

SITM Update

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President's Message



Thank you again to everyone for attending the 2012-13 "Follow Your Heart" Installation of Officers. It was heart warming to share this special event with so many members, family and friends. Thank you again to Michelle Jones for serving as the Installing Officer and Faye I. Andersen for

preparing the beautiful programs and all the extra effort she does behind the scenes. I am honored to serve as your President and together I hope we can create another year of heart felt memories that we can carry with us for many years to come!!

Thank you to all the 2012-13 Committee Coordinators who volunteered to serve this club year and the 2011-12 Committee Coordinators who passed along their ideas, binders, discs, etc. to the new coordinators at our first club meeting this year. Your enthusiasm and hard efforts will contribute to the continued success of our club. Thank you also to all the members who graciously signed up for all our wonderful committees. Everyone's continued support of the club in inspiring to me as your President.

Calendar

July 26 – Monica DuPea, NV Youth Empowerment Project
July 27-28 – Soroptimist Development Retreat, Atlantis
July 29 – SNR Board Meeting, Atlantis
Aug 2 – Air Races Kick-off Meeting, Air Race Committee
Aug 9 – DARK
Aug 14 – Board Meeting, Dermody Properties
August 16 – Business Meeting, Atlantis
Aug. 23 – Sammie King, Nevada PEP

Our first Business Meeting was very exciting as we inducted and welcomed two new club members, Ploypun Pihakane & Sarah Galetti and returning member, Paula Leyba. We also awarded perfect attendance certificates to several members. For our new members, it is all the extra things we do, such as volunteer at the Air Races, garage sales, and other club events that make us eligible for perfect attendance. Happy Dollar Requests were approved by the membership for many worthy organizations. It is so wonderful that once again, SITM can help make a difference in our community. Thank you to those members submitting these requests. Your thoughtfulness will go a long way to helping those less fortunate.

I am looking forward to attending the Soroptimist Development Retreat July 27th and 28th at the Atlantis along with five other board members.

You are all a wonderful group of ladies and I very much look forward to another great year of memories while serving as your President.

President Becky

Installation of New Officers



Outgoing and incoming Presidents Norma Rash and Becky Moody. See pages 2 & 3.

New Officers Installed for 2012-2013

New President Becky Moody invited members to "Follow Your Heart", her theme for the 2012-13 Club Year at the Installation of new club officers, directors and delegates, held on June 28. Michelle Jones, acting as Installing Officer brought some levity to each club position and presented each with a memento symbolic of their offices. She was assisted by Faye I. Andersen.



Newly installed 2012-13 officers, directors and delegates.



Installing officer Michelle Jones and 2012-13 President Becky Moody

Follow Your Heart

Installation of Officers 2012-2013

Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows

June 28, 2012

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2012-2013 SITM Board

- PresidentBecky Moody
- President-Elect..... Margie Hermanson
- Vice President/TechnicalPam Sutton
- Vice President/Service Michelle Jones
- Recording SecretaryAnn Steckline
- Corresponding Secretary.....Dot Watts
- Treasurer/General Fund..... Vicki Schultz
- Treasurer/Service Fund..... Betsy Dart
- Director, 2-years.....Patty Downs**
- Director, 1-year Patti Doty
- Director/Delegate, 2-yearsMich Glazier
- Director/Delegate, 1-yearGayle Baxley
- Director/Alternate Delegate, 2-yearsPenney Leezy
- Director/Alternate Delegate, 1-year.....Ana Nadimi

**The Immediate Past President typically fills the 2-Year Director position on the SITM Board. Since IPP Norma is leaving the area, Past President Patty Downs has been elected to serve in that position.

Installing Officer Michelle Jones with General and Service Fund Treasurers Vicki Shultz and Betsy Dart.



Installing Officer Michelle Jones with Recording and Corresponding Secretaries Ann Steckline and Dot Watts.



President Norma Rash and the 2011-12 SITM Board



20 Things You Might Not Know About President Becky

(even if you attended the New Officer Installation in June).

- 1-4. She LOVES the color red, clothes, hearts and chocolate.
5. Shares an alma mater with Monica House – George Whittell High School (at Zephyr Cove, Nevada.)
6. Was the Honor Queen of Job's Daughters in middle and high school.
- 7-8. Was a Girl Scout. Was formerly a member of the Board of Directors for the Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada.
9. Will be celebrating her 30th Wedding Anniversary with husband Mitch in August.
10. Her 20-year-old son Nick is a "Duck" at the University of Oregon, Eugene.
11. In a former life was appointed Chief of the Internal Audit Division for the State of Nevada. She was honored to work with the state's audit committee of Governor Kenny Guinn; Lieutenant Governor Lorraine Hunt; State Treasurer Brian Krolicki; Secretary of State Dean Heller; Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa; and Controller Kathy Augustine.
12. Was a member of SITM from 1994-1996 and returned to the club in 2006.
13. Recently re-connected with childhood acquaintance Diane Kinney Roeser at the District Winter Council/Social Meeting. Diane is the Immediate Past President of SI/South Lake Tahoe.
14. Enjoys relaxing by walking her two Golden Retrievers.
15. Is a San Francisco Giants fan.
- 16-20. President Becky's favorite things about SITM are:
 - Meeting at lunch time, which is ideal for business women.
 - The "skits" that members perform to get everyone excited about selling calendars.
 - The scavenger hunts we play to find out more about our members.
 - Working at the Air Races, where she enjoys meeting people from all over the world.
 - The support members provide for one another, in the good times and the bad.

President Becky Moody, center, with from left, husband Mitch, father and mother, Duane & Carolyn Newton and son Nick.



Ceec Abrahams Award 2011-2012

By Pam Robinson

Marilyn Pearson is this year's recipient of SITM's Ceec Abrahams Award for Soroptimist Service.

Each year the Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training Committee (SOLT) solicits nominations of a member to receive the annual Ceec Abrahams Award for Soroptimist Service. It 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.

Some of the comments written into nominations of Marilyn by members included:

- "She epitomizes what it means to be a Soroptimist. She demonstrates a willingness to volunteer at all of our events and is the first to offer her help when another member needs help in covering their duties."
- "She is always there to help, and with a smile. For every committee she coordinates, she always creates a binder for the next person to follow."
- "She volunteered to co-coordinate a very important committee this year and added new energy, new ideas, and great organizational skills. She was careful to include everybody so that nobody felt left out."

Marilyn has been a committee coordinator, board member, and club president. Over and over, she has volunteered time and material for SITM projects. She has opened her home time and again to committee and board meetings. She volunteers for Beads for Strength, Air Races, IGU garage sale, Salvation Army gift delivery, and more. She is also a Big Sister, which is in the spirit of service to girls in our community.



Ceec Abrahams Award for Soroptimist Service recipient Marilyn Pearson, center, is flanked by 2011-2012 SOLT Coordinator Pam Robinson and President-Elect Margie Hermanson.

The annual honor is named for Ceec Abrahams, a founding member of SITM. What Ceec lacked in stature (at only 4' 11" tall), she made up for it with a room-sized heart and enthusiasm for Soroptimist. She always encouraged members and clubs to accept new challenges and to be the best at whatever we did. Before joining SITM, Ceec served as President of SI Reno, Parliamentarian for the Sierra Nevada Region, and Federation Laws & Resolutions Coordinator for SI of the Americas.

At the time of her passing in October 1983, SITM was planning a surprise celebration to commemorate her 25 years in Soroptimist. Then President Laurie Chappelle established this award to celebrate Ceec's

life. Each year since 1985 a silver bowl has been presented to the member who most emulates Ceec's exemplary life and contribution to Soroptimism.

This award is intended to recognize an SITM member who has contributed her time and resources to our club, to Soroptimist as a whole, and to the community in the spirit of Ceec Abrahams. While many of our members devote a significant amount of time and energy to the club, we are looking to present this award to an "every member", one of those women who is there when you need her, a member you can depend upon to do whatever she has committed to do, and a role model for other members. Many worthy candidates were nominated and this year's recipient demonstrates all of these qualities.

Newest Laurel Society Inductee Patti Doty

SITM Past President Patti Doty was honored at the club's Year in Review on June 21 with induction into the Federation's Laurel Society. Soroptimist International of the Americas established the Laurel Society in 1994 to honor individuals supporting the Soroptimist mission. The Laurel Society was created to show appreciation and recognition to donors for gifts that would ensure continued funding for Soroptimist programs.

SITM donated \$1,000 in Patti's name to the Laurel Society. In honor of the occasion, Patti was presented with a Laurel Society pin by Immediate Past President Norma Rash, which is a membership pin surrounded by a laurel wreath and garland.

Funds raised through the Laurel Society support Federation programs such as the Women's Opportunity Awards, Violet Richardson Awards, STOP Trafficking, and many others that improve the lives of women and girls.

"Your contribution is a wonderful recognition of a very special Soroptimist," wrote Sandy Schultz, Chair of the SIA Fundraising Council, in a letter to SITM. "Her time, talents and commitment deserve this kind of special acknowledgement and will live on in the hopes and dreams of many women and girls. This gift is a great honor for Patti's outstanding service to our Soroptimist mission and we are privileged to celebrate her accomplishments with you," Sandy wrote.



President Norma Rash presents Patti Doty with her Laurel Society pin.



At the Year in Review meeting, Outgoing President Norma Rash thanked each of her committee coordinators, just before they posed for this group photo. Thank you ladies for your part in making 2011-2012 a great year!

Decades of Perfect Attendance

Seventeen SITM members achieved Perfect Attendance during the 2011-2012 Club Year. Combined, they represent a cumulative total of 149 years of Perfect Attendance.

Certificates were presented to the following members. Congratulations to everyone.

1 year - Dot Watts, Betsy Dart & Paula Ringkob
 3 years – Mich Glazier
 4 years – Norma Rash, Patti Doty
 5 years – Margie Hermanson, Ann Streckline
 6 years – Becky Moody
 8 years – Marilyn Pearson
 9 years – Bev Perkins & Gayle Baxley
 11 years – Sue Camp
 15 years – Diana Dillon
 16 years – Kay Dunham
 22 years – Pam Robinson
 29 years – Jo Ann Roberts



When perfect isn't necessarily perfect

Perfect attendance can be achieved by attending each of SITM's 47 weekly Thursday meetings (minus two meetings for vacation). However, "make-up meetings" can be accumulated by: visiting a neighboring club and asking for a "make up"; attending a monthly SITM board meeting; working at the club's fundraising or special events like the Reno Air Races; SITM's garage sales; Making a Difference for Women's training session; attending a district or region meeting or conference, or a federation or international convention.

Teen Violence Workshop a Success



Ad Hoc Committee members and workshop presenters posed with the poster at an SITM meeting. From Left they are: Tracy Turner, Kelli Vioria, Kay Dunham, Patti Doty, Pam Robinson, Dorothy Nash-Holmes and Paula Ringkog. Not pictured were Patty Downs, Julia Ratti, Margie Hermanson, Marna Griffin and Linda Lamke.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Teen Dating Violence, AKA LEGIT (Ladies Encouraging Great and Intelligent Thinking), completed their pilot project in May. The committee and other SITM members conducted four workshops for nine young women, ages 15-17 enrolled in the McGee Center's REIGN program. At

their final meeting, the young women presented a handmade poster to SITM Coordinator Patti Doty. At the conclusion, each young woman was presented with goodie bags prepared by Julia Ratti containing Girl Scout cookies, a Teen Esteem book and a Walmart gift card.

Board & Business Update for July

Off to a great start and a New Club Year, SITM's SOLT Co-Coordinator Valerie Hahn conducted the induction ceremony for three new members at the July Business Meeting. Joining us are Sarah Galetti, sponsored by Pam Robinson; Ploypun Pihakane, sponsored by Michelle Jones; and returning member Paula Leyba, sponsored by Scarlet Ewy. Welcome new members.

New Board Director Elected

The pending move of Immediate Past President Norma Rash has left a vacancy in the SITM Board Director position. The Board recommended and the membership elected Past President Patty Downs to serve the two-year term.

Perfect Attendance Awarded

One-hundred forty nine years of Perfect Attendance were celebrated by 17 members at the July Business meeting. See page 7 for a complete list of these outstanding members.

Fundraising Ideas Explored

The Ad Hoc Committee on Fundraising, headed by President-Elect Margie Hermanson, presented her committee's report to the Board and Business meetings. Two ideas moving forward included a "Gold Buying" party and a wine and food paring party. Watch for details.

CD Renewal Sought

SITM's \$30,000 emergency fund CD will soon reach its one year maturity and offers are being solicited from financial institutions for interest rates. If you would like to participate, contact General Fund Treasurer Vicki Schultz.

Happy Dollars for June

June Happy Dollars were President Norma Rash's choice and raised \$533, the highest total of the year. President Norma chose the Veteran's Guest House as the recipient. July Happy Dollars are designated for the Nevada Youth Empowerment Project

Field Trip Coming in August

The Hospitality Committee is planning a field trip to Moana Lane Nursery on August 30. The nursery will be presenting the program and giving tours. A boxed lunch for the regular price of \$16 will be provided.

Membership Notes

The Board approved a leave of absence through September for Marna Griffin, for personal reasons; and for Jayne George through December for work reasons.



New members inducted at the July, 2012 Business meeting and their sponsors, are from left: Sarah Galetti, sponsor Pam Robinson; returning member Paula Leyba, sponsor Scarlet Ewy; Ploypun Pihakane, sponsor Michelle Jones.

Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows

2011-2012 YEAR IN REVIEW

\$80,069 donated to the community & Soroptimist projects

2,183 Volunteer Hours raising funds and supporting community projects

CONTRIBUTIONS to COMMUNITY

\$28,500 in Women's Scholarships

7 Nancy Gomes/Mary Gojack Re-Entry Women's Scholarships and 4 Jack Simon Memorial Graduate Women Scholarships; 1 Women's Opportunity Award.

\$13,200 in Youth Scholarships & Awards

Scholarships for 7 Youth; 5 Thanks to Youth "Unsung Heroes" Stipends; 3 Violet Richardson Awards.

\$11,894 Making a Difference for Women

Members conducted an all-day skills training session for 66 unemployed and under-employed women in cooperation with Job Opportunities in Nevada (JOIN), plus provided various educational grants and stipends to 15 women.

\$16,520 Project for Girls in Nepal

Dormitory housing and tuition scholarships for girls to attend school; dormitory maintenance and upkeep; Animal Assistance programs to help villagers obtain animals in Thulipokari, Nepal and start-up funding for a Mother's Group animal project.

\$3,339 in Member Happy Dollars

Food Bank of Northern Nevada Children's Backpack program; Terry Lee Wells Discovery Museum; Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada; Women's Orthopedists Global Outreach (WOGO); Treatment Resources Alliance for Individualized Need (TRAIN); Birthday Matters; Aly's Prom Closet; Make a Wish Foundation; Early Head Start; Veteran's Guest House.

\$3,869 Committee and Miscellaneous Donations

Women's Scholarships; Soroptimist Ruby Award for SAFE Embrace; Beads for Strength; Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum; Libby Booth Elementary School Santa's Workshop; Teen Dating Violence Workshops at the McGee Center's REIGN program; Reno Homeless Shelter; Washoe County TRAIN program.

\$2,747 Soroptimist International, Soroptimist Int'l of the Americas, Sierra Nevada Region Projects/Programs

Soroptimist International President's Appeal, Birthing in the Pacific; SI Quadrennial Project, Educate to Lead; Friendship Link Club SI/Puné Metro East, India; Soroptimist International of the Americas Laurel Society; SIA Annual Club Campaign; SIA Founder's Pennies; Sierra Nevada Region Project for Domestic Violence and Trafficking Survivors (Kay's Kitchen).

Other

Assisted in the delivery of gifts to senior citizens for the Salvation Army's Silver Angel Tree; staffed Aly's Prom Closet during the high school prom season; donated and collected work-appropriate clothing for the "clothes closet" at Making a Difference for Women; donated and wrapped gifts for Libby Booth's annual's Santa's Workshop; Collected toiletries for women in the Washoe County TRAIN program; staffed the Reno Air Racing Association's retail sales booth at the Reno Air Races; crocheted and donated 35 afghans to the Reno Homeless Shelter.

Source of Funds

\$33,500	Scholarships, Grants & Interest
\$12,246	Reno Air Races
\$12,804	Thanks to Youth
\$16,713	Nepal Project
\$ 6,286	Happy Dollars and Member Designated Gifts

\$ 81,549

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SITM meets every Thursday noon at the Atlantis Resort & Spa, 3800 South Virginia Street in Reno, second floor convention center. For reservations www.sitruckeemeadows@hotmail.com. no later than 8 a.m. on the Wednesday before the meeting. Lunch is \$16.

Did you know . . .

Soroptimist International

In June 2012, Soroptimists entered 203 reports on club projects, raised \$524,576USD, directly helped 16,386 women and girls, and undertook 34 city-wide, 4 country-wide, and 10 nation-wide projects with indirect women and girl beneficiaries. SI UN Reps attended 6 meetings and have submitted or supported two statements.

Soroptimist International of the Americas

Total clubs: 1,366

Total Members: 36,207... Finally over 35,000!

In 2011-2012 nine new clubs were chartered (including two clubs that were reinstated)

Country number 20 was added -- Guatemala on March 19, 2012

New members inducted during the 2011-12 club year that were on hand for the Year in Review meeting were recognized with President Norma Rash's signature "Star Glasses". From left are: Dot Watts, Tiffany Moritz, Valerie Hahn and Penney Leezy.

