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# SITM Update

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## Calendar

- Feb. 20 – Ad Hoc Service Projects Presentation
- Feb. 22 – Joint District 5 & 6 Meeting, Fernley
- Feb. 27 – Ad Hoc Service Projects Presentation
- March 5 – Thanks to Youth Kickoff
- March 10 -- Board Meeting, Pam Robinson’s Office at Noon
- March 12 – Business Meeting
- March 19 – Moly Walt, 100th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage

### SITM Meets...

#### Thursdays at Noon

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

RSVP to [sitruckeemeadows@hotmail.com](mailto:sitruckeemeadows@hotmail.com) no later than noon on the Monday before the Thursday meeting.

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## The Reveal of New Service Project Ideas at February 20 & 27 Meetings

Although, it is very cold outside, things are heating up inside our club! We have lots of news, upcoming events, and new prospective programs will be presented to you very soon. Perhaps new ways you can continue to support our mission and change the lives of women and girls in our community and globally.

Please do not miss the February 20 and 27 meetings. The Ad Hoc Committee will be presenting their findings to you. YOU have the opportunity to choose a new service program for our club. Here is the scoop on how this will all work for you. On February 20 and 27, the Ad Hoc Committee will be presenting a power point program to the members with a complete run down of what they have done this year to reach their proposals of a new service project. This has truly been a dynamic team of SITM volunteers.

At each meeting, February 20 and 27, YOU will have the opportunity to hear the proposals and then rank the four proposals in the order of your preference/support from one to four. YOU do not have to vote at the first meeting. There will be hand-outs

available for you to take home and study if you prefer. However, if you don’t vote on February 20, you will need to vote at the second meeting, February 27, in order for your voice to be heard.



This is YOUR club so please cast your vote and let’s bring a New Service Project to our club. I am excited to see which proposal will hit the mark!! **SAVE THE DATES AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!**

In addition to all the hard work the Ad Hoc Committee has been doing, we have our Thanks to Youth Committee gearing up to bring you another spectacular program. Bring the Kleenex for this heartwarming luncheon. The Kick Off date is March 5. You won’t want to miss this luncheon. Our speaker is Katy Simon-Holland. In case you don’t know, the Thanks to Youth program was created by Katy, a former SITM member. Wow, I can’t wait to have her join us. This will be the second meeting she has attended this club year. Katy attended the July 11 meeting where I honored three of our members, Jo Ann Roberts, Faye I. Andersen and Pam Robinson. Please

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## Ad Hoc Committee Reveal

Don’t miss the February 20 & 27 meetings to hear proposals for a new service project and vote your preferences. Attend, listen, vote either day.



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mark your calendars and attend the Kick Off...the committee will have some great surprises for you.

The Thanks to Youth Scholarship and Unsung Heroes Luncheon is April, 30. Please reach out to your circle of friends and colleagues and ask them to consider being a sponsor. Together, we can make this another spectacular event. We are truly a "Team of Volunteers" from all walks of life. Our mission is to help the women and girls in the community achieve their dreams. We as a club have a passion and I see it every day when I attend one of the committee meetings. I am so proud to be a Soroptimist.

In Soroptimist Service.  
Penney M. Leezy  
President

## District 5 & 6 Joint Meeting is February 22

It's almost too late, but register now for the District 5&6 District meeting, 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/>. Or, see President Penney or President-Elect Millie for help in registering. First time attendees to a district meeting are paid for by the club on a reimbursement basis.

## 20-Year Celebration Happening Thursday, March 26 "Removing Barriers to Education for Girls in Thulipokhari, Nepal"

By Monica House, IGU Coordinator

What a success story and one for all of us to be so very proud of!

Thanks to the commitment and hard work of all of our members, we have changed the lives of women and girls in the small village of Thulipokhari, Nepal forever. Twenty years ago, no one would ever have imagined our project would have grown to the size that it has. To date we have educated over 1567 women in a safe environment protected from sex trafficking and established a very successful micro lending program that has benefited the entire village.

On Thursday, March 26, the IGU Committee is honored to announce that we have a very special guest speaker, Dr. Purna Subedi, here to talk to us about how SITM has transformed the village he grew up in, Thulipokhari. This is a great program to bring guests!

**"SITM has lit candles in Thulipokhari brightening so many lives half way around the world without dimming the lives of SITM members."--- Dr. Purna Subedi**



The first class of girls living in the dormitory at Thulipokhari, Nepal

### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 26, 2020  
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa  
We're MAD as a HATTER High Tea

The committee is seeking event sponsorships. If you have ideas or contacts, please let Co-Coordinators Darlene and Linda know.



### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Suffrage

#### SAVE THE DATE ...

...and celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Suffrage, March 19. Our special speaker will be Molly Walt, Chair of the Nevada Women's Suffrage Celebration Committee and head of the Nevada Commission for Women.

Thanks to Youth Kickoff March 5**Getting Ready for Youth Scholarships and Unsung Heroes**

By Valerie Hahn, Thanks to Youth Co-Coordinator

It's that time of year when our Education/Youth Committee is finalizing the Senior Scholarship applications and reviewing the Unsung Hero nominees. It's a very exciting and fun time as the Thanks to Youth Committee is working hard towards the BIG DAY on April 30 to award our youth!

We want to include all of our members to join the excitement with our Thanks to Youth Kickoff. It will be held at our weekly luncheon on March 5.

To give you a little insight into Thanks to Youth; it began over 30 years ago to recognize and honor youth who made unselfish contributions to family and community. In the beginning, our Unsung Heroes were presented with certificates, a stipend and gifts from local businesses at a special Soroptimist meeting. A few years later we took the program a step further by finding three sponsors who would be willing to donate \$1,000 each. The money was used to provide scholarships to three graduating seniors who were continuing their education in non-traditional fields such as cosmetology or mechanics school. Over the years this program has continued to expand, recognizing the often overlooked, but extraordinary efforts of youth such as the ones we will recognize in April. They have worked to make the world a better place to live, have done special deeds, volunteered time to serve our community, or played a major role in their families. This year we are looking to have eight scholarships and eight Unsung Heroes.

A big reason for the success of our Thanks to Youth fundraiser is due to the generosity of John Farahi, CEO and Board Co-Chair of Monarch Resorts, owner of the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa. The lunches, room, and servers are all donated by Mr. Farahi and the Atlantis. This means that all the money we raise through our

sponsors, ticket sales and raffle sales go directly toward our youth projects. We have given scholarships to over 100 young students over the years and recognized many more Unsung Heroes.

This program was started by one of our own past members and a Past President, Katy Simon-Holland. Katie will be speaking to us at our Thanks to Youth Kickoff on March 5. We are very excited to have her.

At the kickoff we will go into more detail about our luncheon. We will also be having a special raffle for those who purchase tickets or tables that day. For those purchasing four tickets, there will be a \$50 Macys gift card raffle drawing. The tickets are \$35 each. For members purchasing a table of eight for \$400 their names will be entered into a raffle to win a \$100 Macys gift card. Buy your tickets at the kickoff and maybe you will be walking away with a shopping trip to Macys!

We are doing something extra special this year. We are looking for non-member sponsorships. You can help us! When a member reaches out and brings in a business as a sponsor you can earn free tickets to the luncheon! Everyone knows someone or a business they patronize or know. Who can you ask?

Bring in a Sponsorship Table-

Level 3 for \$500 – you will receive 2 free tickets  
Level 2 for \$1,000 – You will receive 4 free tickets  
Level 1 for \$1,500 – You will receive 6 free tickets

If you have any questions, please reach out to Co- Coordinators Pam Sutton or Valerie Hahn.

We are very excited for this year's Thanks to Youth and hope you are too! We look forward to seeing you at the kickoff!



## 33rd Annual Thanks to Youth Luncheon

*Honoring Young Heroes in Our Community*

**Atlantis Casino Resort Spa**

**April 30, 2020 • Noon - 2pm**

**Seating begins at 11:30am**

**\$35**

Presented by

**Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows**

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## A Joyous Occasion: A Baby Shower for Asma



Asma with Jeanne Naccarato and Diana DeMatei .

A baby shower on February 11 for Asma Aimal turned into a member social and opportunity to celebrate the birth of the first child for Asma and Aimal. Thanks to Pam Robinson for hosting the event at her home and to Kay Dunham for the arrangements and festivities. A dozen SITM members and family, with some members of the Rotary Club of Reno brought food and drink for a delicious dinner, followed by the feature of the evening, watching Asma open her many gifts.

Asma came to the US from Afghanistan in December 2014 to begin her studies at UNR in January 2015. She has been an SITM scholarship recipient and is scheduled to graduate with degrees in Political Science and Communications. Asma and Aimal were married in 2015 and are excited to welcome their first child, a daughter, in March.

Best wishes to Zahra Sophia and her parents.



Jean Neddenriep with daughter Liz Ann and Kristie.



Ready to eat, from left: Pam Robinson, Margie Hermanson, Patti Doty and Dot Watts.



Former member Mich Glazier with Patti Downs.



Asma with Kay Dunham opens one of the beautifully handmade quilts.



Margie Hermanson prepares the punch.



Packing up the evening to head home with baby gifts.

## Update on SNR Human Sex Trafficking Committee Meetin

By Valerie Hahn, SITM's Human Trafficking Liaison to SNR

Four ladies attended coffee with Lesli Brisson, the Sierra Nevada Region's Northern Nevada Coordinator for Stop Trafficking and member of S/I Washoe County, to discuss the importance of Human Trafficking Awareness in our community. We are forming a committee to bring that exposure to the local businesses in Reno and to everyone. This is a new group forming and we would love to have more people join us.

This awareness is desperately needed in Reno.

This past month we have been hitting local hotels along the US 395/180 corridor to pass out our flyers to the management to place in their breakrooms or a location all employees can see. We spent time



Sierra Nevada Region  
Human Trafficking Update

talking and were glad to hear about one-third of the hotels have some sort of new hire training to recognize Human Trafficking. That still leaves a big chunk of hotels that do not have training.

Savannah Hahn, one of our ladies in attendance was recently at a local meeting with law enforcement where Assemblywoman Jill Tolles was speaking. Ms. Tolles gave Human Trafficking statistics and important information within our community. Savannah had a chance to spend some time talking with her. There is a big need in Reno for spreading awareness and training to our local businesses -- what to look for and do. This will be our focus in this group.

On June 19 we will be putting together an event during the day to have local businesses come and listen to local assembly speakers who are crafting laws, along with members of law enforcement. We will also have a survivor share her personal story. This will be a very impactful event.

### JOIN THIS GROUP

Our next meeting is 9:30 a.m. on March 7 at Swill, Coffee 3366 Lakeside Ct. Please join us! You can make a difference. Please reach out to SITM's Liaison Valerie Hahn to let us know if you can be there!

## Killer Multi-Cooker Recipes Class

HAVE A SLOW COOKER, PRESSURE COOKER, OR BETTER YET A NEW MULTICOOKER? PRESSURE COOKING OR SLOW COOKING ARE GREAT WAYS TO CREATE FLAVORFUL MEALS WITHOUT A BUNCH OF FUSS. IN THIS DEMONSTRATION AND TASTING CLASS WE WILL EXPLORE RECIPES THAT MAKE THE BEST USE OF YOUR TIME IN AND OUT OF THE KITCHEN WITHOUT SACRIFICING FLAVOR.

### SITM SOCIAL

Join fellow members for a public cooking class. Stay afterwards for lunch and share your favorite recipes & experiences. You can join us for lunch without attending the class. A sign up sheet for lunch will be passed around.



March 7th at  
10:30am

Nothing To It  
225 Crummer Lane  
Reno, Nevada

Call Nothing To It to make a  
Reservation. 775-826-2628  
Cost \$45 per person

## Three Live Your Dream Recipients Honored

By Sarah Carrasco, Education/Women Co-Coordinator

Three recipients of Live Your Dream scholarships were honored at the January 30 meeting. The Live Your Dream Award is intended for women who are the primary financial support of themselves and their dependents, have a financial need, and are enrolled or accepted into a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program. Since 1998 SITM has awarded nearly \$39,000 to 35 women.

This year, outside judges were used to review the applications and select the recipients. They were: Michelle Trombly, Senior Vice President, First Independent Bank; Samantha Stone, Communications Consultant and Broadcaster; Deb Baer, Educator. They also attended the luncheon.

The day's speaker was Lisa Perryman, a former SITM and Sierra Nevada Region LYD recipient and an SITM Dreams Moving Forward scholarship recipient. Lisa has been attending UNR and in May will earn a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering.

The first place Live Your Dream awardee is Autumn Smith. Autumn attends clinic all day on Thursdays and missed our luncheon. Autumn is the divorced mother of two children, ages 14 and 19. As the sole support for her children. Autumn decided to go back to college at Truckee Meadows Community College in her '40s. Last August, she was accepted into and began the Dental Hygiene Program at TMCC.

There was a tie for the second place Live Your Dream Award. Madison Keith is one of the recipients. Madison is a married mother of two small children, ages one and two. Facing extreme financial hardships that have included theft and eviction, Madison has worked hard since she was 16 years old to support herself and her family. To reach her dream of becoming a cosmetologist, Madison is attending

the International Academy of Style in their Cosmetology Program.

The other second place recipient of the Live Your Dream reward is Katie Rutherford. Katie was in school the day of our luncheon and sent her mother, Rene Kelly, to accept her award. Katie is the married mother of a six-year-old son. In addition to caring for her son and husband, Katie also has her mom living with her and helps support her mother. Since she was 16 years old, she has desired to be a nurse. In order to achieve that dream she is presently working 24-40 hours per week outside of the home as well as attending the Maxine S. Jacobs Nursing Program at TMCC.



Former LYD and scholarship recipient Lisa Perryman was the luncheon speaker. She outlined her studies and how Soroptimist scholarships have helped her on her path to becoming an engineer.



Madison Keith is congratulated on her LYD scholarship by Pam Robinson and Margie Hermanson.



Katie Rutherford



Rene Kelly, Katie Rutherford's mother spoke on behalf of her daughter. She's shown her with Deb Thomas and Margie Hermanson.



Autumn Smith

## Nominations Accepted for 2020 – 2021 Club Year

Would you like to become part of the leadership team to guide SITM next year? Now is your chance. It's time to nominate a member whom you think would be good in these positions. Nominate yourself too. The Nominating Committee will ascertain members' willingness to serve in office.

At the January Board and Business Meetings, a Nominating Committee was named to prepare a slate of members willing to stand for election. Doris Phelps was named committee coordinator by President Penney Leezy. The board selected Diana DeMatei, and the membership selected Kim Coulter-Davis.

In the next month these three members will be distributing nomination forms for the following positions.

- President-Elect
- VP/Program
- VP/Membership
- Secretary
- Treasurer – General Fund
- Delegate

The positions of President, Director and Treasurer/Service Fund are completing their terms of service.

The duties and responsibilities of these officers can be found in the Club Bylaws, in your Club Roster, at Article IV – Officers.

A slate of members willing to stand for election will be available next month, along with candidate bios. The election will take place at the April Business Meeting.

## Calendar Donations to Veterans Groups



*Pam and Doris with Shawn Lee Program Support Manager for the Northern Nevada Veterans Resource Center.*

Forty-seven "Ghosts" vintage airplane calendars were delivered by Pam Robinson and Doris Phelps to three very grateful local veterans' organizations for their clients. This annual club fundraiser asks members to sell the calendars with the option of supporting the fundraiser by purchasing calendars to be given to veterans' groups. The three groups are: Northern Nevada Veterans Resource Center; Veterans Guest House and the new Northern Nevada State Veterans Home.



*Doris and Pam with Sandi Tenboer, Director of Volunteer Services at the Northern Nevada State Veterans Home.*

## It's Time for Another Afghan Social

Crocheting Love and Warmth in Each Afghan -- SITM members kicked off the new year with an "Afghan Social" gathering of dedicated members exhibiting their talents with crochet hooks and yarn at Diana DeMatei's office. From left are: Kay Dunham, Patti Doty, Pam Robinson, Bev Perkins, Niki Ewing, Barbara Atwell, Cinammon Davies, Kim Coulter-Davis, Mary Beth Roselli and Jo Ann Lessly. Last year, members and friends crocheted 200 afghans that were delivered during the holidays to the Needy and Senior Ministry at Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Reno. The afghans are delivered with priority given to seniors and families during the holidays.



## Books Delivered to Echo Loder Elementary

Thanks to generous SITM members, 275 new and gently-used books were collected during the Hospitality Committee's Holiday Social and book drive. Diana DeMatei and Niki Ewing recently delivered the books to Echo Loder Elementary, an at risk school with a very high population of EL (English Language Learner) students. The school serves the area bordered by Plumb

Lane, Kietzke Lane, South Virginia Street, and Peckham Lane -- the neighborhood of the Atlantis, where we meet every week. The school was suggested by Community Outreach Committee member Judy Simpson. Pictured receiving just some of the books is Principal Amy Wright. The approximate total value of the books is \$1,500.



## Does this little dress look familiar?



Pam Robinson shows off one of the many dresses she recently made for the Dress a Girl Around the World program. Two years ago, Sierra Nevada Region Governor Vicki Watson adopted the Dress a Girl Program and encouraged clubs to have members cut out and sew the simple pattern. SITM members, family and friends sewed 260 dresses with matching panties in the pocket. Pam still has material and there is a small amount of money granted by SNR to the club for the purchase of supplies. See Pam if you are interested in sewing.

## How Does the SECURE Act Affect You?

The Finance/Governance Committee presented "How Does the SECURE



Act Affect You?" at the February 6 meeting. Leslie Danne, CPA with Bernard Vogler and Vicki Schultz, Financial Advisor with Schultz Financial Group, Inc. presented the top 10 things that you need to know about the new SECURE (Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement) Act and your retirement account. President Penney included their handout with her Key Report, or see her if you missed a copy.



## Senior Outreach Services at the Sanford Center

Gary Aldax, Coordinator of Operations and Services for The Sanford Center for Aging spoke at the January 23 meeting, outlining the many services offered through their Senior Outreach Services (SOS) Program. It was informative to hear about these important medical and health services available in our community. The meeting was presented by the Empowerment for Women Committee. Presenting Gary with a check for \$300 for The Sanford Center were Co-Coordinators Paula Ringkob and Doris Phelps and President Penney Leezy.

## February Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

Don't miss the Ad Hoc Committee researching new service projects special presentations on February 20 and 27. A motion was approved by the membership to allow members to vote on their preferred projects at these Special Meetings on both days. President Penney appointed a tally committee of Jo Ann Roberts, Doris Phelps and Faye I, Andersen to tally the completed ballots.

### Nominations for 2020-2021 Officers Now Open

Nominations for the 2020-2021 Slate of Candidates to stand for election at the April Business Meeting are now being distributed. If you would like to nominate someone for an office, including yourself, nomination forms are available at club meetings or from the committee, Coordinator Doris Phelps and members Diana DeMatei and Kim Coulter-Davis. See page 7 for complete details.

### District 5 & 6 Winter Meeting set for February 22

You are late, but not too late to attend the District 5 & 6 joint Winter District meeting on Saturday, February 22, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., hosted by SI/Fernley at the Fernley City Hall. See President Penney or President-Elect Millie for directions to register. The host club is collecting toiletries for a hygiene drive. Even if you don't plan to attend, you can drop off items at this Thursday's club meeting for transport to the event. For details, see pg. 2.

### Calendar Sale Proceeds

Diana DeMatei reported that members sold 200 "Ghosts" vintage airplane calendars this year for net proceeds of \$1,873, with a \$265 credit for next year due to a returned box of unsold calendars. A total of 47 calendars were purchased and donated to local veterans groups. See page 7 for further details.

Fundraising Co-Coordinator Darlene DeLancey made a special point to thank Diana, Kay Durham and especially Doris Phelps for their extra efforts to order, store and coordinate calendar sales this year.

### Motion for Hunter Lake Dream It. Be It. STEM Project

Kay Dunham, Co-Coordinator of SITM's STEM project at Hunter Lake Elementary presented a motion from the committee requesting an additional \$500 in their budget to cover a shortfall for the purchase of DASH Robots to upgrade their work with the girls to coding instruction for the robots. The Board recommended approval and the motion was passed by the members. Any funds left over after the purchase will be used for the final wrap-up activities at the end of the school year.

### Public Awareness Revised Motion

Pam Sutton, on behalf of the Public Awareness

Committee, presented a motion, recommended by the Board and approved by the members to revise an earlier motion from the committee. Last month a motion was approved to engage Eventbrite, a computer platform allowing SITM to sell tickets and take donations online. Following additional research and a demonstration to the committee by Qgiv, a similar platform working exclusively with nonprofits, the committee sought to revise its motion from Eventbrite to Qgiv. The motion was approved.

### Nevada Revised Law on Charitable Lottery Gaming

President Penney presented a package of information outlining changes to Nevada law requiring certain reporting and fees for charitable organizations conducting lotteries, raffles or other games of chance. If your committee conducts these events, please see President Penney and get the appropriate forms and instructions to be submitted to the Nevada Gaming Commission

### Happy Dollars to Benefit Northern Nevada HOPES

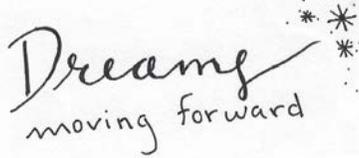
January Happy Dollars netted a total of \$350 during the month for Northern Nevada HOPES, a nonprofit community health center in Reno. Under the policy adopted last club year, any shortfall in Happy Dollars not reaching \$500 minimum is supplemented by the reserve service funds. February Happy Dollars are designated for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation of Northern Nevada.

### Membership Updates

The board granted a leave of absence to Barbara Atwell for February 6 through June 30 for her move to Gulfport, Mississippi. Remaining on leave are Enid Oliver until March 31, for work reasons; Becky Moody through June 30, also for work reasons; and Anna McArdle until April 22, 2020, due to her move to Florida for health reasons.

*Members celebrating February birthdays at the Business Meeting were Cinammon Davies and Millie Mitchell.*





The Dreams Moving Forward Scholarship Lunch is at noon on April 23, 2020, at the Atlantis Casino Resort. This is a big event for our club, a good opportunity to bring a guest.

This luncheon is very rewarding as it shows why Soroptimists are so passionate in their projects. This is a

## Luncheon Will Be April 23

By Sarah Carrasco, Education/Women Co-Coordinator

wonderful opportunity for us to show non-Soroptimists why they should consider joining us.

Remember we are a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. We are investing in dreams on a larger level than most Soroptimist Clubs. We are proud of the Dreams

Moving Forward program and we should take this opportunity to share with all the work we do.



The members of the Education/Women Committee look forward to seeing everyone at the April 23 luncheon. Any questions, please contact Co-Coordinator Sarah Carrasco at (775) 544-3733.

## SI President Mariet Verhoef-Cohen Honored with Global Impact Award

Congratulation to Immediate Past Soroptimist International President Mariet Verhoef-Cohen who received the GLOBAL IMPACT Award for 2019 in the 6th Annual Evolutionary Business Council (EBC) Awards of Excellence.

The award was presented in recognition of her work at Soroptimist International for her 2017-2019 President's Appeal project, "Women, Water and Leadership". Those members who attended the 2019 Sierra Nevada Region Conference will remember President Mariet's dynamic presentation about the



four projects around the world to bring clean water, opportunity and entrepreneurship to women and girls in remote areas. The appeal exceeded £405,000 (\$520,000).

"Mariet Verhoef-Cohen has demonstrated remarkable innovation in cutting edge, transformational, global impact," says Teresa de Grosbois, Chair of the Evolutionary Business Council. "This Award recognizes Mariet Verhoef-Cohen, a global leader who inspires us by her mission and genius in the world. She has created a trail-blazing social impact within and beyond her target area of influence.

We deeply appreciate Mariet Verhoef-Cohen's contribution to causing positive change in the world."

Mariet says: "It is with great surprise, immense gratitude and honor that I accept this Evolutionary Business Council Global Impact Award, and I do so, on behalf of the many women & girls, Soroptimists, partners, and associates, and members of the Women for Water Partnership, who have joined me in dedicating energy, and commitment, in implementing sustainable grassroots projects, the Soroptimist International and Women, Water and Leadership programs. In doing so, collectively, we have created transformational change for many marginalized women, girls and their communities worldwide. This award will inspire my own work going forward, as our work for women and girls is not yet done and I thank you for this wonderful opportunity and kind gesture".



## A Powerful Message About Type 1 Diabetes

February Happy Dollars are designated for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) and Alli Christy, third from left, made a short presentation at the February 6 meeting to describe her life since the age of 4 living with Type1 diabetes. Alli is Eve Johnson's granddaughter.



To Eve's right is her daughter Michelle Christy.. President Penney is on the far right.

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**Board Meets monthly on Tuesday**  
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| Linda Walker      | Kay Dunham             |



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

- Sierra Nevada Region: [www.soroptimistsnr.org](http://www.soroptimistsnr.org)
- Soroptimist International of the Americas: [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)
- Soroptimist International: [www.soroptimistinternational.org](http://www.soroptimistinternational.org)

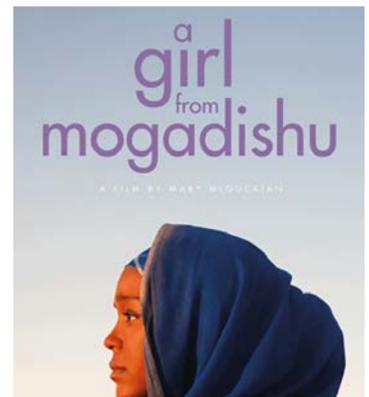


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# Did you know . . .

A Girl from Mogadishu is a film based on the testimony of global Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) activist Ifrah Ahmed. Ending FGM is one of SI President Sharon Fisher's President's Appeal "The Road to Equality", #SoroptimistSix, and is written and directed by Mary McGuckian.

"Fleeing war-torn Somalia in 2006, Ifrah Ahmed is trafficked to Ireland where a traumatic medical examination when seeking asylum reveals the extent of her mutilation as a child. Traumatized by the memory, she channels the experience into a force for change and emerges as a formidable campaigner against Female Genital Mutilation at the highest political echelons".



**#ENDFGM**

Screening of the film began February 6, the International Day of Zero Tolerance to FGM, across the United States and will be released internationally on April 13.

