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- May 12 -- Board Meeting, Pam
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- May 14 –Thanks to Youth, Atlantis
- May 21 -- Business Meeting,
Atlantis/Zoom

SITM Meets...

Thursdays at Noon

at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
Second Floor Convention Center
\$34 plated; \$35 credit/debit.
RSVP to info@sitmnhv.org no later
than noon on the Sunday before the
Thursday meeting.

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access to the education and training
they need to achieve economic



Congratulations 2026-2027 SITM Board



Newly installed board members, front row from left: Co President-Elect, Billie Mendiola; President, Holly Nash; VP Membership, Line Cousineau; VP Programs, Eileen Fuller; Secretary, Nicole DuPont. Back row, from left: Director, Lisa Robinson; Treasurer General Fund, Pam Robinson; Director Marilyn Pearson; Delegate, Lisa George. Missing were Co President, Mary Ann McCauley; and Treasurer Service Fund, Cynthia Tashiro Cramer (on zoom).

Congratulations to the newly installed SITM officers for the 2026-2027 Club Year. A hearty thank you goes to these members willing to stand for election to office for the 2026-2027 Club Year. Please take a minute to thank them for their commitment to serving SITM in the coming year.

- *President – Holly Nash
- Co-President-Elect – Mary Ann Mc Cauley
- Co-President-Elect – Billie Mendiola
- Vice President – Programs – Eileen Fuller
- Vice President – Membership – Line Cousineau
- Secretary – Nicole DuPont
- *Treasurer – Service Fund – Cynthia Tashiro Cramer
- Treasurer – General Fund – Pam Robinson
- Delegate – Lisa George
- *Directors – Marilyn Pearson and Lisa Robinson
- *These positions are completing their terms of office.

A big thank you also to Nominations/Elections Committee Coordinator Jeanne Naccarato, Dot Watts and Gayle Kmetovicz for your diligent and dedicated work in compiling this slate of officers and preparing for the election.

SITM's Legacy Projects Happening this Quarter

I want to greet all of my fellow Soroptimists with a lovely Happy Spring to you all. So not only is Spring a time of growth and blooming all around us, it is also a time in our club where we are working on and having the events that define us. Events like our Thanks To Youth luncheon on May 14, as well as our women's scholarships and awards. This is the reason we exist as an organization, to lift up and change the lives of women and youth through education. Thank you to all that are involved in these two wonderful events. We began selling tickets to our TTY luncheon on March 26, so if you have not purchased your tickets yet there is plenty of time. One surprise we had at last week's meeting was Mabel Sedano, who has been a recipient of our scholarships. She was able to join us in person since she is on Spring break. Mabel shared that she is currently in her PhD program and doing very well. Wow, seeing her and hearing her share her progress is exciting and a fruit of all of our hard work to fulfill our mission. We were so happy to have her with us.

Over the past month we have selected our Nominating Committee and they have been hard at work on the 2026-2027 Board and now we have our elected board members who will be leading us in our next year. Here are the following Board members for our 2026-2027 year: Club Delegate, Lisa George; Treasurer General Fund, Pam Robinson; Secretary, Nicole DuPont; VP of Programs, Eileen Fuller; VP of Membership, Line Cousineau; Co-President Elect, Billie Mendiola and Mary Ann McCauley. The following club officers who are completing a two year term of office and will remain on the Board are: President Holly Nash, Service Fund Treasurer Cynthia Tashiro Cramer, Directors Marilyn Pearson and Lisa Robinson. We are all very excited to have an amazing board for our 2026-27 year.

We had a lovely time at our Welcome Spring social event, hosted by our Hospitality and Membership Committees. Yummy hors d'oeuvres, dessert and wine were served and it was nice to spend time together without any agenda simply to enjoy good conversation. I want to thank our committee coordinators for the programs that they have been providing to us at our Thursday meetings. They were very enjoyable.

Sierra Nevada Region will be celebrating its 50th anniversary at our Sierra Nevada Region Conference, June 5-7 at the Atlantis. Registration is now open on the SNR website and I want to encourage you to attend, especially if you have never attended. I was first introduced to Soroptimist when my dear friend Carmela Cipollina invited me to the Thanks To Youth

Luncheon and it really was a lovely time. When I went to the conference soon afterwards it really "set the hook" for me in regard to joining this wonderful organization. I was able to broaden my view of Soroptimist and all the amazing women who work tirelessly to fulfill our mission as an organization.

One last reminder before I close. On April 23rd at our Thursday luncheon we will be having our committee sign-ups for the upcoming 2026-2027 year. I have been pondering where I would like to serve this club and I want each of you to go over the "What Committee Fits You" document that was presented at one of our meetings and was also sent to you. I know you will be able to find just the right "fit" for you.

Co-President Lisa Robinson



Time to Register for SNR's 50th Annual Conference



Registration is now open for the 50th Annual Sierra Nevada Region Conference, June 5-7, 2026, at the Atlantis Hotel Casino in Reno. The Call to Conference is now available and includes a day-by-day agenda for activities, speakers, bios for candidates for region officers and district directors, plus highlights taking place throughout the conference.

There is a packed agenda over the three days, honoring visionary leaders, celebrating inspiring Live Your Dream recipients, education opportunities for new Presidents, Treasurers and Club Delegates, dynamic speakers and celebrations for our golden anniversary as the Sierra Nevada Region.

We are honored to host special guests Sue Riney, Soroptimist International of the Americas President, and SIA Executive Director/CEO Michelle Burnett.

There is no registration fee, just sign up and pay for the meals you plan to attend. A full meal package is available for \$275, or pay only for individual meals. Register at: register.soroptimistsnr.org.

SITM covers costs for members who are first-time attendees to the conference and has a budget to reimburse any member wishing to attend. Contact General Fund Treasurer Pam Robinson to request reimbursement.

Thanks to Youth Nears 40 Years of Unsung Heroes and Youth

As SITM was nearing its 10-year history, the club had become successful at providing scholarships for re-entry women. But members saw a lack of programs for youth in our community. Member Katie Simon spear-headed an enthusiastic committee of members who founded the idea of recognizing youth in our community named "Unsung Heroes". This would not be the scholars or athletes, usually recognized. This would be the often quiet, in-the-background youth who were volunteering to make a difference at their school, their church and their community.

The original idea was planned for a week-long



The first group of Unsung Heroes with Nevada First Lady Bonnie Bryan (wearing red) and Katie Simon.

"Thanks to Youth Celebration". Five youths were celebrated and one was featured each day on the KOLO-TV evening news. The Reno Gazette-Journal covered the group in a newspaper



One additional Unsung Hero with her mother and aunt, as well as Katie Simon.

feature. A celebration luncheon was held on May 21, 1987, at the SITM meeting at the Comstock Hotel.

Nevada's First Lady Bonnie Bryan was the Mistress of Ceremonies as each youth, along with parents, teachers and friends, was recognized for his or her efforts. Each received a \$200 check for their spending. Members had also solicited local merchants to donate gifts for the youth. (More



popular than the checks that first year was a "boom box" for each youth, which was quite the rage at the time.)

The format was continued for a few years, with Rollan Melton, Publisher of the Reno Gazette-Journal, and later Nevada Supreme Court Justice Cliff Young, as Masters of Ceremonies for the annual luncheon.

A few years later, exact date unknown, member Sherry Rice led the drive to add scholarships to the Unsung Heroes program. She was able to obtain a local \$3,000 donation that would be awarded to three graduating high school seniors. The scholars were then added to the annual Thanks to Youth celebration. Sherry also arranged a donation of meeting room space and covering the cost of lunch from John Farahi at the Atlantis Casino Resort Hotel, turning the annual event into a fundraiser. It was not long after that SITM members decided to move our weekly Thursday lunch meetings to Atlantis.

Not even COVID-19 could stop the Thanks to Youth Program. After months of planning, soliciting nominations and applications, the government imposed a lockdown and ban on public gatherings just weeks before the planned celebration. Delayed a bit, but undeterred, the committee

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scheduled a “drive thru” celebration, much like the high schools conducted for their graduating seniors. SITM’s “drive thru” was staged in the circular driveway at Ethan Allen, allowing for a free flow of cars. Honorees, recipients and their families



A drive-up version of Thanks to Youth.

rolled up toward the entrance and were greeted by cheering Soroptimists. Some had decorated their cars or produced congratulatory signs. There were quick snapshots and presentations of program acknowledgements, certificates and photo profiles. Most important, the youth were not forgotten, just celebrated in the only way possible for the times.

Since 2006, SITM has awarded over \$281,000 in youth scholarships and recognition.



A drive-thru version of Thanks to Youth.

Are You Selling Your TTY Tickets?

It’s a frequent question but it’s about more than just curiosity. Whether you sell just one, the four distributed to you, or double that amount, the Thanks to Youth Committee needs to obtain an accurate count to give the Atlantis for the number of lunches committed. So, when you turn in the money from your ticket sales, they need to know how many people will actually attend and consume lunch.

The TTY Committee held their annual kick-off on March 26 and distributed tickets to each member. Tickets for the luncheon this year are \$45. A Soroptimist table for eight is \$450. Each SITM member is asked to try to sell four tickets to the event. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. John Farahi of the Atlantis, he is “comping” up to \$5,000 in meals that day. DigiPrint is donating the printing of the tickets and programs.

There are also outside sponsorship opportunities if you know someone or some business that may wish to buy a table or sponsorship for the event, let a member of the TTY Committee know.

Diamond Level will receive recognition during the event, in the program, on the website and a reserved table for eight
Contribution of \$1,500.00

Emerald Level will receive recognition during the event, in the program, on the website, and a reserved table for six
Contribution of \$1,000.00

Ruby Level will receive recognition during the event, in the program, on the website, and receive four tickets to the event
Contribution of \$500.00

You Have Questions? These Ladies Have Answers

Committee roles can be confusing. The Thanks to Youth Committee, Coordinated by Patty Downs, plans, organizes and conducts all facets of the annual luncheon. Eileen Fuller coordinates the Youth Awards



Patty Downs



Eileen Fuller

Committee, which solicits and judges the Unsung Hero and scholarship applications and arranges the program leading up to and during the luncheon. They count on all members to assist in making this a successful event.

Building a Home for New Beginnings

As we grow as a community, the unfortunate truth is domestic violence is on the rise and the need for services grows. But, on the brighter side, current domestic violence services are improving and expanding on a large scale.



Kristen Kennedy

Kristen Kennedy, Executive Director of the Domestic Violence Resource Center (formerly known as the Committee to Aid Abused Women, or CAAW) presented the current status of services available for victims of domestic violence, as well as plans underway to expand and consolidate services.

Domestic violence services in Nevada began in 1977, with a one-bedroom apartment as a shelter for domestic violence victims. Today the DVRC offers 25 shelter beds, two transitional housing complexes, and a Noah's House, where clients'

pets can be cared for while they are receiving services. DVRC's current shelter is full 90% of the time. Forty percent of shelter clients come with children. Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness among women and children. Lack of affordable housing keeps victims tied to their abusers.

Following years of careful research and planning, DVRC broke ground this year on a new 43,000 square foot complex, 100 beds with wrap-around services. The \$30 million complex includes private rooms with a community kitchen, as well as kitchen stations. The project is entirely community funded.

The list of onsite services provided is long and includes a medical office, work skills/job training space, triage counseling, family visitation, an onsite shelter for men, protection order assistance, high level security and access and much more.

Construction is anticipated to be completed by summer 2027. In the interim, DVRC is still providing services just a couple of blocks away in rented office space on Cordone Avenue, just off Vassar Street.

DVRC's mission remains to enable individuals and families to build empowered lives free from abuse by providing safety, refuge, education and resources.

DVRC's vision is for a society where homes are a place of safety, relationships are built on respect, and our community has worked together to end domestic violence.



An artist's rendering of the new Domestic Violence Resource Center, currently under construction and due for completion by summer 2027.

“Driving Change: Women on the Move” at District 5 Forum

Excerpted from Delegate Debbie Richards’ Report

Sixteen SITM members spent their Saturday on February 28 at the National Automobile Museum attending the District 5 Winter Forum.

The day began with an ice-breaking game, “Women Moving with Wisdom and Purpose” which combined math skills with some creative thinking, to measure observation, teamwork and staying open to opinions.



First time attendees Line Cousineau and Debbie Richards with District 5 Director Susan Horst.

Alyssa Ropell, Development Manager for the Domestic Violence Recourse Center (formerly CAAW), spoke of the organization founded 49-years ago. Today the DVRC offers 25 shelter beds, two transitional housing complexes, and a Noah’s House, where clients’ pets can be cared for while they are receiving services. Many needed additional services will be offered. Construction is anticipated to be completed by summer 2027.

The Keynote Speaker, Tracy Ostrem, Vice President for Advancement, University Nevada, Reno, spoke about the University of Nevada, Reno providing



Tracy Ostrem, Vice President for Advancement, University Nevada, Reno.

over 23,000 jobs across the state and has a \$2.2 billion dollar impact on the economy. Future projects include a Veterinary School and expansion of the Sierra Nevada campus at Lake Tahoe with an emphasis on rural health students. Enrollment is up 5% which is something special considering enrollment is down in other markets.

Tracy emphasized the importance of

scholarships and the work that we do stating that even a small amount of money can make a big difference as a four-year degree now runs around \$20,00 a year!

After lunch, Federation Membership Chair Holly Nash reviewed club membership and recruitment, discussing what members want, why they join and why they stay. Community, friendship and giving are among the top reasons. There are some great tips on the SIA website for recruitment. She also discussed how to calculate retention rates.

District 5 clubs then presented some of their club statistics.

SI/Truckee Meadows, Co-Presidents Lisa Robinson and Marilyn Pearson reported we have 64 members, eight new. People say the reason they join and stay is the friendship and warm reception they received when they joined; the new members training; monthly newsletter; meetings available by Zoom; and the “What Committee Fits You” information. All add to acquiring and retaining members.

We then had a surprise visit from Phil McDougal, the CEO of the Automobile Museum! He welcomed us and thanked us for being there and talked briefly about the museum. Everyone was given a free admission ticket for future use!

Closing remarks were given by Director Sudan Horst followed by Happy Dollars. We gathered in a circle for the Soroptimist Pledge, and another great meeting was adjourned.



SITM Co-Presidents Lisa Robinson and Marilyn Pearson.



Alyssa Ropell, Development Manager for the DVRC.

April Board and Business Report

By Faye I. Andersen

As the Club Year winds down, the monthly Board and Business Meetings grow shorter, thanks to excellent committee work in carrying out STIM's premier programs and enthusiastic members who support these endeavors.



Membership Co-Coordinator Billie Mendiola with Nicole Dupont.

Welcome Home Transfer Member Nicole Dupont

Transfer member Nicole Dupont was welcomed into membership at the April Business Meeting by membership Co-Coordinator Billie Mendiola. Nicole was previously a member of SITM and transferred to SI/Sierra Reno when that club formed in 2023. Welcome home Nicole! We're glad you've re-joined us.

Election of 2026-2027 Club Officers

The Nominating Committee transitioned to the Elections Committee and presented the slate of candidates for election to Co-President Lisa Robinson for voting. We appreciate the members who agreed to stand for election. See pages 1 & 2 for results.

Service and General Treasury Budgets Approved

Treasurer Cynthia Tshiro Cramer presented the proposed 2026-2027 budgets for the Service and General Funds developed by the Finance/Governance Committee. The proposed General Fund was approved by the membership with no changes. There was a discussion of the proposed Service Fund Budget line item for Thanks to Youth, which added \$10,000 to next year's budget. A concern was raised that additional funds in the budget awarded to the youth program could take away from the women's scholarship program.

A motion was made to remove the additional \$10,000 for TTY from the 2026-2027 Service Fund Budget and ask the TTY Committee to wait until the conclusion of the fall High Tea fundraiser to determine the profit of the event and request additional funds at that time.

Time to Renew CDs

A motion was proposed by the Finance Committee, approved by the membership, to renew the \$20,000 Certificate of Deposit that matures May 11, 2026, for

an additional period of 90 days. The rate for this term is 3.48 APY. This CD represents the second CD in the ladder CD structure for the Service Fund. There is no immediate need for the funds, therefore the approval was to extend the CD.

Parking Lot Sale May 16

Clean out that garage, storage shed and those closets for the upcoming "Parking Lot Sale" on May 16, 2026, with set-up May 15, at Kay's business office complex, First Wall Street Financial Advisors 190 W. Huffaker Lane in Reno. Workers are needed for both set-up Friday afternoon and Saturday sale.

Money Matters and Happy Dollars

Your editor made a big mistake last month while featuring a photo of the members of the Reno Arch Lions Club, who came to visit us in February bearing a \$5,000 donation for our women's scholarship program. That part was correct, but then I mentioned that the same Lions Club made a \$5,000 donation the previous year. That was incorrect. The previous donation was \$10,000. My apologies to the generous Reno Arch Lions Club members. Thank you again for your outstanding donations.

Happy Dollars collected in March totaled \$378 for the Jo Ann & Dee Ann Roberts Memorial Scholarship for Education Majors. SITM also received an additional \$100 undesignated donation from Vicki Curwin, a friend of Eileen Fuller who attended a recent meeting.

April Birthdays

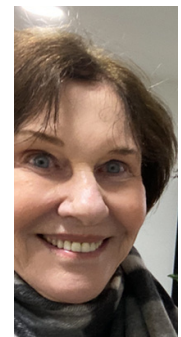
We had no members attending the April Business Meeting that were celebrating birthdays, but we wish them a Happy Birthday anyway!



Niki Ewing
April 9



Scalet Ewy
April 10



Catherine Zelinski
April 26

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Nepal Project Timeline Attached

Editor's Note: Vicki Schultz recently gave a presentation outlining the beginning of SITM's Nepal Project in 2000, "Removing Barriers to Education for Girls in Thuipokhari, Nepal". As SITM began pursuing the idea of building a second dormitory for girls in 2022, a timeline for the entire project was published. An update of the timeline from beginning to present has been completed. A copy of this timeline is attached to this newsletter.

After 24 years the girls have a brand-new dormitory. The new two-story building features many modern conveniences not available in the original dormitory, or even in the village. They include glass windows instead of wood shutters, running water, bathrooms instead of latrines, electricity, a separate kitchen and gathering space, as well as a safe space for the girls to gather on the rooftop. The first group of girls moved in for the Fall 2025 semester.

Turn the pages to see the timeline.



Timeline of SITM's Project to Educate Girls in Nepal

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



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

November 2007 -- Purna's brother Gyanendra and his 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



One of the many SITM garage sales .

March 2010 - more than 500 girls have been educated 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.

2022 – SITM members commit to fundraising for the construction of a new girls' dormitory in Thulipokhari. Donations and sponsorships for various rooms are solicited. The \$100,000 cost is split: \$83,000 for construction materials and skilled labor; a \$17,000 donation of land from the village council.

September 2022 – SITM sends the first funds of six installments and construction begins on basic land-clearing for the dormitory. The new two-story building features glass windows instead of wood shutters, running water, bathrooms instead of latrines, electricity, a separate kitchen and gathering space, as well as a safe space for the girls to gather on the roof top.

April 2023 -- Following the end of the monsoon season, footings are poured and brick walls begin to rise.

June 2023 –Three members request SITM sponsor a new Soroptimist Club and proposed the two clubs work together on the ongoing Nepal Project. After much discussion, the membership approved the request and also approved a motion to freeze the currently held funds until an SITM transition team can make a decision on the direction of the Nepal Project.

Fall 2025 – Construction is finally complete and the first class of girls begin the school year inhabiting the dormitory.

January 2026--SITM recently used Nepal Project funds to send \$7,500 to fund girls' scholarships, plus an additional \$5,000 to build the security wall around the dormitory.

Parking Lot Sale

Sierra Pines Professional Plaza
190 W. Huffaker Lane

**Saturday
May 16, 2026
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