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CALENDAR

Dec 7, noon,
Business meeting,
BJ's

Dec 14, noon,
Christmas Party,
BJ's

Jan 4, noon,
Business meeting,
BJ's

PRESIDENT'S DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Hello Champions!

The big game started with the retreat in October 2016 where we drafted the playbook for the year. We wanted to work smarter, and increase our fundraising to have a bigger impact with our scholarship program. We definitely scored a goal on that one. But we didn't stop there. "Change" was the common theme as we went through the year.

Here are some game highlights:

Winter golf - on hold, may bring a revised version back at some point
Website extreme makeover! More interactive, committee and other sign ups on the site.

Allocation of funds - lots of discussion about giving less to other non-profits and giving more to scholarships. We are headed toward the goal line on that one.

Evening Wrapped In Chocolate - we needed a new fundraiser and Patti Martin and her committee hit a home run with the chocolate event earning over \$8000 for our scholarships.

Family Fun Bowling Day - this was just as stated, FUN! Lots of strikes and spares

Direct fundraising - this is still a work in progress but made easier with being able to accept donations on our website

Banana booth - the fair board helped us with this decision, but we all agreed it was time to give it up. Game over for Bananas

New meeting schedule - Two noon meetings each month, one board of directors meeting, and one social. One monthly meeting in July and August. Whew, that's enough meetings for the entire National Football League!

Christmas at The Manor - a "feel good" thing we decided didn't really fit our mission. We will still do our Senior Women's Tea.

Scholarship Program for Dues - This was spearheaded by Pamela Morris, and one new member has joined our team through this program

Thank you all for being on Team Babo for the last 18 months. I know I have an unconventional coaching style so I appreciate your patience and understanding. It has been an honor and a lot of fun working with this group of diverse, intelligent, focused, kind and overall wonderful women. You Are the Champions of the World!

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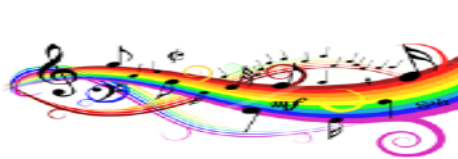
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It's the final countdown 3, 2, 1.



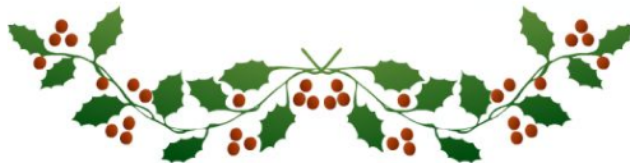
and we'll keep on fighting to the end.
We are the champions
We are the champions
No time for losers
Cause we are the champions of the world!

As my brother used to say:

10-4
Roger That
Over and Out



Marcia
Retired Fearless Leader



IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR FOR SI HAMILTON!

It's scholarship application time. All year our club members work to raise money to support our many projects. SI Hamilton is committed to improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. A key step to empowerment is education. Our awards provide opportunities to many women, both young and older, who oftentimes fall through the cracks. Applications are now being accepting for all awards. The banner you see in the photo is displayed at the Bitterroot College. Help us spread the word! Talk to likely candidates and urge them to apply. We'll even provide help in completing the applications. Let's all work together to help empower women and girls in our Valley! More information and application forms are on line at www.sihamilton.org/scholarships.

RETREAT OCTOBER 25th 2017

Introducing the **IDEA BOARD** which will be part of my presidency. I am so blown away with the great ideas that members come up with. I want to capture them - for discussion now, later, or for the record to be picked up at the right time. We can only do so much at any given time but a storehouse of ideas would be a great way to periodically invigorate our club.

THE MEYERS-BRIGGS GAME..... It was meant to be fun as well as an exercise in team building. Maybe even thought provoking. A few years back one of our members said that “our diversity is our strength but also our bane”. It was a great reflection on our club and a statement that’s stayed with me these past years. I wanted to play with it. For those who played, here’s how we shook out:

SENSING-INTROVERTS			INTUITIVE-INTROVERTS		
ISTJ	RESPONSIBLE		INFJ	CONTEMPLATIVE	1
ISTP	PRAGMATIC		INFP	IDEALISTIC	1
ISFJ	LOYAL	2	INTJ	INDEPENDANT	1
ISFP	ARTISTIC	1	INTP	CONCEPTUAL	
SENSING- EXTRAVERTS			INTUITIVE- EXTRAVERTS		
ESTP	SPONTANEOUS	2	ENFP	OPTIMISTIC	
ESTJ	HARD CHARGING		ENFJ	PERSUASIVE	4
ESFP	GENEROUS		ENTP	INVENTIVE	1
ESFJ	HARMONIZING	3	ENTJ	COMMANDING	1

MEETINGS: We meet twice a month. What we do and accomplish at those meetings is so important. I’ve enclosed the brainstorming that we did at the retreat... but keep thinking. Your thoughts, ideas and feedback are requested!

How can we make meetings more effective?

- Something different to get money instead of share & care stories
- More info shared by website and email. Less structure at meetings
- Keep fun & Business separate
- Listen More. Less breaking into small groups
- Speakers need to be better mentioned
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- I like the way they are
- Meetings work well as we have them
- Like them the way they are
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- Less time on committee reports (2)
- Fewer committee reports. Too repetitive
- Written committee reports
- Committee reports first
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- Important to discuss community involvement
- More time talking about service. Less about ourselves
- A 30 to 60. See Soroptimist success story
- More sharing about successes: SIH, SIA, others
- Speakers need to keep it shorter
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- Start and End on time
- Start & Finish timely

FOCUS: We always struggle with this one. How do we spend our funds? What is most important? Do we like our mix of expenditures? Should we change it? A thought-provoking comment at our District 4 conference in September was “Why are we fundraising for other non-profit organizations?” SI of the Americas focus is Education. Should it be more of our focus too?

STOP	START	CONTINUE
Discontinue trafficking & give money to SAFE	Ask for money from Rapp Foundation. Form a collision with others to get the big money	ALL
Lets not ask other nonprofits to support us	Fundraising isn't reciprocated. Need to find a way. We give and no one gives to us: Hospital, Emmas House, etc	Continue focus on women & children oriented programs
Do fewer scholarships to make a bigger impact with our money	Ask for donations for our scholarship program	
	Phlebotomy program scholarships \$2100	
Cut donations to other nonprofits: Child care, Emmas, Casting 4 Recovery	Homeless assistance	Keep giving to other nonprofits
	Adopt a classroom	Priotize the nonprofits that we give money to. What is the need? Give to fewer
	More hands on projects	
	Get back into backpack program	

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Lack of attendance at events like EMMAS House. If we do have a table the people attending should be prepared to bid or the paddle call
2. Donate tickets for tables at events to other people
3. Do we need to have sign-in sheets at meetings?
4. STRONG is the new PRETTY. Should we buy some of these books and distribute?

STAY TUNED:

Too much to get through in 2 hours so we'll continue during our noontime meetings:

- Discussion on Committees. Priorities.
- Engaging Membership

UPCOMING REGIONAL AND DISTRICT EVENTS

Northwestern Region Conference
April 19-22, 2018 (Thursday thru Sunday noon)
 Couer d' Alene Resort
 Coeur d' Alene, Idaho
 RESERVATIONS CALL: [1.855.703.4648](tel:18557034648)
 CODE: Soroptimist for the discount

District 4 Meeting
October 5-6, 2018 (Saturday and Sunday)
 Fairmont Hot Springs



Dec. 8	Gloria Janskovitch
Dec. 11	Cory Keith
Dec. 20	Sue Smith
Dec. 25	Lois Vallance
Dec. 31	Laura Reichart

Jan. 3	Tami Pickles
Jan. 7	Barbara June
Jan.17	Deana Wolfe
Jan. 20	Amy Foote

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