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Calendar

All meetings noon BJ's

August

Aug 6. Meeting, Zoom + BJ's

TBA social in person

TBA social, Zoom

SEP

Sep 3 meeting, Zoom and BJ's

Sep 17 Chocolate event on line

Oct

Oct 2-4, D-4 Meeting, Whitefish. Pg

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August President's Message

We've got this!! What a group of women. It takes more than a global pandemic to stop the members of our club.



First of all, I want to let you know that we care about each and every one of you. I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy.

Secondly, this is the beginning of my second month as your President. And, once again I have been overwhelmed by the tender, loving care our members give SI Hamilton. Although we are living in extraordinary times, our members have stepped forward with innovative ideas to keep our club relevant.

Special thanks to Kathleen Graler, Nancy Bussiere, Barb June and Mary Lyn for sorting through our nearly 50 years of history and finding a way to digitize all that great information so that it can be seen instead of hidden away in a filing cabinet. I believe the work is almost done on this project – and, what a project it was!!

If you haven't gone on the website lately, please do! It is filled with information about our club. You'll find the membership roster, minutes, committee sign-ups – all things Soroptimist! If you need the password for the members only area, it is BitterRoot.

The Evening Wrapped In Chocolate committee, chaired by Patti Martin, has great plans for the first virtual event. It is scheduled for September 17 and promises to be a wonderful event.

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This is the fund-raiser for our scholarships and our goal this year is \$25,000.00. The committee is still accepting donations for the silent auction. I'd like to thank the committee for all of their hard work. I'd also like to thank all of the Soroptimists who have already donated items.

We will have one membership meeting in August and that will be on Thursday, August 6. It will be a hybrid meeting. So you can either be there in person at BJ's or join via Zoom. But, the important thing is to be there! This is your club and we need your input.

The social for August will actually be two different socials. One will be on Zoom and one will be in person. More information will be coming your way. You can socialize any way that is best for you, but please join us.

We're still working on all of our projects because the work of empowering women and children does not stop. In fact, the current pandemic has made the situation worse for so many. So many members have stepped forward with new ideas. It's been exciting. Be watching for information on our planned appraisal clinic.

Just remember, **WE'VE GOT THIS!**

Teri



New Member Pat Bogdanski

Born and raised in Erie, PA. Moved around over the years with my husband Ed's job in Sales. The last 19 years we lived in Wake Forest, NC, outside of Raleigh. We have visited my daughter, Laura Reichart and her family in Hamilton many times over the years and decided that it would be a wonderful place to retire and to spend more time with family.

Over the years I have worked as Secretary in a number of schools, and school administration offices as well in the Technology department. My husband is a home winemaker so that inspired me to try my hand at cheese making several years ago. I also do some sewing, knitting and dappled a little in painting with acrylics. It's been almost a year since my knee replacement surgery so I have been trying to do a little hiking and hope to dust off my kayak one of these days!

Pat is looking forward to meeting more of you and joining in the great work that is being done for the community.

SIH History

These 2 photos below on the right are at Teri Polumski's Installation as President in 1993.

Outgoing President, Pat Busek is presenting her with the pin and paperwork.

Soon our Club history will be available on line so we can all look at the photos and scrapbooks of the past years of our club's history. This is a sampling of what is to come.



Installation 2020 of new board via Zoom and being present





AN EVENING WRAPPED IN CHOCOLATE



It seems like the committee has been working for months on this event, and we have. First it was going to be in April and then the Covid hit, then it was going to be August 20th and now we have changed the date again to **September 17th**.

In the meantime, we have collected some fabulous auction items, from a 2-night stay at Camp Sula with a gourmet breakfast, and 2 adult lift tickets at Lost Trail Powder Mountain to Pampered Chef items.

This event will be online, and you will be receiving an invite on how to get online, it is extremely easy, and how to bid but most importantly we need your help. Please invite all your friends, co-workers and family to join in the fun, we need your participation on this to get as many people as we can to buy silent auction items, live auction items and don't forget this year we will still have the Wine Pull.

This event is in support of our Scholarships for girls and women to get a better education, so it is important that we get a good turn out for this online event. Last year we came close to our goal of \$20,000 and this year with your help we can do better and help these women. Please stay tuned for more information and look for the invite in September, it is just around the corner.

Patti Martin

Congratulations

New Board 20-21

President: Teri Polumsky
Vice-President: Patti Martin
Treasurer: Sue Smith
Asst. Treasurer: Vikki Bell
Corresponding Secretary:
Robin Clute
Recording Secretary: Nancy
Bussiere
Directors: Marcia Babowicz
and Joan Richards
Delegate: Maggie Barber
Alter Delegate: Mary Lyn





This one of a kind quilt will be a silent auction item at the 2020 District 4 Conference in Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish, Montana. It was created by Sandra Amsden, the District 4 Director, member of the Hamilton Soroptimists. She won 2nd place at the Bitterroot Quilters Guild show and a ribbon at the Ravalli County Fair for this quilt. It is about 3' x 3' with applique queen and card soldiers, heart beads and tight trapunto stitching. She even stitched her signature at the bottom.

Come join us 2-4 October to have an opportunity to bid on this fabulous (even if I have to say so myself!) quilt!
Sandra



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SAVE THE DATE!

District 4 2020 Conference Whitefish, Montana 2-4 Oct 2020

- Registration
 - Early Bird Deadline 2 Sep 2020
 - Regular 3-17 Sep 2020
 - Late Registration 18 Sep 2020
- Grouse Mountain Lodge
 - 406-892-6724 for reservations
 - Room rates (plus 21% tax)
 - Single/Double \$92 - \$162
 - Triple \$107 - \$162



Look for more information soon!

4th GRADE

This has been difficult for all of us these past months, but just imagine how you would feel as a 4th grader, suddenly having to stay home, not see your friends or teacher. I know I have missed those kids. Many of you know I am a bit (understatement?) of an introvert, but seeing those kids was the highlight of my week.

As of now, it looks like school will open this fall. Unfortunately, I don't know what that will mean for those of us who have volunteered in Liz's classroom. Two of our great ladies are bowing out because of the risks involved. I am unsure as to what I will be able to do to help out right now. Hopefully, Liz will have some suggestions that we can do, even if it isn't inside the classroom.

Every year, I have put together three backpacks for Liz to give to three of her students. They are filled with all the school supplies on the list. Kids are asked to provide a lot of supplies that would have been purchased by the school when we were kids. I figured it out last year, and each backpack costs at least \$80...and that does not include the backpack itself (thank you Deana Wolfe for donating the backpacks!). The list isn't out yet, but it includes lots of typical stuff: pencils, colored pencils, markers, erasers, glue, whiteboard markers, tissues, paper, etc. If you have any fun items you want to include, I like to put a game or some kind of toy and a book that focuses on a strong girl in the mix

I hope we can find a way to help the kids. What we have done over the past two years has made a huge difference for the kids, and for Liz.

Saundra

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