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Calendar

Mar 2—Business Meeting@
noon BJ's

Mar 8—Awards Banquet,
MDMH Conference Room

Mar 9—**NO NOON
MEETING** (Awards
Banquet on the 8th

Mar 11—Linda Massa Youth
Home Gala

Mar 16—Speaker
Meeting@noon BJ's

Mar 18—Area Meeting—
Board of Realtors Conference
Room 10-3

Mar 23—BOD meeting @
noon BJ's

Mar 23—Evening
Social@The Edge 5:30pm

March 26—Family Bowling
Day

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March President's Message

Welcome to March Madness

I am referring to the weather, not Basketball –
I need sunshine!

Have I told you how fabulous you are? This club
does amazing things and we don't always take
the time to congratulate ourselves. My goal is to
focus on what are doing, rather than stress over
all the other stuff. That said, I do have this:



While having wine and salad the other night with some good
friends, we began discussing our family dynamics and issues
with siblings, parents, etc. The discussion evolved into one of
remembering to help women who are close to us. We all work
hard within SIH to have successful fundraisers so we can help
women we usually don't know. Our bigger mission should be to
make sure we are helping those family members in need, those
in our own club and social circle.

It seems sometimes we are hesitant to help people close to us
because we know their "story" and emotional baggage and feel
they aren't deserving of our help. So, just a thought, that rather
than judge, we get over our big bad selves and reach out and
lend a hand, lend a dollar or two, and make sure people know
you are their Champion!

Strive for people to feel better about themselves
in your presence.

Be strong, be brave, be kind and be a Champion! (Thanks Linda
Massa, with a slight addition).

Wishing you all sunshine, rainbows and flowers!

Marcia
Your sun-deprived leader



**Soroptimist International of the Americas
Northwestern Region
Call to Conference**

Vancouver, Washington

April 28-30, 2017

Att: Soroptimist International of Hamilton

Check your email for a copy of the Call to Conference.

On the page you will find the website to view all 39 pages of the call.

REGISTRATION: \$50 early registration post marked by March 27, 2017

Mary Lou will be collecting \$\$\$

MEALS: something new for Friday Day Package, \$92, includes: Breakfast Buffet, Lunch, and both breaks. Friday Night Hors d'oeuvres, no host bar and build your own Nachos and more. **These cannot be purchased individually.**

More details in the Call.

HOTEL: Vancouver Hilton, everyone make your own reservation. More details in the Call. Group code **PTE**

AWARDS: Something new. There are three areas to submit Soroptimist for these awards. Due April 1, electronically. There are great opportunities to submit nominations for our club and members.

Check out the call online. It looks like a great one and Governor Stephanie puts on a GREAT show

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Websites to Inspire

sihamilton.org

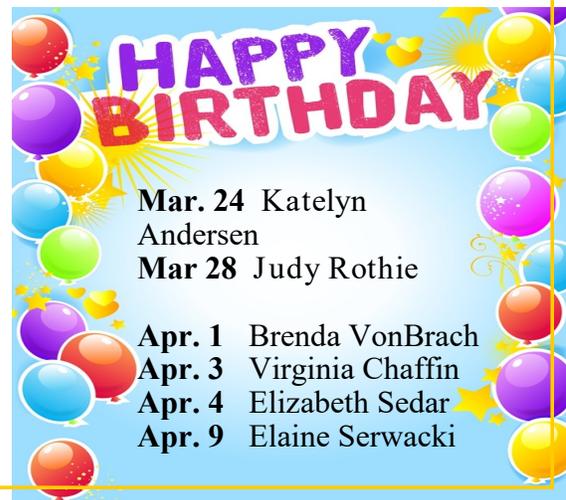
soroptimistnwr.org

soroptimist.org

liveyourdream.org

www.internationalwomensday.com

www.womenshistorymonth.gov





In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women.

The following excerpt is from League of Women Voters of the United States.

So many women played a crucial role shaping the 20th Century, perhaps no one more so than Eleanor Roosevelt!

That's why we've selected her as the first of three **Democracy Defenders** we're highlighting in March as part of our celebration of Women's History Month.

As an iconic figure, Eleanor Roosevelt left an enduring mark on women's rights, civil rights, international affairs, voting rights ... and the League of Women Voters.

Shortly after the League was founded in 1920, she served as our first Vice President of Legislative Affairs, working tirelessly to strengthen women's role in politics and mobilize women voters through the League's nonpartisan training and lobbying work.

Even after resigning that position in 1924, she remained an active member, continued to promote the League's policies and ideals, and wrote regularly for the League of Women Voters of New York's newsletter.

Years later she would comment that *"I always found that the best workers in a political party frequently are graduates of the League of Women Voters."*

Eleanor Roosevelt's commitment to women's rights and civil rights only strengthened after her husband assumed the presidency in 1933. She consistently campaigned for the Roosevelt administration to hire women for executive level appointments, supported anti-lynching campaigns and fought for fair housing for African Americans.

After leaving the White House in 1945, Eleanor Roosevelt continued her ongoing work not only with the League but with other organizations including the NAACP, the National Council of Negro Women and the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations.

And she personified the central reality that continues to animate our work at the League. As she put it, ***"we cannot keep our system strong and free by neglect, by taking it for granted, by giving it our second-best attention."***



Welcome Amy Foote!

Amy joined Soroptimists in January. She works at Ravalli County Credit Union and lives in Darby. She's lived in the Bitterroot for 2 1/2 years, is married and has two kids (her youngest just turned 21!). Rounding out the household is 2 McNabs and an Australian Shepard. She loves to knit and loves to read. At the Credit Union her thing is the VITA (volunteer income tax assistance) program which provides free tax preparation to low income people. Amy's a number person and likes accounting and finance.



We just may have a spot in mind for her in our club!

Area Meeting: Southwest Sisters

**HAMILTON
SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2016
10am to 3**

Lunch (catered by Red Rooster \$13)

Meeting takes place at BR Board of Realtors Conference Room, 224 N. 4th St

A great opportunity to exchange ideas and meet your Southwest Sisters from Missoula and Dillon. Contact Marcia to sign up for the meeting.

Evening Wrapped in Chocolate

Our "Evening Wrapped in Chocolate " is moving forward. The committee is working very hard to put together a great event. Now we need your help. For the wine pull, please bring a bottle of wine with the value of \$10. You can buy this on sale ... it just has to have the value of \$10 or more. We need 38 more bottles to make our 50 our \$500!!

Thank you. *-Patti*

Jewelry Raffle

This could be the most successful jewelry raffle ever. Costs for the pendant and tickets have already been completed, so all sales from now on will be pure profit!!! Remember, for every 5 tickets you sell, it secures you a space on the "Blingo" board where you are in the running for a \$50 cash prize. Call Robin at 375-9107 for more tickets or request them at noon meetings. The drawing will be held on May 20th during the "Evening Wrapped in Chocolate" fundraising event.



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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!