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- Jan. 23 – Gary Aldax, The Sanford Center for Aging
 Jan. 30 – Live Your Dream Recipients
 Feb. 6 – Finance & Governance
 Feb. 11 -- Board Meeting, Pam Robinson’s Office at Noon
 Feb. 13 – Business Meeting
 Feb. 20 – Ad Hoc Service Projects Presentation
 Feb. 22 – Districts 5&6, Fernley
 Feb. 27 – Ad Hoc Service Projects Presentation

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 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.



Welcome to 2020! A New Year and Decade!

Welcome to 2020! A New Year and a New Decade! Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows, is approaching the busiest time of year for our club. The next few months, we shall see all the hard work on our projects come into view.

Service for women and girls in our community and globally is flourishing within our club! We start this month with the Live Your Dream Scholarship luncheon on Thursday, January 30, 2020. I hope you can attend this signature SITM and SIA program and consider bringing a guest.

February will be a month of learning for each member of SITM. The Ad Hoc Committee has been working diligently since their first meeting July 8, 2019, to provide you with a new service project for our club. This committee is truly a



President Penney Leezy shared the holiday spirit with David Spillers, owner of Digiprint, a local printer who generously (and always graciously) provides our SITM printing free of charge. Thanks to Dave and the staff at Digiprint.

remarkable group of women and you will be amazed at what these teams have put together.

The presentations to membership, will be on Thursday, February 20, and Thursday, February 27. Please mark your calendars and try your best to attend both of these meetings. Each team will share with you their findings for a potential new service project. It is up to YOU to vote for a service project YOU would like to support for the 2020-2021 Club Year!

This is just the January and February months! Stay tuned for updates on what March, April and May will be bringing to our club. For a sneak peek

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Meetings You Don’t Want to Miss - Feb. 20 and 27

The long awaited results of many months of investigation of a new service project by our Ad Hoc Project Committee will be presented at the February 20 and February 27 meetings. Two proposed projects will be presented at each meeting.

All of this is in preparation of voting for a new SITM service project at the March 12 Business Meeting. You don’t want to miss it.



Ideas ready for launch. The Ad Hoc Committee is just putting on the final touches. From left: Sarah Carrasco, Pam Robinson, Jeanne Naccarato, Kay Dunham, Co-Coordinators Patti Doty and Marilyn Pearson, Millie Mitchell, Patty Downs, Paula Ringkob and Kim Coulter-Davis.

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of what's up ahead, please check out our website for the updated 2019-2020 Club Calendar or review the one I emailed to each member.

On January 16, our Vice President of Membership, Valerie Hahn accepted

the position to be our SITM Human Trafficking Representative. Valerie will work with Lesli Brisson, the SNR Northern Nevada Coordinator for Human Trafficking. Thank you Valerie for stepping up to serve!!

I want to thank each of you for your dedication to our club and our projects.

In Soroptimist Service.
Penney M. Leezy
President

Meet the LYD Awardees on January 30

By Sarah Carrasco, Education/Women Co-Coordinator

The Live Your Dream Award Luncheon will be on January 30, at noon, at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno. This is a wonderful event to bring a guest. We will hear from two recipients as well as the awardees. Please remember to email the Attendance Committee to alert them that you are bringing a guest.

This luncheon is an opportunity for the membership to help in uplifting the two awardees. The Live Your Dream program is more than a



monetary award we are giving. It is an opportunity for each member to lift up and support two women in their pursuit of education, which allows them as examples to lift and support those they are responsible for.

Helping women attain their education goals helps the next generation and on and on. Supporting women in education is investing in dreams. Isn't this what Soroptimist is about?

Here is what was accomplished by the members of Soroptimist International of the Americas. Across 21 countries, clubs, including SITM, provided: a total of \$2.6 million dollars in awards given to 1,655 women and of those women 918 received additional support beyond the award. A survey was circulated amongst awardees from three years ago, results: 87% completed their education; 93% realized increased self-esteem; and 97% are now living in a safe environment (of the 53% who are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, trafficking and/or prostitution). The Live Your Dream program is clearly a successful program.

We should all congratulate ourselves for the work we are doing; and more importantly this year we are giving out two awards.

The Members of the Education/Women Committee look forward to seeing everyone on January 30. Any questions, please contact Sarah Carrasco at (775) 825-8089.

*A BABY SHOWER!!!
IT'S A GIRL FOR
ASMA AND AIMAL!!!*



YOU ARE INVITED!

FEBRUARY 11, 2020 6:00PM

PAM ROBINSON'S HOME

4390 DUNDEE ROAD

RENO, NV 89519

Feel free to bring your favorite snack, beverage, etc.

Asma has registered at Walmart and Target

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January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month; January 11th is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

By Angela Owings, Empowerment for Women Committee

The Nevada's Online Commercial Sex Trade Report can be found on the Awaken website, below are some facts regarding Nevada's statistics on human trafficking.

Adjusted for population, Nevada's commercial sex market is by far the largest of any state.

- At least 5,016 individuals are sold for sex in an average month in Nevada. Nevada's number of prostituted persons per capita is 63% larger than the next largest state of



New York, and more than twice as many as in California.

- Legalized prostitution appears to have done nothing to stem victimization within the illicit sex trade—the data in the study show that prostituted persons in the illegal

trade around licensed brothels are at a similar risk of having been trafficked as those in areas without legal brothels.

- More than 1 out of every 10 prostituted persons in Nevada is too young to buy alcohol.

These young individuals are almost twice as likely to “travel” while being prostituted compared to those who are 21 and older.

For the full report visit: <https://awakenreno.org/be-informed/nvcommercialsextrade/>

What can you do to combat sex slavery and help women and girls?

Learn more about sex slavery, the complex reasons it exists and warning signs it may be happening in your community.

Raise awareness about sex slavery as a local and national concern.

Advocate for tougher laws and stronger anti-sex slavery law enforcement.

Work to ensure that all women and girls are valued and respected

Join an organization that works to end the sex trafficking of women and girls, like Soroptimist.

If you suspect someone is the victim of human trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center: 1-888-373-7888 (a 24-hour, toll free crisis line).



Welcome SITM's Newest Member

Welcome to new member Cinammon Davies, inducted at the January Business Meeting. Cinammon is an account executive for LocaliQ, a part of the USA Today Network. She was co-sponsored by Kim Coulter-Davis and Faye Andersen.



New member, Cinammon Davies, far right, is joined by her co-sponsor Faye Andersen, Doris Phelps, who conducted the induction ceremony, and her other co-sponsor Kim Coulter-Davis.

Get Ready for the Districts 5 & 6 Joint Winter Meeting

The Districts 5 & 6 joint Winter District meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., hosted by SI/Fernley at the Fernley City Hall..

The registration fee is \$22 per person for lunch, using the online registration system. Here is the link. <https://registration.soroptimistsnr.org/events/2020-district-5-6-presidents-round-table/>

According to District 5 Director Sue Chambers, there will be a lot of valuable information about how to build our club's membership as well as how to keep members! We will be discussing and sharing strategic plan strategies, and how we as clubs can Celebrate Success! This is about making our clubs stronger.

A Friday night social Paint and Sip is being hosted by SI/Fernley at Artistas in Fernley from 6-9 p.m. Sips and appetizers will be provided, plus instruction and materials for \$25 paid at the door.

Attendees are asked to bring a donation of personal hygiene products that will be collected and donated to local homeless or underprivileged teenage girls.

President Penney has emailed a copy of the “Call to District Meeting” to all members. If you need another copy, or need help registering, please contact President Penney.

Celebrating the Season with a Holiday Social



"Elf" Jeanne Naccarato.

It was time to get "glitzy or glam" or don that holiday sweater for SITM's Holiday Social at the last regular meeting of the 2019 year and celebrate the holidays with fellow members. It was a time for members to recall favorite holiday memories, what they are grateful for at this time of year, or just enjoy each other's company.

The Fundraising Committee reprised their popular Holiday Goodie Auction, asking members to donate sweets and treats for people or pets for auction. It once again proved that we all enjoy each other's baking talents.

In lieu of exchanging gifts, the Hospitality Committee also conducted a book drive for the Washoe County School District. Members donated 275 new and gently-used books for all ages.



President Penney Leezy with Patti Doty.



Holiday glitz meets Holiday Sweaters from left Vicki Schultz, Darlene DeLancey, Millie Mitchell and Patty Downs.

President Penney is joined by two of her guests at the Holiday Social. Kathy Atella is on the left and JoHanna Zee is on the right. (JoHanna donated a beautiful quilt to our We're MAD as a HATTER High Tea auction and attended the event dressed as "Alice".)



Gathered for the social were, from left: Faye Andersen, Meg Price, Jo Ann Roberts and President Penney Leezy.

President Penney and Millie Mitchell make a presentation of cash and a gift to Laurie Hayek, our long-time server who is leaving the Atlantis, but plans to return to serve our Thursday lunches.



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A jolly group posed at the social. From left, standing: Judy Simpson, Jeanne Naccarato and Penney Leezy. Seated from left: Barbara Atwell, Darlene DeLancey and Linda Walker.

Holiday Goodie Auction is a Holiday Success

We do love our sweets and treats. Not only do members bake some delicious holiday goodies, we also like to sample each other's baking delicacies. Thanks to the members, and a few guests who donated 60 baked items for people and pets for auction. The number and variety of items was astonishing and resulted in a huge success that netted a whopping \$805 for the club's fundraising account in the Service Fund. That exceeded last year's Holiday Goodie Auction total by 28%.

Thanks to Co-Coordinators Darlene DeLancey and Linda Walker for their work in organizing this fun and fundraising event. Thanks to all of the "busy baking" members and guests who donated their wares and purchased each other's goodies.



Paula Ringkob is pondering the Holiday Goodie Auction.



Angela Owings and Chris Fegert pay for their auction purchases with Fundraising Co-Coordinators Darlene DeLancey and Linda Walker.



Cindy Burk with her Mom Wanda Beaman, surveyed the Holiday Goodie Auction.

Holiday Book Drive Nets Books for WCSD

At this year's Holiday Social, the Hospitality Committee asked members to donate new and gently-used books that could be donated to the Washoe County School District. A total of 275 books were donated for young and intermediate-aged readers and young adult readers. The total donation is estimated to be approximately \$1,500. Thank you to members and friends for always being so generous with your donations



The "carry squad" packs up the donated books after the meeting. From left: Barbara Atwell, Diana DeMatei, Laurie Macauley and Niki Ewing.

Delivering Holiday Cheer to Hunter Lake Elementary

Last month members gathered at Judge Connie Steinheimer's home for an evening "wrapping party" to wrap and decorate gifts for 14 children within 11 families at Hunter Lake Elementary School. Thanks to SITM's generous members for shopping, purchasing and wrapping the 71 gifts that were donated to some of the Children in Transition kids at the school.



Principal Amanda and School Counselor Mike were on hand to receive the gifts.



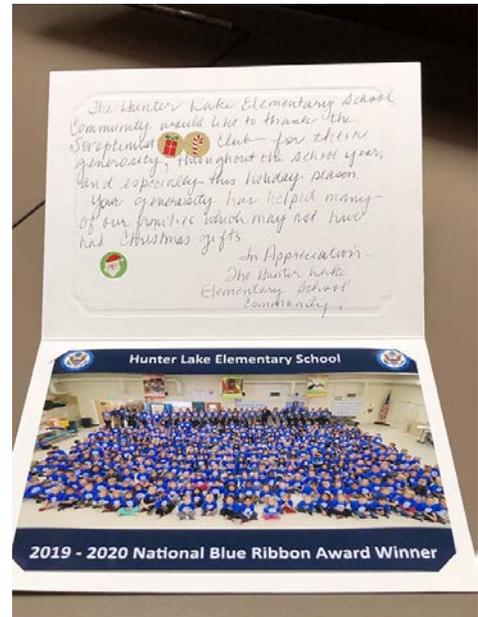
Representing the Education/Youth Committee delivering gifts were, from left: Teresa Mentzer, Shirley George and Judge Connie Steinheimer.

Congratulations to a National Blue Ribbon School

Hunter Lake Elementary School has been named a National Blue Ribbon School. The award is based upon high levels of academic achievement over the past five years, and the award is bestowed in recognition of the hard work of students, educators, families and school staff members. *The photo and note at right were sent to SITM.*

"The Hunter Lake Elementary School Community would like to thank the Soroptimist Club for their generosity throughout the school year and especially this holiday season. Your generosity has helped many of our families which may not have had Christmas Gifts."

SITM operates a "Dream It. Be It." program for the school's girls wishing to learn about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).



Are You Ready for a Natural or Other Disaster?

Members started off the New Year by learning how to become a little better prepared for a natural disaster, home fire or other emergency, thanks to our January 9 speaker Holly McIntyre, the Disaster Program Manager's volunteer partner for the Red Cross.

Holly emphasized the Be Red Cross Ready program and provided a checklist.

Be Red Cross Ready Check List

- I know what emergencies or disasters are most likely to occur in my community.
- I have a family disaster plan and have practiced it.
- I have an emergency preparedness kit.
- At least one member of my household is trained in first aid and CPR/AED.
- I have taken action to help my community prepare.



President Penney Leezy presented a gift to Holly McIntyre. Annette Friedlander is a volunteer for the Red Cross and arranged the meeting.

January Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

Welcome to new member Cinammon Davies, inducted at the January Business Meeting. Cinammon was co-sponsored by Kim Coulter-Davis and Faye Andersen. (See page 3.) Welcome Cinammon.

Nominating Committee Appointed

The Nominating Committee to produce the 2020-2021 Slate of Candidates to stand for election at the April Business Meeting has been appointed. Per the Club Bylaws, President Penney appointed Doris Phelps, who will serve as coordinator; the board appointed Diana DeMatei and the membership elected Kim Coulter-Davis. If you would like to nominate someone for an office, including yourself, nomination forms will be available from the committee.

Motion from Empowerment for Women Committee

The board recommended and membership approved a motion from the Empowerment for Women Committee to increase their service fund budget from \$100 to \$300 for the purpose of making a donation to The Sanford Center for Aging. Gary Aldax, from the center will be the speaker at our January 23 meeting

Funds for the Australia Fire Disaster

The board recommended and the membership approved a motion to allocate \$1,000 from the club's fundraising account to be donated to Soroptimists involved in disaster relief for the Australian fires. SNR Governor Lane Parks has been in touch with the President of the Southwest Pacific (SISWP) Federation to seek where to send the funds. Besides SISWP, some other options include, sending a donation to our Federation, Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA), which may be contemplating a donation. Or, sending the funds directly to the closest club to the fires, which is SI/ Canberra, Australia. Stand by for more information.

Districts 5 & 6 Winter Meeting set for February 22

The Districts 5 & 6 joint Winter District Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., hosted by SI/Fernley at the Fernley City Hall. A Friday night social is also planned prior to the meeting. For all of the details, see page 3.

Holiday Goodie Auction a Success

Fundraising Co-Coordinator Linda Walker reported at the January board and business meetings that the auction was a stellar success, with over 60 baked items

for people and pets donated and raising \$805. Thanks to everyone who donated and purchased items. See page 5 for more details.

Happy Dollars to Benefit SI President's Appeal

December Happy Dollars netted a total of \$246 during the month for the December 10th SI President Sharon Fisher's President's Appeal, "Road to Equality". Under the policy adopted last club year, any shortfall in Happy Dollars not reaching \$500 minimum is supplemented by the reserve service funds. January Happy Dollars are designed for Northern Nevada Hopes, a nonprofit community health center in Reno.

Membership Updates

The board granted a leave of absence to Enid Oliver until March 31, for work reasons; and to Becky Moody through June 30, also for work reasons. Remaining on leave is Anna McArdle until April 22, 2020, due to her move to Florida for health reasons.



Celebrating their January birthdays at the business meeting were, top left Teresa Mentzer with Paula Ringkob. At right is Pam Sutton.

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Keep Up to Date with These Important Events

January 30 - "Live your Dream" Scholarship Luncheon

February 20 – First of two new project proposals

February 22 – Districts 5 & 6 Winter Meeting, Fernley, NV

February 27 – Second of two new project proposals

March 26 - IGU Pledge Drive presentation

April 23 - "Dreams Moving Forward" Women's Scholarship Luncheon

April 24-26 - Sierra Nevada Region Conference, Atlantis, Reno

April 30 - "Thanks to Youth and Unsung Hero's" Luncheon

July 11-12 - Sorooptimist Development Retreat at the Atlantis

July 22-25 - SIA Convention, Bellevue, Washington