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President's Message

Happy New Year!

Alright, it's not the usual celebration with "the ball" dropping in Times Square at midnight, horns blowing, and the Rose Parade, (and at my house homemade cinnamon rolls, mimosas and P.J.'s) but it is a time to reflect upon the past year and optimistically look to the future for Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows.

Immediate Past President Patti asked us to "Consider the Possibility" and together we continued supporting women and families by donating \$96,131 and contributing 2,222 volunteer hours this past year to the community and Soroptimist projects. Our club was recognized by SI of the Americas with a Gold Award in the Club Giving Campaign, the Sierra Nevada Region in numerous Celebrating Suc-

cess categories, and the Truckee Meadows Tomorrow-Silver Star Award for Community Responsiveness to its most vulnerable populations. It was a fabulous year for SITM.



This month we begin anew with the installation of the 2011-12 Board, formation of Service, Technical, and Special Events committees, appointment of new committee co-coordinators, and the exploration of opportunities for new and exciting service projects.

Could our lives be any better than this? We are blessed to enjoy the benefits of Soroptimist member-

ship by developing enduring friendships and supporting one another in the best of times and the most difficult of times. We come together in a common goal to support women in their quest to achieve an education, human rights, a life free from domestic violence, and to be able raise their children with opportunities they themselves did not know until Soroptimists allowed them to "Live Their Dreams".

Regardless of what each of us does professionally, we come together as a unique group of women, working to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world. The possibilities are endless if we each chose to "Be the One!"

President Norma



**Board Meeting held
July 12, 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.*

Board Meeting by Past Governor Faye I. Andersen

SITM Update
July 2011

Board/Business Update

Congratulations to new members inducted at the July Business Meeting. They are: Dot Watts, sponsored by Marilyn Pearson; Tiffany Moritz, sponsored by Kris Olsen; and Valerie Hahn, sponsored by Dorothy Nash Holmes. Welcome to Dot, Tiffany, and Valerie.

New Committee Assignments

Member assignments to Service, Technical and Special Committees have been made and a copy of the complete lists were attached to President Norma Rash's July 15 Friday Digest. Don't forget to check the list to see which committees you will be serving on this year. Thank you to all who took the time to designate your desired committees.

Perfect Attendance Celebrated

Some 146 years of Perfect Attendance were celebrated at the July Business Meeting. Seventeen members boasted Perfect Attendance this past club year by attend-

ing SITM meetings and/or receiving "make-ups" for attending SITM Board meetings, meetings of other clubs, district or region meetings, or working special club events. Congratulations to these members.

SITM to Host District Meeting

The Board recommended and the membership gave approval for the club to act as hosts for the upcoming Fall District III Meeting on September 24 in Reno. The meeting is planned to be held that Saturday at the NV Energy Auditorium at 6100 Neil Road. SI/Reno has been enlisted to cater the food that day.

Sue Camp volunteered to act as the meeting coordinator. Treasurer Pam Robinson will be acting as treasurer for the meeting. District III Director Stacey Sawyer, from SI/Elko, will work with SITM members to set the agenda for the day and produce "The Call" to meeting.

Members are needed to help the day of the meeting with registration, set-up and to act as greeters. Mark your calendar for September 24 and plan to join the eight other clubs from District III for a day of information, fun and camaraderie.

Club Procedures Underway

The members approved the creation of Club Procedures. President Norma will be appointing an Ad Hoc Committee to work on creating these procedures. What is the difference between Club Bylaws and Club Procedures? SITM has Bylaws which establish terms regarding officers and members, guidance for fiscal and other policies which cannot be changed without vote of the members. Club Procedures outline organizational practices, roles and responsibilities of officers and members, record keeping requirements, financial management of club funds and other specific policies, that can be amended by vote of the SITM Board.

Happy Dollars Outlined

The designated recipients of monthly Happy Dollars have been approved as follows:

July -- Food Bank of Northern Nevada
August -- Nevada Discovery Museum
September -- Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada
October -- IGU Committee
November -- Open
December -- SI President Appeal

Happy Dollars for July

Some \$557 was collected in July Happy Dollars for President Patti Doty's chosen organization, Lady Nomads, an elite soccer team of Reno girls. The club match brought the total to \$1,114 and will be used to help offset expenses so financially challenged young women can fully participate.

Membership Changes

The following members did not renew their membership for the new club year: Sonya Hem-Giroux, Billie Mendiola, Becky Rossini, Paula Leyba and Patty Tucek. We will miss these ladies. With the induction of three new members at the July Business meeting, that brings SITM's total membership to 78.

The Board granted the following Leaves of Absence: Jennifer Crowe-Clark through August 1 for an extended vacation; Siobhan Carlon, an extension of her original leave until October 1; Marna Griffin through December for extended travel to Oregon.

Perfect Attendance by 17 members

Seventeen SITM members completed the 2010-11 year compiling 146 years of Perfect Attendance amongst the group. Congratulations to these members on their diligence to attend meetings and work at club events.

1 year	Doreen Rogers
	Scarlet Ewy
2 years	Mich Glazier
	Teresa Mentzer
3 years	Norma Rash
	Patty Doty
4 years	Carol Dinneen
5 years	Becky Moody
6 years	Paula Ringkob
7 years	Marilyn Pearson
8 years	Bev Perkins
10 years	Sue Camp
14 years	Diana Dillon
15 years	Kay Dunham
16 years	Georgia Baker
21 years	Pam Robinson
28 years	Jo Ann Roberts

Congratulations again, to these dedicated Soroptimists.

Two Members Surprised With Laurel Society Membership

SITM's newest members of the Soroptimist Laurel Society are Past Presidents Jean Neddenriep and Bev Perkins

Each year SITM budgets money to be donated to Soroptimist International of the Americas' Laurel Society fund in the name of outstanding SITM members. This year's inductees into the Laurel Society were Jean Neddenriep and Bev Perkins.



Jean is a Past President having led the club in 1996-97. Jean has also served in numerous officer and committee coordinator positions. She participates in most all club events and is a willing volunteer for SITM projects.

Past President Bev Perkins served as President in 2009-10 and has also served in numerous officer and committee coordinator positions. She is always volunteering for SITM projects and is a great source of encouragement to members with her hard work on behalf of the club.

These two members join 13 other SITM members who have been inducted into the Laurel Society. The Society was established in 1994 as a permanent recognition to honor individuals dedicated to the Soroptimist organization and mission. Each inductee is presented a pin designed to include the laurel leaves from the Soroptimist emblem.

Way to go ladies!

Meet your 2011-2012 SITM Board



Norma Rash-President

President Norma is the proud owner of her own HR consulting firm. She has been a member of SITM since 1994. In that time she has served as Treasurer, President-elect and was inducted into the Laurel Society in 2002.



Becky Moody-President-elect

President-elect Becky is an Accounting Manager with DP Partners. She was a member of SITM from 1994-1996 and joined again in 2006. Becky has served as Recording Secretary, VP/Technical and now as President-elect



Mich Glazier- VP/ Technical

Mich is retired from Truckee Meadows Community College. She was a SITM member from 1991 to 2000 and joined again in 2003 and 2009. Her prior service with SITM includes two years as VP/Service.



Ann Steckline- VP/ Service

Ann is a retired Sierra Dental Xray. She joined SITM in 2006. Past roles with SITM include VP/ Technical, Corresponding Secretary and VP/Service.



Teresa Mentzer- Recording Secretary

Teresa is an Insurance Agent with Mentzer Insurance Associates. Past SITM roles include VP/Service, Recording Secretary and 2011 Ceec Abrahams Award winner.



Margie Hermanson- Corresponding Secretary

Margie is the owner of her own design company. She joined SITM in 2001 and served as VP/Service, VP/ Technical and Corresponding Secretary.



Pam Robinson- Treasurer/General Fund

Pam is a Sales Manager/ Loan Officer for Eagle Home Mortgage. She joined SITM in 1987 serving in countless capacities including President. She is a Laurel Society Member.



Betsy Dart- Treasurer/Service Fund

Betsy is a Financial Advisor with Members Financial Services. She joined SITM in 2009. This is her first year as Treasurer/ Service Fund.



Patti Doty- Director 2 years

Patti is a physician Assistant and Marriage and Family Therapist at the Student Health center at UNR. She has been a member of SITM since 2003. In that time she

has served several roles including President



Beverly Perkins- Director 1 year

Beverly is the owner of Beverly Perkins, CPA. She has been a member since 2003. Her countless roles with SITM include that of President. Beverly was

recently inducted into the Laurel Society.



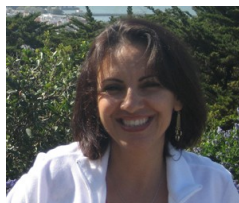
Gayle Baxley- Delegate/ Delegate 2

Gayle is the owner of Gayle E. Baxley, CPA. She joined SITM in 1995. She has served as President and was honored with the Ceec Abrahams award in 2008. She is also a Laurel Society Member.



Vivian Ruiz- Delegate/ Delegate 1 year

Vivian is the Community Services Manager with Disability Resources. She has been a member of SITM since 2009.



Ana Nadimi- Alt Delegate 2 year

Ana is Real Estate Agent with Dickson Realty. She joined SITM in 2010.



Marilyn Pearson- Alt Delegate 2 years

Marilyn is retired from the Washoe County School District. She joined SITM in 2004. She has served in many capacities including President. She is a Laurel Society Member.

SITM New Member Induction

July was a celebration of bringing in the new. President Norma toasted her induction as our new President and we welcomed new members to SITM.



August 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Club Assessment	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 DARK Do Not Come!!	12	13
14	15	16 Board Meeting	17	18 Business Meeting	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Facebook & Website	26	27
28	29	30	31			



District III Fall Meeting

September 24, 2011
NV Energy Auditorium
Reno, Nevada

**Meet and greet your fellow Soroptimists
from around District III**

SI/Susanville	SI/Washoe County
SI/Portola	SI/Fallon
SI/Quincy	SI/Winnemucca
SI/Reno	SI/Elko




Volunteers are needed to act as greeters, conduct registration, help with room set-up and other duties

See Meeting Coordinator Sue Camp or President Norma Rash if you can help

Past SIA President Cathy Standiford's Blog



Focus on Women

Watching Women's Sports

July 3rd, 2011 . by Cathy Standiford

Soroptimist International of Garden Grove, California and Past Soroptimist International of the America President True confession: I am inspired by women who excel at sports. And there have been plenty of opportunities to watch them in action this weekend. Women's World Cup soccer has started, and I enjoyed watching the U.S. women's team win their second match. Yesterday's Wimbledon Ladies' Championship was won by 21-year old Petra Kvitova. But what I like best about having women's sports featured on television is not my own inspiration. It's the fact that girls all over the world will be inspired to become like the athletes they see.

According to the Women's Sports Foundation, when girls participate in sports they are less likely to become pregnant, are healthier, and have improved self esteem. In addition, there is a correlation between sports, gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. As Susan B. Anthony once said, "Bicycling has done more to emancipate women than anything else in the world."

A report from the United Nations documents the relationship between women, gender equality and sport, and how participation in sports can help even achieve many of the Millennium Development Goals. Read more about it here:

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/public/Women%20and%20Sport.pdf>

I'm going to get off the couch this afternoon and go for a long walk to celebrate the achievements of women in sport and their contributions to the empowerment of women and girls around the world. It'll do my own health some good, too.

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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!