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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.

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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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An Exciting Time of Year for SITM Events

Is it April Already? With just having a productive and impactful March we are at it again in April! I hope you



enjoyed the Mad Libs fundraiser on April 21 and don't forget the Dreams Moving forward Women's Scholarships, April 28.

Many "thank yous" to the hard work and hours to these two committees – Education/Women and Fundraising.

Congratulations to the incoming SITM Board for 2022-2023. President-Elect Laury has a strong board and I look forward to her leadership. I would also like to congratulate Holly Nash as our incoming District 5 Director. It is very inspiring to see all these incredible ladies step up to serve. Thank you to all those who do.

With the approaching new Club Year, I would like to encourage all members to sign up for next year's committees at the May 5 luncheon. President Laury is anxiously awaiting to see who her coordinators will be for the committees! Please be thinking about which committees you would like to join. Keep in mind that we do most of our committee meetings via zoom. We

are very fortunate to have members who have moved away still very active via zoom in meetings, committee meetings and even visit a few times a year. Some committees still meet in person- There is a place for you! We need you!

We had the Sierra Nevada Region Conference on April 1 - 3. It was truly great to see so many SITM members there and meeting so many fellow Soroptimists. Bev Perkins was our Delegate and I will leave the honors to her to share her report with everyone. For the Five Star Awards for Public Awareness, I am thrilled to say we were awarded first place for the newsletter and third place for social media. Thank you everyone who have helped Faye with your articles. Thank you, Faye Andersen, for your consistent talent of gathering what we do and putting it in print for all to see and understand. You are appreciated. Jeanne Naccarato keeps us going in social media and posts all of our current and upcoming activities. This is still a new area for us and we continue to make strides to get our name out there on the web and social media. This is the way of the future and I thank you Jeanne for taking us closer!

I'm thankful for each one of you for your contributions to our club and happy hearts.

President Valerie

Save the Date – June 10

Mark your calendars and save the date to attend a Celebration of Life for Enid Oliver on June 10, 2022, her birthday. Enid passed away

March 7, 2022. A Soroptimist since 1996, Enid held several SITM offices over her tenure and was a Laurel Society member. Watch for further details.

Congratulations 2022-2023 Club Year Officers

Congratulations to those members elected to the SITM Board for 2022-2023 to join President Laury Macauley. Thanks to all who agreed to stand for election. Thank you to the Nominating/Election Committee for their work in handing nominations and elections: Diana DeMatei, Coordinator, Kay Dunham, Jeanne Naccarato and Marilyn Pearson.

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 took place at the April 14 Business Meeting. Installation of the new officers will take place at the June 30 meeting.



Laury Macauley



Sarah Carrasco



Debera Thomas



Carol Dinneen



Kay Dunham



Linda Walker



Cindy Burk



Bev Perkins



Valerie Hahn

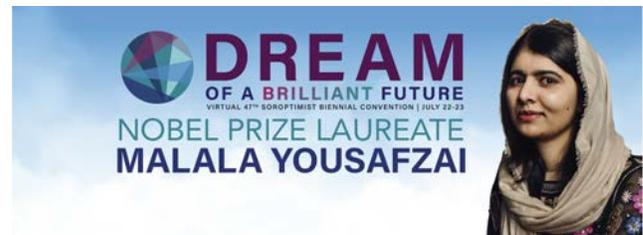
Meet the Women's Scholarship Recipients on April 28

By Pam Robinson, Education/Women Co-Coordinator

Five undergraduate and four graduate students will be honored at our *Dreams Moving Forward* scholarship luncheon on Thursday, April 28. Several of the students are majoring in medical fields, but others are concentrating on political science, criminal justice, emergency management, and psychology/sociology. They are truly inspirational!

Our guest speaker will be Arthi Sachdev, one of our former scholarship recipients who now has two degrees! As a survivor of addiction and sex trafficking, Arthi has spent the last 10 years creating a new life. She has shared that SITM was a huge part of giving her the confidence to fight. Arthi received a BBA in Marketing from UNR in 2016 and a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Western Governors University in 2021. She has several years' experience in accounting and is currently employed by the CFO Group in Reno as a staff accountant.

This is a wonderful luncheon to invite guests, and many of our recipients are likely to attend in person with others on Zoom. The Education/Women Committee has been hard at work this year, as we received over 30 scholarship applications!



Early Bird Registration Ends April 30

SIA is thrilled to announce Nobel Laureate Malala Yousafzai as our keynote speaker for our 2022 Convention on Friday, July 22, and Saturday, July 23. Malala will speak that Friday.

Registration Rates

- Early Registration Rate (ends April 30, 2022): \$149USD for SIA Members in Good Standing
- Regular Registration Rate (May 1 - July 23, 2022): \$199USD for SIA Members in Good Standing

Member Info Required

- Member ID # (Listed on your SITM Roster Page)
- Club ID # (116305)
- Club Name (Truckee Meadows, NV)

Register on the SIA website, events.

Sell Your Tickets for May 26 Thanks to Youth

Excitement is building for our first in-person Thanks to Youth gathering in two years. The 2020 event was limited to a “drive by” as we recognized Thanks to Youth students and youth scholars. Last year the program had to be canceled completely. So, as the Thanks to Youth and Education/Youth Committees might say, “We’re Back”. TTY Is planned for lunch on May 26.

33rd Annual Thanks to Youth Luncheon

Honoring Young Heroes in Our Community

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa

\$35

May 26, 2022 • Noon - 2pm

Seating begins at 11:30am



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Reno, NV



TTY Co-Coordinators Cindy Burk and Pam Sutton introduced this year Thanks to Youth Kick off.

The TTY Committee hosted a “kick off” meeting on March 24, to distribute tickets to members to sell for the event and sell tables of eight to members wishing to fill a table themselves. Each member is requested to sell four tickets, if they can, for the event.

Again this year, the Atlantis is generously donating 200 lunches and the room and servers to allow SITM to collect 100% of the proceeds from the ticket sales.



Manuel Ortiz, M.A.

This year’s proceeds support next year’s awards and scholarships.

The speakers at the March 24 meeting were Mariluz Garcia, Ph.D, Executive Director, and Manuel Ortiz, M.A., Assistant Director, for the Dean’s Future Scholars Program, College of Education & Human Development, University of Nevada, Reno.



Mariluz Garcia, PhD.

The Dean’s Future Scholars (DFS) is an academic outreach program with the goal of increasing the number of low-income, first-generation students graduating from high school, gaining

access to higher education, and entering a career in the field of education.

Both speakers spoke about their programs to help students as young as sixth or seventh grade reach High School graduation and continue on with higher education. The program offers summer enrichment classes and tours, field trips, internships and summer employment. They also provide a drop-in center at the College of Education, for students who need mentoring, food, or just a nap.

Their students’ high school graduation rate exceeds that of the Washoe County School District.

Amanda Levens to Speak at Thanks to Youth

This year’s Thanks to Youth featured speaker will be the head coach of the Nevada women’s basketball team, Amanda Levens.

In her fifth year, Coach Levens’ team racked up a 10-straight win streak, ending with a 20-13 winning season. The 20 wins were the most for the Wolf Pack women since the 2010-11 team finished 22-11. They garnered a third-place finish in the Mountain West this year.



Levens had a great debut season in 2017-18 as the Wolf Pack’s head coach. The Pack finished nonconference action, which included a visit from the nation’s No. 1 team in UConn, at 7-4, making Levens the only head coach in program history to post a winning nonconference record in their first season. In 2019-20 the Wolf Pack recorded its second winning non-conference record in the last three seasons, finishing non-league action with a 7-4 record, which included a 3-0 start to the season.

Taking Steps to Keep High School Students in School

The quest to keep students in high school sometimes comes down to a lack of clothes to wear and food to eat. That's where Project 150 comes in to provide the basic needs to homeless, displaced and disadvantaged high school students allowing them to focus on education and graduate from high school. Annually they supply over 3,500 students.

Liz McFarland has spent the past eight years with the nonprofit and she, and Niki Ewing, made a compelling presentation at our April 7 meeting about filling the needs of this underserved group. In 2019 Project 150 partnered with The Bridge Church to open the Project 150 Boutique. Determined not to copy the dreary ambience of a thrift store, the boutique has colorful walls and decorations to entice their young clients.

The Boutique features new and new-like clothing, shoes and accessories for high school students. Food, hygiene products and school supplies are also available. Students with a high school I.D. can shop FREE once every four months. But students can drop by during the week for food, snacks and conversation.



Niki Ewing, right, and Liz McFarland pose with some of the socks and underwear donated by generous SITM members.

SITM's Community Outreach Committee launched a sock and underwear drive for Project 150 during the month of April. As of April 7, the club had collected 60 pairs of men's and women's underwear and 134 pairs of socks. The drive continues through April. Bev Perkins is collecting donations at each Thursday meeting. Drops-offs are also being collected at Doris Phelps' home.

Donation guidelines are:

Men's socks that are long in any size.
 Women's socks any size, as long as they are colorful.
 Men's medium boxer briefs.
 Women prefer the boy shorts underwear style or bikini briefs size 6, 7, 8
 Brand new socks and underwear only please.

Members interested in volunteering for Project 150 should contact Liz at (775) 203-4755. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities that involve both sitting or standing. Volunteers are at the Boutique Tuesdays (cleaning days) and Wednesdays (working with students) from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. The first Saturday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is also time to interact with students. The Boutique is located at 1340 Foster Drive, behind The Bridge Church.

Some Helpful Links:

Amazon Wishlist

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2LD2SJAYTXJK1?ref=wl_share

Project 150 Tour

https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=ifdcjqwRsAX&fbclid=IwAR1R7T1ZkRwW7NkevJ_TfgpR7-2LtyXOzg-3By8kGgbKxlm4OoOh1yY5KQ



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 Sierra Nevada Region
Governor Lisa Fitzgerald
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Twenty-One Years of Educating Girls in Nepal and More

By Faye I. Andersen

In the year 2000 SITM members imagined an unthinkable project to educate girls, who rarely had the opportunity for an education, in a remote village in Nepal. It would require the construction of a dormitory for girls, money for scholarships and hiring of a house mother and cook.



Presenting an Update on SITM's IGU Nepal project at the March 31 meeting were, from left: Jeanne Baxter, Monica House and Connie Steinheimer.

Unthinkable because the club had budgeted no money for such a project and would need to immediately begin fundraising. Unthinkable in Nepal, because who would do such a thing for girls.

As a second-year scholarship student wrote to SITM, "I heard the advertisement about school scholarships and lodging for girls, and even though I had passed my early school exams and was eligible, I did not apply at first. I didn't believe anyone would do this for girls."



The original dormitory under construction.

Thanks to the liaison efforts of Dr. Purna Subedi, who grew up in the village, and his family, SITM has fostered a successful partnership with the Thulipokhari Village Council, the Campus Chief at the Janata Sudarshan Multiple Campus and other village and school leaders to implement multiple projects to improve the lives of girls and the villagers.



The women of the village carried baskets full of bricks to construction workers.

As a teenager, Purna was brought to the United States by member Jeanne Baxter, who supported his educational pursuits. When asked to speak to SITM specifically about the girls in his village, he outlined obstacles to the education for girls, such as the dangers and long walking distances to schools, plus the prohibitive tuition costs.

Struck by the inequities, a group of SITM members went to work fundraising, organizing pledge drives and launching what would eventually become a total of 40 semi-annual garage sales. The annual pledge drive supported scholarships for the girls providing lodging and meals in the dormitory and tuition. Additional pledges were made to purchase water buffaloes, goats, chickens and beehives. Thinking of the future, in 2006 SITM opened an account with the Community Foundation of Western Nevada to begin an endowment. Garage sale proceeds were used to fund the endowment, earning a return on the investment.



Girls outnumber boys in school now.

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Monica visits with leaders of the Mother's Groups.

Fast forward to 2022. Since the dormitory was built and first occupied in 2001, more than 2,000 girls have graduated secondary school through full or partial scholarships. The villagers of Thulipokhari have benefitted from SITM's low-cost Animal Assistance Program. A dozen Mothers Groups have formed (patterned loosely after SITM, which they refer to as the "American Mother's Club") with entrepreneurial pursuits of cultivating and selling vegetables and goats, improving the health of their families and earning them an income.

SITM now enters a new and exciting project to build a new dormitory for the girls, next to the original location. Engineering designs were commissioned for a two-story dormitory with a roof-top garden, plus a separate kitchen and meeting space. According to the design plans, the approximate cost to build would be \$100,000.

Unlike 21 years ago, the new dormitory will have significant improvements, including electricity, running water and indoor toilets and showers and glass windows.

Like 21 years ago, the village is donating the land, the villagers are donating the labor, SITM is donating the

cost of construction materials. This brings SITM's costs to approximately \$83,000. The IGU Committee is currently reviewing finances to determine how much is currently available from the endowment and how much needs to be raised. Fundraising is already underway. A donation in any amount is appreciated.



Artist's rendering of the new dormitory for girls.

Sponsor a Room

- \$2,500 finishes a common area for the girls to eat and study
- \$2,000 completes a girls' bedroom with furnishings, window and shelves
- \$1,500 furnishes a bathroom with running water, toilets and showers.
- \$1,500 provides the kitchen with new appliances, pots and pans
- \$500 completes a garden roof top – a safe space for girls to gather

All sponsorships in the amount of \$500 or more will receive a plaque designated in their name to hang in the new dormitory



The Animal Assistance Program makes low cost loans for water buffaloes.



Members of the SNR Board and SIA Board Member Ginger Cole attended SITM's March 31 update on it's Nepal project.

Timeline of SITM's Project to Educate Girls in Nepal

By IGU Coordinator Monica House

February 2000 -- SITM partners with villagers in Thulipokhari, Nepal to build a dormitory for girls walking 2-4 hours to school. SITM donated \$14,000 for materials and villagers donated land and labor.



Purna's father Balabhadra and mother Tica lay the cornerstone for the dormitory.

Purna's father Balabhadra came out of retirement to act as construction chief. Purna's brother Gyanendra acted as SITM's liaison for the dormitory, girls' scholarship program and the animal assistance program from 2000-2007

November 2007 -- Purna's brother Gyanendra and his



Up to four girls occupy a dorm room.

August 2001 - 20 girls became the first to occupy the dormitory.



The first residents of the dormitory.

2003 – Animal Assistance program launched to provide low-cost loans to the villagers to purchase bee hives, chickens, goats and water buffaloes. The program improved the lives of the villagers by providing protein and self-reliance. Interest earned supports the dormitory and scholarship programs

2005 – Solar panels were added to the dormitory replacing oil lamps for light.

March 2007 – Nearly 300 girls have been provided with scholarships. SITM is now meeting the educational needs of many girls in this remote village as well as improving the standard of living for the villagers

family (wife Jamona, daughter Sabina, and son Nubin) received permission to immigrate to the US after a 12 year wait.

2007 - SITM held its 15th garage sale with proceeds to benefit the girls' dormitory.

April 2009 -- more than 400 girls have been educated through the scholarship program including books, supplies in addition to ongoing operational upkeep of the dormitory. SITM purchased computers and the ninth room in the dorm was changed to a computer/study room

March 2010 - more than 500 girls have been educated



One of the many SITM garage sales .

through the scholarship program.

- The female literacy rate climbs from 14% to 30% and women are taking leadership roles in their communities in nearly every sector of the economy all across the country



SITM members visit the girls' dormitory in Nepal with school leaders and teachers.

including banking, government, education and small business management.

- More than 100 families benefitted from the animal assistance program.
- The Nepal government improved the village infrastructure by building a water project.

June 2012 - a total of \$13,020 was wired to the project including \$8000 in scholarships, \$1800 in animal assistance, \$1,400 in salaries for the housemother and cook and \$1,820 in kitchen and computer upgrades.

2012 – Four members from SITM visit the dormitory and village – Jeanne Baxter, Norma Webster, Connie Steinheimer, Monica House and her mother, Carolyn. Women of Thulipokhari begin forming Mother's Groups after the Soroptimist model of clubs.

September 2012 – The cost of bricks and construction of a new perimeter wall was funded by SITM at \$2,300 to provide additional security for the girls. Bricks can now be purchased at a factory at a nearby village, instead of the hand-made quarry bricks used to construct the original dormitory.



Once again, women from the village carried bricks for the wall construction.

2013 -- Following SITM members' visit, the club donated a variety of seeds and watering apparatus to the Mother's Groups to begin the Vital Seeds program.



A woman from a Mother's Group shows off her vegetable crop.

Feb 2014 - SITM has provided over 800 young women with scholarships. At this time, 260 girls and 217 boys were enrolled in the 2013-2014 school year.

April 2015– A magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck central Nepal. Thorough public awareness and community support SITM raised \$18,500 in Emergency Disaster Relief funds for immediate assistance to the families in Thulipokhari, to provide food, water, temporary shelters, such as tents and tarps, plus materials for rehabilitation of damaged buildings.

2015-2016- An additional \$14,500 was wired to support the girls' dormitory scholarship program, with an additional \$3,700 in disaster relief fund.



One of the many buildings devastated by the earthquake. The dormitory suffered cracks, but no major damage.

March 2016- SITM gains international recognition when its project is selected to be one of the three grant recipients of SI President Yvonne Simpson's President's Appeal project, "Educate to Lead, Nepal". SITM received two \$20,000 grants for scholarships and a \$14,000 computer lab/literacy grant

April 2017 – 1,338 girls (458 belonging to the Dalit caste, known as the "untouchables") have

been educated to date.

- Hundreds of families are now benefiting from the animal assistance program and Vital Seeds program.
- Improvements to the dormitory include a propane stove, replacing wood-fired cooking, plus new pots and pans.
- Hoop houses have been purchased to protect crops for year-round growing.

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The dormitory with its new security wall.

•Government additions to the village include: electricity from a new hydroelectric dam on the nearby river, a cell tower, a nearby hospital and improved roadway access.

2017 – Monica House and husband Steve Friedlander visit Thulipokhari and meet with the village council and the Mothers' Groups.

January 2018 -- Part of the international grant money was used to purchase six laptops, six computers, jute flooring, desks and chairs for the new computer lab



Monica House and her husband Dr. Steve Friedlander were warmly welcomed in 2017.

2019- SITM sent funds to send the girls on a fieldtrip; visiting other villages and cities, schools, government buildings, and plantations.



Computer room in the dormitory.



SITM sponsored field trip for the girls.

2020-2021 It's the 20th anniversary of the dormitory project. The girls and the villagers are mildly affected by the pandemic.

2022 - SITM members approve the start of construction of a new girls' dormitory.

Beads of Strength A Gift for Infusion Patients

Creative members met at Holly Nash's home for some beading and camaraderie while creating beautiful bracelets and key fobs for the Renown Infusion Center. Cancer patients who complete their infusions are offered the opportunity to celebrate their milestone by choosing a bracelet for the ladies and a key fob for the men. The industrious group completed 14 key fobs and 18 bracelets. Thanks to these members for their artistry.



The creative crew starting at left and clockwise: Millie Mitchell, Margie Hermanson, Jeanne Naccarato, Dot Watts and Bev Perkins. Thanks to Holly Nash for the photo and hosting.

Margie Hermanson and Jeanne Naccarato delivered the Beads of Strength to Renown Infusion Center.



SNR Conference Returns for In-Person Meeting in Reno

Excerpted from Delegate Bev Perkins' Delegate's Report

The 46th Annual Sierra Nevada Region Conference was held, in-person, April 1-3, 2022, the first time since April 2019 that Soroptimists from around the region could meet together, at the Atlantis Casino Resort in Reno.

How good it was to see old and new friends in-person, exchange stories, celebrate awards and scholarship recipients, hear speakers and more. Over the course of three days, 19 members of SITM attended one or more events.

Friday Workshops and Market Place Sales



Barbara Atwell, all the way from Gulf Port, selling her fabulous fun fabric creations.

The conference opened Friday afternoon, April 1 with a Stop



Conference opening Friday night with SITM members.



Holly Nash, left, registered delegates and handled credentials report duties for conference. Assisting were Bev Perkins, center and Jo Ann Roberts.

Trafficking Workshop presented by local law enforcement officers detailing their efforts to stop Human Trafficking in our area. It was followed by a Meet the Candidates workshop, where those running for region/district office could outline their Soroptimist experiences and goals. Finally, club delegates were instructed on their duties for voting at conference.

The favorite Soroptimist Marketplace opened Friday afternoon with club and individual vendors selling their wares. It was so good to see Barbara Atwell selling her popular fabric art.

Friday evening began with a cocktail reception honoring SIA Federation Visitor Ginger Cole from SI/Los Angeles. SITM members were fortunate to meet SIA Board Member Ginger at our March 31 luncheon featuring an update on our 21-year project to "Remove Barriers to

Education in Thulipokari, Nepal".

Friday Night Opening Activities

Having missed her opportunity for a second and final

conference in 2020, SNR's Immediate Past Governor Lane Parks and the 2018-2020 Board were recognized and given an opportunity to say "farewell". That was followed by a "hello" from Governor Sarah Carrasco and her 2020-2022 Board.

SIA Soroptimist Celebrating Success Awards were announced as well as the 5 Star Award for Public Awareness. SITM took first place in the Newsletter category and third place in the social media category.

Motivational comedienne Kat Simmons made us laugh, nod in agreement at her many assessments of women's challenges in the world.



Newsletter Editor Faye I. Andersen with President Valerie Hahn.

She entertained us with her hilarious, set to music, difference between television commercials showing a woman putting on panty hose, versus her own demonstration of how women actually manage them.

Saturday's Business Session

Saturday morning's business session began with a credentials report by Holly Nash, serving as Credential Coordinator. First time attendees, including President Valerie Hahn, were introduced, as well as Laurel Society and Laurel Legacy members.

A Bylaw Amendment was debated

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SITM's delegates, from left: President Valerie Hahn, Delegate Bev Perkins and President-Elect Laury Macauley.

and approved, to bring SNR into alignment with the SIA Bylaws allowing members to belong to any club whether or not they live within the boundaries of the Sierra Nevada Region. SIA Board Member Ginger Cole brought a presentation encouraging clubs to support SIA's Big Goal of investing in the dreams of a half million women and girls through access to education and to make a greater impact for women in the world.

Candidates for region/district offices were up next to give a brief presentation about themselves and their goals, before recess and opening of the polls for voting.



Holly Nash gives her "candidate's speech" at conference. Congratulations to our new District 5 Director Holly Nash.

Congratulations to Holly Nash, who was elected as our District 5 Director (2022-2024).

The afternoon began with a presentation by Alexanne Stone, NLP Trainer and Body Language Expert. She said our body language when meeting someone can communicate within seven

seconds: credibility, confidence, likeability and trust. Reports from the SIA Federation Chairs for Program and Fundraising, including Laurel Legacy and the SNR Endowment Fund were also made.

Saturday Night Festivities

Saturday evening opened with a cocktail reception to meet SIA Official Visitor Ginger Cole and the newly elected SNR Officers and Directors.



SIA Board member Ginger Cole presented an update on SIA projects.

Governor Sarah Carrasco spoke about her biennium as Governor and the challenges presented by the pandemic over the past two years. She offered thanks to the many members who worked behind the scenes to stage virtual conferences and district meetings.

The nine Past Governors in attendance assembled on stage to pay tribute to the passing of Past Governor Joan Beard (November 2021) and Founding Governor Del Laine (December 2020). They presented Governor Sarah with her "SWAT Pin", congratulating her on completing her biennium and joining the group of Past SNR Governors. Governor-Elect Lisa Fitzgerald then spoke about her vision and goals for the upcoming biennium (2022-2024). Her theme is "Empowering Women are Coming".

Sunday Celebration of Life and LYD Recipients

Sunday morning's traditional Celebration of Life saw three members of SITM being remembered and honored – Jean Neddenriep, Patti Doty and Enid Oliver.

The "Investing in Dreams" Sunday brunch began with SIA Federation Chair for Program presenting a report on the Dream It, Be Programs conducted by clubs. The Ruby Award recipient this year was Dzokerayi Minya Mukome, the Director of the nonprofit TESE Foundation which seeks to advance brown and black girls in pursuing their education. She is also president of PAACD Parents of African American Children and Co-Founder of Wild Women in Leadership, Davis.

Live Your Dream Awards were then presented to six of the seven recipients in attendance, each receiving a \$3,000 scholarship and one receiving a \$5,000 scholarship, plus a laptop computer. In a touching moment, the top recipient gave her laptop to one of the other LYD recipients, since she had just obtained a laptop.

The keynote speaker was Yulisa Mendez, a 2016 Live Your Dreams recipient and past SITM Dreams Moving Forward Scholarship recipient. She spoke about her challenges in obtaining an education and reminded us that good grades alone are not enough without support systems like Soroptimists.

A final credentials report showed 221 members and guests attending.

After final remarks, the conference was closed with the Soroptimist Pledge.

Soroptimist Fun and Camaraderie at SNR Conference



SIA Board Member Ginger Cole joined SITM members Sunday morning, honoring the Live Your Dream recipients.



April Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

Election of SITM's 2022-2023 officers was completed at the April Business Meeting. Congratulations to those elected and thanks to all who agreed to serve. For a complete list see page 2.

Budgets Proposed for 2022-2023 Club Year

The first reading of the proposed General and Service Fund Budgets was presented at the April Business Meeting. Thanks to the Finance/Governance Committee and Treasurers Linda Walker and Cindy Burk for your work on preparing the 2022-2023 Club Year. Please review these proposals and direct any questions to the Finance/Governance Committee. The budget proposals will be up for approval at the May Business Meeting.

Motion for Dues Increase

The Finance/Governance Committee offered a motion to increase membership dues for 2022-2023 by the 3% maximum allowed by our governing documents. The motion was approved. Dues for regular members will increase from \$203 to \$209. Life members will see an increase from \$128 to \$132.

Motion Regarding Zoom

The Finance/Governance Committee offered a motion, beginning July 1, 2022, that SITM start using Enhanced Zoom for all Business Meetings and any other Enhanced Zoom meetings shall be determined by the Board each month. A modified version of Zoom shall be used for all the other meetings each month by utilizing the club's laptop computer that was purchased for zoom use. Each week the Atlantis assists our Enhanced Zoom programs costs \$90. The motion was passed.

Thanks to Youth Committee Prepares Budget for May 26

The Thanks to Youth Committee presented their event budget for the annual TTY event on May 26. The committee projects proceeds, if everything goes as planned, close to \$10,000 for the event. Don't forget to sell your tickets for this event.

Delegate's Report from SNR Conference

SITM Delegate Bev Perkins attended this year's annual Sierra Nevada Region Conference, April 1-3, and presented a detailed report from the three-day event. See page 10 for Bev's report and photos from the conference.

Voting for SIA President-Elect

SITM members voted to elect the 2022-2023 President-Elect for Soroptimist International of the Americas. Members voted for Bobbi Enderlin, a member of SI/Benicia, California.

Sock and Underwear Drive Is Almost Over

Don't forget, the Community Outreach Committee is conducting a sock and underwear drive during the month of April for Project 150 to support high school students. Remember these are young adults. See page 4 for more details.

Donations can be brought to any club meeting, or if you are in the neighborhood, dropped off at Doris Phelps' home.

March Happy Dollars Supported Child Assault Prevention

A total of \$656 in March Happy Dollars were collected for the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) program, which empowers children to be "Safe Strong and Free". April Happy Dollars are designated for the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI Northern Nevada), dedicated to the improvement of the quality of life for persons who are affected by mental illnesses.

Celebrating April Birthdays

Happy Birthday to members who are celebrating April birthdays.



Patty Mamola
April 1



Niki Ewing
April 9



Scarlet Ewy
April 10



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- \$2,672,417 in Live Your Dream Awards was given through the program
- 1,871 deserving women
- 94% increased their self-esteem
- 95% became a role model in their dependents

Dream It, Be It

- 10,178 girls participated
- 86% feel prepared to pursue their career goals
- 88% feel more confident about their future success
- 86% have role models supporting their goals

Source: SIA year-end infographic

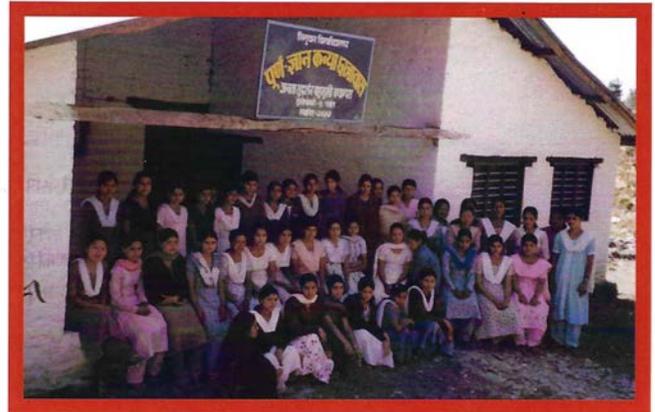


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\$2500 finishes a common area for the girls to eat and study

\$500- completes a garden roof top- a safe place for the girls to gather

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