



HAPPY NEW YEAR

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
Schat's at Friedman's

JANUARY

- 2 No Meeting
Happy New Year!
- 9 Committee Meeting
- 14 Board Meeting
- 11 *National Day of
Human Trafficking
Awareness in U.S.*
- 16 Business Meeting
- 23 Program Meeting
- 30 Hospitality

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Katie Kight
SI Ukiah President
2012-2013



Greetings SI Ukiah Members and Friends,

The brightest stars are those who shine for the benefit of others...

2012 was indeed a productive and successful year for our club. Thank you for your caring, dedication, kindness, generosity and time. You do a tremendous job helping to improve the lives of women, children and our community at large.

I'd like to extend my appreciation to everyone who helped in so many ways over the holiday season... Our See's Candy fundraiser was a success, our Christmas Party was festive and fun, members enjoyed volunteering their time at the holiday party for foster families and the Ukiah Valley Christmas Effort, and we gave Christmas gifts and holiday meals to ten families!

We can look back on the past year with pride and look forward with enthusiasm. Our many accomplishments set the stage for a bright and productive new year!

Wishing you peace, joy and happiness in 2013,
- Katie

COMMITTEE NEWS

SEE'S CANDY Penny McIntosh. Committee Chair

See's Candy Sales ended on Friday, December 21st. Thank you to Anne Holden who worked 3 shifts, and several members who worked 2 shifts. Our final profit is \$6,234.14 Thank you to all who sold and participated in pre-sales.



SOROPTIMIST SATURDAY OF SERVICE (3/2/13) Loretta Tognoli. Committee Chair

Saturday of Service is the opportunity to employ the power of Soroptimists from all over the world to join together on one day to carry out service projects that improve the lives of women and girls.

Soroptimist Saturday of Service is always the Saturday prior to International Women's Day, March 8th. International Women's Day is rooted in the centuries-old struggle of women to participate in society, and the political process of equal footing with men. Since the very beginning of the 20th century, women around the world have employed International Women's Day as a rallying point for coordinated efforts to demand women's rights. It is a day to reflect on progress made, to call for change, and to celebrate acts of courage and determination in pursuit of women's rights.

This year's Saturday of Service will be March 2, 2013. We are asking for suggestions for projects or persons who would benefit from our eager volunteers. We are also in need of eager volunteers. Please email your ideas/suggestions to either Loretta at tognoli4@att.net or Willow at andersonw@rcs4kids.org

SOUP BAR LUNCH (3/1/13) Allyne Brown. Committee Chair

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 1, 2013 for the annual Soroptimist Soup Bar. More details will be provided. Any questions, contact chair Allyne Brown at browna2@ah.org or by phone at 463-7623.

FOSTER FAMILIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Willow Anderson, Event Coordinator

Thank you again to everyone who volunteered their time to help at this event! Kids are what the holidays are all about and it was so exciting to have our club volunteer at the Mendocino County Children's Services annual Holiday Party for all county and private agency foster families. Volunteers helped with the game booths, decorating cookies, making garland crowns and serving food - providing everyone an evening of fun.



UKIAH VALLEY CHRISTMAS EFFORT Tiffany Gibson. Event Coordinator

The memory of Shirley Grover was alive and well in the hearts of several Soroptimist International of Ukiah members as they spent a fun morning helping out at the Ukiah Valley Christmas Effort. Participants shopped for gifts at the "store" set up by the Christmas Effort, wrapped presents, and marked boxes for distribution. There was a chance for current SI Ukiah members to meet other community minded women who may be interested in becoming new members!

The morning wrapped up with a lunch at Crush and lots of time to just visit with each other. All in all, a wonderful day of giving to our community and growing closer as a club. Thank you to all who participated!!!



CHRISTMAS FOR 10 FAMILIES Anne Holden, Coordinator

After only about 4 weeks, we pulled together gifts and food for 10 families recommended to us by member, Willow Anderson through her job at Redwood Children's Services. Most of the families were single parents with a couple kids. With your donations, I was able to wrap and put together gifts for all the kids. A big THANK YOU to Judy Pinto, who provided gifts for 3 of the families. Also, THANK YOU to Marilyn Ogle who donated items for the older kids on the list. Then, with your cash donations, I was able to purchase food for a nice holiday meal. I had a little fun making the food list and multiplying an item by 10 to stretch our money as far as I could go. I purchased everything at Safeway and ended up with a little cash left over that worked out to be \$15.00 to each family too. I got many comments at the checkout line about what a nice thing we were doing for the community. I got to brag about our Club a little too! At delivery, my husband Paul and I got help to bring in all the boxes and distribute the food items to each family's box. It was quite a site to see all the boxes filled and ready for distribution to the families! - THANK YOU to all who donated gifts and cash - we did a nice thing!

PARTYLITE FUNDRAISER Linda Davis, Committee Chair

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Partylite fundraiser during the month of November. We added \$157 to our fundraising account through your efforts.

If you were unable to participate this time we will have another opportunity in the spring. Details will be available in an upcoming newsletter.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Linda Davis, Committee Chair

News you want to share? To submit content for the newsletter, website blog, facebook page, PSA's and press releases, please send information to siukiah@soroptimist.net or lindajoydavis51@gmail.com

FINES Anne Holden, Committee Chair

You can look forward to a fun few minutes of fines collecting at every meeting again this year! President Katie has scheduled time at each meeting for Anne to have some fun asking questions of club members and collecting their fines which total \$26 every year for each club member.

TAMI BARTOLOMEI, NCO HANDS ON VOLUNTEER NETWORK

With all of the enthusiasm of our club recently, volunteering for the holidays all over Ukiah, what better speaker than Tami Bartolomei of the North Coast Opportunities Hand On Volunteer Network for our December meeting.

The Hands On Volunteer Network is a volunteer hub for Mendocino and Lake Counties providing non profits much needed volunteers and community members a one stop place to find ways to help our community.

The program has too many volunteer opportunities for us to hear about in twenty minutes so Tami focused on the upcoming Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA). This is a much needed resource for our low income families making less than \$48,279 annually. With the cost of tax preparation being on average at least \$120, this free program makes filing easy and affordable. The earned income tax credit these families qualify for is up to \$5,600 per family and the program doesn't stop at getting the refunds to these families. The program also offers financial counseling to those expecting the refund to make better use of this money. Most often families spend this extra money locally which then benefits our entire community. If you are interested in learning more about this program or to schedule the training to be a VITA volunteer please contact Samantha McNally at 467-3230 or Tami Bartolomei at 462-1959.

For any volunteer information including the VITA program, Human Race, Community Emergency Response and more please visit the Hands On Network website at www.handsonnetwork.org

If you are on Facebook feel free to like the Volunteer Net page (previous name for the Hands on Network) <https://www.facebook.com/#!/mendovolunteer?fref=ts>



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2012

