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Calendar

BJ's and/or zoom

Nov 4 SIH Business mtg.

Nov 11 SIH speaker mtg.

Nov 25 Social 5:30-6:30

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SOROPTIMIST NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER

Happy **Fall** and **Halloween**! Time just seems to fly I don't know what happened to October, but we have had a gorgeous fall. Now we are going into the holidays and time for Sees!

I am hoping we can get back to normal and have a full room for our meetings. I think we have Zoom figured out for the snowbirds and for those that are uncomfortable coming to meetings.

Brenda has speakers for our second meetings figured out so please try and come for the speakers. I have had issues in sending out emails and I am sorry about that, but I have finally figured out what I was doing wrong, I am not very techy, so I hope that will be good going forward.

Brenda has informed me that we have about 9 new members joining us this fall. That means new ideas and helpers for our fundraising. We welcome them all so again let's show our support to the new members.

Patti Martin,

4th GRADE

It has been so much fun to be back in the classroom, meeting 21 new 4th graders. It always amazes me how quickly the kids all connect with me every year. It's as if we have known each other for years. They are always so welcoming.

This year, I got to join them for their Halloween party. I dressed up as a pirate. It was a hit with all the kids, and a lot of the staff as I walked through the hall to class. We had lots of candy and games. The kids were all dressed up. Even had a couple parents, and Waldo showed up! The photo to the right is of me and "Freckles." When I first met her, she was dressed up as Josie from Toy Story, with freckles. I continue to work with the kids on their math.

I only work with two or three kids at a time. I just cannot imagine how Liz manages to direct 21 kids at a time. Teachers are my heroes.

Sandra





Reminder: Please sign up for the committees that most interest you [and that need members]. Everyone is expected to sign up for at least one committee. Many serve on 4, 5, 6 or more committees. This is the quickest way to become involved in the club and make friends. Thank you!

Support S.A.F.E!

Buy your Christmas/Holiday cards at the SAFE thrift store for **only .25 each**. There are HUNDREDS and HUNDREDS of beautiful cards, sorted into Not-Religious, by Name (i.e. Grandson), as well as Gift Card cards!



Each has matching envelope. These Christmas cards will be put out in early November. You'll save MONEY and will be helping S.A.F.E. at the same time. Spread the word!



Four classy trashy Soroptimists - Barb Anderson, Lois Vallance, Dixie Dies, Nancy Hutcheson; and Roy Grant cleaned up Highway 93 from Kmart to the Kubota aka Larry's Tractors. Kudos to businesses along that stretch of the highway for keeping their area clean. We only picked up, about 3 bags. See you all next spring or fall. A special treasure found by Barbara Anderson will show up sometime at a special Soroptimist event!

Welcome

Welcome new members!!

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Linda Schmitt	Nov 13
Heidi Gorden	Nov 14
Carmela Bowns	Nov 20



Time to celebrate! The Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ravalli County just reached a huge milestone! Over 1000 children are actively registered to receive a free, age-appropriate, high-quality book mailed to their home address each month. The program serves all children residing in Ravalli County from birth until their 5th birthday at no cost to the families. Children are registered from every town from Florence to Sula! They've already had 158 children graduate on their 5th birthday and over 12,000 books have been mailed. Syble Solomon is the coordinator and Sunny Stone does registration. Other Soroptimists have donated, helped to spread the word and offered advice and support. It costs \$25/year for each child to receive 12 books. You can donate or register a child can do that online at [imaginationlibraryravallicounty.com](https://www.imaginationlibraryravallicounty.com). All donations are appreciated!

Syble Solomon

Coordinator

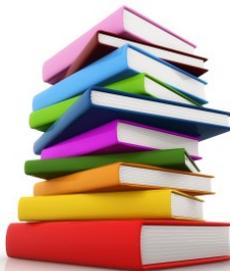
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Soroptimist International of Hamilton History First half SI Hamilton was chartered June 14, 1974, by Missoula North. Early service projects that we no longer do include, We did Relay for life, Race for the cure, Gave to the food banks ONE-TO-ONE: We worked with local physicians and pharmacists to pay for necessary prescriptions for children whose families could not afford those prescriptions. MITTENS FOR MOPPETS: We supplied yarn for knitters in our community to knit hats and mittens that were given to children at Christmas. Many of our knitters were older women and they enjoyed being given a purpose. CHRISTMAS CANDY: We furnished candy for Santa's annual arrival. The beauty of this project? We brought the candy to the local nursing home and residents helped bagged the candy. It helped the residents and certainly pleased the kids! CHEMO CANDY: We provided hard candy for patients at the local hospital's chemo treatment center. FRIENDS AFAR: We created a project that matched Soroptimist Clubs with women in third world countries. The Soroptimist club would give the woman a \$50.00 micro grant for a project benefitting women and/or children. We enlisted Peace Corps workers, missionaries, teachers and any one we could find in the third world country that could act as a translator. The only condition for the grant was that the woman needed to correspond with the Soroptimist club and the club needed to correspond with the woman. Our club took applications from the women and from Soroptimist clubs and provided the connection. It was a fabulous learning experience for our club. We received a second prize in the annual Soroptimist Celebrating Success competition. After several years, we really felt the project had become too big for us and we gave the project, all contacts and information to Soroptimist International. Our hope was the project would grow – but it wasn't. Our club learned that \$50.00 could really change the lives of women and girls! Early Fundraisers many we no longer do We have had a rummage sale, a valentine chocolate event, selling frozen chocolate covered bananas at the fair, selling refreshments and advertisements in the play programs for the local Theater, fashion show. Kiss the pig. See's candy which we still do. For several years, we put on a parliamentarian workshop. We brought in a professional parliamentarian and charged for an all-day workshop. It was well attended by representatives from non-profits and serviced organizations. New fundraiser. We are partnering with local restaurants for a holiday dinner. We sell them and distribute them to the community and receive around \$1000 for each holiday.

See Second half in December newsletter

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