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Calendar

August

Aug 2 Business noon, BJs
Aug 9 BOD-By Laws/
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Aug 30 Social, 5:30 Edge

September

Sep 6 Business noon BJs
Sep 13 Business noon Bjs
Sep 20 BOD
Sep 27 Social 5:30 Edge

October

Oct 4 Business noon, BJs
Oct 5-7 D4 Meeting,
Fairmont Hot Springs
Oct 11 Speaker/Solt noon,
BJs
Oct 18 BOD
Oct 25 Social 5:30 Edge

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August President's Message

Hope everyone is having a nice summer.
Stay C-O-O-L is the phrase of the month!



This month the club gets to review and approve our 2018 - 2019 budget. There's a lot to be proud of and to celebrate. I am particularly proud of our scholarship and award program that for the second year in a row will exceed \$15,000. Kudos to Patti and the El Chocolate committee for pulling off the fundraiser to make this happen. And equal kudos to Alida and the Scholarship committee who turn cash into reality for so many woman and girls in our community. We're on track to do it again this year! Thank you all.

Education. It's so important and our club fills a special niche in the community - reaching young and mid career women who need education to advance their careers, many of them single moms, head of households, or without the financial resources to make it happen. It's a good thing that we do.

But what about girls? Is there an educational niche that our club could fill here?
So many of the values, norms, behaviors of young women are learned when they are young. Hearing one woman say that "*It would have all been different if someone had believed in me when I was growing up*" really chilled me to the bone.

Its something to think about. SIA has the "Dream It, Be It program" for girls. And while I've been a Soroptimist, we started the S-Club and have done some other educational programs with girls like showing our trafficking video Chosen.

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This year we added a new committee aimed at reaching both girls and boys. I called it Adopt-A-Classroom but it could probably use a better name. It was Saundra's idea and I think it's a move in the right direction. I have also heard some great ideas about connecting Soroptimists with the PAWS program and even going out to the schools to ask how our club might be able to help them. In Ashland Oregon, Joan Richardson's club sent request for proposals to their local schools and used the applications to begin funding projects that helped young people build skills to help them in life. Wondering if we would like to do something like that?

Again, its something to think about.

President Sue

Good Byes

Our club ebbs and flows. People join and others leave. This month we are saying good bye to Chris Jahnke (joined 1995), Tami Pickles (2000), Elizabeth Seder (2007), Virginia Chaffin (2009), Donna Gordon and Jade Beaty (both joined 2017). These folks did not renew their membership for the upcoming year. We will miss them but we're glad we had the chance to get to know them. I told Virginia I'd see her at Super 1. She thought that there were better places to tie in with friends then the grocery store. I think she's right.



SUMMERTIME HEROS: A salute to our sisters in Saudi Arabia, who this summer finally were granted the right to drive.

Saudi Arabia, the only country in the world that forbade women from getting behind the wheel, announced that women will be allowed to obtain drivers licenses in June 2018.



It is the culmination of a decades-long struggle by a group of Saudi feminists who suffered imprisonment, harassment and other hardships as they campaigned for that simple right.

The announcement that Saudi Arabia will finally allow women to drive has been hailed a watershed moment for gender equality, but the kingdom still has many laws in place that restrict the rights of women. Women cannot, *without the consent of their male guardians*: marry, divorce, receive custody of their own children, get a passport, travel abroad, leave jail, open a bank account, get a job, dress how they want, interact freely with men, receive equal inheritance or seek medical treatment.



See You Around Patrice!

We had a “see you around” get together for Patrice. It wasn’t a good-bye, we know she will be back, if just for a visit. Patrice said she had been a Soroptomist for 6 years and ‘found’ us because of her mom, wonderful, beautiful, Soroptomist Constance.

It was a Soroptomist gathering, so of course there was good food, great friendship, wine, and margarita’s! A special

Thank You to our gracious hostesses and hosts – Mary Lyn and Ron, and Alene and Tom.



We will miss you!



Kathleen Graler in Africa



I know I'm late, but thought you might want this photo of me with the lady who made the small basket that I brought back as a travel gift. She is a member of the Women's Arts & Crafts Centre which consists of single mothers/ grandmothers who create these items to help provide for their families. I'm hoping we might find a way to make a donation to them as elephants have broken down their fence and they can't afford to fix it.

Kathleen

Club Website

In **Club Info** the Committee Signups are active.

www.sihamilton.org

In the **Members Only** section (BitterRoot) are the following sections you can access.

Membership

- Photo Roster
- Phone list
- Members Club Guide
- Member ID
- Membership forms

Club Forms

- Cash in/ cash out

By Laws

Policies and Procedures



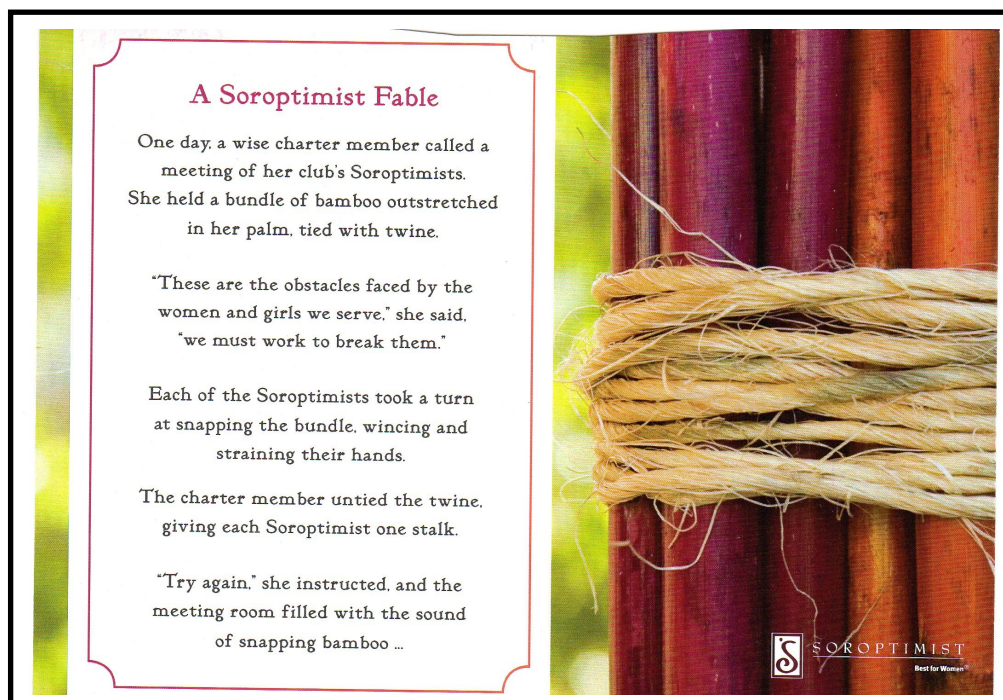
Aug. 13 Dixie Dies
Aug. 13 Cathy Hayes
Aug. 13 Izzy Moerkerke
Aug. 24 Nancy Canning

Sep. 9 Teri Polumsky
Sep. 14 Saundra Amsden
Sep. 17 Barb Anderson
Sep. 22 Vicki Dawson

Installation of Officers 2018-2019



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Ticket on sale now at Hamilton Players!

12 ANGRY MEN

A 19-year-old man has just stood trial for the fatal stabbing of his father. It looks like an open-and-shut case—until one of the jurors begins to question the "facts". Slowly it becomes personal, tempers get short, arguments grow heated, and the jurors become 12 angry men. The jurors' final verdict and how they reach it will electrify you and keep you on the edge of your seat.

Where?

Hamilton Playhouse.
[100 Ricketts Rd.](#)
[Hamilton, MT 59840](#)
[406.375.9050](#)

When?

August 17-19, 24-26, 31 and September 1-2, 2018
Fridays & Saturdays at 8 pm. Sundays at 2 pm.

Hamilton Players Box Office

406.375.9050
www.hamiltonplayers.tix.com
Box Office Hours:
Wednesday - Friday, 1-5pm

August 3: SAFE 30th Anniversary Celebration

What?

Join us in celebration of our community's 30 years of working together to create a future free of violence.

Lunch will be provided and we'll have some



Where?

SAFE Office-150 Morning Star Way
(off Fairgrounds Road)

Call 363-2793 with questions



When?

August 3, 11:00 am

SAFE's mission is to respond to the fundamental need in our community to reduce domestic and sexual violence and their impacts in Ravalli County through the provision of direct services to survivors and their children and by working to reduce those conditions that support violence against women.

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