



Soroptimist International of Washoe County **NEWS**

IMPROVING THE LIVES OF WOMEN AND GIRLS, IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

February 2019

"Uplifting the spirits of women and children in our community" www.siwashoecounty.org

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President's Message

Love as a verb ~ I am not sure who wrote this but I love it!

At this time of year, when the cold and snow make February seem much longer than it is, many hearts turn to the customs and traditions of Saint Valentine's Day to let those they love in their lives know of their fondness and care for them.

Stores are awash with red hearts and cupids, red roses and delicious chocolates, and any number of promotions to lure those in love to make purchases for their "Valentine." Love is in the air and the message is everywhere.

For those who have lost their loved ones, this time of year is difficult. For those who have not yet found their one true love, it may be even more challenging as the pressure is on to celebrate with the perfect valentine. What is most important, no matter where you are on the journey of love, is to remind yourself of the true meaning of being in a loving relationship.

So many think of love as a feeling and associate it with warm fuzzies. For those who are truly in love, however, love is best experienced as a verb. It is more about action than about the warm and wonderful feelings that accompany it.

Operating with love as a verb makes relational life easier. To love someone is to be compassionate. It is also to be passionate. Love means forgiveness, acceptance, remorse, sorrow, joy, mercy, happiness, commitment, loyalty, respect, admiration, trust, honesty, truth, understanding, thoughtfulness, caring, devotion and tenderness. You get the idea. You can't be in love and have all of the whooshy gooshy feelings all of the time. Love takes work. Love is verb. This Saint Valentine's Day celebrate in style with the verb Love!

~unknown.

Better together,
Lesli Brisson
SIWC President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 28: Dinner @ Chihuahua's Cantina @ 6:00
- March 4: Board Meeting
- March 11: Annual Awards Banquet 6:00 PM
- March 18: Fundraiser Meeting
- May 18: Mardi Gras in May Fundraiser



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Business Dinner Meetings 2nd Monday of Each Month 6:00- 8:00 at the Tamarack Junction 13101 S. Virginia St, Reno

Member Spotlight



MARY LONG

Mary Long has been a member of SIWC since 2009. She is a past President and has served as Treasurer multiple years.

Mary is a retired program manager mostly in the aerospace field. She and her husband Pat moved to Reno in 2005.

She has one son Rob who is married to Eva and has two children Natalie (13) and Chase (11) and two step children Beni (22) and Jazmin (15) who live in Colorado Springs.

She enjoys hiking, collecting coins, playing the piano and gardening. Each Christmas writes a letter and includes a collage of pictures from the year. Here is the collage from Christmas 2018.



SI WASHOE COUNTY FUNDRAISER



*Dress in costume, wear your favorite mask, or
come as you are!*

When: Saturday, May 18, 2019
7:00 – 10:00 PM

Where: McKinley Arts and Cultural Center
925 Riverside Drive
Reno, NV 89503

**You are invited to attend a fun-filled evening
which includes hors d'oeuvres, desserts, drinks
(wine, champagne, soft drinks, water)
Come and enjoy a DJ and dancing, raffles,
games/prizes, and a silent auction.**

Tickets: \$40 each or 10 tickets for \$350

You can buy tickets from any club member or order
your tickets online through EventBrite.

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/si-washoe-county-
mardi-gras-in-may-tickets-52009922077](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/si-washoe-county-mardi-gras-in-may-tickets-52009922077)

Visit our website www.siwashoecounty.org for a
link to this fundraiser.

EVENT SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE

Contact Mary Long at 775-247-5796
for additional information.

**All proceeds benefit women and children
in our community.**

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organization. Federal Tax Id. #: 20-2615163.

Annual Awards Banquet

Please join us in celebrating women in our community who are making a difference.

When: Monday, March 11
Time: 6:00 PM
Where: Tamarack Junction
13101 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV

Soroptimists love to give to women and girls, and we could not be more excited about our upcoming awards banquet. We will be gifting some very special women in our community. One very special young lady will be receiving a \$1500 scholarship. This can be used at her discretion to help her in her journey of "Living Her Dream". The other three award winners vary in age from 16 to adult. Each recipient has applied, written an essay, attached recommendations and been selected by our awards committee. These awards are very special, and it is an honor to receive them. This year's applicants were all outstanding, and it was very difficult to decide. The recipients will be announced at the awards banquet on March 11, 2019.

The Awards are:

- Live Your Dream
- Fiat Lux - "Let There Be Light"
- Violet Richardson

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

Please join us for our next
business dinner meeting!

This is what I learned: that
everybody is talented, original
and has something important to
say.

Brenda Ueland

BrainyQuote

For information about Soroptimist International, check out these websites:

Sierra Nevada Region:

www.soroptimistsnr.org

Soroptimist International of the Americas:

www.soroptimist.org

Soroptimist International:

www.soroptimistinternational.org



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District 5 Winter Meeting February 9, 2019



27 members attended the District 5 Winter Meeting at the Tamarack Junction. The meeting was hosted by SI Washoe County.



District 5 Director, Sue Chambers explaining the roundtable event.

The Wine Wagon raised \$450 for our club!



A brand new SITM member was the big winner of the wine wagon.



10 – Chris Wells
11 – Debbie Rovere
19 – Jeanne Hill