received from Senator Reid, Senator Ensign, Senator Heller, and Mayors Cashell, Reno, and De Martini, Sparks.



**Jeanne Baxter, Leigh Wintz, Judith Strong, Tracy Turner, Margie Hermanson, Mich Glazier, Beverly Perkins, Patty Downs and scholarship winner.**

Our 2010 WOA Recipients were Ariane Wittman, Paralegal Studies, TMCC; Jeri Lynn Pierson, Pre-Nursing, Career College of Northern Nevada; and Nicole Hudson, Medical Assistant, Career College of Northern Nevada.

Our 2010 Gomes/Gojack Scholarship Recipients were: Judie Henderson, Social Work, Jennifer Peterson, Nursing, Joy Corkill, Social Work, Lisa Gonzalez, Business, Helen Johnson, Administrative, Trista Mitchell, Mental Health Technician, Lorena Uscola, Nursing, and Mary Flanigan, Nursing. Nancy Gomes and Mary Gojack would have approved of these worthy recipients of the scholarships presented in their names. Nancy was best known in her years as a member of the Washoe County School Board and Nevada Assembly as a tireless advocate for Nevada’s women and children. Mary Gojack was a charter member of our club and instrumental in establishing the first Nancy Gomes scholarship. She understood first hand the trials of securing an education as she worked at night as a dealer to support her children



while earning a Master’s Degree in Political Science from the University of Nevada.



**Judie Henderson accepts Gomes/Gojack Scholarship.**

Jeanne Baxter shared a few thoughts with us about her late husband Jack Simon who our Graduate Student Scholarships are named after, our club having given between 90-100 in the last 16 years. Jeanne started them in 1994 after Jack’s passing and the Club has continued to expand and extend those scholarships ever since. Jack was the first “Soroptimister” and believed so completely in the scholarship opportunities our Club provides to women in our community he opened his business every year for the annual fundraiser to raise the money for the awards.



**SITM member Jeanne Baxter.**

The 2010 Simon Scholarship Recipients are Brielle Bjorke, Biochemist, Sean McMurry, Anthropologist/ Archeology, Brianne Owens, Medicine, Jenifer Jarrell,

Medicine, Jennifer McCombs, Social Work, Anne Abinanti, Speech Pathology/Audiology, Sadeea Qureshi, Medicine. These women are working toward their Masters, Doctorates, and Medical Doctorates. They are wonderful women who are going to truly make a difference in our world in the years to come.



**SITM members Monica House, Thuy Tran, Tina Smith and Marna Griffin.**

By the end of the program as we gave our Happy Dollar’s to support Make a Wish Foundation of Northern Nevada, there wasn’t a dry eye in the room. We continue to be in awe of all of the women who strive to get an education against all odds and who are striving to get advanced degrees in order to make this world a better place, both for their own families and many other families in our community. We feel privileged and honored to be able to assist them in this small way, as they continue their educations.



**Guest, Jennifer Crowe-Clark, Kay Dunham, and Patty Tucek.**



As always the club members thank the Education Committee Co-Coordinator Billie Mendiola and Pam Robinson, and members Georgia Baker, Mich Glazer, Sonya Hem, Sue Smith, Norma Webster, Patty Downs, Margie Hermanson, Enid Oliver, Tracy Turner, and Cheri Woods for the wonderful program. They also asked us to thank the contributors to the program, Digiprint, Sparks Florist, Paula Leyba, Image Gallery, Community Foundation of Western Nevada, the dignitaries who provided certificates, and the SITM Attendance Committee. Last but certainly not least, the members of the Club thank Leigh Wintz, Executive Director for Soroptimist International of the Americas for joining us in Reno and contributing so much to our program

## **Board/Business Update**

*by Faye I. Andersen*

The June 8 SITM Board meeting, and future board meetings will be held at Pam Robinson's offices at Eagle Home Loans, 5555 Kietzke Lane Suite 200, in Reno. (At the very south end of Kietzke, south of Neil Road.)

Thank you Marilyn for opening your beautiful home and for your gracious hospitality during our monthly board meetings these past two years.

### **Conference Awards and Report**

President Bev Perkins reported on the activities of this year's Sierra Nevada Region Conference held last month. She announced the awards presented to SITM at Conference and congratulated the Committee Coordinators and members who worked hard to bring such honors to the club. See pages 2 to 5 for a complete report on the conference.

### **Two Bylaw Changes Pending**

Bylaws Coordinator Kay Dunham presented the first reading of two "housekeeping" items for revision in the Club Bylaws. The first defined the duties of the Education-Youth Committee to receive all proceeds from the Thanks to Youth event and thus fund all of SITM's youth projects and expenses including the Violet Richardson Award, Unsung Heroes, youth scholarships, adopted Partners in Education school and any other youth-related projects or programs.

The second changed the requirement for the financial records of the club to undergo an annual financial review, and instead undergo an annual financial overview by a Certified Public Accountant. The second reading of these proposed bylaw changes will be made at the June Business Meeting, where they will be voted upon by the membership.

### **Fundraising Idea for General Fund Approved**

The board recommended and the membership approved a fundraising idea proposed by General Fund Treasurer Norma Rash to purchase and re-sell small, handheld, battery operated fans at the Club Orientation and Training Retreat (COTR) in July and Region Conference last year. When operating the fan blades flash, "Soroptimists Are Hot!" Proceeds from the sale would benefit the club's General Fund.

### **Selecting the next long term project**

Soroptimists worldwide are being asked by Soroptimist International for their input on the selection of the topic for a new long term project. This new project will replace the Quadrennial Project and will provide an opportunity for Soroptimists from all corners of the globe to join together in working towards a common goal locally and internationally.

SITM members were asked to choose between projects focusing on "Violence Against Women", or one that would provide "Education and Leadership" for women and girls. After much discussion and in recognition of SITM's own "Making a Difference for Women" annual day-long skills training seminar, SITM members choose "Education and Leadership" as the topic for the next project.

For a closer look at background papers on each of these topics, go to the SI website at [www.soroptimistinternational.org](http://www.soroptimistinternational.org).

### **Membership Update**

The board approved a leave of absence for Jean Neddenriep from May 10 through June 11.



## What you missed . . . !

by President Beverly Perkins

**4/15/10** This week's meeting: Our always-creative Environment Committee, led by the increasingly lovely Sonya Giroux, introduced us to Shelley Brant, "locavore." Shelley showed us books, magazines, and websites which provided information about eating local and why that's a good idea. She also introduced us to produce some of us had never met before and which looked very interesting. She showed us slides of gardens and brought home-canned items to illustrate that these homey arts are alive and well here in Reno. We were also given an almost overwhelming array of resources to use in our local area which will help our local farmers, not the least of which is our farmer's markets (opening soon) and the co-op, which is open year-round and has a store front downtown. Anyone wanting further information can get it from Sonya.

**4/22/10** This week's meeting: Hard to call this week's meeting just a "meeting." It was more like a huge "event." The two ballrooms were filled to the brim with local, state and national dignitaries from both Soroptimists and the community at large. Our Education Women Committee were exceptionally organized, and the event went off like clockwork, running only a few minutes past one - even with Happy Dollars! My one big disappointment was that there weren't any kleenex boxes on our table, and I had to provide for our table from my dwindling supply (which would have been fine, but at one point I thought I had run out - horrors!). I was happy to see so many worthy recipients receive awards this year, and I'm very proud of the Education Women Committee and our members for enabling us to grant these awards - well done, all!

**4/29/10** This week's meeting: Such fun! The Thanks to Youth Committee, co-coordinated by Past Presidents Marilyn Pearson and Gayle Baxley, gave us lots of opportunities to win raffle tickets playing games (bowling, ring-toss, golf, and ping pong ball toss). Vicki Schultz was overwhelmed with ticket sales for the event, since purchasing a ticket entered us in the raffle. Then they raffled off wonderful donated prizes, for a thrilling end to their meeting - Susan even made a wonderful cake, won by the obviously athletic Pam Robinson (it must have been golf - she's so good at that). Other prizes included homemade items, wine, Avon products, and sandals. Gayle Baxley showed us the significant benefit to the club of holding a successful event, and

Teresa Mentzer told us how to make the event more successful with table sponsors. We're all looking forward to a successful Thanks to Youth event May 27th. Remember, all members attending the meeting/event must purchase their ticket for \$20 rather than paying the usual \$16 for a buffet. And be sure to invite all your friends, business associates, and family to this great fundraising event!

**5/7/10** This week's meeting: Our Environment Committee is amazing! Sonya and committee, for the 4th time this year, have pulled off a wildly successful meeting, featuring Ed Smith, Natural Resource Specialist with the UNR Cooperative Extension, speaking on "Living with Fire." This is Wildfire Awareness Week, so the program was very timely. This year's theme is "Be Ember Prepared," and Ed had pamphlets for those in attendance to use in determining the fire safety of our homes (sadly, many of us failed miserably). Sonya Sistare, of the SI Washoe County club, is a colleague of Ed's and was also a guests at the meeting. She said that anyone having additional questions regarding the fire safety of their homes could e-mail her personally at [sistares@unr.edu](mailto:sistares@unr.edu), or check the website at [www.livingwithfire.info](http://www.livingwithfire.info). Thanks again to Sonya and her amazing committee!

**5/13/10** This week's meeting: We had a very productive business meeting today. Lots of ladies got ROSES, and we celebrated birthdays of Billie Mendiola and Kasey LaFoon (the only birthday girls who were able to attend the meeting). The delegates' report from SNR conference was given, and lots of committee coordinators were presented with awards from the conference. Kay Dunham, ever diligent, presented the club with a few additional bylaws changes, to codify changes we voted on from our Finance Committee, and to bring us up to date on region changes. Any members with questions for Kay should e-mail her prior to next month's business meeting when we will vote on these last few changes. We also voted on a new project to be launched at SI Convention in Montreal in 2011; voted for members of the SIA Fund Development Council; and re-voted for SIA President-Elect. Our members approved a request from Treasurer Norma Rash to look into a General Fund fundraising project, as well as a gift for outgoing District III Director Pam Sloan. Photo/Scrapbook Committee Coordinator was kept busy with her camera (phone) taking pictures for this year's scrapbook.



## **THANKS to YOUTH**

Luncheon

**May 27**

Atlantis

Honoring Young Heroes and Scholars in our Community

*It's a great meeting to bring a guest and/or prospective member.*



### **June Birthdays**

Azadeh Nadimi 6/2  
Pam Robinson 6/6  
Doreen Rogers 6/8  
Shirley George 6/8  
Enid Oliver 6/10  
Cheri Woods 6/16  
Monica House 6/22  
Barbara Vucanovich 6/22

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### **Don't miss these upcoming events and meetings:**

- May 20, 2010 - President-Elect Patti Doty's Committee Sign-ups (yes, it's that time already)
- May 27, 2010 - Thanks to Youth (remember we need to buy \$20 tickets for this meeting/event, rather than the usual \$16 buffet - and please return all unsold tickets to Vicki Schultz)
- June 3, 2010 - International Goodwill & Understanding Committee (Darfur refugee program)
- June 8, 2010 - Joint Board Meeting at Pam Robinson's office (please note new location)
- June 10, 2010 - Business meeting/birthday celebration
- June 17, 2010 - Year in Review (Photo/Scrapbook Committee)
- June 24, 2010 - Installation of 2010-11 Board



## Recipe of the Month Black Russian Bundt Cake

*from Gayle Baxley*

- 1 (18.25-ounce) package yellow cake mix with pudding
- 1 (5.9-ounce) package instant chocolate pudding
- 4 large eggs
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup vodka
- 1/4 cup coffee liqueur
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup coffee liqueur
- 1 cup powdered sugar

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease and flour a 9 to 10-inch bundt pan; set aside.
2. In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, pudding mix, eggs, white sugar, oil, vodka, 1/4 cup liqueur and water. Beat with electric mixer for four minutes. Pour batter into prepared bundt pan.
3. Bake for 40 minutes, or until wooden pick inserted in center of cake comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack for 15 minutes, remove from pan.
4. Meanwhile, make a glaze by combining 1/4 cup coffee liqueur and 1/2 cup powdered sugar.
5. Place cake on serving plate. Poke cake with the tines of a long fork. Spoon glaze over cake and dust with remaining 1/2 cup powdered sugar.

Makes 12 servings.





## Happy Dollar Notes

by Marilyn Pearson

4/15/10 Environment - How to be a Locavore

**Patty Tucek** gave Happy Dollars saying she was looking forward to being on the Board next club year. **Kay Dunham** gave saying she is a gardener and that the “work is worth it”. She grew up on a ranch. **Pam Robinson** gave saying she loves “to visualize myself doing this”. She’s looking forward to the scholarship luncheon next week. **Georgia Baker** gave saying she echo’s Pam, “can you see me canning? Ya, right!” She also gave for Margaret Hall’s celebration of life last weekend. **Niki Ewing** gave for the program saying she already gets the CSA baskets and is cooking in season. Her mom gardens in Alaska although the season is short and the moose are a problem. Her twin boys are finally healthy. **Eileen Fuller** gave for the program and for finishing her taxes before midnight tonight. She has a new business, Money Logic. **Tracy Turner** gave saying she is looking forward to spring and that she always has a big garden growing up. Now she has a small back yard but does use raised bed to extend the seasons. **Sue Smith** gave for the program saying her heirloom tomatoes are already coming up. She recommends the show “Food Inc.” on PBS. **Peggy Smith** gave for the program saying she still has a pumpkin from last fall. She keeps chickens for the eggs and belongs to her local CSA. **Paula Leyba** gave saying she’s looking forward to gardening. She had fun with Norma Rash and other members at a recent Aces baseball game although it was cold. **Patty Downs** gave to tell a story about her dog and a recent visit from a Charter Communications installer and then a plumber (which this editor can’t figure out how to put in print). Ask Patty. **Rosalie Henry** gave for the program saying she shops at a food co-op. She also has a 6 pound weight loss from a recent cleanse. **Lynn Robbins** gave for the program saying she was raised on a small farm in Canada. She recommends the West Street market for locally grow food. **Linda Lamke** gave for the program saying “when this city girl goes to a farmer’s market, I think I’m doing something!” On a recent trip to Eastern Europe, she saw lots of ornate churches although 70% of the modern population is agnostic. Europeans “don’t drink water” and the beer was fantastic. **Mich Glazier** gave saying she’s made frozen strawberry jam and is taking sewing

classes. **Michelle Jones** gave saying she loves garden veggies and that she has friends who give her eggs. Her son is talking a lot and did well on his first plane ride recently, flirting with fellow passengers. **Jean Neddenreip** gave saying her mom didn’t sew or cook. She tried making plum jam once. The paraffin caught fire and she never tried again. **Jo Ann Roberts** gave saying she and Governor Sue went to Auburn recently for their scholarship event. She uses the farmer’s market in Sparks and made 120 jars of jam last year. **Norma Rash** gave saying she grew up on a farm. Her mom made peach pit jelly. “I miss it but I’m not going to try it.” Margaret Hall’s celebration of life was “spectacular”. She praised President Bev saying “you rock as a baseball fan.” They braved snow at a recent game. **Monica House** gave for the program saying she just finished building a green house and that she plans on learning how to can. She lost her dog Nickie and is getting another, Tasha, this weekend. **Gayle Baxley** gave saying her daughter is visiting from Georgia and that it’s fun to see all the grandkids at the same time. She was raised on a chicken ranch and says “those chicks were a pain”. **Margie Hermanson** gave saying she “didn’t grow up with anyone who grew anything”. Her husband planted corn, it was lots of work and they only got 3 small ears which cost about \$15 apiece! As far as Margie is concerned “beef and chicken come from cellophane”. **Billie Mendiola** gave saying she survived Tuesday through Saturday with her grandkids. She went from “what do you want” to “this is the way it’s going to be”. She probably won’t be canning because she has “limited cooking skills”. **Betsy Dart** gave saying she adopted two dogs, one of which turned out to have seizures. It’s getting medication and acupuncture. **Vivian Ruiz** gave saying she tried to do a garden with her daughter and hopes to have a story in the future. She rode along in a police car recently and was surprised at their level of patience and respect when dealing with the public. She thanks members for electing her to the Board for next year. **Vicki Schultz** gave saying there seemed to be very few “city girls” in our club. She recently “survived a 6 day road through California”. **Debra Sanborn** gave for the program saying she’s been to a farmer’s market in Costa Rica where the chicken were sold with the feet on. She couldn’t eat chicken for several weeks after that. **Paula Ringkob** gave to thank Environment Committee Coordinator Sonya Giroux for a great meeting. Paula is going to Death Valley to see



the wild flowers soon. **Bev Perkins** gave saying she's happy next week many taxes will be finished.

#### 4/22/10 Education Women Scholarship Luncheon

**Georgia Baker** gave Happy Dollars for the recipients saying working on the committee was very rewarding. Jeanne Baxter gave to echo Georgia's sentiments and wished all the recipients well. **Gayle Baxley** gave to remind everyone of our Thanks to Youth event on May 27th. **Teresa Mentzer** gave for the recipients and to thank David Spillers, owner of DigiPrint for donating the printing for this event. **Linda Lamke** gave for the recipient saying "you guys are awesome". Her grand daughter was a recipient of Make a Wish in the past. **Cindy Burk** gave to congratulate the recipients. She is on the Girl Scout board and reminded members of an activity next week. **Dorothy Holmes** gave for the program and the recipients noting that her niece, Kelly, received an award. **Paula Ringkob** gave to congratulate the recipients. **Vicki Schultz** gave for the program and the committee and for her guest, Lisa Riley. **Michelle Jones** gave to congratulate the recipients. **Azadeh Nadimi** gave to congratulate the recipients saying we "shouldn't judge people with drug abuse backgrounds". **Judie Henderson** gave to thank Jo Ann Roberts for being her mentor. **Mich Glazier** gave saying she was lucky to sit with three of the recipients, Mayor Martini and a baby. **Margie Hermanson** gave to congratulate the recipients and the "phenomenal" Ed. Women committee. Her grandson was also a recipient of the Make a Wish foundation. **Billie Mendiola** gave to congratulate the recipients saying it was "hard to choose but we choose well". **Enid Oliver** gave to congratulate the recipients saying she's been proud to be on the committee over the years. She says she "won't leave to make room for anyone else". **Pam Robinson** gave to congratulate the recipients saying she's been honored to be on the committee for three years. She thanks the whole committee for their work this year.

#### 4/29/10 Thanks to Youth Committee, Kickoff

**Teresa Mentzer** gave Happy Dollars for both the Thanks to Youth and the Education Women's committees. **Rosalie Henry** gave for the program and for the Sierra Nevada Region Conference where she worked with Norma on the elections. **Enid Oliver** gave

for the fun time she had at a recent Girl Scout wine tasting party. **Connie Steinheimer** gave for the program and for the committee. Caitlin will graduate with her Master's degree on May 14th. **Marna Griffin** gave saying she's serious about a group trip to India and Nepal. She's arranged an informational meeting on June 17th with a speaker from the Indian tourist bureau for anyone interested in going on a trip in October 2011. Please contact her for details. **Lynn Robbins** gave to thank members for attending the scholarship luncheon and for the TTY committee. **Debra Sanborn** gave saying she loved the fun program on a dreary day. **Kay Dunham** gave saying she won a Laurel Society membership at the SNR conference and will use it for an upgrade. This month is birthday month in her family. **Doreen Rogers** gave saying she's happy to be back after a "fabulous" 7 days in Hawaii with her husband. **Sue Camp** gave for the program and for the Governor's pin she received from the SNR Board and for the Laurel Society upgrade saying "whew, it's over!" **Jo Ann Roberts** gave for the conference and for the program. She was a timekeeper at SNR. **Norma Rash** gave saying "what a gift that was" for being Elections Coordinator at SNR. She thanked all the club members who helped out at the last minute. She's leaving for a 20 day trip to Las Vegas and points south tomorrow. **Pam Robinson** gave for the program and for the "goodies" she won today. She is a "treasurer in training" while Norma is away. **Kris Olsen** gave for her mini vacation to Palm Springs and for the Celebration of Life at SNR. **Paula Ringkob** gave saying she was going on vacation in the same area as Norma after having realized "how much we haven't seen of this country". She thought the SNR conference went very smoothly. **Dorothy Holmes** gave because her son just "dumped another horrible girlfriend". She's gotten her first 100 signs out for her campaign and asks members to contact her if they'd like a sign. **Billie Mendiola** gave for her son who just got a job after 1 1/2 years of unemployment. **Eileen Fuller** gave saying she missed the SNR conference due to an art exhibit in Fallon where her grandson flirted with all the ladies. She also dog sat a snoring pug. **Vicki Schultz** gave for the program, the TTY committee, and all the ticket sales today. She's going on a trip to Argentina soon. **Cindy Burk** gave for the SNR conference. The Girl Scouts had a meeting the same weekend and she enjoyed their wine tasting party. Enid Oliver attended and won a case of Thin Mint cookies.



**Ann Steckline** gave for the fun program today. She missed the SNR conference because her son had back surgery. **Gayle Baxley** gave for the program and the TTY committee members. She reminded members that they have to have a ticket to attend the May 27th Thanks to Youth luncheon. **Patti Doty** gave having “survived” cataract surgery on Tuesday. Her ex-husband was there for surgery at the same time. “I still looked better than he did.” **Marilyn Pearson** gave for the TTY committee and for their work on the program today and the May 27th luncheon. **Bev Perkins** gave saying 10 SITM members worked at the SNR conference even though we weren’t the host club.

**5/6/10** Environment Committee, Fire Safety  
May Happy Dollars go to Camp Breathe Easy

**Sonya Giroux** gave for the program and the fact that she can still wear her good boots during her pregnancy. She had a false alarm in Santa Cruz last weekend and spent 2 days in the hospital. She and the baby are both fine now. **Debra Sanborn** gave for the program and the cause. **Vicki Schultz** gave for her upcoming trip to Dallas to see Nicole. She’ll also go to New York to see Connie’s daughter graduate from NYU. **Marilyn Pearson** gave for the end to a stressful week: last Tuesday her husband, Nick, was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Two days later, her son Nate’s 28 year old fiance, Greta, had a stroke. Nick will be fine after surgery in June. Greta has made an astonishing recovery in just a week! **Eileen Fuller** gave for her booth at a local art show and for the fun she’s having painting in Oxbow Park. **Dorothy Holmes** gave saying she used to be an arson prosecutor. Her candidacy has been endorsed by the professional firefighter’s union but she thinks they endorsed her opponent as well! **Sue Smith** gave because her son is a wild land fire fighter. **Marna Griffin** gave for the program and told a story of when she lived in a wild land area during a fire. She said it was the scariest thing she’s seen and that she was surprised at how fast the fire spread, even in sage brush. **Kay Dunham** also had a fire story. She gave for Supria’s new job as manager of a local Massage Envy clinic. **Pam Robinson** gave for having ‘survived her first treasurer’s training’. She’s also helping her MADFW mentee learn to type. **Sue Camp** gave for Pam Sutton returning to club meetings and for the program. She thinks the Arrow Creek area is “a match

ready to light”. She had a story about the Carson City fire. **Cindy Burk** told an ember fire story and a combustible rag story. Her girlfriend’s husband had a motorcycle accident and suffered road rash. Cindy’s husband is now suiting up appropriately! **Tina Smith** gave and told a Zolezzi Fire story saying “it looked like the whole city was on fire”. Her father saved the house by watering the shake roof to protect it from burning embers. **Becky Moody** gave for the program and had a combustible rag situation that almost burned their house down. When she was in college, her sorority house caught on fire. **Wendy Dennis** gave saying she’ll just take insurance photos of all her stuff since her 90 year old house, with a really nice roof, will probably burn since it has all the warning signs for ember fires.

**Georgia Baker** gave saying she will remove all the junipers around her house. The recent Suits and Sneaker event made over \$100k and she is pleased although it was a “long year of herding cats on that committee”. **Patty Downs** gave to tell a fire story about her family. She, too, was surprised at how quickly fire moves. She also gave praise to the Education Women committee for the event recently and thanks Tracy Turner for keeping everyone on time. **Scarlet Ewy** gave to tell a fire story about hay being ignited by a rear view mirror. She reports Liz Lukasavich says “we’re okay” after her husband’s passing. **Vivian Ruiz** gave for her guest and for the program. She notes her house has “a long list of violations” and that her husband will have a long list of “honey dos” because of it.

**5/13/10** May Business Meeting

**Dorothy Holmes** gave Happy Dollars for her husband who recently ran in the Moms on the Run breast cancer run where he won 2nd place in his age group and the costume contest. Dorothy is getting tenured at TMCC and congratulates Kasey LaFoon on graduating. **Billie Mendiola** gave and is looking forward to babysitting her 7 months old grandniece. She also going to see the Wizard of Oz with her granddaughter and both will wear ruby shoes. **Betsy Dart** gave for the cause and told a story about being the “opposite of OCD” and that she missed Sonya’s baby shower even though she had every intention of going. **Georgia Baker** gave for the CAAW breakfast saying SITM members were acknowledged. **Margie Hermanson** gave saying “my OCD is limited” and that her husband isn’t neat and tidy. She had a great



week in San Francisco with friends and also went to Bodega Bay and saw the “The Birds” school house.

**Pam Robinson** gave for Georgia Baker’s last minute help on the certificates at the Scholarship Luncheon. She also gave for the CAAW breakfast saying “half the room was us (Soroptimists)”. **Paula Ringkob** gave for her trip to 5 national parks in 4 days saying “they were beautiful”. In three weeks she’ll have a new grandson. **Sue Camp** gave saying she was sorry to miss the CAAW breakfast and that she sympathizes with Betsy and is also the opposite of OCD. **Eileen Fuller** gave saying she loved Sonya’s baby shower, liking the husband stories. She participated in Arts in Bloom in Sparks recently but had to shut down early due to the weather. She still sold 2 painting this week. **Teresa Mentzer** gave for the cause. **Kay Dunham** gave for the baby shower and jungle theme that matched her handmade baby blanket gift. Her husband gave her a massage for Mother’s Day from her granddaughter’s salon. **Sonya Giroux** gave to tell Betsy she had “many fine qualities” and to thank Margie and Michelle for the baby shower. She gave a “shout out” to Kay, Diana, and Pam for the handmade blankets saying “it’s a shame to use them on a baby!” **Kasey LaFoon** gave saying she’s looking forward to attending meetings now that she’s graduated. Her graduation and birthday are this weekend. **Rosalie Henry** gave saying she’ll be gone for three weeks to take care of her 93 year old mom in the east. Her brother is back to work after bypass surgery and is doing great. **Gayle Baxley** gave saying she’s done with teaching for 5 weeks and that she has been contracted to teach 2 classes next Fall at TMCC. She and Glenn are also going on a cruise in the Fall.