

SOROPTIMIST SPOTLIGHT

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CALENDAR

NOTE: EVENING AND MORNING TIMES ARE SHADED IN ORANGE

MARCH

- 3/3 Noon Board Meeting @ TDPUD Conference Room
- 3/5 **10 AM** District 5 Winter Meeting, Reno Atlantis
- 3/8 *International Women’s Day (IWD)*
- 3/10 Noon Business Meeting @ Zano’s
\$15 lunch/\$2 no lunch
- 3/17 **6-8PM** Celebrating the Best for Women Awards Reception @CAC
- 3/31 Noon Program Meeting @ Zano’s
\$15 lunch/\$2 no lunch (Replaces Feb. Mtg.)

APRIL

- 4/3 Senior Pancake Feed
- 4/7 Noon Board Meeting @ TDPUD Conference Room
- 4/14 Noon Business Meeting @ Zano’s
\$15 lunch/\$2 no lunch
- 4/21 Youth Appreciation Luncheon
- 4/29- SNR Conference @ Atlantis Casino Resort, Reno, NV
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Soroptimist International of Truckee-Donner cordially invites you to “Celebrating the Best for Women” awards reception

March 17, 2016
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Community Arts Center
10046 Church Street
Truckee, CA

2016 Woman of Distinction
Debbi Spohr

Live Your Dream Awards
Yulisa Mendez
April Ryan
Tehya Cannon

Violet Richardson Award
Olivia Yale

We are celebrating women who have made outstanding achievements through their professional, business, educational, or volunteer activities in keeping with our commitment to empowering women and girls in our community. We are pleased to honor all recipients in one exciting evening.

Hors D’oeuvres and Beverages will be served.

R.S.V.P. by March 14, 2016 to:
Susan Horst at 85ski@suddenlink.net

2015-2016 Officers & Board

President: Francine Tone
President Elect: Leslie Dugger
Recording Secretary: Sue Sage
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Soroptimist International

SI is a worldwide organization for women in management and professions, working through service projects to advance human rights and the status of women.

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March Birthday

3/2 Jan Mallinger
 3/3 Mary Meier
 3/11 Pati Johnson
 3/13 Jayne Hahin
 3/16 Dianne Fix
 3/28 Leticia Aguilar

Anniversaries

1982 Pat Callahan
 2015 Kristen Herr
 2015 Joan Kreamer

President Francine's Message of the Month

Although March 8 is International Women's Day, since the National Women's History Project petition in 1987, every US President has issued a proclamation that the entire month of March is Women's History Month. In March 2011, President Barack Obama's administration released a report titled "*Women in America: Indicators of Social and Economic Well-Being*" (the first comprehensive federal report on women since the 1963 report produced by the Commission on the Status of Women).

See anything familiar in the title of the latest report? Even the federal government correlates the "social" and "economic" well-being to the status of women.

The National Women's History Project's 2016 theme is: "*Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government.*" Often those who spend their careers in public service and government leadership are overlooked or undervalued. Yet, it is through these women that basic human rights and equal opportunities have been preserved and advanced in the United States. Some of the women honored in 2016 include: Daisy Gatson Bates (1912-1999) who facilitated the integration of public schools in Little Rock Arkansas in 1957; Isabel Gonzales (1882-1971) who fought 15 years to assure citizenship rights for all Puerto Ricans; Suzan Shown Harjo (1945-present), a Native American activist who helped Native peoples regain more than one million acres of tribal land; Oveta Culp Hobby (1905-1995), first commanding officer of the Women's Army Corp in WWII and first Secretary of the US Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare; and Bernice Sandler (1928-present), the 'Godmother of Title IX.' The diversity of women honored reveals a variety of challenges and opportunities that face women, now and throughout history. But with collaborative approaches, inclusive solutions and non-partisan policies, these women serve to inspire future generations of women and send the message that with skill and determination, great things can be accomplished.

For us as Soroptimists, let's continue to celebrate the diversity of this organization and the tenacity of its members. The collaboration and inclusive solutions necessary to bring together such diversity from so many cultures around the world is what makes this organization strong. Even in our own Club, we have a diverse membership, which we must cherish.

I'd like to thank each and every member in this club for being who you are and speaking your mind all the while mutually seeking solutions through collaboration. Know that it is from each individual difference that great ideas and actions spring.



Soroptimist International of Truckee Donner 2015-2016

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**Be the change
 you want to see
 in the world
 --Gandhi**

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL

The Town of Truckee, the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) for the state of California and most insurance companies providing coverage for non-profits now require groups like ours, which have traditionally served alcohol at community events, to meet certain standards. Those standards include verification of legal drinking age, assessment of possible intoxication and servers with approved RBS (Responsible Beverage Service) training. SITD will now require any member that assists with the wine services at our community events (primarily our June Wine Tasting event and the annual holiday Soroptishop) to have completed an approved RBS course.

The Town of Truckee will be offering a free four-hour training session sometime in May; there is also the opportunity to complete an on-line two-three hour course which would cost members \$40.

At January's Business Meeting many SITD members signed up for this required training. If you were not at the January meeting and want to sign up for this needed training, please contact SITD ABC Coordinator Nancy Wallis. Nancy can be reached via e-mail at nancybwallis@gmail.com or via telephone at 619-987-7059.

Thank you, Nancy, for helping our club to stay abreast with these new changes ensuring SITD compliance.



Cambodian Girls Thank SITD for Sponsorship



Cambodian girls show off new hooded sweatshirts from Truckee hand delivered by Philippa Higgs. SITD currently sponsors three JWOC (Journeys Within Our Community) students.

Dear Soroptimist International Club,

How are you? What are you doing? For me, I am fine and now I am volunteer at JWOC. At University is very good and now I finished Midterm exam at University but Final exam is coming soon! and about volunteer is good and now teacher change me to do assistant teacher in library to help child to do something that make them happy or play something and paper, books, toys and keep everything is good neat and tidy in library! I am happy to join and I wish you good health and for your work are good.

*Thank you for supporting me.
Best wishes,
Maly*



Sopha is thrilled to receive a photograph from S Club. E-mails are also very much appreciated by the girls.

Proxy Protocol ♦ Proxy Protocol ♦ Proxy Protocol

SITD's Standing Procedures allow for voting via proxy in the event that a member cannot be at a meeting. The use of Proxy's is extremely important as it allows our club to conduct business when we have less than a Quorum in attendance at a particular meeting. For example, recently we had only 17 members present, but needed 21 for a Quorum. The Quorum was met with seven valid proxies. As there is confusion about proxies, the following are some important tips on their use which should offer clarification. If you have any other Proxy questions, feel free to contact Pati Johnson, SITD Parliamentarian.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please fill out the proxy completely. This includes both your full name and the full name of the person to whom you are giving the proxy. First and last names Please! Also – please include the time frame during which the proxy is to be valid. 2. If your Proxy is absent, your vote will not count. Your Proxy does not flow through to whomever they may have designated as a proxy. So it is important to stay in communication with the person to whom you have given a proxy. 3. This may seem obvious, but – let the person know that you have given them your proxy. And check to be sure that they will be at the meeting(s) for which the proxy is given. 4. Send a copy of the Proxy to the Recording Secretary, the Parliamentarian and the person to whom you have given your proxy! If you cannot do it electronically, send it via fax, or hand deliver it to someone who can distribute it for you. Our current | <p><i>Recording Secretary is doing a fantastic job of tracking who has given proxies to whom and for what time period they are valid... but she can do that only if she actually receives them!</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. You may give your proxy to only one person – not to two or three in the alternative. And if you have given a standing proxy to someone (due to an extended absence), and then give another proxy, the first one is void. 6. If you have given a blanket proxy to someone (such as for an extended absence), but end up coming to a meeting, your proxy is void, and you may vote in person. 7. If you are aware of an upcoming issue that is important to you (i.e.: if you see it on the agenda), please give your proxy a call to discuss it. You do not have to give your proxy to someone who you know will vote the same way that you do, rather give it to someone that you trust to vote as you have directed. |
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If India enrolled 1% more girls in secondary school, its GDP would rise by \$5.5 billion. A girl with an extra year of education can earn 20% more as an adult.

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