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CALENDAR

Note: Evening times are shaded orange.

AUGUST 2016

8/4	Noon	Board Meeting @ TDPUD Conference Rm, Brown Bag
8/11	17:30	Business Meeting @ Pizza on the Hill Meadow room (Tahoe Donner) \$15
8/18	TBA	Program Meeting: SIA Report
8/26		Women's Equality Day

SEPTEMBER 2016

9/1	Noon	Board Meeting @ TDPUD Conference Rm, Brown Bag
9/8	Noon	Business Meeting @ Zano's \$15 lunch/ \$2 drink only
9/8-11		BUCK'S LAKE
9/15	TBA	Program Meeting: Teen Closet Baby Shower @ Truckee River Winery
9/21		International Day of Peace

SNR DEVELOPMENT RETREAT



On the weekend of July 9-10, eight SITD members attended the Sierra Nevada Region (SNR) Development Retreat in Reno, NV. The report below was submitted by one of our newest members, Joyce Brady. Thank you Joyce!

Through Fresh Eyes

The development retreat contained something for everyone... training for officers, implementation ideas for signature programs, "road map" to SIA resources, and marketing our mission through social media (the latter was an excellent and very useful presentation by our own Mary Meier). As a new member (nine days to be exact), I found many of the presentations to be very useful and especially enjoyed learning that SIA is the only non-governmental organization to have a voice at the U.N. on the international status of women. What an honor and what a responsibility! It really makes me proud to be part of this organization and reassured me that we each can make a significant contribution to the welfare of disadvantaged girls and women around the world.

Two presentations explained creative and diverse ways to help girls in our community. These included how to implement the signature programs of Live Your Dream, Dream It/Be It, and the Ruby Awards. It was especially useful to hear members of the audience share their implementation successes and failures.

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The Keynote speakers covered very diverse topics:

Empowering Leaders to Create Partnerships with Their Members by Amy Tirre

Human Trafficking by Kelly Ranasinghe

Understanding the Levels of Soroptimist by the SNR Board

The presentation by Kelly Ranasinghe explained how the judicial system can further victimize victims. He is part of a national non-profit which provides training for judges and others within the court system so that they may be more sensitive to what a victimized young person is experiencing within the system. For example, he explained how a judge may misinterpret a girl's lack of verbal response as a refusal of help from the judicial system. However, the girl may be completely overwhelmed by the court system and has shut down. His information will be useful as we continue to mentor disadvantaged girls who may need to navigate "the system".

Eight SITD members attended the regional development retreat and we welcome the opportunity to discuss the experience with you: Leslie Dugger, Lauren Schaaque-Hudson, Pam English, Susan Horst, Mary Meier, Cathy Leibow, Janet Mills and Joyce Brady.

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INNOVATE
IT'S TIME FOR
SOME NEW IDEAS

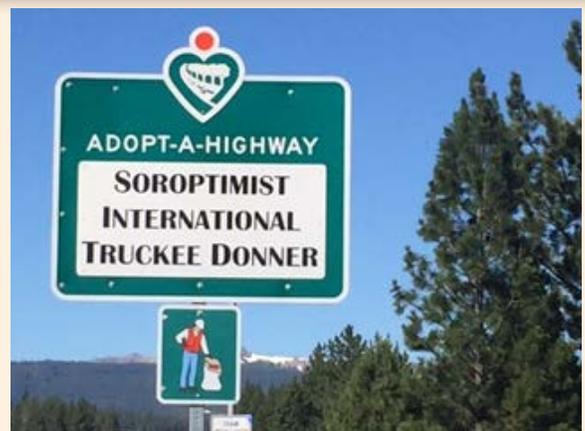
At July's Business Meeting, Treasurer Nancy Davis reviewed our finances, and although they are looking good this year and our 42nd Annual Wine Tasting event was a huge success, she has seen a gradual downward trend and foresees the need for a new Fund Raiser at some point in the future.

So, please EVERYONE, put on your thinking caps and let's come up with some new, fun, innovative ways to raise more money.



****NEW MEETING LOCATION****

The August 11 Business Meeting will be held at PIZZA ON THE HILL at 11509 Northwoods Blvd in Tahoe Donner. Meeting time is 5:30pm.



TA-DA! Our new and improved (and correctly spelled) highway signs!

SIA 44th BIENNIAL CONVENTION, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

July 20-23, 2016

President Leslie Dugger and President Elect Susan Horst recently attended the SIA Convention in Florida. Please plan to attend the Program Meeting on August 18 where they will share their experience and insights.



Top Row: Susan and Leslie's arrival at the Convention. The SNR Delegation Leslie, Lane Parks (SNR Governor Elect), and Susan.

Bottom Row: #Our girls enjoying some fun times at the Convention.

If you would like to submit an article, photo or information for the "Spotlight", please email skigal55@sbcglobal.net. Our submission deadline is the 20th of the month for the following month's issue. We reserve the right to edit material for length and content. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained within this publication. However, SITD cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information and hereby expressly disclaims any responsibility for errors.



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