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Calendar

May 4—Business Meeting@
noon BJ's
May 11—Speaker Meeting
@noon BJ's
May 12—SAFE Boot, Scoot
& Boogie
May 17—Orientation@5:30
Sue McMeeken Home
May 18—Noon
Meeting@noonBJ's
May 20—An Evening
Wrapped in Chocolate 7p-10p
May 20—Annual Raffle
Drawing@Chocolate Event
May 25-BOD meeting @
noon BJ's
May 25—Evening
Social@The Edge 5:30pm
June 20—Senior Tea@2pm
Sapphire Lutheran Home
June 15—Installation of
Officers, 5:30@ Marcia's
home

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May President's Message

Hello Champions of Change!

We had a very exciting April!

We rolled out our website makeover and if you have not visited sihamilton.org, you should.

We also voted at the April 20 meeting to discontinue our Banana Booth at the fair. Big deal, hard decision, but we all knew it was time to let it go.



Discussion is on the table to change our meeting schedule. It is difficult to get officers and part of the reason is the commitment to 4 meetings a month. With our new website we have the capacity to do committee sign ups, calendars, and keep members up to date on what is happening. A questionnaire has been sent and we will vote on this at the June 1 meeting. If you have not served as an officer or board member, please take a few minutes before you vote and think about the time commitment of 3 member meetings and 1 board meeting monthly PLUS committee meetings.

And now to the “big” subject. This has been a challenging fundraising year. We would like to present the idea to members that we all add a “supplement” to our dues. Imagine the potential of extra funding without all the work! We can sign up for monthly donations on our website, and I signed up for \$10 per month. It was easy to do, and the potential of \$5000 in donations if each member gives \$100 is very inspiring. We know everyone is not able to do this, and of course, this is voluntary. So, while we do enjoy doing some of our fundraising events, wouldn't it be nice to work less and play more? When you receive your dues notice it will include the option to pay additional with your dues, or to sign up on our website for a monthly contribution. I hope you will take this into consideration.



Last but not least our new fundraising event, An Evening Wrapped in Chocolate, May 20. Be sure to go to our website to buy your tickets!

So, since change is in the air, take a big deep breath of that wonderful Montana spring air, and give a thought to how we should move forward.

I leave you with this: ***"If nothing ever changed, there'd be no butterflies."*** (unknown)

Your fearless leader, walking with you down the path of change . . .

Marcia

Annual Raffle

A final push to sell raffle tickets for the gorgeous necklace we have purchased. The winner will be announced at the "Evening Wrapped in Chocolate" affair on May 20th. If you have any tickets or need more please let me know. And.....remember for every 5 tickets you sell, it entitles you to be placed on the "Blingo" board to be in the running for a \$50 cash prize!!

—Robin, Raffle Chair



MTGives

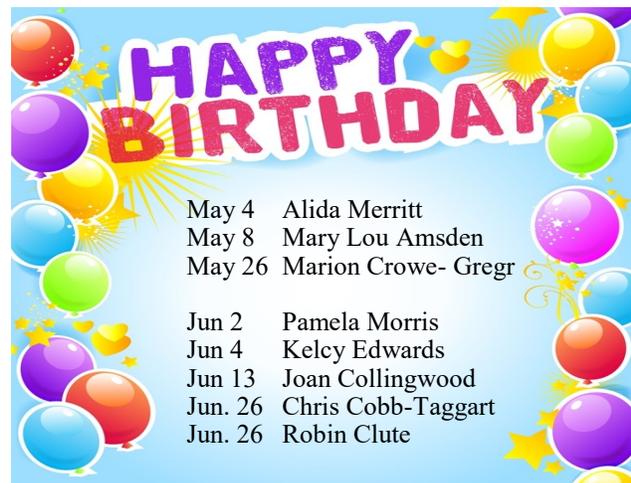
We raised \$200.00 during MTGives (an 800% return on the \$25.00 investment)! Statewide, MTGives.org raised \$1,202,584 online. . That's not including any off-line giving. And in the Bitterroot alone, \$16,180 was donated, or more than twice the amount raised here last year and, again, the figure is not counting offline giving.

Websites

Sihamilton.org
Sorooptimistnwr.com
Liveyourdream.org
Sorooptimist.org
Sorooptimistinternational.org



OUR MISSION: Empower, educate and encourage women and girls to improve their self-confidence, health and socio-economic standing, both locally and globally



Guest Speaker

Who: Erin Clark—Habitat for Humanity
When: Noon Meeting, May 11
Where: BJ's

Orientation

When: Wednesday, May 17
Time: 5:30
Where: Sue McMeekan's
Address: 125 Miri Lane, Hamilton



INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

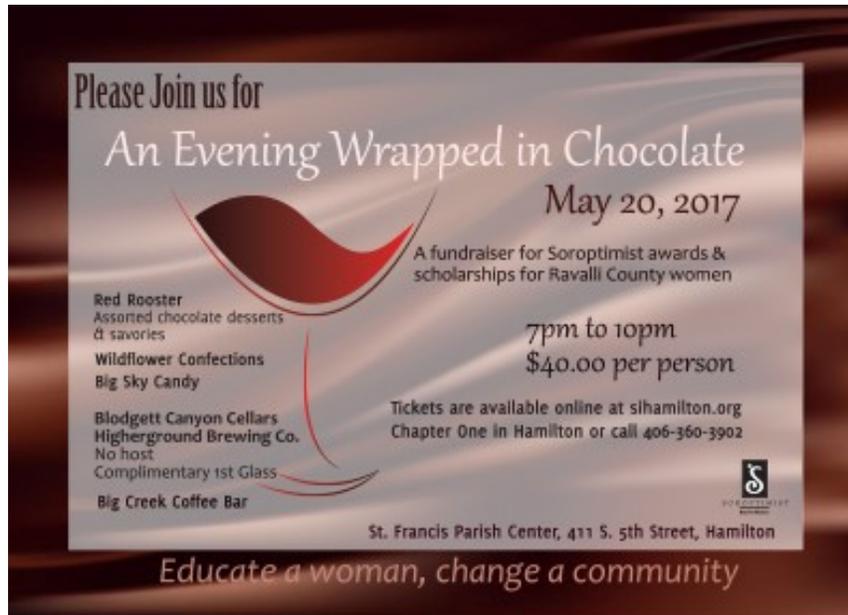
Induction of 2017-2018 officers will be Thursday June 15 at 5:30 at the home of Marcia Babowicz. 230 Cap Lane, Hamilton.



A Glamping “not so dry run” at Patti's

Evening Wrapped in Chocolate

An Evening Wrapped in Chocolate is coming around fast. I know we have talked about it for months but now it is here and time to sell tickets. The committee has worked for months to make this event come together and we feel it is going to be a huge success for Soroptimist. Now we need your help. Please get mailing lists to us asap so we can get invites out. We will have a sign up sheet at our next meeting to help us that day to set up and clean up. Please support this event get your neighbors to buy a ticket and of course we need our membership to be there. If you can't make it to the event please sign up to help us that day the more people we have the faster the set up will be. Thank you



Please Join us for

An Evening Wrapped in Chocolate

May 20, 2017

A fundraiser for Soroptimist awards & scholarships for Ravalli County women

7pm to 10pm
\$40.00 per person

Tickets are available online at sihamilton.org
Chapter One in Hamilton or call 406-360-3902

Red Rooster
Assorted chocolate desserts & savories

Wildflower Confections
Big Sky Candy

Blodgett Canyon Cellars
Higherground Brewing Co.
No host
Complimentary 1st Glass

Big Creek Coffee Bar

St. Francis Parish Center, 411 S. 5th Street, Hamilton

Educate a woman, change a community



A fun filled evening includes

Fabulous Auction:

- Glamping for 6 with private chef catered dinner & breakfast
- Week in Cabo
- Lunch at Triple Creek
- Vintage Lake Como picture circa 1900
- Mike Daniels framed photo
- Grace & Gunpowder quick finish demo - KJ Kahnle, artist

Music by Bitterroot Baroque Wine Pull



SAFE's Annual Spring Fundraiser
*Celebrating 29 years of creating
a future free of violence*

Boot, Scoot & Boogie
May 12, 2017
First Interstate Center

For reservations contact S.A.F.E.
363-2793 or safe@SafeInTheBitterroot.org
www.SafeInTheBitterroot.org

- 6:00 Patron Cocktail Reception**
- 6:30 General Admission**
Dinner catered by UpNSmokin BBQ
No host bar by Marley's
Rod Daniel - DJ
- 8:00 Live Auction**



Patron Admission \$50/\$80 couple
General Admission \$30/\$50 couple



Join SAFE for a boot scootin' good time on May 12, 2017

**Soroptimist of Hamilton
PO Box 1012
Hamilton, MT 59840**

Submissions to the newsletter can be sent to:
<mailto:sinewsletter@gmail.com>

If you submit to any of the above locations, you are guaranteed it will reach us!