



Sorooptimist International of Washoe County **NEWS**

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



October 2018

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President's Message

Hello Friends,

It is so hard to believe that October is winding down and the holidays are almost upon us.

SIWC had a very busy October. We shopped for and packed 75 backpacks for children in Washoe County that are sadly displaced from their homes. We spent close to \$3000.00 on clothing, snacks, comfort items, snacks, diapers, wipes, toys, journals and other items that the county has suggested. While this project is greatly needed, it is emotional in every sense that there are children living the nightmare of being taken from their homes and families. As we shopped, we couldn't help but think of the children that would be receiving the contents. It is emotional!

We agreed as a club to host our fundraiser on May 18, 2019. It will be themed, Mardi Gras in May. This is so exciting! For the last few years we have been doing the same event and decided this year to change it up. We will be hosting this event at The McKinley Arts and Cultural Center. We are so excited about this change. For those of you that are friends and past members, we sure hope you will attend this event. Proceeds fund our projects and general fund.

The weekend of October 13th, many of us carpoled to South Lake Tahoe for an incredibly well-done retreat, hosted by the South Lake Tahoe clubs. All in all, there were about 91 attendees. Many clubs had fundraisers, sale items, and of course, our club had our famous Wine Wagon Raffle. It paid off as we sold over \$1000.00 in tickets. I am excited to hear the final amounts raised after costs are paid out. Margaret also hosted our Tupperware fundraiser. Please, if you need Tupperware, talk to Margaret as 40% goes back to our club. Thank you, Margaret!

At the retreat, as the Northern Nevada coordinator for anti-trafficking, I was able to roll out some projects that I would love to see our club participate in. I would also love to see other clubs in our District, participate too. They are awareness projects that could be very impactful. If you are interested in knowing more and would like to help, I will be hosting a meeting at 5:00 PM on November 13. We will meet upstairs at the Sure Stay.

Chris Wells and I are going to be working on the Live Your Dream Awards. We would love some help! If anyone is interested, please contact either Chris or me right away. If we all do a little, it doesn't seem like a lot.

Our upcoming projects are:

1. Anti-trafficking
2. Kids Kottage Christmas Party
3. Santa to a Senior
4. Live Your Dream

Lastly, I hope we have 100% participation at our November meeting. We will have lots to cover. I am very excited though, to have Reno local, Susan Jolly-Ackerman as our guest speaker. Susan is doing amazing things in our community for women and with women. I believe that her sharing will inspire us to be more, do more and be an example that we aspire to be.

Looking forward to being with you all November 13!
Better together,
Lesli

UPCOMING EVENTS



November 6: Board Meeting
November 13: Business Meeting @
6:00PM
Guest speaker:
Susan Ackerman



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Business Dinner Meetings 2nd Tuesday of Each Month 6:00- 8:00 at the SureStay Plus Hotel 1981 Terminal Way, Reno

District 5 Fall Meeting

SI Tahoe Sierra and SI South Lake Tahoe hosted the District 5 Fall meeting at the Beach Retreat and Lodge at Tahoe on October 13th. SI Washoe County had eight members attend: President Lesli Brisson, Vice President Kristin Setty, Secretary Chris Wells, Delegate Juanita Hluchan, Sharon Blake, Andreana Cirling, Jeanne Hill, and Margaret Tharaldson. We were excited to sell \$1000 in raffle tickets!



Sharon, Jeanne, Kristin, Juanita, Chris, Margaret, Andreana, President Lesli and Governor-Elect Sarah Carrasco



Anna McArdle from SI Truckee Meadows won our Harvest Wine Wagon raffle!



President Lesli Brisson sharing about the District 5 Project on Trafficking.



Andreana won a fun fall basket!

Service Project: Be a Santa to a Senior Program

by Juanita Hluchan

Soroptimists love helping and putting smiles on faces. So, we will again be participating in the *Be a Santa to a Senior* Program.

SIWC will be making Christmas a little brighter and warmer for 20 senior women, from Home Instead Senior Care. The seniors are currently making their lists and checking them twice before turning them in for our shopping!

Home Instead Senior Care will be hosting a 'wrapping party' on Dec. 8th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the 9th street Senior Center. They expect to wrap approximately 1,200 gifts, so of course could use wrapping paper and tape and any additional hands for this special day!



If you are interested in donating to this project, please email us at siwashocounty@hotmail.com.

Welcome to our New Member

Nicole Abbott



Vice President Kristin Setty, Nicole Abbott, and President Lesli Brisson

Hey!
WELCOME
We're very
GLAD
you're here!

Upcoming Guest Speaker Susan Ackerman Inspire Reno

Susan Ackerman will be speaking at our November 13th meeting. Susan has always known she would play a role in empowering women to step into their greatness. After watching so many women succumb to their own limited beliefs; not believing they were good enough, smart enough, young enough, old enough – and having fought those same limited beliefs her entire life, she knew that something needed to be done. She believed that if women could work together, support each other, and raise each other up – in a positive and inspirational environment – that amazing things could happen. Susan is the founder and director of Inspire Reno and the visionary behind the Reno Rising book project. It is her dream to create a global movement of women lifting women – without competition, without jealousy, and without judgement. Susan is the mom to three daughters; Tanya, Nicole, and Heather. She is a certified women's empowerment coach, speaker, and bestselling author. She is a personal development junkie and avid reader.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

Please join us for our next dinner meeting!
\$20/includes entree, dessert, and drinks

When: Tuesday, November 13th

Time: 6:00 PM

**Where: SureStay Plus Hotel
1981 Terminal Way
Reno, NV**



We need to move beyond the idea that girls *can* be leaders and create the expectation that they *should* be leaders.

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Tupperware Fundraiser

Gift giving and entertainment season is here! Please help support our Totes for Kids Project by participating in our Tupperware Fundraiser. You can support a great cause and get some shopping done too!

Our club receives 40% of all sales!

Please reach out to a club member or go to this link to shop. (Fundraiser: Backpacks SIWC)

<http://www.tupperware.com/?fundraiser=5bbcd3f9bc73444c5569>

Fundraiser ends on November 13th.



20 – Margaret Tharaldson

