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SITM Meets...

Thursdays at Noon
 at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa Second Floor Convention Center \$22 for lunch.
 RSVP to sitruckeemeadows@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.



Gratitude for an Amazing Year of Service

As I sit down to write my last newsletter as President of SITM, I am filled with immense gratitude and wonder. Grateful for the privilege and honor of being your President and thankful for the continued support I experienced along the way. Yet all the while wondering how the year passed so quickly! I was your representative at the SIA Convention in Japan; a thrilling adventure I will never forget. New Soroptimist friends, new lands, new ideas shared, and kimonos! I was your President for SITM’s 40th Anniversary Celebration. Forty years of building better lives for women and girls locally and then internationally. We hosted the Candidates Forum with South Rotary to educate our community on the issues and the candidates. More worthy endeavors and examples of SITM success.

With success comes our community and international impact. As time seemed to accelerate after the first of the year, one need only take a gander at the Club Calendar. It becomes

Dues are Due Now

A gentle reminder from General Fund Treasurer Pam Robinson that members’ dues are due now. Members will notice on their invoices that the Board and membership voted a \$25 discount for this year’s dues. Pam will accept checks, or credit cards can be used at the Attendance Table each week.



crystal clear why the past few months passed in a seeming blink of an eye.



President Jeanne getting into the spirit of Mardi Gras at SI/ Washoe County’s “Mardi Gras in May” fundraiser.

We held our Ruby Award presentation, a STEM Program at Hunter Lake, the IGU Pledge Day, the Dreams Moving Forward Scholarship event, the Thanks to Youth Scholarship luncheon and concluded with the Ceec Abrahams Award. It has been a dizzying list of accomplishments that demonstrated why we are such an amazing organization. Thanks to the efforts of many on committees, working diligently for the greater good of women and girls.

SITM shines in our community like the Stars we are.

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New Lunch Prices in Effect in July

July 11 marks the first meeting of the new Club Year. It also means a new lunch price of \$25 cash or check, and \$26 if you wish to use a charge card. The 2019-2020 contract with the Atlantis has increased the luncheon price. The Atlantis continues to provide a number of complimentary services for us including an extra microphone at each meeting, no additional AV charges, additional table set-ups, as well as providing extra rooms at the Making a Difference for Women Seminar and supplying the room, servers and lunch to enable Thanks to Youth to remain a fundraiser for youth scholarships.

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A French author Massieu once wrote, "Gratitude is the memory of the heart." I assure you, my heart will remain in gratitude in memory of my year as your President.

It all STARTed with you! Many thanks for a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow in Soroptimism.

President Jeanne

Your Help is Needed to Make the High Tea a Success

The Fundraising Committee has been making plans for a first ever "We're Mad as a Hatter" High Tea, slated for September 21 at the Atlantis. The afternoon affair will feature a fashion show by Boutique Elegante, a photo box, a harpist, silent auction and raffles and some surprises. Of



course, the traditional tea and sandwiches will be served.

Members help is needed to make this first time event a success.

The Fundraising Committee will officially "kick off" the project at the July 25 meeting, but in the meantime, be thinking about businesses, friends and service providers that might be willing to act as sponsors for the event, buy tables or tickets, or provide items or services for auction.

You don't have to wait until July. If you have ideas today, approach Co-Coordinator Darlene DeLancey or Linda Walker or any member of the Fundraising Committee.

Save the Date and Save Your Donations

The Fundraising Committee will host a garage sale on Saturday, August 17 in Hidden Valley, at the home of Harmony Hobbs.

Harmony will be accepting items for the sale beginning August 5 through August 16. Harmony asks that you call, text, or email her to verify someone is home to



accept your donations. (HarmonyHobbs@aol.com; 775-846-0922)

Workers are needed the Friday before the sale to sort, price and display items; during the sale to sell (of course); and after the sale for clean-up. Sign-up sheets are being circulated at club meetings.

Family, friends, Soropti-misters are all welcome, and needed to help out.



Soroptimist Development Retreat

Saturday, July 27 at Noon until Sunday, July 28 until 1:30 p.m.

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa

The best way to start off the new Club Year is to attend the annual Soroptimist Development Retreat. This year, Sierra Nevada Region Soroptimists will be joined by Sierra Pacific Region Soroptimists as well.

Soroptimist Marketplace Sales and Registration Open Saturday, 10 a.m.

In addition to 26 workshops to choose from, Saturday night will feature an entertaining speaker, Carol Scofield who's "Dreaming into Reality" talk will explore opportunities to experience our lives to the fullest.

The opening speaker is Machen MacDonald who will cover 'How to develop strategies to attract and achieve what you want in life.

On Sunday, we will hear from Kate Doscher who will talk to us about how we can communicate with one another more effectively.

Links to online registration can be found in the recent issues of the emailed newsletter "SNR News for You (SNR E-Blast)" or on the SNR Website at www.soroptimistsnr.org.

Registration Deadline is July 12. Afterward, registrants will be charged a \$35 late fee.

Making Dreams Come True
so that



Girls with Dreams
Become Women with Vision

Another Thanks to Youth Luncheon Success



Mistress of Ceremonies Rebecca Kitchen, KOLO-TV Anchorwoman.

SITM's 32nd annual Thanks to Youth event attracted more than 250 attendees to honor some of the best amongst our community's youth.

Eight youth scholarships of \$2,000 each were awarded to graduating high school seniors. Eight "Unsung Heroes" among our youth were also recognized and treated to a \$200 shopping spree following the event at Target.

The scholarships and awards were presented by Rebecca Kitchen, Anchorwoman for KOLO-TV. She was joined by Eileen Fuller and Jo Ann Lessly, Co-Coordinators for the Education/Youth Committee, and Liza Chapen and Mary Beth Roselli, Co-Coordinators for the Thanks to Youth Committee.

This year's special guest speaker was Judith F. Simpson, a former SITM member and long-time educator both locally and internationally. She spoke to honorees about heroes throughout history, but also how heroes can be found in everyday life.

Scholarship Winners

- Morgan Crofoot
– Galena High School
- Taylor Crofoot
– Galena High School
- Katherine Drinkwater
– Galena High School
- Lesieli Epui – Hug High School
- Paulina Zamarripa Miranda
– Hug High School

- McKenna Surratt
– Hug High School
- Dayna Torrecillas
– Hug High School
- Kenia Zelaya-Callejas
– Hug High School

Unsung Heroes

- Robbie Bond
– Depoali Middle School
- Brady Bosco
– Alice Taylor Elementary School
- Anna Boyles
– Lois Allen Elementary School
- Camila Hurtado Martinez
– Sun Valley Elementary School
- Stephanie Alcalá Martinez
– Sparks Middle School
- Alexandra Norris-Rocaberte
– TMCC High School
- Kervi Ramirez
– Galena High School
- America Torres
– TMCC High School



Thanks to Youth Co-Coordinators Liza Chapen and Mary Beth Roselli thank speaker Judith F. Simpson, center.



Once again, Margie Hermanson put together some beautiful raffle baskets to raise additional money for next year's Thanks to Youth.



Eileen Fuller presents a scrapbook to "Unsung Hero" Anna Boyles.



Thanks to Youth Scholarship Recipients and "Unsung Heroes".

“Unsung Heroes” Go Shopping with Soroptimists

By Eileen Fuller, Ed/Youth Co-Coordinator



Brady Bosco and Patte Robnett.

We all enjoyed the Thanks to Youth Luncheon on May 30, and immediately after the luncheon, some of our lucky volunteers got a chance to KNOW the “Unsung Heroes” better by acting as their shopping guides at the South Reno Target Store. This is our third year of partnering with Target, and for the last two years, the store has contributed a gift card to allow us one additional youngster to be honored. They also allow us to use our non-profit status to waive the

sales tax on these transactions, so the children get to spend the entire \$200!

The parents are welcomed to sit in the coffee shop with a courtesy drink and relax. They talked about the luncheon, about how special it was and how impressive the scholarship winners were. We like to combine both the mostly-



Robbie Bond and Eve Johnson.



Camila Hurtado Martinez and Dot Watts.



America Torres with Piper Mullen

younger “Unsung Heroes” with the senior scholarship winners, so they too will come back and apply as

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Stephanie Alcala Martinez and President Jeanne Naccarato.

How Did Thanks to Youth Get Started?

Thanks to Youth is an awards luncheon that honors exceptional youth in our community. It is one of SITM’s signature events and is central to our mission of supporting women and children. Thanks to Youth began in May, 1987 as a way to honor the “unsung heroes” among the youth in our community. These youth were not necessarily student scholars or athletes, but just ordinary students doing extraordinary things in their schools, churches and for families.

In the 1990s, SITM wanted to add youth scholarships to the program. Funding for scholarships was initially received from donations from local businesses. Over time the program expanded due to the generosity of Mr. John Farahi, owner of the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa. The lunches, room, and servers are all donated by Mr. Farahi and the Atlantis. This means that all the money raised through sponsorships, ticket sales and raffle sales goes directly to fund scholarships and Unsung Hero awards for the following year.

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Anna Boyles and Jo Ann Lessly.

seniors! The kids AND their SITM shoppers were photographed with some of the goodies.

What they purchased was quite a variety, from clothes and toys to electronics, (college) school supplies, video games, music and even a turntable, plus bedding and spray paint to refurbish some furniture!

They all left with smiles and appreciation. Our members enjoyed getting to know them on a more personal level. This is just one of the many ways that our giving "gives back" to us for our time and effort.



Alexandra Norris-Rocaberte and President Jeanne Naccarato.

Last Chance to Win a Stay at the Ritz Carlton

You don't want to miss a chance at winning a \$2,400-valued 3-Night stay at the Ritz-Carlton Club Lake Tahoe at Northstar, August 10-13, 2019. Tickets are \$5; 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



Fundraising Co-Coordinator Darlene DeLancey encourages members to purchase raffle tickets for the Ritz Carlton 3-day getaway.

list of amenities each week at the Fundraising Committee table.

A Thank You and Update From 2017 LYD Recipient

The following is a letter from Lisa Perryman, SITM's 2017 Live Your Dream recipient. Lisa's application was submitted to the Sierra Nevada Region (SNR) where she became the top selection for the region's Live Year Dream Award. She also received an SITM Re-Entry Women's Scholarship.

Lisa is a single mother, who gave up her dream to become a civil engineer, in favor of less than satisfying employment, These scholarships and awards have helped her go back to school to pursue her dream. After graduation, she intends to work a few years and return to obtain her master's degree. She wants to emphasize green architecture, making sustainable communities and minimizing waste.

Hi Pam (Robinson, Education Women Committee Co-Coordinator),

I hope you are doing well. Attached are my grades from the spring 2019 semester and my schedule for the fall 2019 semester. I finally made it to the Engineering Dean's list. I signed up for the bs/ms program so you will see a 600 level course that I am enrolled in that will count both towards my Master's and Bachelor's degree.

This summer I have an internship at Southwest Gas so I am not taking any summer courses. Jack has graduated kindergarten and is about to enter 1st grade. One more year and I will be an Engineer. Thank you so much for your continued support, I could not be this without your help and words can never express how grateful I am for all of you. I just hope to make you all proud and to pay it forward someday. Please let me know if you need anything.

Thank you!
Lisa Perryman



Lisa and son Jack at the 2017 SNR Conference

Jean Neddenriep Honored with Ceec Abrahams Award



Jean surrounded by family and friends, from left: Aimal Halim, daughter Kristie Calder, Larry Monroe, Twyila Whear and Bob Whear.

Jean Neddenriep was surprised at the June 6 meeting by being named the 2018-19 recipient of the Ceec Abrahams Award. Jean joins 34 other current and past members who have been honored by the annual 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.

Many members were astounded to discover that Jean had not previously received this award. A gasp of disbelief spread throughout the audience that she had not been honored before for her contributions.

Jean has been a member of SITM since 1984 and during her membership has been elected to various offices including but not limited to Treasurer, Vice President and President, 1996-97.

During this club year, Jean was a member of the Education/Women Committee, Dream It. Be It. Committee, and Co-Coordinator of the Hospitality Committee. The Education-Women Committee had 60 scholarship applications offered by SITM and a great deal of time and effort was necessary to judge and award 14 scholarships. In addition, the Scholarship Luncheon was attended by about 100 members and guests. The Committee was responsible for arranging this luncheon inviting awardees and guests.

The Dream It. Be It. Committee was in its second year of being a committee and working with the students and staff at Hunter Lake Elementary School. As with any new project, time and effort was required for the twice a month meetings with the girl students interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

Jean is Co-Coordinator of the Hospitality Committee which is tasked with members' social activities and this year included bridal celebrations, baby shower, informal "get togethers" at Bistro Napa and monthly member birthday celebrations.

In addition, greeting cards were sent to members recovering from illness, condolence cards, "miss seeing you" and other cards as appropriate. Jean has been very involved with bringing cards to meetings for members to sign, gathering and mailing the completed cards, informing us when members might appreciate cards or other means of contact. The response from members receiving the greeting cards has been very positive and at least one member has been attending meetings more regularly than in the past.



President Jeanne and Membership Co-ordinators Patti Doty and Patty Downs congratulating Jean Neddenriep.



Past Ceec Abrahams Recipients who were in attendance gathered to congratulate Jean Neddenriep. Front row, from left are: Penney Leezy, Diana DeMatei, Kay Dunham, Jean Neddenriep and Jo Ann Roberts. Back row, from left are: Faye Andersen, Niki Ewing, Patti Downs, Marilyn Pearson, Pam Robinson, Cindy Burk, Doris Phelps, Vicki Schultz and Paula Ringkob.

Ad Hoc/Special Committee Moves Forward with Member Survey

By Co-Coordinator Patti Doty

We are excited. The Ad Hoc/Special Committee will be researching and evaluating ideas for a new hands-on service project for SITM. Already we have had wonderful membership support in completing the surveys. Our first meeting on May 23 demonstrated the club's enthusiasm and cooperation—thanks to everyone who participated.

Soon the committee will be getting down to the nitty-gritty of exploring projects that meet our criteria, especially ones that fulfill our mission of helping women and girls.

Our first meeting is scheduled for July 8. Committee members are Laury Macauley, Jeanne Naccarato, Kim Coulter Davis, Patty Downs, Paula Ringkob, Pam Robinson, Pam Sutton, Sarah Carrasco, Kay Dunham, Millie Mitchell, and Co-Coordinators Marilyn Pearson and Patti Doty. We plan on working hard, keeping the Board informed and having wonderful project ideas for the club in March of next year.



Patti Doty

The Search for a New Service Project

Survey Results by Marilyn Pearson



Marilyn Pearson

Patti Doty and Marilyn Pearson, Co-Coordinators of the Ad Hoc/Special Committee exploring a new hands-on service project asked members to complete a survey and discuss alternatives at the May 23 meeting.

A motion was brought to the Board and membership in March to explore new ideas for this service project. The Board recommended establishing an Ad Hoc/Special Committee to study the issue and, with participation from the club, come up with recommendations on possible new service projects.

Members discussed the survey and brainstormed ideas. If you didn't get a chance to submit a survey, you may still submit ideas to Co-Coordinators Marilyn Pearson attchrmp@gmail.com or Patti Doty pdoty1943@gmail.com.

Following is a synopsis of the surveys returned.

One hundred percent of the membership agreed with the idea of exploring a new service project. Eighty-six percent supported a STEM project for girls.

Regarding support for a new project, the majority of members preferred a semi-annual and/or an annual event. Members were split 50/50 in those expressing preferences for a weekday or weekend event, with the majority having no preference for the timing of the event.

When asked how much time members were willing to commit, the majority of responses were "it depends" or "as needed". When selecting a new project for girls or women with the majority preferring a project for girls, followed by a close second preferring either or both.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete a survey and send ideas to the committee. They will be spending time researching and weighing the various suggestions.

SITM: You Put the "Awe" in Awesome

Dear Patty (Downs) and amazing SITM Women!

I had the joy of attending the "It STARTs With Me" Thanks to Youth luncheon thanks to Faye and Jo Ann. What an extraordinary experience to see yet another way an incredible group of women working together is impacting our community in such a meaningful way!

The 2019 "Old Treasures New Futures True Colors" was a resounding success thanks in large part to SITM. Seriously,

you joined in to contribute so much jewelry, purses and scarves that we went from counting in numbers of items to counting pounds! I'm not 100% sure of the poundage, but it was well over 100 pounds, or the equivalent of 5+ Thanksgiving turkeys. Special ginormous thanks to Patty Downs for all of her hard work in pulling this together and helping WACCS raise \$20,107, a new record. You women ROCK!



Pam Russell, Executive Director

Dreams Come True with STEM at Hunter Lake Elementary

By Kay Dunham, Co-Coordinator



Jean Neddenriep and Marilyn Pearson serve pizza at the last meeting at the school.

The Dream It. Be It./STEM committee had a very productive and successful year with our girls at Hunter Lake Elementary School. We met every other Tuesday from January through May and had participation from an average of 17 girls per session.

This year's focus was the introduction of Block Coding and Robotics. The committee began with simple exercises involving the girls "programming" a classmate to perform specific functions as if they were "coding" a robot. Throughout the project the girls advanced their coding skills using several iPad applications. The girls used the iPads to write code that would operate a "Sphero" robotic device to perform various movements and generate sounds. They loved this segment!

A later session involved writing words through coding. Our sessions wrapped for the year with pizza, ice cream cake and handing out their shirts (designed by last year's students). We conducted a survey to determine what the girls liked and their suggestions for improvement. They unanimously want us to continue but would love to have a larger space to conduct their robotic experiments. Three of the girls will be moving on to middle school and asked if they could come back after school to participate next fall!

The committee provided snacks and water each session and used our budgeted funds to purchase two iPads and 5 Spheros for continued use in the program. Plans for the fall include a review of basic coding and introducing the building and programming of actual robots.

The committee applied to the Sierra Nevada Region Endowment for a grant to supplement our club funding.

The grant was awarded in April with the project receiving \$1,000 for our use in the fall. The committee also submitted the requested Celebrating Success report to Region and to SIA detailing the impact of our project.

We continue to ask club members to join us at the school for the one hour sessions and to offer any suggestions for improving the impact of the project.

Members of the Dream It. Be It./STEM committee are: Co-Coordinator Kay Dunham and Patty Mamola; Kim Coulter-Davis, Jean Neddenriep, Jeanne Naccarato, Marilyn Pearson, Mary Beth Roselli, Millie Mitchell and Chris Fegert.



The girls participate in an after-school lesson in coding and robotics with Millie Mitchell.



Hunter Lake Elementary School girls at the end of semester "wrap party". The girls' shirts were designed by last year's class.

Did We Make a Difference?

Carol Dinneen, Making a Difference for Women Co-Coordinator

Those of you who worked so hard on this event deserve an answer to the above question. Attendance was low this year which was disappointing. We would like to have seen about 10 or 15 more women. However, the lower number of participants allowed us to really focus on the women on a much more personal level.

What I observed during the luncheon was members and participants talking and really engaging with each other. During Judge Dorothy Nash Holmes' talk we saw women go from being ready to be bored by another speaker who didn't understand their situations to becoming totally wrapped up in her story. One of the women commented afterward that she now truly believed that she would be able to turn her life around and be reunited with her children.

Since the event, we have been working with some of the women in regards to their grant requests. Connie needed steel toed work boots to be able to continue in the job she holds while completing her advanced degree at UNR. When I met with her to purchase the boots she told me she was going to be doing a major presentation of a project she had completed and would be doing it in clothes she had obtained from the clothes closet.

Beverly needed a computer she could use at home. She has three children and one of them is preschool age. She was trying to use a computer at the library but the time she could be there was very limited. We have made arrangements for her to obtain a computer from New2U Computers.

Kathleen asked for help obtaining her GED. She has been studying for the test, obtained help with her math skills and is now ready to take the test. We just made arrangement for payment and she is ready to go.

Kayla wanted help with her plan to become a fitness instructor but was confused about where to start and if this was really her final goal. She also needed to take care of a problem with her social security card. When I called her she told me that our event had motivated her to get going. She had taken care of the social security problem, was now working two jobs and still in recovery. She still wants to find a career but realizes that she needs to wait until she is further along in recovery.

These are only a few examples of the requests that we have received and are working on.

The evaluations that the women filled out were overwhelmingly positive. They found the mock interviews particularly helpful but also commented on the speaker and the financial information they received.

So, I would say that the answer to the question "Did we make a difference?" is a resounding yes. To paraphrase a comment that Anna McArdle made as we were leaving, "If we only reached one woman today we made a difference". It appears to me that we reached a lot more than one.



Making a Difference for Women Co-Coordinators Dot Watts and Carol Dinneen flank President Jeanne.

Panel Discussion on Women in Russia Featured at Meeting

In March, seven SITM members were privileged to be invited by the Northern Nevada International Center, to meet with five young women from Russia. The women were interested in a variety of topics of interest to women and the differences between the USA and Russia in their treatment of such issues. The topics ranged from politics in Russia, women in politics, freedom of speech, maternity leave and more. (And yes, there is a Soroptimist Club in St. Petersburg, Russia.)

On May 16, five of the seven members formed a panel to discuss the difference and similarities of women in both countries. They were joined by NNIC Program Coordinator Stacey Kinion who explained NNIC's work and how these women from Russia came to be touring America and what they were interested in learning while here.



Stacey Kinion, Program Coordinator for NNIC spoke at the May 16 meeting.

Touring the Soroptimist Grove at May Arboretum



President Jeanne points out the sign showing the way to the Soroptimist Garden.

Eight SITM members and one former member took a leisurely tour of the Soroptimist Grove and packed a lunch to enjoy the surroundings at the May Arboretum at Rancho San Rafael on June 5.

SITM member and artist Eileen Fuller also had paintings on display at the Wilbur D. May Museum, as part of the Sierra Watercolor Society's "Seeds of Inspiration" show.

The arboretum, established in 1986, is located inside the Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno, where 13 acres of former ranchland comprise specialty

gardens, outdoor courtyards, tree groves and wetlands habitats.

In September 1988, SITM established the Soroptimist Grove, at the direction of Dr. Ed Kliner, who supervised the tree selections and plantings. Bill Carlos, who is currently the Endowment Fund Committee Chair for the May Arboretum Society kindly did some research of the files.

The club made periodic donations to the grove up until 1998, when the grove space was filled. Some seasoned SITM members recall donations to purchase trees to honor various SITM Presidents' terms of service and to memorialize the passing of members, or special friends of SITM.



In addition to the grove, SITM donated a bench for people to sit and enjoy the trees. Seated, from left are: Penney Leezy, President Jeanne Naccarato and Paula Ringkob. A small plaque between Jeanne and Paula contains SITM's name. Standing from left are: Mitch Glazier, Margie Hermanson, Eileen Fuller and Bev Perkins.

SI/Washoe County's Mardi Gras Big Bash

Soroptimist International of Washoe County hosted their "Mardi Gras in May" fundraiser May 19 at the McKinley Arts & Cultural Center. The evening affair included hos d'oeuvres, deserts and drinks, a silent and live auction, a raffle, plus several entertaining trivia games. President Jeanne and husband Drew, were joined by Anna McArdle, Faye Andersen and Christel Neldner.



Celebrating their June Birthdays were Ana Nadimi, Pam Robinson and Sarah Carrasco. Each described their "best birthday ever", prior to being serenaded with "Happy Birthday."



President Jeanne with husband Drew decked out for the Mardi Gras party.



Anna McArdle prepares to join the Mardi Gras through the entry arch.

June Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

The June Board Meeting featured a crowd of outgoing and incoming SITM officers. President Jeanne Naccarato's husband Drew was barbecue master for the evening providing delicious burgers and hot dogs. It was a perfect send-off for those leaving the board and welcoming the new board.

The July Board Meeting will be hosted by incoming President Penney M. Leezy's at her home, 7832 Casarey Court in Sparks. See Penney for a map

Preliminary Club Year Calendar

President-Elect Penny M. Leezy is distributing a preliminary calendar for the Club Year. She is especially asking Committee Coordinators to review the calendar to check for dates assigned to each committee. She intentionally left some open dates, so if you have a special program you'd like to present, contact President-Elect Penney.

Another Thanks to Youth Success

Totals for the May 30 Thanks to Youth event were preliminarily given, with fundraising topping \$14,000 with more money to collect and expenses to be paid. The committee will provide a more complete report next month. See more about TTY on pages 3 & 4.

In a surprise move, Patty Cafferata, daughter of former member Barbara Vucanovich, was so impressed with the event that she offered to underwrite an additional \$2,000 scholarship next year in her mother's name.

DIBI Wraps Up the Semester with Hunter Lake Girls

Dream It. Be It. Co-Coordinator Kay Dunham reported on the success of last semester's STEM classes with 3rd – 6th grade girls at Hunter Lake Elementary. The program had an average of 17 girls at the every-other-week sessions. This year the focus was on coding and robotics. (See Kay's full report on page 8.)

Calendar Sales Budget Approved

Again this year, members will be asked to sell the "Ghosts", vintage airplane calendars. A preliminary budget was recommended by the Board and approved by the membership. Calendars will still be priced at \$17. For those not wishing to sell calendars, but would like to support the fundraiser, you may buy calendars which are then donated to local veteran organizations for distribution to their members. Last year, 58 calendars were purchased and donated. Calendars will be available at the July 25 meeting.

High Tea Preliminary Budget Approved

The Fundraising Committee presented its preliminary budget for the High Tea fundraiser, set for September

21. Admitting it's hard to plan for a first-time event, the committee proposed, the Board recommended and membership approved the preliminary budget. See page 2 for more information about the High Tea.

Happy Dollars for Mental Health in May

May Happy Dollars in the amount of \$330 were collected 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. June Happy Dollars are designated for LEAD -- Leadership, Education, & Active Development through hands-on activities with horses. The group provides experiences for children and youth facing challenges and military personnel with themed classes and private sessions.

Membership Changes

Welcome to newly transferred Life Member Denise Rupracht. Denise has been a Soroptimist for 44 years and is a former District Director for the Sierra Nevada Region. She transferred from the SI/Yerington Club, which is giving up its charter.

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



Celebrating the end of the 2018-2019 Club Year, the current board invited the 2019-2020 Board to join them at the June Board Meeting. From left were: '18-19 VP/Program Dot Watts; '18-19 President and '19-20 Director Jeanne Naccarato; '18-19 Delegate Diana DeMatei; '18-20 Secretary Linda Walker; '19-21 Service Fund Treasurer Ana Nadimi; '18-20 General Fund Treasurer Pam Robinson; 19-20 President Penney Leezy; '19-20 President-Elect Millie Mitchell; '19-20 Parliamentarian Kay Dunham; '17-19 Service Fund Treasurer Lynne Catrow; '18-19 VP/Membership and '19-20 VP/Program Chris Fegert. Attending, but missing the photo were: '18-19 Parliamentarian Margie Hermanson and '19-20 VP/Membership Valerie Hahn.

SITM Update

Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows

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Did you know . . .

What does it mean to be “empowered”?

Women are economically empowered when they have control over their own finances and well-being, and when they have a voice in the financial decisions to shape their lives and the lives of their families. When women and girls are empowered, they have a personal sense of autonomy, self-confidence, and the power to control their private and public lives. We focus on access to education because we believe it's the most effective way toward empowerment.

When women learn

families live healthier.

Source: Population Reference Bureau

When girls go to school

they are more likely to get paying jobs and their financial contributions to their families—and their nations—increase.

Source: Population Reference Bureau

When girls have educated moms

they are more likely to be enrolled in school and to reach higher levels of education.

Source: Population Reference Bureau

When women are educated

their countries are more likely to have greater economic growth.

Source: World Bank