



# SITM Update

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- May 17 – Thanks to Youth Luncheon
- May 24 – Health Committee
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- June 7 -- TBA
- June 12 – Joint Board meeting
- June 14 – Business meeting
- June 21 – Scrapbook/Year in Review
- June 28 – Installation 2018-19 Officers

## SITM Meets...

### Thursdays at Noon

at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa  
Second Floor Convention Center  
\$20 for lunch

RSVP to [sitmtruckeemeadows@hotmail.com](mailto:sitmtruckeemeadows@hotmail.com) no later than noon on the Tuesday before the Thursday meeting.

### Soroptimist Is:

a global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.



## SITM Members Attend 42nd SNR Conference

It's Spring and time for the SNR Conference. As usual, SITM was well represented and our newsletter received 1st place honors for Faye's hard work and editorial expertise.

Spring also signals the Thanks to Youth luncheon. We still have tickets and tables available, so ask coworkers, friends, and family to attend and join the celebration of our scholarship winners and Unsung Heroes.

If you missed the Derby Hat Luncheon, be sure to check the photos of the creative and stylish Derby hats that were on display by our members. From "Hardest to Pack" to "Most Likely to Scare a Racehorse", the hats reflected Derby spirit and enthusiasm.



*President Rikki Hensley-Ricker and President-Elect Jeanne Naccarato posed together at SNR Conference.*

Again, a heartfelt thank you to all who stepped up to volunteer to serve as Board members for the 2018-2019 club year. The passion and generosity of the SITM members never fails to inspire awe and a sense of gratitude.

Yours in Soroptimism,  
President-Elect Jeanne

## Lucky Star Quilt Raffle Tickets Available

Jan Bogikes has done it again. She's donated another beautifully hand-crafted quilt. The Lucky Star pattern is framed in warm golds and browns and could be just right for a standard double bed, or hanging on your wall as the piece of art that it is.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. They are available from the Fundraising Committee across from the Attendance Table at club meetings to purchase or take some to sell to friends and family. The drawing will be held November 15 at the club meeting.



New this year -- It can be a traveling quilt, if you belong to a civic, community or church group that might be interested in purchasing tickets. See Fundraising Co-Coordinators Penney Leezy and Barbara Atwell to make arrangements to take the quilt out for display and sale of tickets.

*Quilter Extraordinaire Jan Bogikes has donated this beautiful quilt for our fundraising raffle.*

## Eleven Women's Scholarships Awarded in April

By Pam Robinson, Education Women Co-Coordinator

SITM's annual Education Women Scholarship Luncheon was held at the Atlantis on Thursday, April 26. Scholarships totaling \$33,000 were awarded this year to eight undergraduate and three graduate students.

The Nancy Gomes, Mary Gojack, Sue Camp undergraduate scholars were: Shavon Osborne, Social Work, TMCC; Danielle Lessard, Business, TMCC; Kristy Anderson, Nursing, Carrington College; Jennifer Baumgartel, Social Work, TMCC; Lisa Perryman, Engineering, UNR; Kimberly Vandehei, Radiology Technology, TMCC; Sasha Ortega, Microbiology, UNR; and Farrah Kuenzi, Nursing, WNC.

resonated with our group.

Our club was privileged to have many Region board members as well as SIA President-Elect Elizabeth Di Geronimo at our luncheon. It is always inspirational to hear the stories of our scholarship recipients!



President Rikki Hensley Ricker, second from right, and President-Elect Jeanne Naccarato, far right, greet some special guests at the luncheon. From left are SNR Governor-Elect Lane Parks, SIA President-Elect Elizabeth DiGeronimo and SNR Governor Vicki Watson. Seated is SNR Past Governor and SITM member Jo Ann Roberts.



Special guests joining us for the Women's Scholarship luncheon were, from left: District 1 Director Maureen Mason, District 3 Director Peggy Ursin, District 6 Director Sarah Walker, Shirley Boracchi, SNR's Youth/S Club Coordinator.

Jack Simon Memorial Scholarships for graduate women were presented to: Conni DeMasi Castillo, Geology, UNR; Sonu Jose, Computer Science & Engineering, UNR; and Laura Evans, UNR School of Medicine.

Our keynote speaker was Racquel Abowd, Director of Sales and Marketing for Hometown Health. Racquel spent many years in education before taking a new personal and professional challenge. She shared her journey as a single mom of three active children which



Speaker  
Racquel Abowd



The 2018 class of SITM Women's Scholarships.

**Member Feature – Patte Robnett****Growing a Business and a Family, Along with a Growing Community**

By Faye I. Adersen

If you want to learn about the changes in the Reno landscape over the years, just talk to Patte Robnett. She and husband Lonnie moved to Reno at Christmas-time in 1968 from Portland, Oregon. The young couple had been married a year and they were following a job opportunity. The population of Reno was about 65,000; Reno's first outdoor mall opened the year prior; casino gambling was limited to a couple of blocks downtown. It was that casino gambling that led to a \$1,100 winning Keno ticket that became the down payment on their first house in Northwest Reno. They soon would be fulfilling their dream of owning their own business.

Lonnie was working in the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) field in 1973 when they decided to open Nevada Heating and Air. Lonnie did the field work and Patte ran the office from their home.

"It was difficult", Patte said, "but it was workable. I'm not sure you could start a home business like that today." Within a year, she changed her mind to say, "It was perfect", as the couple welcomed their first son Eric. Son Ryan came along five years later and Patte was happy with the arrangement to be able to juggle the business while still being home to raise her sons.

As the boy's grew Patte was a perennial volunteer and PFA leader at the boys' schools. Along the way, she and Lonnie founded High Sierra Soccer Club in Reno (now the Great Basin Youth Soccer League of Northern Nevada) to establish soccer fields for younger kids, whose little legs couldn't run the regulation field distance.

They met with the city, the school district, just about anywhere there was a level patch of grass to be able to set up a child-sized soccer field. "Our first season we had 50 kids and overnight it seemed to blossom to 1,200 kids," said Patte. "Today, on summer evenings and weekends you can drive around town and see soccer games everywhere."

In 1996, as the business was growing, it was time for the Robnett's to buy a building and expand further. Son Eric earned his HVAC certification and joined them full time. Patte handled the office work as the business

continued to grow. She tried her hand at retirement in 1998 but that didn't last long. She volunteered for CAAW at the Temporary Protective Order (TPO) Office in the Washoe County Courthouse. She played bunco and went out to lunch.

It wasn't enough. She said, "I missed it and I didn't know what to do with myself." Working half-days three days a week was the answer for a while, until it started to stretch into a full-time position again.



*Patte and Lonnie Robnett during a trip to Amsterdam.*

Patte and Lonnie "officially retired" in 2016 and turned the business over to son Eric. Eric has added Home Energy Experts to the business. They still do HVAC and plumbing and own Ben Franklin Fireplace Shop and Showroom. Eric and his wife Jesse have Patte's first granddaughter, 11-year-old Ella.

Son Ryan is a nurse with St. Mary's Regional Medical Center and in June will be returning to school to earn his Physician's Assistant license. Ryan and wife Wendy are expecting twins in September.

Traveling has always been a joy for Patte and Lonnie. They escape the Reno winter mid-January each year for five weeks to their condo in Cabo San Lucas. They also love their trips to Maine, especially feasting on lobster offered everywhere from fine restaurants to small deli's. Viking River Cruises have been a favorite pastime to leisurely explore parts of Europe.

As a new SITM member, Patte served on the Education-Women Committee and assisted with the presentation of scholarships at the April 26 luncheon. She enjoyed the work, especially the interviews and is ready to sign up



*Cabo is Patte's 11-year old English Bulldog; and Sophie, is a Miniature English Bull puppy.*

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again next year. She contributed clothes, purses and shoes to this year's Making a Difference for Women seminar. She's also serving on the Education-Youth Committee and has enjoyed reviewing the scholarship and Thanks to Youth applications. The Soroptimist focus on combatting Human Trafficking has also piqued her interest.

Depending upon her interests, SITM will have no trouble filling some of her free hours for her. Welcome Patte. We're glad you've joined us.

## DIBI Girls Learn About Careers in Engineering

As SITM's Dream It. Be It. (DIBI) project with Hunter Lake Elementary School girls nears the end of the school year, they were treated to a special speaker. Karen Purcell is a Professional Engineer who has worked on such projects as the Knowledge Center at UNR. She brought along a Power Point program and spoke about all kinds of careers where engineering, along with science, math and technology work together. There were lots of questions from the girls.



*The DIBI girls at Hunter Lake Elementary School.*



*Karen Purcell, P.E.*

# Saving the Best For Last IGU's 40th & Final GARAGE SALE

One last time we need your donations!!!  
Drop-Off at Ethan Allen

## SITM'S GARAGE SALE

**Saturday, June 2, 2018**

at Judge Connie Steinheimer's home  
1140 Alpine Circle, Reno



Proceeds to benefit the  
Nepal dormitory/scholarship

## WORKERS NEEDED

***Friday Night Set-Up***  
*Pizza and Margaritas*

## ***Saturday Sales & Clean Up***

Sign-up sheets at the meetings

See Linda Lamke

Call Judge Connie at

**(775) 771-7512**

For Questions

# Another Great SITM Turn-Out at Sierra Nevada Region Conference

Excerpted from Conference Delegate Margie Hermanson's Report

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sierra Nevada Region Conference was held Friday, April 27 – Sunday, April 29 at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno. Sixteen SITM members attended part or all of the 2-1/2 day conference.

Friday afternoon featured workshops on strategic planning, stopping human trafficking, a candidates' forum on region offices and a delegate's briefing.

The evening proceeded with the announcement of a "#SNR Live 2018 Video and Photo Contest", encouraging attendees to take photos and videos of conference-goers and activities for posting. President-Elect Jeanne Naccarato took fourth place for her video. The Soroptimist Celebrating Success Award winners were announced.



Attending Friday night dinner were standing, from left: District 5 Director Sarah Carrasco, Kay Dunham, Anna McArdle, Jeanne Naccarato, Carmella Cipollina, Bev Perkins, Doris Phelps, Margie Hermanson, Penney Leezy and Linda Walker. Seated are Barbara Atwell and Faye Andersen.

## Friday Night Awards and Entertainment

The conference officially opened Friday night following a cocktail reception. SNR Governor Vicki Watson and Governor-Elect Lane Parks spoke about the Soroptimist "Dream It. Be It." program and congratulated the region's clubs on their work empowering girls with education, training and mentoring programs. They also discussed the discontinuing use of the Soroptimist International logo (woman with raised arms holding the name Soroptimist) in favor of the federation logo of Soroptimist International of the Americas (stylized blue "S").

The "5 Star Public Awareness Awards" were presented for Innovative Public Awareness, Newsletter, Website, Social Media and Overall Best Public Awareness. SITM took first place in the Newsletter Category.

Friday evening concluded with nine clubs vying for the prize in a "Lip Sync Battle".



SITM's Delegates ready to vote, from left President-Elect Jeanne Naccarato, Delegate Margie Hermanson and President Rikki Hensley-Ricker.

## Getting Down to Business Saturday Morning

Saturday morning began with the usual business session, including the credentials report, standing rules, minutes of the previous conference, Treasurer's report, etc.

During the Membership Report, First Time Attendees were honored, including SITM's own Linda Walker. The Blanche Edgar Award for Extension and the Evelyn Holland Recognition for Education in Soroptimism were presented.

The region's "official visitor" Soroptimist International of the Americas President-Elect Elizabeth Di Geronimo presented an update and slide show on federation activities.

## Election of 2018-2020 Region Officers

Candidates for election to region and district offices were introduced and then delegates were directed to vote. Following is the new slate of SNR officers joining Governor Lane Parks for the 2018-2020 biennium.

Governor-Elect Sarah Carrasco  
Secretary Nancy Becker  
Treasurer Sharon Box



There is little "down-time" at conference, but just enough for Bev Perkins, Kathy Hudson and Dot Watts to share a laugh.

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Linda Walker was recognized as a First Time Attendee to a region conference.

- District 1 Director Lisa Fitzgerald
  - District 2 Director Terrel Locke
  - District 3 Director Tracy Edwards
  - District 4 Director Ann Bryant
  - District 5 Director Sue Chambers
  - District 6 Director Stacey Yurmanovic-Sawyer
- Congratulations to SITM's own Sarah Carrasco on her election as SNR Governor-Elect.

**Afternoon Reports, Speaker and Break-Out Sessions**

Following the lunch break, Joanne Tremelling gave an update on the region's "Stop Trafficking" programs.

The Keynote Speaker was Jennifer Spear, from Clean Slate Strategies speaking on doing thing UnScripted and Differently.

Federation Fundraising Chair Kim Sayers honored Laurel Society and Laurel Legacy members. SNR Endowment Coordinator Margie Hermanson reported five clubs had received awards ranging from \$450 to \$1,000 in grants for their projects to support women and girls.

Afternoon break-out sessions included "That's What You Think, Challenge Your Assumptions About Change", by Keynote Speaker Jennifer Spear; and "Are you going to Japan?" by Governor-Elect Lane Parks and Bonnie Chapman from SI/Chico.

**Recognition of Club Leaders; New Officer Installation**

Saturday's traditional "Grand March" of "Amazing Club Presidents, Awesome Past Governors" and the SNR Board members for the

2016-2018 and newly elected board members for 2018-2020 were paraded into the evening session in recognition for their contributions to the region.

The installation of the 2018-2020 SNR Board was followed by a presentation of "Realizing Your Dreams Against All Odds", by Retired Lt. Colonel Sharlee Wyatt Smith (SITM's Ruby Award recipient.) Sharlee and her husband, along with two other couples concluded the evening with a demonstration of ballroom dancing, which Sharlee teaches.



In the weekend long social media contest (for posting photos and videos) Jeanne Naccarato took fourth place and won an online microphone.

**Sunday Scholarship Recipients and LYD Panel**

A Celebration of Life memorial service began early Sunday morning as clubs recognized and honored those Soroptimists who passed during the previous year.

The conference re-convened with an announcement from Governor Vicki Watson about her international project for the biennium, "Dress a Girl Around the World". She thanked all of the clubs for their participation in sewing, donating supplies and/or money towards the project. The ending tally revealed SNR clubs donated 4,003



SITM members enjoying the Installation of new region officers and entertainment were, from left: Anna McArdle, Kay Dunham, District Director Sarah Carrasco, Bev Perkins, Dot Watts, Margie Hermanson, Penney Leezy, Barbara Atwell, Linda Walker, Jeanne Naccarato and Kathy Hudson.

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dresses to the project.

SNR's Soroptimist Ruby Award recipient Julie Debbs spoke of receiving a Soroptimist scholarship in 2008 to continue her education. Today she is the Operations Director for Sex Workers Outreach Project (SWOP) in Sacramento providing education to sex workers and customers to combat sex for sale. She just received the Oprah Ambassador of Hope Award, one of seven in the country. Fellowship and Youth Club Awards were also presented.

The final panel of the day included former Live Your Dream Award recipients detailing how their lives have changed since receiving the award, their educational pursuits and progress on "living their dream". Former SITM LYD recipient Lisa Perryman and former SITM scholarship recipient Ana Chaco both participated in the panel.

#### **Fundraising Totals for Conference:**

50/50 raffle \$1,415 after the split.  
Proceeds support the conference.  
Raffle baskets \$4,097  
Purse Sales \$1,850  
Total \$5,947. Proceeds support the SNR Endowment for Club Grants and Awards.

#### **SITM Donates Over 200 Dresses for the DAG Project**

Give yourself and your fellow members a hand. SITM members, family and friends sewed a total of 210 dresses for the Dress a Girl Project.

Thanks to VP/Service Penney Leezy for spear-heading this project. While Penney doesn't sew herself, she researched the project, put together the sewing packets, solicited bolts of material, supplies and cash. Each week she could be found at the back table distributing packets, collecting finished dresses, adding girls' panties in the dress pockets, and encouraging and thanking members for their contributions.

Way to go Penney. Way to go SITM members.

#### **Panel of Former LYD Recipients Featured at Conference**

A panel discussion, put together by District Director Sarah Carrasco, was held at the recent SNR Conference. Lisa Perryman, 2017 SITM LYD recipient and a current scholarship recipient, and Ana Chacon, former SI/Reno Live Your Dream recipient and past SITM scholarship recipient, were featured in the panel of five. Lisa is still in school, but the other four members are successfully employed.

They shared their stories and all mentioned how much Soroptimist support had meant to them in



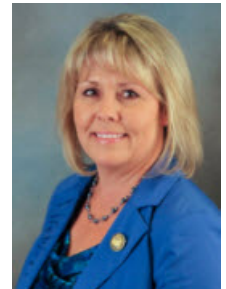
*The panelists included Lisa Perryman, second from left, and Ana Chacon, second from right*

achieving their dreams. One of the speakers, Rita Durgin, is President-Elect for SI/Greater Davis.

## **Dress a Girl Final Tally from Conference**

### **A Message from SNR Governor Vicki Watson**

For those of you who were not at the 42nd Annual Conference this past weekend, I want to share the results of our efforts on our Dress A Girl Around the World region project. Before revealing the total, I want to thank District 6 Director Sarah Walker for bringing the project to my attention. This project met my criteria that a region project would need to have an international aspect. Our collaboration with **Hope4Women** on their **Dress A Girl Around the World** was a perfect fit. It provided us with a mission-based project with multiple ways to participate.



The big, no huge, unforeseen bonus was the "community involvement" in our efforts. Clubs had other groups sewing, cutting and donating to Soroptimist for this project. This resulted in such public awareness of Soroptimists in their own communities.

So, how did we do?

- District 3 195
- District 1 381
- District 6 461
- District 5 614
- District 4 1,026
- District 2 1,326
- Grand Total 4,003 and over \$1,818**



We had 43 of 55 clubs participating, **that's 78%**. Simply amazing.

Thank you to everyone who participated. It's a great project and you all went above and beyond my expectation.

## SITM Members Behind the Scenes at SNR Conference

The Sierra Nevada Region holds its annual conference around the end of April each year. The Governor sets the agenda and calls upon her appointed region coordinators to carry out the program for the 2-1/2 day event. It's all done on a volunteer basis.

But, there is an underlying layer of volunteers who work behind the scenes to make sure each day and each event run on time, run smoothly and compliment the conference business, meals and activities. Four of these courageous volunteers are SITM members.

### Holding Down the Fort in the Marketplace

Penney Leezy and Barbara Atwell operate the Conference Marketplace, where clubs and individuals have merchandise for sale to attendees. Their work begins months in advance, contacting potential venders, working with the hotel, working with the conference coordinator, collecting and accounting for fees.



*Penney Leezy, left, at her jewelry booth in the Marketplace, with friend Beth Sharp from Yuba City.*

During the conference, days can stretch to 16



*Barbara Atwell selling her unique fabric creations.*

hours with early morning set-ups and the delicate handling of each vender's needs or wants. And then comes the "tear-down", "packing up" and hauling away Sunday afternoon.

Both Penney and Barbara have their own merchandise to sell, so coordinating their own sales with the demands of the venders can be tricky, and Penney hires a friend to relieve her of sales duties while she attends conference business.

Penney and Barbara, we thank you for your five years to make this annual conference favorite a success each year.

### The Credentials Authority

Conference registration has its own coordinator and

committee to handle the details each year. But who handles Conference Credentials, keeping track of each club's delegates, so the conference body knows how many votes to count on elections and votes for/against bylaw amendments or other business?

That would be SITM's Kay Dunham.

Her job begins months before conference as registrations trickle in. It heats up as attendees arrive at conference and must register their club delegates. Sometimes Kay's most important job is in educating clubs and members about how many delegates they have and getting them color-coded into the right districts.

She also gives the periodic Credentials Report during the conference, to make sure vote totals are correct.

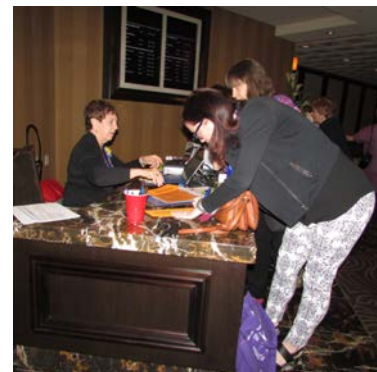
Thanks Kay, for your second year of serving the region in this important job.

### Endowment Coordinator and Sales Woman

We all know Margie Hermanson for her purses and shoes, but early on even she didn't know she would be selling purses and handbags as part of her job as Endowment Coordinator. Her stated position promotes, collects and with a committee selects clubs who wish small grants from the region for their club projects.

The job also comes with fundraising for the Endowment Fund coffers. That includes the popular "basket raffles" held each conference as attendees vie for some beautiful gift baskets donated by clubs. This year included a new wrinkle, a purse sale and auction. Expecting a couple of hundred purses, Margie was bombarded with 750-800 purses donated by members.

Margie was a trooper, making the best of the onslaught and made some good money in the process. Thanks Margie, for doing double-duty for conference.



*Kay Dunham registering delegates at conference.*



*Margie Hermanson with just a few of hundreds of gently used purses for sale.*

## Committee Sign-ups for 2018-2019 are Underway

It's an annual necessity for the incoming President to get her committee coordinators and members selected prior to the start of the new club year, July 1. That was the stated purpose of the May 3 meeting conducted by President-Elect Jeanne Naccarato, to let members give their preferences of committees.

But what was with the hats? Being so close to the Kentucky Derby, the Hospitality Committee decided it would be fun for members to wear their best "fascinator" or Derby hat to the meeting. There were several interpretations, both standard and bold.

If you didn't get a chance to sign-up, let President-Elect Jeanne know your committee preferences. She's compiling a list, of course.

See if you agree with these hat choices.

- Hat Most Likely to Scare a Derby Horse - Millie Mitchell
- Best Shade Hat - Anna McArdle
- Least Distracting Hat - Carl Dineen
- Hardest to Pack for Derby Day - Dot Watts
- Smallest Hat - Patty Downs
- Largest Hat - Penney Leezy
- Most Stylish Hat - Melissa Kreck
- Most Unique Hat - Kathy Hudson
- Most Tasty to a Horse - Enid Oliver
- Most Colorful Hat - Niki Ewing
- Most Presidential Hat - Jeanne Naccarato

\*\*Pictures of the Hat Winners are available on Facebook and Instagram



Carol Dineen



Dot Watts



Jeanne Naccarato



Enid Oliver



Melissa Kreck



Kathy Hudson



Millie Mitchell



Niki Ewing



Anna McArdle, Penney Leezy and Patty Downs

## Nominate an Outstanding Member for the Ceec Abrahams Award

Each year the Ceec Abrahams Award 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. Ceec Abrahams was a founding member of our club and worked tirelessly to promote the spirit of community and volunteerism. Ceec was a member of Soroptimist from 1958 until 1983. The award was instituted in her honor. This award will be presented at the Year in Review meeting on June 21, 2018.

While our officers and committee coordinators volunteer countless hours of their time fulfilling their duties, this award seeks to recognize an "every member" for her tireless efforts. (But officers are not precluded from being selected.) This is a member who volunteers readily, perhaps without being asked, is always there when you need her, is reliable and responsible and demonstrates her support of the organization and its goals.

Please nominate a member who has demonstrated these qualities during the past club year. You may nominate more than one member. Forms are available at club meetings. Please send your nomination by email to Kay Dunham at [kaydunham@yahoo.com](mailto:kaydunham@yahoo.com), by Friday, June 1, 2018.



*The month with the fewest number of members having a birthday may be May. Members sung Happy Birthday to Liza Chapen.*



## Soroptimist Development Retreat July 7-8, 2018 Atlantis Casino Resort Spa

This is a working weekend for all Soroptimist members who want organization and personal growth in Soroptimist.

20 Workshops to choose from:

- Two Dream It. Be It. Workshops
- Easy Peasy Fundraisers
- Public Speaking from a New Angle
- Maximizing Live Your Dream Awards
- Communicating Across Generations
- Club Officer Training
- Embracing Change
- MORE

Guest Speaker Carolyn J. Carver  
Two Different Topics  
"Embracing Change" and  
"Communicating Across Generations"

When you are looking for an impactful message from a powerful speaker, look no further than Carolyn Carver! People who've had the pleasure of attending her keynotes use the same word time after time to describe her and the experience: FUN, FUN, FUN!



"Find out more about our wonderful organization!"  
Lane Parks  
SNR Governor, 2018-20

*"Watch SNR Website, E-Blast and SDR Event Page for more information."*

## May Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

It's the middle of SITM's very busy season presenting both women's and youth scholarships, recognizing outstanding women and "Unsung Heroes" among our youth. Plus, all of the work to prepare for next club year is progressing.

### Budgets for 2018-2019 Approved

At the May Business Meeting the budgets prepared by the Finance/Governance Committee and reviewed by the SITM Board were presented for the second time, voted on and approved by the members. If you would like a copy of the final budgets for the General or Service Funds, contact Co-Coordinator Vicki Schultz

### Watch for Your Dues Statement via Email

Membership dues statements will be sent out towards the end of May. There is an increase this year from \$190 to \$195 for regular members, due to increases from Soroptimist International of the Americas. You can mail your dues to Vicki Schultz or bring it to a club meeting. She must complete her submissions to region and federation by the end of June.

### Purchases by Credit Card are Coming Soon

Due to many requests and the need to enter the new century, the Fundraising Committee recommended the purchase of two new Point of Sale "Squares" chip readers and two new or refurbished iPads for the club to be able to take credit cards. Currently SITM does have a "swipe" square that has been used at events like Thanks to Youth. They will also be used at the Attorney General's Fifth Annual Benefit for Survivors of Human Trafficking, August 23.

The Board recommended and the membership approved the expenditure of up to \$1,000 for the purchases.

### Happy Dollars Benefit Girl Scouts

A total of \$384 in Happy Dollars was collected in April for the Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada. The May Happy Dollars are designated for Because I Can, an organization that helps brain injury survivors put their lives back together.

### Nominate an Outstanding Member for the Ceec Abrahams Award

The Membership Committee is seeking your nominations of an outstanding member who has gone above-and-beyond in support of the club and its activities. See the

details on page 10. Pick up a nomination form at a club meeting, or [www.sitmnev.org](http://www.sitmnev.org).

### SNR Conference Delegate's Report

Sixteen SITM members attended all or part of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sierra Nevada Region Conference, April 27-29 at the Atlantis in Reno. Delegate Margie Hermanson's excerpted report and photos can be found on pages 5-7.

### Organizational Assessment Committee Final Report

The OA Committee members are exclaiming "yippee" and SITM members in general are (maybe) tired of hearing about it. Organizational Assessment Coordinator Doris Phelps presented her final report on the changes to Club Bylaws and Policies and Procedures that reduced the number of club board positions and realigned the club committees. Its work being completed, the Board took action to dissolve this special committee. For a copy of the most up-to-date Club Bylaws and Polices and Procedures, contact Pam Sutton.

## Learning the "In's" and "Out's" of Committee Responsibilities

At the April 19 meeting, SITM's two VPs of Service and Technical Committees called upon all of the club's committee coordinators to provide an "annual report" of their committee's activities, programs and events. It was a precursor to the May 3 meeting, so members actually knew which committees they were signing up to join and the work of each committee.



VP Technical Dot Watts



VP Service Penney Leezy

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- Lynne Catrow
- Kay Dunham
- Barbara Atwell

### SITM Board 2017-18

- President  
Rikki Hensley-Ricker
- President – Elect  
Jeanne Naccarato
- VP/Technical  
Dot Watts
- VP/Service  
Penney Leezy
- Recording Secretary  
Patty Mamola
- Corresponding Secretary  
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**Board Meets monthly on Tuesday**  
 following the first Thursday, 5:30 p.m.  
 Bristlecone Family Resources  
 704 Mill St., Reno

- Treasurer/General Fund  
Kay Dunham
- Treasurer/Service Fund  
Lynne Catrow
- Director, 2 Years  
Jennifer Burnitt
- Director, 1 Year  
Vivian Ruiz
- Delegate  
Valerie Hahn
- Alternate Delegate  
Margie Hermanson
- Parliamentarian  
Doris Phelps



For information about our organization, check out these Soroptimist Websites:

- Sierra Nevada Region: [www.soroptimistsnr.org](http://www.soroptimistsnr.org)
- Soroptimist International of the Americas: [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)
- Soroptimist International: [www.soroptimistinternational.org](http://www.soroptimistinternational.org)



## Did you know . . .

# Soroptimist Progress in FY16/17

September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017

### Empowering Women & Girls Through Our Access to Education Dream Programs

#### Live Your Dream Awards

- **1,476 deserving women** received an award (+8%)
- **\$2,095,093** was given through the program (+11%)
- **96%** of recipients reported increased self-esteem
- **80%** of recipients who completed their education reported having increased standard of living



#### Dream It, Be It

- **12,265** girls participated (+42%)
- **83%** said they have the tools to overcome obstacles to their success
- **87%** feel more prepared to pursue their career goals
- **34,979** volunteer hours by clubs (+41%)

