



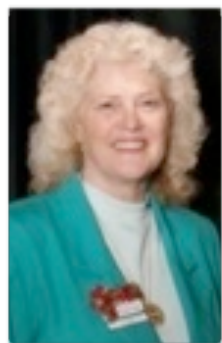
# SITM UPDATE

Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows

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## *President's Message: Imagine!*

Happy New (fiscal) Year, everyone! As sad as it is to see President Marilyn's wonderful year come to an end, we can look forward to lots of exciting things coming up.

President  
Bev Perkins

Our July meetings are providing us with quite a variety already – something for everyone – with our Air Race kickoff meeting; an informative “techie” meeting; and a visit from an international dance troupe to celebrate Artown (we're dark the first week of July for the Independence Day holiday). At Sierra Nevada Region's COTR (Club Orientation & Training Retreat) on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> we can all learn how to be better Soroptimists, with workshops that promise to be both informative and fun. I'm looking forward to learning how to be a President this year – lets hope I learn a lot!

I would like to thank President Marilyn for the tutoring she has provided me during this past year to help me get started with my year and make a smooth transition. She is very long-suffering: I have been basically joined-at-the-hip to her all year, and she has tolerated me graciously. And, while I'm at it I would like to thank her Soroptimister, Nick, for agreeing to allow us to invade his home for another year of Board meetings.

I would also like to give many, many thanks to Past President Pam Robinson, who ensured that my year started right by essentially doing my job for me while I was at a seminar with Past President Gayle Baxley in Las Vegas. They say the first board and business meetings are the hardest, so I should be fine now – Pam handled my hardest meetings for me. We're off to a great start – imagine what the rest of the year will be like!



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## SITM INSTALLATION OF BEVERLY PERKINS AS PRESIDENT



by Connie Steinheimer

The installation of Beverly Perkins as President of Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows was held on June 25, 2009. The Installing Officer was Faye I. Andersen. We knew it was going to be a wonderful installation when it began with Faye wearing “flip out Minnie Mouse Sunglasses”.

President Beverly’s theme for the year is IMAGINE. So Faye asked us to IMAGINE with her the many similarities between the famous Mickey Mouse Club of Disney fame and SITM. Both are great clubs filled with wonderful friends, mousketeers and sorpotiteers, who enjoy many adventures together. The Mickey Mouse Club has a password and Soroptimist has a Pledge. So with the help of Tootles, Faye began the installation of the new officers and board.

(Though it is not possible to present the entire installation verbatim to you here, the following is an attempt to hit the high points. Perhaps you remember different high points, and of course the discourse here barely does justice to the

original words, phrases, and cadence with which the installation was presented by Installing Officer Faye.)

The Delegates were first to be installed, when they were awarded their Mickey Mouse ears, encouraged to enjoy traveling to other clubs and meetings for SITM, always remembering their humor and IMAGINATION. Their office symbols: wind up Mickey Mouse’s. The Directors, after donning their ears, were reminded to always “sing out loud”; their office symbols: little stuffed Mickey Mouse’s. The Treasurers, put on their ears, and were told in rhyme, not to ever let the “bank be empty”; the symbol of their office: Mickey Mouse Pez dispensers with the hope that they never will be empty either! The Secretaries were reminded to be quick of hand and use their IMAGINATIONS, always keeping their words bright. The symbol of their office: Mickey Mouse sidewalk chalk. The Vice-Presidents were told to be sure to herd, oops.... slip of Faye’s tongue, guide the committees



and help map out the year. The symbol of their office: “ready-made committee coordinators” shaped like Disney figures. The President -Elect was reminded to always be wise and kind as she goes about her work. The symbol of



her office: a Mickey Mouse Mug, so she can fill it to the brim with knowledge and wisdom to use next year as President.

President Beverly, donned her ears, and was reminded that the ears the Board members were wearing were in her honor. With the willingness they displayed in putting on Mouse Ears, just IMAGINE what they will be willing to do for Beverly and the Club this year. As the highest resident of the club, the symbol of her office: helium filled Mickey Mouse Balloon. But since that won't last the whole year, a Soroptimist pin on a Mickey Mouse head shape is the permanent symbol.

With the help of the Installing Officers "helpers", Mickey Mouse ears were passed to and worn by all in attendance, and Faye I. Andersen led President Beverly, the new Board, and the members in a rousing rendition of



President Bev's family members

SOROPTIMIST to the tune of the Mickey Mouse Club theme song!

Although the installation was humorous and encouraged us all not to take anything too seriously, Faye, gently reminded the new board, officers, and the club members of the responsibilities we each take on at the beginning of the new club year. As is always Faye's way, she cleverly presented the installation in such a manner that President Beverly's year of IMAGINING began on just the right note!



**2009-10  
SITM  
Board**



## Two Inducted into Laurel Society

by Faye I. Andersen

Each year SITM chooses to honor one or more members with membership in the Laurel Society. The Society was established by Soroptimist International of the Americas in 1994 as a permanent recognition program to honor individuals dedicated to the Soroptimist organization and its mission.

Laurel Society members receive a special Soroptimist pin to indicate their membership status and club's contribution on their behalf. Money donated to the Laurel Society goes to support the SIA Women's Opportunity Award, Violet Richardson Award, Club Grants for Women and Girls and other SIA programs.

In June, SITM honored **Kay Dunham** and **Paula Ringkob** with membership in the Laurel Society.



**KAY DUNHAM**

Since joining SITM, Kay has been an active and involved member serving on most, if not

all committees and frequently taking on a leadership role. In addition, she has served in all of the club's offices except those of Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Kay readily volunteers to participate in SITM projects including the garage sales, working with students at Libby Booth School, the Air Races, and is well known for her interest in Women Moving Forward. Co-coordinating the Air Race Committee finds Kay spending a week at the Stead Airport as one of the first to arrive and last to leave. She also attends Sierra Nevada Region meetings including District Meetings, Region Conference and the Club Orientation and Training Retreat.



**PAULA RINGKOB**

During her 25-years as a Soroptimist, Paula has also been an active and participating member, serving on most, if not all, committees and frequently taking responsibility as coordinator. She also has served in all of the club's offices except



those of Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Paula readily volunteers to participate in SITM projects including the garage sales and the Air Races. She attends Sierra Nevada Region meetings and has also served on Region Committees, giving generously of her time and abilities.

In the past, SITM had only one elected office of Treasurer. During Paula's term of office as Treasurer, she recommended the duties of that office be separated into General Fund and Service Fund Treasurers, the structure that continues today.

Paula has been especially supportive of SITM members who have faced challenging health issues by providing encouragement, assistance, and suggestions for their recovery.

### **Diana Dillon receives Ceec Abrahams Award**

*by Faye I Andersen*

Congratulations to Diana Dillon, who was named the 2009 recipient for the annual Ceec Abrahams Award, presented at the Installation of New Officers on June 25.

Each year, this award is presented to a member of SITM who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in her support of the club and its activities. The award is named for Ceec Abrahams, a founding member of SITM who worked tirelessly to promote the spirit of community and volunteerism. Ceec was a Soroptimist from 1958 until 1983 and she continuously encouraged and inspired members to always give their best to our organization.

Diana has been a Soroptimist since 1986. She's a Past President and has served on the SITM Board and as District III Director for the Sierra Nevada Region. But her nominations for this award from club members centered around her years-and-years of outstanding committee work.

Diana has worked for the past few years as a co-coordinator for the club's fundraising



efforts at the Reno Air Races, spending a week at the Stead Airport for the event. She has also coordinated our annual Salvation Army gift and food deliveries during the holidays for the past several years. Diana has also coordinated the Hospitality Committee.

To quote one member's nomination: "Diana is a role model to all of us that hard work really pays off and can help others in more ways than we know."



## Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows

# 2008-2009 YEAR IN REVIEW

*"We are the World"*

**\$106,840 donated to the community & Soroptimist projects**  
**2,200 Volunteer Hours raising funds and supporting community projects**

### Donations

**\$43,000 in Women's Scholarships**  
Nancy Gomes/Mary Gojack Re-Entry Women's Scholarships; Jack Simon Memorial Graduate Women Scholarships; Women's Opportunity Awards.

**\$18,500 in Youth Scholarships & Awards**  
Youth Scholarships; Thanks to Youth "Unsung Heroes" Stipends; Violet Richardson Award.

**\$10,433 Women Moving Forward**  
Members conducted an all-day skills training session for unemployed and under-employed women, in cooperation with Job Opportunities in Nevada (JOIN), plus provided various educational grants to 15 women.

**\$6,150 Project for Girls in Nepal**  
Dormitory housing and tuition scholarships for girls to attend school in Thulipokhari, Nepal.

**\$8,762 in Member Happy Dollars**  
(Including club match) Raphael Keaton Memorial; Dano AIDs Clinic in Burkina Faso, Africa; Step Up; Engineers Without Borders; Quest Counseling & Consulting; Bristlecone Family Resources; Aly's Prom Closet; Habitat for Humanity; The Launching Pad; American Lung Association's Camp Breathe Easy; Sierra Nevada Stitchers.

### Fund Raising

\$45,500	Scholarships and other Grants
\$14,918	Reno Air Races
\$12,744	Thanks to Youth
\$13,720	Nepal Project
\$ 4,434	Happy Dollars

**\$ 91,316**

### **\$14,990 Committee and Miscellaneous Donations**

The Notables; Aly's Prom Closet; Weed & Seed; Sierra Assn. of Foster Families; Women's & Children's Center of the Sierra; Libby Booth Elementary; Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful; The Nature Conservancy; Southern Poverty Law Center; International Organization for Women & Development; Engineers Without Borders; Committee to Aid Abused Women; TMCC Scholarship Fund; Girl Scouts of Sierra Nevada; Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure; Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence; Nevada Women's History Project; Nevada Women's Lobby; Ridge House; Step 2; Tahoe Rim Trail; Habitat for Humanity; Food Bank of Northern Nevada; Sparks High School; Cares/SART Project at NNMC; St. Mary's Foundation Take-Care-A-Van Dental Program; Strategic Mission Partners' Medical Ministry.

### **\$5,005 Soroptimist Int'l, Soroptimist Int'l of the Americas, Sierra Nevada Region Programs/Projects**

SI Quadrennial Project, SI President's December 10th Appeal; SIA Club Campaign, SIA Laurel Society; SNR Endowment, SNR Fellowship.

### **Other**

Assisted in the delivery of gifts and food boxes to senior citizens for the Salvation Army's Silver Angel tree; staffed Aly's Prom Closet during high school prom season; provided labor for Habitat for Humanity; donated and collected work-appropriate clothing for the "clothes closet" at Women Moving Forward; conducted a diaper drive for the Women & Children's Center of the Sierra.

### **Awards & Recognitions**

- Soroptimist Celebrating Success Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> place in Program for Women Moving Forward; 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Membership for "Friday Digest".
- Sierra Nevada Region: President-Elect's "Pepper Award"; 3<sup>rd</sup> place Publicity Award for specialty brochure; Women's Opportunity Award region recipient.
- SIA Club Campaign Gold Award
- 2008 Cornerstone Awards "Outstanding Fundraising Group" presented by the Association of Fundraising Professionals.



## Board/Business Update

by Faye I. Andersen

**NOTE: The August 6 SITM meeting will be held at Northern Nevada Medical Center and NOT at the Atlantis, due to conflicts with Hot August Nights' activities at the Atlantis. The Health Committee will be presenting the August 6 meeting. Watch and listen for further announcements.**

### Welcome New Members

SITM welcomed three new, transferred and returning members during an **Induction Ceremony** conducted at the **July Business Meeting**. Welcome to new member **Sue Smith**, sponsored by **Peggy Smith**; returning member **Michele "Mich" Glazier**, sponsored by **Paula Ringkob**; and transfer member **Joan Hughes** from **SI/Grass Valley**. Congratulations and welcome to all three.

### Year-End Treasurers' Reports

**Treasurers General Fund Norma Rash** and **Service Fund Paula Ringkob** reported the ending income and expenses for the **2008-2009 Club Year** at the **July Business Meeting**. SITM begins the new year with 18 Life Members and 59 Regular Members.

The **Service Fund** report included an additional \$1,332 in committee and **Happy Dollar** donations to the community. As a result, an updated copy of **SITM's 2008-2009 Year in Review** is attached to this newsletter.

## Perfect Attendance Attained by 22 Members

Twenty-two SITM members were honored at the **July Business Meeting** for a combined total of 170 years of **Perfect Attendance**. Each received a certificate and a "bar" to attach to their name tags indicating their years of "perfection". *See page 10 for a complete listing of members.*

### Happy Dollars

A total of \$416 in **June Happy Dollars** were collected, and with the club's match up to \$500, a total of \$832 was donated to **President Marilyn Pearson's** choice of the Sierra Nevada Stitchers. **July Happy Dollars** have been designated for the Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada.

At the **July Business Meeting**, the membership approved the next 11 months of **Happy Dollars** for specific community organizations, as requested by SITM Committees and members. *See page 9 for a complete listing.*

### R&R Seeks Volunteers

**Recruitment & Retention Coordinator Teresa Mentzer** announced the committee will be attending a volunteer fair at Intuit on August 20, seeking volunteers for SITM's fundraising activities. Intuit encourages its employees to volunteer in the community and holds an annual fair to familiarize employees with volunteer opportunities. **Ways & Means Coordinators** and any committee with fundraising events should contact Teresa about participating in this event.



## Membership Update

The Board granted a leave of absence for **Karen Keister** through July for school scheduling reasons; for **Cheryl Powell** for medical reasons; for **Kris Olsen** through September for family medical reasons; for **Barbara Daily** through December for personal reasons.

## What you Missed

### 6-18-09

Year in Review was the topic of this week's meeting with a slide show by Photo/Scrapbook committee Coordinator **Paula Leyba**. Photos of all our events from the past year included including those of our Friendship Grant recipient Nisha Ghosh's visit from Puna, India. The committee also presented **President Marilyn Pearson** with her President's Scrapbook. **Kay Dunham** and **Paula Ringkob** were honored with Laurel Society memberships

### 6-25-09

This week's meeting was our annual installation of a new Board and a new president . . . **President Bev Perkins!** **Faye I. Andersen** did her usual outstanding job incorporating Bev's "Imagine!" theme with Mickey Mouse and Soroptimist. Faye had us all wearing Mickey ears and singing a modified version of the Mickey Mouse Club song, "M-I-C, K-E-Y". Congratulations President Bev!. Congratulations also to this year's Ceec Abrahams honoree, **Diana Dillon**. As out-going president, **Marilyn Pearson** received a beautiful world globe in keeping with her theme, "We Are the World".

### 7-2-09

Dark for the July 4th Holiday

### 7-9-09

July Business meeting. The club welcomed two new members, **Sue Smith** and **Joan Hughes** as well as welcoming back **Mich Glazier!** Happy Dollar designations for the year were approved. *Please see page 9 for a complete listing.*

## Calendar - What's coming up . . . .

July 16, 2009 - Air Race Committee: Air Race planning

July 23, 2009 - Public Relations/Website: Blogs, Vlogs, Twitters & Tweets

July 24-25, 2009 - Club Orientation & Training Retreat at the Atlantis Hotel Casino

July 30, 2009 - Arts & Culture: Artown International Folkloric Ballet (children's dance troupe)

August 6, 2009 - **Our regular meeting is off-site at the Northern Nevada Medical Center due to Hot August Nights**



## Happy Dollar Designations for 2009-2010

by Faye I. Andersen

At the **July Business Meeting**, the membership approved the next 11 months of **Happy Dollars** for specific community organizations, as requested by SITM Committees and members.

Following is the list of designated organizations and their respective months of **Happy Dollars**.

**July** – Girl Scouts of Sierra Nevada, to fund outreach, product sales and girls' programs. Requested by **Cindy Burk**.

**August** – The Launching Pad., Inc., for basic living expenses for a sober living environment for men and women who have completed alcohol and addiction treatment. Requested by **President Bev Perkins**.

**September** – Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, for a local outreach program providing a "Bag a Hope" to children diagnosed with diabetes. Requested by **Michelle Jones**.

**October** – FORGEnow, an Oakland-based Non-Governmental Organization that works in refugee camps in Africa, for their Women's Empowerment Program. Requested by the **IGU Committee**.

**November** – Committee to Aid Abused Women, for their "Adopt-a-Family for Christmas" program or women's shelter needs. Requested by **President Bev Perkins**.

**December** – Soroptimist International President's December 10<sup>th</sup> Appeal, to be announced in the fall. Requested by the **Human Rights/Status of Women Committee**.

**January** – Quest Counseling & Consulting, to fund services for adolescents with addiction and mental health issues. Requested by **Pam Robinson**.

**February** – Ronald McDonald House, to provide shelter and food near hospital for parents/family of sick children. Requested by **Margie Hermanson**.

**March** -- Aly's Prom Closet, to assist young people with prom expenses. Requested by **Norma Rash**.

**April** – Make a Wish Foundation of Northern Nevada, to grant wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. Requested by **President Bev Perkins**.

**May** – Camp Breathe Easy/American Lung Association, to provide scholarships for children with asthma to attend camp. Requested by **President Bev Perkins** for **Judie Henderson**.

**June** – President's Choice, tentatively the Women's and Children's Center of the Sierras, to provide resources to women seeking basic skills and supplies, plus nutrition training.



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by Faye I. Andersen



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of 170 years of **Perfect Attendance**. Each received a certificate and a “bar” to attach to their name tags indicating their years of “perfection”.

In addition to counting attendance at regular weekly meetings, members can obtain “make-ups” towards Perfect Attendance by attending **SITM Board Meetings, District, Region, Federation and International Meetings**, as

well as attending meetings of other Soroptimist Clubs.

Members receiving awards were:

### 1 year

- Patti Doty
- Dorothy Nash-Holmes
- Norma Rash
- Patty Tucek

### 3 years

- Linda Lamke
- Paula Leyba
- Becky Moody
- Ann Steckline

### 4 years

- Billie Mendiola
- Enid Oliver
- Paula Ringkob

### 5 years

- Marilyn Pearson

### 6 years

- Beverly Perkins
- Carrie Porter

### 7 years

- Gayle Baxley

### 8 years

- Sue Camp

### 12 years

- Diana Dillon

### 13 years

- Kay Dunham

### 14 years

- Georgia Baker

### 19 years

- Pam Robinson

### 26 years

- Faye I. Andersen
- Jo Ann Roberts



## Celebrating August Birthdays

Betsy Dart - 8/5

Sue Smith - 8/15

Becky Moody - 8/22

Sande Reimers-McLaughlin 8/25

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## Member Profile President Bev Perkins

*by Connie Steinheimer*

As I met Bev for lunch recently, I was reminded that although I thought I knew her well, after all she is the newly installed President of SITM; there were many things about her I didn't have a clue about. Now, clearly that could be because of my sporadic attendance, but I thought perhaps others wanted to know more too! Beyond what we all know; she is married to Chuck who is out to sea, she is a CPA by profession, and she joined the club in August of 2003.

For instance, where does that wonderful quirky sense of humor come from? When Bev was young her cousin did a wonderful Soupy Sales imitation that kept her and her older ("but much younger") sister laughing all of the time. And when Bev's mom no longer felt like she had to be the "stern one" in the family, Bev says mom became "terminally silly" much to the joy and enjoyment of her children. So in answer to my question, Bev comes by the humor naturally having grown up with it, and having been genetically predisposed for laughter.

How about where and when did this complete fascination of everything Disney develop for our dear President? It started long ago, once upon a time..... when Disneyland began to be developed. Bev's grandfather owned a dump truck that he used on the construction of Disneyland. A very fond memory is of her father coming home

and washing all of the truck but a small portion of his truck's fender. He pointed to that part of the fender and said "Walt leaned on that, it never will be washed off!" When she was ten her parents offered her a choice for her birthday: She could have a bike or the whole family could go to Disneyland, it isn't hard to imagine that Bev's choice was Disneyland. She chose it for two reasons, one it was DISNEYLAND, and the other the choice allowed the whole family to enjoy her birthday. Not to say how many birthday's ago that was, because we all know we don't tell, but suffice to say it was long enough ago that one might not remember one birthday over another. However, that day, the tenth birthday, is forever lovingly remembered by Beverly. To this day, Bev and her sister make the pilgrimage every two years to Disneyland.

Does our new President love animals? Many of you I am sure already know the answer to this question as yes. But did you know that one of Bev's happiest past professional adventures was the owning, training, and judging of horses? I didn't and wanted to know more about this part of her life. What was it like riding everyday, jumping, etc.? But Bev was quick to point out she loves horses, but didn't really ride them. She looked at them more as pets and didn't want to tire them out too much riding them or make them carry her. This mind set about animals has extended to her willingness to completely change of her home to accommodate the dog she and Chuck adopted because no one else would keep him. It started out as an idea of a "guard dog" for her while Chuck was away, "guard dog" in quotes is Bev's notation as her eyes twinkle



with the description of the Cavalier spaniel who is “so sweet”, loves broccoli stems, radishes, and carrots, but is so incapable of controlling his bladder that the Board meetings will be at Past President Marilyn’s house again this year! When asked why she didn’t send this little “Wee Beastie dog” away to another home, like the other three owners? Bev was shocked she couldn’t do that to him! It wasn’t his fault he was the way he was. The unconditional commitment she has made to the pet could not and would not be broken. Whew! I think that same dedication to finishing what she has started and taking care of those who need her is why she is our new President and will do us all proud!

Lunch was over an hour, so I have much more I could share about Bev with you. Just ask and I will be glad to give you the updates on Chuck and his sailing and her many interesting past endeavors. Yes, lunch was fun, no it wasn’t just because it was lunch (though getting out of the Courthouse was interesting for a change), it was because I had the opportunity to share it with a very captivating, fun lady with a sparkling twinkle in her eye. Oh..... by the way, she still does have those original first visit tickets to Disneyland.

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

President . . . . . *Bev Perkins*  
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 Vice President Technical . . . . . *Becky Moody*  
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 Alternate Delegate 1 Year. . . . . *Carol Dinneen*  
 Delegate 2 Year . . . . . *Paula Leyba*  
 Alternate Delegate 2 Year. . . . . *Cheryl Powell*  
 Director. . . . . *Gayle Baxley*  
 Director. . . . . *Marilyn Pearson*  
 Parliamentarian . . . . . *Jo Ann Roberts*



Dear SITM Members,  
 Thank you for the beautiful world globe as my President’s gift. I’ve always wanted a globe and it was the perfect gift for my theme “We are the World: Soroptimists think globally and act locally”. You are the best!  
 Marilyn Pearson  
 Immediate Past President



## HAPPY DOLLAR NOTES

6-18-09

Today's meeting featured the Photo/Scrapbook Committee's Year in Review under the direction of Coordinator Paula Leyba and the presentation of the Scrapbook to President Marilyn Pearson. In addition, Laurel Society memberships were presented to Paula Ringkob and Kay Dunham.

Happy Dollars for June will be donated to Sierra Nevada Stitchers, a volunteer group who've been making quilts, t-shirts, stuffed animals and baby clothes for local children's charities for over 16 years.

**President Marilyn Pearson** had many Happy Dollars for the Scrapbook, the Year in Review presentation including the hand-out prepared by Faye I. Andersen, and the new memberships in the Laurel Society. Happy Dollars from **Michelle Jones** for her sister, Crystal who attended the meeting today and presented a check for \$1,000 donation from UPS for Thanks to Youth. Crystal had solicited this generous donation and received thanks from not only Michelle but from the entire membership! Many Happy Dollars from **Jean Neddenriep** who offered her congratulations to the new Laurel Society members. Jean was also happy to be able to talk to her son Kurt on his way to Afghanistan and her 19 year old grandson is home from school for the summer.

Returning with Happy Dollars was **Patty Downs** who engaged in some serious retail therapy while in Dallas. After leaving Dallas she went to St. Charles, Louisiana for more

fun. **Eileen Fuller** had Happy Dollars for Bev Perkins fuzzy pink socks; for the new Laurel Society members and because Roger is in Kentucky she will have a spa demonstration at her home. More Happy Dollars from **Cindy Burk** to say "good job" to Paula Leyba for the wonderful pictures and for President Marilyn for her year. Her new beagle puppy has taken to hiding shoes and she tried to take one of Nelson's shoes outside through the doggie door.

**Gayle Baxley** had Happy Dollars for the Laurel Society honorees, for President Marilyn and her year and to tell us she has a new challenge. Glenn is now working the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift so Gayle has to organize her day before he returns from work in order not to interrupt his sleep. Home from Ohio is **Peggy Smith** who had Happy Dollars as she was able to attend a family reunion. Peggy understands the issues Eileen Fuller is facing with her kitchen remodeling as she has been undergoing the same issue for the last seven months. **Patty Tucek** had Happy Dollars to congratulate Paula Ringkob and Kay Dunham and for the program today. She will be a first time Grandma to twin girls. Patty had a great trip to Nashville for the Country Music Festival. Also in Nashville was **Diana Dillon** who very vividly described the tornado and severe thunderstorm warning at the stadium where the Tennessee Titans play. From 12:30 a.m. until 2:45 a.m. all the attendees at the Concert were forced to leave their seats and seek shelter! When the warning expired, everyone returned to their seats to enjoy the rest of the program. And



Diana also offered congratulations to President Marilyn, Paula Leyba, Kay Dunham and Paula Ringkob.

More Happy Dollars from **Betsy Dart** for Dorie Guy who had sponsored her; she is looking forward to the New Club Year. Visiting from Soroptimist International of Quincy was **Gloria Melms** who has recently moved to Reno. She had Happy Dollars to thank Jo Ann Roberts who invited her to the meeting and to offer congratulations to Paula Leyba and Kay Dunham. **Faye I. Andersen** had Happy Dollars for Paula Leyba and for all the work she did for the Year in Review presentation and for Kay Dunham and Paula Ringkob.

Thankful Happy Dollars from **Kay Dunham** for the honor of being named to the Laurel Society; for President Marilyn's year; and for Helen Bailey who is visiting Reno from Mansfield, Ohio. Happy Dollars from visiting Soroptimist **Helen Bailey** who noted there is no Club in the Midwest Region which raises as much money as SITM does. **Paula Ringkob** had Happy Dollars for the wonderful honor of being named to the Laurel Society. It was very flattering to receive the honor. After 25 years at TMCC, she is retiring. Paula also had a great weekend in Chicago where she met her sister and brother and their new "friends" who they have met on the internet. While in Chicago, she was able to see a Chicago Cubs baseball game.

**Norma Rash** also had Happy Dollars for the new Laurel Society members; for Paula Leyba and all the pictures in the Year in Review presentation. She also let us know

Nisha Ghosh is leaving her son's home in Texas and is on way to Europe for more visiting with Soroptimists. Then she will be going home to India in August. Norma also let us know her niece is home from Afghanistan after an eight month tour. Her sister is now a full time nurse, wife and mother but is not taking care of her 2 ½ year old grandson. Happy Dollars from **Monica House** for the program today; for the Laurel Society honorees; and for her trip to the Caribbean. **Dorothy Nash Holmes** had Happy Dollars for President Marilyn and for the wonderful year and for Kay Dunham and Paula Ringkob. On July 13 her son is moving to Sacramento to go to culinary school.

Happy Dollars from **Margie Hermanson** for President Marilyn and her wonderful year; for Paula Leyba for the Year in Review presentation and for Faye I. Andersen for the handout describing our 2008-2009 accomplishments. She took the youngest "Unsung Hero", an eight year old girl, shopping. Hard to tell who enjoyed it the most, the young girl or Margie! It was good to see **Kimberly Rossiter** who had Happy Dollars to let us know Olivia has finished kindergarten and she can now attend SITM meetings again! **Billie Mendiola** had Happy Dollars for the program, for President Marilyn, for Kay Dunham and Paula Ringkob. Her grandchildren have been gone for a few days and Billie has been taking care of the lizard including feeding it live crickets!

**Carrie Porter** had Happy Dollars to offer her congratulations to President Marilyn for this past Club year! Happy Dollars from **Lynn Robins** to congratulate Paula Ringkob and Kay Dunham for the Laurel Society



membership, for President Marilyn for her year and for Paula Leyba for the program. **Bev Perkins** offered her Happy Dollars to congratulate Paula Ringkob and Kay Dunham, and for President Marilyn for a wonderful year. Bev also let us know her husband is off the coast of Newfoundland and he described the trip as “a hoot”! Included in this leg of the trip was the opportunity to travel up a Fiord.

## 6-25-09

Today’s SITM meeting was the installation of the Board for the 2009-2010 Club Year. The installing officer was Faye I. Andersen and guests from the Sierra Nevada Region were Governor Elect Kay Whitaker and District VII Director Joanne Valentine.

**Marilyn Pearson** had Happy Dollars for the installation of the Board and for President Bev Perkins. Many Happy Dollars from **Faye I. Andersen** for SITM’s new President Bev and the incoming officers. **Deborah Albrecht** had Happy Dollars for the meeting today and for Faye making the day so special.

Thankful Happy Dollars were paid by **Ann Steckline** for President Marilyn with congratulations to President Bev and to Faye. **Dorothy Nash Holmes** had Happy Dollars for the program today and for the Board and for Faye. Some Happy Dollars from **Paula Ringkob** as a thank you to the Club for the Laurel Society membership presented to her on June 14 and for the incoming and outgoing Board.

**Norma Rash** had some special Happy Dollars for last year’s Board and for all we did to recognize the nominees for the Ceec Abrahams Award. **Patti Doty** had Happy

Dollars for the program, for Marilyn, and is happy to have Bev as President. Patti said she would try to follow in their footsteps. There were Happy Dollars from **Georgia Baker** for President Marilyn and the great year ahead. Then she recalled the surprise she was able to pull-off for Jon for Father’s Day. Jon’s daughter called and said she wanted to surprise him for Father’s Day and Georgia was able to pull off the surprise when his daughter and her family appeared at the restaurant where Georgia had arranged a special evening.

Thankful Happy Dollars from **Vicki Schultz** as Nicole will be home for Father’s Day and her other daughter Lori, and Vicki’s granddaughter Skylar, will be coming the week of June 28 to visit from Washington DC. **Enid Oliver** had Happy Dollars for the incoming and the outgoing Board. She is now the happy owner of two Great Pyrenees dogs, one a male and one a female two to three years old which she was able to find through a rescue dog website. Some Happy Dollars from **Connie Steinheimer** as she will be doing the Happy Dollars for the next club year. She also offered her congratulations to Diana Dillon as the Ceec Abrahams Awardee.

**Siobhan Carlon** had Happy Dollars to let us know she had seen Lance Armstrong and his son Levi ride at Lake Tahoe. Governor Elect **Kay Whitaker**, a member of SI/Auburn, had Happy Dollars to recognize SITM as a “great Club full of life”! With the installation theme of “Imagine” and Mickey Mouse prominent in all of the “props”, **Peggy Smith** had Happy Dollars as she doesn’t have to go to Disneyland!

**Carol Dinneen** had Happy Dollars for Marilyn and her year and is looking forward



to the next Club year. Happy Dollars from **Gayle Baxley** as she is looking forward to the next year. She also let us know she had seen Gayle Kmetovich who was hosting a birthday party for her husband, Ron. During the party, Gayle was able to sing "The Rose" to Ron. Gayle is doing well but her recovery continues to be slow. **Vivian Ruiz** offered Happy Dollars and congratulations to the old and new Board. She has had a very special time since she has joined SITM!

Heartfelt thanks and Happy Dollars from **Diana Dillon** for the honor of receiving the Ceec Abrahams Award and a special thank you to Marilyn for her leadership this past year. Happy Dollars from **Niki Ewing** as she said it would be a fun year with President Bev. Niki also offered her congratulations to Diana. **Margie Hermanson** had Happy Dollars as her grandchildren have been staying with her. Special birthdays as her grandson Austin will be 12 years old, her daughter will be celebrating her 47<sup>th</sup> birthday the next week and on June 30 another grandson will be four years old. She also said great job to Faye, fabulous job to Marilyn, congratulations to and 'ears to you Bev!

Happy Dollars from **Betsy Dart** as she celebrates her 36<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. **Liz Lukasavich** had Happy Dollars to congratulate Diana, the new Board, the old Board, Marilyn, and Bev. Happy Dollars from **Kay Dunham** for Diana, and to let us know she was overwhelmed with her membership in the Laurel Society, for Marilyn and Bev, and for the old and new Boards. And she added, "We should have a fantastic year ahead!"

**Pam Robinson** had Happy Dollars for the program today, for Faye's installation ceremony and all the guests, especially Jackie Perkins, Bev's mother-in-law and Kris Layman, Bev's sister-in-law. She was also happy for SI/Reno's installation on June 24, as Tina Smith was installed at their President. And, congratulations to Diana. Pam also said she was going to Colorado on the 26<sup>th</sup> for a girl's weekend with her sister, her daughter, her daughter-in-law and her daughter-in-law's mother. Happy Dollars from **Cindy Burk** for Marilyn and Bev. And, more Happy Dollars from **Sue Camp** who remembers her first job working at Disneyland. Congratulations from Sue to Paula Ringkob and Kay Dunham for their Laurel Society membership and for Diana and her Ceec Abrahams award.

Happy Dollars from **Paula Leyba** for Marilyn and her great year and for Bev and the next year. Congratulations to Faye for the great job on the installation and to let us know she and John are going to Montana for John's family reunion. **Carrie Porter** had Happy Dollars for the outgoing and incoming Boards and for Diana. She also remembered how her daughter Cynthia was glued to the TV when the Disney program was on. Happy Dollars from **Lynn Robins** for the great year we have experienced. And more Happy Dollars from **Linda Lamke** for the awesome women of SITM including Diana, Bev and Marilyn.



**7-9-09**

Today's meeting was the monthly business meeting and included a celebration of this month's birthdays. There was also the induction of new member Sue Smith and the rejoining of former Mich Glazier and the transferring of Joan Hughes, a life member from SI/Grass Valley. Perfect attendance awards for the 2008-09 Club year were awarded to 22 members. Happy Dollars for July will be donated to Girl Scouts of the Sierra.

There were Happy Dollars from **Pam Robinson** for the new board and for the wonderful girl's weekend in Frisco, Colorado. She is also Happy as her house in Somerset closed last week. **Patti Doty** and **Deborah Albrecht** had Happy Dollars to thank Pam Robinson for stepping in to handle the Board Meeting and today's Business Meeting. **Dorothy Nash Holmes** had Happy Dollars as her son, Zach, starts chef's school in Sacramento on July 13.

Happy Dollars from **Paula Ringkob** to welcome Mich Glaser back to SITM. Both Paula and Mich retired from TMCC on June 30 and they began working there in 1983. **Norma Rash** had Happy Dollars as she and her husband have been taking care of the grand dog this week. Norma also expressed thanks for all the members who paid their dues promptly especially the life members. She and her husband have been enjoying the Reno Aces baseball season. They have been to six games between July 4-12. Happy Dollars from **Georgia Baker** who received her perfect attendance award due to her attendance at the SI/Reno installation the last

Wednesday in June. She enjoyed watching the Reno Aces baseball game from the Bank's box as she entertained some of their customers.

**Eileen Fuller** had Happy Dollars to let us know there are a lot of activities going on in the area in conjunction with Artown. Among those are the YArt sale with members of the Connections art group and the Latimer Art Club will be having receptions at the First United Methodist Church. An exciting time for **Teresa Mentzer** visiting family and friends in Kansas City and included a surprise birthday celebration for her husband Stan. She and **Patti Doty** met wonderful Soroptimist members at the SIA leadership seminar held in Chicago. Included was working on a project with Soroptimist members from Japan who did not speak English.

Happy Dollars from **Billie Mendiola** to let us know her mother has had knee replacement surgery at Northern Nevada Medical Center where she received wonderful care. During the week of July 12, she will have her grand children for three days. She also had Happy Dollars for her friend Kathy who had an aneurism behind her eye which caused her to lose sight in the eye. They did perform surgery but it was not successful in restoring the sight. **Patty Downs** had Happy Dollars to remember Farrah Fawcett who lost her battle with cancer. Farrah's death has been overshadowed by the death of Michael Jackson but Patty remembered her big hair, beautiful poster and valiant and public fight against cancer. Patty also thanked the Health Committee for their donation to



Carolyn Sullivan's program of a hospital ministry. Recognizing the members July birthdays was **Paula Leyba** who paid Happy Dollars for them as well as the perfect attendance members and the new members to SITM. She has returned from the family reunion in Montana where 30 of the attendees got sick from an unknown virus adding it was good to be back home.

**Monica House** had Happy Dollars to celebrate the good time she had at Lake Tahoe for the July 4 weekend. Happy Dollars from **Mich Glaser** saying it was good to be back and to see everyone. She has retired and realized she found out people really did like her. Her husband surprised her with a 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party and his gift to her is a trip to Georgia in October. Lots of Happy Dollars from **Sue Camp** for her guest, Carol Gilman, who is an interior decorator. She was also Happy to have Mich back with us. Her 42<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary occurred on July 3 while she was in Chicago and Vic was in Reno.

Appreciative Happy Dollars from **Doreen Rogers** to say Thank You for the member's thoughts and cards on the death of her mother-in-law. Her father-in-law has decided to move to this area to be closer to family. Doreen was also happy to return home and to see her 3 ½ month old grandson. **Kay Dunham** had Happy Dollars as she is dog sitting all four of the dogs, her two and the two that belong to Supriya and John. During one of their walks, they saw a coyote, a ferret, wild horses and lots of bunnies. Happy Dollars from **Vicki Schultz** for the new members, thanks to Pam Robinson for the use of the port-a-crib and

high chair. Her granddaughter is now 19 months old and progressing well. Vicki and her family were able to attend the Reno Aces baseball game including the fireworks.

Happy Dollars from **Faye I. Andersen** for the new, transferring and rejoining members. She has taken this week off work and had new carpet laid at her home. There was a lot of work as everything had to be cleared out and moved! **Scarlet Ewy** had Happy Dollars for her new car, a Honda Odyssey and now they are a one car family. Happy Dollars from **Cindy Burk** for the Attendance Committee on which she will serve again. She is pleased the Happy Dollars this month are for the Girl Scouts. She also attended the Reno Aces baseball game with Bank clients and Happy Dollars for the new members. Nelson is at Graeagle doing painting at their house there in preparation for a visit from friends.

**Lynn Robins** had Happy Dollars as she and **Rosalie Henry** got through their first meeting as co-coordinators of the Attendance Committee. **Rosalie Henry** also had Happy Dollars for Lynn and for Carrie Porter and Cindy Burk for their help with the Attendance Committee assignment. **Candy McAuliffe** spent a week in Winnemucca for work as Nevada State Bank has purchased a bank there which necessitated converting systems. The Reno Philharmonic is raising funds for a children's Philharmonic and her husband has submitted a painting of a violin which will be sold to assist with the fundraising. She also told us she and her family had spent the weekend at Lake Tahoe and came home and began feeding the animals. They were looking for one of their cats



which are old and needs regular medication. They finally found her, with the help of one of the other cats, behind a dresser drawer in her son's room and she is doing fine now.

**Sue Smith** had Happy Dollars to let us know she is Happy to be a member and to celebrate her daughter and grand children who will be here for two weeks. Happy Dollars from **Marna Griffin** for the new members and said it was good to be back from three weeks in the Fifth Wheel including time in Idaho. Her daughter-in-law participated in the Coeur d'Alene triathlon and came in fifth place out of 129 women in her age group. Joan Hughes paid Happy Dollars as a new member transferring from SI/Grass Valley. They have just learned their the roof on their house in Mazatlan is leaking and as well they have found stains in the ceiling in their Reno home which apparently had some leaks.

Happy Dollars from **Carrie Porter** for Girl Scouts and to let us know she was a Girl Scout as a young girl. Her mother-in-law has fallen again but appears to be doing well; she will be 102 in September. Carrie also let us know she will be 74 years old this month and takes no prescriptions except for a cream for an allergy rash as needed. **Linda Lamke** had Happy Dollars for Mich Glaser, Joan Hughes and Sue Smith. She had her family visiting and their big dog was afraid of Linda's cat who rules their house. They are going to Trinity Lake camping but Linda and Craig will be staying in a cabin!

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