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SITM Meets...

We are currently meeting on Zoom until? To request access to the Zoom link contact info@sitmnhv.org.

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



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April Flowers (maybe without the showers!)

Most months as I have sat down to write this column, I’ve struggled to come up with what I want to write about. Faye Andersen (our faithful newsletter editor, designer, and publisher) and I talked in the beginning about whether there were themes for each issue that I needed to take into consideration. No, not necessarily. I looked at back issues for inspiration; somewhat helpful. But basically, Faye and some past presidents I consulted said that I could just write about whatever suited me. And that’s what I’ve done for the most part. This is my 10th column; I’m nearing the end of this year-long writing assignment and starting to think about transitions.



Transitions?. How interesting. April is a month of transitions. Winter into Spring, for one. In the northern hemisphere, it’s the beginning of the growing season. Trees and flowers leaf out and begin to open. In other parts of the world, it’s harvest time. April can be a confusing month – rainy and wet one day (maybe even snowing in northern Nevada!) and warm and full of promise the next. Endings and re-birth.

And so it is with S/I Truckee Meadows. We’re winding down one club year and gearing up for the next. In April, the membership elects the leadership team for the coming club year.

Congratulations to the members who will serve on the 2021-2022 Board of Directors. (You’ll hear more about them later in this issue). We’re so grateful to all of you for agreeing to stand for office and to help lead the club forward on our journey to assist women and girls in our community and beyond to achieve their dreams.

Next month, you will have an opportunity to sign up for the various committees that are the backbone of all that we undertake. Now is the time to start thinking about which committees you’d like to be a part of next year. You’ve heard the expression, “Many hands make light work.” Our committees need your hands and your expertise. Maybe you’d consider taking on the responsibility of being a co-coordinator of a committee. Let President Elect Valerie know if you’d be willing to head up a committee. And I’d like to challenge you to step out of your comfort zone

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Celebrate 2021-2022 Officers

The results are in and SITM’s 2021-2022 Club Officers have been elected to join President-Elect Valerie Hahn on her adventure as SITM President. To view those elected, plus see the unprecedented steps this year’s Nominating/Elections Committee took to ensure voting by mail-in ballots, see page 2.



Incoming President Valerie Hahn

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if you've been serving on the same committee for more than two years. Try something new! Join a committee where you'll have an opportunity to become better acquainted with some SITM members that you might not know so well. Trying a new committee assignment or two will enrich your SITM experience, I promise.

We've come a long way in the past 12 months. What a difference from a year ago this time! I'm optimistic about our future. I like April. It's "humor month," so laugh it up! And remember, you've got a friend in Soroptimist.

Millie Mitchell, President

Congratulations to 2021-2022 Board

Congratulations and a big hearty thank you to those members who were elected at the April Business Meeting to serve with President-Elect Valerie Hahn for the 2021-2022 Club Year. Club members look forward to working with you in the coming year.



*President Valerie Hahn



President-Elect Laury Macauley



Vice President Program Carol Dinneen



Vice President Membership Pam Robinson



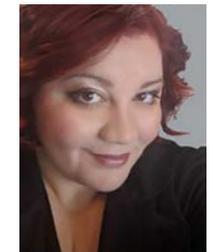
Secretary Kay Dunham



Treasurer Service Fund Cindy Burk



*Treasurer General Fund Linda Walker



Delegate Cinammon Davies



*Director Millie Mitchell

* Completing a term of office

Nominating Committee Counting Ballots

Thank you to the hard-working Nominating Committee who brought us the slate of offices to stand for election for the 2021-2022 Club Year.

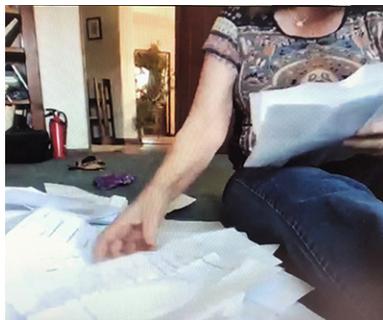
Coordinator Pam Sutton and members Penney Leezy and Liza Chapen (plus Daisy the cat) had breakfast together over Zoom and counted all of the returned ballots. Eighty percent of the members returned ballots, which was a great turn-out.



Liza Counting ballots with Daisy's help.



Penney Leezy counting ballots



Pam Sutton with trusty letter opener and a pile of counted ballots.



April 22 Speaker**Hear Reno Aces GM Emily Jaenson at the April 22 Meeting**

Be ready to “play ball” as they say at the Reno Aces Ballpark, where Emily Jaenson is the General Manager. Emily became the first female in Triple-A to hold the GM role in nearly 20 years. Her role as GM is to lead day-to-day business operations

for baseball, including the event experience, community engagement, marketing and media, and contribute to the sponsorship team.

Emily is on a mission to bring excellence and intention to her job every day so that she can shine the light for other women to pursue roles traditionally held by men. Emily leads a podcast, Leadership is Female, where she interviews executives in sport so that her guests can lead the next generation of female leadership forward.

In January, the Reno Aces promoted Leah Withrow as head groundkeeper, another woman to join the management team at the Reno Aces.

Emily is married to Shawn Jaenson, a Navy veteran, and has two young sons, Magnus and Anders.

May 20 Speaker - Beth Macmillan**Artown's 25th Anniversary**

By Doris Phelps

Artown Executive Director Beth Macmillan invites SITM members to enjoy a gala of events and activities this July as Artown celebrates its 25th anniversary.

Beth Macmillan joined Artown as Festival Manager in February 2001 and was promoted to Executive Director in November of 2003. Macmillan, formerly a professional dancer and actress expanded into arts administration through various roles such as Production Company Manager, Public Relations Manager, Assistant Stage Manager, Founder and Owner/Director of a small, highly successful arts education business, Executive Director of a major dance organization and business owner and distributor. Most recently, Macmillan was elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Association of Performing Arts Professionals (APAP) and began her term January 2018. She currently serves as an At-Large officer on the Executive Committee for APAP.



Artown's mission is to strengthen Reno's arts industry, enhance our civic identity and national image, thereby creating a climate for the cultural and economic rebirth of our region.

LET'S CELEBRATE SIA'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY!

Join us for a two-day virtual event to celebrate our bright past and brilliant future. Get to witness the opening of SIA's historic time capsule; experience a virtual exhibit of our early years; raise a glass to a special anniversary toast and happy hour; hear about our plans to Dream Big for the future; plus share in other social interactions and fun activities with Soroptimists from around the world!

**WHEN:**

Day 1: September 25, 7:00 p.m., EST

Day 2: September 26, 7:00 p.m., EST

WHERE:

Via Zoom



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Stay tuned for registration information in the Live Events section of SIA's Celebration in a Box.

Also be sure to follow the SIA Facebook page for more details, using hashtag #Soroptimist100. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Hope Springs 100 Meal Donations Underway

By Valerie Hahn, President-Elect

As of writing this article and update we are two weeks into serving Hope Springs a meal a day. It has been fun to get pictures and see what others are making for their meals. Hope Springs has been very thankful for what we have done so far for their neighbors.

We still have spots open for April. Right now, there are 10 neighbors. I am encouraging all to reach out to restaurants or even if you do not want to do it yourself try teaming up with another member. I had done this with Penney, and it was fun putting the meal together and sharing it with her. We have 21 slots filled of the 100.

This month two restaurants signed up. The first is Beefys in Reno off Virginia Street. www.beefysreno.com. Like most local restaurants, they had a hit with not only the Covid-19 but the road construction the previous year in front of their restaurant. Yet, they have not failed at providing excellent hamburgers and hot dogs. Try their onion rings!

Buenos Grill www.buenosgrill.com Reno's original Baja-style taqueria is the other restaurant signed up to provide meals. The day they chose is April 19 which also happens to be their 20-year restaurant anniversary in Mayberry Landing. It's wonderful to see them give to our community on their anniversary. They have always been a great supporter within our school district and more.



We have one business signed up called Rocking the Pink Services. Stacy my neighbor owns this business. When she saw her husband, who owns Beefy's, do a meal she wanted to jump in and join. It proves just by asking others, they will join in and want to be part of this incredible project. The power of sharing what we do!

When you stop by these places make sure you thank them for supporting SITM and Hopes Springs!

April 15 Speaker Soroptimist 100th Anniversary Project

SITM's Soroptimist 100th Anniversary Project – 100 meals in 100 days for Hope Springs bridge housing for the homeless – is officially underway. Members have been donating meals since late March.

Are you curious as to how it is all working? Then don't miss our April 15 meeting where Hope Springs Operations Manager Josh MacMullen will let us know how the meals are being received. Of course, he'll also give us an update on occupancy at the Hopes Springs bridge housing, as well as services formerly "houseless neighbors".



Josh MacMullen



45th Annual SNR Conference -- April 30 – May 2 – Don't Miss It

It's virtual. It's free. But you have to register.

The 45th annual Sierra Nevada Region Conference will be virtual again this year. But it will be live, so you need to register and plan to attend Friday night, April 30; Saturday morning, May 1; and Sunday morning May 2. Here are some highlights you don't want to miss.

Saturday, April 30

5:30 to 7: 30 p.m.

Opening Messages and Greetings
Loungewear Cocktail Party Social

Keynote Speaker

SI President Sharon Fisher

Public Awareness Awards

Friday, May 1

9:30 -a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Business Meeting
Membership Recognitions
Election of Nominating Committee
100 Years of Soroptimist Celebration

Keynote Speaker

SIA President Penny Babb

Sunday, May 2

9:30 a.m. to ??

Celebration of Life
Ruby Awards
Live Your Dream Awards
Invitation to 2022
SNR Conference

SNR Conference Special Prize Drawings

There will also be two prize drawings on Saturday, with a Grand Prize Drawing of an Atlantis Spa Certificate on Sunday. You'll receive an entry ticket for each session you attend. Must be present to win.



Courage and curiosity lead to dreaming, learning and doing.

Register NOW!!

Registration is available through a web link in the "Call to Conference". Go to the Sierra Nevada Region website at www.soroptimistsnr.org and you'll find the call on the front page. Register by April 20 and you will be eligible for a special Early Bird Registration drawing on Friday night. Must be present to win.



Reno Gazette-Journal

Case study: virtual fundraising for nonprofits | NCET Biz Tips

Cinammon Davies

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Cinammon Davies and SITM Featured in RGJ Article



SITM member Cinammon Davies was featured in a March 23 article in the Reno Gazette-Journal's "NCET Biz Tips". The topic was none other than SITM's Case Study: Virtual fundraising for nonprofits. Of course, she was talking about her experience (and members' experience) working with QGiv, the auction platform we used for our "Whole Hearted Virtual Auction", prior to Valentine's Day.

The Soroptimist vision, along with our fundraising goal were amply outlined in the 800-word piece, with an explanation of our planning process and goals for the event.

In working with QGiv, Cinammon was offered a speaking opportunity at one of their training sessions, which she happily accepted, along with a speaker's fee, which she plans to donate to SITM.

Way to go Cinammon. Anyone who missed the article in the RGJ, can contact Cinammon, or Faye Andersen has a copy to share too.

March Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

The April Board and Business Meetings saw a full agenda covering election of officers, review of the Service and General Fund Budgets for next year and several motions dealing with finances.

New Officers Elected for 2021-2022

Congratulations and thank you to the members who have been elected to serve SITM by joining President-Elect Valerie Hahn, for the 2020-2021 Club Year. The results of the election were revealed at the April Business Meeting. (See page 2 for the complete listing.)

Proposed Budgets for 2021-2022

Finance/Governance Committee Co-Coordinator Vicki Schultz reviewed the Service and General Fund proposed budgets for 2021-2022. Copies have been sent to all members. The committee members have worked on these budgets for a few weeks now and included their input. Any members, especially committee coordinators who have additional input or questions, please contact Vicki.

The final budgets with any proposed changes will be voted on at the May Business Meeting.

Several Motions on Fiscal matters Were Approved

The board recommended and the membership approved a dues increase for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year by approximately 3% to \$200 for regular and new members and \$125 for life members. This a \$5 increase for all categories.

The board recommended and the membership approved a motion to approve the Fundraising Committee to supplement General Fund shortages in the budget. The need for General Fund fundraising will be identified and approved by the board as needed. The Fundraising Committee may fundraise for the General Fund separately from the Service Fund or in conjunction with the Service Fund.

The board recommended and the membership approved supplementing the Service Fund budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year with a maximum of \$15,000 of undesignated funds. The board and membership will approve requests from committees for these funds.

The board recommended and the membership approved to redirect the \$150 budgeted in the Service Fund for the purchase or creation of a gift basket to be raffled at the SNR Conference and donate the money directly to

the SNR Endowment Fund. Because it is not an in-person conference, the region has no other ways to raise funds.

March Happy Dollars to Benefit Northern Nevada Hopes

March Happy Dollars, in the amount of \$468 were collected for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada's Back-Pack Kids program. April Happy Dollars are designated for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). NAMI's mission 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.

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

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.

Reminder to Committee Coordinators

SIA's Soroptimist Celebrating Success Awards are due July 1, 2021. Please review your committee's work and progress in the four categories of Fundraising, Membership, Program and Public Awareness. Let President-Elect Valerie Hahn know if you think your committee has a worthy entry to submit to SIA.

Celebrating April Birthdays

None of our members with April birthdays could attend the April Business Meeting. But we wished them a Happy Birthday anyway.



Patty Mamola - April 1



Niki Ewing - April 9



Scarlet Ewy - April 10

20 Years of “Removing Barriers to Education for Girls” in Thulipokhari, Nepal

By Monica House and Faye I. Andersen

In the Spring of 2000, Purna Subedi, a native of Thulipokhari, Nepal spoke to SITM about the status of girls in his country. (With help from SITM member Jeanne Baxter, Purna was able to travel to the U.S. in 1983 to go to school and eventually become a U.S. citizen.)

Following his presentation, members were anxious to do something to assist the girls to get an education. However, the long and sometimes treacherous walks to school could take from 2-to-4 hours one way. A special committee was appointed to explore possibilities beyond just scholarship tuition assistance.

Even without a firm plan in hand, the committee began fundraising, knowing whatever the final project would

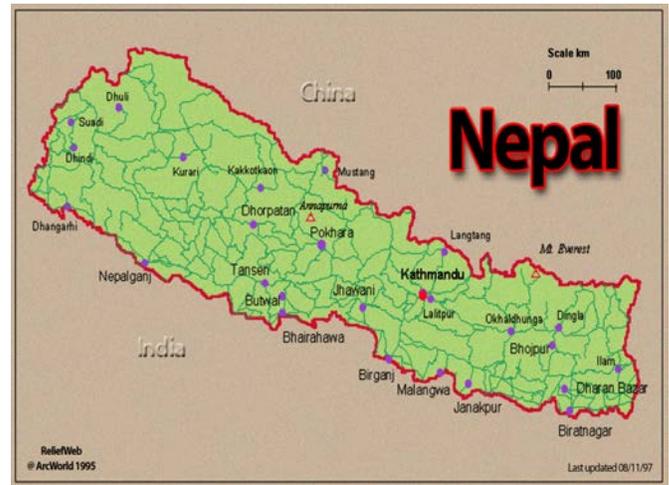


Purna's parents, father Balabhadra Subedi and mother Tica are setting the cornerstone for the dormitory.

be, it would undoubtedly cost money. That's when SITM's semi-annual garage sales were born, along with pleas for donations from members, friends and other community groups. The project got a huge boost



Men work in a makeshift quarry to hand fashion stones into bricks to build the walls of the dormitory.



with a \$5,000 community donation. Simultaneously, the committee was working with Purna, as a conduit to the village council and the school, Janata Sudarshan Secondary School to explore possibilities of providing an education for girls.

2000 – SITM partnered with the people of Thulipokhari to build a girls' dormitory. (The name Thulipokhari means “Big Pond” to designate a pond, since drained, in the village.) Purna's father, Balabhadra Subedi, a retired teacher, acted as construction chief and Mahesh Subedi drew up the architectural plans for a building of approximately 20-feet by 63 feet. SITM supplied \$14,000 for materials and the village donated the land and much of the labor. “Bricks” for the building were hand- fashioned in a nearby quarry.



Girls Dormitory in Thulipokhari, Nepal

August 2001 – The first 20 girls moved into the dormitory, named Puna Guyan, meaning “Whole knowledge”. Room and board and school tuition scholarships were donated at \$30/month or \$300 per year. The building included 8 sleeping rooms for the girls (up to 4 per room), a room for a paid housemother, a kitchen (gathering room in the back) and a paid cook.

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Goats are an integral part of the Animal Assistance program.

February 2003 – The Animal Assistance program was launched to provide low-cost loans to villagers to purchase water buffaloes, goats, chickens and honeybees. The program improved the lives of the villagers by providing protein and self-reliance. The interest earned on the loans supports the dormitory and girls' scholarship programs.

2005 – SITM paid to have solar lighting installed in the dormitory, to eliminate the oil-burning lamps the girls were using for illumination. It was the first lighting of any kind in the village.

Fall 2005-Spring 2006- no photos were taken at this time due to the countrywide political conflict. Maoist insurgents who wished to replace Nepal's constitutional monarchy, roamed the country. Our girls were protected since the dormitory was built by "the American Mother's Club".

2006 – Funds were provided to allow the girls to go on a chaperoned field trip to visit temples, government buildings, tea gardens and the zoo. Many of the girls had never been outside of their village or region.



The first indoor light was provided in the dormitory using solar panels

November 2007 – Purna's brother Guyanendra Subedi, a teacher, who had been acting as our liaison with the school, was finally granted permission to immigrate the U.S. (after a 12-year wait).

April 2009 – SITM supplied computers to be used by the girls in the dormitory. The number of girls educated has grown to over 400. All the schools throughout Nepal expanded from 10 years to what is known as "10+2". Ten Grades is known as high school and +2 intermediate education is known as college.



Girls work on computers in the dormitory

March 2010 – More than 500 girls have been educated through the scholarship program. Female literacy has grown from 14% to 30%, plus women are taking leadership roles in the communities and working in banking, government service, education and small business management.

By 2010 more than 100 families had taken advantage of the low-cost loans of the Animal Assistance program benefiting their health and spurring entrepreneurial enterprises.



Some of the girls attending classes.

2011 – The Nepal government completed a "seasonal road" to Thulipokhari. Previously, it was a two-hour walk to the nearest "big town" to procure materials and supplies.

March 2012 – A Soroptimist contingent of Jeanne Baxter, Norma Webster, Connie Steinheimer, Monica House and her mother Carolanne House visited Thulipokhari and the dormitory.

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Monica, Connie, Norma, Jeanne and Monica's Mother Carolanne House pose with some of the campus teachers in front of the dormitory, during their visit.

June 2012 – In addition to the annual scholarship payments and salaries for the housemother and cook, SITM sent an additional \$1,820 to modernize cooking facilities at the dormitory with a propane-powered stove, electrical rice cookers, new pots and cooking supplies.



Modest kitchen appliances were a big improvement over wood-burning cook stove.

September 2012 – SITM contributed \$2,500 for the purchase of bricks and labor to build a new security wall around the dormitory. Bricks could be purchased and hauled in from a nearby village, now that there was a seasonal road.



Representatives from the Mother's Groups meet with Monica House.

2013 – Mother's Groups, patterned after Soroptimist began to form. SITM donated a variety of seeds and watering apparatus to these groups to begin the Vital Seeds program. (To date there is still no running water source into the village.)

February 2014 – More than 800 girls had been provided with scholarships. Girls attending the Janata Sudarshan Secondary School outnumber boys at 260 to 217.

April 2015 – Nepal is rocked with a magnitude 8.1 earthquake. With urgent pleas to the community, SITM sent \$18,500 to the village for immediate assistance to provide tents, animal enclosures, food and rehabilitation for buildings. The village received no other assistance.

March 2016 -- SITM gained recognition with Soroptimists International when selected as one of three \$20,000 grant recipients for SI Yvonne Simpson's "Educate to Lead" project in Nepal. The money was designated to provided advance instruction and degrees for qualified girls.



Many buildings were damaged by the earthquake, but there were no lives lost in Thulipokhari.



Visiting SITM, from left, Mahesh Subedi, SI Assistant Director of Advocacy Sharon Fischer, Nepal Project Scholarship Chairman Guru Prasad Subedi, his wife Nundakali, and SI President Yvonne Simpson.

March 2016 – SITM hosted special guests SI President Yvonne Simpson, SI Assistant Director of Advocacy Sharon Fischer, Past SIA Presidents Cheri Fleming and Poco Davis, and SIA Federation President Samantha

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“Sam” Buchenau for a special presentation by Dr. Purna Subedi.

Also attending from Nepal were Project Scholarship Chairman Guru Prasad Subedi, his wife Nundakali and son Mahesh Subedi.

September 2016 – SITM wired grant and pledge money \$23,000 for girls’ scholarships; micro lending and disaster relief recovery funds, plus salaries for the housemother and cook.

February 2017 – A \$14,000 grant from Soroptimist International enabled the establishment of a computer lab at the school for the students and training for women in the Mother’s Clubs to use the computers. The lab consists of six desktop and six laptops, computer desks and tables, along with a computer instructor.

April 2017 – An accounting and review to date showed 1,338 girls (458 belonging to the Dalit caste, known as the untouchables) have been educated.

- Hundreds of families have benefitted from the animal assistance program and Vital Seeds program
- Other improvements to the village include propane cooking stoves, hoop houses for year-round crops, sanitation and computers.
- Electricity from a new hydroelectric dam on the nearby river, a cell tower, a nearby hospital and improved roadway access.



Computer lab in the school.

October 2017 – Monica House and her husband Dr. Steve Friedlander were warmly welcomed during a visit to Thulipokhari. Monica was able to meet with the girls, house mother and cook. She met with the Campus Chef and had the girls complete questionnaires about their education and experience. She also had a meeting with



Monica House, center, and Dr. Steve Friedlander, standing to the right, gather with the girls in their Soroptimist shirts in front of the dormitory.

a few of the dozen Mother’s Groups formed around the Vital Seeds program.

January 2018 – SI Assistant Director of Advocacy Sharon Fischer awarded SITM an additional \$20,000 from the “Educate to Lead in Nepal” project, since the SI President’s Appeal exceeded their fundraising goal by that much.



2019 – Funds were provided to allow the girls to go on a chaperoned field trip to visit an agricultural college, a hydroelectric dam, Chitwan to Koshi barge to visit the llam Tea Estate and to visit the Buda Borders industries. As with the earlier field trip, most of the girls had never been outside of their village or region.

Women over the past 100 years**Founder of European Soroptimist Federation – Dr. Suzanne Noël**

Submitted by Valerie Hahn, President-Elect

I came across an article on a past member from many years ago. As we celebrate our 100 years lets look back on those who have made a difference! We are highly motivated and active professional women's organization that fight daily for real change to the lives of women and girls. Reprinted from Soroptimist International.

On September 27, 2018, the French Union of Soroptimist International paid tribute to Dr. Suzanne Noël (1878-1954), by inaugurating a commemorative plaque on the facade of the building located at 36 Avenue Charles Floquet in the 7th arrondissement of Paris, where Suzanne Noël lived during the last 15 years of her life. Suzanne Noël was the pioneer of the Soroptimist Movement in France and in many European capitals and founder of the European Federation Soroptimist International of Europe (SIE).

Pioneer of reconstructive surgery

At a time when women mostly resided in kitchens and salons and just one or two women per year were accepted as medical interns in the Paris hospitals, Suzanne Noël was accepted as medical intern in 1913, and was the 4th best candidate of the 67 nominees. From the beginning of World War I, she became one of the first women surgeons in France, pioneer of reconstructive surgery, giving an identity, a human face, to soldiers whose faces were shredded by shrapnel, who nobody recognized, or could even look at.

Subsequently, she was also a pioneer in plastic and aesthetic surgery, always stressing the social importance of such treatment. She extended her surgical activities, until then confined to the face, to other parts of the body, and invented techniques still used today of removing fat which we call now liposuction. Her merits as a doctor were recognized in 1928, when she received **the Legion of Honor** "for her contribution to the scientific reputation of France on the international scene".

SI Club Paris founded in 1924

Suzanne Noël also achieved much in another field, daring to found, in 1924, a women's club: the 1st Soroptimist club in Paris. It was inaugurated with 56 founding members, the women taking no notice of the insults directed at them for claiming the right to vote. One can imagine the determination, the character, and the courage that was necessary for Suzanne Noël to brave the prejudices well established in the high society into which she was born.

There were many difficulties. The concept of a club for

women was unknown and unheard of for women in France at that time. Their own husbands were dead against it, seeing their wives going for weekly lunches in restaurants, while they stayed at home ... In 1924, women in France had no political rights and no personal freedom and those who pushed for women's rights were called "suffragettes".

**Soroptimist expands across Europe**

Dr. Suzanne Noël spoke at professional conferences all over the world about her surgical methods and during these travels spread the idea of Soroptimist clubs and founded clubs in several European cities: The Hague, Amsterdam, Milan, Vienna, Berlin, Antwerp, Geneva ...

In 1930, Suzanne Noël became the first President of the Soroptimist Federation of Europe. She overcame many obstacles such as the diversity of the legal status of women in different countries and language barriers... Tirelessly, Suzanne Noël inaugurated other clubs too: Tallin in Estonia, Oslo in Norway, Budapest in Hungary and in 1935 in the Far East for professional conferences, she laid the foundations for Chinese and Japanese Soroptimist clubs. Until the start of World War II, not a year went by without a Soroptimist club being created thanks to her.

She devoted endless energy to Soroptimism. She had the genius to arouse a sense of vocation in others and an infallible talent to recognize which woman would be capable of leading a new club. Whenever she explained the noble and high goals of the Soroptimist movement, any woman listening would want to join.

After the Second World War, she resumed her Soroptimist work. In 1948, the clubs of Prague and Stockholm were inaugurated as well as that of Istanbul, the first Soroptimist club in a Muslim country. The following year, the Athens club was founded.

Legacy lives on

Suzanne Noël passed away on November 11, 1954 at the age of 76, and was buried in the Montmartre cemetery after a life dedicated to reconstructive surgery and the

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Fighting Against Human Trafficking

Jen Robinson, Youth Intervention Director at Awaken told members tales of young girls and women victims of human trafficking and the services Awaken provides to assist them to leave or stay out of that life. Their mission is to provide direct services to women and girls to help them transition out of commercial sexual exploitation.



Working with youth, Jen outlined some of the services they provide such as a drop-in center both in-person and online, participating in structured and outdoor activities, group therapy and an education center staffed by a retired teacher.

Their offices are located on Spokane Street, near E. 4th Street, in the heart of Reno where trafficking and prostitution can frequently be found. They can provide long-term needs such as a transitional shelter, counseling, transportation, financial aid, legal and medical assistance. Check out their website for more information: www.awakenreno.org

Make a Wish Featured at April 1 Meeting

Northern Nevada Regional Director for Make a Wish Northeastern and Central California and Northern Nevada Justine Palacios spoke at our April 1 meeting.

Justine explained the founding of the first Make a Wish Chapter in Reno 1982. The nationwide foundation has granted wishes to cover 8,000 children since its founding.

Wishes come in four parts, she said: "I wish to meet; I wish to be; I wish to have; and I wish to go.

Each wish granted is tailored specifically for that child and his or her desires and needs. The three criteria are: a child between the ages of 2-1/2 to 18 years old; a child with a life-threatening medical condition; and never received a wish before.

Justine described some delightful wishes from a young boy fascinated with the Waste Management truck and driver that came by his house each week; to the girl who wanted to dance with performer Beyonce; to a trip for a family to Disneyland.



7 Leadership Principles in the Time of Coronavirus – Cash

By Doris Phelps

The seventh and final principle of the "7 Leadership Principles in the Time of Coronavirus" is cash. John A. Quelch, the author of "7 Leadership Principles in the Time of Coronavirus" says simply, "Take care to manage the short term and long term financial health of the organization."

SITM is now in the process of completing its 2021-22 budgets. The Finance Committee has taken great care, in partnership with the Governance work on the Bylaws and Policies & Procedures, to discuss the importance of certain budget considerations beyond line item allocations. There have been multiple and long-chain email discussions seeking to address the short term and long term health of SITM. Part of these discussions was to research our history (thank you, Faye) to discover past decisions that guide current policy related to fundraising and undesignated fund balances in the bank accounts, especially in the General Fund. Going forward, SITM will be closely monitoring how the club's monies will be generated and spent in the coming year and in the "new reality" after COVID 19 impacts on our mission.

I hope the previous six leadership principles have given you a little food for thought. Perhaps these thoughts will inspire you as well.

"A budget is more than just a series of numbers on a page; it is an embodiment of our values." Barack Obama

"Charity is just writing checks and not being engaged. Philanthropy, to me, is being engaged, not only with your resources but getting people and yourself really involved and doing things that haven't been done before." Eli Broad, philanthropist

"We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill

"It's easy to meet expenses – everywhere we go, there they are." — Anonymous

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development of the Soroptimist Movement. But even today, charters of new clubs, which continue to be founded all over Europe, are given in the name of Dr. Suzanne Noël. Also, a Soroptimist fellowship bearing her name has also been instituted and has been awarded periodically to help female doctors in Europe specialize in plastic surgery.

<https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/founder-of-european-soroptimist-federation-suzanne-noel-honoured/>



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MEMBER RESPONSES TO MEMBERSHIP SURVEY FOR WHOLE HEARTED ONLINE AUCTION

MARCH 2021

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank the members who took the time to answer this survey.

1. **Did you view the Whole Hearted Online Auction site?** No__0__ Yes__10__
If yes, did you view the site: online computer __8__ with GIVI App __6__

In a few words, your overall impression of the auction site: Easy to navigate; It was ok. I thought the descriptions of the Fund-A-Need options needed work – they needed to be tightened up; The descriptions of the items was very good; Very good and easy to use; Beautiful! Very professional; Very professionally presented. Good impression for SITM. Primarily easy to use; Excellent – just took me a while to set it all up; Easy to use for the most part. Pictures did not do justice to auction items.

2. **Did you register to bid?** No__2__ Yes__8__

Great directions; It was ok, but I'm fairly comfortable with tech stuff. I know others found it too complicated – and some of that could be how we communicated about the process; Difficult when first attempting to register. When I did register it went well; Simple; The advance tutorial really helped make it easy; Again, a little confusing at times, but all things take a while to learn; A few tries to get it right but managed to figure it out.

3. **Did you participate in bidding?** No__2__ Yes__8__

If yes, what did you like about the auction items and bidding process?

Ease in bidding and notifications that you were outbid; All was fine; Liked the variety of items. When I began to bid, no problems as I increased the amount; Easy and I liked being able to look just at the items I bid on; Good variety of items and range of prices; Items were great! Large selection for everyone to consider; I liked you could "heart" your favorites and knew when you were outbid.

If no, what did you dislike about the auction items and bidding process? I wish we could have seen the "thermometer" on the app. And we need to be able to bid from the website if that's what someone prefers; The checkout process was confusing and we lost money not being able to pay the transaction fee; I didn't like that it sent you back to the top of the items instead of returning you to where you left off if you placed a bid. You then had to scroll through all items to reach the place you were originally viewing.

4. **Did you provide a cash donation on the auction site?** No__9__ Yes __1__
If yes, briefly describe your experience registering and making a donation:

5. **Please provide ideas and recommendations for improving the auction site and experience including length of the auction which was 4 days.**

Maybe 3 days is enough; I think 4 days was too long – for what we had in numbers of items to bid on. Sense of urgency was lost. 3 days max. Maybe 48 hours; Four days was a good length; Maybe 3?; It seemed short (but I haven't had much experience with such things); Length was fine. The (unreadable) was fun but a little lost; I understand QGIV will be available by PC which is good; I am not the best person to give suggestions to improve the auction! The team did a great job!

6. **Would you participate in future SITM online auction fundraisers?** No__0__ Yes__10__

7. **How likely are you to share the news of future SITM online auctions with friends and family?**
Very likely: 6 Somewhat likely: 2 Unsure:0 Somewhat unlikely: 1 Very unlikely: 1