

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF HAMILTON MEETING MINUTES MARCH 8, 2018

President Sue MacMeekan gaveled the meeting to order at 12:05 PM. The group began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. No guests in attendance; 15 members present.

Today is International Women's Day and March is Women's History Month. This year's theme is "Press for Progress."

CORRESPONDENCE: Included a ballot from SIA to be taken care of later and a check from the Greater Ravalli Foundation for \$500 as matching monies for the Violet Richardson Awards presented at last night's Awards Banquet.

Sue had the password change information for members to change passwords to receive information from the SIA website.

SOLT: Since our awards celebration was last night, President Sue gave a presentation on the Scholarships and Awards that our club gives, including some of the history of each. Members contributed their knowledge and questions to the discussion.

- Live Your Dream is the SIA signature scholarship. Each club determines how many to award and at what amount.
- Many established national programs, as the Ruby Award, the Violet Richardson Award and the Fellowship Award have been discontinued. Our local club continues to fund these awards.
- SI Hamilton has several unique awards created and funded only by this club. These include the Patti Furniss Award and OPTIONS scholarship. The ProTech award was one given by Northwest Region, now discontinued by them but still given by this club.

COMMITTEES: See's Easter sales will begin March 16. Still a few slots for selling times to fill. Order should arrive today or tomorrow with inventory by the committee at 3:00 tomorrow.

An Evening Wrapped in Chocolate will be March 24. Final planning is in process with a plea from Patti to buy tickets to the event and to send/give as many invitations as you possibly can.

Family Bowling Day is tentatively set for May 19. More info to come.

Sue and Mary Lou reported a bit about the Area meeting held in Missoula last Saturday with the District 4 Director and members from Dillon, Hamilton and Missoula clubs attending. Venue was a problem and hard to hear reports. A 'so-so' event.

Discussion about coming up with a 'Signature Project' to identify ourselves. Perhaps Chocolate event is becoming that project.?

Travel gifts were bid on. Stuff the Ballot Box stories were told. The Soroptimist Pledge was given and no further business coming before the club, meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM by President Sue Mac.

Respectfully submitted by Vikki Bell, co-secretary

