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- Sept. 19 – Annie Goni-Stewart, For Kids Foundation
- Sept. 21 – “We’re MAD as a HATTER High Tea”
- Sept. 26 – Dreams Come True with STEM at Hunter Lake
- Oct. 3 – Soroptimist Founder’s Day
- Oct. 8 -- Board Meeting, Pam Robinson’s Office at Noon
- Oct. 10 -- Business Meeting
- Oct. 17 -- WCSD Children in Transition Coordinator

SITM Meets...

Thursdays at Noon
 at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
 Second Floor Convention Center
 \$25 for lunch.

RSVP to sitruckeemeadows@hotmail.com no later than noon on the Monday at 5:00pm before the Thursday meeting.

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www.sitmnev.org

“We’re late, we’re late, for a very important date”!!

It’s our final dash to the “We’re MAD as a HATTER High Tea”, taking place next Saturday, September 21, 2019, at the Atlantis 1 pm – 4 pm. If you have been hiding with the bunnies under the bushes and haven’t gotten your tickets yet...contact our Queen of Hearts, Darlene DeLancey, or our Rabbit, Linda Walker to see if they can slip you in!! At our last count, we have 160 attendees, 33 Silent auction items, including two spectacular handmade quilts. You don’t want to miss our major fundraiser for the service fund. The money raised will enable us to move forward with our programs that serve the women and girls in our local community. Thank You ladies!

Most of our club’s committees are starting to gather and set their timelines.

If you haven’t heard from the coordinator of a committee you signed up for, please contact them. Several

members have changed their email address and unfortunately the change doesn’t always get into our own computer contact list. A simple email to the coordinator will verify that they have your correct email address. Please be proactive. Thanks!



President Penney presents flowers to Pam Robinson with thanks for opening her conference room for the SITM board meetings.

Public Awareness is a behind the scenes committee that is so vital to the education of our members and our community. Coordinator Faye I. Andersen, Pam Sutton,

Website Designer and Vivian Ruiz, Social Media Manager presented comprehensive reports to the board and membership last week. I included their entire presentation in the Business Meeting Packet that I sent to each member. Please take the time to look at these items, especially the “SITM Public Awareness Worksheet”. It can be a vital tool for you to use to get the word out about your committee and events.

Looking forward to seeing many of you and your friends at our “We’re MAD as a HATTER High Tea”!

In Soroptimist Friendship,
 Penney M. Leezy
 President

“We’re Mad as a Hatter High Tea” is this Saturday, September 21, Atlantis, 1-4 p.m.

See page 2 for last minute details.



Get ready for the FUN and FUNDMAKING at the High Tea

It's almost here, and the Fundraising Committee has gone QUITE MAD in putting together the finishing touches for Saturday's "We're MAD as a HATTER High Tea", 1 - 4 p.m. at the Atlantis.

Remember, wearing hats is welcome; costumes are optional. You'll be surprised at who shows up ... the Mad Hatter, Alice, the White Rabbit. You never know what will happen in Wonderland.



Ticket Sales End on Tuesday, September 17.

Please inform Linda Walker of how many you've sold and who is sitting at your table, or sitting with you, so you may be seated together. **Please return any unsold tickets.** Since we have to give the Atlantis a count for meals, there will be NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR.

The Largest Wine Wagon Ever Raffled

If you've not donated a bottle of wine yet for the Wine Wagon Raffle, you can bring it to the September 19 meeting.



President Penney M. Leezy accepts a donation from the Peppermill for the silent auction from Diane Charvet.

Fashion show by



Boutique Elegante

2250 Lakeside Ct.,
Reno, NV 89509
775-823-9779

A Fashion Show With a Special Discount

Terri O'Brien from Boutique Elegante is generously providing a fashion show at the High Tea and the printed program from the event will get you a 10% discount on a purchase from her shop in Reno.



Music by Harpist Marni Roznitovsky-Oster

Specialty Drinks from Alice's Wonderland

For those wishing something a little stronger than tea, a no-host bar will be featuring the following:



Mad Hatter Martini

Queen of Hearts Bloody Mary

White Rabbit Mimosa

Cheshire Cat Cosmopolitan

Alice in Wonderland Shirley Temple



SITM Goes Viral with Talk and Demonstration

Michelle Rebaleati, a Multimedia Production Specialist in the @One Digital Media Services of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center at the University of Nevada, Reno, presented the August 1 meeting, with the assistance of some co-workers.

Michelle began her presentation with a discussion of the “Reality Spectrum”, which is the Real World versus the Computer Generated World. She described Virtual Reality as more than mere documentaries, but the ultimate empathy machine. Virtual and Augmented Reality Applications can be found in video games, medical research, mental health treatments and wheelchair accessibility.

As an example, Michele shared “Evan’s Story”, a man with Cerebral Palsy who always wanted to attend Burning Man. Through virtual reality, he was able to “attend” Burning Man. They also produced a second VR ski run for Evan to experience.

After Michelle’s presentation, she invited any members that wished to come forward and try out the VR technology.



From left: Millie Mitchell; Kathy Ray, Dean, University Libraries and Teaching and Learning Technologies; Laura Rocke, Digital Humanities Project Manager; Michelle Rebaleati, Multimedia Production Specialist in the @One Digital Media Services Department of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center and President Penney M. Leezy.



Sarah Carrasco with Michelle Rebaleati.



Dot Watts trying out the Virtual Reality technology with Michelle Rebaleati.



Pam Sutton with Laura Rocke, Digital Humanities Project Manager.

District 5 Fall Meeting**A Fall Harvest: Gleaning the Best for Women**

Plan to join the other nine clubs in District 5 for the annual Fall Meeting to be held Saturday, October 12 at the Glenshire Club House. The meeting is being hosted by SI/Truckee-Donner. It begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$32 for snacks and lunch.

There will be a "Welcome Mixer" Friday night, October 11 from 6-9 p.m. at the home of Lisa Saqui, 11615 Kleckner Ct., Truckee, CA 96161.

According to District 5 Director Sue Chambers, "It is our time to **Glean the Best for Women** and it is our time to shine and share. Join other members from District 5 as we hear from Governor Lane and Governor-Elect Sarah about their trip to Kuala Lumpur and the Governor's Roundtable. We will hear updates from federation and

region committees and club presidents will share information on their club's successes."

Signup sheets have been circulating at meetings, but you can also sign up online at <https://registration.soroptimistsnr.org/events/2019-fdm-district-5/>, or get a paper copy of the registration at www.soroptimistsnr.org. Click on the calendar for October 12. Registration deadline is October 5.



Afghan Social Set for September 25

Calling all crochet-ers and "wanna be" crochet-ers. An "Afghan Social" is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25 at Diana DeMatei's office from 5 – 7 p.m. at:

SWAG/Blue Moon
1375 Greg Parkway, Suite 15
Sparks, NV 89431
359-5600
690-9587 – Diana's cell

If you've always wanted to learn to crochet, or you're already experienced with yarn and a crochet hook, you're welcome to join. If you are just beginning, call Diana and she will set you up with yarn and crochet hook for your first lesson. Bring a snack to share.

Last year, SITM members, family and friends donated 150 hand-crocheted afghans for holiday baskets for the elderly and disadvantaged families, plus 50 hand-crocheted scarves/hats for Bristlecone Family Resources.

Children in Transition Toiletry Drive

By Community Outreach Coordinator Diana DeMatei

The Community Outreach Committee is conducting a toiletry drive for the Washoe County School District's Children in Transition (CIT) program.

Members attending the April 4 Kick Off of the Thanks to Youth meeting will remember Rechelle Murillo, Intervention Coordinator for the Washoe County School District, speaking about disadvantaged youth in the district and their needs. The CIT program attempts to fill some of those needs through donations.

To donate, please bring your hotel-sized toiletries, including soaps, shampoos, lotions and conditioners to Community Outreach Coordinator Diana DeMatei, or any members of the committee.

Following is a list of needed toiletries provided by CIT Coordinator Rechelle Murillo:

Powdered detergent
Shampoo Conditioner
Deodorant Toothpaste
Combs Brushes
Feminine hygiene products
Hygiene products for girls and boys
Makeup bags (like those that come free with cosmetic purchases)

For heavy items, please drop them off at Diana's office:
SWAG/Blue Moon
1375 Greg Parkway, Suite 15
Sparks, NV 89431
359-5600

Cyber Security is a Business and Personal Matter

At the August 29 meeting, Tracy Real, Assistant Vice President and Fraud Manager from Mutual of Omaha Bank's Fraud Division in Phoenix, Arizona, spoke on industry fraud trends and schemes that are prevalent in today's business and personal world. She shared best practices and preventions in areas of imposter fraud, business email compromise, phishing, malware/ ransomware and more.



Tracy Real



America Davis from Immunize Nevada, spoke at the September 5 meeting, arranged by VP Membership Valerie Hahn. America is a former SITM Thanks to Youth Scholarship recipient, who graduated from UNR. America spoke about the importance of immunizations and the mission of Immunize Nevada to ensure people across Nevada can access vaccines, healthcare, and other resources they need to stay healthy.



Lost Your Phone? Just "Send Last Location"

By Chris Fegert

What followed an (Un)Happy Dollar from Chris Fegert at a recent meeting, has culminated with some advice and directions from Chris to turn on the setting called "Send Last Location". If she had it set on her phone, she may have found her lost phone.

Here are the instructions to turn on "send last location".

These instructions are for an iPhone but I believe they are the same as the Android phones.

Go to settings:

Click on the very top box that has your name on it – under your name it has Apple ID, iCloud, iTunes and App Store

Click on iCloud

Scroll down towards the bottom of the **Apps Using iCloud** where it says **Find My iPhone** (it should be on) and click it.

There are two headings, "Find My iPhone" and below is "Send Last Location" (default setting is un-checked).

When this is checked, you can go onto your iCloud on your home/work computer and actually see a satellite map and see exactly where your phone location is.

Hope this is helpful.



Meredith Johnson, Human Resources Manager for Sierra Nevada Journeys displays the \$500 check from July Happy Dollars. Sierra Nevada Journeys is an outdoor science education non-profit serving Nevada and California children.

Garage Sale Was a Fun and Fundraising Success



Judy Simpson and the pricing system.



Scarlet Ewy taking a rare break.



Anna McArdle with the pricing sign.

The Fundraising Committee's first garage sale was a rousing success, netting \$1,667. The August 17 sale was held at the home of Harmony and Scott Hobbs in Hidden Valley, in conjunction with the homeowner's association's annual sale.

Between set-up Friday night and sale on Saturday, 25 members participated, with nine members working both days. Pizza and Margaritas were in order for the Friday night set-up. Donuts, coffee and sandwiches were served to the Saturday work crews. Left-over items were picked up by the Boys & Girls Club, for donation to Catholic Charities.

The proceeds support SITM's Live Your Dream scholarships for women heads of households, the STEM education project for elementary school girls, and other community projects.

A big thank you goes to Harmony and Scott Hobbs for allowing us to store and set-up the sale in their garages and driveway. Another big thank you goes to Fundraising Co-Coordinators Darlene DeLancey and Linda Walker and their committee for great planning and execution of the event.

Finally, thank you to all of the members for their generous donations to the sale, as well as everyone who came out to work, in the heat, setting up and selling. Without your hard work and camaraderie, it could not have been such a great success.

Way to go Soroptimists!



Harmony Hobbs, Debbie Rovere and Bev Perkins setting up for the garage sale.



Our hosts Harmony and Scott Hobbs received a gift certificate to Ruth Chris as a thank you for letting us disrupt their lives (and their garages and driveway).

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Checking out the sales items were Pam Sutton and Kim Coulter Davis.



Darlene DeLancey unpacking items for sale.



Eve Johnson and Patte Robnett at the garage sale.



Immediate Past President Jeanne Naccarato and President Penny M. Leezy.



Set up and waiting for customers.



Dot Watts and her "sister" Merilee Watts (from another mother) have a chuckle over some of the donations.



The garage sale set-up crew.

September Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen



SITM members celebrating birthdays during the month of September were, from left: Bev Perkins, Eileen Fuller, Darlene DeLancey and Laury Macauley.

Pick up your 2020 “Ghosts” Calendars for Sale

The 2020 “Ghosts” vintage airplane calendars can be picked up for sale each Thursday. Doris Phelps has them near the Attendance Table. The \$17 per calendar price is still in effect for this year. Members not wishing to sell calendars, but still wanting to assist this fundraising effort, can purchase them for donation. Last year, Pam Robinson facilitated the delivery of approximately 60 calendars, half to the Veterans Resource Center (VRC) and half to the Veteran’s Guest House.

We’re Almost Late for the High Tea

The long anticipated “We’re MAD as a HATTER High Tea is this Saturday, September 21, 1-4 p.m. at the Atlantis. Last minute details and instructions can be found on page 2.

Promoting Public Awareness from the PA Committee

Reports from Coordinator Faye I. Andersen, Website Manager Pam Sutton and Social Media Manager Vivian Ruiz were presented to the board and membership regarding the committee’s behind-the-scenes work to garner public awareness for SITM’s committee projects and events. A Public Awareness Worksheet was presented, along with a listing of which PA Committee member is “assigned” to each of the club committees with public awareness needs. Copies and an explanation have been emailed to all committee coordinators.

Approval of CPA to Prepare SITM’s Taxes.

The board recommended and the membership approved a motion to hire Beverly Perkins, CPA to produce the club’s annual income tax return and file it with the IRS.

District 5 Fall Meeting will be October 12

SI/Truckee-Donner is hosting the District 5 Fall meeting at the Glenshire Clubhouse on October 12 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost for lunch and snacks is \$32. See page 4 for more details and how to sign up.

“Dress a Girl” Project Still Operating

President Penney M. Leezy announced that members can still sew simple dresses for the project and there may be some reimbursement money for materials coming from the Sierra Nevada Region. Immediate Past SNR Governor Vicki Watson endorsed the “Dress a Girl” project in her 2016 – 2018 biennium and SITM members, friends and family sewed 260 dresses for the project. See page 10 for details.

Happy Dollars Benefit Sierra Nevada Journeys

August Happy Dollars netted a total of \$350 from members during the month, for the For Kids Foundation and earmarked towards a scholarship for a girl to receive equine therapy. Under the policy adopted last club year, any shortfall in Happy Dollars not reaching \$500 minimum will be supplemented by the reserve service funds. September Happy Dollars are designated for Immunize Nevada, ensuring people across Nevada can access vaccines, healthcare, and other resources they need to stay healthy.

Membership Updates

Sad, but true, Kathy Hudson has requested a transfer of her membership to a Soroptimist Club in Bellingham, Washington, to be closer to her daughter following the unexpected death of her husband Ken.

The board granted a leave of absence for Enid Oliver from August 19 through December 31, 2019, for business reasons.



President Penney affixes a Laurel Society pin on SITM member Eve Johnson, the latest member of SIA’s Laurel Society. The Laurel Society is SIA’s prestigious recognition program for donors who contribute gifts totaling \$1,000 or more. Since 1994, nearly 8,700 Laurel Society members have given over \$14 million to help economically empower women and girls through our Dream Programs. Eve joins 35 current and former SITM members who are Laurel Society members.

SI/Pune Metro East Celebrates 10 Years

By IGU Coordinator Monica House

Soroptimist International of Pune Metro East (SIPME) extends an invitation to SITM members to join them in celebrating their 10th year as a club from January 29–31, 2020. SIPME’s Founding President Nisha Ghosh says “if anyone has time to plan a trip they would be delighted to share more details in the coming month”.

SITM provided a grant for friendship to Nisha Ghosh who visited our club and stayed with some of our members in 2008. Following her visit Nisha went back to India and started SIPME with support from SITM and other Soroptimist clubs. Then in 2012 SIPME reciprocated the grant for friendship to our club and my mom and I visited SIPME for 14 days which was a once in a life time experience we will never forget.

One of SIPME’s very successful programs is “Girls Moving Forward” that was inspired by our “Women Moving Forward” program.



Recent graduates from SIPME’s “Girls Moving Forward”.

Thank you for Bracelets for Cancer Patients

Last month a small group of members got together to make bracelets for the Renown Infusion Center. When patients complete their course of cancer treatments they are allowed the opportunity to select a bracelet to celebrate their completion.



The following note of thanks was sent to SITM.

Kim Coulter Davis delivered the bracelets to nurses at the Renown Infusion Center.

Thank you so much for the donation of the gorgeous bracelets! Our patients will love them! Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.

Thank you again.

Kristina, Cancer Support Coordinator, Renown Health

Interested in Baking a Cake for NYEP?

The Nevada Youth Empowerment Project (NYEP) has reached out to SITM seeking donations of cakes for their annual Fall Harvest Festival fundraiser, September 30 at Bartley Ranch. The festivities include a hilarious Cake Walk hosted by Marilyn York.

If you are interested in donating a cake, visit www.nyep.org/about/events-and-fundraisers, or call 775-747-2073.

2020 “Ghosts” Calendars are Still Available

Sales of 2020 “Ghosts” vintage airplane calendars are in full swing. Doris Phelps can be found distributing calendars at the back table across from Attendance. The \$17 per calendar price is still in effect for this year.

For members not wishing to sell calendars, but still assist this fundraising effort, can purchase them for donation. Last year, Pam Robinson facilitated the delivery of approximately 60 calendars, half to the Veterans Resource Center (VRC).and half to the Veteran’s Guest House.

Proceeds from this sale benefit projects funded by SITM’s Service Fund Treasury.

Vern Watts (aka Dot’s hubby), Nevada Lions District 46 First Vice District Governor, accompanied Dot to an SITM meeting and purchased a “Ghosts” calendar from Doris Phelps.



Dress a Girl Gains Some More Dresses

Life Member Laurie Chappelle recently retired as Rector of St. Catherine of Siena Episcopal Church and found some free time to participate in the “Dress a Girl” project by sewing 10 dresses. The project was adopted by Immediate Past Governor Vicki Watson for her 2016 – 2018 biennium and Sierra Nevada Region Soroptimists



Laurie Chappelle.

sewed and donated more than 4,000 dresses. SITM members, family and friends sewed and donated 260 dresses.

The “Dress a Girl Around the World” project was launched in 2009 by the Hope 4 Women International’s tailoring project in Uganda. It has spread to

the U.S. and a dozen other countries, all sewing simple patterned dress for girls around the world, including the U.S.

Each dress contains a pocket where a “Dress a Girl” patch is affixed, and is accompanied by a pair of girls panties included in the pocket.



Ten dresses sewn by Laurie Chappelle.

President Penney M. Leezy recently learned that there was some money donated for the project last biennium that was not used and has applied to the SNR Treasurer for funds to reimburse members for the cost of materials. Any additional dresses sewn will be sent to our Dress a Girl Ambassador in Sacramento and distributed wherever needed.

46th Biennial Convention Soroptimist International of the Americas Bellevue, Washington, July 22-25, 2020

Reach new heights with SIA in Bellevue – and be there to kick off our yearlong 100th Anniversary Celebration!

Registration and housing will open in October.

Member registration, October – January 15: \$550
(daily fee \$325)

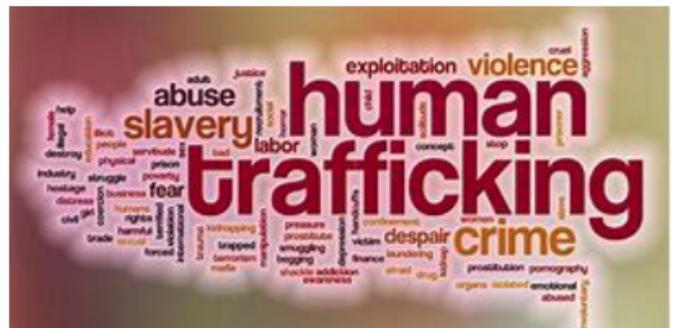
Regular Registration, January 16 – May 15: \$625
(daily fee: \$325)

Late/Onsite Registration, May 16 – July 25: \$675
(daily fee \$375)

Delegate Registration: \$0



Sierra Nevada Region Trafficking Awareness Flyer Contest



Design a Flyer and Bring it to the Workshop at the Fall District Meeting

Goal: Design a flyer that can be used to bring awareness to the issue of human trafficking.

The flyer could be placed in bathrooms in public places for victims to see and it would encourage them to call the national hotline, 1-888-373-7388.

It could be scaled down to business card size that could be left in places that victims might access such as bathrooms in rest areas, bus stations or airports.

SITM Update

Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows

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following the first Thursday, noon.

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

Sierra Nevada Region: www.soroptimistsnr.org

Soroptimist International of the Americas: www.soroptimist.org

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Best for Women

Did you know . . .

SIA has a new Mission and Tagline

Reprinted in part from a communique from SIA Headquarters to Club Presidents.

Working with a branding and marketing firm, the Soroptimist International of the Americas Federation Board of Directors refined our mission and tag line statements. The vision statement did not change.

Vision: Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

(New) Mission: Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

(New) Tag Line: Investing in Dreams (matches and supports our next Big Goal statement: *Invest in the dreams of half a million women and girls through access to education.*)



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