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Calendar

April 6—Business Meeting @ noon BJ's
April 13—Business Meeting @ noon BJ's
Guest Speaker, Dixie Stark, Bitterroot Literacy
April 20th—Business Meeting @ noon BJ's
April 27th—Evening Social @ the Edge 5:30pm
April 27th-30th Region Conference, Vancouver
May 12—SAFE Boot, Scoot & Boogie
May 20th—An Evening Wrapped in Chocolate

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April President's Message

March Madness = SUCCESS

THE GOLD MEDAL CHAMPIONS ARE:

AWARDS BANQUET

Olympic super star scholarship recipients
Fulfillment of our mission of champions.
Gold Medal Awards Banquet

Educate a woman; change the community (and the world)

Our Super Stars: Awards Committee – Alida Merritt, Elaine Serwacki, Mary Lyn, Vicki Dawson, Chris Taggart

FAMILY FUN BOWLING DAY

World Class bowlers
Super Star bake sale
Prize winning fun for all

Our Super Stars: Family Fun Bowling Day Committee: Kelcy Edwards, Brenda Von Brach,
Chris Taggart, Sue Smith, Deana Wolfe, Laura Mertins, Vikki Bell

NEW WEBSITE (under construction)

Blue Ribbon Design
Direct Fundraising/ticket sales capability
Mobile friendly
Calendar/committee sign ups

To check it out go to: sihamilton.org

Our Super Stars: Direct Fundraising/Website Committee: Mary Lyn, Sue MacMeeken, Saundra Amsden, Joan Collingwood-Richards, Marcia Babowicz, Elaine Serwacki

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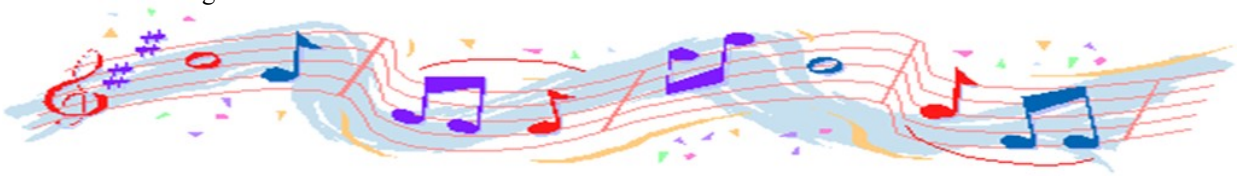
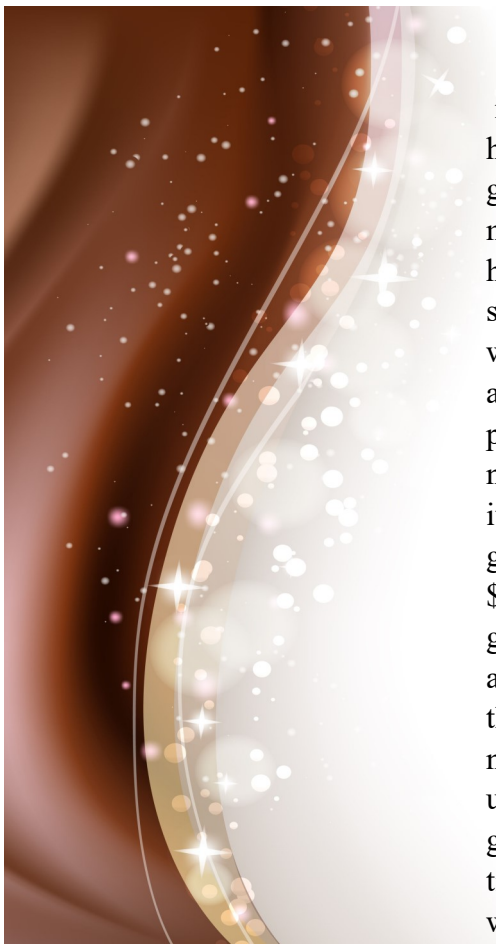


"We are the champions, my friends
And we will keep on fighting till the end
We are the champions, We are the champions
No time for losers cause we are the Champions
Of the World"

Be happy, play hard, be a champion!

Marcia



"An Evening Wrapped in Chocolate"

is getting closer! Our committee has been working very hard to making this a very prosperous event with all proceeds going to our scholarships. We have been working for months and now we are asking for your help. We need to have every member get behind this event to make it a success. We are hoping for 150 people to attend. Our tickets will be out the end of April, so every meeting we would like a list of people and their address so we can send them personnel invites. We have some great auction items and we need people that you think would support these items. Glamping or our trip to Cabo, for instance, you could get 6 people together and the bid could go as high as $1000. Please think of people you know that would love a great evening with a live auction and a really good time. We also need more wine or champagne for the wine pull. We thought we had two cases but it turns out it is not good so we need your help. If you don't want to purchase the wine give us $10 or more and we will purchase it for you. Most grocery stores will give a discount if you buy 6 bottles at a time. Please help us make this a huge success and something we can build on.

Congratulations to the 2017 Scholarship and Award Winners

Kara Wetzsteon, ProTech award, $1000; Ruth Hazelton, Ruby Award, $250 to charity of her choice; Renee McGrath, Fellowship, $1500; Corrine Sanderson, Violet Richardson Award, $250; Sophia Reynosos, Patti Furniss, $500; Michel Redman, LYD, $2500; Abby Dunn, S Club, $1000.

April Speaker

Dixie Stark, executive director of Bitterroot Literacy will speak at the April 13th meeting. Of great concern is the recent change in funding and how this change could impact the Adult Basic and Literacy Program.

Montana Legislative Updates

One issue has united lawmakers through the 2017 Montana Legislative Session—reforming state law on rape and sexual assault.

Senate Bill No. 29 A bill for an act entitled: "An act generally revising laws related to sexual crimes: Providing for the crime of aggravated sexual assault; removing the requirement of force from the definition of "consent"; revising penalties for sexual intercourse without consent….."
Current Bill Progress: In Second House--Out of Committee
http://leg.mt.gov/bills/2017/BillPdf/SB0029.pdf for the latest revisions and updates as of 3-31-17.

Senate Bill No. 30 A bill for an act entitled: "An act generally revising laws related to criminal statues of limitations; providing that the statue of limitations for victims of sex crimes who are under the age of 18 years is 20 years ……"
Current Bill Progress: In Second House--Out of Committee
http://leg.mt.gov/bills/2017/sb0099/SB0030_1.pdf for the latest revisions and updates as of 3-31-17.

Soroptimist.org Website Notes

The website is filled with great resources beyond the basic "who we are and what awards we give". Two to check out:

Live Your Dream Blog. Recent posts
5 MORE Problems Women Face in 2017
5 Forgotten Women in STEM
Do Your Freakin' Taxes
What Inspires Me to Take Action
Breathing It Could Save Your Life
http://yourdream.liveyourdream.org/2017/04/5-more-problems-women-face-2017/

Take Action Tab:
Opportunity Through Education
Preparing Girls for Success
Ending Domestic Violence
Ending Teen Dating Violence
Ending Trafficking
http://www.liveyourdream.org/take-action/index.html

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