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- Aug 27 – Molly Walt – 100th Anniversary, 19th Amendment
- Sep 3 – Nicole Lamboley, FBNN
- Sep. 8 – Board Meeting at Ana Nadimi’s home
- Sep. 10 – Business Meeting
- Sep. 17 – Membership Committee
- Sep. 24 – A Special Tea Party
- Oct. 1 – Candidate’s Forum

Prior to each meeting President Millie sends a link to join the meeting via Zoom, if you would like to attend that way.

SITM Meets...

Thursdays at Noon

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

RSVP to info@sitmnv.org 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.



Caring for Our Mental Health During COVID-19; and the Importance of the “Gift of Soroptimist”

I have been doing a lot of thinking lately about the unusual times in which we find ourselves. I bet many of you have, too. At first, I was really scared. I quickly realized that for me not only did I need to be concerned about my physical health, but my mental health well being was at risk due to the isolation. I am somewhat of a solitary person, I confess, but forced solitude is another matter. Then I discovered Zoom! My book clubs continued to meet via Zoom, a committee I serve on for the University met via Zoom, and my yoga instructor switched her classes to Zoom. A few building blocks of a new routine were falling into place.

One of the things mental health professionals have been talking about as we grapple with the pandemic, social distancing, staying at home

more, and limiting the number of people we interact with is the importance of routine. Thank goodness I have Finn! He needs a walk

every day to burn off energy and sniff every bush and tree on the trail. Our walks first thing in the morning help get me started. Then there’s my yoga class. By the time Finn and I have walked, had breakfast, done yoga, and showered and dressed for the day, it’s time for lunch. Throw in a few chores around the house and putter

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President Millie shows off her Soroptimist mask made by SI/Reno members.

Welcome Two New Members to SITM

Welcome to two new members who were inducted at the August Business Meeting. Both are experienced



Beth Sharp

Soroptimists. Holly N. Nash, sponsored by Sarah Carrasco, is a Past President of SI/Oxnard, California in Camino Real Region. Elizabeth (Beth) M. Sharp, sponsored by

Penney M. Leezy, is also a Past President of SI/ Sutter-Yuba in our

own Sierra Nevada Region. Beth joined us on Zoom, due to the fires and road closures in northern California.



Sarah Carrasco, at podium, speaks about Holly N. Nash at her induction.

Welcome to both of these new members. We hope you will enjoy the camaraderie, friendship and our service projects.

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in the garden and it's surprising how full my day can be "staying at home doing nothing much."

Having a routine and having something to look forward to, as I do my walks with Finn and my yoga class, has been a lifeline. Then in July, we started back up with our SITM luncheons at the Atlantis. Something more to look forward to. As we welcomed Holly Nash and Beth Sharp to our club at our August 20 Business Meeting, I was struck by the words of the induction ceremony in a way I had never heard them before – that membership in Soroptimist is a "gift" that we give to ourselves. Yes, being a member of Soroptimist gives us the opportunity to help others. Yet, in these challenging times our membership is equally about helping and caring for ourselves, about supporting each other in friendship with a little – maybe a lot – of fun thrown in. We all need that.

So here are some things to look forward to at our meetings in the weeks ahead: celebrating the 100th Anniversary of women gaining the right to vote (8/27), hearing from the president and CEO of the Food Bank of Northern Nevada (9/3), a special luncheon "tea party" (9/24), and the bi-annual Candidates Forum (10/1). Not to mention our committees are meeting and making plans for how they will accomplish their goals this year. If you haven't connected with your committee coordinator(s), please let me know and we'll get you squared away.

Join us for lunch in person or on Zoom and give yourself something positive to look forward to each week. Make SITM part of your routine, part of your self-care. Make the most of your "gift of membership" in Soroptimist.

Millie Mitchell, President

Don't Miss These Upcoming Speakers

**August 27 – Molly Walt, MA,
Executive Director, Nevada
Commission for Women**



Molly will help us celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage and right to vote.

Currently, as Executive Director and Management Analyst for the Nevada Commission for Women, Molly oversees the

budget and operations of the Commission, organizes programs and activities in accordance with the Commission's mission and goals, and develops new programs to support the strategic direction of the Commission. She formed the Nevada Women's Suffrage Celebration Committee and is Chairwoman of the Committee.

**September 3 – Nicole Lamboley,
President & CEO of the Food Bank
of Northern Nevada.**

Nicole Lamboley will be bringing members up-to-date on the

challenges the Food Bank has been facing since the onset of the pandemic. the increase in the need for their services, as well as how things have had to change to address social distancing and safety concerns.



2021 "Ghosts" Calendars Now on Sale

The Fundraising Committee has announced the availability for sale by members of 130, 2021 "Ghosts" vintage airplane calendars. Net proceeds, if all are sold, is anticipated to be approximately \$1,400.

Doris Phelps will again be the repository for the supply of calendars for sale. Contact her at skippyellows@charter.net and let her know how many calendars you want to receive, along with the date/time that works best for you, with an alternative time/date. Doris is willing to deliver to your home or office or even meet up at Starbucks.

Fundraising Co-Coordinator Darlene DeLancey will have a few calendars at each meeting if you'd like to pick them up from her.

Last year members bought and donated 47 calendars to area veteran's groups



Facemasks Celebrated at the August 24 Meeting Program

Gratitude, thanks and tales of appreciation were the highlight of the July 24 meeting featuring some of the principal recipients of SITM's hand-sewn facemasks. Since the beginning of the pandemic and the mandate that clubs should cancel



Shelby Hunt

SITM members, family and friends sewed a total of 4,039 facemasks.

The primary recipients of masks were Infinity Hospice Care, Northern Nevada Medical Center, Disability Resources and Northern Nevada HOPES.



Patty Downs

Speaking at the meeting from Northern Nevada Medical Center (NNMC) were SITM's own Patty Downs, plus

Shelby Hunt, RN, DNP, and Director of Emergency Services and Teresa Whitfield, RN, MSN, and Director of Medicine/Telemetry/Float Pool. SITM's Angie Ruyak, Director of Admissions for Infinity Hospice Care, joined us via Zoom from her vacation in San Diego and SITM's Chris Fegert, Philanthropy Partnerships Manager

for Northern Nevada HOPES. Each took turns explaining how the masks were distributed and used in their respective organizations



Angie Ruyak

Besides the importance of the masks to help prevent the spread of the virus,

the colorful and thematic masks became a sense of anticipation and even provided a few moments of frivolity for the recipients during these very serious times.



Teresa Whitfield

their public meetings and events, Soroptimist members got busy sewing cotton facemasks, when facemasks were in short supply. Over the next two months,



Chris Fegert

Seven Leadership Principles in the Time of Coronavirus

Excerpted from the Harvard Business School Working Knowledge newsletter

Author: John Quelch, Charles Edward Wilson Professor of Business Administration Emeritus at Harvard Business School and Dean of the University of Miami Herbert Business School

Edited by Doris Phelps, Membership Committee

John Quelch shares his seven Cs for coronavirus survival if you're a manager or a leader.

1. **Calm.** Your customers, employees, members and others will be looking to you to project a sense of calm through this difficult, uncertain time.
2. **Confidence.** You don't need to be still-water calm. Project confidence that you will be able to see this through successfully with a minimum amount of hurt.
3. **Communicate.** You have to relentlessly communicate, communicate, communicate. This is to avoid rumors developing that muddy the waters. But when I'm talking about communication, I'm also talking about a strategy for communication. You need a sense of order in which to communicate decisions and priorities, but also have rapid communication to the entire body of constituents—not

delays over hours or days or, even worse, weeks. Silence is absolutely the worst possible thing that you allow to happen, because that's when the rumor mill develops.

4. **Collaboration.** You won't know all the answers and aren't expected to. This is the time to call upon all your resources in the organization so that everyone can contribute and feel they are part of overcoming the uncertainty. It also helps shut down the rumor mill.
5. **Community.** All of us live in communities. We are leading by example, not just within our organization, but within our broader communities. With an infectious virus, it's important that we set an example, model behaviors that are community friendly and supportive.
6. **Compassion.** This is extremely important at this time. Not everyone is equally resilient. Someone may be worried about elderly parents, a spouse, other family members or friends at risk. They will need to feel they have time and space to take care of their concerns. Compassion at a time of crisis is a very important manifestation of leadership.
7. **Cash.** Take care to manage the short term and long term financial health of the organization.

Live Your Dream Applications Now Available

By Pam Robinson, Co-Coordinator Education/Women Committee

Every year Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) distributes more than \$2.6 million in education grants to about 1,700 women all over the world. Since 1972, Soroptimist clubs have given more than \$30 million in education grants to 30,000 women making a better life for themselves and their families.

Over half of Live Your Dream Awards recipients are survivors of domestic violence, trafficking or sexual assault. Nearly all of the women and families we serve have overcome enormous obstacles including poverty, teen pregnancy, and drug or alcohol addiction. Live Your Dream Awards recipients may use the cash award to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education, such as books, childcare, tuition, and transportation. An eligible



applicant is a woman with financial need who provides primary financial support for herself and family and is enrolled in or accepted to a vocation/skill training program or an undergraduate degree program.

SITM has budgeted \$3,000 for this year's Live Your Dream Awards and eligible applicants can apply through the Live Your Dream portal until the November 15 deadline. The award may be divided among more than one woman depending on the applications received.

Laury Macauley is our Live Your Dream coordinator this year, and the awards luncheon will be held February 4. Information has been sent by the Education/Women Committee to various colleges, non-profits, and other schools in northern Nevada. If you know of a deserving woman, please encourage her to go to our website, www.sitmnev.org. The link is all set up!

Greetings from a couple of our "satellite" members.

Kim Coulter Davis Settling into Florida

Kim recently texted this report and included a couple of photos.

Lennard and I finally found a builder we like. We are going this coming Saturday to pick out interior design stuff. After looking at so many homes, we have opted for a two-story, four-bedroom home, more wow factor upon entry. Nice to say that the master and laundry room are all on level one though. It's in Apopka, Florida, near Wekiva State Park. It's a gated community with full service. No more yardwork for Lennard on the weekends, since we plan on exploring more. Home will be ready to move into in about seven months and has a tail end of a lake view.

President Millie put Kim's temporary address in her Weekly Update, if you'd like to send her a card. Her email addresses remain the same: kim@dinter.com or kimcoulterdavis@gmail.com



Something you don't see in Nevada.

News About Barbara Atwell from Gulfport, Mississippi

Barbara is not in her new home yet, but she is taking advantage of her new pool. Remodeling hasn't gone as smoothly as planned (Is there anyone who has undergone a house

remodel that wants to commiserate with Barbara?) One job seems to uncover the need for two more things to be done. But we know Barbara is resilient and she'll get through this.

Barbara's new address is in the new roster update, plus her email remains the same: Barbara@quiltedb.com.

Both of these members would love to hear from you in an email or a card.



Wekiva State Park

Thanks to Youth Drive-By Celebration a Success



33rd Annual
Thanks to Youth
 Honoring Young Heroes in Our Community

With horns honking, celebratory signage and Education/ Youth Committee Co-Coordinator Monica House announcing names of recipients over a megaphone, youth scholarship recipients and Unsung Heroes paraded in a drive-by celebration at Ethan Allen in Reno, the evening of July 30. SITM members were on hand with pompoms and cheers as recipients drove up, or were chauffeured by cheering family and friends.



Each youth was presented with a personalized scrapbook containing certificates of recognition, congratulatory letters from Nevada's Congressional Delegation and the Mayors of Reno and Sparks. They also received copies of a special commemorative newsletter edition outlining all of the Unsung Heroes and their achievements. Scholarship recipients and their schools and choice of study were also featured.



TTY Co-Coordinator Pam Sutton interviewed several of the youth about their achievements or their future study pursuits. Videos of the interviews, as well as photos of the youth can be found on the SITM website at www.sitmnev.org



SITM presented 12 youth each with \$2,000 scholarships. Thirteen Unsung Heroes each received a \$200 gift card from Target.



Thank You SITM ...

Dear SITM:

My name is Yulisa Mendez. I am a graduate student, pursuing a master's degree in social work at the University of Nevada, Reno. I am also a young mother of a 6-year-old girl named Alyssa.

I want to say thank you for the opportunity you have given me by awarding me the Dreams Moving Forward Scholarship. With this scholarship I will be able to pursue my goals of obtaining a master's degree in social work. With this social work degree, I plan to empower individuals in our community who are facing problems such as poverty or oppression by making sure they have the adequate support, resources and skills they need to cope with their problems. Ultimately, I want to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, where I can further help clients by having the ability to diagnose and treat behavioral, emotional and mental hardships.

The support of this scholarship means a lot to my family and myself. With this scholarship I will not have to worry about the financial burden of the cost of my program. This scholarship will help me pay for my tuition and allow me to focus more on my studies.

I am thankful for SITM. Your mission to support and improve the lives of women and girls in our community is something I hope to strive for in my future career as a social worker. I am truly grateful for this opportunity that you have given me. My daughter and I are beyond thankful to have received this scholarship.

Sincerely,
Yulisa Mendez

To Whom It May Concern at SITM:

Thank you so much for granting me a scholarship for the upcoming semester! I am thrilled to be pursuing an education at UNR to achieve my dream of obtaining a math degree and working in data science.

Per your email, I have enclosed a list of my registered classes for Fall 2020. I have also included the original paperwork which has already been emailed to Sarah Carrasco.

Please let me know if any additional actions will be required.

Thanks again!
Lisa Soule

From Annette Friedlander ...

Dear Soroptimist Sisters,

Sandy and I wish to express our sincere thanks for your thoughts and prayers in the card for us on the death of Sandy's beloved brother, William. It is so heartwarming to belong to such a loving and caring family.

Much love,
Annette Friedlander

(Excerpted from a ThankYou Letter from the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) Northern Nevada)

Dear Sarah (Carrasco)

Thank you for your generous donation of \$500. With your financial support, NAMI Northern Nevada offers education, support and advocacy to people living with mental illness and their families in Washoe County. (A complete run-down of NAMI's services was also outlined with the thank you letter.)

Sandra K. Stamates
Executive Director

Thank you from LEAD for Horses ...

Dear (Immediate Past President) Penney.

YOU made my day! Thank you for the generous donation of \$500 that I found in the mail today. These "Happy Dollars" certainly made me happy and will bring happiness to the children in our horse program.

These are indeed different times. Through it all, LEAD with Horses has continued to provide services. Donations like yours make this work possible. Your support means so much to our organization.

Gratefully,
Jeane Spada Allgood, Executive Director

From the members of the Sierra Nevada Stitchers .. .

The group received Happy Dollars as well as donations left over from SITM's project to sew facemasks this spring. The card included the thoughts and signatures from six of their members.

A great big THANKS. We are so appreciative of your generous donation. Thanks so much.
Dot

Thank you very much for thinking of us. Your donation is a lifesaver for our group. Thank you!! Thank you!!
Heidi

Thank you so much for your donation to our group. It's very much appreciated.
Donna

Thank you so much for the donation. We will use it to buy batting for the quilts. We appreciate all you do.
Trudy

Thank you for your generous donation. We will put it to good use.
Joan

Unavailable for signature – Jan Bogikes, Marilyn Pearson and Nancy Barts.

Soroptimist Picnic in the Park

The first Thursday in August is usually a break for SITM. We go “dark” as they say, because our meeting place the Atlantis is usually swamped with people and events celebrating Hot August Nights. Due to the pandemic, HAN was canceled, but members decided they wanted to meet anyway. The Hospitality Committee had the perfect alternative to meet. A lunchtime picnic BYOBFC (that’s bring your own beverage, food, and chair) at Manzanita Park in Reno.

Hospitality Coordinator Margie Hermanson requested members bring a photo of themselves to the meeting from any time period. The exercise was most hilarious with many photos and stories depicting travel, big hair, camel rides, community service, and baby pictures. Jeanne Naccarato shared a couple of four generation photos taken 37 years apart. Everyone agreed it was a wonderful gathering, well-worth repeating.



August Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

Welcome to our newest two members. Both are seasoned Soroptimists. Nevertheless, an "induction" ceremony was held at the August Business Meeting to welcome and introduce them. Holly N. Nash was sponsored by Sarah Carrasco. Holly recently moved to Nevada. She is Past President of the SI/Oxnard Club. Elizabeth (Beth) M. Sharp joins us from northern California. She was sponsored by Penney Leezy. Beth is a Past President of SI/Sutter-Yuba. Welcome to both new members. We're so happy you have joined us. See page 1 for more information.

2021 "Ghosts" Calendars Are available for Sale

The Fundraising Committee presented a motion, which was recommended by the Board and approved by the members to again this year sell the 2021 "Ghosts" vintage airplane calendars by aviation photographer Phillip Makanna. The price is still \$17.

Doris Phelps has the supply of calendars and you may obtain them from her for sale, or if you would like to purchase calendars for donation to local veterans groups. See page 2 for details.

Numbers Increase for Attending Thursday Lunches

SITM has been informed that the Nevada Gaming Control Board has increased the numbers of persons who may gather together in-person in groups from 25 to 50. That means meeting attendees, including servers, speakers and any guests are counted towards the 50. We are moving back "home" to the Paradise A Ballroom beginning August 27.

Remember reservations are due to Attendance Co-Coordinator Bev Perkins by Monday noon, at info@sitmnv.org. If you miss the Monday deadline, but still want to come to lunch please call Bev and we'll do our best to accommodate you. Due to COVID-19 there are no buffet lunches, but President Millie Mitchell sends out plated lunch selections for you to choose well in advance of the Monday deadline.

SDR Delegate's Reports

The Soroptimist Development Retreat was a virtual affair this year with the inability to gather in large groups. Live virtual and pre-recorded workshops were held for club officers, committee coordinators and others. Several SITM members attended one or more of the presentations.

In lieu of a Delegate's Report, Jo Ann Roberts reported on two presentations she attended. The first was

the opening presentation from SNR Governor Sarah Carrasco, entitled "Courage & Curiosity", which included "Tools for Presidents and Future Leaders". The second was a "Conversation with Susan Horst", our new District 5 Director. Several District 5 Club Presidents were in attendance and discussed their clubs' activities during the pandemic.

Copies of Jo Ann's reports were emailed by President Millie. All of the SDR presentations and handouts are available on the SNR website at www.soroptimistsnr.org.

Attention Committees: Using Zoom Meetings and Having a Back-Up Plan

SITM purchased our own Zoom account for use at board and business meetings. It is also available to committees wishing to use it. See President Millie if you'd like to set up a meeting on Zoom.

President Millie also advises committees to engage in making "back-up plans", whether they be alternative fundraising plans, distance learning for students, virtual interviews and judging of candidates, or anything else. With the uncertainties and limitations on things like in-person meetings, it is imperative to have a "Plan B" (even a "Plan C" might be necessary) in this changing environment of Covid-19 restrictions.

An Addition to 2020-2021 Happy Dollar Designations

Last month the board recommended and the membership approved a list of nonprofit organizations set to receive the proceeds of monthly Happy Dollar collections. All months but May were designated. On a proposal from Eve Johnson the board recommended and the membership approved the May Happy Dollars be designated for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF).

Happy Dollars for Eddy House

July Happy Dollars netted \$638 for the Eddy House, which works with homeless and at-risk youth to develop life and job skills necessary for sustainable independence. August Happy Dollars are designated for the Artists Co-Op Gallery of Reno Building Fund. The ACR recently purchased the building where they have resided for the past 56 years. It is in need of multiple repairs and upgrades.

You Can Still Contribute to Happy Dollars

Don't forget there is a "donate button" for Happy Dollars on our website, www.sitmnv.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.

What We Learned About Quest

Debra Kamke, Director of Operations for Quest Counseling and Consulting spoke at our August 13 meeting. Quest has been providing outpatient therapy and counseling to adults, families and adolescents in the Reno area for over 17 years.



Debra outlined the history of Quest and, how it has expanded services over the years and the depth of the staff providing services through Quest. She also detailed the organization’s work with individuals with mental health, substance abuse issues and counseling services, plus their efforts to

continue providing services in this age of COVID-19.

What’s New at Eddy House

Diaz Dixon, CEO of the Eddy House spoke to SITM members at the July 30 meeting. Diaz recently joined Eddy House after 14 years as the CEO of Step 2. Step 2 is one of a few treatment programs that offers family-oriented services.

Eddy House works with homeless and at-risk youth to develop the life and job skills necessary for sustainable independence. It began in 2011 as a drop-in resource center for homeless youth. In 2019 Eddy House purchased and moved into a two-story formerly commercial building in downtown Reno, thus expanding from a walk-in center to becoming a full service provider, including a 6-month housing program, education, employment and community involvement programs.



SITM July Happy Dollars for \$638 were donated to Eddy House.

Mark Your Calendars – Don’t Miss These Important Dates

- August 29, 2020**, SNR virtual board meeting on Zoom
- October 3, 2020**, District 5 virtual Fall Meeting on Zoom
- February 27, 2021** District 5 Winter Meeting
- April 30 – May 2, 2021** SNR Conference
- October 1-2, 2021**, SIA Convention, Soroptimist 100th Anniversary
- July 17-29, 2023**, SI Convention, Dublin, Ireland

Two opportunities to help, if you are interested ...

Eddy House -- Casa de Vida has a young mother close to her due date and items are needed for a small baby shower. They are reaching out to community members interested in buying a gift to celebrate the new arrival. She is looking for newborn clothes, a baby bath kit (clippers, nose pump, thermometer, etc.), an ergonomic baby carrier, bibs, and baby noise-canceling headphones. If you are interested in providing any gifts for the mother or baby (wrapped if possible), they can be dropped off at Casa de Vida, 1290 Mill Street, Reno. 329-1070. <https://casadevidareno.org/>.

Washoe County Human Services Agency is in need of new qualified **Foster Parents**. Due to Covid-19, in-person recruitment is not possible. So, WCHSA is reaching out to groups that may know someone who would be interested in taking on a foster child. Go to https://www.washoecounty.us/hsa/childrens_services/foster_care/index.php to explore the requirements, orientations and licensing processes. Or, contact Brenda Silis at 775-386-7213 to indicate interest.

Celebrating August Birthdays



Becky Moody



Annette Friedlander



Valerie Hahn

Members with August birthdays celebrated by answering the question, “If you could be anybody past or present, who would you be?” Valerie would like to be her dog, Bubba, who leads a pampered life. Both Annette and Becky were happy being themselves and enjoying their lives.



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- Soroptimist International of the Americas: www.soroptimist.org
- Soroptimist International: www.soroptimistinternational.org



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Did you know . . .

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment and Women's Constitutional Right to Vote



Suffragists began their organized fight for women's equality in 1848 when they demanded the right to vote during the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York. The next 72 years, women leaders lobbied, marched, picketed and protested for the right to ballot. The U.S. House of Representatives finally approved the *Susan B. Anthony Amendment*, which guaranteed women the right to vote, on May 21, 1919. The US Senate followed two weeks after, and the 19th Amendments went to the states, where it had to be ratified by 3/4th of-the-then 48 states to be added to the US Constitution.

By a vote of 50-47, Tennessee became the last state needed to ratify the 19th Amendment on August 18, 1920. Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby issued a proclamation declaring the 19th Amendment ratified and part of the U.S. Constitution on August 26, 1920, forever protecting American women's right to vote. Today, more than 68 million women vote in elections because of the courageous suffragists who never gave up the fight for equality.

Check out the Women's Suffrage Centennial Update from the National Women's History Alliance (expanded from the National Women's History Project) which breaks out organizations and activities state-by-state.

<https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/Centennial-Update-Fall-2020-2021.pdf>

Online Auction Fundraiser

Sponsored by
Soroptimist International of Washoe County

While it was a difficult decision, our team decided to cancel Mardi Gras in May which was scheduled for May 16, 2020 because we care about your safety and well-being. Many of our supporters in our community have donated some awesome items for our online auction. So just because we can't meet doesn't mean you can't win a treat.

**Please join SI Washoe County
for our Online Auction
fundraiser!
Register for auction at**



<https://vanzantauctions.hibid.com/catalog/220125/soroptimist-fundraiser-online>

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020 10:00 AM
THROUGH
SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 2020 6:00PM**



**PROCEEDS BENEFIT WOMEN AND
CHILDREN IN WASHOE COUNTY**

**REGISTER FOR THE
ONLINE AUCTION
FOR FREE!**

BROWSE FOR FREE!

**BID ON YOUR
FAVORITE ITEMS (E.G.,
WINETASTING FOR 20,
BISTRO NAPA, JOHNNY'S
RESTAURANT & MORE!)**

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