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SITM Update

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Calendar

- May 19 – Solar Inc. -- Caitlyn Hughes
- May 26 – Thanks to Youth
- June 2 – Karma Box - Grant Denton
- June 7 -- Joint Board Meeting
- June 9 -- Business Meeting
- June 16 – Rave Family Foundation
- June 23 – Installation of Officers
- June 30 – Photo/Scrapbook - Year in Review / Ceec Abrams Award

SITM Meets...

Thursdays at Noon

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

RSVP to info@sitmnv.org no later than noon on the Monday before the Thursday meeting.

Soroptimist Is:

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



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Gearing Up for Thanks to Youth May 26

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.

During a “kickoff” last month, each member was asked to sell four tickets, if they can for the event. Tables of eight are also available to

members at a discounted price. At the event, SITM will award youth scholarships to high school seniors and recognize youth for their contributions to the community.

This year’s speaker will be Amanda Levens, the Head Coach of Nevada Women’s Basketball.

33rd Annual Thanks to Youth

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 those ticket sales. This year’s proceeds support next year’s awards and scholarships.

Perfect Attendance – It’s Getting Close

Do you think you’ve achieved Perfect Attendance this year? If so, Attendance Co-Coordinator Annette Friedlander would like you to turn in your “attendance bar” from your name badge, so she can recycle them and present your new numbered bar at the end of the Club Year.



The designation of Perfect Attendance is gained by attending weekly meetings (44 in all each year), but “make-ups”

are counted towards achieving that goal too. A “make-up meeting” is credited for attending monthly SITM Board Meetings, meetings of other Soroptimist Clubs, SNR District and Region Meetings, Federation and International Conventions.



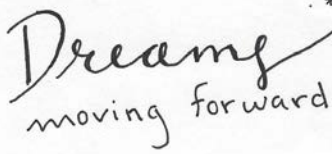
Bobbi Enderlin
named
SIA President-elect

Next SIA President-Elect Named

Bobbi Enderlin has been elected to the position of 2022-2023 SIA President-elect and will assume that office on September 1, 2022. Bobbi is a member of SI/Benicia, California in Founder Region. She is currently serving on the SIA Board of Directors as Secretary/Treasurer – 2021-2022.

Bobbi is a Past President of SI/Benicia and Past Governor of Founder Region.

Bobbi will assume the office of SIA President on September 1, 2023, and will serve in that position through August 31, 2024.



Dreams
moving forward

Five undergraduate and four graduate women were awarded \$40,000 in Dreams Moving Forward scholarships at our April 28 luncheon. Our speaker at the event was Arthi Sachdev who received SITM scholarships in 2014 and 2016. She



Arthi Sachdev

has now earned two undergraduate degrees, most recently in accounting. Arthi shared her experiences and how our scholarships helped her on her journey.

Here are some facts about our undergraduate scholarship recipients. Ashley Hastings, who was one of



Ashley Hastings

Nine Scholarships Awarded



Lillian Martin

our Live Your Dream recipients this year, is a single mother of three small children, majoring in political science and criminal justice at UNR with plans to go on to law school. Catherine Faria is a re-entry student majoring in Emergency Management at TMCC. She has volunteered at numerous organizations, mostly in the area of suicide prevention and veterans. Lillian Martin is a single mother of two boys majoring in psychology/sociology at UNR. She hopes to continue toward a Ph.D. in social psychology and is in the honors program at UNR.



Veronica Ruiz

Selina Islas, also one of our Live Your Dream awardees this year, is the single mother of two small children

majoring in dental hygiene at TMCC. She hopes to become a dentist in the future. Veronica Ruiz is also majoring in dental hygiene at TMCC and is the single mom of a small child.

Our graduate students are primarily in the health care fields. Ruby Lopez-Flores is enrolled in the UNR School of Medicine BS-MD program. She is completing her second year and plans to be a pediatric surgeon. Sara Perez is working on her master's degree in public health administration and policy and hopes to continue in a Ph.D. program. She plans to work with underserved populations in rural Nevada.



Ruby Lopez-Flores

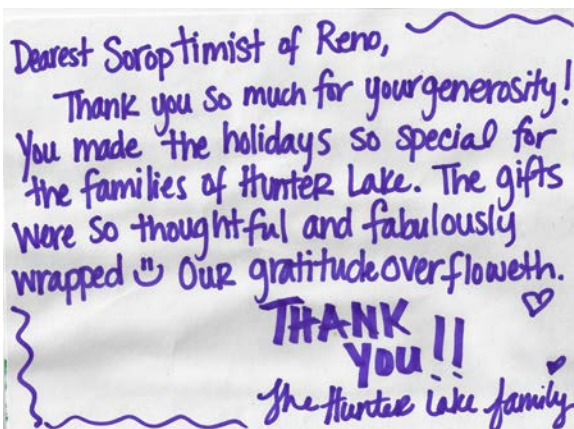
Nikki Hannon is enrolled in UNR's physician assistant program and is a first generation college student. She volunteers in several clinics. Erinna McCarthy is a re-entry student also enrolled in the physician assistant program. She plans to work in rural Nevada.

The Education/Women Committee received 12 undergraduate and 20 graduate scholarship applications. After spending many hours reviewing and interviewing, the committee chose these nine talented women to receive \$40,000 in scholarships. Our luncheon was well attended, both in person and on Zoom.

A Thank You from Hunter Lake Elementary

A little late, but nonetheless heartfelt, SITM received an oversized thank you card hand-painted and signed by several students.

In December, SITM members, family and friends provided 39 children and 21 families at Hunter Lake Elementary School with gifts to brighten their holidays. Their thank you card was a bit delayed as it was sent to SI/Reno in error and took a while to reach SITM.



Save the Date

SOROPTIMIST DEVELOPMENT RETREAT
July 30th & July 31st

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
3800 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV

SOROPTIMIST Best for Women

July 30th & July 31st 2022

OVER 11 WORKSHOPS TO CHOOSE FROM
Sponsorship Opportunities Available!
INSPIRING SPEAKERS AT LUNCH AND DINNER

EMPOWERED WOMEN are Coming!

Presented by
Sierra Nevada Region
Governor Lisa Fitzgerald
along with the 2022-2024 SNR Leadership

Mad Libs and Dollars Raised

Testing our knowledge of verbs, adverbs, adjectives and nouns, the Fundraising Committee hosted an in-club fundraising raffle in conjunction with some rousing games of Mad Libs. The result was some pretty hilarious stories strung together with disassociated words contributed by members at each table.

The fundraising raffle netted \$540, along with an additional \$1,000 gift from an anonymous donor. All proceeds were designated for the club's General Fund to cover operating expenses.

Members of the Fundraising Committee facilitated the raffle. From left is Jeanne Naccarato, Linda Walker, Margie Hermanson and Darlene DeLancey.



Time to Sign-Up for Next Year's Committees

Committee work and committee participation is at the heart of SITM's success. That's why all members are needed to sign up for and participate in the club's committees.

President-Elect Laury Macauley conducted the May 5 meeting and provided sign-up sheets for members to join committees of their preference. If you could not attend, please email your preferences to Laury and join her team for the 2022-2023 Club Year.

According to our Policies and Procedures, "Members are encouraged to participate in a minimum of one program committee and one additional committee as a requirement of membership." But members are not limited to the number of committees they can join.

Thanks to Zoom capabilities, most committee can do a lot of their work remotely instead of meeting in person, saving time and travel, but still getting the work done.

PROGRAM COMMITTEES

[Community Outreach](#)

[Dream It, Be It \(after school STEM program at Hunter Lake Elementary\)](#)

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[Education / Youth](#)

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[Zoom Committee](#)



Eve Johnson and Millie Mitchell ponder the committee sign-up sheets.

Child Assault Prevention Reaching 2nd and 3rd Graders

The Child Assault Prevention (CAP) organization will touch the lives of 14,000 second and third-graders through 450 workshops this year in Washoe, Storey, Lyon and Churchill Counties, according to Rebecca LeBeau, Director of CAP, speaking at our March 17 meeting.

The Child Assault Prevention Project 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. CAP is committed to breaking the cycle of abuse in our community.

Teaching in the schools includes role playing showing bullying situations and assertiveness training to stand up to a bully without becoming a bully themselves. It includes the role of witnesses and bystanders who can stand up to a bully. The lessons also teach "Stranger Danger" identification, plus designating someone the child trusts that they can go to if they experience abuse, bullying, or they are simply scared.

Their outcomes are impressive as their surveys show that 60-90 days after training, 80% of the students retain the information; 40% put the safety information to use; 12 sought help; and 8% resulted in bonafide reports to Children's Protective Services.

This tiny agency has one full-time employee and three facilitators and they recently coordinated with the UNR Reynolds School of Journalism film students.

SIA's Virtual 47th Biennial Convention Call to Convention

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Preliminary Schedule of Events

<https://www.soroptimist.org/events/call-to-convention.html>

All times listed are **Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)** Several 10-minute breaks will be scheduled.

Friday, July 22, 2022

5:00 – 6:00 PM Virtual doors open! Attendees may log in at any time, explore the platform, visit region booths, etc.

6:00 – 6:30 PM Opening General Session: Welcome, Flag ceremony, Leadership Recognition

6:30 – 7:40 PM Keynote Speaker: Malala Yousafzai, Noble Laurette

7:40 – 8:20 PM Workshop: Soroptimist International – Engaging Globally Opening

8:20 – 8:55 PM Micro-Learning Opportunities: Engagement – Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging in Membership

8:55 – 9:30 PM Micro-Learning Opportunities: Engagement – Effective Leadership Skills

9:30 – 10:30 PM Closing & Entertainment: Dueling Pianos

Saturday, July 23, 2022

5:00 – 6:00 PM Virtual doors open!
Attendees may log in at any time, explore the platform, visit region booths, etc.

6:00 – 7:40 PM General Business Meeting: Reports, Consideration of Proposed Bylaws Changes

7:40 – 8:30 PM Workshop: Impact & Philanthropy – Supporting Our Big Goal

8:30 – 9:20 PM Workshop: Recognition – SIA Gaining Brand Recognition for Our Impact

9:20 – 9:55 PM Closing General Session: Live Your Dream Award's 50th Anniversary, 2022 Live Your Dream Award's Recipient, Dream Big Campaign

9:55 – 10:35 PM Closing Ceremony: 2021-2022 Board Recognition, 2022-2023 Board Installation

10:35 – 10:50 PM Surprise Entertainment

DREAM
OF A BRILLIANT FUTURE
VIRTUAL 47th SOROPTIMIST BIENNIAL CONVENTION | JULY 22-23
NOBEL PRIZE LAUREATE
MALALA YOUSAFZAI



SIA is thrilled to announce that registration to our Virtual 47th Biennial Convention is now open! The event will take place on Friday, July 22, and Saturday, July 23, **with Nobel Laureate Malala Yousafzai serving as our keynote speaker.** Malala will speak that Friday.

\$199 Regular registration (May 1 – July 23)

<https://www.soroptimist.org/events/member-registration.html>

To register you will need the following:

Club ID: 116305

Club Name: Truckee Meadows, NV

Member ID: (Can be found on your SITM Roster Page)

May Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

The May Board and Business Meetings were short, as SITM winds down it's 2021-2022 Club Year. But that doesn't mean that some of the club's committees aren't working long and hard to produce their end-of-year reports and events.

Budgets Approved for 2022-2023 Club Year

The proposed General and Service Fund Budgets presented at the April Business Meeting by the Finance/Governance Committee, were approved by the membership at the May Business Meeting. Thanks to the Finance/Governance Committee Co-Coordinators Millie Mitchell and Pam Sutton and all of the committee members, along with Treasurers Linda Walker and Cindy Burk for their work in preparing the budgets for the 2022-2023 Club Year.

Dues are Due

General Fund Treasurer Linda Walker has emailed individual dues notices to members. Regular member dues are \$209; Life member dues are \$132. You can pay your dues online by going to the club website at www.sitmnv.org. A link to the QGiv payment application can be found on the front page.

A Reminder About Participation on Zoom

At the April Business meeting, members approved a modified schedule for participation on Zoom calls for regular Thursday meetings.

SITM will use Enhanced Zoom (affectionately known as "Hollywood Squares") 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.



Marilyn Pearson participates on Zoom during a meeting with her "grand dog" Una, a 65-pound Bernie Doodle belonging to her daughter.

Sell Your Thanks to Youth Tickets

It is less than two weeks to our annual Thanks to Youth Luncheon on May 26. Please sell your tickets and then let Cindy Burk know your guests' choice of meal: Short Ribs, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad & dessert; or Vegan Ratatouille tower, salad and dessert.

Sock and Underwear Drive for Project 150

The Community Outreach Committee conducted a sock and underwear drive during the month of April for Project 150 to support high school students. The collection netted 71 pairs of men's and ladies' underwear and 158 pairs of men's and women's socks,

Thank you to all who donated and encouraged their friends and families to donate. Project 150 provides 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.

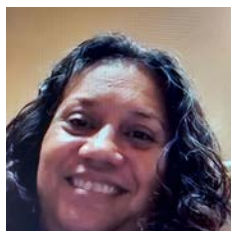
April Happy Dollars Supported NAMI

A total of \$332 in April Happy Dollars were collected 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. May Happy Dollars are designated for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada.

Under the policy adopted by the club, any shortfall in Happy Dollars not reaching \$500 minimum is supplemented by the club's designated service funds.

Celebrating May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to members who are celebrating May birthdays.



Maria
Ponder-Espinosa
May 19



Debbie Handke
May 20



Liza Chapen
May 22



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Did you know . . .

Soroptimist Forward
Collective Impact FY20/21
September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021

Engagement

- 2,297 new and charter members
- 12 new and reinstated clubs
- 26,178 members as of August 31, 2021
- 24% of new members joined because of our Dream Programs
- SIA Relief Package Funding supported 1,180 members in renewing membership

Source: SIA year-end infographic

Recognition

- 53,505 social media followers for SIA + LYD.org
- 159,014 people in LiveYourDeam.org community
- 170,900 organic Soroptimist blog views

Philanthropy

- \$2,204,156 in total contributions
- 1,629 member donors
- 75% of clubs participating in Club Giving
- \$599,325 raised for Dream Big Campaign



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33rd Annual Thanks to Youth

Awards

MOVING FORWARD
MAKING AN IMPACT

Luncheon

Honoring Young Heroes and Scholars in Our Community

Thursday, May 26, 2022

Seating at 11:30 am - Program Noon - 2:00 pm

\$35 per person

Tables of 8 and Sponsorships Available \$350 - \$1,500

**Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows
will recognize:**

**9 Outstanding Young Scholars
Receiving Scholarship Awards**

**5 Young “Unsung Heroes” Special Recognition
for Community Service and Other Activities**

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
Second Floor Convention Center
3800 S. Virginia Street— Reno, Nevada

RSVP by Friday, May 19, 2022 to
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