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Best for Women

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Calendar

All meetings noon BJ's

March

- 4 – Awards Banquet
- 12 – Meeting—Speaker
- 14—Linda Massa Youth Home Benefit
- 19 – No Board Mtg
- 21- Area Mtg—St. Paul's Episcopal Church 10-2
- 26 – Social-The Edge 5:30

April

- 2 – Mtg BJ's—nominations due
- 9 – Mtg BJ's—Election of 2020 Officers
- 17-19– NWR Conference
- 20 – Budget due to finance committee
- 23– Evening Wrapped in Chocolate

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March President's Message

READY FOR SOME MORE MARCHES?

March, 2020...Dixie Dies, President

March: besides the month!, to walk with regular steps of equal length, with other people who are all walking in the same way or walk quickly with purpose and determination.



How about the march to celebrate our awards and scholarships? Thirteen deserving women and girls were recipients of our awards/scholarships totaling \$17,450. We helped these girls and women achieve a future they may not have had otherwise, and enrich our community.

How about the march to our Evening Wrapped in Chocolate? The Evening Wrapped In Chocolate makes our awards/scholarships possible. Like all successful endeavors, we don't do it by ourselves. *Bring your invitation list with addresses to Patti Martin at the March 12 meeting.*

How about the march to be an officer? Everyone is unique - different skills, and new ideas, creates new results. Sandra Amsden and Anne Brown are 2 of the 3 nominating committee. The third member will be selected/appointed/volunteered at the *MARCH 12* meeting.

April 2, the list of officers are presented to the club for a vote – along with nominations from the floor. Positions open: Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Alternate Delegate, 2-yr. Director. April 9, elections are held.

How about the march to be a committee meeting? Think about it, more next month.

How about the march to have your budget submitted for 2020?

Think about it, more next month.

We march together, we are the Soroptimists of Hamilton, Montana.

Life is Good!



Candidates for the SIH 2020-21 Board

As the chair of the Nominations Committee, I am looking for a few good women to fill the positions on the 2020-21 Board. The positions are:

- President – Teri Polumsky (graciously agreed to step up to the plate to fill an unexpected vacancy), *perk of the job* – your hotel room and meal package at the District and Region Conferences are paid for by the club.
- VP – responsible for membership and speakers, assists President as needed, fills in for the Presidents when unavailable, “ascends” to the President in the following year, this is a three year commitment as they will be VP, President, and Immediate Past President (a voting board position)
- Treasurer – takes care of the finances for the club
- Asst. Treasurer – assists the treasurer as needed, fills in when the treasurer is unavailable
- Recording Secretary – records and posts the minutes of the general and board meetings
- Corresponding Secretary – incoming and outgoing mail, checks our PO Box weekly, distributes mail as indicated
- Delegate – keeps track of happenings at the Region level, informs the club of elections, conferences, and meetings at the District and Region level, *perk of the job* – your hotel room and meal package at the District and Region Conferences are paid for by the club. It really isn’t difficult, as I can attest.
- Alt Delegate – assists the Delegate, responsible for coordinating the Area Meetings
- 2 yr Director – Voting position on the board, not much else unless you want to do more
- 1 yr Director – Joan Collingwood (was the 2yr Director, so she “ascended” to this position)

I know this can be a bit daunting to step up to these positions. I was elected 2nd VP less than one year after returning to the Bitterroot 10 years ago. But, there’s a grunch (it’s a technical term) of experience in the club that you can call on for help, and sometimes they offer help when you least expect it. If you just want to dip your toes in to get a feel for the board, try the Corresponding Secretary, Alt Delegate or 2 Year Director.

We encourage you to consider running for a position, and working your way up to Treasurer, or VP and President. It is highly rewarding. You will learn so much more about how Soroptimists work in the bigger, global picture. What we do for women worldwide is amazing. And if you want to hold a position at the Region level, you must first be a club President.

Please contact me if you would like to hold any of the positions listed above. We can’t do it if we don’t do it!

Sandra Amsden
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Nominations Committee Chair

Awards News

We just received word that our first place Live Your Dream recipient BRIDGETTE LANGLEY is one of the \$1500.00 NWR Live Your Dream Award winners!

Look for an in depth report on all of our award recipients in the April newsletter.

2020 NORTHWESTERN REGION CONFERENCE

The 2020 SINWR Conference will be held 17-19 April at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Renton, Washington.

To make reservations, contact the hotel at 877-803-7534, and be sure to say you are with the Soroptimist Conference 2020. Rates vary depending on the number of occupants in the room. Don't wait to make your reservations as sometimes the hotel fills up. There is a block reserved for Soroptimists through 10 March, but that may fill up also.

Please let me know if you will be attending the conference. The registration fee is \$50 as long as it is postmarked by 16 March, so ***I need your information and money NLT 12 March***. It goes up after that. I will need a check from each attendee covering the registration fee and your selected meals. The complete meal package is \$275. Individual meals can be purchased if you do not want the complete package. If you are purchasing the Saturday Dinner, I will need to know if you want Salmon or Beef. Menus can be found in the Call to Conference.

You can find the official Call to Conference at:

<https://www.soroptimistnwr.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2020-Official-Call.pdf>

Sandra
SIH Delegate

March 12 Meeting

Club member volunteer to be on nominating committee
\$20 contribution to wine pull at Evening Wrapped in Chocolate
Bring names and addresses for Evening Wrapped in Chocolate invitations.
Looking for unique chocolate themed items for Evening Wrapped in Chocolate basket.
Speaker Meeting—Laura Reichart





**SOUTHWEST SISTERS
2020 AREA MEETING**
MARCH 21, 2020, 10 AM – 2 PM
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
600 S 3RD ST., HAMILTON
 (USE THE ENTRANCE BEHIND THE CHURCH)



Lunch provided by Maria's, \$15/person
 RSVP to Sandra Amsden by 18March at
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SEE'S WITH A TWIST FOR EASTER

WE OPEN MARCH 28



Community Celebration of Pat Sanders

As many of you know, Pat Sanders, a former SI Hamilton member and President, passed away recently in Phoenix, the city she presently called home. Pat's daughter, Susan Johnson-Simeroth is also a former SI Hamilton member. There will be a Community Celebration of Pat Sanders on Thursday, March 26, 2PM, at the Spiritual Life Center, 328 Fairgrounds Road, across from Hamilton High School. Sue would appreciate the help of 6-7 Soroptimists to help set up for the reception. Other groups will be helping provide food. If you are interested in helping, please contact Teri Polumsky, 546-5802 or teri@byownermt.com It would be so nice to have a lot of Soroptimists there. Both Pat and Sue were valued members for many years and it would be nice to lend our support to the community celebration of this very special and very strong woman. SI Hamilton will be honoring Pat with the Soroptimist ceremony for departed members as part of the celebration. It is a moving tribute with individual SI Hamilton members adding a yellow rose in a vase. If you would like to be a part of the tribute, please let Teri Polumsky know. Contact 546-5802 or teri@byownermt.com . **Her daughter Sue is encouraging everyone to wear some PURPLE**



Pat as Options Seminar MC Extraordinaire. Pat volunteering at several Senior Teas. Bottom Photos: Pat & daughter Susan Johnson-Simeroth; Beth Mattson, Pat & Sue; Barb Anderson, Brenda VonBrach, Mary Lyn & Pat

4th GRADE

Liz, our teacher, was out of town this past week. She was on a vacation in Hawaii.

The kids can be such a hoot. As mom and I were arriving for our monthly art project, it was still recess. Six of the girls in the class started screaming “Ms Mary Lou!” and ran over to greet us (have to say I felt a bit left out...). They helped us get inside the building and carry the supplies up to the classroom. When we discovered I had forgotten to bring the wet wipes, I decided to walk over to the Corvallis Merc to purchase some. All six had to come with me, which the teacher agreed to allow. They were excited, noisy, but very cooperative. When I told them they had to stay close to me as no one was allowed to get run over by a car, they all laughed. Did we all have that level of energy when we were 10 years old? Mary Lou and Sandra

Art for the 4th graders was to finger print within a circle and create a design. Sandra then used her pin/magnet maker machine and each child now has a pin or magnet. The classroom was filled with lots of cheerful noise and energy. The students get into the project and our reward is hugs and great appreciation for all that the Soroptimists do for them. Braden made an impressionist representation of his family. He was the first one done, and was so fascinated with the button machine that he stuck with me while I made 23 more of them for the other kids. One girl made a “Happy Birthday” pin for her sister. Their creativity was fun. Mary Lou and Sandra



Sandra showing off her medals

Instead of helping the kids with their math, I gave the kids a presentation on “My Year in Iraq.” They really enjoyed it, and asked lots of questions. Many of the kids shared that they have family members in the military. Lots of fun, and the boys had to try on the cover. Sandra



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY #IWD2020 #EachforEqual March 8, 2020

International Women's Day is celebrated around the world. The U.S. has been celebrating IWD since 1909. This year's theme is #EachforEqual.

"An equal world is an enabled world.

Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions - all day, every day.

We can actively choose to challenge stereotypes, fight bias, broaden perceptions, improve situations and celebrate women's achievements.

Collectively, each one of us can help create a gender equal world.

- Let's all be #EachforEqual."

Be sure and check out SoroptimistNWR Facebook page. It has some truly inspirational International Women's Day posts.

March is Women's History Month

"Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. The 2020 theme, "Valiant Women of the Vote," pays homage to the 100 anniversary of the ratification of the [19th Amendment](#), which gave women the right to vote. The theme honors "the brave women who fought to win suffrage rights for women, and for the women who continue to fight for the voting rights of others." Women's History Month 2020 takes place from Sunday, March 1-Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

Women's History Month is a dedicated month to reflect on the often-overlooked contributions of women to United States history. From [Abigail Adams](#) to [Susan B. Anthony](#), [Sojourner Truth](#) to [Rosa Parks](#), the [timeline of women's history milestones](#) stretches back to the founding of the United States.

The actual celebration of [Women's History Month](#) grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, [California](#), in 1978. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa."

-History.com

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If you submit to any of the above locations, you are guaranteed it will reach us!