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- August 24 -- Natalie Stevenson, Director, Cancer Community Clubhouse.
- August 31 -- Soropti-Fun
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- Sept. 12 -- Board meeting, Pam Robinson’s office/Zoom
- September 14-- Business Meeting
- September 21 -- Intl. Connections Committee
- Sept. 23 -- Fall District Meeting, Fallon
- Sept. 28 -- Waste Management Recycling

SITM Meets...

Thursdays at Noon

at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa Second Floor Convention Center \$30 for lunch.
RSVP to info@sitmnev.org no later than noon on the Sunday 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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A Fast and Fun-Filled Start to the New Year

Thank you everyone for the great honor you have bestowed on me as I serve as your President for the coming year. We have a very dynamic board now fully manned (womaned?) with the election of Jeanne Naccarato, President-Elect; Dot Watts, Vice President, Membership; Patty Elam, Delegate; and Margie Hermanson, Director. The board intends to meet in person each month with Zoom provided for any member who wishes to attend. The club’s leadership team is ready to go as we refocus the club’s energies on our mission of education for women and girls.

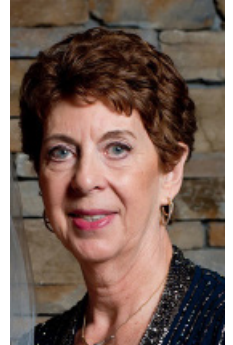
We gathered on July 29 at Diana DeMatei’s home for an All-Member Retreat. Wow, was this a fantastic gathering! The view from her backyard must have been inspiring because we were able to discuss and make decisions on everything from committee structure, Nepal, budget issues, new fundraising ideas and the new use of our Happy Dollar donations to fund a scholarship in memory of Dee Ann Roberts! Committees were encouraged to hold in-person meetings whenever possible to continue to build on those strong relationships. Everyone

contributed ideas (bright ideas earned a nerf-style light bulb) and were free to discuss the pros and cons of everything facing our club.

August has arrived with the return to school and the last opportunity for a summer trip. The Sierra Nevada Region’s Soroptimist Development Retreat is August 19-20. Fall will be here before we know it and our one-of-a-kind Queen of Hearts High Tea on September-30 will give us an opportunity to welcome attendees from the community as we raise funds for our programs. Be sure to sell those tickets and invite everyone to attend this wonderful and fun-filled event.

My theme of Illuminate Minds, Inspire Lives will be prominent as we educate others and work together to inspire each other as we continue the service our club has taken such pride in for so many years.

Gratefully,
President Kay



Join in the Fun at the High Tea



Mad Hatter here. Grab your best friends, family, and neighbors dressed in your finest Tea attire or better yet, your best Alice in Wonderland costume and head to the Queen of Hearts Tea on September 30th at the Atlantis.

It looks to be a grand event! This year’s Tea will feature our Auction with many a treasure to bid on; the Wine Wagon full of

Jeanne “Mad Hatter” Naccarato

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Liza Chapen and Doris Phelps sharing a laugh.



High Tea goes Pam Robinson and Deb Thomas.



Millie Mitchell and President Kay Dunham encouraging members to sell tickets, solicit auction items.

wine and Fall treats; an Un-birthday Cake Walk; a Wine Toss; trendy fashions from Labels modeled by our own lovely Soroptimists; the ever-popular Photo Booth will also be on site; door prizes and raffles; and of course, the Atlantis' sumptuous Tea.

The Tea is our major fundraiser for the year and its success depends on the support of all our wonderful SITM members. Hope to see everyone there.

Ticket information and ticket purchasing can be found at our website sitmnv.org.

"Yes, that's it! It's always tea time." — Mad Hatter

A Little TEase for the High Tea

A Queen of Hearts High Tea "TEase" was on tap for the August 13 meeting, hosted by the Fundraising Committee. Admission tickets were distributed to members to sell, along with information for event sponsorships and table sponsors. Members were also asked to solicit the donation of auction items for the Silent Auction, a feature event at the High Tea.

This year's Queen of Hearts High Tea is scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 2023, at the Atlantis in Reno.

Silent Auction donation forms are available from the Fundraising Committee. If you have secured a donation, make sure it is accompanied by the completed form, to make sure all of the essential information for the auction is listed for the item or service. Items are being collected by Millie Mitchell.

The Fundraising Committee has also asked members to donate a bottle of wine for the Wine Wagon Raffle. At the High Tea, attendees can buy tickets to win a decorated four-wheeled garden cart filled with bottles



Pam Robinson and her "Dancing Leaves" teapot prize.



Angela Owings is ready for the Tea.

of wine, associated wine accessories and snacks. To donate wine, bring it to the August 24 meeting where Jeanne Naccarato will be collecting.

Highlights of the TEase were prizes for members who purchased their four tickets that day and those who sponsored a table (8 seats). A \$100 gift certificate was won by Beth Sharp. Marilyn Pearson won a \$50 gift certificate. Special glass "Dancing Leaves" teapots were won by Pam Robinson and Faye Andersen.



Marilyn Pearson displays a gift card she won at the TEase.

“Illuminate Minds; Inspire Lives” in the New Year”

“Illuminate Minds; Inspire Lives” is President Kay Dunham’s theme for the 2023-2024 Club Year. At the July 27 meeting, Installing Officer District 5 Director Holly Nash illustrated Kay’s theme with illuminated catch-phrases to present the “light and brightness” projected for the coming Club Year. Director Holly installed the following:

Parliamentarian Kay Dunham
 Delegate Patty Elam
 Director Margi Hermanson
 Treasurer/General Fund Linda Walker
 Treasurer/Service Fund Cindy Burk
 Secretary Debbie Handke
 VP/Membership Dot Watts
 VP/Program Pam Robinson
 President-Elect Jeanne Naccarato
 President Kay Dunham

Congratulations to all of the newly installed club officers and best wishes for a great year.



SITM's 2023-2024 Boards, back row from left: President Kay Dunham; President-Elect Debera Thomas (standing in for Jeanne Naccarato); VP/Program Pam Robinson; Service Fund Treasurer Cindy Burk; General Fund Treasurer Linda Walker; Director Margie Hermanson; Parliamentarian Diana DeMatei. Front row from left: VP/Membership Dot Watts; Delegate Patty Elam; Secretary Debbie Handke.

17 Members Achieved Perfect Attendance This Year

The following members were honored at the July 20 Business meeting for 251 hours of Perfect Attendance during the 2022-2023 Clun Year. Each were presented with certificates designating their years of Perfect Attendance.

1 year	Debera Thomas
2 years	Holly Nash
4 years	Annette Friedlander
	Doris Phelps
	Millie Mitchell
5 years	Linda Walker
7 years	Cindy Burk
8 years	Jeanne Naccarato
9 years	Dot Watts
12 years	Marilyn Pearson
15 years	Margie Hermanson
19 years	Beverly Perkins
27 years	Diana DeMatei
	Kay Dunham
32 years	Pam Robinson
37 years	Faye I. Andersen
38 years	Jo Ann Roberts

There are many ways to count Perfect Attendance. Show up every Thursday for lunch, of course. But “make-up meetings” count towards being perfect. Here’s how: Attend a monthly SITM Board meeting; attend another club’s meeting; attend a district or region meeting or SIA or SI Convention. One make-up is



Assembled at the July 20 business meeting were members acknowledged for Perfect Attendance.

awarded for each day of attendance at these meetings. If you wish to received a “make up” for any of these meetings, please alert the Attendance Committee. A make-up is awarded for each day of attendance at these meetings. If you wish to received a “make up” for any of these meetings, please alert the Attendance Committee.

Linda Walker Honored with Ceec Abrahams Award

This year's Ceec Abrahams Award recipient is Linda Walker, honored for her long legacy in leading SITM's fundraising efforts and as a two-term (four-year) General Fund Treasurer.

Linda joined SITM in 2017, and within less than one-year, she teamed up with Darlene DeLancey as Co-Coordinator of the Fundraising Committee. Without a defined large fundraiser, Linda and Darlene pioneered fundraising at District Meetings and SNR Conference and the Holiday Bake Sale. Linda often donated raffle prizes from her business that were sold to raise money for SITM. When COVID hit, with mandatory confinements, Linda led us through an unprecedented and successful online Whole Hearted Auction.

Also, as a new member, Linda took on the task of serving as Club Secretary from 2018- 2019. We are all familiar with the successes of the Mad Hatter Tea. Linda has been a part of the leadership of this event since the beginning. She continues this year with two new co-coordinators. Linda is a smart leader. She schedules a series of committee meetings in advance, sends meeting reminders to members, prepares an agenda and follows up the meeting with typed notes of the actions and upcoming deadlines. She also conducts informed and timely committee meetings, allowing all members to express opinions. She even calls upon those we rarely hear from during meetings, to make sure their opinions are heard.

Linda has served as the General Fund Treasurer for two, two-year terms. She prepares monthly statements, works with the Finance/Governance Committee to develop annual budgets. She prepares notices and collects the annual member dues. She has also become an expert with QGiv, calculating and properly accounting for credit purchases on both General and Service Fund accounts.

Overall, Linda is an active and contributing SITM member. She's generous in her donations to fundraising events, purchasing tables and sponsorships. She has perfect attendance. If you ask her, she's willing to pitch in and help out with just about any Soroptimist task.

Linda's husband, Bill Walker, was in attendance for the presentation. During Happy Dollars, he expressed how much he has seen Linda benefit from her Soroptimist membership. Plus, how proud he is of her and her pursuits for SITM.



Linda Walker, center, is holding the rotating Ceec Abrahams Award, silver bowl with flowers. She is flanked on the left by Margie Hermanson, representing the Membership Committee, and President Kay Dunham.

Delegate Extraordinaire Honored for Her Reporting

Bev Perkins was presented with a small gift by 2022-23 President Laury Macauley, in recognition of her dedication to bringing a Delegate's

Report to members after each District Meeting and Region Conference. Bev has served in that position multiple times. During her reports, she delights members with antidotes, personal observations, all while capturing the fun and frivolity (including serious reporting too) of the meetings' event.



Soroptimist Afghans Donated to Project 150 Boutique

By Niki Ewing, Community Outreach Co-Coordinator

Each year Project 150 provides basic needs, such as clothing and toiletries, to over 3000 high school students that are displaced, disadvantaged, and some even homeless. The goal for Project 150 is to help these teenagers so they can focus on education and graduating from high school. Each student works with their high school counselor to be approved to shop at Project 150. One of the items teenagers get excited to shop for is blankets and afghans. Our very own Soroptimist members crocheted over 100 afghans this past year and were donated to Project 150. The Community Outreach Committee couldn't think of a better home for the afghans.

Diana DeMatei and her mom, Alicia, took home and washed each afghan so they could be ready to be placed in the hands of teenage shoppers. The afghans were delivered in May and shortly after a special shopper came in and found a pretty, pink afghan and kept telling Project 150's director, Liz McFarland, how much she loved it! She was so excited to take home the comfort of a beautiful and soft afghan.

If you have questions or would like to get more involved with Project 150, please contact Niki Ewing. Liz is always looking for more volunteers to come into the boutique to help sort, organize, restock, and clean up. On a typical Saturday 20 shoppers will come in and walk away with 5 shirts, 5 pants, 7 underwear, 7 socks, a jacket, a pair of shoes, and toiletries. They can also pick out other items such as athletic gear, and work attire if needed. As you can imagine, the boutique goes through a lot of merchandise. You can take a virtual tour on their website at Project150reno.org. Thank you to our members for crocheting all the beautiful afghans!

At right: Community Involvement Co-Ordinators Niki Ewing and Diana DeMatei delivered afghans to Project 150.



A Gift a Year in the Making

At the annual Year in Review meeting, the Scrapbook Committee represented 2022-2023 President Laury Macaulay with a prized remembrance of all the programs, events and members comprising SITM's achievements in 2022-2023. Marilyn Pearson produced a wonderful Power Point presentation of all of the same activities, so all members could enjoy the remembrance.

Pictured from left, back row: Bev Perkins, Co-Coordinator Marilyn Pearson and Bev's sister Barbara. Front row from left: Deb Thomas, President Laury Macauley, Co-Coordinator Liza Chapen and Dot Watts. Eileen Fuller missed the photo.

Starting the New Club Year with a Retreat

Article and Photos by Patty Elam

The SITM retreat meeting went off without a hitch! Many thanks to Diana DeMatei and President Kay Dunham, along with many others who either brought salads, cookies, table settings, fruit etc.

The meeting was held at Diana's lovely back yard. At the meeting there were lots of ideas, thoughts, and enthusiasm shared with the group. Decisions were made to help get the group get situated to do some fun and rewarding things this year. Some changes to committee names were discussed, to make it less confusing, and were voted on. We decided what committees to keep, some to do away with, and new ones added.

It is the feeling that the whole group would like to become more visible to the community with future events that will help to promote our group. This includes getting new shirts to wear at events we sponsor to be more visible.

Some unfinished business with the Nepal funds held at the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada was discussed and decisions were made on how to move through this transition. Everyone agreed going forward we could handle our own funding of the scholarships we have already earmarked for this year. And that we would do a pledge drive to help the new group get going, as a way of showing our commitment to the ideals of Soroptimist.

*Illuminate Minds
Inspire Lives*



Linda Walker and Margie Hermanson share a moment.



*President Kay with her hand-crafted carry bags with her theme, *Illuminate Minds, Inspire Lives*, that she presented to all attendees.*



Patty Elam and President Kay.



Ana Nadimi with Kay's theme bag.



Jo Ann Roberts at the retreat.

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We also received a \$5,000 check from member Deb Thomas and a promised check for \$5,000 from Gloria Rumbauer, a perspective new member. So, we are off to a good start with our scholarship funding going forward. We also discussed some fundraising ideas and we came up with quite a few. More info on those with reports due October 5, to vote on.

Our annual "Queen of Hearts" tea is moving along, but a reminder was made to everyone to sell tickets, and obtain gift baskets and items for the silent auction. There were lots of fun things to look forward to this year and share with everyone at our weekly meetings. So, stay tuned and get involved. President Kay's theme is "Illuminate Minds, Inspire lives!" The meeting ended with President Kay giving each member that attended a carrying bag with her new theme! If you didn't attend, you will have to check with President Kay to get your wonderful carrying bag. They are beautiful and a big hit with everyone who attended!



Bags galore with Vicki Schultz in the foreground and Millie Mitchell behind her.



Cindy Burk and Dot Watts on clean-up duty.



Soroptimister Jeff DeMatei cleaning up the chairs used by attendees.

Live Your Dream Application Portal Opened August 1

By Pam Robinson, Education/Women Co-Coordinator

The Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women portal is now open for applications. The SITM Education Women committee will soon be contacting northern Nevada colleges, technical schools, and non-profit agencies to solicit applications.

This year's application season marks the 51st anniversary of the Live Your Dream program. Since 1972, Soroptimists have distributed more than \$41 million in education grants through the LYD awards and helped over 41,000 women make a better life for themselves and their families. Our club has awarded \$60,146 to 46 women since 1998. Last year we awarded a total of \$10,500 to 6 deserving women, having received a generous donation as well as an approved increase to our \$3,000 budget.

Our primary recipient's application will be forwarded to Sierra Nevada Region to be considered for an additional award. SNR has received additional SIA funding and will be awarding one \$5,000 award and three \$3,000 awards at conference next year.

Eligible applicants must provide the primary financial support for their families, be enrolled in or accepted to a vocational/ skills training program or an undergraduate degree program, and demonstrate financial need.

The information will be on our website in our Scholarships section soon. If you know of any deserving women, please encourage them to apply! The deadline is November 15, 2023, and our awards luncheon will be in early February 2024.

An Update on Afghan Refugees in Our Area

by Faye I. Andersen

Imagine growing up and living in a remote area of Afghanistan, surrounded by only family and close relatives. No strangers ever visit. Women are covered, head-to-toe, in burqas. Men and women don't fraternize. There are no modern conveniences, no automobiles, no appliances, no crowds gathering.

Now imagine how your life in America is so markedly different.

In August 2021 when American troops were being withdrawn after 20-years in Afghanistan and the country was being turned over to the ruthless Taliban, many of these, and others in Afghanistan rushed to evacuate the country. Many were dreaming to start a new life in America. Of the 100,000+ refugees who fled Afghanistan, 50 families landed in Reno, Nevada. In December 2021.

Cultural education and classes were among the first orders of business for these families, according to our June 22 speaker Aimal Hamil, who immigrated from Afghanistan in 2010. As a matter of fact, cultural education and assimilation are among the keys to success in America for these Afghan refugees, he said. Just two years ago, there were only about a dozen Afghan families living in the Reno-area, said Aimal. The US evacuation and refugee program has added an additional 50 families.

Aimal and his wife Asma, have been instrumental in bridging that cultural gap in helping the new families find places to live, furnishings and clothing, jobs, even how to live in the American culture. Asma translated the Nevada DMV driving booklet into Darci, a dialect of the Farsi language. She has given driving lessons to some of the women and invited them into their home to demonstrate how modern appliances are used for cooking.

Both Aimal and Asma have been involved as volunteers at the Northern Nevada International Center, which offers support and direction for refugees from many nations. In April, the NNIC named Aimal and Asma their Northern Nevada Humanitarians of the Year.

The assimilation will continue, according to Aimal, as these families hang on to their Afghan culture, plus add what Aimal describes as an "enlightened democracy", the culture of their new home.

Ways for members to help include jobs, guidance, clothes, books, Walmart gift cards. Or if you have

something else to offer, contact Aimal Hamil at work: 775 (775) 826-1777; aimalhamil@firstwallstreereeno.com

Back story: (For those who have not heard it): When Aimal was only six months old, his father was killed. He was raised under difficult circumstances by his "Hero Mother" as he calls her. Growing up under the brutal civil war that engulfed Afghanistan after the exit of the Soviet Union and the subsequent rule of the Taliban Regime, Aimal learned to speak English. As a teen he became an interrupter for U.S. troops in Afghanistan. That's where he met and became friends with Lieutenant Colonel Curtis Neddenriep of the Nevada National Guard. Curt is the son of the late SITM member Jean Neddenriep. Curtis helped Aimal obtain a student visa to come to America to study at UNR. After arriving in 2010, Curtis and his wife Katie, along with a host of SITM members and others helped Aimal learn the American language and culture, contributed to his tuition, and some just invited him for Sunday dinner and a televised American football game.

Graduating from UNR in 2015, Aimal was selected to be a Rotary Peach Fellow and completed his master's degree

in International Politics and Peace studies in England. Unable for his own safety to return to Afghanistan to visit his family, he met his mother in Pakistan for a brief visit. Soroptimist member Kay Dunham had been corresponding with a young Afghan woman who wished to come to the US for her university degree. Asma d/o Shamsullah (this means daughter of Shamsullah her father) was accepted as a student at UNR and received her student visa in 2014 and Kay traveled to Dubai to meet Asma as her journey to the US began. She had never seen an airliner before

much less flown on one! Asma lived in Kay's home while she began her studies at UNR. During the holidays I invited Aimal to meet her at Christmas time in my home. They were the perfect match of two educated Afghans and were eventually married in 2015. They reside with their 3 year-old daughter Zahra in Reno.

Asma has since graduated from UNR with a dual major in Communications and Political Science. Asma recently passed her orientation and citizenship tests and joined Aimal as a U.S. citizen last month. Aimal works with Kay at First Wallstreet Financial Advisors. Asma is a manager at the Silk Road International Market, a grocery store that stocks central Asian specialties that Aimal and a business partner opened this year. Asma's cookies and Aimal's sister-in-law's breads are delightful best sellers. Silk Road International Market is located in the Costco Center in Reno, on Plumb Lane.



Asma and Aimal Hamil flank President Kay Dunham.

August Board and Business Recap

by Faye I. Andersen

The August Board and Business Meetings were in large part a reflection of discussions and implementation of members' wishes expressed at the Club Retreat held on August 29 at Diana DeMatei's home. Those included several motions regarding committees, Happy Dollars and governance of the Nepal Endowment funds held by the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada.

Recommended by the Board and approved by the membership were motions to:

Retain and aggregate members' monthly Happy Dollars throughout the year to be used to establish a new scholarship in the name of Dee Ann Roberts (Jo Ann Roberts' daughter) for a woman pursuing an education major. (Editor's Note: \$580 in Happy Dollars were collected in July Happy Dollars.) After the passage of the motion, it was announced that Pam Sutton has made a very generous \$5,000 donation to the Dee Ann Roberts' scholarship.

Hold a fundraising dinner -- a Persian menu -- at the home of Ana Nadimi on Saturday, November 4 at 6 p.m. Seating is first-come, first-served, with a limit of 25 seats at \$40 per seat. "Tickets" will go on sale October 1, with payments collected by Service Fund Treasurer Cindy Burk, payable to SITM.

To authorize disbursement by SITM of previously committed Women's Scholarships and Awards Funds. This would cover previous recipients committed to by the Education/Women Committee, based on prior approval from the anonymous donor.

Motions Regarding the Nepal Endowment Fund

Moving all funds from the Non-Endowed Fund at the Community Foundation to the Endowed Fund and to close the Non-Endowed Fund. The current balance of the Non-Endowed Fund is \$1,100

Authorizing a percentage distribution from the Community Foundation to fund Nepal Scholarships and other expenses in Nepal not to exceed 5% of our balance annually, based on a sliding percentage scale determined by our total account balance.

Corralling SITM's Technology and Uses

Finance/Governance Committee Co-Coordinator Pam Sutton proposed an idea for the creation of a new technology oversight committee whose proposed duties would include coordinating zoom, maintaining

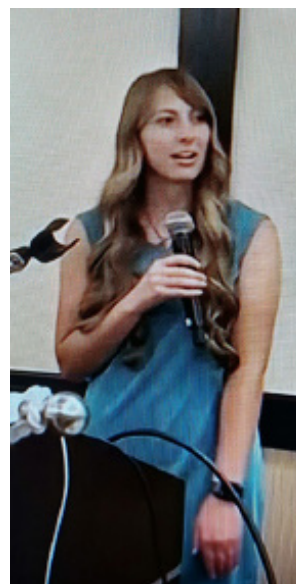
the club's website and maintaining technical documentation, as well as providing technical support to officers and committees as needed. The issue is being referred to the F&G Committee.

Happy Birthday Soroptimist



Alone, but never lonely. Annette Friedlander is our lone member with a birthday this month -- August 15. Annette is presented with a birthday gift from Hospitality Committee Co-Coordinator Dot Watts, right.

Scholarship Recipient Graduates



SITM Women's Scholarship recipient Kaycee Smith stopped by in June to give us an update on her schooling and current pursuits. Kaycee graduated from UNR with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. She is currently working at the Nevada Automotive Test Center in Silver Springs, Nevada.

July Board and Business Recap

by Faye I. Andersen

The big news from the July Board and Business Meetings was the election of officers to fill vacant positions. Jeanne Naccarato, previously elected to the position of VP/Membership resigned that post. Nominations were then made by the Board and from the floor. The resulting election to fill vacant offices included:

President-Elect Jeanne Naccarato
VP/Membership Dot Watts
Delegate Patty Elam
Director Margie Hermanson
Parliamentarian Diana DeMatei

Congratulations to these newly elected officers. Installation of new officers was scheduled for July 27. Thank you for stepping up to fill these vacancies.

Amendments to Community Foundation Contracts

Millie Mitchell reported that she, Cindy Burk and Vicki Schultz, all representing the Finance/Governance Committee, met with the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada to renew our Nepal Endowment with the foundation. A motion was offered and approved by the membership to appoint the Finance Committee Coordinator, Service Fund Treasurer and President to provide control of the CFNN Nepal account, and unfreezing those accounts to permit activity.

Bylaws and Policies & Procedures Amendments

The first reading of amendments to SITM's Bylaws and Policies & Procedures were presented by Pam Sutton of the Finance/Governance Committee. A second reading will take place at the August Business Meeting, seeking final approval of the amendments. If you have questions or issues, or have misplaced your copy, (emailed by President Kay for the July 20 Business Meeting), contact Pam for a copy.

Keeping Up With Our Tax Returns

Annually, SITM must file a tax return with the IRS, regardless if we are a 501 C3 nonprofit. Bev Perkins was appointed the club's tax preparer again this year.

Perfect Attendance Recognitions Awarded

Seventeen members have compiled 251 years of Perfect Attendance. Attendance Coordinator Annette Friedlander awarded certificates to members, along with the designating bars to add to their name badges. Congratulations to all of the dedicated members. For

the complete story, see page 3.

Happy Dollars in June for STEP 2

Happy Dollars collected in June totaled \$544 for STEP 2. STEP 2 provides gender-specific long-term treatment services for substance use disorders, domestic violence intervention and education, and trauma services.

The recipient of upcoming Happy Dollars was delayed for discussion at the upcoming Club Retreat.

Celebrating June Birthdays

Two of the three members with July Birthdays were recognized at the July Business meeting. From left, Margie Hermanson, presenting birthday gifts to: Jo Ann Roberts (July 9) and Diana DeMatei (July 18).



Eve Johnson (July 24) was unable to attend, but we wish her a Happy Birthday anyway ...



Millie Mitchell presents a \$500 Happy Dollar check for Noah's Animal House to founder Staci Alonso at the Bone-ito at the Shops at RanchHarrah. Bone-ito is a retail operation to support Noah's Animal House.

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Board Meets monthly on Tuesday
 following the first Thursday, noon.

SITM Board 2023-24

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Soroptimist International of the Americas: www.soroptimist.org

Soroptimist International: www.soroptimistinternational.org



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Did you know . . .

SIA Survey Series: Share Your Opinion for Chance to Win a Prize!

Reprinted from SIA "Best for Women" Newsletter

Stay tuned! SIA is launching an online survey series to gather member feedback on various topics. By participating in our survey series, you'll not only play a crucial role in shaping future decisions, but two members will also have the chance to win a \$50 gift card!

How it Works

Each month, SIA will share a new survey with members. To participate, click on the link, which will be available in Best for Women, on social media and the Soroptimist blog. Completing each survey will only take a few minutes of your time, but your feedback will be invaluable.

Chance to Win

Every survey you complete in the series grants you an entry to win the prize. Plus, for each additional survey you complete, you'll receive an extra chance to win!

Get ready to embark on an exclusive journey with us! Your opinion matters and we look forward to hearing it. Join our survey series, and together, let's shape the future!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at siahq@soroptimist.org.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF TRUCKEE MEADOWS

QUEEN OF HEARTS HIGH TEA

Saturday, September 30th, 2023
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa • Doors Open 12:30pm
Program 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Emerse yourself in a day of fun and female empowerment. We will be serving tea, chatter, and scrumptious treats. Dress in your best hat and get ready to shop at our silent auction. Enjoy raffles, wine bottle toss, wine wagon, photo booth, and more – you'll find fun in every corner!

Fashion Show by Lables!

Want to get more involved? We are accepting silent action donations and sponsorships for this fundraiser.

Contact tea@sitmnv.org

Table of 8 sponsorships \$600

Other sponsorship levels available.

Ticket Pricing

Make sure to get your tea while it's hot!

Early Bird Ticket June 1 - \$55

Don't Be Late July 1 - \$65

Off with Your Head September 1 - \$75

Net proceeds benefit community service projects of
Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit

Purchase Tickets at www.sitmnv.org/high-tea-2023
or email tea@sitmnv.org

To be a sponsor of this year's Queen of Hearts High Tea, please make your check payable to Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows. Please note "Queen Of Hearts High Tea" in the memo line and send your payment to:

Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows
P.O. Box 20125
Reno, NV 89515

Sponsorships confirmed by September 10th, 2023 will be acknowledged in the event program.



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The Soroptimist *Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women* program has been helping women around the world since 1972. This program provides cash grants to women who are working to better their lives through additional schooling and skills training.



You are eligible to apply if you:

are a woman with primary financial responsibility for yourself and your dependents

are attending an undergraduate degree program or a vocational skills training program

have financial need

Apply for a **LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD** at bit.ly/LYDA-apply OR contact:

Soroptimist International of TRUCKEE MEADOWS

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Club Application Deadline: 11/15/2023

Amount of Club Award: Up to \$3,000

Notes: WHEN YOU APPLY - BE SURE TO SCROLL DOWN AND CHOOSE TRUCKEE MEADOWS CLUB!



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