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Calendar

All meetings noon BJ's

August

1 – Meeting

8 – Board

22 – Social

September

5 – Meeting

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Kalispell*

10 – Meeting

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Aug President's Message

It's August already, and summer is going by too fast.

I was trying to figure out what to write for the August newsletter and then we had our social, Thursday, July 25. Oh my gosh, it is so good to see our group get together, and watch what develops. Kathleen Graler had the idea of 'going around' our circle at the fire pit, and give some information about ourselves.



Fourteen of us were at Anne Brown's house for the social. Thank you Anne hosting our 'wine and nibbles*' along with BBQ chicken by Rusty – Anne's husband. Thank you Rusty!!

Of the fourteen, 9 were are new members. Things we learned from 'go in around': two served in the Peace Corps and one in the military [not counting members that had spouses/partners that served in the military], three or so didn't have biological children, members have lived in at least a dozen different countries and dozens of states, the number of moves was amazing – 14, 18 - I can't even imagine, multiple marriages, and several not multiple marriages!! – I think Mary Lou and Bruce at 56 years may have been the longest. Mary Lou reminded Sandra that she [Sandra] forgot to mention that she had a son. Ten minutes later, Mary Lou asked for a redo because she forgot to mention she had a son! :) It was hysterical.

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Occupations, careers, and how folks 'found the Bitterroot' were as varied and unique as each person. The new members found Soroptimist through the Bitterroot Star newspaper, friends - and friends of friends, and seeing our red candy trailer. As has been said before, it is our individuality and differences that our greatest strength.

Life Is Good Ladies, enjoy every second, and the last month of summer.

[*the term wine and nibbles came from an international Soroptimist visitor. In her country, when they got together for a social, they called it getting together for wine and nibbles. We adopted the term...it says so much and is so descriptive!]

LIFE IS GOOD, August 2019
Dixie Dies



August Social at Anne Brown's home



Welcome new member Sunny Stone

Since 1968 I have been visiting the Bitterroot where my parents retired. In 2015 my husband, Paul, and I built our retirement home in Corvallis. I taught elementary school for 38 years in Phoenix and mostly in Spokane where we raised our two children. Our three grandsons, traveling, and hosting friends keep us busy. I am thrilled to make the Bitterroot Valley our home, and look forward to becoming more involved in this wonderful community.

COMMITTEES 2019 AND 2020

Just a reminder to sign up for committees at sihamilton.org – yes plural!. THE best way to participate in our organization, meet members, bring new ideas, and have an even better time than at our monthly meetings, is to be on a committee.

See page 4 of this newsletter to access our website to sign up for committees. When you get to the document, you will see several committees are full. Well, don't let that deter you one little bit. Contact the Chair and let her know of your interest. Another reminder, everyone is on the 'See's Committee' when it comes time to take shifts – there is that plural word again!! – for Christmas, Valentine's and Easter.

President Dixie



HAMILTON JUSTICE CENTER

We sent a letter of congratulations to Hamilton Mayor Dominic Farrenkopf for the new justice center. Mayor Farrenkopf thanked me and the Soroptimist for taking the time to send a letter and made it an official part of the city council minutes.

The Justice Center grand opening ceremony was held July 8th. Part of the ceremony included recognition of Ken Bell, Vikki Bell's husband. The plaque on the wall inside the lobby says "Recognition Award to Ken Bell, In honor of your years of service as City Attorney and Councilman for the City of Hamilton, 2002-2017." It was an honor to know Ken.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only that that ever has.

Margaret Mead, American Anthropologist, Writer

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- d. See's Signups (Christmas, Valentines, and Easter)

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JULY 30 – World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

"On this World Day against Trafficking in Persons, let us reaffirm our commitment to stop criminals from ruthlessly exploiting people for profit and to help victims rebuild their lives." -- *UN Secretary-General António Guterres*

General António Guterres

In 2013, the UN member states adopted a resolution which designated July 30 as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons. Millions of people are victims of human trafficking. Soroptimist International – and therefore clubs throughout the world – is dedicated to donating time and money to educate women and girls and their societies to preventing trafficking and helping those that have been victims.

WOMEN AND THE MOON, by Dixie Dies

In July we celebrated landing on the moon 50 years ago. What we now take for granted, forever changed our lives. If you haven't seen the movie *Hidden Figures*, see it. The courage and tenacity of those women called human computers is awe-inspiring. A building that houses programs essential to safety on space missions was re-designated as the Katherine Johnson Independent Verification and Validation [IV&V].

During the Apollo era, women made up no more than 5% of the agency's workforce. But they played critical roles in getting the astronauts to the moon and back home safely. They designed spacecraft, calculated flight trajectories, engineered software, helped with astronaut training, and monitored astronauts' vital signs during spaceflight and more. JoAnn Morgan, NASA's first and only female engineer lives in Bigfork Montana and was the only woman in the flight room for the Apollo 11 mission.

Some of the things we have today because of the Space Program:

Infrared ear thermometers, LASIK, Cochlear implants, artificial limbs, invisible teeth braces, scratch resistant lenses, aircraft anti-icing systems, improved radial tires, enriched baby formula, cordless vacuums, water purification, correcting for GPS errors, structural analysis software, food safety, powered lubricants, and gold plating.



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