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Calendar

All meetings noon BJ's & zoom

July

July 1, Membership\

August

Aug 5, Membership

Aug 12th, Membership

Aug 19 Board

Aug 26th Social

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July President's Message

July 1st is the start of a new year and our first meeting of the new 2021 year for Soroptimist! I am looking forward to getting our club up and running again. It was so good to see everyone in person at the last meeting, it has been to long and we have new members who have never met in person with the club members.



We welcome our new members and glad to see the members who have carried us through the last year. What a trying time but Teri and the members just dug in and got the job done.

We have money in our general fund from our little fundraising events and now we can get down to business for 2021 and 2022.

Of course, we have "An Evening Wrapped in Chocolate" working on the online and live event. Our goal this year is \$25,000 for our scholarships. It should be a fun night.

Now we need to find another fundraiser, so let's put on our thinking caps on and see what we can come up with. We keep getting asked to bring back our Golf fundraiser I think maybe we can investigate doing that.

In the meantime, enjoy the beautiful summer. There is nothing like summer in Montana. We will just have 1 meeting in July and then 2 in

August because of the

Chocolate event in September.

President Patti



Carmela Bowns New Member Bio



Thanks for being so welcoming to a new SIH member! I'm retired and moved to Hamilton in June 2020 from Beaverton, Oregon. Because of covid restrictions, I feel like I lost my first year here and am just starting to become involve in the community and volunteer activities.

I have three sons all married and various grandchildren. One of my sons and his wife lives here in town. the other two are in Oregon and California.

Originally from Seattle, I've lived in Montreal and Philadelphia, and as an adult in Washington, California, and Oregon. I'm an attorney and have always represented public agencies. I like to be involved in whatever community I live in and have special interests in neighborhoods, immigration/citizenship, health care, and education.

I'm looking forward to being involved in SIH!
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Let's get together!

An Evening Wrapped in Chocolate Newsletter

Our Chocolate committee is busy working on getting items for our silent, and live auction. The event this year will be **September 16** and will be live and online. Our live event will feature our larger items for auction and Dominic will once again be our auctioneer.

It will be at the Bitterroot River Inn, and it is a **Thursday night**.

We will have our famous wine pull, a raffle for a bowl of money, a paddle call, and a speaker who has received one of our Scholarships. Once again Red Rooster will be the caterer for our heavy appetizers, and we will have beer and wine for sale.

To help us out with the wine pull if you can please donate \$20, if we can get 50 bottles we can make \$1000 profit. If anyone has a new item that they would like to donate please call Patti and let her know what it is, or if you have an idea of a live auction item please let us know.
President Patti



Janette (Chris) Rowles New Member Bio

In 2019 I made the decision to go back to school in hopes of becoming a computer graphic artist. I am currently enrolled at Bitterroot College. After many exciting, and informative classes, my goal has changed many times. But the goal of earning my Associates degree remains the same. Currently I hope to become a writer/illustrator. In 2020 I received the exciting news that I had been chosen as the “options” scholarship winner from the Soroptimist of Hamilton. Since then, I have had nothing but a positive and motivating experience. I not only had the support of my family, but also now the support of an amazing group of women. I’ve gone through 2 semesters, proudly ending each on the Dean’s list. And currently plan on graduating in 2022. I was born in Missoula, Montana and raised in Hamilton. I was married to a Marine for 6 ½ years so was able to see a lot of the west coast. In 2000 I moved back home to Hamilton. I have since remarried, and we had an amazing son named Nick. He’s 20 now and working at Rustic Furniture Barn here in Hamilton creating beautiful furniture. I have been married to my current husband for 21 years, and we reside on the westside of Hamilton with our Foxhound Tucker, our son and his lab/hound daisy. About 14 years ago I had a virus called Gillian Berre, I was paralyzed from the waist down but after a few years I was able to mostly recover. Because of the nerved damage and pain I was unable to work. So, I took advantage of the time to be a stay-at-home mom, time that I’m so grateful to have had with our son. Loving to create art I also taught myself to paint on Turkey feathers to sell to help with our income. Now that my son is grown, I felt it was time to work on me, so that was why I chose to go back to school. In the fall of last year, I wrote a paper about Soroptimist International of Hamilton. After learning the amazing things these ladies have done for the community and after interviewing Teri I decided to join. I’m so grateful I did, and I look forward to making a difference in the lives of other women like they have done for me.

Chris

Historical SIH Photos

1990-1991 Scrapbook

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/j2s3o5pr8aw2vza/AACmvwEqBiYI2aAM8D9PbQfja?dl=0>

1992 Retired Ladies Tea

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/tofnh50ndeco6c0/1992%20Retired%20Ladies%20Tea.jpg?dl=0>



**Installation
2021
Congrats
Teri and Patti**





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News from the Awards Committee:

Thank you notes are flowing in from our Award Recipients!

Maizie Mendenall, winner of the Violet Richardson award writes:

"WOW! Thank you so much for taking the time to write your kind notes of Congratulations. I rarely get mail and seeing your notes in the mailbox made me so happy and proud to have such a wonderful organization and group of women supporting me. Your words of support and encouragement mean everything to me. What I do with SPURS is often very thankless and looked over. Of course I do not do it to be recognized, but it feels good to hear that others believe I am making a difference. Thank you again for making an effort to reach out. Grace and Peace, Maizie"

Shannon Hochhalter, winner of the Patti Furniss Award writes:

"Hello Nancy! Thank you so much for the sweet and beautiful card you sent me in the mail. It really touched my heart! I am sorry it took so long for me to respond, but I really do appreciate all the love and support and am looking forward (with fear and trepidation I must confess) to Chemistry and Writ 201 this fall. I have heard it is a really tough class, but all the support I have received gives me confidence that I can tackle it (with a few tears and late nights I am sure)! Thanks again for everything and I hope you have a fabulous and relaxing summer!"

Baili Lubke, winner of the Trina Petersen \$1000 Award:

"Hamilton Soroptimists, Thank you all SO MUCH for considering me for the Trina Petersen Memorial Scholarship. I am so honored, humbled and grateful to receive this award! I will gladly use the \$1000 very wisely toward my nursing School Education. Thank you to those of you who put all of the kind words and notes that accompanied the award letter in the tube. Your notes of congratulations are so encouraging and mean SO MUCH to me! Thank you all also for all that you do for students pursuing their dreams! Your work means so much to so many people. I look forward to keeping in contact with you all."

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Sophia Arnold, winner of the Trina Petersen \$600 Award:

"Dear Ladies of Soroptimist: I would like to say THANK YOU and show my gratitude for honoring me with the Trina Petersen Award. It is the first award I have ever won! Upon seeing the package, I couldn't help tearing up. As an adult returning to school, it has been a huge challenge to try to find any kind of assistance. Because of our amazing community, I can now continue my education free of a great deal of stress! I also received many letters congratulating me and cheering me on. Thank you for those too! They've driven me to work towards my best. I hope one day I can return the feeling and help someone else return/attend to school, and help them fulfill their own dreams! Thank you again for all of your kind words. Please keep in touch!"

Abbey Dunn, winner of the Trina Petersen \$1000 Award:

"Dear Women of Soroptimist, I wanted to write to you and sincerely thank you for the scholarship. I am so honored to have been the recipient, and would not be where I am today without the support of influential women like you. I especially appreciate the thoughtful notes that each of you sent to me, and I hope we have a chance to get to know you in person sometime soon! I am looking forward to one more semester on MSU's campus and one semester student teaching, hopefully in Lodge Grass, MT on the reservation. Thank you again, and I will keep you posted on my journey!"

Spring Into Summer
June 5, 2021



Spring into Summer was a success for our club. We picked up some future award applicants, some prospective members and some email address to use for our fundraising promotion. We also educated many people about our Awards and fundraisers and gathered \$46.50 in our donation jar. And it was fun.



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