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## President's Message

### *Be the One!*

Our club has much to celebrate this month when it comes to improving the lives of women in our community. That fact was evident at this year's Making a Difference for Women (MADFW) event on March 3. It's difficult to describe the day with mere words. In short, it was MAGICAL! Wendi Dennis, Georgia Baker and their entire committee planned an event down to the smallest of details. Club members embraced the event by their participation enthusiasm, and donations. From beginning to end, the day was educational, informative, emotional, supportive, powerful and fun-filled. The women who attended came prepared to take full advantage of the workshops and resources provided. One of the attendees commented, "I'm hoping to find a couple of pieces of nice clothing because my best are wearing out after daily use the past two years. I actually cried when I read about the clothes closet".

The morning workshops gave way to lunchtime inspiration provided by Andrea Winterburn's success story. Andrea said, "By embracing my past, I am able to move forward peacefully and experience a life full of hope and promise". There were many tear-filled eyes when she read her "ABC's of Gratitude". The feedback from atten-

dees was overwhelmingly positive.

- "Andrea was an excellent, inspirational speaker"
- "After hearing the lady from Texas, I didn't feel so low about myself and my history"
- "The story of the speaker was very encouraging for a woman in recovery like me"



Andrea will graduate in May with a degree in nursing with help from SI of Reno and a SI of Truckee Meadows scholarship. She will be the first in her family to receive a college degree. Talk about living your dream!

The women who attended MADFW were generous in their praise of our members:

- "The members' enthusiasm for the attendees was extremely evident."
- "I don't think most HR people are as open-minded and kind as she (Patty Downs) is."

- "The compassion & kindness from the Soroptimist members. They were not judgmental about personal circumstances."
- "Thanks to everyone and the hard work and time everyone put into this event. It's great to get some positive input and support."
- "Fashion show was a riot. Lots of fun!"

Congratulations to each of you who participated in any way to make this a special day for the women in our community struggling to overcome barriers to employment. If you were unable to join us this year, we missed you and hope you will be there next year. And as always, there are still many opportunities to serve as we celebrate our Ruby Award winner, Women Scholarship winners, and our Youth Scholarship and Unsung Hero winners.

As a member of Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows, YOU ARE THE ONES who help make dreams come true and change lives for generations to come!

In gratitude,  
President Norma

## Board/Business Update *by Faye I. Andersen*

### March 2012



Board Meeting  
Held March 6, 2012

#### **Elections**

Congratulations and thanks to all of the members who agreed to stand for election to office to join “soon-to-be-President” Becky Moody in the 2012-13 Club Year. Nominating Committee Coordinator Sue Camp, along with members Margie Hermanson and Kris Olsen announced the slate of officers and delegates to be voted at the April Business Meeting. See page 7 for a complete list.

#### **Save the Date:**

#### **Women’s Scholarship Program April 26**

The Education-Women Committee has announced a total of \$27,500 will be granted to 11 women at SITM’s annual women’s scholarship luncheon on April 26. Seven women students will be honored with Nancy Gomes-Mary Gojack Memorial Scholarships for Re-Entry Women. An additional four women will receive Jack Simon Memorial Scholarships for graduate-level women. Since the date coincides with the opening of the Sierra Nevada Region Conference, members of the SNR Board and District Directors have been invited to join us. Plan to attend to congratulate the recipients and greet the SNR Board.

#### **Happy Dollars Changes**

February Happy Dollars from members netted \$261 for Kay’s Kitchen, a project to change the lives of Domestic Violence and Trafficking Survivors in our Sierra Nevada Region.

Happy Dollars for March were originally designated for Make-a-Wish Foundation, but have been replaced by Aly’s Prom Closet. April Happy Dollars will now be designated for Make-a-Wish. May is reserved for Early Head Start of Reno.

#### **Volunteers Needed**

Members are needed to volunteer their time to SITM’s new Teen Dating Violence Workshops in partnership with Safe Embrace. The one-hour workshops include interactive sessions with emphasis on participation from the girls rather than lectures from our members. The overall message is: “You can’t change what happens to you, but you can change how you deal with it.”

## Board/Business Update Continued

All dates and times are Fridays, from 2-3:30 p.m. and workshops are set for April 6, April 27, May 11 and May 25. Contact Immediate Past President Patti Doty to volunteer.

### SITM Joins CFWN Nonprofit Connections

SITM is joining the Community Foundation of Western Nevada's Nonprofit Connections, or more specifically, a link to the SITM Website is being added to CFWN's Nonprofit Connections page on their website. The connection provides an introduction to SITM for potential donors to the Community Foundation that may be interested in more information about SITM and our projects. SITM's funds for our Nepal project for the girls' dormitory, scholarships and animal assistance are invested with the Community Foundation.

### Membership Notes

The Board approved Leaves of Absence for Jean Neddenriep through May 15 for personal reasons; for Liz Lukasavich through June 8 for a work assignment out of the country; for Sue Smith through June for personal reasons. Remaining on leave is Jayne George through June for employment reasons.

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*Board Meetings are held each month on the Tuesday prior to the second Thursday of the month. All are invited to attend and see the discussions at the board meeting.*

# *Making a Difference for Women*

**March 3, 2011**

*By Sue Camp*



The fifth annual Making A Difference For Women Event was another roaring success. Just like in past years, the room was filled with women looking for guidance to improve their lives while learning from the SI Truckee Meadows Club members about the resources available to them as well as tips on how to get a job.

Our day began with MC Georgia Baker explaining to everyone how the day would go while the participants got acquainted with our members and ate a continental breakfast. The conversations were good and helped to make

the participants feel at home.

We then broke up into three groups with color coded name badges. Each group spent time in various workshops which included presentations by Patti Downs on resumes and job applications and important tips on how to land a job. Mich Glazier gave a presentation on the resources available to participants to help them make good choices about where to get help, about education and how and where to get good counseling. Several members participated in mock interviews with each group. Two partici-



pants would sit with an interviewer and then switch interviewers at regular intervals. All of these workshops set the stage to increase the chances for these women to either get jobs or further their education.



Lunch was served and the room was abuzz about what the women had learned and the excitement was contagious. We had a speaker who had been awarded scholarships from Soroptimist and who had overcome many obstacles to turn her life around. She now has only 79 days left until she graduates with a nursing degree and she could not be more thrilled. There was not a dry eye in the house and

so many of the participants were not only given encouragement by her speech but also the knowledge that their dreams and aspirations really can come true.

## *Making a Difference for Women*

Margie Hermanson once again had a fashion show and tips on appropriate dress for interviews and work in general. She had her iron with her as well as her lint roller and informed as well as entertained the audience.



After lunch a panel was formed of the workshop coordinators to answer any further questions. At first the questions were few but soon courage was gained and the questions were frequent and some even added some tips.



The day was topped off with the participants shopping for donated clothing that they could use both in their job search and also everyday lives. But there was not just clothing. Penny Leezy, one of our newest members and a jewelry designer had several pieces of jewelry for the ladies to se-

lect. We also had shoes and purses and even had instructions for how to wear scarves.

Once again the day was a roaring success and there are now more women in our community who have gained knowledge and spent the day finding ways to improve their lives.



# District II & III Winter Social

*By Sue Camp*

I was off to Gardnerville on February 18 for the District II & III Winter Social. Our group spent the day playing games and seeing old friends from other clubs. We were entertained at lunch by Cindy White from the SI Carson Valley Club who sang and also shared her cowboy poetry.

The meeting was held in an old barn festively decorated for the event. There were space heaters so we kept warm and since there were quite a few women there, cold was not an issue.

Presidents from each club in both districts explained the accomplishments of their clubs. It is amazing how much work these clubs do. President Norma discussed "Making A Difference For Women" and the Nepal Project to name just two.

Everyone had a grand time, which you can see in the photos. If you have the opportunity to attend one of these events, do not miss it next time.



## SITM 2012-2013 Slate of Candidates

Congratulations and thanks to all of the members who agreed to stand for election to office to join “soon-to-be-President” Becky Moody in the 2012-13 Club Year. Elections will be held at the April Business Meeting.

*\* Completing a term of office*

<b>*President</b>	Becky Moody
<b>Pres. Elect</b>	Margie Hermanson
<b>VP Technical</b>	Linda Lamke Pam Sutton
<b>VP Service</b>	Scarlet Ewy Michelle Jones
<b>Rec. Secty</b>	Valerie Hahn Ann Steckline
<b>Corr. Secty</b>	Tiffany Moritz Dot Watts
<b>GF Treasurer</b>	Vicki Schultz
<b>*Serv. Treas.</b>	Betsy Dart
<b>*Director 2 yr</b>	Norma Rash
<b>*Director 1 yr</b>	Patti Doty
<b>Dir./Del. 2 yr</b>	Mich Glazier
<b>*Dir./Del. 1 yr</b>	Gayle Baxley
<b>Dir./Alt. Del. 2 yr</b>	Penney Leezy Kathryn Martin
<b>*Dir./Alt. Del. 1 yr</b>	Ana Nadimi

# April 2012

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# May 2012

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## Violet Richardson Recipients Honored



Violet Richardson recipient Selina Liang was honored at the February 16 meeting by the Education-Youth Committee. She selected the Lymphoma/Leukemia Foundation as her charity since she recently lost a close friend to cancer. Selina is flanked by members Pam Sutton, left and Carol Dinneen.

Two other VRA recipients, not pictured, were Rachel Williams and Beattie Cuture. As their charities, Rachel selected Safe Embrace, where she volunteers, and Beattie selected the American Red Cross.

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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!*