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CALENDAR

Nov 2, noon,
Business meeting,
BJ's

Nov 9, noon,
meeting, BJ's

Nov 16, noon, BOD
meeting, BJ's

Nov 30, 5:30,
Social, The Edge

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President's November Message

Hello Everyone!

We just had our fall retreat and it was pretty awesome. Your "soon-to-be-president" Sue MacMeeken did a wonderful job leading some good discussion, and we had some fun too!



As I am writing this, it is a beautiful fall day in the Bitterroot with pretty fall colors and blue sky! As Thanksgiving approaches it's a good time to be thankful for a lot of things, but in particular our scenic valley, and the extra special people who live here!

I found this the other day, and I don't always "do it" but I "get it." In my banking life we had a lot of "relationship training" (known as EI, emotional intelligence) and I learned a lot about myself and my relationships with others! So here are some things to think about in your relationships:

1. Each person feels a greater sense of "zest" (vitality, energy)
2. Each person feels more able to act and does act
3. Each person has a more accurate picture of herself or himself and of the other person
4. Each person feels a greater sense of worth
5. Each person feels more connected to the other person and feels a greater motivation for connections with other people beyond those in the specific relationship

I will end with the words of a mentor: Do people feel better in your presence?

Just me, a Soroptimist, being an Optimist!!!

Happy November!

Marcia





WAY TO GO SAUNDRA!

Saundra Amsden received The SAFE Courage Award during the SAFE Annual Report to the Community, Friday, October 27, 2017.

GET READY SI HAMILTON MEMBERS!

Applications will soon be ready for this year's awards. The commitment of this club to improving educational opportunities for women is amazing! And, thanks to our new chocolate event, we have more money to give out in scholarships and awards. Be watching for more information. And, be looking for applicants.

Spread the word about our awards. The Awards Banquet is set for Wednesday, March 7th. Mark your calendars now because it is an event you won't want to miss!



The Awards Committee

REQUEST FOR HELP FROM KATHLEEN OLEARY, BITTERROOT COLLEGE

From *Mary Lyn*: Know this isn't in our budget, but maybe someone or several someones can help out.

"I'm looking for some new items for our Advising office here at the Bitterroot College to occupy young children during advising appointments throughout the school year.

As you know, most of our students are parents of young children (birth to age 12), many of which are single moms. For the past 7 years I've used my granddaughter's old table and chairs with coloring supplies, etc. to help keep children entertained so parents can focus on our advising sessions. Well, that little pink Dora table has seen its final days and has become very unstable after being used day after day. I really need to start looking for a new and more sturdy table and chairs, as well as a sensory/manipulative wall toy for the younger toddlers who just can't stay seated at the small table. As an example, this is a KidKraft table with some storage bins underneath to store crayons and other small toys for about \$99 on Amazon. This is a great size for my office!"



The See's Trailer opens on November 24th

The candy has been ordered and will arrive by Nov. 17. Sign up sheets are in the works and will be on the website and at meetings by the 2nd.



This is an important fundraiser, so get your calendars ready!

HIGHWAY CLEANUP

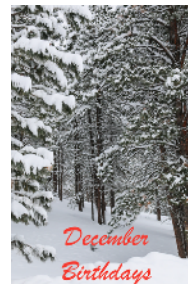


The Highway Cleanup group had a nice crisp morning (Saturday, 10/28) and accomplished our goal. I would like to thank all who helped: Barbara Anderson (the person who I think has been doing this the longest? -- not sure though), Dixie Dies and her friend Roy, Alene Tunny, Mary Lyn, and Lois Vallance. Kudos for a job well done!

Patrice Promack



Nov. 5	Sue Macmeeken
Nov. 8	Constance Delany
Nov. 20	Patrice Promack



Dec. 8	Gloria Janskovitch
Dec. 11	Cory Keith
Dec. 20	Sue Smith
Dec. 25	Lois Vallance
Dec. 31	Laura Reichart



2nd Annual

EVENING WRAPPED IN CHOCOLATE

March 24, 2018

The Chocolate Committee is up and running. We are working to make the event even better than the first one. In May we increased our scholarship funds by almost \$8,000 and need to do even better next year. Post high school education costs have risen so much that the small awards we have given have kept some women from applying. To help women gain independence and knowledge we have to be able to offer them a workable scholarship.

The Committee is bringing some new ideas toward this end and we need for you, as members, to support this too by buying and selling to friends as many tickets as you can.

Mark this date on your calendars. We need a larger turnout than we had in May.



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