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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.



A Year of “Education is the Key to Success”

As I sit and compose my final President’s message for our SITM Update, I can’t help but reflect on the year we have had together. “Education is the Key to Success”. I truly believe in those words. Little did I know when I selected this as my theme, how it would impact all of us.

Really, a Pandemic! We have each had to educate ourselves in the recent months, to insure the safety



Smile! Conducting some business before last week’s meeting were, from left: General Fund Treasurer Pam Robinson, President-Elect Millie Mitchell and President Penney M. Leezy.

and welfare of our family. Our world may not be the same as it was last year, but our hearts are still more than willing and able to assist the women and girls in our community. I am so proud of the Thanks to Youth and Dreams Moving Forward Committees. Even during this crisis, they are working together to capture the best way possible to interview their recipients and present them with their scholarships. Stay tuned for updates!!

Let’s talk about the “We Can Do It” mask project. There was a need in our community and we stepped right

up to the plate! I can hardly believe our current count of 4,039 masks distributed to the medical professionals in our community! Plus, many of us made masks for family and friends, totaling close to 525! Please, take in a breath and pat yourselves on your back, for a Job Well Done! Even during a Pandemic we stepped up to serve those in need! This is truly the essence of what we are all about. Truly giving women.

I am honored to have had the privilege of being your President. I look forward to many years of serving next to you on our SITM Committees. Stay safe and Healthy.

In Soroptimist Service & Friendship,
Penney M. Leezy, President

Newest Laurel Society Diplomat

President Penney M. Leezy is SITM’s newest member of the Soroptimist Laurel Society Diplomat Level.

Penney has been a frequent contributor to the Laurel Society and with SITM’s customary donation of \$1,000 in the name of the outgoing President, Penney was notified



by Soroptimist International of the Americas that she had reached the Diplomat level, signified by the diamond in the pin. Congratulations Penney and thank you for your service to SITM.

A Year's Worth of Memories



Members of the Scrapbook Committee, Bev Perkins in the center and Dot Watts, right, presented President Penney M. Leezy with her scrapbook as a memory of the year's activities. The committee works all year long collecting photos, programs and other items to make it a memorable year for Penney.

Installation of New Officers Set for June 25

You won't want to miss the installation of President Millie Mitchell and her incoming members of the SITM Board for 2020-2021, to begin serving July 1. Margie Hermanson is the Installing Officer.

Come and join in the fun and celebrate these members who have stepped up to serve SITM in the coming year.

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Millie Mitchell

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Valerie Hahn

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Laury Macauley

Vice President/Membership

Patti Doty

Secretary

Paula Ringkob

Treasurer/General Fund

Linda Walker

Treasurer/Service Fund --

Ana Nadimi

Delegate

Angela Owings

Director – Penney M. Leezy

Important Notice on RSVP for Lunch on June 25

The cost of lunch is \$25 by check, \$26 charge. Checks are encouraged, but the Square system will be up and running if you like to charge your lunch. If you would like to attend this very special Installation luncheon, you will need to make a reservation with the Attendance Committee sitruckeemeadows@hotmail.com by Monday, Noon and include your lunch selection.

Lunch choices are:

* **Asian Chicken Salad** (garden greens with grilled chicken breast, mandarin oranges, julienne vegetables, and crispy chow mein noodles and tangy sesame-ginger vinaigrette.)

OR

* **Kale and Quinoa Salad**, (kale and quinoa super slaw, sun dried cherries, feta cheese, orange segments, tomatoes, kalamata olives and balsamic vinaigrette. We have requested that the Feta cheese be placed on the side.)

Dues are Due Right Away

Member dues for the 2020-2021 Club Year are currently due and General Fund Treasurer Pam Robinson needs to hear from you now, if you have not sent in your dues payment. Regular member dues are \$170, thanks to a "Dues Forgiveness" of \$25 per member normally paid to the Sierra Nevada Region. Life Member dues are \$95, including the \$25 SNR credit.

In these extraordinary times, if you are having difficulty paying your dues, discreetly contact General Fund Treasurer Pam Robinson. She can offer semi-annual or quarterly payments, as well as "dues forgiveness". Some members have stepped forward and offered to pay the annual dues for other members if necessary.

We want to keep our members, no matter the circumstances!

You can pay by check mailed to Pam Robinson, or Webmistress Pam Sutton has placed a separate "button" on the club's website at www.SITM.org that will accept credit cards.

The Sierra Nevada Region's 44th Annual Conference has gone Virtual and is now online.

For further information and access, check out page 8.

To Meet, or Not to Meet – How? When? Where?

Those were the questions posed by a membership survey coordinated by President-Elect Millie Mitchell to help guide discussions on June 9 at the joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming SITM Boards and the membership at the June 11 meeting. Both meetings were conducted on Zoom.

Fifty-four members, or 80% of the membership, responded to questions about willingness to meet in-person and whether that meant meeting indoors or outdoors, plus questions about when to start meeting again, in June, July, August or September.

President Penney M. Leezy worked extensively with the Atlantis on issues such as the meeting contract and guarantees for lunch meetings. She has also reviewed the safety and sanitation precautions being undertaken by the resort, as well as customer guidelines and requirements.

Some members were willing to meet in person at the Atlantis and some were not. A “test run” was set for the June 18 Joint Board & Business Meeting and will be repeated again for the June 25 meeting for the Installation of New Officers. President Penney secured a guarantee of 15 members for lunch at each meeting and the Atlantis will facilitate an internet set-up so others members can join in via Zoom.

Copies of the complete survey results and precautionary guidelines the Atlantis is complying with under Nevada COVID-19 Phase II guidelines was emailed to all members prior to the June 11 meeting. Copies can be obtained from President Penney or President-Elect Millie.



President Penney M. Leezy, in the background conducts the June 18 meeting with members “socially distanced” at tables and members joining by Zoom displayed on two screens.



Throughout the club year, President Penney M. Leezy has surprised members and guests by placing a key under their tea/coffee cup saucer. The lucky finders have been treated with jewelry, flowers and at the June 18 meeting, Margie Hermanson, left and guest Holly Nash received Soroptimist member pins. Holly is a member of SI/Oxnard and is re-locating to Reno.

Atlantis Contract Approved Through June 30, 2021

Once upon a time, back in early March, President Penney and President-Elect Millie were beginning discussions with the Atlantis on the meeting contract for the 2020-2021 Club Year. With the advent of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Nevada Gaming Control Board shut down Nevada’s casinos and hotels for the next 12 weeks. The Atlantis was allowed to open with tight restriction on June 4. Soon after, the duo, along with incoming President Elect Valerie Hahn began discussions with the Atlantis on the meeting contract for next year.

With concern over how many SITM members will be willing to attend meetings at the Atlantis, and when, the Atlantis offered a very favorable contract. The minimum guest guarantee is 20 persons, lower than our current 30 persons, through the end of 2020. At that time it will revert back to our current 30 person guarantee. Meals will remain at the same price, depending upon plated or buffet lunch. There is no additional charge for Atlantis provided AV equipment for meetings. Therefore, Zoom meetings continue each week.

At the Joint Board and Business Meeting on June 18, the membership voted to approve the contract with the Atlantis. The membership also voted to continue the price of the lunch at \$25.

Margie Hermanson Honored With Ceec Abrahams Award



Congratulations to Margie Hermanson, the 2019-2020 Ceec Abrahams Award recipient. Each year members are asked to nominate candidates for this honor and the Membership Committee selects the recipient. It is kept secret up until the last moment when the recipient is named.

The recipient is presented with a silver bowl on a pedestal with all of the names of past years' recipients. First presented in 1984-1985, 36 members have received the award.

At the June 11 meeting on Zoom, Doris Phelps made the following remarks on behalf of the committee leading up to the naming of Margie as the recipient of the award.

Our Ceec Abrahams Awardee is passionate about helping women and girls. She has gone above and beyond to help SITM and the Region. And, she continues to jump in any time she is needed.

She is devoted to sharing her considerable talents to support the club and our members throughout the year, every year. She exemplifies the "every member" perfectly as our Ceec Abrahams awardee.

This lady has been a member of SITM for 20 years. She is a Past President. She rarely misses an SITM event or a meeting.

She has served in several positions on the board and is a member of the Laurel Society. While some other members may excel in one area, she contributes across the board – from fundraising to Thanks to Youth to Education Women, Making A Difference for Women and many others. She also represented SITM as an appointed SNR Committee Coordinator, managing club grants from the SNR Endowment Fund. She is truly an all-around volunteer.

She is funny and enjoys an interstate circle of close friends. And she bakes cookies!

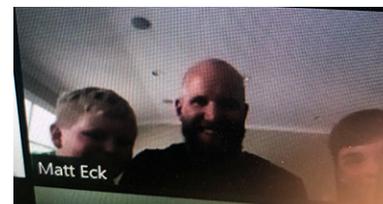
You might recognize her by the way she accessorizes

SITM and herself with baskets, purses and shoes. (Of course, she meant Margie.)

The Ceec Abrahams Award is presented annually to a member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in her support of the club and its activities. The award is named for Ceec Abrahams, a founding member of SITM who worked tirelessly to promote the spirit of community and volunteerism. Ceec was a member of Soroptimist from 1958 until 1983.



Daughter Erin Pedersen with son Beck joined the celebration on Zoom.



Son-in-law Matt Eck with sons Carter and Mason congratulated Margie.



Margie sent this note of Thanks to SITM Members

I wish I had words to say how honored I am to have received the Ceec Abrahams Award this year.

My name has been added to a dedicated list of women that truly humble me. I am still in shock.

Thank you so much for not only the award, but all the kind words.

Margie Hermanson

The Total is in ... 4,039 Facemasks Sewn and Delivered to Healthcare Professionals

It all began on March 13, the day after our March Business Meeting, when Soroptimist International of the Americas mandated that clubs refrain from meetings and events and follow local, state and national restrictions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Within the week SITM member Angie Ruyak sent an email to President Penney M. Leezy asking if club members could sew fabric facemasks for the staff and clients at Infinity Hospice Care where she is the Director of Admissions. The "We Can Do It" Soroptimist Seamstresses Project was born.



Angie Ruyak is shown here with some of the first facemasks sewn for Infinity Hospice Care.

It wasn't long and other members working with the community's health care professionals, weighed in on the request. Patty Downs, HR Director at Northern Nevada Medical Center was asking for the nurses at the hospital

to use the masks to keep their N95 masks clean. Vivian Ruiz, Executive Director of Disability Resources could use masks for her staff and patients. Chris Fegert, Philanthropy Manager at Northern Nevada HOPES needed masks for clients and patients visiting the clinic which serves low-income and the homeless.

An additional 215 facemasks were sewn (in brown fabric, of course) for the UPS Sparks Operation Center drivers. SITM is the recipient of United Way funds, thanks to UPS drivers.

Members, family, friends, the Sierra Nevada Stitches, community members who found us through our publicity

all began sewing masks, sharing fabric and elastic, ordering supplies, pick up and delivering supplies and finished masks. In this case, it did take a village, the village of Soroptimist.



Dot Watts, left, accepts a bundle of fabric donated, but not used, for facemasks from President M. Leezy that can be used by the Sierra Nevada Stitches. Many members of that group made hundreds of facemasks for SITM's "We Can Do It" Soroptimist Seamstresses. Dot also accepted a check for \$500 in April Happy Dollars designated for the Sierra Nevada Stitches.

More Thanks for Sewing Facemasks



ZACH CONINE
STATE TREASURER

Last month we received congratulations and thanks for sewing facemasks from Nevada's U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto. Now we've received a thank you note from Nevada State Treasurer Zach Conine.

To the Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows.
Thank you for the work you are all doing to make face masks for Nevadans who need them.
Thank you for your work!

Zach Conine
Nevada State Treasurer

June Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

It was a unique and unusual joint SITM Board and Business Meeting as 24 members returned to the Atlantis on June 18 and an additional nine members joined the meeting on Zoom. But, plenty of year-end and other business was completed during the meeting.

Dues are Due, If You Haven't Already Paid Them

Member dues for the 2020-2021 Club Year are currently due. Regular member dues are \$170; Life Member dues are \$95. General fund Treasurer Pam Robinson has emailed invoices. You can pay by check mailed to Pam Robinson, or Webmistress Pam Sutton has placed a separate "button" on the club's website at www.SITM.org that will accept credit cards.

If you are having trouble paying your dues, several members have stepped up to pay dues for you. We want to keep all of our valued members, despite the circumstances. Just discreetly contact General Fund Treasurer Pam Robinson to let her know.

2020-2021 Service & General Fund Budgets

Finance/Governance Committee Co-Coordinator Vicki Schultz had provided copies of the revised budgets for the Service and General Funds for consideration. The proposed budgets were provided last month and the revised budgets were approved by the membership. Copies will be available on the SITM website in the "Members Only" section, or can be obtained from incoming President Millie Mitchell.

Thanks to Youth Update

We all know that SITM's annual Thanks to Youth scholarship and Unsung Heroes recognition luncheon was canceled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The TTY and Education/Youth Committees have continued to meet. They selected their recipients and are now busy on ways to congratulate the recipients and get their scrapbooks to them.

TTY Co-Coordinator Valerie Hahn reported that the committee is looking into the possibility of celebrating in a section of Idlewild Park with recipients coming by individually in the morning for congratulations, photos and scrapbooks. Details haven't been worked out yet, but tentative dates look like sometime July 29-31. Stand by for more information.

Fundraising Nearly Doubles Budget Projections

Fundraising Committee Co-Coordinator Linda Walker

presented the fundraising totals for the 2019-2020 Club Year. The committee members, with ample assistance from all SITM members, raised a total of \$23,373 through May on an anticipated budget of \$13,000. The totals included \$12,860 raised at the "We're MAD as a HATTER High Tea"; \$5,543 donated through United Way donations made by UPS employees; \$1,667 raised at the garage sale; and \$1,561 raised through Air Race calendar sales. The balance was raised through fundraising raffles, special events and rewards programs.

Fundraising Committee Co-Coordinator Darlene DeLancey would like to thank the hardworking committee members: Jeanne Naccarato, Laury Macauley, Jan Bogikes, Faye I. Andersen, Eve Johnson, Margie Hermanson and Denise Ruprecht. "Ad Hoc" members for Air Race calendar sales Kay Dunhan, Diana DeMatei and Doris Phelps.

Future Meetings In-Person and on Zoom

President-Elect Millie Mitchell led a discussion on future Thursday meetings in-person and on-Zoom. There was lots of information and opinions on purchasing a multi-user 6-month Zoom contract, or a monthly Zoom account for use for weekly meetings and committee meetings. A motion was also approved to enable members during July, August and September to attend Thursday noon meetings on Zoom, if they are unable to attend in-person due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

SITM to Donate SNR's "Dues Forgiveness" to SNR Endowment

The membership approved a motion made by Faye I. Andersen to donate the sum total of the \$25 per member "dues forgiveness" implemented by the Sierra Nevada Region. With 67 members, the total donation, from the SITM General Fund, will be \$1,675 to SNR's Endowment Fund. Faye argued that recent cancelations of the SNR Conference, the SIA Convention, a rescinded donation to the Australian Fire relief efforts, more than cover the amount to be donated.

Faye also argued that for two years running SITM has received \$1,000 each year from the SNR Endowment Fund to support SITM's Dream It Be It STEM program at Hunter Lake Elementary School. Fundraising for the Endowment Fund typically occurs through basket and 50/50 raffles at the annual SNR Conference, which was canceled this year due to COVID-19.

Financial Overview Set for SITM's Treasuries

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A motion was approved to appoint Bev Perkins and pay her a stipend to conduct the annual financial overview of SITM's Service and General Fund Treasuries. Bev will also prepare SITM's annual IRS required tax return.

Donations for Facemasks Disbursed

During SITM's "We Can Do It" Soroptimist Seamstresses project to sew fabric facemasks for health care professionals, members who do not sew, instead donated fabric, elastic and supplies and money to cover the cost of those supplies. Some \$1,415 was collected and only \$187.92 was expended on brown fabric for the special 215 UPS masks. No other reimbursements were requested from members or others sewing masks.

Discussion of how to disburse the remaining funds was debated and a motion was approved to donate the remaining funds to the Sierra Nevada Stitchers for them to purchase fabric, batting and other supplies for the many items they sew for various agencies. See the story below about Happy Dollars for more information about the Sierra Nevada Stitchers.

Happy Dollars for L.E.A.D. for Horses

Happy Dollars collected during the month of May totaled \$328 for the Sierra Nevada Stitchers. Three SITM members are also members of the Sierra Nevada Stitchers, who are volunteer quilters who provide handmade quilts, stuffed toys and baby items for the clients of numerous local women's, children's, family services agencies. Members of the group sewed hundreds of facemasks for the "We Can Do It" Soroptimist Seamstresses project.

Under the policy adopted last club year, any shortfall in Happy Dollars not reaching \$500 minimum is supplemented by the reserve service funds.

June Happy Dollars are designated for L.E.A.D. for Horses (Leadership, Education, & Active Development) through hands-on activities with horses, providing experiences for children and youth facing challenges. <https://leadwithhorses.com/>

You Can Still Contribute to Happy Dollars

Don't forget there is a "donate button" for Happy Dollars on our website, www.sitmnev.org. Or, you can always mail a check to Service Fund Treasurer Ana Nadimi. Make sure you designate Happy Dollars in the "notes" on your check. Checks are actually preferred at in-person meetings as well.

Happy Dollars for NAMI

by Sarah Carrasco

SITM has been very generous utilizing Happy Dollars each month to assist other agencies in their good works with our local community. Let me introduce you to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). I spoke with Executive Director Sandy Stamates about the great work that is being done in the local chapter here in Reno, NAMI Northern Nevada.

The local chapter was formed in 1986-1987 and is a 501c3 entity. The mission of NAMI Northern Nevada is to advocate for a life of quality and dignity by providing education, resources, and emotional support to families and those affected by mental illness. Their goal is to strive to end discrimination and stigma for all persons affected by mental illnesses through broader education and collaboration with the whole community.

Currently, this organization provides courses and support groups as well as presentations focused on the basics of mental illness, on family relationships, and peer relationships. This organization uses local hospital facilities to hold classes and support groups and all programs are offered free of charge. One program is an eight-session education program for family members, partners or friends with a relative or loved one with a mental health condition.



There is a six-session interactive program for an adult who cares for a child with a mental health condition. There is a "Peer to Peer" program that helps a person gain self-knowledge about their mental health condition, as well as gaining the tools to interact with others.

In addition to the Happy Dollars SITM raised in April for NAMI Northern Nevada, please remember when discussing mental health make sure to let others know about the work this wonderful organization does in our local community, free of charge to the persons seeking assistance.

NAMI Northern Nevada, Executive Director, Sandy Stamates can be reached at (775) 433-1470 or email naminnved@outlook.com. Please share this contact information with others.

Dreams
moving forward

Women's Scholarship Candidates Being Interviewed

By Education/Women Co-Coordinator Sarah Carrasco

Unfortunately, due to the Covid19 Pandemic the Dreams Moving Forward Scholarship interviews were postponed and the award luncheon was cancelled. The wonderful members of the Education/Women Committee have been meeting on Zoom continuously in order to monitor whether in person interviews can be done or if we needed to resort to doing interviews on Zoom. Zoom was not a good option. We have been most fortunate in that the Reno community has opened up a bit and with the generosity of the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa we will do in-person interviews on June 22, 23 and 24. We will be able to make decisions on scholarship awards prior to the end of the Club Year. Phew, talk about cutting it close.



Anna McArdle, right, is shown with Margie Hermanson. Anna has moved to Florida for health reasons, but was back visiting and will be here for a few weeks. It was good to see Anna at the June 18 meeting. Her address is listed in the Club Roster, but she has a new email address:

Anna McArdle
266 Fanshaw G
Boca Raton, FL 33434
agmcardle@gmail.com

Sierra Nevada Region 44th Annual Conference has gone VIRTUAL and is now on line.

**A message from Governor Lane Park and
Governor-Elect Sarah Carrasco**

Our new **Conference page** (<https://www.soroptimistsnr.org/2020-regional-conference/>) is on the SNR Website. There's a special tab just for Conference that is FULL of information, videos and even a marketplace. This is not a Live event, but one that we will have up for about a month for you to review and learn and hopefully be inspired.

You will see in my welcome video that the only thing we are not doing is club awards because we REALLY want to do those in person. We are hoping and planning on doing them at fall meetings. Keep your fingers crossed that we can meet in the fall!!



Being the first in-person meeting since March 12, members with birthdays in April, May and June were recognized at the Joint Board and Business Meeting on June 18. From left were: Angela Owings (May), Pam Robinson (June), Margie Hermanson and Kay Dunham representing the Hospitality Committee made the presentation, Ana Nadimi (June), Debbie Handke (May) and Sarah Carrasco (June).

Online Marketplace Open to SNR Soroptimists – Interested?

The Coronavirus Pandemic not only canceled the annual SNR Conference, but it also canceled the fun and shopping experience of the Marketplace that usually takes place during conference.

The Sierra Nevada Region has created an online Marketplace that should be fun and a perk for being a Soroptimist SNR member. Here are the details.



- Your club can use this Marketplace to sell just about anything, however, NO RAFFLES are allowed by law though. - **\$10 SNR club fee**
- If you are a club member, and have your own business (Pampered Chef, Tupperware, etc), you are probably already familiar with online stores. This is a great opportunity with a nominal fee - **\$15 SNR club member business.**

If your club, or club member businesses would like to join in the fun at our inaugural, online Marketplace, please use this link to register.. [2020 SNR Annual Conference Marketplace Registration and Payment \(https://registration.soroptimistsnr.org/events/2020-virtual-conference-marketplace/\)](https://registration.soroptimistsnr.org/events/2020-virtual-conference-marketplace/)

If you have questions, need help, or would like more information, please contact me.
2018-2020 Biennium District 1 Director Lisa Fitzgerald - snr_district_1@soroptimistsnr.org

Lisa said, “ I’m so proud of our region leadership for all the effort going into making the best of what is clearly a VERY challenging time. We could have thrown up our hands and just canceled everything, but that’s just not the way the Sierra Nevada Region tackles challenges. Creating a conference online, including a Marketplace is, simply stated, **Women At Their Best Helping Women Be Their Best!**”



Dear Soroptimist,

Although we can't come together in person, we are excited to bring convention to you as an online experience. While this can't take the place of the fun and fellowship gathering together brings, we hope you'll enjoy a different kind of convention from the comfort of your home.

Watch convention co-chairs Sue Riney and Stephanie Smith share the daily activities you can look forward to during SIA's virtual convention!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=6b65qIKwVbQ&feature=youtu.be>

A digital convention program will be emailed to all members in early July.

Regards,
SIA Headquarters



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100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage

Excerpted from Governor Lane Parks' E-Blast message of June 15, 2020

Women's Suffrage – 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of women earning the right to vote! While women had discussed equality and the right to vote since the founding of the nation, the Suffrage Movement began in 1848 at the Seneca Falls convention held July 19-20, in Seneca Falls, New York.....For the next 70 years, suffrage supporters worked to educate the public and lawmakers about the legitimate right of women to vote. Under the leadership of Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Sojourner Truth, Ida B. Wells, and other women's rights pioneers; suffragists circulated petitions and lobbied Congress to pass a constitutional amendment to enfranchise women....

In 1920, 72 years after the Seneca Falls Convention, the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote was ratified by Congress. The victory is considered the most significant achievement of women in the Progressive Era. It was the single largest extension of democratic voting rights in our nation's history, and it was achieved peacefully, through democratic processes.

We have a [slide show](#) featuring some of these trailblazing women on our conference website. Go check it out! (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWE7n1s1bc&feature=youtu.be>)