

# SOROPTIMIST

Soroptimist International of Hamilton  
Hamilton, Montana  
Northwestern Region, SIA

**Best for Women**

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## Calendar

### October

Oct 4 noon Bus Meeting  
BJ's  
Oct 5-7 District 4 Meeting,  
Fairmont Hot springs  
Oct 9 5:30 White ribbon  
party, Marcias  
Oct 11 noon JB's Speaker  
Oct 12, SAFE walk a mile  
in her shoes  
Oct 18 BOD Meeting  
Oct 25 5:30 Social Edge  
Oct 26 noon SAFE  
luncheon

### November

Nov 1 noon Business BJ's  
Nov 8 noon Speaker/SOLT  
BJ's  
Nov 11 BOD Meeting  
Nov 29 5:50 Social, Edge

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## October President's Message

October. It's domestic violence awareness month; It's white ribbon week. It's breast cancer awareness month and locally here its Rainbow of Cancer month. Issues that affect women. Issues that we, as Soroptimists, have made a difference.



October's Sprinkle Pink campaign began with a donation to Marcus Daly Hospital (MDMH) from our club to help uninsured women receive mammograms. First Interstate Bank and the local chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation soon followed suit, and the Aid for Mammography Fund was born. Sprinkle Pink was so successful that it became a MDMH program that now has morphed into "The colors of cancer" to raise awareness and funding for all types of cancer. Bravo!

But what about Domestic Violence?

On one hand we are proud of our participation in white ribbon week. We stand together on a billboard because we founded SAFE. We believe that everyone deserves a life free from violence. I am sad that we must do this at all.



Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women. 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. It happens in our community to both young and old, across the economic spectrum, mostly women but also children and men too. And I ask myself Why does this happen? In my lifetime technology has transformed the way we live, advances in medicine have saved millions of lives; we have put a man on the moon. Why can't we put an end to domestic violence? What's the answer?

Sue



## Octobers Hero: Hailey Dawson



Hailey Dawson, a young girl with a 3D printed prosthetic arm threw out the first pitch at Angels Stadium on Sunday September 16th. She completed what her family is calling her Journey to 30, and with that, she became the first person to throw out the first pitch at all 30 Major League ballparks. Dawson, a seven-year-old from Las Vegas, was born with a rare congenital disease called

Poland Syndrome, which caused her to only have two fingers on her right hand. Despite her disability, the ambitious youngster has persevered and has pursued her passion for baseball fearlessly.

“She’s just a little girl doing her thing and having fun – Watching Hailey, proves to anyone that there are no excuses; anything really is possible.”

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### Mary Lou wins the Laurel Society drawing!

Wow! Not one of my better photos, though I’m not really photogenic anyway. It had been a rough day, and I was struggling to keep my composure. The Laurel Society board drawing was won by Carol Malesich of SI Dillon. When she went up to receive her pin, she said she wanted to donate it to my mom, Mary Lou. I just about fell apart. Even now, it is hard to see the screen as I type.

The conference was great, and the women were all so supportive.

Congratulations mom, on your Laurel Society membership.

Love you  
Sis

### District 4 Meeting 2018



Carol Malesich donates Laurel Society to Mary Lou



OCTOBER IS  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS MONTH

If it were between countries, we'd call it a war.  
If it were a disease, we'd call it an epidemic.  
If it were an oil spill, we'd call it a disaster  
But its happening to women and its just an  
everyday affair. Its violence against women.  
Its rape at home and on dates.  
It is the beating or the blow that one out of four  
women receive in her lifetime.  
It is sexual harassment at work and sexual  
abuse of the young.  
It is murder

### Soroptimists held back in 4th grade

We have been assisting Liz Jameson with her 4th grade class at Corvallis Elementary School this year. It has been a great success.

Five members (Sue Macmeeken, Robin Clute, Mary Lou Amsden, Alene Tunny and Sandra Amsden) have been helping with everything from the "3 Rs" to making photo copies to art projects.

Mary Lou and Sandra teamed up to help the kids make fingerprint art and then create pins and magnets out of their art.  
Sandra works with the kids on their math.

Sue, Robin and Alene just cover it all. It is so much fun to get to know the kids. When we walk in the room, sometimes kids will rush up for a hug.

I am so grateful the club gave us the go-ahead for this service project. It is making such a difference for the kids.

Sandra



Oct. 2 Judy Rummel  
Oct. 5 Marcia Babowicz  
Oct. 29 Debbie Peterson  
Oct. 30 Mary Lyn

Nov 5 Sue Macmeeken  
Nov. 8 Constance Delaney  
Nov 20 Patrice Promack

**The Ravalli County Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual  
Violence and SAFE Invite you to attend**

**Friday October 26, 2018, 12 Noon  
Hamilton City Hall, 223 S 2<sup>nd</sup> St**

**21st Annual Report to the Community Luncheon**

*Featuring:*

**The Annual Report to the Community  
Presentation of the 19th Annual COURAGE AWARD  
And a Keynote Presentation by Sarah Gonzalez Bocinski  
*"Changing the Playing Field"***

Catering by Trapper Creek Job Corps  
No RSVP necessary  
For more information, call 363-2793, or email  
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RAPE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND GENDER VIOLENCE

**OCTOBER 12, 2018**

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Walk begins at the corner of 3rd and Main St.  
Registration 5:30.  
Start walking at 6:00.

## District 4 Meeting, Fairmont Hot Springs 2018



All 9 clubs in District 4 attended the meeting that opened with the parade of Club flags . 45 members were in attendance.



Our club received 3 Certificates for Club Giving, Live your dream, and to honor our efforts to increase SIA's collective Impact.



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**Treasurers workshop** by Becky Taft,  
Northwestern Region treasurer

*Important*-Any check or cash has a form to attach to it. This is true and important if you are sending money to SIA or our treasurer. Our cash in form is on our website: [sihamilton.org](http://sihamilton.org) in the members only section.

U Tube has a video about our Insurance for the clubs.

Procedures should be in place for the handling of club money and our club has procedures in place. Thank you, treasurers! Clubs without procedures have experienced fraud and theft in their clubs. One club has a treasurer who took money, they prosecuted her, the news was in the local paper. This destroyed the trust the community had in the club. The club was unable to make money and had to disband. So this is important and I'm proud to say our treasurers are on top of it. Please use our cash in form.



Keynote Speaker of the meeting was our own Sandra Amsden. Her speech was very inspiring!

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### Membership Workshop

by Governor Marty Crook and Governor Elect Kristi Puckett

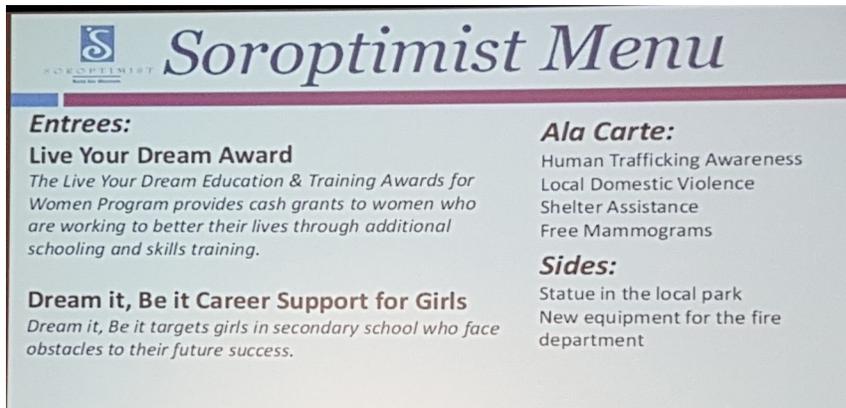
Elevator speech: suggested we have a short way to answer the question "What is Soroptimist?". Please make one up in your own words to use. Sample would be " Soroptimist is a world wide organization who work to improve the lives of women and girls through scholarships and other projects"

Member recruitment and retention was discussed. For retention, the first year a new member joins consider your club on trial and be sure to educate your new member about what we do and be available to answer their question and get them involved.

For recruitment the following ideas of where to find new members were friends, family, coworkers, business women you do business with, fundraisers, church, speakers, etc. Events to introduce perspective member include, open house, wine and paint, fundraisers. The most important thing is to ASK prospects and ASK then again. .

Orientations and SOLT (soroptimist orientation and leadership training) are important for the entire membership.

## District 4 Meeting, Fairmont Hot Springs 2018



**Soroptimist Menu**

**Entrees:**

**Live Your Dream Award**  
*The Live Your Dream Education & Training Awards for Women Program provides cash grants to women who are working to better their lives through additional schooling and skills training.*

**Dream it, Be it Career Support for Girls**  
*Dream it, Be it targets girls in secondary school who face obstacles to their future success.*

**Ala Carte:**

Human Trafficking Awareness  
Local Domestic Violence  
Shelter Assistance  
Free Mammograms

**Sides:**

Statue in the local park  
New equipment for the fire department

This slide from a report at the District Meeting shows what SIA wants from the clubs. As you can see they are open to clubs supporting their community by doing local projects too.

### Attending these meeting!

If you have never been to a Soroptimist conference, you are missing out on learning about yourself, your organization, and lots of fun and laughter. I recommend that you try one out.

The District Meetings are smaller, all in Montana at various locations, and relatively inexpensive.

The Region Conferences are in Washington, Oregon, Montana, Alaska, or Northern Idaho and larger costing a bit more.

SIA (Soroptimist International of the Americas) are very large, more expensive and something every Soroptimist should attend at least once. They are held every other year one of SIA's 21 countries, this year in Yokohama Japan. The next one is so close to us we must attend. Start saving your money now and put it on your calendar. Several of our club members have attending the SIA Conventions and they are very inspiring. In the meetings you will hear the buzz on the translators translating the happening to those non-English speaking members. It is big and wonderful. They also have a Laurel Society event for member of the Laurel Society and it is fun. So don't miss this one!



### Upcoming Soroptimist Meeting, Conference and Convention

**April 25-28<sup>th</sup> 2019** Northwestern Region Conference at Skamania Lodge in Washington on the Columbia River.

**October 4-6<sup>th</sup> 2019** District 4 Meeting in Kalispell in Hilton Garden Inn.

**July 18-21, 2019** Soroptimist International Convention, in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

**July 22-25 2020** Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) Convention in Bellview, Washington, USA.

**Oct 1-3 2021** Soroptimist 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration San Francisco, California

**White Ribbon Party**  
**Tuesday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30**  
**At Marcia House: 230 Cap Lane**

Every year our club supports SAFE by helping to create the cards with the white ribbons attached for White Ribbon Week Oct 21 – 27<sup>th</sup>. Come to our White Ribbon Party! Its fun! Its sociable! It helps the community!



**AN EVENING WRAPPED IN CHOCOLATE**

Our committee is up and running for the Chocolate fundraiser 2019!!

Our tentative plans so far are to have the event on a Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>.

There are so many events on weekends that we thought maybe we would have a better turn out on a Thursday, from 6 to 9. Because the Parish may not be available to us this year we are looking at the River Inn. We will have to pay this year, but they set up and clean up, so it helps us out a lot for that day.

Patti and Marcia have vouchers from Nakedwine.com. We can get \$250 or more worth of wine with a \$100 voucher plus their discount for \$60 to \$80. We will see how much wine we can get so we don't have to ask members for donations toward wine, we would like to have 50 bottles for the wine pull.

It also has been decided to cut way back on paper advertisement because we didn't feel we reaped nay benefit from it. We will find other forms of advertising.

We are asking the members to think about companies or individuals who might be sponsors of the event and let us know at the next meeting or call one of the committee members, so we can send them letters. Our Sponsor categories are \$1000, \$500, \$250. Our plan is to have sponsor letters out by the first of November.

If you have any comments or concerns about time or place please call me and let me know your concerns, we have not made any commitments yet.

Patty Martin

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**Keep Calm & No Conflict**

Remember that we are all here to help women and girls and we all have different ideas. Just remain calm.



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