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Calendar

All meetings noon BJ's

- May 5 Business Meeting**
- May 12 Program Meeting**
- May 19 Board Meeting**
- June 2 NO Noon Meeting**
- June 2 Officer Installation
5:30pm at Sunny's**
- June 9 Business Meeting
and New Members' Induction**
- June 16 Combined Board
Meeting**

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May President's Message

May is here and it is still cold, I hope that it turns around now we need some sunshine! I am so glad that we are seeing more people at our meetings, it brings us together where we can share ideas, laugh, and have fun, hopefully we have put Covid behind us. Some of our snowbirds and coming back and it is always fun to see them.



Our committees are filling up for Brenda's term and I am glad to see that, if you haven't looked at the committees please do so this month. As a member you should serve on two committees, they are fun plus you get to know more people in the club. It seems like we are moving forward with the Turtle Race, Spark the Future, and Scholarships are done.

Next month we will change our board and another year starts. So, we will see you all at the meetings and please sign up for the committees of your choice, and let's hope for some sun and warmer days!

Patti Martin
President



Lets get together!

THE TURTLES ARE COMING TURBO TURTLE DERBY

Our newest fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, June 25, in Hieronymus Park. Don't worry – they're not real turtles! The committee is very excited about the event. As you probably know, SI Hamilton began what is now known as S.A.F.E. We need to continue to support their efforts and this fundraiser will be used to raise money in the "name a room" capital campaign now being conducted by S.A.F.E. June 25 is derby day. And, we're going to need the entire club's help in getting the word out. We'd love to have all 2500 turtles adopted for the race! Entry fees are very reasonable – adopt a lonely turtle for just \$5.00. A family of 6 turtles can be adopted for \$25.00. Think about getting a turtle dozen for just \$50.00. Or, you can really increase your odds of winning by adopting a herd of 24 turtles for \$100.00.

The first place prize is \$500.00!!

SI Hamilton will be 48 years old on June 14 and this race is a great way to increase our visibility in the community.

Let's have fun with the Turbo Turtle Derby! Just remember....the turtles are coming!!



MAY Program Meeting

The topics for our May 12th program meeting will be the Returning Youth Initiative and the Safe Haven Community Center which serve post-incarcerated young adults in the Bitterroot Valley and in other locations. Valli Anderson, Executive Assistant, will be our presenter. Some of their participants might be eligible for several of our scholarships.

"You alone are enough... you have nothing to prove to anybody."

~ Maya Angelou

NWR Conference Highlights coming in June Newsletter

"The good we can do together surpasses the good we can do alone."

~ Ben Franklin

Welcome New Members!!

LOIS BRYNGELSON

Lois comes to us most recently from Wisconsin. Although she is now retired, her favorite job was working for 11 scientists as a stenographer/secretary at the Del Monte Agricultural Research facilities in San Leandro and Walnut Creek California. She learned a lot about crops, fertilizers, pest control and soils. Lois was raised in Wyoming on a farm. Lois says "Being a farm girl, it was perfect for me."

Lois has one son and two granddaughters in California and another son in Arizona. She came to Hamilton to visit a cousin and decided to move here after her husband passed away.

Lois has had a busy first year remodeling her Hamilton home.

Lois learned about Soroptimist International from Teri Polumsky when Lois mentioned she wanted to get involved in a club so that she could become part of the community. She lives in Hamilton and is working on the Christmas Families, Senior Women's Tea and Women's Health/Hygiene committees.

Lois's ready smile will be a great addition to the club!

JEAN ISRAEL

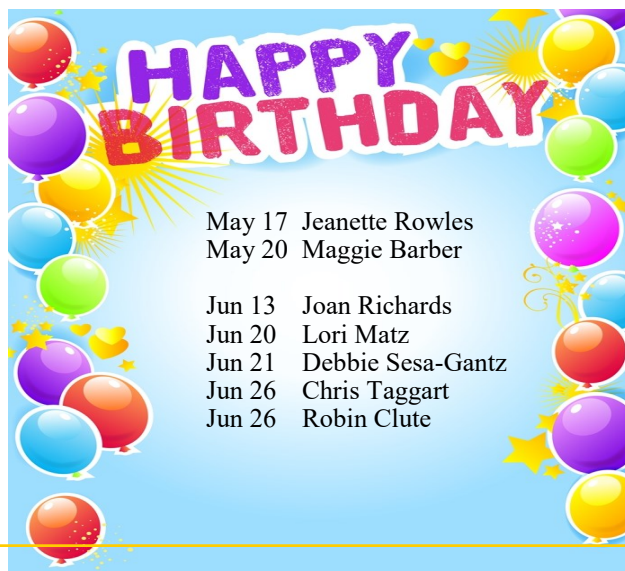
Jean and her husband, Charlie, moved to the Bitterroot in 1990. They began coming to the valley in 1984 to fly fish the Bitterroot River among other Montana rivers. Jean was born, raised and lived in Southern California until moving to the Bitterroot. She has two daughters, one grandson and 2 great-grandchildren – all of whom are in California.

Jean and Charlie quickly became part of the community – Charlie, a photographer, started The Image Maker, a business he operated until he passed away in 2014. Jean started working for Justice Court judges Nancy Sabo and Ed Sperry. She then became employed with Youth Court/Juvenile Probation as the Court Administrator and Restitution Officers. She worked with Judges Langton and Haynes. Jean retired in 2007.

Jean is a Montana Master Gardner and is active in many community efforts. She helped with the Senior Ladies Tea Committee and is just beginning to know the members. She will be helping with the Spring Into Summer Non-Profit Fair in June.

Jean has known about Soroptimists since her move to the Bitterroot and will be a Valued member.

Welcome Jean!



Senior Women Committee Report

Cards received from Senior Ladies:

"I want to thank all of you good ladies for thinking of us older ones. The bag of the goodies and useful things that Lori Matz brought to me was so nice and a surprise. I have attended your teas and enjoyed them so very much. Maybe you can have tea parties again in the future, but I am 103 now so don't know how long I'll be here. But I do thank the good Lord that I have good health. I must be doing something right!

Love to you all,
Lucille Coppinger

Dear Ladies:

What a nice surprise to get a gift from all of you. Maybe some time I can visit one of your meetings. Thanks again - God Bless all.

Darlene Hughes.



SPARK THE FUTURE! Virtual Auction **Educate a Woman, Change a Community.**

This committee has begun its efforts towards the **September 25 - 29, 2022** Virtual Auction which raises funds for awards and scholarships for women and girls. We welcome ideas from members of suggested sponsors and/or businesses we could approach for donated items. Your ideas of "experiences" and large ticket items are also desired. **What would YOU like to bid on!??** Contact Sunny at sunnys17618@gmail.com.

Ethical Fashion Guide

An organization in Australia that has goals similar to SI included this Ethical Fashion Guide that I thought was interesting and wanted to share it as most of the employees in these factories are women who are often working in terrible conditions and for little pay while the brands are bringing in big profits.
~Syble Solomon

<https://baptistworldaid.org.au/resources/ethical-fashion-guide/>

It ranks different fashion brands by:

- Policies and governance
- Tracing and Risk
- Supplier Relationships and Human Rights
- Worker Empowerment
- Environmental Sustainability

Today's attitudes and actions determine tomorrow's options and opportunities.

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