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President's Message

Be the One!

I absolutely love the induction of new members to our Soroptimist organization. It never fails to take me back to my own induction in 1994, which by the way seems like "long ago, in a galaxy far, far away". Alright, 18 years is not necessarily a long time ago, but the experience and friendships I've made in that time have blessed my life in more ways than I can even express in words. I would imagine the same holds true for SITM members of long standing and perhaps even our newer members.

You hear the phrase, the "gift of membership" and wonder if that is just a clever marketing tool. I can tell you from my own personal experience, nothing could be further from the truth. What organization allows you to support women to improve their lives and live their dreams by awarding scholarships, Women's Opportunity Awards, and providing the skills and information afforded by the Making a Difference for Women event? What club allows you to impact the lives of young women half a world away? What endeavor allows you to honor the service of young girls and boys in our community? How often do you have the opportunity to join with women of like spirits to change the lives of generations

to come? Most of my best friends are Soroptimists whom I would not have even met if it were not for this amazing organization. Many of us are affiliated with other business and professional organizations, but few of them allow the "heart connection" that is Soroptimist.



I'm thrilled that so many members are attending the annual Sierra Nevada Region's 36th Annual Conference. It is a time to be re-energized, updated, and educated on what is happening in the world that is Soroptimist. It allows us to connect with long-time friends and to make new friends as well. We are able to share ideas for advancing the status of women and for raising funds which allow us to accomplish the "heart work" we do as members of this organization. There is also an opportunity to shop in the sales room and support clubs in their work to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and

the world. What Soroptimist doesn't enjoy shopping?

This year, the second year of the biennium, delegates have the opportunity to vote for the Region's next generation of leaders. We should be extremely proud that two of our members have been nominated to serve. Gayle Baxley is running for Region Treasurer and Patti Doty is running for Region Secretary. We wish them well and know our region would be well served by their talents and dedication.

As we celebrate the "gifts of membership", let us also remember Life Member Peggy Marsh. Peggy, a member of SITM since 1976, passed to higher service earlier this year and her contributions to our club, community, and the sisterhood that is Soroptimist were immeasurable. Although I did not know her personally, I understand she was a true representative of what it means to be a Soroptimist. For those who had the honor of knowing her, you are forever blessed with the memory of her service and friendship.

In gratitude,
President Norma

Board/Business Update *by Faye I. Andersen* **April 2012**



**Board Meeting
 Held April 3, 2012**

Board Elections and New Members

Welcome to new member Jan Veys, who was inducted at the April Business Meeting. Jan was sponsored by Penney Leezy and inducted by Pam Robinson and Liz Lukasavich. Welcome Jan.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers, director and delegates who will serve with President-Elect Becky Moody during the 2012-13 Club Year. Thank you to all members who agreed to stand for election to club office. A complete listing of the newly elected officers can be found on page 4. Installation of officers will be conducted on June 28.

TTY Committee Needs Your Help

The Thanks to Youth Committee is seeking your help to sell tickets to our annual Thanks to Youth appreciation and scholarship luncheon on May 17. Committee members will be distributing tickets for sale after April 19. Tables are for sale at a special member price. The committee is also looking for raffle items to raise money at the event. If you have a donation, contact Teresa Mentzer or Michelle Jones.

Submit Your Fundraising Idea

Margie Hermanson and the Ad Hoc Committee on Fundraising is looking for your good ideas for SITM's next big fundraiser. If you have ideas, or would like to participate in some committee brainstorming see Margie.

SITM Website Update Underway

Attention Committee Coordinators: Pam Sutton and the SITM Website need you to review your project's information on the club website and provide updates. Several of our club projects do not have the most current information. Please go to www.sitmnhv.org to review the information, and provide an update to Pam.

Board/Business Update Continued

Bring a Guest May 3 to the IGU Meeting

The IGU Committee will present a special update on SITM's Grant of Friendship trip to our Friendship Link Club, Puné Metro East, India. Plus, an update will be given on our girls' dormitory and scholarship program in Thulkipokhari, Nepal. It will be a terrific meeting to bring a guest.

Date Change for IGU Garage Sale

The IGU Committee's semi-annual Garage Sale was originally scheduled for June 1 & 2, but that date is changing. Standby as the committee selects a new date. In the meantime, keep saving your treasures to donate to the sale. Also keep in mind that workers will be needed for Friday set-up and Saturday sales.

Happy Dollar News

There was a change in the amount of February Happy Dollars from members to support Kay's Kitchen, a project to change the lives of Domestic Violence and Trafficking Survivors in our Sierra Nevada Region. The total donated was \$302 (not \$261.) Happy Dollars for March netted \$387 for Aly's Prom Closet, to enable high school seniors to attend their school's prom dance. April Happy Dollars are designated for Make-a-Wish Foundation and May is reserved for Early Head Start of Reno.

Membership Notes

The Board approved a leave of absence for Lynn Robins through June for personal reasons. Remaining on leave are Jean Neddenriep through May 15 for personal reasons and Sue Smith through June for personal reasons, and Jayne George through June for employment reasons.

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.

SITM Elects 2012-2013 Officers

By Sue Camp & Faye I. Andersen

All of the ballots are in and the SITM Election is now final. Congratulations to the newly elected officers, directors and delegates who will serve with President-Elect Becky Moody during the 2012-2013 Club Year. We had a wonderful slate of candidates and are so lucky to have so many members step forward to run for election. This is but one more example of the great group of women that we have in our club.

Following are the results of the election and your 2012-2013 Board:

President	Becky Moody
President Elect	Margie Hermanson
Vice President Technical	Pam Sutton
Vice President Service	Michelle Jones
Recording Secretary	Ann Steckline
Corresponding Secretary	Dot Watts
Treasurer General Fund	Vicki Schultz
Treasurer Service Fund	Betsy Dart
Director 2 years	Norma Rash
Director 1 year	Patti Doty
Director/Delegate 2 years	Mich Glazier
Director/Delegate 1 year	Gayle Baxley
Director/Alternate Delegate 2 years	Penney Leezy
Director/Alternate Delegate 1 year	Ana Nadimi

Once again, thanks to all who ran for office and congratulations to the new board.



Congratulations to the 2012
Women's Education Committee
Scholarship Recipients



Sierra Nevada Region Conference April 27-29, 2012

By Sue Camp



What an advantage for our club that the annual Sierra Nevada Region Conference is held right here in our house at the Atlantis. It affords us the opportunity to enjoy the conference and see old friends but it also allows us to have distinguished visitors to our annual Scholarship Luncheon.

As always we had several of our members in attendance at the conference. It is almost a revolving door but our President Norma, Bev Perkins, Marilyn Pearson, Jo Ann Roberts, Faye Andersen, Margie Hermanson, Penney Leezy, Jan Veys, Gayle Baxley, Becky Moody and myself managed to attend all of the events.

Popping in here and there were Patti Doty, Kay Dunham, Pam Robinson, Vivian Ruiz, Dot Watts and Carrie Porter.



So the conference began with our President's march where our own President Norma donned a pair of flashy glasses and made us proud. We spent the evening with a motivational speaker and an update from our Federation Director Angela Bunting.

Saturday brought hours of discussion and voting on by-laws amendments. The By-laws Committee Coordinator, Nancy Becker, skillfully led us through what could have been an even longer session. Our own Gayle Baxley and Patti Doty performed beautifully giving their one minute speeches prior to the election of the new regional board. While neither was successful in the election, both made us so very proud at the podium.



The election of the new officers was finalized and the new board has several fresh faces. Elected as Governor Elect was Jackie De Martini along with Vicki Watson as Treasurer, Sarah Walker as Secretary, Trude McMahan District I Director, Patricia Papp District II Director, Stacey Sawyer District III Director, Pam Greever District IV Director, Kati Treichler District V Director, Linda Dye District VI Director and Jerri Curradi District VII Director.



Saturday night was the installation of the new board and Governor Janice Labadie. The installing officer was Patsy Daniels, former Soroptimist International President, Soroptimist International of the Americas President and former Governor of Funder Region.



Sunday included the annual club awards where we received the top Newsletter Award. Way to go Holly! We also heard from seven dynamic winners of the Women's Opportunity Award and tissues were used by all.



That about wraps up the conference for 2012. I hope that you all get the chance to attend next year and see what it is that you are missing.



May 2012

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Thanks to Youth

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Committee Sign-Ups

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Public Awareness/Website

June 2012

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Celebrating Success

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Incoming/Outgoing Joint Board Mtg. Business Meeting

17 18 19 20 21 22 23
Year in Review

24 25 26 27 28 29 30
Board Installation

Visit to SI Pune Metro East



SITM member, Monica House, traveled to Pune, India in March to attend our sister chapter, SI Pune Metro East's anniversary celebration. Monica is pictured here with her mother and SIPME President Nisha Ghosh. Monica will discuss her travels during the May 3 meeting presented by the IGU Committee. DON'T MISS OUT!

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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!