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- Nov. 21 – Public Awareness
- Nov. 28 – DARK
- Dec. 5 – SI President’s December 10th Appeal
- Dec. 10 -- Board Meeting, Pam Robinson’s Office at Noon
- Dec. 12 – Business Meeting
- Dec. 19 – Holiday Social
- Dec. 25 -- DARK
- Jan. 2 -- DARK

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.

Soroptimist Is:

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



Mark These Important Dates So You Don’t Miss These Upcoming Meetings

Here it is mid-November already! Holidays are just around the corner!! Please keep in mind; we are **DARK** on Thursday, November 28.

It’s going to be GIRL! Great news to share with our members. Aimal and Asma are expecting in March. Stay tuned for details of a Baby Shower after the first of the year.

In the past few weeks, I have had the pleasure of attending many of the club’s committee meetings. Most are truly well on their way! A couple of committees haven’t had a meeting yet with their members. Hopefully they will schedule

that soon. If you haven’t heard from your committee coordinator, please contact them!



President Penney displays certificates and awards presented to SITM at the District 5 Fall Meeting. See page 4 for more details.

Please note the following information: A couple of months ago, I sent an updated Club Calendar for 2020. Perhaps you didn’t notice that some of our program meeting dates have changed. I have outlined them below, so please place these on your SITM Calendar.

Starting with the MADW Committee, they are looking into ways to better serve the women in our community. Please be sure to attend the MADW

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November 20 Membership Social at Ana Nadimi’s

If you have not signed-up, there’s still time to call and attend a Membership Social at Ana Nadimi’s home, Wednesday, November 20 at 5:30 p.m. It’s a potluck. Plan to bring a dish and a prospective new member. If you haven’t

signed-up to bring a dish, please call Ana at 622-7078 to see what may be needed.

Hope to see you there
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Welcome to new member Angela Owings, inducted at the November Business Meeting. Angela is a returning member of SITM. Her sponsor is Chris Fegert. Congratulations and Welcome Angela.

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Committee project update; as well as our Ad Hoc Committee project update on **Thursday, February 20, 2020**. The following week, **Thursday, February 27, 2020**, the Ad Hoc Committee, will be presenting **two additional project updates**.

These meetings are important to attend, because **YOU** will be voting at the Business Meeting, **March 12, 2020**, for which projects appeal to you for our club to add as new Service Projects. The Ad Hoc Committee has been meeting every month since July 8, 2019. They are a dedicated group of women doing their best to bring new Service Project choices to you! Please plan to attend, so you can hear what they are presenting.

Drum Roll please!! **On March 26, 2020**, Our Nepal Project will be Celebrating 20 years of Service in Nepal. It will be IGU's Annual Pledge Drive Day. Plan to attend and bring guests to hear what has happened since day one. The guest speaker will be Dr. Puna Subedi.

Our "Thanks To Youth Scholarship and Unsung Heroes Luncheon" is early this year. Pam Sutton worked with the Atlantis to secure **Thursday, April 30, 2020!!** The Thanks to Youth Committee and Education Youth Committee have been meeting for several months. Mark those calendars please.

In Soroptimist Friendship,
Penney M. Leezy, President

Don't forget the Hospitality Committee's Book Drive for the WCSD Children in Transition. Bring books to the December 19 Holiday Social.



Learn the Secrets to Digital Marketing for SITM at November 21 Meeting

The Public Awareness Committee is excited to host the Thursday, November 21 speaker, Cinammon Davies. Cinammon is the Regional Account Executive for LOCALiQ, a part of the USA Today Network and the Reno Gazette-Journal. Mark your calendars to attend and see and hear a very interesting presentation.



As part of her work, Cinammon develops digital marketing strategies to help her clients reach their target audiences. She's promised to show SITM how we can do some of the same things to reach OUR target audiences for things like scholarships, fundraisers and other projects.

Cinammon supports her community by serving as the VP of Social Media for Nevada's Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology (NCET) as well as the VP of Community Engagement for the Reno Tahoe American Marketing Association (AMA).

December 5 Guest Speaker John Hester – Water in our Region

By Doris Phelps, Empowerment for Women Co-Coordinator



The Empowerment for Women Committee presents John Hester, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Executive Director for the bi-state Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA). In keeping with the news of the 2017-19 SI President's Appeal and its success in raising more than \$450,000 for "Women, Water and Leadership," John will provide insights and current information regarding water resources and growth in our area.

The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency leads the cooperative effort to preserve, restore, and enhance the unique natural and human environment of the Lake Tahoe Region, while improving local communities, and people's interactions with our irreplaceable environment. TRPA's vision is for a lake environment that is sustainable, healthy, and safe for the community and future generations.

John retired from the City of Reno in 2011 where he was assistant city manager. He also served the City as Community Development Director and Redevelopment Agency Administrator. Prior to joining the City of Reno staff, he served Washoe County for over 17 years in various capacities in community development, water resources and comprehensive planning. The debate came to a climax in the late 1960s after two decades of rapid growth. Plans called for a city the size of San Francisco in the Tahoe Basin with freeways ringing the Lake. Outrage sparked action and the governors and lawmakers in California and Nevada approved a bi-state compact that created a regional planning agency to oversee development at Lake Tahoe. In 1969, the United States Congress ratified the agreement and created the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

SI President's Appeal Exceeds Two-Year Goal

By Faye I. Andersen



On July 29, 2017 Mariet Verhoef-Cohen was inaugurated as the Soroptimist International President for the 2017 – 2019 biennium. President Mariet was very enthusiastic about raising £350,000 (\$450,000) for her President's Appeal 2017 – 2019, "Women, Water & Leadership." At the culmination of her biennium at the SI Convention in July 2019 in Kuala Lumpur, the totals raised exceeded £405,000 (\$520,000).

"Women, Water & Leadership" is supporting four projects that educate, empower and enable women and girls, ensuring they have the capacity, experience and education needed to manage water resources and gain careers in water-related professions.

Annually, four billion people experience severe water scarcity. Additionally, 663 million people lack ready access to improved sources

of drinking water (World Water Development Report 2016). Women and girls are disproportionately affected – instead of earning an income or attending school, they are forced to be the primary water carriers for their families.



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

The first project was the Mwhoko Women Group, in Kenya, focused on improving access to agricultural information, clean energy and water to achieve better food security,

The second sustainable project, WeWash (Women Empowerment through Water, Sanitation, and Health), is reshaping the lives of unemployed and low-income women and girls in Stara Zagora, Bulgaria.

In Long Tanyit, Malaysia, the President's Appeal is educating, empowering and enabling women and girls to improve access to water and increase food security.

A major earthquake and tsunami hit the island of Sulawesi in September 2018, devastating the regional capital Palu and surrounding areas. The President's Appeal is working in Sulawesi and Lombok, Indonesia to provide access to clean water and sanitation.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this project through your Happy Dollars and direct donations.

The Road to Equality

President Sharon Fisher's 2019-2021 President's Appeal



Soroptimist International President Sharon Fisher has announced "The Road to Equality Appeal, 2019-2021" will focus on issues already the focus of much of the SI advocacy work, such as child marriage, eliminating Female Genital Mutilation/Circumcision

(FGM/C), the rights of older women, human trafficking, migration, and domestic violence. A grassroots project for each topic will bring stories from the field that we can share, allowing Soroptimists to turn up the volume of our global voice.

As Next Steps, President Sharon said, "The coordinators joining us on 'The Road to Equality' are Ayushi Kundu and Olga Sidenko, who will work within a team that will include a representative from each

Federation, to ensure that this appeal is brought to life."

More information, projects plans, stories and resource materials will be available on the SI website, and through social media, to empower you with the tools and knowledge you need to support and maximize the impact of the Appeal. Visit the Road to Equality page on the SI Members Area.



The Road to Equality

SI PRESIDENT'S APPEAL 2019 - 2021

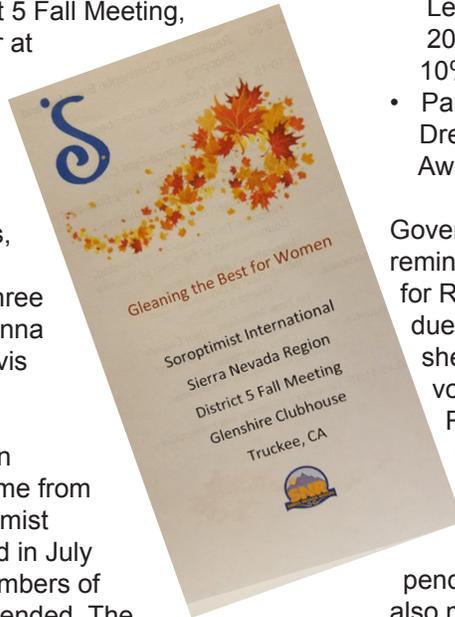
Fall District Meeting is a “Fall Harvest”

Excerpted from Delegate Anna McArdle’s Report

“Fall Harvest: Gleaning the Best for Women” was the theme of the 2019 District 5 Fall Meeting, hosted by SI/Truckee-Donner at the Glenshire Club House. Fourteen SITM members were in attendance.

Following the opening ceremonies and introductions, First Time Attendees were welcomed and introduced. Three from SITM – Millie Mitchell, Anna McArdle and Kim Coulter-Davis were recognized.

Governor Lane Parks gave an update of information that came from her attendance at the Soroptimist International Convention, held in July in Kuala Lumpur. Eleven members of the Sierra Nevada Region attended. The emphasis was on “Educate. Empower. Enable. Improve the lives of women and girls.” Of particular importance was launching a global campaign for the elimination of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).



- Recognition at the Dream Believers Level for SITM’s contribution to 2018-2019 Club Giving with a Gold 10% seal.
- Participation in the Live Your Dream, Education and Training Awards for Women program.

Governor-Elect Sarah Carrasco reminded members that nominations for Region and District Officers were due by November 15. In addition she is looking for members to volunteer for Federation Chairs, Region Coordinators and committees.



SNR Governor-Elect Sarah Carrasco outlines upcoming district meetings, region conference and federation conventions.

Federation Membership Chair Trudy Mills reported on the pending chartering of a new club, SI/South-Yuba. She also mentioned work of the Membership Committee to charter clubs returning to Henderson, Nevada and Orville, California.

Federation Live Your Dream Chair Kay Dunham reported the registration portal to view and select applicants for the LYD Award is open August 1 through November 15.

Federation Dream It. Be It. Chair Elaine Castle reported the increase in clubs participating in DIBI.

SNR Stop Trafficking Coordinator Lesli Brisson showed off the three posters entered into an anti-trafficking poster contest. All three were declared winners. A trafficking awareness program will be held January 11 at RENOWN Hospital in Reno.

The luncheon keynote speaker was Gale Klerk, owner of Sierra Pacific Coffee Company. She spoke about Cafe Feminino. It is a program committed to ending the cycle of poverty with women-owned coffee farms in Peru, Guatemala and Columbia.. Sixty-five percent of the women working at these coffee farms have been abused. The day’s Happy Dollars of \$140 were donated to Café Feminino.

SITM President Penney Leezy joined the other District 5 Presidents in reporting on recent club activities.

Governor-Elect Sarah encouraged members to save the date for the next SNR Conference, April 24-26, 2020. The region is looking for \$23,000 in sponsorships to help defray costs. She is also seeking volunteers to work at conference and the Soroptimist Development Retreat next summer.

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SITM’s Laurie Macauley, Millie Mitchell and Kim Coulter-Davis, center, were among the First time Attendees at a District Meeting.

The Soroptimist International of the Americas Federation Next Big Goal, spanning the next 10-years has a goal to impact one-half million girls.

Governor Lane also gave some Sierra Nevada Region statistics

including:

- SNR Clubs gave \$110,000 in Live Your Dream awards last year, up from \$101,000.
- Dream It. Be It. programs undertaken by SNR Clubs increased from 19 to 27 last year.

Certificates were presented to various clubs for their participation in Soroptimist projects. SITM was recognized for:

- Participation in Dream It. Be It. Career Support for Girls.
- SITM efforts to increase SIA’s collective impact.

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Upcoming district, region, federation and international meetings, conferences and conventions:

- SNR Conference - April 24-26, 2020
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa.
- Soroptimist Development Retreat – July 11-12, 2020
- SIA Convention – July 22 – 25, 2020
Bellevue, Washington
- SI 100th Anniversary – October 1-3, 2021
San Francisco, California
- SI Convention – July 27-29, 2023 – Dublin, Ireland



SITM members attending the District 5 Fall Meeting were, in the front row from left: President Penney Leezy, Darlene DeLancey, Millie Mitchell, Jo Ann Roberts and Laurie Macauley. In the back row (sort of), from left: Kay Dunham, Marge Hermanson, Sarah Carrasco, Linda Walker, Kim Coulter-Davis, Jeanne Naccarato, Faye Andersen, Anna McArdle and Diana DeMatei.



Lauri Macauley was elected to the position of Delegate for SITM, to replace Anna McArdle, who has moved out of the area temporarily for her health. President Penney welcomed Lauri to the SITM Board and presented her with a Board Binder and two sets of earrings, one to wear and one to give away.

At the November Business Meeting President Penney secretly planted a “key” under a cup saucer and it was discovered by Lauri Macauley, who received a festive “give thanks” door mat for the holiday.



August Happy Dollars Benefit Nevada Equine Assisted Therapy (NEAT)

By Sarah Carrasco

The August Happy Dollar were requested to provide funds to be earmarked for scholarships to Nevada Equine Assisted Therapy (NEAT) through the non-profit For Kids Foundation. Lorie Roberts owns six horses, or five and a half, depending on how you view it. One of the horses is a miniature. Lorie and two other mental health associates work with children to overcome behavioral issues utilizing horse therapy. The kids on average are between the ages of 7 and 10. The cost is \$1,020 for a course of 12 sessions.

The kids begin by being introduced to all the horses and they choose which horse they want to work with during the 12 weeks of the program. The first two weeks are spent on the ground, grooming and caring for the

horses and their living quarters. The kids begin learning about the behaviors of horses and start training and riding while interacting with professionals who equate proper behaviors with horses with proper behaviors in society.

Lorie could not afford to be a non-profit and raise funds herself while at the same time earning the money to keep her horses fed and housed. Interestingly, Medicare provides resources for kids to attend horse therapy. The kids who do not have access to Medicare benefits can look to The Kids Foundation for scholarship monies to attend horse therapy. Lorie works with the For Kids Foundation, an entity which assists families to obtain the resources needed for their children,

including scholarship funds for kids to attend horse therapy.



Sarah Carrasco presents a Happy \$500 SITM check to Windy and Lorie Roberts, from the Nevada Equine Assisted Therapy (NEAT) through the non-profit For Kids Foundation.

December 10th is International Human Rights Day

By Doris Phelps, Empowerment for Women Committee Co-Coordinator

Human Rights Day commemorates the day the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The UDHR is one of the UN's major achievements as well as the first enunciation of human rights across the world.

Many of the basic ideas that inspired the human rights movement developed in the aftermath of the World War II and the events of the Holocaust, culminating in the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Paris by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948. Of the then 58 members of the United Nations, 48 voted in favor, none against, eight abstained (Communist bloc countries, Saudi Arabia and South Africa), and Honduras and Yemen failed to vote or abstain.

The UDHR was framed by members of the Human Rights Commission,

with Eleanor Roosevelt as Chair, who began to discuss an International Bill of Rights in 1947. In her address to the UN General Assembly on December 9, 1948 in Paris, France, Mrs. Roosevelt stated (in part):

“This Declaration is based upon the spiritual fact that man must have freedom in which to develop his full stature and through common effort to raise the level of human dignity. We have much to do to fully achieve and to assure the rights set forth in this Declaration. But having them put before us with the moral backing of 58 nations will be a great step forward.

As we here bring to fruition our labors on this Declaration of Human Rights, we must at the same time rededicate ourselves to the unfinished task which lies before us. We can now move on with new courage and inspiration to the completion of an international covenant on human rights and of measures for the implementation of human rights.

In conclusion, I feel that I cannot do better than to repeat the call to action by Secretary Marshall in his opening statement to this Assembly:

Let this third regular session of the General Assembly approve by an overwhelming majority the Declaration of Human Rights as a standard of conduct for all; and let us, as Members of the United Nations, conscious of our own short-comings and imperfections, join our effort in good faith to live up to this high standard.”

We celebrate all our inalienable rights and freedoms including a right to education, a decent living, health care and a right to live free from any form of discrimination among others. The



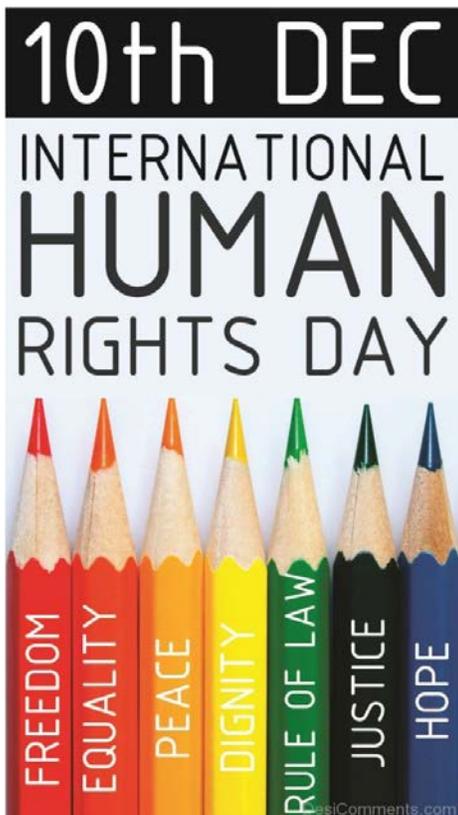
doctrine of human rights has been highly influential within international law and with global and regional institutions. Actions by member countries and non-governmental organizations form a basis of public policy worldwide.

Despite the efforts to protect human rights, the hostility toward human rights and those who defend them continues to rise. As a result, this year's Human

Rights Day advocates for everyone to stand up for their rights and those of others – civil, economic, political and cultural rights. Additionally, the day aims to enlighten us about how our rights are a foundation of sustainable development and peaceful societies. The day also acknowledges the advocates and defenders of human rights around the world.

As a footnote, the following women were also significantly instrumental in the efforts to draft and adopt the UDHR:

- Begum Shaista Ikramulla, Pakistan
- Bodil Begtrup, Denmark
- Evdokia Uralova, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic
- Hansa Mehta, India
- Lakshmi Menon, India
- Marie-Helena Lefauchaux, France
- Minerva Bernardino, Dominican Republic.



'Tis the Season for Giving – Toiletries, Socks, Quarters and More

SITM members got an early start on giving this season with toiletries and sock drives throughout the month of October, sponsored by the Community Outreach and Hospitality Committees. The beneficiaries are the homeless students in Washoe County School District's Children in Transition Program (CIT). The toiletries and new socks will be distributed to disadvantaged school children in the district who are living in temporary housing or shelters.

Members' generous response to both drives was overwhelming.

'Tis the Season – Toiletries Drive

Members' donated 904 individual-sized items estimated at an estimated value of \$1,000, including toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, mouthwash, dental floss, body lotion, Chapstick, soap, body wash/shower gel, conditioner, shampoo, makeup/toiletry bags, and a few miscellaneous donations of mirrors, razors, shaving cream, shower caps, Q-tips, combs, Kleenex, detergent, perfume, makeup, and sunscreen.

Thanks to all who donated personal hygiene items to help the CIT kids.

'Tis the Season – Sock Drive

The Hospitality Committee sponsored their sock drive in October, asking



A small sampling of the socks donated by members at the Halloween Social.

members to bring socks appropriate for girls and boys, ages 4-18, to be donated to the CIT Program.

Members donated an amazing 706 pairs of socks for an approximate value of \$1,386. This included 203 pairs of men's socks, 177 pairs of ladies' socks, and 326 pairs of children's and youth socks.

Thank you so very much to all who so kindly stepped up to help provide warm and toasty toes during this cold and chilly winter.

Quarters for Laundry



Members also donated quarters for homeless families to be used in coin-operated laundries. In packages of \$4 in quarters, a total of \$108 was donated, enough for 27



loads of washed and dried laundry.

Happy Dollars for October Also Benefit CIT Children

During the month of October, members donated \$460.50 in Happy dollars designated for the program. 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 were designated for the Washoe County School District's Children in Transition Program.



Staff at the Children in Transition Program of the WCSD donned their logoed T-Shirts to greet Diana and Jeff DeMatei at their offices for the delivery of bag and bags of toiletries and socks.

Hats, Costumes and a Halloween Social for SITM Members



Witch Cindy Burk brought her Mom, Wanda Beaman, to enjoy lunch and the costumes.



***“Double, double, toil and trouble;
Fire burn, and cauldron bubble!”
— William Shakespeare, Macbeth***

There was no cauldron visible at the October 31 Halloween Social, but you wouldn't have known it from the fabulous array of witches hats and costumes members' donned for the event.

SITM members celebrated Halloween with costumes and a “get-to-know-you” game which featured pairing holiday-themed decorations placed on members' backs and they had to ask questions to discover which member they were paired with. Prizes were offered to those members who were fastest in finding their “partners”. It was a colorful and fun day.



Kay Dunham, Carmela Cipollina and President Penney Leezy decked out for lunch.



Channeling her inner-hippie was Patte Robnett with Purrfest Eve Johnson.



Showing off their costumes were, from left: Carmela Cipollina, Annette Friedlander, Linda Lamke, Monica House, Doris Phelps, Jan Bogikes and Kim Coulter-Davis.



In their finest disguises, members from left: Piper Mullen, Liza Chapen, Patte Robnett, Millie Mitchell, President Penney Leezy, Margie Hermanson, Ana Nadimi and Kay Dunham. In front are Eileen Fuller and Eve Johnson.



Members with fancy headwear, from left: Patty Downs, Pam Robinson, Carol Dinneen, Linda Walker and Jeanne Naccarato.

November 25th is International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

By Doris Phelps, Empowerment for Women Committee, Co-Coordinator



The world will be commemorating the November 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Violence against women and girls (VAWG) is one of the most widespread, persistent and devastating human rights violations in our world today remains largely unreported due to the impunity, silence, stigma and shame surrounding it.

In general terms, it manifests itself in physical, sexual and psychological forms, encompassing:

- intimate partner violence (battering, psychological abuse, marital rape, femicide);
- sexual violence and harassment (rape, forced sexual acts, unwanted sexual advances, child sexual abuse, forced marriage, street harassment, stalking, cyber-harassment);
- human trafficking (slavery, sexual exploitation);
- female genital mutilation; and
- child marriage.

To further clarify, the [Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women](#) issued by the UN General Assembly in 1993, defines violence against women as “any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life.”

The adverse psychological, sexual and reproductive health consequences of VAWG affect women at all stages of their life. While gender-based violence can happen to anyone, anywhere, some women and girls are particularly vulnerable - for instance, young girls and older women, women who identify as lesbian, bisexual, transgender or intersex, migrants and refugees, indigenous women and ethnic minorities, or women and

girls living with HIV and disabilities, and those living through humanitarian crises.

Alarming Facts to Know

- 1 in 3 women and girls experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime, most frequently by an intimate partner
- Only 52% of women married or in a union freely make their own decisions about sexual relations, contraceptive use and health care
- Worldwide, almost 750 million women and girls alive today were married before their 18th birthday; while 200 million women and girls have undergone female genital mutilation (FGM)
- 1 in 2 women killed worldwide were killed by their partners or family in 2017; while only 1 out of 20 men were killed under similar circumstances
- 71% of all human trafficking victims worldwide are women and girls, and 3 out of 4 of these women and girls are sexually exploited
- Violence against women is as serious a cause of death and incapacity among women of reproductive age as cancer, and a greater cause of ill health than traffic accidents and malaria combined.

In the State of Nevada over one year, the Nevada Coalition to END Domestic and Sexual Violence organization’s 2017/18 Annual Report states:

Number of victims	42,032
Bed nights provided (by shelters)	61,265
Temporary restraining orders prepared	7,929
Law enforcement contacts	10,668
Referrals to other agencies provided to callers	68,124

Starting on this year’s International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and for the next two years, the UN Secretary-General’s UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign, a multi-year effort aimed at preventing and eliminating violence against women and girls, will focus on the issue of rape as a specific form of harm committed against women and girls in times of peace or war.

The 2019 theme for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is ‘[Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape](#)’. Like in previous years, this year’s International Day will mark the launch of 16 days of activism that will conclude on 10 December 2019, which is International Human Rights Day.

Several public events are being coordinated for this year’s International Day. Iconic buildings and landmarks will be ‘orange’d’ to recall the need for a violence-free future.

November Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

Welcome to new member Angela Owings, inducted at the November Business Meeting. Angela is a returning member of SITM. Her sponsor is Chris Fegert. Congratulations and Welcome Angela.

Laury Macauley is SITM's New Delegate

Nominations and an election were held at the November Board Meeting to replace Anna McArdle as SITM's Delegate. For health reasons Anna has moved to Florida for the next six months. Laury was nominated by the board and there were no additional nominations at the Business Meeting. Congratulations Laury and thank you for stepping up to fill this vacancy.

Additional Scholarship for Education/Youth

The Education/Youth Committee has gained an additional \$2,000 youth scholarship for a graduating high school girl, thanks to Patty Cafferata, made in honor of her deceased mother, Congresswoman Barbara F. Vucanovich, see page 11 for more details.

Motions Passed for Upcoming Fundraisers

Fundraising Co-Coordinator Darlene DeLancey presented a motion recommended for approval by the Board and approved by the members to continue the successful "We're MAD as a HATTER High Tea" for a reprise in September 2020. She also presented a motion recommended by the board and approved by the members for a FUNdraising bake sale at the December 19 Holiday Social. It was noted how much fun last year's sale was for everyone. Watch for additional announcements.

Holiday Gifts for Hunter Lake Students

On behalf of the Education/Youth Committee, Director Jeanne Naccarato made a motion recommended by the Board and approved by the membership to host the annual "Angel Tree" for 11 students and their siblings at Hunter Lake Elementary School. The numbers are fewer this year due to some of the students being adopted by a local church and some private donors.

Toiletries and Sock Drives Are Winners for CIT Kids.

Hospitality Co-Coordinator Niki Ewing reported on the Community Outreach Committee's October toiletries drive and the Hospitality Committee's sock drive on behalf of the Children in Transition program for homeless kids. The totals collected were outstanding. See page 7 for details.

Officer Reports on Committees Highlight Business Meeting

SITM's President-Elect and two Vice Presidents submitted reports to the board and membership giving a first quarter update on the functioning and progress of their respective committees. Chris Fegert, Vice President-Program Committees presented President-Elect Millie Mitchell's report on the four committees in the Fundraising and Public Awareness categories. Chris made a presentation on each of the seven Program Committees. Valerie Hahn, Vice President – Membership Committees made a presentation on each of the seven Membership Committees. Copies of the reports were emailed to members. Thanks to our club officers for your leadership.

District 5 Fall Meeting Recap

Delegate Anna McArdle's report on the District 5 Fall Meeting was presented by Vice-President-Programs Chris Fegert. The report covered the day's activities and SITM members' participation. See pages 4-5 for more details.

Happy Dollars Benefit Homeless Children

October Happy dollars in the amount of \$460.50 were collected for members for the Washoe County School District's Children in Transition Program, assisting the needs of homeless children. Under the policy adopted last club year, any shortfall in Happy Dollars not reaching \$500 minimum is supplemented by the reserve service funds. November Happy Dollars are designated for the Nevada Youth Empowerment Program (NYEP), serving homeless, parentless and undereducated youth with basic needs like housing, food and training.

Membership Updates

Remaining on leave are: Anna McArdle until April 22, 2020, for health reasons; Enid Oliver through December 31, 2019, for business reasons; and Life Member Denise Ruprecht through December 9, for traveling.

Kim Coulter-Davis and Vicki Schultz were two members celebrating their November Birthdays at the November Business Meeting.



A “Pop Up Social” at the Nevada Museum of Art

The Hospitality Committee hosted a “Pop Up Social” at the Nevada Museum of Art on October 16. Interested members met at Chez Louie at the museum and then toured the exhibits. Featured was Georgia O’Keeffe: Living Modern, which took 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. Also on display was local artist Jack Mallott and his paintings of regional landscapes.



Enjoying a social lunch, were from left: Laury Macauley, Niki Ewing, Pam Robinson, Sara Carrasco, Doris Phelps, Margie Hermanson and Patty Downs.



A Place for Severely Disabled Orphans



Dr. Maria Sheehan

Dr. Marie Sheehan, of Sheehan Health and Wellness, LLC, fascinated members at the October 24 meeting with compelling tales of the founding and operation of “Casa Providencia” an orphanage in Cologne, Panama for children of special needs and severely disabled orphans who once faced the likelihood of being abused and trafficked. With help from the project founders from North Carolina, Marie enlisted aid from the Rotary Club of Reno to rehabilitate an abandoned building and outfit the orphanage with facilities to serve these children. The staff of Casa Providencia works as well to find foster and adoptive families for the children. Visit www.heartscrychildrenministry.com for further information.

Dress A Girl Materials & Money Still Available

Additional \$2,000 Scholarship for Education/Youth

The Education/Youth Committee has gained an additional \$2,000 youth scholarship for a graduating high school girl, thanks to Patty Cafferata. Patty attended the 2019 Thanks to Youth program as a guest of Judge Connie Steinheimer. She was so impressed that she decided to give a scholarship in honor of her deceased mother, Congresswoman Barbara F. Vucanovich. Barbara was a charter and long-time member of SITM. Patty’s check was presented at the November Business Meeting. Thanks Patty for the great donation and recognition of your mother.



Barbara F. Vucanovich

Pam Robinson has been sewing dresses for Dress a Girl from bulk fabric donated by Darlene DeLancey. Above she displays dresses that were sewn by a friend of hers. Pam has also cut out patterns and put together packets of materials and instructions for the dresses. Money and material are still available for reimbursement to members interested in sewing dresses. SITM was granted money from the Sierra Nevada Region left-over from last year’s project to purchase materials. During 2018-19, SITM members, friends and family sewed 260 dresses for the project.



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Did you know . . .

The Soroptimist International of the Americas 46th Biennial Convention ,,,

... will be held in Bellevue, Washington, Wednesday, July 22 through Saturday, July 25. We will celebrate our successes in Reaching New Heights. Our volunteer Convention Committee Chairs and members have been planning an amazing convention for us.

Access all the latest information and schedule via the [convention website](#). And remember, we will be kicking off Soroptimist's 100th Anniversary celebration during convention.

This year we are offering a discounted early registration fee of \$550 USD. This early discount fee is available until January 15, 2020. This rate will increase to \$625 USD after January 15, 2020, so register before the deadline to receive the discounted rate. For more information about registration fees and dates, visit the [convention webpage](#). Also follow the [convention Facebook page](#) for news and updates.

Some exciting convention highlights include:

Kicking off Soroptimist's 100th Anniversary celebration

Exciting speakers including inspirational speaker [Robyn Benincasa](#)

Congratulating program, membership and fundraising award recipients

Celebrating our impact through the Dream Programs

Indulging in a world-class urban experience and enjoying all the shopping, dining, arts and culture you can handle

Exploring the great outdoors and taking in the beautiful scenery of the Pacific Northwest

