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SI Ukiah President  
2012-2013

*"Some people grumble that roses have thorns; I am grateful that thorns have roses." ~ Alphonse Karr*

Greetings SI Ukiah Members and Friends,

Have you ever laughed until your belly hurt and then a little bit more? It's a wonderful feeling! Well, our club officers enjoyed a few chuckles at the last Board Meeting. We take our role seriously, but sure know how to have some fun too. Thanks gals for all you do!



I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest SI Ukiah member, Lisa Crane. A sincere thank you to Penny for inviting Lisa to join.

It was wonderful to have so many members donate blankets and towels to the Buddy Eller Center last month. With the growing number of people using services at the homeless shelter, they are extremely grateful for your generosity!

I hope each of you had a happy Thanksgiving and are ready to help spread some holiday cheer. On the afternoon of December 4th, a group of members will be decorating the Christmas tree that will be donated to the St. Mary's Foundation and School fundraiser. Our Christmas party is just around the corner, on Monday December 9th. Also, don't miss the opportunities to help wrap gifts for the Ukiah Valley Christmas Effort, assist with the photo booth at the County of Mendocino Foster Care Holiday Party, and enjoy the sweet opportunity to sell See's Candy, our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very merry Christmas!

Together we're brightening our club, community and world!

- Katie

*Who will you invite to join SI Ukiah in December?  
Let's celebrate Soroptimist Anniversaries all year long!*

There are two months in the year that we don't have any Soroptimist Anniversaries to celebrate, December and April.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to change that so we can celebrate club membership all year!  
Who will you invite to join in December?

## CALENDAR

### Meetings

September - June  
Wednesdays, Noon-1:00  
Ukiah Garden Cafe  
1090 South State Street

### Board Meetings

All members welcome to attend  
Monday prior to the business  
meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
Schat's at Friedman's

### December 2013

- 1 Deadline for:  
Violet Richardson Award  
Applications and  
Ruby Award Nominations
- 4 Committee Meeting
- 5 County of Mendocino  
Foster Care Holiday Party
- 6 Begin selling See's Candy
- 9 SI Ukiah Christmas Party
- 10 Board Meeting
- 11 Business Meeting
- 15 Deadline for:  
Women's Opportunity  
Award Applications
- 18 Program Meeting
- 25 No Meeting

Merry Christmas!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS Lucille Mirata, Committee Chair**

### **WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARD, DUE 12/15/13**

For women who provide the primary financial support for their families, and who are enrolled in or have been accepted to a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program. Please help spread the word. Founder Region Governor Dona is asking for 100 percent participation by all clubs again this year. Information and application forms are available on our website, [www.siukiah.org](http://www.siukiah.org)

## **SEE'S CANDY Penny McIntosh, Committee Chair**

Our biggest fundraiser of the year! We will sell from December 6th until sold out, inside Raley's next to the cafe. A sign up sheet to work the booth will be passed around at the meetings or contact Penny to sign up.

## **FOSTER CARE HOLIDAY PARTY Willow Anderson**

December 5th SI Ukiah will be volunteering at the Mendocino County Foster Care Holiday Party! Last year members enjoyed an evening of fun with these families helping with games and crafts. If you would be interested in helping once again please contact Willow Anderson at [AndersonW@rcs4kids.org](mailto:AndersonW@rcs4kids.org) or look for a sign up sheet at club meetings.

## **UKIAH VALLEY CHRISTMAS EFFORT Willow Anderson**

Shirley Grover's heart was dedicated to the Ukiah Valley Christmas Effort and to keep that spirit of giving alive SI Ukiah club members will once again volunteer to help. Last year a group of members met at the Ukiah Fairgrounds to volunteer for a few hours. Members found a sense of community and Soroptimist spirit in helping make the holidays special for hundreds of families throughout the Ukiah Valley. We will soon coordinate a date to meet separate from our regularly scheduled club meeting for volunteering with the Ukiah Valley Christmas Effort.

## **SOUP BAR FUNDRAISER Allyne Brown, Committee Chair**

Mark your calendars for the Soroptimist Soup Bar on Friday, February 28, 2014.

## **DONATING BLANKETS AND TOWELS**

Janette Wright, Buddy Eller Center Manager, expressed the sincere gratitude of their staff and clients for the donation of blankets and towels from SI Ukiah members and Savings Bank employees. The Buddy Eller Center is a 64 bed emergency homeless shelter for adults and families of Mendocino County. Due to the current economic environment, the center continues to see an increase in the number of women, some with children, using services.



## **FOUNDER REGION DISTRICT IV PRESIDENT'S ROUNDTABLE**

Founder Region District IV President's Roundtable was hosted by SI Ukiah. A special thank you to the Grace Hudson Museum for the use of their conference room and Zack's Catering for a lovely breakfast. Many great ideas were shared around this table last month! After the meeting, the ladies enjoyed the Frank Lloyd Wright exhibit.



## ABOUT THE SOROPTIMIST WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARDS

### Helping Women Live Their Dreams

The Women's Opportunity Awards program assists women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects.

Each year, more than \$1.5 million in education grants are awarded to more than 1,000 women, many of whom have overcome enormous obstacles including poverty, domestic violence and/or drug and alcohol abuse. Women's Opportunity Award recipients may use the cash award to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education, such as books, childcare, tuition and transportation.

In addition to providing the primary financial support for their families, eligible applicants must be enrolled in, or have been accepted to, a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program and must demonstrate financial need. Also, please note only residents of Soroptimist International of the Americas' member countries and territories are eligible to apply for the educational grants.

The Women's Opportunity Awards program involves three levels of cash awards. The program begins at the local Soroptimist club-level, where award amounts vary. Local-level award recipients become eligible for region-level awards of either \$3,000 or \$5,000. Region-level award recipients then become eligible to receive one of three international-level awards of \$10,000.

Since the Women's Opportunity Awards program began in 1972, about \$30 million in education grants have been disbursed to assist tens of thousands of women achieve their dreams of a better life for themselves and their families. In 2007, the Women's Opportunity Awards received the Associations Advance America Summit Award—ASAE & The Center for Association Leadership's highest level of recognition.

More information can be found at [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)

## Women's Opportunity Awards

ANNUAL FACTS AND FIGURES

What Is It?

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**1235** **\$1.6 million**

WOMEN WHO RECEIVED THE AWARD

IN AWARD MONEY GIVEN

**FACT:** OVER \$30 MILLION GIVEN SINCE 1972!

### Did You Know?

A UNICEF study found that investing in the education of women and girls is the best way to improve a family's economic well-being

### The award is available in:

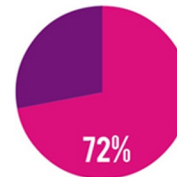
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VENEZUELA



"I find education is a real treasure that I can pass on to others. It is one of my first steps to empowerment. When I finish my courses, I can now prove to myself and to others that change is possible."

2008-09 award recipient from the Philippines

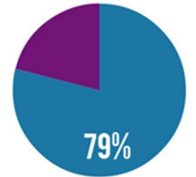
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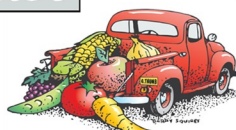
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BRANDON KIGHT VISUAL CREATIONS

California MENTOR

The Ukiah DAILY JOURNAL  
Mendocino County's local newspaper

Thompson's PARTY RENTALS  
Great Parties Start Here!



Ukiah Farmers Market

Zack's Catering

SBMC

Savings Bank OF MENDOCINO COUNTY  
Member FDIC



Ask about our business sponsorship program

*Soroptimist improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.*