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# SITM Update

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- April 28 – Women’s Scholarships

### SITM Meets...

#### Thursdays at Noon

at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa  
Second Floor Convention Center  
\$25 for lunch.  
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## The Pot of Gold That is Our Members

Happy March everyone!

According to the legend, the fairies pay the Leprechauns for their work with golden coins, which the “little people” collect in large pots—the famous “pots of gold” often associated with Leprechauns. The legend says that if you catch a Leprechaun, you can force him to tell you where he hid his pot of gold,

Many people associate St. Patrick’s Day with a Leprechaun and a pot of gold. Everyone has a pot of gold in their lives. It could be their family or careers. I like to think of SITM as a pot of gold. There is nothing but good things and faithful members inside of it. We had our District 5 meeting the other week. The numbers of the women and girls our club has touched is in this newsletter. Our pot of gold is the members we have and the impact they make for women and children.

Our pot of gold has lost three members this year who passed away. I am sorry to say we lost Enid Oliver last week. While we have a pot of gold, we need to remember those still inside. Let’s keep our gold bright and filled with new and good things, showing grace to one another and friendship. This is what keeps the pot

charged and overflowing. New ideas for an ever-changing world to keep us maintained and growing.



The Thanks to Youth

Committee has worked very hard on putting together a program for us. Please consider helping to bring back this incredible program we have missed the last two years in person. I still run into people who have come once to the luncheon that rave how wonderful it is.

A big thank you to our Nominating Committee! Diana DeMatei, Kay Dunham and Jeanne Naccarato worked hard on reaching out to the membership. Congrats to all those who stepped up to serve! I am excited for President Elect Laury’s year as President!

Let’s keep our eye on the pot of gold we have and use it to make an impact!

President Valerie Hahn



Don’t miss the March 31 meeting to hear an update on SITM’s project to educate girls in Nepal. Learn about the exciting plans to build a new girls’ dormitory. This is a great meeting to invite family and friends. Don’t forget to RSVP for lunch by Monday noon on March 28. See the flyer attached to this newsletter.

## Thanks to Youth Kick Off March 24

By TTY Committee Co-Coordinator  
Cindy Burk

The Thanks to Youth and Education/ Youth Committees are excited to have the Thanks to Youth Luncheon back this year. The Atlantis has generously agreed to sponsor the luncheon for 200 seats and we are hoping to fill each one of them. The so deserving Scholarship and Unsung Hero students have been selected and are ready to have their pictures taken for the upcoming luncheon scheduled for May 26.

What's next is our kickoff lunch on March 24. Come join the fun of this meeting with our featured speaker, Dr. Mariluz Garcia, Executive Director of the Dean's Future Scholars Program College of Education & Human Development, University of Nevada, Reno. We also will also be providing each member with four tickets to sell at \$35.00 each. Sponsorship tables

## Thanks to Youth

*Honoring Young Heroes in Our Community*

accommodate 8 guests and will be available at the following levels:

Diamond Sponsor - \$1500  
Emerald Sponsor - \$1000  
Ruby Sponsor - \$500  
Club Member Sponsor Table - \$350

As an added bonus, if a member purchases four tickets at the meeting on March 24, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Visa Gift Card. Anyone who purchases a Sponsorship level that day will be entered into a \$100 Visa Gift Card drawing.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the kickoff meeting for some drawing excitement and making Dr. Mariluz Garcia welcome.



## Nominations for 2022-2023 Club Year Officers

Congratulations and thanks to those SITM members willing to stand for election to the SITM Board for the 2022-2023 Club Year. SITM appreciates your commitment to the club. Thank you to the Nominating Committee for their work in securing these nominations: Diana DeMatei, Coordinator, Kay Dunham and Jeanne Naccarato.

President-Elect – Sarah Carrasco  
Vice President/Programs – Deb Thomas  
Vice President/Membership – Carol Dinneen  
Secretary – Kay Dunham  
Treasurer/General Fund – Linda Walker  
Delegate – Bev Perkins  
**\* Completing a term of office**  
\*President – Laury Macaulay  
\*Treasurer/Service Fund – Cindy Burk  
\*Director – Valerie Hahn

Elections will take place at the April 14 Business Meeting. Members knowing they will not be attending can request an absentee ballot from Nominating Coordinator Diana DeMatei, along with a return envelope, and security envelope to enclose your marked confidential ballot for return to Diana. Ballots need to be returned postmarked by April 1.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the April 14 Business Meeting. However, if you would like to nominate someone "from the floor", you must secure permission from the nominee and provide a short biography from the nominee to members.

## Child Assault Prevention on Tap for March 17

By Diana DeMatei, Co-Coordinator Community Outreach Committee



Rebecca LeBeau

Rebecca LeBeau, Executive Director of the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) will be our speaker at the March 17 meeting. CAP strives to empower children to be "Safe, Strong and Free" through education and prevention programs designed to increase children's safety from bullying, abuse and assault.

In 1984, the Child Assault Prevention Project of Washoe County was established as a private, non-profit organization to address the growing concern of child abuse in Washoe County.

While that is frightening in itself, it is even more frightening to know that 80% of all child abuse goes unreported. The mission of CAP is in response to the national and local statistics of child abuse. CAP's mission has expanded over the years but has always included the empowerment of children and families, through increased knowledge and awareness, to act in ways that work to break the cycle of abuse.



## In Memorium Enid Oliver

June 19, 1942 - March 7, 2022

Enid Oliver rose from an impoverished, humble background working in entry-level jobs at a time when few women occupied professional-level careers. Through hard work and determination, she achieved a successful career and business in a field dominated by men.



She was born in Norman, Oklahoma, but was named after Enid, Oklahoma, her father's birthplace. She grew up in southern California with six siblings, where her driven work ethic was born. The family struggled and when Enid graduated from high school, she looked for work she could walk to while she took a few college courses.

When she was 19, she met Jim Oliver, (her husband of 60 years) on a blind date. Jim was in the Air Force and transferred for a temporary assignment to Hawaii. Enid worked at a hamburger stand to save money to visit him. In Hawaii she worked as a waitress in the evening and enjoyed the sun and surf during the day.

In 1962 they married in Artesia, California and lived in San Bernardino while Jim worked as a carpenter's assistant. Enid worked in a beauty shop.

Once they moved to Reno, as Enid was waiting to take the Nevada Cosmetology boards, she took a job as a keno runner at Harold's Club and made twice the money as she did as a hairdresser. This full-time job with good tips meant stability and good earnings for women at that time. After three and-one-half years of working at Harold's Club, she and Jim bought a house in Reno. Their son Eddy was born and Enid stayed home to raise him.

Jim was a contractor now but there was a building moratorium in Reno, so Enid and Jim sold their house and bought a motor home so they could travel the U.S. for six months. They decided to settle in Medford, Oregon, where Enid worked at the Montessori school that Eddy attended and in a wallpaper shop. She also became active in the League of Women Voters.

They returned to Reno in 1982. Jim was working with insurance companies rebuilding damaged homes and Enid wanted an office job. She found one at G. E. Credit for a year and then worked doing loan processing at American Federal and as an escrow officer at Ticor Title. It was the beginning of a new career path.

This series of jobs positioned Enid for an opportunity as a financial advisor at Ameriprise in 1987. She leveraged the skills she acquired from her various jobs and life experiences and started work at a large company where there were opportunities. She persevered to learn the technical skills needed at Ameriprise to pass the required series of exams so she could assist clients with more services. She also developed the essential marketing and people skills.

In 2016 she founded her own firm, Oliver Wickes and Associates, Financial Planners. She was proud to continue serving her early clients throughout the years and thoroughly enjoyed her client relationships.

Enid joined SITM in 1996. She was a stalwart garage sale aficionado, establishing a special "boutique" of designer items that would command a higher price that made more money for SITM. She enjoyed working on the Education/ Women Committee and made many donations to the club's fundraising efforts.

Enid's life is a story of success! Enid, the lady was kind, generous, thoughtful, admired by her colleagues in the financial planning arena, respected by her clients. She was a woman of grace and style.

*Special thanks to Paula Ringkob. Much of this information was gleaned from a member profile of Enid, written by Paula in 2016.*

### Sock and Underwear Drive for Project 150

Throughout the month of April, the Community Outreach Committee is conducting a sock and underwear drive for Project 150. Project 150 makes a positive impact on high school students that are in unfortunate situations. Giving them clothes to go to school is an important aspect of keeping them in school. Project 150 runs a boutique where students can obtain free clothing, food, hygiene products and more. Here are the items they are looking for:

Men's socks that are long in any size.

Ladies' socks in any size that are colorful.

Men's medium boxer briefs

Ladies prefer the boy shorts underwear style or bikini briefs size 6,7,8.

Items can be brought to any Thursday meeting for pick up, or if you are in the neighborhood, dropped off at Doris Phelps' home.

## “Renew in 22” at District 5 Winter Meeting

Excerpted from Delegate Annette Friedlander’s Report

District 5 Director Susan Horst stressed a “Renew in 22” theme for her winter meeting on February 19 introducing her theme by stating that spring is a time of renewal when we look forward to a new beginning. Six of the 10 District 5 clubs were represented, with an attendance of 31 members. Fourteen SITM members were in attendance.



Director  
Susan Horst

SITM President Valerie Hahn introduced the six first-time attendees and read a poem called “It Was My First Time,” which gave us a clue how new attendees may view their first time at a District Meeting.

The keynote speaker that Director Susan had scheduled experienced a family emergency, so SNR Governor Sarah Carrasco was asked to speak on leadership. She emphasized that we all have a responsibility to step up to a position of leadership. She talked about how she has learned so much as Governor. She stated that we need to be curious and courageous to serve in a leadership role. She explained that with elections



Governor  
Sarah Carrasco

coming up for all the groups, anyone can nominate themselves or be nominated by another member. Governor Sarah stated that a leader is only as good as the support she gets from the group. She also spoke about praising in public but only criticizing in private. She stressed that all our energy should be in serving women and girls.

The six clubs each gave a report on their club activities and fundraising efforts during Covid. President Valerie shared our fundraising from July to February mentioning awards, gift baskets, Hope Springs, and Nepal to mention just a few. We served 272 people for a total donation of \$32,596.

SI/Washoe County President Chris Wells, said that due to COVID their main fundraising effort was See’s Candy sales. Everything was done electronically, and they raised \$6,000.

SI/Truckee-Donner President-Elect Denise Trani-Morris reported the club gave 1,000 Christmas toys and raised funds for high school soccer and volleyball. Their annual Soro-pt-a-Shop was attended by 375 guests where they also used online bidding for the first time.

SI/South Lake Tahoe President-Elect Janey. They did

smaller fund raisers this year because of Covid. They had a Cook at Home Valentines Dinner and an Evening at Home. They also had a Holiday Auction and silent auction online. They are renovating the softball field at South Lake Tahoe.

SI/Tahoe Sierra President Elect-Paula Peterson described their live Your Dream Awards and Dream It, Be It program for high school girls. They also had a virtual Elegant Evening with a video and skits, raising \$5,000 and celebrated 100 years of Sorooptimists and their 100-year-old member.

SI/Fallon President Stephanie Alexander said they helped 415 women and girls since July. Their big fundraiser is a Home and Garden Show in person.

Following reports, Director Susan called for an “Open Mic” and several members spoke about what they liked about their club. Mentioned were how resilient the members are and how friendship is so important. Members also mentioned how members support each other, especially in times of need. Teamwork was also mentioned.

Director Susan gave closing remarks with quotes that emphasized RENEWAL. One part of a quote that touched me stated, “Each day is a miraculous gift.”

The meeting ended with announcement that registration for SNR Conference, April 1 – 3, 2022, is now open for meals and rooms.

### Last Chance to Register for SNR Conference

You’re late, but not too late to sign up for the SNR Conference, April 1-3, 2022 at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa. There is no registration fee, just pay for the meal functions you plan to attend. There will be Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, and brunch on Sunday. A full meal package is \$203, or you can register for individual meals.

Conference opens on Friday afternoon with workshops, followed by Friday dinner. The weekend is full of awards, speakers, workshops, business, elections, honoring Live Your Dream recipients and shopping at the Soroptimist Marketplace.

You can obtain a copy of the “Call to Conference” from President Valerie, or go to the SNR Website to download a copy at [www.sorooptimistsnr.org](http://www.sorooptimistsnr.org).

Hope to see you there.

## 272 Women and Girls Served from July 1, 2021 to February 19, 2022

District 5 Director Susan Horst asked clubs to report on how many women and girls each club has served since the beginning of the Club Year, July 1, 2021. SITM President Valerie Hahn gave the following report.

4 Live Your Dream Awards  
 12 CIT Girls received Christmas Gifts  
 21 CIT Families received Christmas Baskets  
 20 Women received Beads of Strength  
 16 Women received diapers through WACCS  
 23 Girls at WACCS received new shoes/boots  
 25 Girls at WACCS received new socks  
 7 Women received 52 meals and Christmas gifts at Hope Springs

15 Girls were supported in the NYEP Community Living Project  
 16 Women at WACCS benefitted with education and life-skills training  
 28 Girls received Dorm Housing and School Scholarships in Thulipokhari, Nepal.  
 85 girls received school scholarships or partial scholarships (books and supplies)

The 272 women and girls served represent a total expenditure of \$32,596.

**272 Women & Girls    \$32,596    Donations**

## Serving People in Crisis for More than 50 Years

Crisis Support Services of Nevada (CSSNV), formerly Crisis Call Center, provides 24/7, 365 days per year, free, confidential and caring support to people in crisis. Rachelle Pelissier, Executive Director of CSSNV spoke to SITM at the February 17 meeting.

Rachelle explained that the original Crisis Call Center was begun in 1966 in response to the high rate of suicide in Nevada. The need was so great that it quickly expanded to include support for persons in any type of crisis. Today, CSSNV is one of nine national call centers within a network of 170 region centers. In 2021 they fielded more than 35,000 calls and over 5,000 text messages for information, assistance or to callers just discussing their crisis.

Staff and volunteers are trained to listen, empathize, help de-escalate situations, create safety plans, if necessary, refer to other services, even dispatch emergency services, if necessary. Case managers are on duty night and day. A mental health care team is also available on call daily.

CSSNV has an extensive website with detailed information on these seven crises: Depression & Suicide; Sexual Assault; Vulnerable Adult Base; Child Abuse; Domestic Violence; Stalking; Substance Abuse Disorder; in Northern Nevada and Eastern California Communities. They describe warning signs from depression to abuse, with lists of available services and how to file reports, find assistance, support and shelter. Visit <https://ccsnv.org>.



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*A \$500 Happy Dollar check was presented by President Valerie Hahn to CSSNV Executive Director Rachelle Pelissier*

### NYEP Thanks for Happy Dollars

The following is a letter of thanks from the Nevada Youth Empowerment Project (NYEP) for the January Happy Dollars.

Dear Ms. Robinson,

Thank you so much for the Seroptimist Happy Dollars, in the amount of \$500. We are so grateful for this support. It is a donation like yours that allows us to do our important work with the homeless young women, as well as bring a quality of life into their home. It will be put to responsible use.

Monica DuPea  
Executive Director

## March Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

The biggest news of the March Business Meeting was the approval by the membership for the IGU/Nepal Committee's motion to partner with the village of Thulipokhari, Nepal to build a new girls' dormitory. Current design plans to the club are an estimated cost of \$100,000 USD. The Nepalese people in the village and surrounding area will contribute all of the labor and the village of Thulipokhari will donate the land, bringing the total approximate cost to IGU/SITM at the current conversion rate of \$83,177 USD.

The IGU/Nepal Committee will be making a special presentation at Thursday's Meeting March 31. See *the attached flyer*. You'll hear about the history of the project and what's coming up for construction of the new dormitory, complete with electricity and in-door plumbing. RSVP to the Attendance committee by noon on Monday, March 28 to [info@sitmnv.org](mailto:info@sitmnv.org). Lunch choice will be cobb or vegan salad.

The SNR Officers, Directors and Parliamentarian have been invited to join us as our guests. They will be attending their SNR Board Meeting later that afternoon, in advance of the SNR Conference, April 1-3.

### Nominations for 2022 – 2023 Officers

Nomination of officers for the 2022-2023 Club Year were announced at the March Board and Business Meetings. Elections will be held at the April Business Meeting. Or, "absentee ballots" are available from the committee. See page 2 for the Slate of Candidates and more information.

### February Happy Dollars Supported Eddy Houae

Happy Dollars for the Eddy House netted \$428 during the month of February. Eddy House works with homeless and at-risk youth to develop the life and job skills necessary for sustainable independence. March Happy Dollars are designated for the Child Assault Prevention Program, strives to empower children to be "Safe, Strong and Free" through education and prevention programs designed to increase children's safety from bullying, abuse and assault.

Back in November, Happy Dollars in the amount of \$344 were collected for Nevada 211, a program of the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services committed to helping Nevadans connect with the services they need. Since it was not a local nonprofit, the funds were redesignated to the Crisis Support Services of Nevada (formerly Crisis Call Center). Under the policy adopted by the club, any shortfall in Happy Dollars not reaching \$500 minimum is

supplemented by the reserve service funds so each organization receives a minimum of \$500

### Leaves of Absence

The Board approved an extension of a leave of absence for Doris Phelps from March to May 2022, for personal commitments.

### Celebrating March Birthdays

Three members with March Birthdays were in attendance to the Business Meeting. Each were asked to briefly describe a previous fashion trend they loved (or hated); their favorite holiday and why; and something members didn't know about them.



Margie Hermanson (March 30), Kay Dunham (March 3), and Jeanne Naccarato (March 28) were in attendance.

The following members are also celebrating March birthdays.



Laurie Chappelle  
March 1



Jo Ann Lessly  
March 4



Linda Lamke  
March 6



Connie Steinheimer  
March 12



Doris Phelps  
March 15



Patty Downs  
March 23



Beth Sharp  
March 30

## Ending Youth Homelessness in Northern Nevada

Bringing us an update on what is happening at Eddy house, was Trevor Macaluso, the Chief Executive Officer, who joined the nonprofit in August 2021. Eddy House works with homeless and at-risk youth to develop life and job skills for sustainable independence, a particularly vulnerable population as the foster youth who “age out” of the system at age 18.



Trevor Macaluso

Trevor joined Eddy House after serving as the Missions Director of The Crossings, a Christian Church and as the Major Gifts Officer for Opportunity Village

in Las Vegas. He holds a Master’s Degree in Christian Ministries from Liberty University.

Eddy House operates a 24-hour facility including an overnight shelter for 23 young adults and a Community Living Program for 29 individuals. A six-month program can lead up to two years of transitional housing through the program. Along with community partners, they provide vital life skills classes, workforce development, healthcare assistance, counseling and more.

When asked how the community could help Eddy House, Trevor provided a list including donations of furniture and home décor, clothing, food donated and prepared for the residents, mentorship (teaching courses) and of course, monetary donations.

## Conclusion of 100 Years of Soroptimist and 100 Meals

One year in the making, this month comes the conclusion of SITM’s project to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Soroptimist, while providing 100+ meals to Hope Springs, bridge housing for homeless neighbors. Approved by members in March 2021, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, members, friends and community supporters provided a daily meal, Monday through Friday, for the neighbors at Hope Springs.

Yolanda told her heart-wrenching story of a lifetime surviving abuse, beginning in childhood, marriages, children, abusive relationships, health issues, addiction and finally homelessness. She is an inspiration of how an individual could overcome such trials.

In addition to providing the 100 meals, the committee continued to provide meals once per week, after the 100 days was reached. They also provided complete Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, with decorations. Neighbors were also treated to Christmas gifts of personal hygiene items, gloves, hats and blankets. Due to generous members and other donors, the committee was able to surprise Hope Springs with a “mega shop” at Costco of over \$1,200 last month to stock the freezers and pantry at Hope Springs. The remaining money bought special Valentine’s Day treats for each neighbor.



Speakers Sarah June, Yolanda and Chris Fegert.

Speaking at the March 3 meeting about Hope Springs were member Chris Fegert, Philanthropy Partnerships Manger for Northern Nevada Hopes; Sarah June, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Hope Springs Program Coordinator; and neighbor Yolanda, the first graduate of the Hope Springs program. Sarah June outlined the structure each neighbor in the program participates in from therapy and life skills to job opportunities and eventual housing.



Hope Springs was treated to Valentine’s goodies by, from left: Holly Nash, Margie Hermanson, Chris Fegert and Jeanne Naccarato.



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## SI STATEMENT AGAINST THE WAR IN UKRAINE

March 4, 2022

**Soroptimist International, Associated Country Women of the World, International Federation of Business and Professional Women, Graduate Women International, International Alliance of Women, Federation of American Women’s Clubs Overseas (FAWCO), Zonta International and NGO Committee on Aging-Vienna** stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, who have found themselves in an unwanted conflict. During the 20th Century, Europe and the world strove to recover from devastating wars. Now, war has returned to the continent to the detriment of humanity. The human impacts of this war will reach far into the future. This conflict is in clear violation of international law, which forbids acts of aggression, the UN Charter and human rights for all. International humanitarian and human rights law must be upheld; the targeting of civilians constitutes a crime against humanity and a war crime. Together, we call for an immediate halt to hostilities, for all troops to be withdrawn, and for good-faith, peaceful, diplomatic negotiations to begin in a neutral territory. The actions of states must place the good of citizens and humanity at their heart, accordingly, all civilians must be protected.



To read the entire statement, visit: <http://soroptimistinternational.org>

# Removing Barriers to Education for Girls in Thulipokhari, Nepal

It began 21 years ago ...

Providing dormitory housing and tuition scholarships for girls



To date over 2,000 girls have successfully graduated

**Come hear the history and learn what's next for our girls in Nepal.**

Construction of a new dormitory with electricity and indoor plumbing

Join Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows for lunch  
Thursday, March 31, Noon at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa  
\$25 for a choice of Cobb Salad or Vegan Salad

RSVP no later than Monday noon, March 28  
to: [info@sitmnv.org](mailto:info@sitmnv.org) with your lunch choice.



Our special guest  
joining us via zoom  
Sharon Fisher,  
Immediate Past  
SI President, 2020-2021



2021-22 dorm and scholarship recipients