

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF HAMILTON SPEAKER MEETING JANUARY 11, 2018

Vice President Dixie Dies called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. 16 members, one previous member, Donna Gordon and speaker, Trish Thorson were present. The Pledge of Allegiance began our meeting.

INSPIRE: Sally Ride was remembered as the first woman astronaut in the US and at the 32, the youngest in space. **CELEBRATE:** January is scholarship recipient application time for the club - \$14,000 is available for distribution in grants and scholarships. **EDUCATE:** Our speaker is Trish Thorson from Girl Scout Council of Montana-Wyoming.

SPEAKER: Trish Thorson, recruitment manager for SW Montana, out of Missoula, presented information about GSA. Their membership numbers are drastically down and volunteers are needed to fill leadership roles. GSA owns three resident facilities for events, scholarships are available for girls to join and participate. In the Bitterroot there are only eight multi-level troops. Hamilton has only one 6-8 grade combo troop. The fee to join is \$25/year with scholarships available. Their greatest lack is that of volunteers to lead troops.

COMMITTEES:

Evening Wrapped Chocolate: Sponsorships so far \$2900 with a possible two more to come. Planning is progressing. Donations for wine to purchase for the wine pull was requested. Auction items are coming together, as are the plans for the event, March 24.

Scholarships: Live Your Dream deadline is January 15, all others January 31. March 7 at MDMH is set for the Awards Banquet.

Mary Lou had a reminder for registration for the Region Meeting April 19-22 in Cour d'Alene: it is important to get your room reservations in ASAP for the Soroptimist pricing.

See's: Candy has been ordered for Valentine sales and the schedule for wo-manning the sales trailer is on our website. Please sign up for selling times.

Annual Raffle: Raffle Tickets are available for sale from Robin Clute.

CLOSING: No further business to conduct, the members recited the Soroptimist pledge and VP Dixie adjourned the meeting at 12:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Vikki Bell, co-secretary

CALENDAR:

January 18, noon, BJ's, BOD

January 25, 5:30, The Edge, social gathering.

February 1, noon, BJ's, club business meeting