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- May 23 – Committees Discussion
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- June 6 – Membership – Ceec Abrahams Award
- June 11—Joint Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., President Jeanne’s Home
- June 13 -- Business Meeting
- June 20 – Year in Review/Scrapbook
- June 27 – Installation of 2019-2020 Officers

SITM Meets...

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

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Best for Women and Girls is Evident at SITM

Here we are in May and that means our “Thanks To Youth” awards luncheon is just around the corner on May 30th. The hard-working committee has put together a worthy group of honorees, eight outstanding youth scholars and eight unsung heroes. Tickets are \$35 a person and tables with sponsorship are available, as well. You don’t want to miss this luncheon. It is the highlight of our spring event honoring young Heroes and Scholars in our community. Invite your friends, your family, your neighbors, and your coworkers to attend this exceptional event.



The Education-Women, “Dreams Moving Forward” honored undergraduate and graduate women at their luncheon on April 25. Over \$35,000 in scholarships were awarded! These worthy and dedicated women have overcome many obstacles to gain the success

they now enjoy. We can’t wait to hear about their next accomplishments and successes. Great work Education-Women Committee and kudos to Co- Coordinators Pam “I’ve got a spreadsheet for that” Robinson, Patti Doty, and Margie Hermanson.

Sign-ups are in progress for soon to be President Penney’s committees for 2019 - 2020. There are lots of opportunities for coordinators and committee members still available, so check out the sign-up sheets that are circulating the room during lunch. Follow your passion!

Although I did miss the SNR Conference due to a nasty cold, the feedback I received was that it was a marvelous event. SITM had 19 attendees at Conference this

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Thanks to Youth Luncheon is Almost Here

SITM’s 32nd annual Thanks to Youth event is only two weeks away. You won’t want to miss this celebration of youth scholarships and recognition of “Unsung Heroes” among our youth.

Eight youth scholarships of \$2,000 will be awarded to graduating high school seniors. Eight “Unsung Heroes” among our youth will also be recognized and treated to a shopping spree following the event at Target.



32nd Annual
Thanks to Youth Luncheon
Honoring Young Heroes in Our Community

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
May 30, 2019 • Noon - 2pm
 Seating begins at 11:30am

\$35

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year. What a fabulous turn out and exemplary example set by our club. Since I missed the conference itself, the attendees awarded me with some of their beads, streamers, program, and conference swag. It is moments like these that remind me what it means to be a Soroptimist. The mindset that continues to put others first and genuinely show care and concern. How blessed and proud I am to be part of the SITM sisterhood. Many thanks to all who continue to carry our message of "Best for Women and Girls" in our community and around the world.

Yours in Soroptimism,
President Jeanne

Celebration of Life Planned for Craig Park



Craig Park and Meg Price

A Celebration of Life is planned for Craig Wells "Old" Park on Sunday, May 26, 2019. Craig was the husband of Life Member Meg Price, who was killed last fall in a head-on collision with a wrong-way driver. The celebration will be from 1 – 4 p.m. at Pinocchio's Bar & Grill, 4820 Vista Blvd. in Sparks.

Meg wrote, "We will join together in celebration, honor and gratitude for a life well lived. He loved so many and would want you to come as if you were coming to a party at our house. We will share stories, smiles, laughs and a few tears for loving him so."

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Tickets are \$35. Tables of 8 are \$400, up to \$1,500. If you are selling tickets, please let Paula Ringkob know by Friday, May 24 how many have been sold, so she can calculate the lunch count for the Atlantis. This is a wonderful way to showcase SITM with your friends, family or co-workers.

TTY Co-Coordinator Mary Beth Roselli and Liza Chapen will be circulating sign-up sheets looking for volunteers needed for ticket sales, raffle basket displays and overall coordination the day of the event.

Speaker Will Be Judith F. Simpson

This year's special speaker will be Judith F. Simpson. Seasoned members will recall Judith was a SITM member some years ago.

Originally from the East Coast, Judith attended UNR, graduating with Masters' Degrees in both history and counseling and guidance. She's

taught both middle and high school and became social studies coordinator for the Washoe County School District. She went on to create the nationally recognized Partners in Education program.



Judith F. Simpson

Since retiring from the district in 1999, Judith has worked internationally to prepare teachers in newly emerging democracies to teach students how to become responsible citizens. She founded ProjectREAL in Las Vegas to teach students about the relevance of the law in their lives. She has also served in executive positions with the Reno Philharmonic Orchestra and Reno Chamber of Commerce

Signed Up for Next Year's Committees Yet?

President-Elect Penney M. Leezy conducted the May 2 meeting where members made committee selections. Members are encouraged to participate in a minimum of one program committee and one additional committee as a requirement of membership. (You



may sign-up for more if you are interested.) Sign-up sheets will continue to circulate at weekly meeting, or you can contact President-Elect Penney M. Leezy with your selections.



Jan Bogikes, top right, and Paula Ringkob making their committee selections.

Women's Scholarship Luncheon Awards \$35,000

Ten undergraduate and four graduate women students were awarded a total of \$35,000 in scholarships on April 25 at SITM's annual *Dreams Moving Forward* scholarship luncheon. Several of the students are majoring in medical fields, but others are concentrating on business, neuroscience, social work, and STEM education.



Undergraduate scholarship recipients were, from left, Maria Prado Espinosa, Erica Peterson, Rachael Andrew, Elisa Estrada-Reyes, and Ligia Easley. Missing the photos, but also attending were Dana Drakulich-King and Rachel Andrew.

2019 Graduate Student Scholarship Recipients were:

- Daniris Hill – UNR Nurse Practitioner
- Lauren Coons – UNR Nurse Practitioner
- Savana Richards – UNR Nurse Practitioner
- Tara Langus – UNR STEM Education

Guest speaker Dr. Debera Thomas spoke about her lifetime career in varied nursing positions. She is a professor and Dean of the Orvis School of Nursing at UNR. Her nursing career spans decades in both teaching and clinical practice.



Debera Thomas, DNS, RN, ANP/FNP
Dean and Professor, Orvis School of Nursing

2019 Undergraduate Scholarship Recipients were:

- Dana Drakulich-King – UNR Business
- Elisa Estrada Reyes – TMCC Education
- Erica Peterson – UNR Neuroscience
- Genesis Peregrina – TMCC Dental Hygiene
- Kirsty Heedick – TMCC Nursing
- Kristy Anderson – Carrington Nursing
- Ligia Easley – UNR Nursing
- Magdiel Lara Torrez – TMCC Business
- Maria Prado Epinosa – UNR Social Work
- Rachael Andrew – Carrington Nursing

Faithful and efficient server Laurie Zhayek with Bev Perkins.



Graduate students receiving scholarships were, from left, Dani Hill, Savanna Richards, Tara Langus, and Lauren Coons.



Education-Women Committee Co-Coordinators Pam Robinson, Margie Hermanson and Patti Doty.

43rd Annual SNR Conference Highlights and Updates

Excerpted from Delegate Diana DeMatei's Report

A record-breaking 19 SITM members attended all or part of the 2019 Sierra Nevada Region (SNR) annual Conference at the Atlantis. The Friday, April 26 opening began with a workshop, Stop Trafficking/Legislative



Governor Lane Parks presided at the conference.

Advocacy Summit. Sharing their expertise were two representatives of the Nevada Attorney General's Office and the founders of Awaken and Eddy House, along with SNR's Nevada Legislative Advocates.

A Delegates Workshop followed with introductions of candidates standing for election to the SNR Nominating Committee, plus a review of the six Region Bylaw amendments to be voted during the business session.



First time attendees honored were Darlene DeLancey, Millie Mitchell, Kim Coulter-Davis and Laury Macauley.



Barbara Atwell was selling her fabric art in the Marketplace, with Linda Walker.



Relaxing between sessions are, from left, Linda Walker, Kim Coulter-Davis, Millie Mitchell, Patti Doty, Faye I. Andersen, Darlene DeLancey and Jo Ann Roberts.

Saturday Club Awards and Recognitions

The Friday opening session began with the presentation of various region awards for clubs including Soroptimist Celebrating Success and awards for membership, member retention, program, fundraising and public awareness. The evening was capped with a Murder Mystery Theater, with Club Presidents taking on the roles of

famous characters, all suspects in "Who murdered Jay Leno?" Filling in for President Jeanne was Margie Hermanson, who was not the murderer. It was supposedly Tina Fey.

Saturday morning it was time to get down to business, starting with various region reports. SITM's Darlene DeLancey, Kim Coulter-Davis, Millie Mitchell and Laury Macauley were recognized as First Time Attendees. There were 51 first-timers.

SIA Federation Update

Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) Secretary-Treasurer Patricia McCay gave an outstanding presentation entitled, "Soroptimist is a Garden – We Help Others to Grow". She recapped the clubs in our Federation assisting over 35,000 girls in the Live Your Dream program with over \$2.4 million in the past three years. Laurel Society and Laurel Legacy members were recognized, along with SITM's Carmela Cipollina, who signed up



SITM's representatives from left, Delegate Diana DeMatei, Millie Mitchell, President-Elect-Elect and Penny M. Leezy President-Elect.

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SI President Mariet Verhoef-Cohen and her husband Jahn Peter.

for Laurel Legacy at the conference. Penney M. Leezy won the \$1,000 Laurel Society raffle and will add that to her Laurel account of giving.

Seven clubs were awarded \$1,000 grants for club projects, including SITM for a STEM project.

During the luncheon session, Dr. "Cid" Penedo gave a presentation on his Children's Fund in San Bernardino, California. The organization's mission is to give vulnerable children support, opportunity and hope in breaking destructive cycles of poverty, abuse and neglect.

Business and Bylaw Amendments

Back to business in the afternoon.



President-Elect Penney M. Leezy took on the role of President Jeanne for the "President's March" Saturday night.

All six of the proposed Region Bylaw changes were passed. Four were ostensibly to clean up language in the text. One of the six amendments was debated to discontinue the SNR Fellowship Award for doctoral women candidates. It was passed and the money allocated for that program will be transferred to establish a region sponsored Live Your Dream Award. Another amendment was passed to establish a "Youth Fund Grant Program" transferring the Youth Club Fund money previously used to award "S" Clubs in the region to the new fund.

"Women, Water and Leadership" Highlighted Saturday Night

The Saturday night dinner began with the Parade of Presidents of all SNR Clubs present. The highlight was Soroptimist International President Mariet Verhoef-Cohen, from the Netherlands, speaking on her international project, "Women, Water and Leadership". President Mariet's dedication to social issues and social engagement on an international level, along with her tireless devotion to women's rights and gender equality worldwide bring attention to this very important issue. Current projects are in Kenya, Bulgaria, Malaysia and Indonesia to bring access to clean water that alleviates woman and girls walking three-to-seven miles each day to fetch water for their families. Her passion for the project was infectious.

Sunday Celebrations and Awards

The conference wound-down on Sunday with a Celebration of Life ceremony to honor those who had passed in the last year. It was followed by a "Dreams Becoming Visions" brunch that featured speaker

Ruby B. Johnson, a mining engineer for Barrick Mine in Elko, Nevada. In contrast, she was also the 2018 Miss Elko vying for the Miss Nevada USA pageant. Her message was about



Margie Hermanson with her new BFF SIA Secretary/Treasurer and Director Patricia McCay.

recruiting and retaining women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

This year's Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women recipient was Sharon Behrens, submitted by

SI/Lincoln. Sharon showed a short video of her adopted daughter Mia at approximately age 1 after being found severely physically and mentally abused and tortured by her father. She described her journey with her psychiatrically diagnosed "wild child". Mia has just graduated from high



SNR's Live Your Dream Coordinator Kay Dunham, left, with SITM's Education-Women Co-Coordinator Pam Robinson are congratulating Kirsty Heedrick on being named a region LYD recipient.

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school and today is studying to be an emergency responder.

SITM's LYD Awardee is also a Region Recipient

SITM's Kay Dunham, who is the SNR Live Your Dream Coordinator, presented six recipients with their awards, ranging from \$3,000 to \$5,000 each to continue their studies. SITM's Kirsty Heedrick was one of the recipients. Fifty-two of the region's clubs awarded \$110,000 to 84 women this year.

Total attendance of members and guests was 292. A BIG THANKS to Kay Dunham for again this year acting as Credentials Coordinator.

Both Patti Doty and Faye I. Andersen won baskets from the annual basket raffle to support the SNR Endowment Fund. Faye also won the



Ruby B. Johnson, mining engineer and pageant contestant.

50/50 raffle of \$1,545 and donated it to President Mariet's "Women Water and Leadership" Project.

In attendance at all or part of this year's SNR Conference were: Barbara Atwell, Faye I. Andersen, Sarah Carrasco, Carmela Cipollina, Kim Coulter-Davis, Darlene

DeLancey, Diana DeMatei, Patti Doty, Kay Dunham, Margie Hermanson, Penney M. Leezy, Laury Macauley, Anna McArdle, Millie Mitchell, Bev Perkins, Jo Ann Roberts, Pam Robinson, Linda Walker and Norma Webster.



Kay Dunham served as SNR Conference Credentials Coordinator, with Diana DeMatei serving as SITM delegate..



SITM's conference-goers missed President Jeanne so much at conference (she was out with a very nasty cold) that they brought their festive beads, streamers, and other chatzke's to show how much she was missed. From left were: Pam Robinson, Jo Ann Roberts, Diana DeMatei, Margie Hermanson, Bev Perkins, Patti Doty, Penney M. Leezy, President Jeanne, Linda Walker, Millie Mitchell, Kim Coulter-Davis, Anna McArdle, Laurie Zhayek, Kay Dunham and Darlene DeLancey. Missing in the photo were Faye I. Andersen, Carmela Cipollina, Norma Webster, Laury Macauley and Sarah Carrasco.

Fundraising Update on Upcoming Events

The Fundraising Committee has been hard at work planning two upcoming fundraisers to support the club's Service Fund.



The first will be the return of the popular club garage sale. Don't forget to clean out those closets. Harmony Hobbs has graciously opened her home in

Hidden Valley for an August 17 garage sale. The date coincides with a planned "community garage sale" in that area. After July 1, Harmony has agreed to accept and store donations for the sale. Lots of hands will be needed to set-up Friday night, staff the sale on Saturday and clean-up after the event. Sign-ups will soon be circulating.

Join the Ritz Carlton Northstar Raffle

A simple \$5 can get you a \$2,400-valued 3-Night stay at the Ritz-Carlton Club Lake Tahoe at Northstar, August 10-13, 2019. Or, 5 tickets are just \$20.

Thanks to the generosity of Niki Ewing, SITM is raffling off this 3-night stay in a luxurious three bedroom, fully-furnished Club Residence with pool and spa access at Northstar California Resort.

The drawing will be held at the July 11 meeting. Dates are not exchangeable and must be used on August 10-13, 2019. See a complete list of amenities each week at the Fundraising Committee table.



Plans for a "Mad as a Hatter High Tea" are beginning to firm up for the Saturday, September 21 fundraising event. The event is scheduled to open at the Atlantis at 1 p.m. Tea and sandwiches will be served beginning at 2 p.m. Also planned is a silent auction and raffle of items, a strolling fashion show by Boutique Elegante, a complimentary photo booth with souvenir photos, harp music and Alice in Wonderland characters.



The committee is seeking items for auction, as well as individual, business and/or corporate sponsorships of the event. More will be revealed in the coming weeks. If you have ideas, auction items, contacts with sponsors, see Co-Coordinator Darlene DeLancey or Linda Walker.

The Fundraising Committee will be holding a kick-off at the July 25 meeting where tickets will be available and members will be asked to sign-up to assist with some of the duties at the event.

Put These Important Dates on Your Calendar

May 18 – SI/Washoe County Mardi Gras Evening, McKinley Arts & Cultural Center, Reno

May 30 – SITM's Thanks to Youth Luncheon, Atlantis, Reno

June 20 – Year in Review

June 27 – Installation of New Officers

July 25 – Mad as a Hatter High Tea Kick-off

July 27-28 – Soroptimist Development Retreat, Atlantis, Reno

August 17 – SITM Garage Sale, Hidden Valley

September 21 – SITM High Tea, Atlantis, Reno

October 12 – District 5 Fall Meeting *Tentative*, Truckee, California

May Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

Last month it was election of new officers. This month it is time to sign-up for SITM Committees. Members are encouraged to participate in a minimum of one program committee and one additional committee as a requirement of membership. (You may sign-up for more if you are interested.) Contact President-Elect Penney M. Leezy with your selections.

Budgets Set for 2019-2020 Club Year

Finance/Governance Co-Coordinator Vicki Schultz presented the second reading of the 2019-2020 budgets for the Service and General Fund at the May Board and Business Meetings. Both were approved. Thanks to Lynn Catrow, Service Fund Treasurer, and Pam Robinson, General Fund Treasurer for their work on the budgets and the members of the Finance/Governance Committee.

Three Money Proposals Approved by Members

At the April Business Meeting, members approved motions presented by the Finance/Governance Committee to establish reserve funds in both General and Service Funds and establish a "Wish Fund" (or Women in Soroptimist Helping) for committees to request funds for their projects.

At the May Business Meeting, the Board recommended and members approved three motions from the Finance/Governance Committee.

1) Revoke the motion approved at the April Board/Business Meetings to implement a weekly raffle for a free lunch and substitute instead one free lunch certificate distributed to all members, valid during the 2019-2020 club year. (Potential cost to General Fund \$1,825.)

2) Provide a one-time \$25 credit against 2019-2020 annual dues. This credit will show on the dues invoice emailed in May. (Potential cost to General Fund \$1,825.)

3) Supplement Happy Dollars monthly collection amount so the recipient receives a minimum of \$500. (Estimated cost to Service Fund \$2,400.)

Fundraising Events Set for August and September

Fundraising Co-Coordinator Darlene DeLancey presented a motion, recommended by the Board and approved by the membership to conduct a garage sale benefiting the Service Fund on August 17 at Harmony Hobbs' home in Hidden Valley. For more details see page 7.

Co-Coordinator Darlene also gave an update on the planned September 21 High Tea. Preparations are underway for a "Mad as a Hatter High Tea" to be held at the Atlantis. The committee will be bringing a proposed budget to the June Board/Business Meetings. A detailed kick-off will be held July 25. See page 7 for more details.

SNR Conference Delegate's Report

SITM Delegate Diana DeMatei gave her Delegate's Report at the May Business Meeting. An excerpted recap and photos can be found on pages 4-6.

Camp Lotsafun Receives Happy Dollars

April Happy Dollars, totaling \$364.75 were collected for Amplify Life's Camp Lotsafun, a summer sleep-away camp for children and adults with disabilities at Eagle Lake, California. May Happy Dollars are designated for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), a grassroots organization dedicated to improving the lives of persons living with serious mental illness and their families.

Membership Changes

Remaining on leave through June are Kathy Hudson, for health reasons, and Barbara Atwell, for personal reasons.

A Grateful Thank You for the Scholarship

Dear Soroptimists of Truckee Meadows:

Thank you for the award of the Hopes & Dreams Scholarship. It will be tremendously helpful over the semester to aid in the cost of daycare and tuition.

I'm a junior at UNR, double majoring in Economics and Statistics, with the hopes of working as a business analyst. In the future, my career goals are to help businesses and people make optimal decisions with their finances.

This scholarship will be a great help to myself and my family, as we take this time to move forward. Thank you again for your generosity and the opportunity to meet a group of amazing women.

Sincerely,
Dana Drakulich-King

SI Reno Honors Scholarship Recipients

Five SITM members attended SI/Reno's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon on May 6 at Mimi's Restaurant. SI/Reno presented six educational scholarship, one special Martha Nims Scholarship given in the name of a long-time member, and one Live Your Dream Award. Their awarded students are almost all attending UNR, pursuing a variety of subjects from Business, Marketing, Nursing, Engineering and Social Work; with one pursuing a dental hygienist degree at TMCC.



Pictured above is President-Elect Penney M. Leezy, center, with SI/Reno President Charlene Booth, at right and Suzanne Boroughf, Scholarship Coordinator.



SITM members not only donated to the Women and Children's Center of the Sierra's "True Colors: Old Treasures", they also attended the event on April 18 to join in the fun. Standing, from left, Kay Dunham, Niki Ewing, Patty Downs, President Jeanne Naccarato, Dot Watts, Jean Neddenriep, Ana Nadimi and Margie Hermanson. Seated are Patte Robnett and Eve Johnson.

Mardi Gras
in May

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.



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 Soroptimist International of the Americas: www.soroptimist.org
 Soroptimist International: www.soroptimistinternational.org



Did you know . . .

Meet the Incoming SIA President-Elect Penny Babb

Penny Babb has been elected to the position of 2019-2020 Soroptimist International of the Americas President-elect and will assume that office on September 1, 2019. She will assume the office of SIA President on September 1, 2020, and will serve in that position through August 31, 2021.

Penny is currently serving on the SIA Board of Directors, as the 2018-2020 Electoral Area 9 member. She has also served as a Board Directed SIA Northern Philippines Region Taskforce Member to ensure the successful development of a new region, chartering of new clubs and support of new members. She was the 2016-2018 Governor of Golden West Region and is a member of SI/ Happy Valley of the Sun in Golden West Region. She joined Soroptimist in 1995.

Since 2012, Penny has been the Director of Law Enforcement operations at Glendale Community College in Arizona. In 2009, she retired as a Deputy Sheriff Captain with the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office in Arizona, concluding a 25-year career in law enforcement that included 21 years in progressive supervisory and command level management responsibilities.



It **STARTS**
with Me



32nd Annual Thanks to Youth Awards Luncheon

Honoring Young Heroes and Scholars in Our Community

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Seating at 11:30 am - Program Noon - 2:00 pm

\$35 per person

Tables of 8 and Sponsorships Available \$400 - \$1,500

**Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows
will recognize:**

**8 Outstanding Young Scholars
Receiving Scholarship Awards**

**8 Young “Unsung Heroes” Special Recognition
for Community Service and Other Activities**

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
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RSVP by Friday, May 24, 2019 to
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