

# SOROPTIMIST

Soroptimist International of Hamilton  
Hamilton, Montana  
Northwestern Region, SIA

**Best for Women**

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## Calendar

All meetings noon BJ's

### September

- 5 – Meeting
- 12 – Meeting
- 19 – Board
- 21-Emma's house
- 26 – Social
- 28-Casting for recovery

### October

- 3 – Meeting
- 4-5 – *District 4 Conference Kalispell*
- 10 – Meeting
- 17 – Board
- 24 – Social

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## September President's Message

It is September... notice anything different about June, July, and August in the Valley? We had a smoke free summer. I can't remember the last time that happened, then again I was normally on fire assignment somewhere! It may not happen again, but we had it.



I have finally figured out – I think!, that

being President is like having puzzle without a picture or without knowing how many pieces are in the puzzle. Pretty much every few days, a new piece appears [question, challenge, etc.], and all the President has to do is put the puzzle together. Please don't hesitate to help me figure it out : )

Fall is swinging to action. Several events are on the horizon, all are invited to attend, and details are listed on our website:

### Meetings:

Membership: September 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

Board: September 19<sup>th</sup>

Emma's House: September 21<sup>st</sup> . We are donating \$250 at the paddle call. So far, Katy Bosio and I will be going.

Social: September 26, location to be determined  
Cast One For Hope [Casting for Recovery]: September 28<sup>th</sup> . We are donating \$500 at the paddle call which gave us two tickets for the Saturday night event. Anne Brown and I will be attending.

District Meeting: October 4<sup>th</sup> in Kalispell. I think attendance is Sandra Amsden, Amy Foote, Barbara Anderson, Mary Lou Amsden, Barbara June and me.



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Glampings:

TWO, yes two, fun filled weekends. Laughter, wine, friendship, and fabulous food. Thank you Marcia and Don for everything provide: the place, waffles, firewood and the ability for Soroptimist to add our scholarships. Thank You Kevin and Meg Ridges for the incredible culinary experience.

*LIFE IS GOOD!*

Dixie Dies, President



**SIA Convention in  
Bellevue Washington**

This exciting convention will be so close to us on July 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020! Several members of the club have attended the SIA convention in the past and it is amazing. SIA has 21 countries including USA, and Japan speaking many languages. The meeting room buzzes while they listed to their interpreters. It is amazing. It is expensive so start saving your money now. All clubs must pay for one registration and our club would send out President or past President, but it is so exciting to attend. Gather a few other members, share a room and ride over and start making plans to attend. Facebook has a convention site called Soroptimist 46<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention- Bellevue 2020. So, check it out there.

**Emma's house and Cast One for Hope**

If you are going, let Dixie know and if you want, we'll sit together.

Emma's House, 9/21, Saturday, 6pm,  
First Interstate Building, Hamilton  
Tickets - \$75 each  
EmmasHouseCAC.org, 363-7216,  
Attire - "Dress To Impress", see website  
Soroptimist donation - \$250

Cast One For Hope, 9/28, Saturday, 6:30pm  
Flying Horse event center, Corvallis, [google it]  
Tickets - \$100 each  
[castoneforhope.org](http://castoneforhope.org), rsvp by Sept. 8, Peg Miskin  
707-529-2760  
Attire - informal, guides and anglers coming from  
the river for event  
Soroptimist donation - \$500  
Peg Miskin has made a presentation to us

See you there!

Dixie





### Welcome new Member Jeanette DeMinck

I've lived in Montana my whole life and moved to Hamilton in 2013, the same year I married my husband Wayne. I have 5 step children who are all grown up now. This year is my 20 year anniversary with my employer Allegiance based out of Missoula but I'm blessed to be able to work from home. I recently started selling Mary Kay mostly because I enjoy their products and wanted them at a discount. I spend most of my free time riding my Harley Davidson with either the Tenacious Dames or the American Legion Riders (Corvallis), both of which I've been trying to help recruit new members. I also enjoy bonko, traveling, camping and loving on our 2 dogs and 3 cats.

### Welcome Blue Marie Taylor



Hello ladies! I'm Blue . I moved to Hamilton two years ago and really like it here. I have a small beauty salon, Cobalt Hair and Nails, that I run during weekdays and work at The Edge nights and weekends. I have two girls in their early twenties, a granddaughter who is almost a year old, a cat and a fish. I love shrimp and a good ribeye although I'll try just about anything, as long as it isn't spicy! Helping people is one of my passions and it's a large part of the reason I joined the Soroptomists. I'm looking forward to becoming involved in this club and our community.

**Announcement from Marie!!!** I will (finally) have a Grand Opening/Open House for my salon, Cobalt Hair and Nails on Saturday September 7th from 6 - 8 pm!

### Dies and Dat: [get it, dees!!]

“Life is what we make it, always has been, always will be.”  
Grandma Moses

Time Magazine April/May 2019  
100 most influential people... 46 women are represented throughout the categories of Pioneers, Artists, Leaders, Titans, Icons

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Sep 9	Teri Polumsky
Sep 14	Saundra Amsden
Sep 17	Barb Anderson
Oct 2	Judy Rummel
Oct 5	Marcia Babowicz
Oct 12	Gini Rogers
Oct 29	Debbie Peterson
Oct 30	Mary Lyn

## Welcome new member Linda Schmitt

Linda D. Schmitt, newly residing in Corvallis MT with partner David Leslie. We have two grown daughters here, Kierstin and Melissa Schmitt, and assorted grandkids. For 20 + years we have visited here, so we've just snuggled right in. I'm a Washington DC native, born and raised in northwest DC. Parochial schools, nuns and all, women's college, the whole shebang. A great foundation for values of service and community.



I traveled 19 years or so with ex- and kids, living on East and West coasts, some places in the middle and then Portugal for four years (be jealous!). Earned a Master's degree in Organization Development from the Naval Postgraduate School (in Monterey! Be jealous again!). Ultimately we landed back in DC. It was a bumpy ride there at first since ex- and I envisioned different futures. We rewrote our separate futures, learned a lot, and survived the life change with good humor and optimism.

With David I started and owned an organization development business, Schmitt & Leslie Inc. for 30 years in DC. We worked across the political spectrum for federal and state agencies, universities and corporations. Lots of travel, continental US and overseas. Great clients, great gigs and interesting work. Finally decided in 2018 that at 70 years old it was time to chill. Montana drew us west like a magnet!

With Soroptomists I look forward to providing meaningful service to those who can use our assistance. Thanks for the opportunity.

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## COMMITTEES 2019/2020 Dixie Dies, and Anne Brown

Welcome all to the 2019/2020 Soroptimist year. All of the information about our committees is on our website. The committees are: Adopt-A-Classroom, Awards/Scholarships, Christmas Families, Highway Cleanup, International Service, Options for Women, S Club, Senior Women, Special Relief, Trafficking/Domestic Violence, Women's health/Hygiene, General Fundraising, Evening Wrapped in Chocolate, See's Candy, Winter Golf, Liaisons, Bylaws, Finance/Budget, Newsletter, Promotions, Recruitment and Retention, and SOLT.

We have been through several reviews of these committees over the past few years. They have combined, un-combined, eliminated, added, rearranged, and revised! Some are active, some are kind of active, and some of them are in a holding pattern. However, they have all been chosen by our membership.

If you haven't signed up for a committee, please take a look at the plethora of opportunities available. If you would like to be on a committee, and the 'slots' are filled, contact the Chair and let her know of your interest. There is room for everyone.

Thank you all for this amazing outreach to our community.



## What Makes YOU Smile?



**Kathleen Graler:** My first thought was “Pickleball” since I’d just returned from a fun morning of play. However, what really makes me smile are smoke free Bitterroot Summers!

**Gini Rogers:** The weather! in Montana, you never know what you are going to get. even with all the new forecast equipment.!? The sky is magnificent as are the clouds, the mountains, the earth, and the people. I smile every day, no matter what the weather brings, and am grateful to live in this wonderful place. check with a farmer if you want to know what tomorrow is going to be.

**Vikki Bell :** "for September's newsletters reminds me of returning to school and writing about "What I did on my Summer Vacation. " I love getting to know our members more personally at our socials and by talking with each of you on a one to one basis. We each have so much life experience and each of us have fabulous stories to tell of travels, work, families, and "how I met my partner ." Those.make me smile!



**Marie Taylor:** My little grandbaby makes me smile because she is the happiest baby I've ever seen. She lights up the room and everybody just loves her!

**Jeanette Hawley:** Cuddles from our 3 cats, 2 dogs and riding my Harley :)


**Barbara June:** Babies and kittens

**That was fun! Look for the question next month!!!**

**.Dies and Dat:** continued

Two international organizations have added women to their brands.



Johnny Walker introduced “Jane Walker”, . However, due to a completely misdirected pr campaign, “Jane Walker”, was scraped. Interesting reading about how the kerfunkel occurred, and a good lesson about knowing your audience.

Life Is Good introduced “Jackie”



[the name of the

original identifier is Jack



.] President Dixie is going to have to buy new t-shirts!!



# 2019 Courage Award

*Recognize heart.  
Nominate someone today!*



*The Ravalli County Coalition Against  
Domestic & Sexual Violence  
is now accepting nominations for the*

## 2019 Courage Award

*Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized  
for his or her courage to take a stand  
against domestic violence?*

Nominate him or her by September 16th.

***Nomination letters should address and provide examples of an individual's ...***

Commitment to non-violence  
Demonstration of compassion and kindness toward others  
Work to make our community a safe, healthy place  
Experience or observation of domestic violence

**In addition to the above, please include:**

your name and phone number; the nominee's name, address and phone number; the names of other individuals who also support the nomination; additional support letters, clippings, etc.

The recipient of the 2019 Courage Award  
will be honored at the

**Report to the Community** luncheon,  
an annual event celebrating our  
community's efforts to end domestic violence.

**Friday, October 25th, 2019**  
12 p.m. • Hamilton City Hall

Simply send a letter with the above information by September 16:

**RCCADSV**

c/o S.A.F.E. Fax 363-0382

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[coalition@safeinthebitterroot.org](mailto:coalition@safeinthebitterroot.org)

Without courage, we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency. We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous or honest.  
- Maya Angelou

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