

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Katie Kight
 SI Ukiah President
 2012-2014



*Make a friend of Time;
 Don't abuse it or waste it.
 Never ignore it or take advantage of it.
 Don't try to outrun it or evade it.
 Plan for its use, and respect it as the precious resource it is.
 With Time on your side, the passing years will be welcome.
 Author Unknown*

Greetings SI Ukiah Members and Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and made many special memories with family and friends.

As we welcome the new year, we have a lot to celebrate and look forward to. We've accomplished a lot since the club year began. We have two fundraisers under our belts and

participated in several service projects, helping to make a difference in the lives of women and children. I look forward to the many more opportunities to come!

Lucille Mirata and the Scholarships and Awards Committee are gearing up to coordinate the selection of our Women's Opportunity Award winner.

Our See's Candy fundraiser was a great success thanks to Penny McIntosh and the Committee as well as all the members who bought and sold during the holiday season.

Thank you to Willow Anderson for coordinating our volunteers for the annual County of Mendocino Foster Family Holiday Party.

Kathy Ault, Judy Pinto, Janet Hunt and Lucille Mirata did a wonderful job creating a festive pinwheel inspired Christmas Tree for the St. Mary's School Foundation fundraiser.

Our Christmas party was a jolly good time thanks to our hosts, Donna Moschetti, Kathy Ault and the Hospitality Committee. From the festive raffle gift baskets to the fun ornament exchange and toys collected for the Ukiah Valley Christmas Effort, fun was had by all!

May the New Year bring you happiness, peace and success in whatever you do. Wishing you a blessed 2014!

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

- Katie

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

*Celebrating January Soroptimist Anniversaries
 Congratulations!*

		MILESTONES
Penny McIntosh	January 2005	
Kathy Ault	January 2006	
Katie Kight	January 2009	5 Years

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



January 2014

- 1 No Meeting
- 8 Committee Meeting
- 13 Board Meeting
- 15 Business Meeting
- 22 Program Meeting
- 29 Hospitality Meeting



SOUP BAR FUNDRAISER Allyne Brown, Committee Chair

Mark your calendars and watch for information about how you can help with our Soup Bar fundraiser Friday, Feb. 28, 2014.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER



GUEST SPEAKER SEAN TELLES

Active 20-30 Club of Ukiah #78 - www.ukiah2030.com

Sean Telles spoke to our club about his experience as an AmeriCorps VISTA member serving with FIRST 5 Mendocino as a Social Entrepreneur, his plans for the future, as well as his participation in the formation of the Active 20-30 Club in Ukiah.

He shared how AmeriCorps VISTA is a subset of AmeriCorps (also includes AmeriCorps State/National and Senior Corps) that specializes in fighting poverty through a 1-year commitment volunteering with a local agency while receiving a living stipend in place of a salary.

Sean was instrumental in chartering the local Active 20-30 club, a service club for young adults 20-39 who want to help underserved children and children with special needs. He felt the Active 20-30 Club was successful in its initiation, namely because there was a need for young adults to socialize while giving back, they listened to their potential members about meeting times, and have received guidance from the national group, chapters in Santa Rosa, and local members who had experience in the club in other cities.

Sean's influence and enthusiasm will be greatly missed when he moves on, but his effort to empower others during his time in Ukiah is sure to guarantee sustainable success in many areas throughout our community well into the future.



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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF UKIAH CHRISTMAS PARTY



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2013 - 2014 MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES RECOGNIZED

Celebrating members who have served more than 30 years or have reached a significant milestone in service as a Soroptimist. With sincere appreciation, thank you for your contribution to Soroptimist International of Ukiah.

49 YEARS

Vi Richardson

46 YEARS

Ginger Kelly

44 YEARS

Rose Foster

37 YEARS

Eloise Grothe

34 YEARS

Marilyn Ogle

25 YEARS

Sharon Barker

Tina Rorabaugh

20 YEARS

Joyce Melton

Judy Pinto

Lucille Mirata

15 YEARS

Donna Moschetti

10 YEARS

Carol Lanier

5 YEARS

Katie Kight



SHAPING THE FUTURE OF SOROPTIMIST

The following article can be found in the online supplement of the Best For Women publication, www.soroptimist.org/best-for-women.html

As part of a global organization, you joined Soroptimist to be part of something beyond your local community. That something is working together to increase our collective impact in accomplishing our mission to improve the lives of women and girls.

During the 2013-2014 club year, we are focusing on shaping our future in four ways: clarity, program, resources and a healthy backbone.

"Clarity" is focusing on understanding our vision, mission and core values, which the SIA Board has recently fine-tuned. Visit <http://bit.ly/VisionMission> to read our new vision and mission.

"Program" means growing our Women's Opportunity Awards program and focusing—at all levels—on providing women and girls with access to education.

"Resources" is about growing our financial resources to reach more women and girls. For clubs that means contributing at least 10 percent of funds raised locally to the federation. Remember, our programs are funded entirely through contributions and not through member dues, and 81 percent of funds raised go right to our programs.

Finally, "healthy backbone" refers to strong clubs, growing supporters and a sound infrastructure. SIA is currently working on strengthening our club model by eliminating barriers to membership. We are also offering new engagement opportunities through LiveYourDream.org, which has grown to almost 25,000 supporters in just one year!

We should all be proud of our leadership for their vision and courage in moving SIA forward and ensuring a bright future for both the organization and the women and girls we serve.



2012-2013 Collective Impact Highlights

Clarity of Direction:

- 66% of individual members have heard about the shaping our future message.

Culture of Philanthropy:

- 82% of members are aware of the SIA Board's request of clubs and members to make SIA their cause of choice.

Increase the impact of the Women's Opportunity Awards:

- 4% increase or 46 more women reached, for a total of 1,235 women.
- 6% increase or \$95,264 more was distributed for a total amount of \$1.625 million awarded.
- 10% of at-large recipients judged at SIA headquarters received an award.

Increase club participation in the Women's Opportunity Awards:

- 2% increase for a total of 76% of all clubs participating.
- 54% or 15 regions increased the number of women honored with the award.
- 68% or 19 regions increased club and region funding.

Increase the impact of other federation programs:

- 3% increase or \$2,223,678 was given through awards and grants to women and girls served through the three SIA federation programs, Women's Opportunity Awards, Violet Richardson Award, and Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls.

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with whom we are able to prosper to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

