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- March 21 – Nepal Project Update &
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- March 21 – Treasures Gathering
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Gerontology Specialist
- April 25 – Women’s Scholarships
- April 26-28 – SNR Conference,
Atlantis

SITM Meets...

Thursdays at Noon
 at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
 Second Floor Convention Center
 \$22 for lunch.
 RSVP to [sitmtruckeemeadows@
 hotmail.com](mailto:sitmtruckeemeadows@hotmail.com) no later than noon
 on the Tuesday before the
 Thursday meeting.

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



Upcoming Programs in March and April You Won’t Want to Miss

It’s March, and we are finally seeing more sunshine than gray clouds. It means that spring is just around the corner and so is the IGU Pledge Day. Our Nepal project is starting its 20th year. Who would have imagined that providing a dormitory would have changed the lives of an entire village. Come and bring a friend or two on March 21st to hear a retrospect of the Nepal Project.

Kudos to Pam Sutton, who used her artistic talent and the help of an artistic friend to create an updated SITM pamphlet. If you haven’t seen a copy, check with the attendance table, as there are copies available there. The new pamphlets make a great conversation piece when talking to a prospective new member or anyone who is curious about who we are and what we are about. Pam’s timing was perfect, as I used the new pamphlet as



*President Jeanne, center, with Co-
 Coordinators Carol Dinneen and
 Dot Watts at Making a Difference for
 Women.*

a visual aid when members from the IGU Committee spoke to a group of visiting Russian women at the Northern Nevada International Center this past week.

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2019-2020 Slate of Candidates Announced

Congratulations and thanks to those SITM members willing to stand for election to the SITM Board for the 2019-2020 Club Year.

President-Elect

Millie Mitchell

Vice President, Program

Chris Fegert

Vice President, Membership

Valerie Hahn

Secretary

Piper Mullen
 Linda Walker

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Ana Nadimi

Delegate

Anna McArdle

* Completing a term of office

***President** – Penney Leezy

***Treasurer/General Fund --**

Pam Robinson

***Director** – Jeanne Naccarato

Elections will take place at the April 11 Business Meeting. If you are not able to attend that meeting, you can obtain an absentee ballot by contacting Nomination Coordinator Faye I. Andersen.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the vote, but you must secure permission from the nominee and provide a short biography from the member.

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And speaking of projects, April takes us into the Education/Women Scholarship event on April 25. This year's applicants numbered in the 60's. Many thanks to the event coordinators, Pam Robinson and Patty Doty, for sorting out many of the unqualified applicants so the rest of the committee were able to discern applicants for interviews.

The Education/Women scholarship event is scheduled for Thursday, April 25 and is well attended, especially by many dignitaries coming to Reno for the Sierra Nevada Region 2019 Conference April 26 through April 28. But more of that in April. This month I want to remind everyone SITM pays your registration if you are a first time attendee. Even if you're not a first-time attendee the event is always informative and entertaining, so plan to attend.

One more reminder before closing: If you have a friend who is interested in becoming an SITM member, we do have a fund that allows us to pay for their luncheon. Mention when you check in at the attendance table that your friend's lunch will be coming from the money listed in the budget as "Miscellaneous Comp Lunches". Each year we budget an amount to cover these lunches and this year's amount is \$500, of which we have already spent \$220. Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch?

Yours in Soroptimism,
President Jeanne

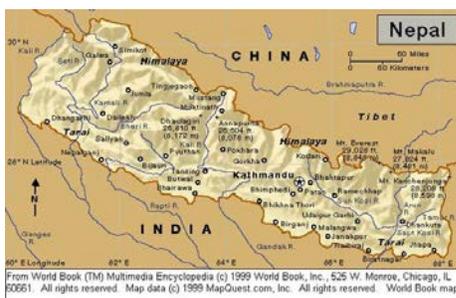


The Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows Community Outreach Committee invites you and friends to join us and the Women and Children's Center of the Sierra (WACCS) to gather jewelry and accessory treasures for donation to the WACCS signature event **True Colors: Old Treasures, New Futures.**

Treasures Gathering Party
March 21, 2019
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Patty Down's home
3350 Green River Drive, Reno, NV, 89503
775.750.1979

Price of admission? Bring your gently-used and previously-loved (but now you're tired of it) jewelry for donation to WACCS for their signature event **True Color: Old Treasures, New Future.**

Your reward? Sipping wine, enjoying appetizers and mingling with other women who care about and support women and children in our community.



Don't Miss This Thursday's Meeting

March 21, 2019, Noon

The IGU Committee will present an update on our Nepal Project, along with their annual pledge drive.

They have new photos and video of the girls, including their recent field trip.

Plan to attend.

Bring a friend.

Please join us in Celebration
of new beginnings:
SOROPTIMIST International of Pinenut Valleys

(Serving Carson Valley and Smith Valley)

When: **March 23, 2019 11:30 am**
Where: Carson Valley #33 Masonic Lodge
1419 US Highway 395
Gardnerville, NV

Lunch will be served ~ Attire: Resort Casual

Please **RSVP** to Bettyarlene Rodal rodalorders@gmail.com

Nepal Scholarship Recipients go on Field Trip

By Monica House, IGU Coordinator

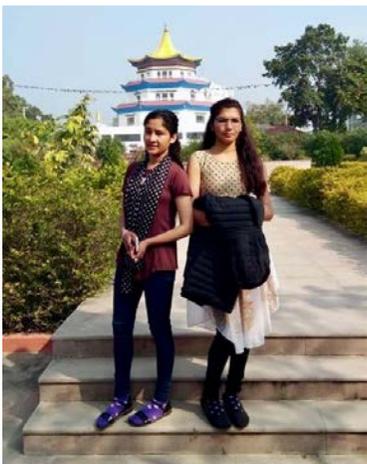
The International Goodwill and Understanding (IGU) Committee is excited to share that our scholarship recipients loved their recent weeklong field trip to visit various points of social and cultural interest.

The young women departed by bus on March 1. The trip was a real eye-opener for many of the girls who have never been outside their village or Thulipokhari, Nepal where they attend school. When I recently spoke to recipient Lux through messenger, Lux said, "Yes, we are heading to tour now. Our tour is good. We are seeing in tour many beautiful places, ponds, river."



The girl's tour bus.

Some of the sites they visited included the Hindu temple in Janakpur in the Mithila region, the Lumbini Buddhist pilgrimage site (temple) in the Rupandehi District, the beautiful tea gardens in Illiam, along



Luz, right and Kaplana



Campus Chief Hari, right, with housemother Ganga and several teachers who helped chaperone the trip.

with going to the zoo and meeting new people. Recipient Kalpana messaged me and said, "Thank you very much sir for making our tour plan. That is golden opportunity for us sis."

Initially the IGU committee had been hesitant about sending funds for a field trip, but after Steve and I visited in the Fall of 2017 they saw a tremendous value in doing this. It adds another layer of education



Visiting the beautiful tea gardens in Illiam - Nepal's first certified organic tea garden located in the valleys of the Himalayas up to 7500 feet above the sea.

for our recipients by giving them the opportunity to see what life's like in other areas along with exposing them to different job possibilities.

Thank you SITM for making this possible. We couldn't have done this without your generous support.



Visiting the Janaki Temple located in the Mithila region of Nepal. Campus Chief Hari is on the far left.

Join the Afghan Social on April 2

Calling all crocheters and would-be crocheters. The Community Outreach Committee will be hosting an "Afghan Social" at Coordinator Diana DeMatei's office on Monday, April 2 from 5-7 p.m.

SWAG/Blue Moon
1375 Greg Parkway, Suite 105 in Sparks
Office 359-5600
Diana's Cell 690-9587

The "class" is open to everyone, from beginner through advanced crocheters. If you don't know how to crochet, but would like to learn, this gathering is for you.

Bring a "Q" crochet hook and yarn.

Don't Want to Crochet, But Want to Donate

Donations of yarn, or money to buy yarn, are greatly appreciated. Yarn can be found reasonably priced (and sometimes on sale) at Walmart or Michael's. Here are some guidelines:

Red Heart Knitted Worsted
solid skeins are 7 ounces
variegated skeins are a little smaller.

What it takes to make an afghan ...

2 skeins each of 2 different complimentary solid colors
OR - 2 skeins of solid color and 3 skeins of a complimentary variegated color.

Don't Miss This Speaker April 18



Chemane Rene

Chemane Rene is an advocate for families and a gerontology specialist with expertise in business development and employee engagement. For women, Chemane educates the importance of planning now to better care for your loved one later.

Chemane shares astounding facts regarding the personal, professional and financial costs of caregiving and customizes her presentations to fit her audience. Some of her topics include:

- Reality of the caregiving numbers.
- How to minimize personal and financial losses.
- Maintaining a sense of control and peace of mind in a crisis.

Plan to attend to hear this special speaker on April 18 and bring a guest.

Dress in costume, wear your favorite mask, or come as you are!

**Please join SI Washoe County
for our annual fundraiser!**

**SATURDAY, MAY 18TH, 2019
7:00 – 10:00 PM**

**McKinley Arts & Cultural Center
925 Riverside Drive ~ Reno, NV 89503**

*This fun filled evening includes:
hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and drinks ~
beer, wine, champagne, soda, and water.*

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT WOMEN AND
CHILDREN IN WASHOE COUNTY**

President Jeanne has purchased a table at SI/WC's Mardi Gras. If you'd like to attend a spot can be yours for the discounted price of only \$35.

Making a Difference in Employment for Women

Unemployed and under-employed women from several local agencies were in attendance at the 12th Annual Making a Difference for Women all-day skills training seminar. Co- Coordinators Carol Dinneen and Dot Watts and their committee members were prepared for a full day of workshops and activities for the women.



oversees the human resources functions at Northern Nevada Medical Center, Medical Group and Prominence Health Plan, all subsidiaries of Universal Health Services, Inc.

The workshops were followed by an interactive session for "Mock



President Jeanne, center with MADW Co-Coordinators Dot Watts and Carol Dinneen under the program banner.

Thirty-one SITM members attended all or part of the day to facilitate workshops, set-up the Clothes Closet and otherwise mentor attendees

Morning greetings from President Jeanne Naccarato were followed by two workshops running concurrently. Cindy Burk and Pam Robinson led the workshop, "Money and You". Cindy is the Treasury Management Services Officer covering the State of Nevada for Mutual of Omaha Bank.



From left, Linda Walker, Anna McArdle and Eve Johnson worked the Clothes Closet.

The day began with a continental breakfast and the opportunity to peruse the half-dozen vendors who set up to greet attendees with information about schooling, jobs and even volunteer opportunities. Attendance was low this year with only 21 women participating.



Reno Municipal Court Judge Dorothy Nash Holmes was the keynote speaker at lunch detailing how she overcame struggles in her young adulthood to go forward and pursue an outstanding legal career.

Interviews", led by Eileen Fuller, who is a former Bank Lending Manager and Credit Counselor. SITM members and volunteers acted as



interviewers, assisting attendees with tips and techniques to put their best selves forward when interviewing for a job.



Darlene DeLancey and Piper Mullen at the check-in table.

Pam is a Mortgage Loan Officer and Branch Manager at Evergreen Home Loans. They covered topics such as budgeting, setting goals, tracking money and how to control debt.

Running concurrently was the workshop, "Navigating the Interview Process" lead by Patty Downs. Patty

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At lunch Reno Municipal Court Judge the Honorable Dorothy Nash Holmes spoke about her life and the good and bad choices she made in her young adulthood. With determination, and a young daughter, she left an abusive situation and decided to go back to school to become an attorney, a prosecutor, the first female Washoe County District Attorney, the Director of Correctional Programming in Nevada's prison system and currently a judge.

Lunch was highlighted with a fashion show by SITM members of



Eileen Fuller, right demonstrates various applications to accessorize with scarves, while Margie Hermanson conducts the fashion show and raffles prizes for attendees.



hard to make this a successful event. Thank you to all the members who volunteered to make sure the day ran smoothly, participated in the workshops and spent time collecting, sorting and displaying clothing. Way to go SITM members.



appropriate attire for different work applications and attendees were presented with raffle prizes. Each attendee was presented with a tote bag full of goodies, including scarves donated by Linda Walker and hand-made beaded bracelets crafted by Bev Perkins and other members as a remembrance of the day.

clothing and accessories for the attendees to shop and take home. Due to the abundance of clothing, the quick-thinking Co-Coordinator Dot Watts began "selling" items to interested members for a pittance of \$3 per item. She collected \$218 that day.



President-Elect Penney Leezy reviews material with a Western Nevada College representative.

Thank you to the committee members for working so

The session concluded with a Clothes Closet of donated work-appropriate



Attendees shop for work-appropriate clothing and accessories from items in the Clothes Closet, donated by members and friends.



Pam Robinson, standing and Cindy Burk, seated, lead the workshop, "Money and You" covering budgeting, setting goals and tracking your money.

It's Robotics and Coding Lessons at DIBI

You're missing the fun and missing out on working with up-to-20, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students as they learn about robotics and practice computer block coding every other Tuesday after school.

It's all part of SITM's Dream It. Be It. program at Hunter Lake Elementary School. Last year's DIBI programs at the school included using engineering principles to achieve several hands-on projects and



demonstrations. This year's focus is on robotics and computer coding, teaching the girls how to block code with age-appropriate lessons and demonstrations.

The DIBI Committee proposed, the board recommended and the membership approved an additional budget amount of \$500 for the committee this year to purchase



robotics systems to support coding projects for the girls. Up to this point,



members brought their own personal iPads to be used by the girls in the exercises. The purchase will allow the girls to have more readily available hands-on experiences.

Money Makes the World Go Round – for SITM Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee livened up the February 28 meeting, entering the room to the soundtrack of the song, "Money, Money, Money" from the play and film, "Cabaret". Five of the members of the committee, dressed in period apparel, along with multi-colored boas and handed out gold (chocolate) coins. Their purpose was to get members excited about completing a questionnaire about a new fundraising project. It worked, especially when they were told that the committee is working on hosting a themed "High Tea" fundraiser in the Fall.

More about the questionnaire results next newsletter, after the committee gets all of the surveys compiled.



Putting on her best "Liza Minelli", Fundraising Co-Coordinator Darlene DeLancey.



The Fundraising Committee's "Cabaret Girls". Kneeling is Eve Johnson. Standing from right is President Jeanne Naccarato, Fundraising Co-Coordinator Darlene DeLancey, Jan Bogikes and Fundraising Co-Coordinator Linda Walker.

March Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

It is crunch time as committees are operating at full speed and there was a lot of business to discuss, including several motions passed at the March Board and Business Meetings.

Members Agreeing to Stand for Election to Office

Thank you to all of the member who agreed to stand for election to office for the 2019-2020 Club Year. For the full slate see page 1. Elections will take place at the April 11 Business Meeting. If you are unable to attend that day, see Nominating Committee Coordinator Faye I. Andersen for an absentee ballot.

New Contract with Atlantis Sees Lunch Fees Increasing

President-Elect Penney and President Jeanne have been meeting with the Atlantis Catering Department in drafting a new meals contract effective for the 2019-2020 Club Year. The new price for lunch beginning July 1 will be \$25; \$26 if using a credit/debit card. The remainder of the contract remains the same, providing special room set-ups, a second microphone and AV services when needed at no extra charge.

Making a Difference for Women Concludes Another Seminar

MADW Co-Coordinators Dot Watts submitted her report at the Board and Business Meetings. While the number of attendees was down, overall the all-day skills training seminar was a success. See pages 5-6 for more information and photos.

DIBI Request for Additional Funds

The DIBI Committee submitted a proposal that was recommended by the Board and approved by the membership to approve an additional \$500 in their budget for the purchase of robotics systems to support the coding projects for the girls at Hunter Lake Elementary School. See page 7 for more information and photos.

Ad Hoc Committee to Explore New Service Project

Once again, the DIBI Committee submitted a proposal that was recommended by the Board and approved by the membership to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to recommend a new service project to start in 2021. Ideas the committee will explore included but are not limited to, a STEM Conference for girls. The committee will provide a detailed outline for a new service project with clear, measureable goals and outcomes that support our Soroptimist mission by March 2020.

Records Retention Policies Added

A motion from the Finance & Governance Committee

was recommended by the Board and approved by the membership to adopt the Records Retention policy and schedule and incorporate them into SITM's Policies and Procedures. SITM has had a Records Retention Schedule but this is an update and formalizes it into the club's policies and procedures.

Support for Anti-Trafficking Legislation

A proposal from Pam Sutton was recommended by the Board and approved by the membership to write a letter supporting Nevada SB7, SB9 and SB173, the anti-sex trafficking bills currently being proposed in the Nevada Legislature. The letter is being sent to all state legislators representing Washoe County. The letter was attached and a copy can be obtained from Pam Sutton.

Exploring a High Tea Fundraiser

Fundraising Committee Co-Coordinator Darlene DeLancey provided an update on fundraising activities. At this point in the year, the club is on track to raise the budgeted amount of \$11,775. Recent additions included \$300 for the March 24 in-club raffle; \$210 from Chris Fegert, a percentage of her glass art classes for Soroptimists; \$218 from Clothes Closet sales; \$1,485 from Whispering Vine "wine flight" sales; and over \$600 this month from UPS United Way pledges.

Going forward, the committee has decided to semi-retire the 50/50 fundraiser and the quilt raffle. The Fall weekend at the Ritz Carlton condo raffle will continue, thanks to the generosity of Niki and Brandon Ewing.

Darlene reported a date has been selected and negotiated with the Atlantis for the upcoming High Tea. Mark your calendars for September 21. The committee continues to meet, so watch for more information to be released.

Call to SNR Conference, April 26-28 at the Atlantis

The Sierra Nevada Region annual conference is coming up soon, so it's time to get registered. Take a "Sneak Peak" at some of the speakers and activities at this year's conference. See the flyer attached to this newsletter. For a link to online registration, see President Jeanne. If you are a first-time attendee to the conference, the club will cover your cost on a reimbursement basis, but you still have to register. So get a move on it!

February Happy Dollars Make Sierra Stitchers Happy

Happy Dollars, in the amount of \$413, were collected in February for the Sierra Stitchers, who donate handmade quilts, afghans, stuffed animals, baby items and hats to children at-risk in the Reno-Sparks communities. Happy Dollars are used to purchase fabric, yarn and other

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materials for their projects. Northern Nevada HOPES is the designated recipient of the March Happy Dollars. HOPES is a nonprofit community health center in downtown Reno,

Membership Changes

Barbara Atwell remains on leave through June, for family reasons. Doris Phelps continues on leave through March 31, for personal reasons; and Kathy Hudson remains on leave through April 12, for health reasons.



Celebrating March Birthdays at the Business Meeting were, from left: Linda Lamke, President Jeanne Naccarato, Margie Hermanson, Kay Dunham and Patty Downs.

In Case You Missed These Meetings and Events



President Jeanne Naccarato and Eileen Fuller examine one of the 30 quilts inspired by Ann Johnston's time amongst the mountain peaks, rock formations and lakes.



A dozen SITM members joined for a social gathering and lunch at Chez Louie, on March 13 the restaurant inside the Nevada Museum of Art. That was followed by a tour of "The Contact: Quilts of the Sierra Nevada" exhibit at the museum.



Six SITM members attended the SI/Washoe County Club's Annual Awards Banquet, "Celebrating Women in Our Community" on March 11. They honored recipients of their Live Your Dream Award, Soroptimist Ruby Award and Violet Richardson Award. They also present an annual "Fiat Lux Award" to a person who is helping to make our home a better place. Fiat Lux loosely translated means, "Let There Be Light."



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU from Marilyn Pearson and Dot Watts, members of the Sierra Stitches group that received our February Happy Dollars of \$413. The group sews and donates handmade quilts, afghans, stuffed animals, baby items and hats to children at-risk in the Reno-Sparks communities. The Happy Dollars are used to purchase fabric, yarn and other materials for their projects.

Three Women Honored with Soroptimist Ruby Awards

Three outstanding women in our community were honored at the March 7 meeting and presented with the Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women.

The award is presented annually to honor women who through their profession or personal efforts are making extraordinary differences in the lives of women and girls.

Scarlet Ewy introduced this year's Ruby Award recipient, Monica Du Pea. Monica is the Founder and Director of Nevada Youth Empowerment Project (NYEP). It is a private nonprofit she founded in 2007 after leaving her career in Social Services. NYEP serves girls who have "aged out" of the social services system and have nowhere else to turn for a safe environment. NYEP offers a place to start their lives aiming to be mature productive members of society.



Monica Du Pea

Two other recipients were also honored.

Lynn Catrow presented Jannah Elhifny who came to the United States five years ago from her native Egypt after the government destroyed her home and jailed her husband. When she arrived, she had two small children and was pregnant. Despite her own medical struggles, Jannah has become a point of light and hope for other women. She volunteers her time to help acclimate newly arrived refugees, drives refugee families to appointments, acts as an interpreter and even taught one woman how to drive.

Florence Philips was presented by Bev Perkins. Florence started the ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada to provide instruction at no-cost to adults wishing to learn or improve their language and cultural skills. She recognized that it is often difficult for people to attend classes due to work schedules, transportation or child care issues. Her volunteers teach English, workplace communications, GED preparation, computer literacy and citizenship classes. Over 5,000 Northern Nevada immigrants have benefited from the services of Florence and her volunteers.



Florence Phillips, left, was accompanied by her assistant Ann Torres.



Jannah Elhifny, center, is flanked by her husband and son, along with President Jeanne Naccarato and Scarlet Ewy.

Reserve the Date

Saturday
September 21, 21019

For SITM's First High Tea



Watch for additional communiques as the Fundraising Committee plans this fun-filled fundraiser.

SITM Update

Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows



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 President Jeanne Naccarato's home



For information about our organization, check out these Soroptimist Websites:
 Sierra Nevada Region: www.soroptimistsnr.org
 Soroptimist International of the Americas: www.soroptimist.org
 Soroptimist International: www.soroptimistinternational.org



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Best for Women

Did you know . . .

An Update to “Women, Water & Leadership”

SIA Clubs Have Donated over \$162,000 Since the Appeal Began

Women, Water & Leadership” (WWL) is the 2017-19 Soroptimist International global appeal. Selected by SI President Mariet Verhoef-Cohen, the Appeal runs for two years, harnessing the collective power of all four Soroptimist Federations and its global members of 80,000 in 122 countries towards a unified goal.

At least five projects will be supported on five continents that Educate, Empower and Enable women and girls to lead in water, embracing the UN Sustainable Development Goals of water, sanitation and health,

The Appeal aims to raise £350,000 (approximately \$450,000) over the course of two years and is almost halfway to that goal. Programs are already established in Kenya, Bulgaria and Malaysia.



Women, Water & Leadership
 SI President's Appeal 2017-2019

Sneak



Peek



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL SIERRA NEVADA REGION

43rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 26-28, 2019

Conference Highlights:

- Anti Trafficking and Legislative Advocacy Presentation Friday Afternoon
 - Candidate Forum and Delegate Briefing Friday Afternoon
 - Friday Night Entertainment—We can keep a Secret!
- Honoring Awardees: Club Awards, Live your Dream, Ruby and Fellowship
 - SIA and SI Dignitaries and Guest Speakers



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SI President
Women, Water and Leadership
Netherlands



Dr. Ciriaco "Cid" Pinedo
President / CEO
Children's Fund
San Bernardino, CA



April 26 - 28, 2019

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
3800 S. Virginia St, Reno, NV 89502

Use Code SNRVR19 to reserve rooms:
[https://reservations.travelclick.com/98418?](https://reservations.travelclick.com/98418?groupID=2403051)
groupID=2403051

Registration details will be in the Call to Conference

Call to Conference Now Available. See President Jeanne for a copy.