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President Nancy's Message



Let's start this month with wishing a huge congratulations and extending our gratitude to those who have accepted their nomination and election to next year's Board – Cheri Richardson for President, Gabrielle McAfee for President Elect, Carma Ingram for secretary, Vickie Page for Treasurer, Cathy Stevens for Director-At-Large, and Delegates Carma Ingram and Rita Offrett. Our club could not carry on without the willingness of people to serve and so many keep giving, serving over and over again. Thank you! And a huge thank you to the nominating committee - Mary Clark, Carma Ingram, and Val Iorg. Thanks for a job well done!

Many of us are busy meeting SIA deadlines and preparing to attend the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference in Cody at the end of the month. I wish we were all going! Kay Ruiz applied for an \$8,000 Club grant for us from

SIA so we can continue to provide books and support for the young single moms at Horizonte. We submitted our Public Awareness Recognition Grant just under the wire. Keep your fingers crossed that we return with good news! More deadlines are looming for April 16 registrations.

The issues we have tackled this past year weigh heavily on my shoulders, especially Domestic Violence and Stop Sex Trafficking. There is so much work to be done, and, while we have done some good work on building awareness, so much remains.

Tonight as I am writing this, my mind is returning to the movie sponsored by the Salt Lake Film Center and the University of Utah Humanities Tanner Lecture Series that I just saw. The film was about Doctors without Borders, and the doctor in this case is a Canadian, Dr. James Orbinski. Dr. Orbinski accepted the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999 as President of Doctors Without Borders. Dr. Orbinski worked for three years in Rwanda during the height of the genocide. 800,000 people were killed in 100 days. Dr. Orbinski was only 33 at the time and faced killing, mutilation, and absolute deprivation of mankind as he administered to the wounded and dying. In the movie, which is entitled "Triage: Dr. James Orbinski's Humanitarian Dilemma," he begins by say-

ing that at the hospital he had to initially divide people into three groups, a triage, and put a tape with a number on the foreheads of people brought in to the hospital: No. 1 Treat right away, No. 2 Treat within 24 hours, and No. 3 Even though they are alive, they are not going to make it. The "No. 3's" were put on blankets in a group outside where they lay until their death. He witnessed such horrors as a bleeding woman with her ears and breasts hacked off by a machete and a delicate criss cross pattern delicately carved into her cheeks and face by a machete. 6,000 people lived in the hospital.

How did these atrocities affect him? He returned to Ontario and realized he was suffering with PTSD. At some point during a year and a half of agony, his father told him to get himself up out of the snow and start moving. He did. He went for counseling, but he came to the realization that the prescriptions would not "fix" him. Fifteen years later he returned to Rwanda with a film crew as he revisited the hospitals and friends he made there. He wrote a book that I must read and you must, too, "An Imperfect Offering."

Earlier in the day, I went to the Salt Lake Council of Women April meeting. Remember I am your representative there and you are always invited? The topic

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Mission and Core Purpose

- To improve the rights of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world

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was the United Nations and my longtime friend Kathy Horvat was the speaker. Kathy is the president of the UN Association in Utah and has gone not only to the Women's Commission meetings at the UN, but traveled to India and other countries with the Commission. One of the issues Kathy raised is passing CEDAW, the Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, also a Soroptimist initiative. Do your part and call your Senators and Representative to get this bill passed. President Jimmy Carter signed it years ago but congress needs to ratify it. Kathy is hosting dinner this week for some visitors

from Bangladesh here to talk about women's issues. I hope to attend.

Speaking of women on the international scene, Kathy reminded us that 2010 is the 15th Anniversary of the International Women's Conference in Beijing. Marilyn Tang went, remember? How far have women progressed since then? Many goals were set, but so little achieved. We can't even pass CEDAW, we're one of a few countries that hasn't!

Call your representatives, come with us to Cody, donate to Doctors without Borders or a women's group, and talk up our issues - ACT! NOW!



Programs—Horizonte

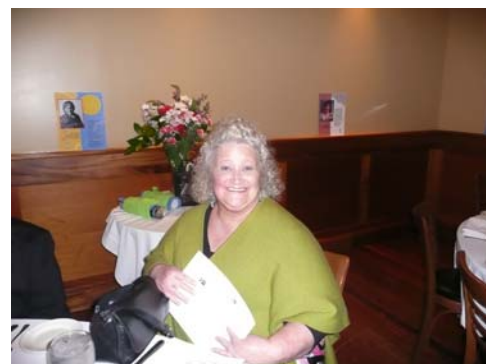
by Carma Ingram



On March 23rd, Angela Larson presented on credit. She talked about credit card debt, fi-

nancing cars, credit score, and predator lenders (check cashing companies). She provided the girls with much valuable information. Many questions were asked and the girls were tuned in to what Angela was presenting. Thanks to Angela also for her time and commitment! These young women are learning valuable information through these Soroptimist presentations.

On Tuesday, April 27th, Janis Nash will be at Horizonte with her presentation on "How Money Works". We have presented this information to the girls many times, but this is one presentation that they remember and retain for their future. The April 27th meeting will start at 9:15 a.m. and go until 10:20 a.m. If you can attend and support Janis and the Horizonte girls, please come.



Put May 18th on your calendar for the Graduation presentation and awards! We are still working on our speaker and should be able to announce it in the May newsletter.

April-Sexual Assault Awareness Month by Nancy Mitchell

According to a news program on KCPW, 88.3 on your FM dial, reporter Whitney Evans claims Utah continues to have higher rates of sexual assault than the rest of the country. Data from the Utah Department of health reports that 8 percent of female



and 6 percent of male High School students report being raped. Sexual assault is grossly underreported by 88 percent for reasons of fear of not being believed, recrimination, victimization, etc. Please let your contacts and

other organizations know that this is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and a lot of work needs to be done on this state of affairs in Utah.

Spotlight on Public Awareness by Cheri Richardson



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SALT LAKE

Did you know that our web site, www.sislsc.org, is hosted and maintained by Jessica Glickman from Bend, Oregon. Jessica, who was a member of SI SLC when she lived in Utah, initially developed our web site and continues to be our "webmaster from afar..."

The club sent a \$100 American Express gift

card to Jessica to thank her for her services. She emailed her thanks as follows:

Hi Cheri,
 Thank you, thank you for the gift card! That was really very nice of you. I look forward to spending it on some things for me and maybe

for the house. Anyway it will definitely be put to good use!

Please thank everyone for me. It was very generous and I really appreciate it. Kind regards, Jessica

Proclamation on International Women's Day

At our "Live Your Dream" Luncheon and Fashion Show, Rebecca Sanchez, Salt Lake County Diversity Specialist read and presented to our Club President Nancy Mitchell a Proclamation signed by Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon. The Proclamation named March 8 International Women's Day. Rita Offrett made it happen. Rebecca herself was one of our models in the Fashion Show, looking gorgeous in a tiered black knee-length skirt and fuchsia ruffled short sleeved silk blouse. The outfit was smashing, made perfectly for Rebecca! Many thanks to Dillard's who made the Fashion Show possible. Thank you to Mayor Corroon, Rebecca Sanchez, and Rita for this meaningful gesture, which was a highlight of our Luncheon.



Rita, Rebecca Sanchez, Nancy



Rebecca, modeling at Fund Raiser

Live Your Dream Fundraiser Recap by Cheri Richardson



The Canyons Room at the Salt Lake Sheraton sprang to life at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 13, as Salt Lake Soroptimists prepared for our annual fundraiser. Silent auction items, door prizes, opportunity drawing prizes and drawing bin, easels and posters and signs (Oh, my) gave way to an organized Registration Desk, a professional display of prizes, and a beautiful Silent Auction.

It was non-stop action as we registered 139 guests – a recent record. We started enjoying a lovely lunch while President Nancy gave a brief presentation on Soroptimist. Past President Marilyn Tang then introduced our first-ever Ruby Award Winner – Debra Sue Whipple.

The Ruby Award, formerly named the Making a Difference for Women Award, is given annually to a woman who, through her work or charitable efforts, has significantly impacted the lives of women and girls. Debra Sue does volunteer work internationally for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a neonatal resuscitation trainer.

Whipple's work in resuscitation training has taken her to places such as Thailand, Kenya, Egypt, Bolivia, Micronesia and Fiji, among others.

She teaches life-saving skills to doctors, nurses and midwives to help in decreasing infant deaths. These procedures are very simple, but many professionals without the training or equipment are often left helpless when newborns struggle for that first breath. The



charity works to donate equipment to hospitals they are visiting in addition to the valuable training. Her training efforts in Thailand have reached more than 12,000 healthcare professionals.(1)

But the fun was just beginning. Josie Valdez, dressed as an angel, introduced our eight models – prominent women in Utah – who each modeled an outfit from Dillard's suiting (pun intended) her personality. The models were:



- Beth Lawrence, Award Winning Professional Singer & Writer
- Jennifer Nakao, Audit Senior Manager, Grant Thornton
- Lavanya Mahata, Program Director, Women's Business Center at the Salt Lake Chamber
- Shirley Van Wagenen, President, Utah Symphony Guild
- Rebecca Sanchez, Diversity Specialist, Salt Lake County
- Sabrina Zunguze, Owner, A Gift 2 Africa
- Julie Edwards, Attorney - Senior Associate, Howrey LLP

Lori Gonzales, President, NAWBO Salt Lake Chapter

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Those in attendance enjoyed the show, bid on the Silent Auction, and helped us garner \$11,936 in revenue / \$8, 267 in profit to the club. We received several requests for more information about Soroptimist, and hope to see many of our attendees join our club in the near future.



(1) Excerpted from http://www.mormontimes.com/people_news/people_church/?id=13822, written by Deseret News Reporter Justin Crandall

Juvenile Observation & Assessment Center by Vickie Page

For the month of March at the JO&A we started out with listing 3 goals, and 3 ways to obtain each goal. At first the girls were not so excited about the idea, but once they got started and talked about it, it was an easy and fun project. We also made Easter cards and decorations and had Easter sacks for all of the

girls. It was a good time!

We meet again for a JO&A on Thursday April 8th at 6:00 pm to 8:00 PM. So If you would like to join us please do.



Rocky Mountain Regional Spring Conference - April 30-May 2, 2010 Cody, Wyoming



Soroptimists Hold The Key

Save the date for the 70th Annual Rocky Mountain Spring Conference!

The Soroptimists of Cody Wyoming are hosting the Annual Spring Conference in 2010. Anyone who has ever attended a Spring Conference has had a great time. We attend classes, receive awards (SLC is a big winner), we visit, and we PARTY! Plan to come and join your sisters for a great time in Cody!

The [deadline for early registration is April 16th!](#) Many of our members are planning on attending and we have some extra hotel room space. Contact Nancy Mitchell to confirm your attendance.

SIA Convention — San Francisco — July 7-10



41st Biennial Convention — July 7-10, 2010
San Francisco, California—Hilton San Francisco, Union Square

Early Registration—May 7th—\$300.00

Register on-line at www.soroptimist.org

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Soroptimist Vision

Be the voluntary service organization chosen by all business and professional women committed to improving the lives of women and girls. We all share our time, talents and financial resources to enrich our communities. Together we will:

- *Improve the lives of women and girls*
- *Help women achieve economic and political equality*
- *Serve as a global voice for women*
- *Provide outstanding leadership development opportunities for women*
- *Enhance world peace and understanding*

April Calendar of Events

Thursday, April 8th—JO&AC Event, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, 61 W. 3900 South

Friday, April 9th—Board Meeting 11:30 am at Denny's Restaurant on Redwood Road

Friday, April 16th—Deadline for Early Registration to Regional Conventiion (postmark by 4/16)

Saturday, April 24th—Business Meeting, 10:30-11:30 am, Cottonwood Club, 1780 Lakewood Drive

Saturday, April 24th—Program Meeting, 11:30 am-1:00 pm — Annual WOA & Jeanne Schneiter Adovnik Award, Cottonwood Club

Tuesday, March 27th—Horizonte Young Parents Service Presentation, 9:15-10:15 am, 1234 S. Main, SLC

April 30-May 2—Annual Rocky Mountain Region Spring Conference held in Cody, Wyoming

Many Happy Returns

Sonia Thomas—April 18

Vickie Page—April 20

Bonnie Hallett—April 25

Cheri Richardson—April 29

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