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- April 27 -- Dream It, Be It
- May 4 -- Committee Sign-ups
- May 9 -- Board Meeting, Zoom at Noon
- May 11 -- Business Meeting
- May 18 -- OPEN
- May 23 -- Thanks to Youth (This is a Tuesday)

SITM Meets...

Thursdays at Noon

at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa Second Floor Convention Center \$30 for lunch.
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Voter Turnout High for Election of Officers



April is turning out to be a great month for SITM. This week our club completed voting for the 2023-24 slate of officers, and our members really stood up this year

and volunteered for all of the open positions, with four of them being opposed. It takes a lot of courage and commitment to agree to run for a position, knowing that members will vote and that everyone can't win. Losing is never a fun prospect, and I was very proud of every member who stepped up to run for each position, whether they ended up winning or not. By their agreeing to run, each candidate was selfless in their offer to stand for office and to possibly serve during SITM's upcoming year.

I hope that this year stands as an example for future years

with numerous positions running opposed—it means that we are a club of generous, dedicated members. Those who did not win will have many opportunities in the coming year to serve in other capacities and use their talents for the good of the community. My congratulations to those who will be serving in the upcoming year: Sarah Carrasco, Kay Dunham, Pam Robinson, Jeanne Naccarato, Debbie Handke, Cindy Burk, Linda Walker, and Amanda Brown!

Further, we all need to pat ourselves on the back for the club's voting participation. 57 of our members voted this year. I don't know what percentage of our membership that is, but it is certainly a record turnout for voting. Much of what we accomplish at SITM is attained because so many of us show up and participate. This high voting turnout is an indicator of our commitment for the upcoming year, and I am excited about what we can achieve as we move forward, finally out from under the shadow of the Pandemic.

Congratulations to Our Newly Elected 2023-2024 Board

Congratulations and a big hearty thank you to those members who were elected at the April Business Meeting to serve with President-Elect Sarah Carrasco for the 2023-2024 Club Year. Club members look forward to working with you in the coming year.

*President
Sarah Carrasco
President-Elect
Kay Dunham
Vice President/Program
Pam Robinson
Vice President/Membership
Jeanne Naccarato
Secretary
Debbie Handke

Treasurer/Service Fund
Cindy Burk
*Treasurer/General Fund
Linda Walker
Delegate
Amanda Brown
*Director
Laury Macauley
* **Completing a term of office**

A Message from President Elect Sarah



Monica House, Kay Dunham, Amanda Bean, Dot Watts, Pam Robinson, Nicole Dupont, Jeanne Naccarrato, Debbie Handke, Cindy Burk, Patty Elam, Doris Phelps, Amanda Brown.

To each of you a huge thank you for running for the board. It is important that each member be given the opportunity to serve on the board and other leadership roles. For those of you I have conversed with I appreciate your understanding of my vision and your wanting to be a part of it. Please know there are still leadership positions to fill.

Respectfully, Sarah



Bracelets for Renown Infusion Center

SITM's "Beaders Extraordinaire" met March 12 at Jeanne Naccarrato's home to create 32 beautiful Beads for Strength bracelets which are given to patients of the Renown Infusion Center when they complete their cancer treatments. Thank you, ladies, for your creativity and compassion for the patients.

From left are: Eve Johnson, Eileen Fuller, Liza Chapen, Holly Nash, Carol Dinneen, Dot Watts, Barbara Foss (Bev's sister), Bev Perkins and Sarah Carrasco.

Nevada Women's Fund Celebrating 40 years

by Cindy Burk

The Nevada Women's Fund Women of Achievement is celebrating their 40 year anniversary. Ila Achtabowski, CEO and President of NWF has reached out and asked if SITM would attend as a past Hall of Fame recipient from 1991.

This year's WOA Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023 from 11:30 am to 1:30pm at the Downtown Reno Ballroom. We would have to pay for our own tickets at \$150 each for a table of 10. We are honored that Laury Macauley, as our current President, would represent our club at the beginning of the procession that walks in before the 2023 nominated Women of Achievement.

If you would like to participate or have any questions, reach out to Cindy Burk at 775-232-7231 or cindwa@icloud.com.

Thank You from Quest for Happy Dollars



Pam Robinson, center, presenting SITM's 567 Happy Dollar Check to Deb Kamka, right, and Jolene Dulluhn.

We would like to thank you for your generosity and support. We sincerely appreciate your donation. It is with support like yours, that we are able to continue to serve the community.

With gratitude,
Jolene Dulluhn
Executive Director of Quest

Construction Progresses on New Nepal Dormitory

by Monica House, IGU-Nepal Coordinator

Wow! It's truly impressive to see just how much progress has been made over the past few months. The official groundbreaking ceremony has been performed and the construction of SITM's second girls' dormitory in Thulipokhari, Nepal is well underway. Our liaisons in Nepal, Shyam and Pratima have sent photos of the construction, along with photos of some of the village dignitaries, scholar committee members and college staff attending the ceremony.

You can see the reinforced concrete being poured -- the rebar, which was shaped by hand with labor donated by the village. Additionally, the structural columns are starting to "spout". The brick and mortar walls are starting to take shape as well. SITM recently sent the second installment of \$16,000 to purchase construction equipment and materials to continue the excellent progress of this project. The first installment of \$14,000 was sent in October, 2022 and has been put to good use.



Gathered for the initiation ceremony were, from left, an unidentified woman, Housemother Ganga, village resident Kumar Subedi, High School Principal Mr. Bala Krishna Subedi, Purna's Mother Tica Subedi, Campus Chief Hari and Dormitory Cook Mr. Dev Raj.



The initiation, or ground breaking, ceremony performed prior to the start of construction is performed here. The round plate and other items being placed in the ground are part of the "Vastu Puja" ritual that takes place prior to construction. The significance of this ritual is to remove any "negative energies" and to give good vibes and fortune to the building of the new dormitory. It is a great honor to be part of this ceremony.



Purna's Mother, second from left, visited Thulipokhari earlier this year. Tica Subedi took part in the ground breaking ceremony for the first dormitory in 2001.

Construction progresses with anticipated completion by the Monsoon Season this Spring.



More photos on page 4.

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New Member Billie Logan

Long Time SITM Supporter is Now an SITM Member

By Pam Robinson

Billie is no stranger to SITM having attended numerous Thanks to Youth and IGU Nepal update events with her friend of over 20 years and sponsor, Monica House. Monica also recruited Billie to work at the Air Races when we manned the merchandise booth years ago.

Billie grew up in Reno and attended high school and college here with the exception of one semester at the University of Miami. Having majored in Home Economics and Fashion Merchandising, she had plans to work with her aunt in the clothing industry. Unfortunately, her aunt passed away soon after, so Billie began her interior design business which she enjoyed for 40 years. She specialized mostly in window treatments and blinds.

Traveling is high on the list of fun for Billie these days. She has three ginger-haired granddaughters, ages 2, 6, and 9, in Memphis, Tenn., where her son and daughter-

in-law live. Her son is a pilot for Fed Ex and stops in Reno to visit from time-to-time, but the fun is in Memphis with the little ones! Her youngest son lives in Boston and works in educational fundraising.

Billie's two dogs and her cat keep her very busy, too. She rescued both of the dogs – they were pound puppies! One is a black lab/whippet mix and is very lively. The other, a little love bug, is a long-haired dachshund/terrier mix named Peanut. Billie was formerly involved in the local Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation chapter, but it is no longer in Northern Nevada. She helped with their fundraising and gala. For fun, Billie and two of her girlfriends work out with a local trainer.

Already signed up on the Attendance Committee and Thanks to Youth, Billie is looking forward to getting to know everyone in SITM.



Billie Logan in the foreground with her sponsor Monica House.



Ollie



Peanut

New SI/Sparks Club Chartered April 1, 2023

By Bev Perkins, Delegate



SNR Governor Lisa Fitzgerald presents SI/Sparks President Tracey with the Club's Charter.

Several members of Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows attended the Charter Party for the new SI/Sparks Club on April 1. After a last-minute change of venue (like the day before the event), the resilient members of the new club were all set up at the new location and ready to go at the appointed time.

The celebration began with a group photo of all 25 of the members of the charter club. In keeping with the tea party theme, drinks and snacks were served of the appropriate sort for a tea party. Soroptimist chocolates were set out on all the tables and large iced Soroptimist cookies were at every place.

Federation (that's Soroptimist International of the Americas) Membership Chair Trudy Mills welcomed everyone, and Sierra Nevada Region dignitaries present were introduced, including four Past Region Governors (three of whom are members of SITM). Region Governor Lisa Fitzgerald presented the club charter to the new club, and Holly Nash, District 5

Director, with the assistance of the other District Directors present, pinned the new club members with their charter pins.

The installation of officers was performed by Region Governor-Elect Stacy Sawyer. Using the new club's theme of "Building a Strong Foundation One Member at a Time", she presented each new officer with a building block and a gift.

The new Soroptimist International of Sparks Club President, Tracy Gale, next gave us her words of acceptance and their theme presentation. She said she had hoped to "April Fool"

us by telling us she changed her mind about being Club President, but couldn't pull it off with a straight face, so that's the closest we got to a prank the whole time. President Tracy thanked Trudy Mills and the Fallon club for their sponsorship and support. The new club has a pledge, which is:

I pledge my heart to those in need;
I pledge my hands to worthy projects;
I pledge my mind to creative ideas;
I pledge my knowledge to educate others;
I pledge my hopes to success of women and girls.

They also have committee coordinators in place for Membership; Program; Public Awareness; and Fundraising – pretty good for their first official day as a club. President Tracy thanked Governor Lisa, District 5 Director Holly, Governor-Elect Stacy, and Membership Chair Trudy for their assistance in the chartering of the club. She also announced that the wonderful SIA logo cookies (which were beautiful) were made by new charter member and club Secretary Michele Rawson. I had planned on showing you one of these cookies, but unfortunately, I ate it – but it should be noted that in addition to being beautiful, it was very good.

The closing ceremony was led by Sue Chambers from the sponsoring club, SI Fallon. Past Governor Jackie DeMartini introduced the new club to the giving of happy dollars, which was happily participated in by all. The Soroptimist pledge was not printed for the attendees, but with all the long-time members and dignitaries present, nobody noticed if someone didn't get all the words right. After the pledge, gift baskets were presented to dignitaries and a couple of additional baskets were raffled off before we closed the Charter Party.

If you have any questions about this event, please feel free to ask any of our eight club attendees: President-Elect Sarah, District Director Holly, Faye I Andersen, JoAnn Roberts, Valerie Hahn, Jeanne Naccarato, Margie Hermanson, or your Delegate, Beverly Perkins.



Members of the newly chartered SI/Sparks. They chartered with 25 members.

Thanks to Youth Preparations in Full Swing With March 30 Kickoff

The Thanks to Youth (TTY) Committee held a fun-filled kickoff for this year's event at the March 30 meeting, with ticket sales, prizes and a very entertaining "Flashback to your high school senior year" parade of members' high school photos. (Check out pages 7 and 8 to see if you can recognize some of these high school scholars.)

This year we will be honoring four graduating seniors and five Unsung Heroes on Tuesday, May 23 at the Atlantis. Please note that it's on Tuesday, not our usual Thursday. The keynote speaker for the luncheon will be Andrea

Esparza, reporter for KRN Channel 4 in Reno.



Katy Simon Holland

Katy Simon-Holland was the guest speaker for the kickoff. As a member of SITM in 1987, she created the first Thanks to Youth program, which honored six Unsung Heroes, who were extraordinary youth in our community. Over the years, the program has grown tremendously to include scholarships

for graduating high school seniors, while still recognizing Unsung Heroes among our youth.



Amanda Bean describing the joy and pride as her son accepted his Unsung Hero Award.

We also heard from Amanda Bean, whose son was an Unsung Hero in 2022. She described the pride in her son and her family.

At the kickoff, TTY Committee members distributed tickets for members to sell. They have also developed sponsorship letters for members to use when seeking sponsors. The Atlantis is generously sponsoring about 200 lunches, but the room can accommodate at

Thanks to Youth

Honoring Young Heroes in Our Community

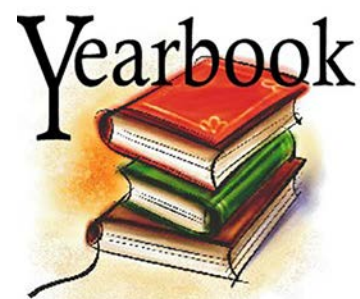


TTY Committee member Kim Goodnight explains the drawing for Reno Aces and movie tickets. If you are the lucky winner, you might get her Aces hat too.

least 100 more seats so there's plenty of room. In keeping with inflation ticket prices have increased to \$40 and table prices to \$500. However – SITM members receive a \$100 discount so tables for eight are just \$400 for members.

Members obtaining sponsorships or tables, plus selling tickets by April 25 have been entered into a drawing to win either Reno Aces tickets and a snack package, or four movie tickets and a snack pack.

Try your luck at guessing what your fellow Soroptimist members looked like in high school. Go to page 8. Too tough? You can cheat with the "key" listed below. The numbers corresponding to the photos are listed below. Good luck!



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| 1. Vicki Schultz | 8. Nicole DuPont |
| 2. Pam Sutton | 9. Kay Dunham |
| 3. Cindy Burk | 10. Jeanne Naccarato |
| 4. Annette Friedlander | 11. Connie Steinheimer |
| 5. Jocelyn Ostomel | 12. Pam Robinson |
| 6. Eileen Fuller | 13. Marilee Cate |
| 7. Sarah Carrasco | 14. Faye I. Andersen |
| | 15. Kaylyn Dazey Harper |

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SITM's High School Honor Roll

Pictured here are members posing with their high school photos, which were posted around the luncheon room at the Thanks to Youth Kickoff March 30. Since high school was just a "few" years ago for many of us, identifying members with their school pictures was mostly easy.



Marilyn Pearson



Amanda Bean



Doris Phelps



Monica House



Millie Mitchell



President Laury Macauley



Amanda Brown



Linda Walker



Kim Goodnight



Valerie Hahn

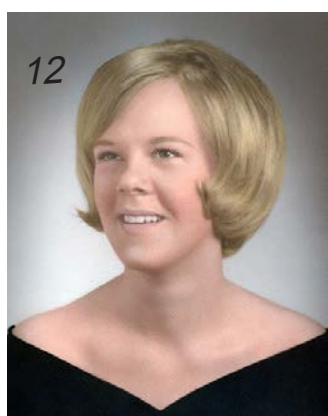
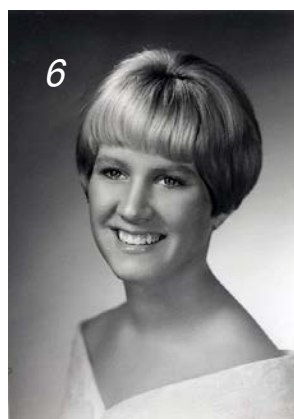
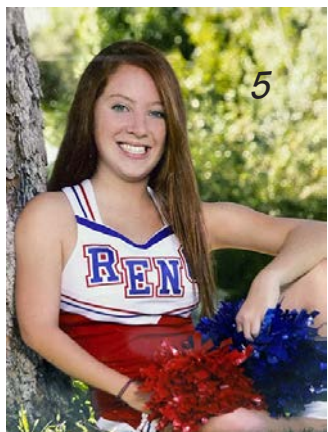
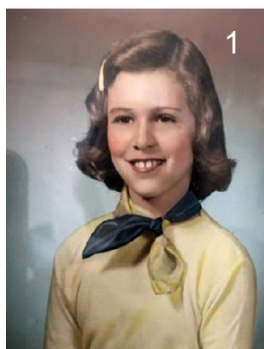


Eve Johnson

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(Editor's note: Since I couldn't get around to take a photo of everyone posing with their school photo, I've created a little quiz for members to guess "who's who" in the following photos. Some are easier than others. Check out the "key" to the quiz on page 8.)



New Member Gail Plass**An Active and Varied Life from Michigan to California to Nevada**

By Pam Robinson

Originally from Michigan, Gail's family moved to Sonoma County, California when she was 15. Married very young, she had 3 children before she was 20 and another daughter soon after. While her children were little, Gail worked at a variety of jobs. She eventually owned several businesses, including a bookstore and later a deli & bar. Her last career before retiring was with the school district. Gail worked as an assistant at a school for troubled children and loved it.

Gail served on the city council in Cloverdale and was on the planning commission as well. When living in the Sonoma area, Gail was a long-time member of three different Soroptimist clubs (Cloverdale, Sebastopol, and Santa Rosa). Depending on where her current business or employment was located, she would attend the closest club. She served in several different offices and enjoyed them all, except for the treasurer position! One of her fondest memories was taking one girl from her school each week to a SI Santa Rosa meeting to share how success and a different way of living can work.

Gail and her husband, Steve, moved to Northern Nevada eight years ago. They've been married for over 30 years and have six children, seven grandchildren, and

seven great grandchildren in their family. They moved to this area because it was centrally located and close to Oregon, Idaho, and California where their children live.

On a personal note, Gail enjoys reading a lot and is involved in church activities. She regularly attends AA

meetings with 42 years of sobriety, an inspiration to many she has met over the years. Her husband, Steve, has a part time job now, and Gail is enjoying her new friends and activities in SITM.



Gail Plass, right, with her sponsor Eileen Fuller.

Spread the Word Inspiring Children to Read

Courtney Vogt, from Spread the Word, was invited to speak by the Community Outreach Committee on April 6 and gave an informative presentation on the importance of kids reading and having their own, age-appropriate books at home to read.

"Inspiring children ... one book at a time," is the motto of Spread the Word, a children's literacy nonprofit dedicated to advancing early childhood literacy by placing books into the hands and homes in Nevada's at-risk and low-income communities.

Courtney described the many programs offered by Spread the Word, including their flagship program, Kids to Kids, a monthly program to provide every child in their Washoe County partner schools with a book to take home. Other programs include a one-on-one mentoring program, a summer reading program and a family literacy program.

Volunteers are needed for the "Books and Buddies Mentor" one-on-one weekly one-hour commitment. "Book Cleanings" is an opportunity to beautify and prep up to 60,000 books that Spread the Word distributes every month to low-income schools. Volunteers can also work with the Family Literacy Program, interacting with the

families and helping inspire them to discover the joy of reading together as a family.

Besides volunteering time, Spread the Word is always looking for gently-used books and of course, monetary donations.



From left: President Laury Macauley and Courtney Vogt from Spread the Word, with Community Outreach Co-Coordinates Niki Ewing and Diana DeMatei. They present Courtney with a \$300 check.

SI President Maureen Maguire Speaks at the U.N. CSW67

The United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women, CSW67, was held March 6-17 at UN Headquarters in New York City. The Commission on the Status of Women is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women around the world. Soroptimist is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) with the United Nations and members were invited to attend the Opening Session and other events, ensuring along with our delegation, that Soroptimist International's Global Voice is heard.

"Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls," was this year's priority theme.



On March 15, Soroptimist International President Maureen Maguire was able to address the assembly and made the following remarks, speaking on behalf of 75,000 members in 122 countries working in communities to empower the lives of women and girls.

The shift towards the use of new technologies was activated by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

These technologies are changing the structure of the labor market and providing unique employment opportunities. Yet they require users to have basic technical skills in the area of Science Technology Education Math (STEM). These are lifelines for accessing essential services and opportunities.

Women and girls continue to be left behind by the digital divide. Those in marginalized and rural communities lack basic resources, such as electricity, connectivity, affordable technology systems, IT skills and training, that would ensure women and girls develop the skills necessary for digital proficiency.

Member states must work together with private sector and civil society to bridge the growing gender digital gap. Together we must ensure women have equal access to employment opportunities at all stages of their lives, and girls have regular and safe access to education.

Safeguards must be in place to ensure women and girls have safe access to the internet and digital platforms away from abuse, harassment, exploitations and violence.

Human rights, which are protected offline, must also be protected online. It has been statistically proven time and



time again that when women and girls are given the tools, they can help to shape the economic, societal, cultural and political developments of their communities.

We must make this a reality by committing to empower and meaningfully involve all girls and women in this new era of digital innovation and technological change.



Families Depending On the Food Bank Is a Greater Need Than Ever Before

Food Bank CEO Nicole Lamboley joined us for lunch on April 6 and was presented a check by Doris Phelps.

A total of \$644 in January Happy Dollars were collected for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. Following a discussion about the rise in inflation and the increasing number of families who must find ways to supplement their monthly food supply and are dependent on the Food Bank, members voted to increase that amount to \$1,000.

April Board & Business Recap

By Faye I. Andersen

Congratulations to the newly elected officers for SITM. It happens every April, according to SITM Bylaws, as we voted for our new officers for 2023-2024. Thank you to the Nominating/Elections Committee for their work in securing nominations and facilitating voting: Millie Mitchell, Coordinator, Kay Dunham and Connie Steinheimer. And to Margie Hermanson for stepping in to the Elections position on the committee since Kay Dunham was a candidate. See page 1 for a complete list of 2023-2024 officers.

2023-2024 Service and General Fund Budgets Proposed

Speaking of April and SITM Bylaws, the first-reading of the 2023-2024 proposed budgets for the Service and General Funds were presented by Finance/Governance Co-Coordinator Millie Mitchell at the April Business Meeting. Members, and especially committee coordinators, are encouraged to review the budgets and report any issues or questions to Millie or any member of the Finance/Governance Committee.

Soroptimist Club SI/Sparks Chartered April 1

Delegate Bev Perkins gave a report on the chartering of the newest club in the Sierra Nevada Region, our neighbor, Soroptimist International of Sparks. Eight members from SITM attended the April 1 event to congratulate and help the new Soroptimists celebrate.

Construction Update on Our Girls' Dormitory

Monica House, IGU-Nepal Coordinator, reported the good news that construction on the new girls' dormitory in Thulipokhari has begun. Work is anticipated to be finished before the Monsoon Season this Spring. For more details and photos of the work, see pages 3-4.

Motion to Attend NWF's 40th Anniversary Luncheon

The Board recommended and the membership approved a motion proposed by Cindy Burk to solicit members to attend this year's Nevada Women's Fund Women of Achievement luncheon celebrating their 40th anniversary. The event is Thursday, May 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Downtown Reno Ballroom. Tickets are \$150 each (for one table of 10) and members are responsible for funding their own ticket.

Changes Coming to SITM's Leased Storage Units

SITM currently leases two storage units, one shared with the Sierra Nevada Region to house archival

material, and one to store club items and materials used by the club's committees. Faye I. Andersen gave a report on anticipated actions that will have the SNR archives being moved to another location, while SITM consolidates its archives and club materials into one unit. The projected savings is about \$7-800 annually.

March and April Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars for Step 2 totaled \$566 in March. Step 2 provides gender-specific long-term treatment services for substance use disorders, domestic violence intervention and education.

Happy Dollars for April are designated for NAMI of Northern Nevada, dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with mental illness and their families through support, education and advocacy.

Celebrating April Birthdays

No members with April Birthdays were able to attend the April Business Meeting. But we wish them a happy birthday anyway.



Gail Plass April 2



Niki Ewing April 9



Scarlet Ewy April 10



Patty Mamola April 12

The Commercial Sex Trafficking Trade is World Wide



Jenny Williamson, Founder and CEO of Courage Worldwide was brought to us by Amanda Brown at the March 23 meeting. An

impassioned speaker, Jenny had us captivated (and often disgusted) by her tales of children sold into and groomed into the commercial sex trafficking trade.

Jenny said her quest began in Tanzania in 2010 where Courage Worldwide has developed Courage House Moshi in Kilimanjaro, a residential rehabilitation program for minor female victims of sex trafficking with capacity for 60 girls and their children. Courage House Too is a transitional program for former residents of Courage House for ages 18+ to learn leadership and vocational training as they transition to independence.

Also in 2010, Courage Worldwide opened Courage House Nor Cal for young women over 18 who had been trafficked. And later added victims aged 12-to-17 for stays from three to 32 months. Due to policy changes and regulatory issues in the State of California, the programs have been phased out, but services and resources for previous residents are still being provided.



Jenny Williamson, Founder and CEO of Courage Worldwide is seen at right, with Amanda Brown and her daughter Michaela.

Today, Jenny is looking for private funding to establish a Courage House in Northern Nevada for girls 11-to-17 years of age who have been sex trafficked, to help them on their path to healing.

The IGU-Nepal Fund and the Community Foundation of Western Nevada

Eaton Dunkelberger, CEO of the Community Foundation of Western Nevada, was our March 16 speaker, sponsored by the IGU-Nepal Project Committee. The CFWN is a non-profit corporation that assists individuals, corporations, nonprofits and community groups to help manage their charitable

giving, and when appropriate, help manage tax-wise strategies for estates and families.



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Eaton explained that they have donor-advised funds, scholarship and field of interest funds, legacy, nonprofit (like the IGU-Nepal project), and affiliate funds. Each includes a level of involvement chosen by the donor, for targeted donations, or to combine with other donors of interest for a larger impact.

According to Eaton, philanthropic giving trends in Northern Nevada have been centered around: education; housing; healthcare; homelessness; and food insecurity.

SITM's Nepal funds have been invested as an endowed fund with the CFWN for nearly two decades. With deposits of Nepal donations, annual pledges, plus the proceeds from 20-years of SITM garage sales, the invested earnings came close last year to covering the costs of building a new dormitory in Thulipokhari, Nepal.



Eaton Dunkelberger, the CFWN CEO, center, with IGU Nepal Coordinator Monica House, left, and President Laury Macauley, right.

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The 47th annual Sierra Nevada Region Conference will be held June 2 - 4 at the Atlantis in Reno. You can register by going to the region website at soroptimistsnr.org, or check out the attachment to this newsletter for more information. Plan to attend Friday night, Saturday all day, or Sunday morning. Or, of course, attend the whole weekend. Here are some highlights you don't want to miss.

Friday, June 2

Soroptimist Lingo Bingo
 Soroptimist Book Club
 Friday Evening
 Diamonds and Denim
 Social Hour
 Howdy Welcome Dinner
 Honoring Club Awards
 The West at its Best
 Follies and Line
 Dancing

Saturday, June 3

Morning Business Meeting
 Member Recognitions
 Election of Nominating
 Committee
 Luncheon Corral Yee Haw
 Official Visitor SIA President
 Stephanie Smith
 Evening Watering Hole
 Reception
 Rustlers' Dinner

Sunday, June 4

Buckaroo Brunch
 Achieving the Big
 Goal
 SIA President
 Stephanie Smith
 Live Your Dream
 Awards

OFFICIAL CALL: 47th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WHEN: June 2 – 4, 2023

WHERE: Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
3800 S Virginia St.
Reno, NV 89502

REGISTRATION: All attendees **MUST** complete online registration. **Early Bird Registration Deadline is April 15, 2023. A late fee of \$35 applied when registering after May 5, 2023. A late fee of \$60 applied when registering day of event.**

MEALS:

Click here for [CONFERENCE](#)
Online Registration

Need help registering online?

If you do not have access to the online registration, your club president or a designee may be able to assist you. You can also email questions to Registration Coordinator Danielle Kennedy at snrwebsite@soroptimistsnr.org

Total meal cost is \$305:

Friday Dinner..... \$ 80
Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner..... \$165
Sunday Brunch..... \$ 60

BIG SAVINGS! - BEST DEAL!

When purchasing a full meal package (5 meals) the cost will be **\$275**. Thanks to the generosity of Sponsors, we are able to offer this discount.

RESERVED SEATING:

Sit together with your club for just \$100! A great way to have your club members all together. **Reserved table for 8 = \$100**. Please pay with your registration.

CANCELLATIONS:

The cancellation REFUND deadline is May 15, 2023. There are no refunds for cancellations received after May 5th. If a registrant is not able to attend conference, requests for refunds must be in writing and submitted to Conference Coordinator/Gov Elect Stacey Jensen prior to the May 15, 2023 deadline.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa – 47 th Sierra Nevada Region Soroptimist International Conference				
	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rate*	06/01/23	06/02/23	06/03/23	06/04/23
	\$99	\$159	\$159	\$99
*Plus 13% Room tax, \$2 tourism fee, \$30 resort fee				

- Additional room options are available on the SNR Atlantis reservation page. Each attendee is responsible for all room charges
- Deadline for Atlantis SNR Special Group Rate is May 5, 2023
- Deluxe Tower King or Queen
- Rates are valid for single or double occupancy \$add \$25.00 per person, per room, per night, plus tax, for triples or quads
- Rates are not valid for Saturday one-night stays
- To encourage sustainability, we are encouraging carpooling to the event. Good for our environment and good for our wallets!
- Atlantis is proud to offer EV charging stations

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[ATLANTIS HOTEL ONLINE RESERVATIONS](#)

For hotel questions, contact the Atlantis toll free: **1-800-723-6500** reference **Soroptimist International - Sierra Nevada Region**

DELEGATES:

The delegates of each club shall be the president and 2 regular members elected or appointed at the time club officers are elected, or their alternates. All delegates must be in good standing with both SIA and SNR and be registered in order to have their votes counted. Delegates **MUST** indicate their status as a delegate in the online registration.

NON - DELEGATES:

All Soroptimists are invited and encouraged to attend and will register as “members”. Guests are welcome and must register as “guests”.

