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- Oct. 17 -- WCSD Children in Transition
- Oct. 22 – Afghan Social, 5 p.m., Diana DeMatei’s Office
- Oct. 24 – Dr. Maria Cristina, Orphanage in Panama
- Oct. 31 – Halloween Social - Sock Drive
- Nov. 7 – Beads for Strength
- Nov. 12 -- Board Meeting, Pam Robinson’s Office at Noon
- Nov. 13 – Afghan Social
- Nov. 14 -- Business Meeting

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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a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.



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SITM’s Year is in Full Swing for Fall

There is certainly a nip in the air in the mornings!! I think winter is just around the corner.

We are in the fourth month of our Club Year!! Time seems to just be flying by. Before we know it, the holidays will be upon us. Today, Oct 12th was our District 5 Meeting in Truckee. What a beautiful drive to the meeting. The theme was “Fall Harvest Gleaning the Best of Women”. The meeting was hosted by SI/Truckee-Donner at the Glenshire Club House. Anna McArdle, our Delegate will have a report to present at the meeting at our Nov. 14 Business Meeting.

Our club was very well represented with 14 of our members attending! SITM received four certificates at the meeting. First, for participating in the Live your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women. Second, Club Giving at the Dream Believers Level for our contribution to 2018-2019 Club Giving at 10% level with a gold seal. A Certificate of Appreciation in Honor of our efforts to increase SIA’s collective impact, and for our participation in the Dream It, Be it: Career Support for Girls!! Outstanding Ladies!! There was a lot of information presented today; we will pass all information on to membership in the coming weeks. So stay tuned.

Most, if not all of our committees have

started having their meetings. If you are on a committee and haven’t received any contact from the coordinators, please contact them ASAP.

Several members have changed their email address, and perhaps the Coordinators don’t have the correct address. Please be proactive and contact the coordinator! Please keep in mind, perhaps you signed up for a committee that doesn’t seem to be a good fit for you this year, there is nothing wrong in letting the coordinators or myself know of your wishes to try another committee.

We are a Team of Volunteers working collectively to improve the lives of women and girls in our community and globally. I am very pleased to see all the committees gathering information and getting together to share their ideas of how to reach their goals. We are a strong and healthy club and I am honored to be your President.

In Soroptimist Friendship,
 Penney M. Leezy, President



President Penney with the 98th Soroptimist Birthday cake, provided by the Atlantis.

Don’t Miss these Upcoming Meetings & Speakers

Pop Up Social at the Nevada Museum of Art on October 16 at 11:30 a.m. at Chez Louie for lunch and Tour of the Georgia O’Keeffe: Living Modern Exhibit to follow. See page 2 for more details

Helping Homeless Children at the Thursday, October 17 Meeting. Speakers from the Washoe County School District will be on hand to discuss the Children in Transition Program. See page 2 for more details.

Helping Homeless Children to be Featured at the October 17 Meeting

The October 17th program, hosted by the Community Outreach Committee, will feature speakers from the Washoe County School District - Children in Transition Program. Rechelle Murillo is the Intervention Coordinator for the Washoe County School District and Brittney Kucera is the CIT & Foster Program Coordinator.

The CIT program provides children experiencing homelessness the opportunity to achieve the same high-quality academic standards by eliminating barriers to their education. Homeless Liaisons work closely with an advocate at every school in the district to identify over 3,000 children yearly needing these services.

Children in Transition Toiletry Drive in October



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

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

For heavy items (like a family-sized box of laundry detergent), please drop them off at Diana's office:

SWAG/Blue Moon
1375 Greg Parkway, Suite 105
Sparks, NV 89431
Office 359-5600
Diana's Cell 690-9587

SITM Pop Up Social at the Nevada Museum of Art

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 16 at 11:30 a.m. to meet for lunch at Chez Louie at the Nevada Museum of Art

The NMA has an exhibit, Georgia O'Keeffe: Living Modern, takes a new look at how the renowned modernist artist proclaimed her progressive, independent lifestyle through a self-crafted public persona – including her clothing and the way she posed for the camera. The exhibition expands our understating of O'Keeffe by focusing on her wardrobe, shown for the first time alongside key paintings and photographs. It confirms and explores her determination to be in charge of how the world understood her identity and artistic values.

NMA general admission is \$10 or \$9 for seniors (over age 60). Pay directly to NMA. Chez Louie is the cost of lunch you order.

Members are welcome to join for

lunch but will not have to pay for admission if only staying for lunch. Please email or text Niki Ewing if

you would like to RSVP to 775-7722-2988, or nchamp1@yahoo.com.

Hospitality Committee's Sock and Book Drives

By Niki Ewing, Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee is conducting a children's sock drive throughout October to benefit the Washoe County School District's Children in Transition program. The new socks will be distributed to disadvantaged school children in the district who are living in temporary housing or shelters.



Bring new socks to the October 31 Halloween Social hosted by the Hospitality Committee or any meeting

in October to be collected by Diana DeMatei or other members of the committee.

Socks should be appropriate for both girls and boys ages 4-18. No need to wrap them, there will be collection bins at the door. The committee's goal is 100 pairs of socks.

December Book Drive

Hospitality is also planning a book drive during the month of December for children in the Washoe County School District. Books will be collected at the December 19 Hospitality Committee hosted meeting or can be brought to any meeting during December.

A Fun, Entertaining and Profitable High Tea Fundraiser

By Faye I. Andersen, for the Fundraising Committee



Checking guests into the High Tea were Dot Watts and Bev Perkins.

The “We’re MAD as a HATTER High Tea” was a smashing success; attendance projections were smashed; fundraising goals were smashed; and it turned out to be just a plain old smashing fun afternoon.



Channeling her inner White Rabbit was Jan Bogikes.

The High Tea is estimated to net more than \$13,000 when all expenses are deducted., more than double the original estimate for the first time event.

The High Tea Was a Hit with Guests

Even the comments were smashing with guests expressing how much they enjoyed the High Tea; what fun they had and how they were looking forward to next year. They favorably remarked on the costumes and said they were planning to wear a costume themselves next year. Members

remarked on the success of the event and even one member said she had so much fun, she asked if she could join the committee.

After months of planning, the Fundraising Committee, led by Darlene DeLancey and Linda



Jeanne Naccarato and Eileen Fuller.

Walker, with many members helping, pulled off a first-time fundraiser for SITM that was extraordinary by any calculation. Thanks to the Atlantis, the room was beautifully appointed with lights, a spectacular tea service and candelabra display and a whimsical selection of tea cups throughout.

Better than Expected Attendance



Guests and members line up for the parade of costumes and hats.



Scarlet Ewey and Doris Phelps with Johanna (Alice) Zee.

the frivolity of costumed members and their antics.



Liza Chapen decked out for a tea.

Nearly 160 members, friends, family and other guests packed Paradise D & E at the Atlantis for an afternoon of tea, sandwiches and treats, along with a silent auction, raffle, photo box, costume and hat contest, fashion show, all amongst

At the beginning of the event, attendees were invited to join a frolicking parade of hats and costumes, with the winners of each category being presented an ornate teapot.

Throughout the event, the free photo booth was a smashing success with attendees lining up to gather their friends for group or solo photos, with plenty of Mad Hatter hats for loan.

Showing the Reason for the Fundraising

To illustrate how the money

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The free photo box was a big hit with guests and members. Ana Nadimi is shown in a Mad Hatter hat.

raised by the event would be used, Pam Robinson arranged for two of SITM's Live Your Dream recipients to speak about what the scholarships meant to them and their ability to meet their goals.

Gia Easley graduated from UNR with her nursing degree in December 2018 and is working at the VA Hospital. Lisa Perryman is a senior at UNR planning to graduate in spring 2020 with her degree in engineering.



Dressed to the nines for the tea were Patte Robnette and Eve Johnson.

A revolving slide show was projected on two screens throughout the event highlighting major sponsors, table sponsors and auction donors. President Penney M. Leezy also gave a brief presentation explaining some of SITM's current projects.

Six main sponsors and two other sponsors helped underwrite expenses for the event and contributed \$2,750 to the event. Table sponsorships by Soroptimists and friends contributed another \$800. Table envelopes and other sponsors contributed \$1,075.

Our main sponsor Atlantis donated an unlimited amount of support for the event by waiving multiple fees for set-ups, AV, stage, bar fees and others. Our ever-faithful friends at Digiprint did all of the printing of flyers, tickets and tags for the give-away stars at the event.

Fashion Show, Silent Auction and Raffle

Terri O'Brien, owner of Boutique Elegante, offered commentary during a fashion show with her six models showcasing the latest fashions from casual, to cocktail, to elegant.

Thanks to donations by members and those obtained by members, the silent auction



Valerie Hahn and Jan Bogikes.

featured 37 opportunities for bidding on an amazing array of goods and services on display. The silent auction portion of the fundraiser netted \$5,535.

A "wine wagon" raffle featured 47 bottles of wine, all donated by members, along with every wine accessory imaginable. It was enough to overflow the wagon onto an ornate and enticing table display. The raffle netted \$1,825. SITM member Kay Dunham was the lucky winner of the "wine wagon".

Thank You to Members for Making High Tea a Success

A BIG THANK YOU is due to all of the members who donated or facilitated donations of auction items; sold and bought tickets and tables; donated wine; handled registration; sold raffle tickets; monitored the auction tables; cashiered; assisted with the set-up and clean-up.



The winner of the hat contest on the left and winner of the costume contest, Mary Long of SI/Washoe County.



President Penney presents flowers to Terri O'Brien and her models from Boutique Elegante.

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the Fundraising Committee for their hard work to make "We're MAD as a HATTER High Tea" such a smashing success. Co-Coordinator Darlene DeLancey, Linda Walker, Jeanne Naccarato, Laury Macauley, Jan Bogikes, Faye I. Andersen, Eve



The winner of the wine wagon raffle was Kay Dunham, center. She's surrounded by Jeanne Naccarato and White Rabbit Jan Bogikes .

Johnson, Margie Hermanson and Denise Rupracht, with oversight by President-Elect Millie Mitchell and President Penney M. Leezy.

The committee will be meeting soon for an "after-action" discussion. If you

have comments or ideas about the High Tea, contact any committee member.



Members who contributed to the High Tea silent auction or bought tables were thanked at the October 3 meeting. All of the required 501(c)(3) thank you letters have been sent or delivered to sponsors or donors.



Treasurer Pam Robinson presents a check to Jennifer Franklin, Banquet Manager for the Atlantis, with thanks for the High Tea.



President and Mistress of Ceremonies Penney M. Leezy, with Fundraising Co-Coordinator Linda Walker, left and Darlene DeLancey.



Past Live Your Dream recipient Gia Easley.



Past Live Your Dream recipient Lisa Perryman.

Thank You to Our Sponsors

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IGU Presents

“Casa Providencia, The Orphanage for Los Abandonados (the abandoned ones)”

by Monica House, IGU Coordinator



Please join the International Goodwill and Understanding (IGU) Committee for a very informative program on Thursday October 24. Guest speaker, Dr. Maria Cristina of Sheehan Health and Wellness, will be taking us on the journey of establishing an orphanage,

Casa Providencia, in Colon, Panama.

providing hope and a safe haven of love, therapy, and education for “Los Abandonados” (the abandoned ones), for children with special needs and severely disabled orphans who once faced the likelihood of being abused and trafficked. This is a program you don’t want to miss and a great one to bring guests too.

You will hear about the many obstacles that had to be overcome and about the many they are still facing. Despite these ongoing obstacles Casa Providencia is now



Next Afghan Social Set for October 22

If you missed it in September, you have two more chances to join the Afghan Social on Tuesday, October 22 and Wednesday, November 13. Both run approximately from 5 – 7 p.m. at Diana DeMatei’s Office.

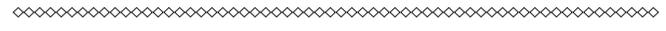
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Sparks, NV 89431
359-5600 - Office
690-9587 – Diana’s cell



Beginners, intermediate and advanced crochet fanatics are all welcome. Don’t know how to crochet, but would like to learn? Come on down and the group will arm you with crochet hook, yarn and lessons. 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.

Annie Goni-Stewart, Executive Director of For Kids Foundation, was our September 19 meeting. The foundation provides assistance to children in Northern Nevada with specific unmet needs such as medical, dental, mental health, or educational services for which other resources are insufficient or nonexistent. The Foundation serves as a safety net for children who have “fallen through the cracks” of existing agencies and charitable organizations. August Happy Dollars went to For Kids Foundation.



Angie Ruyak, right, purchased 30 calendars from Doris Phelps. Angie and her company, Infinity Hospice Care, purchased the calendars for their veteran clients.

“Ghosts” 2020 Calendars for Sale

They’re still available. That’s the 2020 “Ghosts” vintage airplane calendars by photographer Phil Makanna. Calendar Goddess Doris Phelps has them available for sale at each meeting, or pick up calendars to sell to family, friends and co-workers. Price is still \$17.

Doris reports that of the 240 calendars ordered, 175 have been sold so far. For members not wishing to sell calendars, but still assist this fundraising effort, you can purchase them for donation. So far this year, 37 of the calendars have been bought for donation to local veteran’s organizations.

Dreams Do Come True through STEM at Elementary School



Jonna AuCoin

Two school principals were our guest speakers at the September 19 meeting, presented by Chris Fegert, VP of Programs. Both are involved with elementary schools engaged in teaching elementary students Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education.

Katie Weir is Principal of Glen Duncan STEM Academy, and Jonna AuCoin is the Principal at Greenbrae Elementary School and previously served as

Principal of Dorothy Lemelson STEM Academy. Both spoke about what they are doing and seeing in their schools and communities

Jonna AuCoin explained the difference STEM education has made to her students.

Katie Weir focused more on the importance of STEM education for girls and long term prospects for independence and employment.



Katie Weir

SITM's Own STEM Project Teaches Robotics/Coding

In its third year now, SITM's own STEM program at Hunter Lake Elementary School is focusing on Block Coding and Robotics. The committee began last year 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.

With additional budget money from SITM's Service Fund and a \$1,000 grant from the SNR Endowment Fund, the committee has bought



Kim Coulter-Davis uses an iPad to help the girls learn coding.

iPads and additional "Spheros" for the girls to advance their coding experience and lessons. The committee reports that the girls love the lessons and the twice monthly sessions have 27 girls signed up for the after-school program.

If you are interested in joining the committee, or just want to join one or more sessions, they meet every-other Tuesday after school for the one-hour sessions.

The committee is co-coordinated by Kay Dunham and Patty Mamola, with members Ana Nadimi, Kim Coulter Davis, Mary Beth Roselli, Jeanne Naccarato, Marilyn Pearson, Deb Thomas and Judy Simpson.

Two Past SITM Scholarship Recipients "Pinned" as Nurses

Two recipients of SITM's Women's "Dreams Moving Forward" Scholarships are newly "pinned" nurses, having recently graduated from Carrington College in Reno. Both have jobs at Renown Health.

Rachel Andrew was a 2019 SITM scholarship recipient and was named Valedictorian for her class. Kristy Anderson was a 2018 and 2019 scholarship recipient. Pam Robinson said she was honored to attend the "pinning ceremony" and reported that both recipients were so excited to be graduating and embarking on their dreams of working as a nurse.

Congratulations to past Education/Women Committee members for selecting excellent scholarship recipients who have now fulfilled their dreams.



Pam Robinson with Kristy Anderson



Rachel Andrew, Valedictorian

October Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

The Club Year is well underway and the Board/Business Meetings were full of committee reports and motions as committees push forward with their work.

“We’re MAD as a HATTER” High Tea Exceeds Budget and Expectations

SITM’s first-time High Tea Fundraiser was a smashing success. Sponsorships, table and ticket sales, wine wagon raffle and table donation envelopes grossed \$19,560. After expenses the net is over \$13,000 with a few more bills pending. Congratulations to the committee and all of the members who participated, facilitated and made donations, sold tickets and attended. See pages 3-5 for photos and details.

Attendance Gets a New iPad

A motion from the Attendance Committee was recommended by the board and approved by the membership to purchase a new iPad to be able to accept purchases through the Point of Sale Squares. The previously donated unit was getting outdated and would no longer sync with the Atlantis wifi to process credit cards for lunch payments.

Collecting Socks and Books

Motions from the Hospitality Committee were recommended by the board and approved by the membership to conduct sock and book drives during the months of October and December respectively for the Washoe County School District. See page 2 for further details.

New Club SI/Yuba South to Charter November 15

It’s time to welcome a new Soroptimist Club, SI/Yuba South, based in Wheatland, California. The new club is sponsored by SI/Lincoln. The board recommended and the membership approved a \$50 donation, which is customary to help the new club start their treasury. Location and time of the chartering will be announced later. All members are welcome to join them to celebrate their chartering.

2019 IRS Tax Form Filed

Again this year, Bev Perkins, CPA, has completed all the necessary reviews and calculations and filed SITM’s 2018-19 tax return with the IRS. Thanks for all of your work on this Bev.

Leave of Absence Results in Delegate Elections

Pending a move by SITM Delegate Anna McArdle to Boca Raton, she requested and the board approved her leave of absence from October 23 through April 22. Her

leave means a vacancy in the Delegate position. If you are interested in filling her term of office, contact President Penney. The board will nominate a member for the position at the November Board Meeting and nominations can be made from the floor at the November Business Meeting before elections are held.

Happy Dollars Benefit Immunize Nevada

September Happy Dollars netted a total of \$345 from members during the month for Immunize Nevada. Under the policy adopted last club year, any shortfall in Happy Dollars not reaching \$500 minimum is supplemented by the reserve service funds. October Happy Dollars are designated for the Washoe County School District’s Children in Transition Program, assisting the needs of homeless children.

“Dress a Girl” Project Still Operating

Money and material are still available for members interested in sewing dresses for the Sierra Nevada Region’s “Dress a Girl” project. President Penney M. Leezy announced that SITM has received \$200 from SNR’s funds left-over from last year to purchase materials. Darlene DeLancey donated bulk fabric and Pam Robinson has cut out patterns for the dresses. During 2018-19 SITM members, friends and family sewed 260 dresses for the project.

Membership Updates

The Board approved a leave of absence for Life Member Denise Ruprecht from September 26 through November 5 and again November 21 through December 9, for traveling.

Remaining on leave through December 31, 2019, is Enid Oliver for business reasons.



Celebrating their October Birthdays with Hospitality Committee member Margie Hermanson, left, were: Linda Walker, Angie Ruyak and Deb Thomas.

Soroptimist Founder's Day

Celebrating 98 Years of Service Locally, Nationally and Globally

Editor's Note: SITM celebrated Soroptimist Founders Day at the October 3 meeting with a special cake provided by the Atlantis, and an historical slide show by Faye I. Andersen. Here are some excerpts from the program.



US First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt is the honored guest and speaker at a weekly luncheon of the Washington DC Club in 1943.

October 3, 2019 marks the 98th Anniversary of the founding of Soroptimist. In 1921, the Soroptimist Club of Alameda County was formed with over 80 business and professional women from in and around the city of Oakland, California. With Violet Richardson as the first President, the club met weekly, debating service projects and hearing speakers on various worldwide issues that would broaden members' horizons.

Within five year there were 15 clubs along the Pacific and Atlantic Coasts, with similar clubs forming in London, Paris and the Netherlands. Each club operated similarly, but separately.

In 1927 the clubs gathered together and purchased for \$5,500 the right, title and interest in the organization held by Mr. Stuart Morrow, who along with the original members, organized the first club. That led to the establishment of the International Federation of Soroptimist Clubs. The following year, at convention

in Washington, D.C., with representation of clubs from abroad, two federations were established – The American Federation of Soroptimist Clubs and the European Federation of Soroptimist Clubs. Each federation was self-governed and self-supporting, but united as Soroptimist International Association. The year 1934 saw the establishment of the Federation of Soroptimist Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland.

Following the end of World War II and the formation of the United Nations, Soroptimist sought status as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), but did not meet the requirements of an international organization. This was the impetus behind the formation of the governing body of Soroptimist International as the umbrella organization. Soroptimist has consultative status with UNESCO,

UNICEF and Category C Consultative Status with the Economic & Social Council, United Nations (ECOSOC)

The name Soroptimist was coined from the Latin "soror" meaning sister, and "optima" meaning best. And so Soroptimist is perhaps best interpreted as the "best for women".

Soroptimist members and projects continued to grow and in 1976 the Federation of Southwest Pacific was founded. Today, preliminary approval has been given for the formation of a new Federation of Soroptimist International of Africa.



An early public awareness campaign for Soroptimist.

Through a global network of four Federations and dedicated volunteer membership of over 75,000 members in 122 countries, Soroptimist International is driven by its mission of transforming lives through education, empowerment and by enabling opportunities.



Chartering of the Soroptimist Club of Alameda County at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, California.

Come Join Me on What Will Be a Wonderful Trip

By SNR Governor-Elect Sarah Carrasco



SIA's 46th Biennial Convention will be on July 22 – 25, 2020 in Bellevue, Washington.

I will be representing the Sierra Nevada Region at this Convention. I would love it if some of our members joined me on this little jaunt. There is

nothing like the experience of traveling as a club. Here are some details for planning.

The Convention will be at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue Hotel, Rates are:

Single/Double Room \$219 plus tax
Triple Room \$244 plus tax
Quad Room \$269 plus tax



Ideas for getting there: Take a TRAIN, there are a large number of Sierra Nevada Region members who will be taking a train out of Sacramento, CA. The California Zephyr Train leaves on Monday July 20, 2020, stops in Elko, Winnemucca, Reno, Truckee, Colfax, Roseville and then Sacramento. There is an 8 hour layover and then you get on the Coast Starlight Train which stops in cities going north and arriving in Seattle, WA at 7:45 pm Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

The cost varies, depending upon where you board. Please note there are available discounts: if 2 people book at the same time there is a 15% discount; for 3 it is a 60% discount and for 4 it is a 70% discount. Please contact AMTRAK directly for price quotes at 1-800-872-7245. There are also sleeping compartments on these trains.

MOST IMPORTANTLY: District 1 Director, Lisa Fitzgerald will be organizing things to do while on the train, she will be the social director on the train, once you book your train trip you should email her with the number of people and names in your train group, her email address is snr_district_1@sorooptimistsnr.org.

Registration for the convention should be open by the end of this month. I will let you know as soon as we

hear the date it will be open. Conference fee will be \$550 until January 15, 2020; \$625 until May 15; and \$675 until July 25.

There will be a friendship dinner on Wednesday July 22, 2020 at \$110; sit down lunch on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at \$70; sit down lunch on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at \$70; and a Recognition Banquet on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at \$120.

I wanted all of you to have this information so that there is plenty of time to do some planning. I look forward to having some travel buddies on this trip. Attending an SIA Convention is very enlightening and humbling when you see and hear from members in the other federations. This Convention will be extra special as more likely than not, we will have a 5th Federation present, the Africa Federation.

Let's Help Some Women Transform Their Lives and Live Their Dreams

By Sarah Carrasco, Education/Women Co-Coordinator

Do you know women who have returned to school after an interruption, must be enrolled or accepted into a vocational/ skills training program or an undergraduate degree program. Is she supporting a child, a parent or relative? Does she have a financial need? If so, she is eligible to apply for one of two Live Your Dream Awards our club will be giving this club year.

It is an online process. Students are very comfortable with the process. You just need to give them two pieces of information. The location of the application bit.ly/LYDA-apply, and most IMPORTANT, to begin then enter a zip code, a list of clubs come up, ask them to mark the circle TRUCKEE MEADOWS, NV.

Any questions please have candidates contact Sarah Carrasco at (775) 544-2089.

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SITM Update 
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 Sierra Nevada Region: www.soroptimistsnr.org
 Soroptimist International of the Americas: www.soroptimist.org
 Soroptimist International: www.soroptimistinternational.org



Did you know . . .

Excerpted from the "98 Years and Counting" October 3 slide show on Soroptimist's Founding to illustrate current club projects.



**Soroptimist International
 of Truckee Meadows
 Chartered October 21, 1978**

- Scholarships for Women
- Scholarships and Recognitions for Youth
- STEM Education for Girls
- Skills Training Seminars for Unemployed and Under-Employed Women
- Education for Girls in Nepal
- Bracelets for Cancer Patients
- Crocheted Afghans for Elderly & Families
- Support for Numerous Local Nonprofits