



# SOROPTIMIST

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Northwestern Region, SIA

**Best for Women**

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## Calendar Calendar

**Mar 1**—Business Meeting@  
noon BJ's

**Mar 7**—Awards Banquet,  
MDMH Conference Room  
5:30pm

**Mar 8**—Meeting@ noon BJ's

**Mar 10**—Linda Massa Youth  
Home Gala

**Mar 22**—Social, Edge 5:30

**Mar 23**—Evening Wrapped  
in Chocolate@St. Francis  
Parish Hall 7pm-10pm

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## Mar President's Message

MARCH! Hold onto your hats! We have a busy Month. If there's any time we should be CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS its March.



Please consider attending both our  
**AWARDS CEREMONY March 7<sup>th</sup> and  
AN EVENING WRAPPING IN CHOCOLATE March 24<sup>th</sup>.**

They are both so important.

Our club fills a special niche in the valley for women's education. Most of our scholarships are for mid-career women who are busy living their lives but want to do more. Supporting these women is what we do! Please come show your support And of course, we couldn't fund our scholarship program without the incredible work that the fundraising side of our organization does. We should be so proud that we raised \$16,000 for this year's scholarships. We need to continue this trend in the future and need your help and participation to make it happen. Come eat chocolate, drink wine and bring a few of your friends!

And if we didn't have enough going on in March, Easter is early this year so we will be selling See's Chocolates and will need to staff the trailer from March 16th to 31st.

And one last thing, March is the month that we donate to our SIA to support the National Live Your Dream Program. As you know, most of our efforts go towards supporting women and girls here in the valley, but don't forget that we are part of both a National and International organization of kick-ass women. Our \$750 for the National Live Your Dream program helps yet another woman obtain needed education



WE ARE  
**THE  
CHAMPIONS**

## International Women's Day is March 8<sup>th</sup>.

It is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.



## March is National Women's History Month

In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women.



**Nevertheless She Persisted.** The 2018 National Women's History theme presents the opportunity to honor women who have shaped America's history and its future through their tireless commitment to ending discrimination against women and girls. The theme embodies women working together with strength, tenacity and courage to overcome obstacles and achieve joyful accomplishments. Their lives demonstrate the power of voice, of persistent action, and of believing that meaningful and lasting change is possible in our democratic society. Through this theme we celebrate women fighting not only against sexism, but also against the many intersecting forms of discrimination faced by American women including discrimination based on race and ethnicity, class, disability, sexual orientation, veteran status, and many other categories.

***NEVERTHELESS SHE PERSISTED:  
Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms  
of Discrimination Against Women***

## An Evening Wrapped in Chocolate

It's count down time for "An Evening Wrapped in Chocolate"! Our committee is working hard behind the scenes to make a great event now it is up to the membership to sell the tickets. I know how hard it is especially in Hamilton when there is so much going on every weekend but dig down deep into people you know and send or give them an invite, you never know they might come. I said at the meeting to thank people that are helping us out with donations so here is a list of patrons that you can thank when you are in their stores, Big Creek Coffee, Flower Happy, Chapter One, Bitterroot Furniture, Wine Cave, Appearances, and Mikesell's, Joes Studio, and the Frame Shop. If we get anyone else I will let you know. Our \$250 sponsors are Bell and Bell, Opportunity Bank, and Marcus Daly. For an update, our Silent Auction items are a Spa Basket from Appearances, a chair from Bitterroot Furniture with a gift certificate from Chapter One and a box of chocolates from Sees, gift basket from Wine Cave, a beautiful bracelet from Vicki Dawson, a framed Doolittle and a gift basket from Big Creek Coffee. For that day we need all the workers for set up that we can get and hopefully you are coming and can stay to help clean up it goes faster with more people. So lets see if we can get 100 or more people this year and double our donations for the scholarships.

### Websites

**Soroptimist.org**  
**Soroptimistnwr.org**  
**Liveyourdream.org**  
**Nwhp.org**  
**Internationalwomensday.com**



**This month's HERO & CHAMPION ---- Easy.**

CONGRATULATIONS to all the amazing women who participated in the Olympics.

## AMAZING WOMEN DOING AMAZING THINGS



Ester Ledecka celebrates winning super-G gold on the awards stand. (Martin Bernetti/AFP/Getty Images)

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**OUR MISSION: Empower, educate  
and encourage women and girls to  
improve their self-confidence, health  
and socio-economic standing, both**

## SIA Website – To Access Members Only Information

**Beginning January 9, 2018, all current members must change their passwords.** You may have already received an e-mail from SIA with instructions; however, here are the quick steps to secure your new password.

Go to <https://www.soroptimist.org/>

Click on “Members Only” which will take you to: <https://www.soroptimist.org/members/>  
Scroll down to Quick Links (lower right side of the page) and click on Update Member Profile

Go to “Click Here” to login to the secure area of this website.

Enter your username - your 6-digit Member Number

Do NOT enter your current password; click on Forgot Password SIA will send you a Password Reset e-mail with a link to the Password Reset Page.

All passwords must include at least 7 characters, including one letter and one number After changing your password, you’ll receive an automated email from [siahq@soroptimist.org](mailto:siahq@soroptimist.org) Be sure to keep this e-mail for future reference.

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## Your Brain on Poverty: Why Poor People Seem to Make Bad Decisions

Becky Bishop’s talk on the “Psychology of Poverty” (last month’s Soroptimist Meeting 2.08.2018) hopefully gave club members something to think about. The following, from *Science* magazine provides a good summary of Beckys presentation:

Poverty remains one of the most pressing problems facing the world; the mechanisms through which poverty arises and perpetuates itself, however, are not well understood.

A landmark study published by *Science Magazine* in 2013 concluded that poverty, itself, hurts our ability to make decisions about school, finances, and life, imposing a mental burden similar to losing 13 IQ points. *Science’s* report was widely seen as a counter-argument to claims that poor people are “to blame” for bad decisions.

The stress created from living in poverty may lead to short-sighted and risk-averse decision-making, favoring habitual behaviors at the expense of goal-directed ones. These behaviors themselves may constitute a feedback loop that contributes to the perpetuation of poverty. (*Science Magazine*)



**Official Call  
To the  
100th NWR Conference**

The Coeur d'Alene Resort  
April 19-22, 2018  
Att: Soroptimist International of Hamilton

Check SoroptimistNWR.org website for full 69 pages of the Call to Conference.

**REGISTRATION:** \$50 early registration post marked by March 20, 2018. Fee increases to \$60 per person if postmarked between March 21st and April 3, 2018. After April 3, a \$40 late fee will be assessed per person.

You can register online or contact Mary Lou.

**MEALS:** Price for the meal package is \$275. Individual meals can be purchased as listed on the registration form.

**HOTEL:** Rooms are available for \$129-\$169 per night plus tax for all occupancy types. Room reservations can be made by calling The Coeur d'Alene Resort's Reservation Department at: 855-999-7998 Mention NWR Soroptimist Conference

**Last day to make reservations at this rate is March 12, 2018 OR when the room block is filled. So don't delay!**

Check out the call online. It looks like a great one and Governor Stephanie puts on a GREAT show

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**BCC Nursing Nook**

This great nursing nook was recently created to accommodate nursing mom's attending Bitterroot Community College. They currently need to replace the unstable office chair with a glider. Contact Kathleen O'Leary for more info— 381-0766.



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