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President's Message

February—Valentine's Day, sunshine and, if you believe the groundhog, just a breath away from spring. Like the earth in winter, we rest and prepare (after Air Races anyway). Now, while birds prepare their nests and bulbs push up their greenery, we SITM members roll up our sleeves and put our plans into action. Making a Difference for Women lets us work face to face helping women build skills for a better tomorrow—much more satisfying than writing a check. Then the IGU Committee kicks off another year of pledge drives and garage sales and we contribute globally to improve the lives of women and girls. And plans are in motion for our grand fi-



nale, Thanks to Youth. How much fun can one club stand?

As we work locally, we will also have a wonderful opportunity to experience the International nature of our organization as Federation President Sharon Fisher and Federation President-Elect Pat Donohue share their time and their experiences with us. As I learn from the dedicated ladies who serve at this level, I love our club more. We rock!

In our induction ceremony, SOLT Coordinator Sue reminds us of the importance of the individual in our organization. Each of you is special in Soroptimist. I am continually amazed by our wonderful members who keep saying "yes" when asked, and equally impressed by members who know their limits and can also say "not right now" if indeed the time isn't right. Let's keep doing what we do best—saving the world, one woman at a time—and having a grand time doing it!!



Answers to SOLT Quiz (from last issue)

1. President Sharon Fisher
2. President Elect Pat Donahue
3. Area 10
4. SI Auburn
5. SI Carson City
6. Saving the Redwoods
7. 1921
8. 2006/2007
9. Mich Glazier
10. At the SIA Headquarters in Philadelphia



Board Meeting by Past Governor Faye I. Andersen



**Board Meeting held
February 8, 2011**

*Everyone is invited
to attend board
meetings and food
is served. You also
get credit for
attendance. They
are usually held
the Tuesday before
the second
Thursday of the
month.*

Committees in Full Bloom

A month into the new calendar year and everything is moving fast. That's because we are past the half-way mark for the Soroptimist Club Year and all of the programs and projects that committees have worked on for the past six months are now bearing fruit. Quite a line-up of committees reported at February's Board and Business Meetings on their projects completed and those still to come. A synopsis of some of these reports can be found here.

Nominating Committee Appointed

According to SITM By-laws, the February Business Meeting is the time to appoint a Nominating Committee to begin work in finding a slate of candidates willing to run for next year's club offices. Newly appointed coordinator Niki Ewing will be joined by Mich Glazier and Lynn Robins. They will spend the next month seeking nominations of members willing to stand for club office. Nominate another member, or even nominate yourself.

SIA President-Elect to Visit

The SOLT Committee is hosting Soroptimist International of the Americas President-Elect Pat Donahue, a very special speaker for our February 24th luncheon, followed by an evening reception for her at Ethan Allen. Members are asked

to sign-up to bring food for the evening reception. President-Elect Pat will be joining the joint District II and III Winter Council Meeting on Saturday, February 26 in Carson City and then returning to Reno long enough to have lunch at our annual Making a Difference for Women skills training and work-readiness seminar for women.

Dr. Purna Subedi to Speak on Nepal Project March 3rd

One of the original individuals to help get SITM's project "Removing Barriers to Education for Girls in Thulipokhari, Nepal" launched will speak at SITM's March 3 meeting. Dr. Purna Subedi will update us on what's happening with our girls' dormitory, girls' scholarships, Animal Assistance Program and the general overall welfare of the village and its people.

The IGU Committee will launch their annual pledge drive that day seeking SITM members and friends support for a scholarship for a girl, or to purchase one of the animals, or to just donate any amount to school supplies. See any member of the committee for a pledge form.

Mark June 4 for the Next Garage Sale

The IGU Committee will hold its semi-annual garage sale June 4 at Judge Connie Steinheimer's home in Reno. Mark on your calendar to drop off donations

and work Friday night June 3rd then come back on Saturday for a work shift selling to customers.

New Club to be Chartered Next Month

The Sierra Nevada Region's 61st Soroptimist Club will be chartered next month. A Charter Party for SI/South Place will take place on March 19, under the auspices of their chartering club, SI/Loomis Basin. Invitations and details will soon be forthcoming. As a gesture of friendship, SITM voted to send the new club \$100 to help jump start their service funds. Attend, or for more information, contact President Jo Ann Lewandowski at josoroptimist@aol.com.

TTY Committee Budget- ing for May Youth Event

The Thanks to Youth Committee's budget was approved for the upcoming May 26 youth scholarship and recognition event. Thanks to the generosity of John Farahi and the Atlantis, SITM does not pay for the luncheon, but keeps the proceeds from ticket sales. After minimal expenses, the TTY Committee anticipates a net income of just short of \$11,000. All proceeds go to support next year's youth scholarships. The committee was allotted an additional \$300 in order to have the Reno Philharmonic Youth Orchestra String Quartet play at the luncheon.

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Soroptimist Project Matching *by Sue Camp*

Our next project in the Soroptimist Project Matching Program is called Truck Farming and Fruit Trees Plantation for Women in Tia.

The purpose of the project is to develop a truck farming and a plantation of fruit trees on a field owned by the Women's group of Tia. Wells will have to be built in order to ease the access to water for women. An agronomic engi-

neer will train women to do this work. The fruits will be sold on the market. The benefits will give the possibility to the villagers to buy food during the wintering season, to send their children to school and to have access to health services. This income generating activity will revitalize the village and improve the socio-economic conditions of the women.

The Club Bamako Espoir, Mali, will supervise the project and allocate the funds. A contract will be signed with the women and regular controls will be made.

Information about this project and others is available online at www.soroptimistprojects.org



Fruit Tree Plantation in Mali, Western Africa

A Message from SI President Hanne *by Sue Camp*

I hope that you will contribute to my 10th December appeal which this year is "Funding the Future: Soroptimists for Education and Leadership".

I have chosen this theme to raise funds for the Education and Leadership Theme which is being developed by our programme team for launch in Montreal next July.

All donations should be forwarded to your Federation Headquarters. Thank you for your contribution!

At this time of the year we in the Northern part of the Northern Hemisphere are having dark and short days with snow and frost while our friends in the Southern hemisphere are heading to the beaches and having high summer.

This difference illustrates the variety and amount of different cultures and the life conditions in our organization. I therefore dare to attach to this message a photo of me as an angler which was my first fish ever and

caught in the Caribbean Sea one hour out of Cancun, Mexico.

Such a photo illustrates that our life as Soroptimists gives us a great variety of experiences and a lot of fun but as usual, you need to be in the right place at the right time and take the chance when it is there.

In friendship,

Hanne Jensbo,
International President 2009-2011



Welcome to our Newest Member!



Nancy Nordland

Our newest member, Nancy Nordland, comes to us from the Bay Area and spoke of how she was very familiar with Soroptimist and their giving ways. Please introduce yourself to Nancy and give her you best SITM welcome!



President Elect Pat Donahue



SIA President Elect Pat Donahue

Save the date of February 24th!!!! Our SOLT Committee has invited President Elect Pat Donahue to speak to us about her experience as a Soroptimist. This is another great opportunity to bring guests to our luncheon and we encourage you to do just that.

That same evening of February 24th, the Hospitality Committee will be hosting a reception for President Elect Pat at Ethan Allen Interiors on South Virginia Street in Reno. Sign ups are currently going around at

meetings for those of you who would like to contribute finger foods or wine.

On Saturday, February 26th, President Elect Pat will also be attending our District II & III Winter Meeting in Carson City and then coming back for lunch with us at our Making A Difference for Women Event.

A very big thank you goes out to our own President Elect Norma Rash for hosting President Elect Pat in her

home. It brings a personal touch to her visit.

We also want you to be aware of how very special both this visit and President Sharon Fisher's visit are. Our club is one of very few that these women take the time to visit. If you look at the map on page 6, you can see the size of the area that these women oversee. It is huge and we are most honored to have them speak to us. SITM is definitely special.

A Little Bit of SOLT

It is getting harder and harder to come up with questions. You are all just too good with your knowledge of Soroptimist. Certainly this is better than a crossword puzzle and you may even gain some knowledge.



1. Who was governor of our region from 1992 to 1994?
2. How many clubs are there currently in our region?
3. What Soroptimist International of the Americas Region is our President Elect from?
4. Who was our Region Treasurer from 2006 to 2010?
5. When will Soroptimist be 100 years old?
6. Name the village that is our project in Nepal?
7. What country is benefitting from our Solar Cooker Project?
8. Name the four members of our club who are Laurel Society Members at the Envoy level.
9. Name our Club Treasurer Service Fund.
10. Name our Club Parliamentarian.



SIA News

.Congratulations to the following Soroptimists who have been elected to serve a two-year term on the SIA Board of Directors beginning September 1, 2011: Angela Bunting, SI/The Tri Cities, Canada; Michiko Terao, SI/Nayoro, Japan; Sylvia Fernandez Gandarillas, SI/Santiago Chile; and

Carmen Flor, SI/Silay, Philippines. In Electoral Area 8 (Japan Chuo Region), no candidate received a majority of the votes. A re-ballot is underway, with ballots due to headquarters on March 14, 2011. Click here for full ballot results.

The mail ballot to approve the revision of the SIA bylaws and action on resolutions concluded in December, with all four questions being approved. Results can be found on the website, as well as updates of the SIA Bylaws, SIA Procedures and *Be It Resolved*.

Friday Digest by President Patti

January 28, 2011

How fun it is to give out awards, especially to such outstanding young women! Today on behalf of SITM, co-coordinator Georgia Baker and the Education Women Committee awarded our Woman's Opportunity Awards to Andrea Hane, soon to be a cosmetologist who will use her \$1,000 award to start her business. Since there were so many qualified applicants, the Committee also presented runner-up awards to Trista Mitchell who is studying to be a mental health technician and Kendra Richardson who has almost completed her bachelor of health sciences. Congratulations ladies, and thank you to the Education Women Committee for a job well done as usual.

Committee member Pam who has chaired Education Women many times, read a letter from last year's winner, Arianne Whitman, who is now successfully employed in Billings, Montana in a law practice which victims of domestic violence.

February 5, 2011

We learned about our event Making A Difference For Women and what we need to do to get ready. It is so exciting!

February 11, 2011

Another business meeting successfully completed. When we have work to do, we Soroptimists do it efficiently and quickly.

Our guest today was our server Teresa Del Real. We celebrated her new son, Eli and presented a gift basket with baby necessities. If you remember, we were going to do this as a baby shower but Teresa lost her mother a week before Eli was born and had to travel to Mexico. Baby Eli was joined by his big brother Alejandro at lunch.





Upcoming Event

Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women Recipient to be Honored March 24

Don't miss this opportunity to honor an extraordinary woman and enjoy a special presentation by Soroptimist International of the Americas President Sharon A. Fisher.

The Human Right/Status of Women Committee is proud to announce this year's Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women helping Women recipient Marcia Hoch, the Manager of the Advising Center at Truckee Meadows Community College. She has spent 35 years in higher education as a counselor, assistant professor and administrator.



Special Guest Speaker



A special honor for SITM will be a presentation by Soroptimist International of the Americas President Sharon A. Fisher. She is a charter member of SI/The Langleys, British Columbia, Canada. A Soroptimist since 1986, Sharon has held several leadership positions including club president and Western Canada Region governor and treasurer. She is a self-employed entrepreneur who works as a director and chief financial officer of a crime-analysis software company.

Soroptimists from throughout the region have been invited to join us for this special meeting. The meeting may run a littler longer than the normal time, so plan ahead to stay a few extra minutes so you don't miss a thing.

The map displays various regions of Soroptimist International, including: NORTH-WEST ASIAN, WESTERN CANADA, NORTHWESTERN, NORTH CENTRAL, NORTH EASTERN, EASTERN CANADA, NORTH ATLANTIC, SOUTH ATLANTIC, SOUTHERN, SOUTH CENTRAL, WESTERN MOUNTAIN, SIERRA PACIFIC, CALIFORNIA COAST, TAIWAN, PHILIPPINES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA, HONDURAS, GUATEMALA, COSTA RICA, PANAMA, PUERTO RICO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AMERICA DEL SUR, ARGENTINA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA, GUAYANA, and BRASIL.

Soroptimist International of the Americas has more than 1,400 clubs in 19 countries and territories.



Board Meeting Update by Faye I. Andersen (continued from page 2)

Solar Cooker Donations Top \$700

Members have one more chance at the March Business Meeting to donate dollars and spare change to the Sierra Nevada Region's Solar Cooker Project to help women in Darfur. Also known as Kay's Cookers (after SNR's Governor Kay Whittaker), the Solar Cooker Project was brought to the region by Betsy Dart and Jo Ann Roberts, of SITM's IGU

Committee and members of SI/Fallon.

The kits cost \$30 each. If you're looking for a gift, you can donate one in the name of a friend or relative, the committee will send an acknowledgement letter. At each SITM Business meetings since November change has been collected in one of the pots that make up the cooker kit. SITM members and friends have purchased Solar Cookers or donated change in the amount of

\$731. The total collected from all of the SNR Clubs will be announced at the Region Conference in April.

Membership Changes

The Board accepted, with regrets, the resignation of Debra Kyser (Sanborn) for personal reasons. Remaining on leave are Gayle Baxley and Peggy Smith through February for work reasons; Kris Olsen through March, for personal reason; and Joan Hughes through May for travel to Mexico.

Editorial by Sue Camp

With the upcoming visits to our club by some very esteemed visitors, I think that it is appropriate for all of you to realize how very unusual this is to a Soroptimist Club.

As the Immediate Past Governor of our region, I can truthfully say that out of 61 clubs in our region, only two have had the honor of hosting the current SIA President for their meeting. Since our region is one of the largest and most active, this is saying something.

SI South Lake Tahoe has long shared this experience with us but this time around, we are the only club in the region to host our current President Elect.

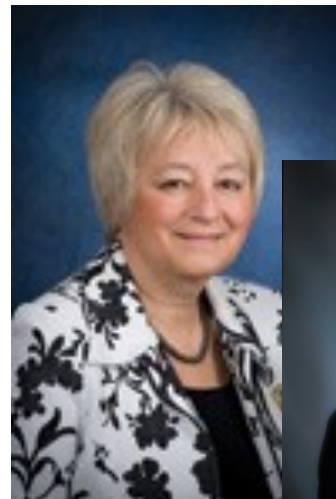
We can thank Past Governor Faye I. Anderson for this honor. She has brought Presidents to us on such a regular basis that we may have come to assume that all clubs share in this experience.

All of this solidifies our own thoughts as to what a great club we have. The unusual is our norm but I do want you all to realize what a very great honor this is.

This being said, bring those guests in droves. Pack the house to listen to Dr. Purna Subedi. Relish in the words of our President Elect Pat Donahue. Listen intently to our current President Sharon Fisher while others must travel

to convention to hear her speak. This is a great opportunity and we must all recognize how important it really is.

Let's show our pride in our club by packing the house. SITM is one of the greatest clubs in Soroptimist and we will shine for our efforts.





February 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 MDW Planning	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Business Meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Education Youth	18 Stuff Gift Bags at Tina Smith's Ofs	19
20	21	22	23	24 SOLT Pres Elect Pat Donahue	25	26 MDW & Dist Meeting
27	28					

March 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 IGU & Dr. Purna Subedi	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Business Meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Environment	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Ruby Award with President Sharon Fisher	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Economic & Social Dev		



New Member Induction Photos



The Ceremony



Sponsor Teresa Mentzer with Nancy Nordland and the use of a ribbon for the pinning. Clever!

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Anyone interested in membership, we would love to have you! We meet every Thursday at noon at the Atlantis Casino Resort on the second floor convention area. Lunch is \$16 so join us!