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Calendar

July 23 – 5th Thursday event.
Bring your purse.
July 30 - Tech Support Update on New Website
Aug. 5 – DARK for Hot August Nights
Aug 8 -- Club Retreat
Aug. 18 – Board Meeting, Pam Robinson's Office/Zoom
Aug. 20 – Business Meeting

SITM Meets...

Thursdays at Noon

at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
Second Floor Convention Center
\$36 plated; \$37 credit/debit.
RSVP to info@sitmnmv.org no later than noon on the Sunday before the Thursday meeting.

Soroptimist Is:

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



Welcome to the Year of Dreaming Big – Shining Bright

I am humbled that you have chosen me as your new President of SI Truckee Meadows. I will push hard to earn your trust.

We have a fantastic board who is already working hard beyond my greatest hope. Just one more reason SITM is such an amazing club!

I have hopes for all of us in this next year. I hope we can help more women and girls – some in ways we never have.

My hope is that each member, each committee will dream bigger so we can reach further than before. To look at our goals and tasks in new ways and to push them to new and different heights. When a new idea is 'floated' we will listen, honor and embrace the person who brings it to the table. We will not use the phrase, "We've never done it that way". We will say, "Let's look at this and see how it might work."

We know there will be some obstacles, some challenges that come our way. We will work through



them until we come out shining brighter than before. Through sincerity and cooperation, we will honor each other and work in respectful ways to solve issues.

I want us to shine brightly. To be an example to other clubs of what it means to take dreams – others' and our own -- and to make them real. Make them bigger and make them brighter than ever before.

To accomplish the goals of Dreaming Big and Shining Bright, I will need help and input from every member. Each of you matters and I want to hear from you! I will do my best to listen and to think through your ideas and contributions.

It is an exciting time for SITM and it will be a great year!

Thank you all.
Holly Nash
President



New Officers Installed for 2026-2027

Passing the torch, turning the page, even handing over the "Post Office's mailbox key" is all part of the Soroptimist Installation Ceremony of new officers each year. At the June 25 meeting, President Holly Nash and her 2026-2027 officers were installed into the offices for which they were elected. The Installing Officer was Trudy Mills, a former District Director and former Federation Membership Chair.

Congratulations to all and thank you for your dedication to serve SITM.



2025-2026 Co-Presidents Lisa Robinson and Marilyn Pearson flank 2026-2027 SITM President Holly Nash.



President Holly Nash with Installing Officer Trudy Mills.



Table decorations were in keeping with President Holly's theme. This was obviously a prototype for President Holly's logo and theme -- Dreaming Big -- Shining Bright



Already "up and serving" are the 2026-2027 officers, from left: Directors Lisa Robinson and Marilyn Pearson (slightly behind); Parliamentarian Doris Phelps, Secretary Nicole Dupont; VP Membership Line Cousineau; Co-President-Elect Mary Ann Mc Cauley (out front); VP Programs Eileen Fuller; Co-President-Elect Billie Mendiola; President Holly Nash; General Fund Treasurer Pam Robinson; Service Fund Treasurer Cynthia Tashiro Cramer. Missing is Delegate Lisa George.

Celebrating Members' Perfect Attendance

SITM is known in the Sierra Nevada Region to have members who are more committed to their club in attendance, participation and enthusiasm. Never more so than these 23 SITM members who have completed a total of 254 years of Perfect Attendance during the 2025-2026 Club Year.

Congratulations to these members who have made the commitment to attend meetings, serve as officers, volunteer for projects throughout the year. SITM has no official attendance policy. We encourage members to attend and volunteer as they are able. In our ceremony for inducting new members, there appears the following line: "Participation is the real price of membership."

Whether it's your 1 year, 10 year or 30th year of Perfect Attendance, remember, it is you that makes SITM the great club that it is today.

When Perfect is Less Than Perfect

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 awarded for each day of attendance at these meetings. If you wish to receive a "make up" for any of these meetings, please alert the Attendance Committee.

Annette Friedlander, Co-Coordinator of the Attendance Committee presented each member with a certificate indicating their years of Perfect Attendance, along with a "dangle" for their badge.

Lisa George 1
Line Cousineau 1
Eileen Fuller 1
Mary Ann McCauley 1
Cynthia Cramer 1
Carmela Cipollini 2
Lisa Robinson 2
Billie Mendiola 3
Annette Friedlander 4
Holly Nash 5
Millie Mitchell 6
Doris Phelps 7
Linda Walker 8
Jeanne Naccarato 11
Dot Watts 12
Marilyn Pearson 14
Margie Hermanson 18
Beverly Perkins 22
Diana DeMatei 30
Kay Dunham 30
Pam Robinson 35
Faye I. Andersen 40

A Big Welcome to Three New Members



Flanking the new members are Co-President Billie Mendiola and VP Membership Line Cousineau, who conducted the Induction Ceremony.

Please welcome, from left, Kristie Cobb, sponsored by Liza Chapen. Kristie worked in HR for many years, traveling the country in that position. She very happily works very part time for a real estate company.

Carol Perry, sponsored by Eileen Fuller, pursued a career in international banking and finance, in addition to securities.

Emily Zimmerman was sponsored by her mother Jeanne Naccarato. Emily is a Licensed Insurance and Health Agent, as well as a Life, Health and Wealth Broker.

A Little TEAse Before the Queen of Hearts High Tea

The Fundraising Committee hosted their annual TEAse meeting July 9 to kick off the countdown to the fifth annual Queen of Hearts High Tea, scheduled for Saturday, September 19. Several members of the committee took to the podium to describe the event to new members, solicit auction and raffle items, sell tickets, and of course, participate in staging the event.

Several pertinent documents were made available to assist members in selling tickets and soliciting items from our local community. President Holly Nash has attached them to the meeting agendas and Friday Digests, so they are easily downloadable for use. They include:

High Tea Event Flyer
Sponsorship Appeal Letter
Sponsorship Levels Q&A

Or, they can be obtained from Co-Coordinator Jeanne Naccarato or Linda Walker.

Several members came dressed in their tea hats and outfits, to set the mood and act as a preview for the event. A raffle was conducted

for a couple of designer clutch purses, donated by Darlene DeLancey.

Members were each given four tickets and asked to try to sell them for the event. The price of table sponsorship for SITM members is \$600 and includes eight tickets. Between ticket and table sales, plus the raffle, and a \$2,000 sponsorship from Darlene DeLancey, matched by Faye Andersen, a total of \$9,210 was raised during the TEAse.

A total of \$5,170 in ticket and tables sales were accomplished

When it was time for fun-and-games, several hilarious games of Alice in Wonderland BINGO were conducted by Diana DeMatei with



Ladies in hats, from left: Pam Sutton, Margie Hermanson, Cindy Burk, Cynthia Cramer, Mary Ann McCauley, Nicole Dupont and Emily Zimmerman.

members winning prizes. Members purchasing all four tickets that day were entered into a drawing for a \$50 VISA card. Those purchasing tables were similarly entered into a drawing for a \$100 VISA card. Those winners were Carmela Cipollina for tickets and Darlene DeLancey for tables.



Co-Coordinator Linda Walker tabulating the ticket /table sales.



Vicki Schultz was one of the lucky raffle winners.



Georgia Baker-Flambures, Millie Mitchell and Co-Coordinator Jeanne Naccarato.

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Carmela Cipollina won the table sales raffle.

Member participation is key to making this event a success. It is the primary funder for our Women's Scholarships and several other worthy projects.

At right, Darlene DeLancey was the winner of the table sales raffle.



Meet our SNR Governor Kathy Dunbar, 2026-2028

New Region Officers and Directors were installed at the annual Sierra Nevada Region Conference in June. Leading the region for the new biennium is Kathy Dunbar. In her own words ...

I am a fourth generation Californian and my professional and volunteer leadership reflects a lifelong commitment to community, connection and empowering women and girls.

After relocating from Novato, California to the Sierra Foothills, I joined and became an active Soroptimist in 2009. As a charter member of Soroptimist International of the American River club, I served as Fundraising, Program and Membership Directors which led to three non-consecutive terms as President.

Professionally, I built a dynamic career in the construction, design and lighting industries, beginning in lumber retail and kitchen and bath design before advancing into outside sales. I moved on to the positions of Manufacturer Representative and Regional Sales Manager, collaborating with engineers, architects, designers and public sector clients, in what was at the time a very male-dominated business. I became well known for a relationship-driven approach, thriving and excelling at building connections with people and delivering concrete solutions.

Beyond my professional and volunteer efforts, I enjoy creative and energetic pursuits of improvisational theater and voice-over acting. My passion reflects my enduring belief in the power of community and the pursuit of leadership to lift others toward their dreams.

In anticipation of the biennium, I see a larger empathically driven approach to reaching those women and girls in need and deserving of the pursuit of their dreams. I also envision a more cohesive collaboration within the membership of curiosity, compassion and permission to be our most confident selves.

Yes, I have expanding aspirations and inspirations. Thus, my theme: **Epic Dreams**



Governor Kathy Dunbar

July Board and Business Report

By Faye I. Andersen

SITM's new 2026-2027 Club Year is off to a growing start. Growing with the induction of three new members. Please welcome Emily Zimmerman, sponsored by her mother Jeanne Naccarato. Emily is a Licensed Insurance and Health Agent, as well as a Life, Health and Wealth Broker. Carol Perry, sponsored by Eileen Fuller, pursued international banking and finance, in addition to securities during most of her career. Kristie Cobb, sponsored by Liza Chapen, worked in HR for many years, traveling the country in that position. She very happily works very part time for a real estate company. Welcome ladies. We are glad you have joined us.

Motions, Motions, Motions

There's nothing like a few good motions to get the year started.

A motion from the Community Outreach Committee requesting the use of members' time and/or money to continue with our annual Community Outreach projects during the 2026-2027 club year. The activities include crocheting afghans to be donated, volunteering at Project 150 Boutique, making Easter and Christmas Candy bags for Project 150, and donation drives as requested, which could include socks, school supplies, and/or toiletries. Dates and times will be announced throughout the year. The motion passed.

A motion from members Pam Sutton, Nicole Dupont and Margie Hermanson was presented for them to coordinate a Candidate's Forum at the October 2, 2026 meeting. SITM has previously hosted these forums during election years. The motion was approved.

Margie Hermanson proposed a motion to increase the budget for the upcoming Club Retreat from \$200 to \$400 to provide morning munchies and lunch. The Club Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, August 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Regency Clubhouse, 7565 Misty Springs Dr., Sparks, NV 89436. The retreat will run from 10AM – 2PM. The motion was passed.

The Finance Committee proposed a motion that the \$20,000 Certificate of Deposit, that matures on 8/09/2026, be renewed for a period of 120 days. The rate for a term of 120 days is 3.48 APY. There is no immediate need for the funds. The motion was approved.

Thursday Lunch Price Increase for 2026-2027

The Atlantis presented SITM with a new catering contract for 2026-2027 with price increases for this year's lunches. Beginning July 1, the lunch cost on Thursday will rise from \$34 to \$36. For credit/debit users, the cost will be \$37.30. RSVP to info@sitmnv.org no later than noon on the Sunday before the Thursday meeting.

Money Matters and Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars collected in June totaled \$1,721 for the Jo Ann & Dee Ann Roberts Memorial Scholarship for Education Majors. That included \$500 donations each from Diana DeMatei and Kay Dunham.

July Birthdays

Diana DeMatei (July 18) and Lisa Robinson (July 21) were on hand to celebrate their birthdays at the July Business Meeting.



Also celebrating July birthdays



Meg Price
July 8



Eve Johnson
July 24

SITM Update

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Board Meets monthly on Tuesday

following the first Thursday, noon.

SITM Board 2026-2027

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Membership

Line Cousineau

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Nicole Dupont

Treasurer/General Fund

Pam Robinson

Treasurer/Service Fund

Cynthia Tashiro Cramer

Delegate

Lisa George

Director

Marilyn Pearson

Lisa Robinson

Parliamentarian

Doris Phelps



For information about our organization, check out these Soroptimist Websites:

Sierra Nevada Region: www.soroptimistsnr.org

Soroptimist International of the Americas: www.soroptimist.org

Soroptimist International: www.soroptimistinternational.org



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Did you know . .

Meet Once a Month to Crochet

Do you crochet? Would you like to learn? SITM has the group for you.

On the first Monday of each month, a Crochet Social is held from 5-7p.m. at Kay Dunham's Office at First Wall Street Financial Advisors, 190 W Huffaker Lane, Suite 405. (Where the Parking Lot Sale was held.)

If you're new to crochet, let Diana DeMatei know and she will provide you with your first crochet hook and yarn. If you are experienced, bring your latest work with you to show off or finish crocheting.

If you are so inclined, SITM accepts donation of finished afghans that are donated to Project 150. The kids love them.

This is a social get-together. Just show up and enjoy the company of other SITM members.



Some of the prolific crocheters are shown from left: Pam Robinson, Deb Handke, Kay Dunham and Cynthia Cramer.



Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows

**2025-2026
YEAR IN REVIEW**

***\$110,711 Donated to the community and Soroptimist projects
6,328 Volunteer hours raising funds and supporting community projects***

CONTRIBUTIONS to COMMUNITY

\$ 48,500 in Women's Scholarships

Presented 9 Dreams Moving Forward re-entry women's scholarships for 6 undergraduate and 3 graduate women's scholarships; Plus 6 Live Your Dream Scholarships for women heads of households. An additional 2 scholarships, 1 graduate and 1 undergraduate, were presented as part of the Jo Ann and Dee Ann Roberts Memorial Scholarship for Education Majors.

\$ 13,500 in Youth Scholarships and Unsung Hero Recognitions

Scholarships for 2 high school graduates to pursue vocational or technical education; plus 10 "Unsung Heroes" awards and recognitions, including a stipend shopping spree for each. This year a \$500 grant was presented to the nominator of each recipient for educational purposes.

\$ 18,475 Club, Committees, Members, Community and In-Kind Donations

Cash and in-kind donations of auction and raffle items for the Queen of Hearts High Tea; 100 hand-crocheted blankets; 425 bags of candy to recognize Christmas and Easter for the teenagers served by Project 150; 100 pillows and 150 pillow cases for Project 150; 100 bottles of wine for the Queen of Hearts High Tea fundraiser; 450 cans of protein-rich food for seniors at the Food Bank of Northern Nevada; one dozen stuffed and decorated Halloween pumpkins for the Veterans Guest House; supplies for 18 after-school STEAM training sessions for Hunter Lake Elementary School.

\$ 12,500 Education Project for girls in the village of Thulipokhari, Nepal

An annual grant of \$7,500 is matched by Soroptimist International of Sierra Reno in a joint project to support 32 girls with dormitory housing and scholarships. SITM made an additional grant of \$5,000 for materials and labor costs to build a brick wall around the newly-completed girls' dormitory.

\$ 17,736 Support for SI, SIA and SNR

Soroptimist International Foundation; Soroptimist International of the Americas Laurel Society; SIA Club Campaign; SIA Founders Pennies; member dues and donations to the Sierra Nevada Region.

Sources of Income

\$20,103—Member Happy Dollars;
Individual and Foundation Donations to
Women's Scholarships
\$18,475 Committees, Members, Community
and In-Kind Donations
\$25,639 – Queen of Hearts High Tea
Fundraiser
\$11,536 Thanks to Youth fundraising
\$12,500 SITM Endowment for Girls
in Thulipokhari, Nepal
\$2,971 – Parking Lot (Garage) Sale
\$4,637 – Miscellaneous fundraising
\$8,500 – In-kind donations from the Atlantis
Hotel Casino Resort Spa, and Digiprint.

Grand Total \$ 104,361