

# **Soroptimist International of Ukiah Monthly News**

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By Katie Kight SI Ukiah President 2012-2013



"Think about who you want to be, rather than what you want to do."

- Dani Forman Women's Opportunity Award Winner SI Ukiah & District IV

Greetings SI Ukiah Members and Friends,

Thank you to everyone who helped in one way or another to make our Installation such a special event. The food was delicious as always, the decorations sparkled and shined, and it was very special to have District IV Director Maddy Leader present the Induction Ceremony for two of our newest members. Nikki did an amazing job installing our new slate of officers. She conveyed the theme throughout the ceremony in such a fun, yet meaningful manner, inspiring us all to

"shine bright" in the coming year. The ceremony was once again more than I could have ever hoped for!

I can't even express how moved I am that the club chose to honor me as a Founder Region Fellow - you've touched my heart more than you'll ever know. The impact that the Founder Region Fellowship program makes brings hope for a bright and healthy world future through the work of the incredible grant recipients in their final phase of their doctoral degree.

It was bitter-sweet saying farewell to Anne at the Installation Dinner. We'll miss you Anne and all you contribute to the club, but we see your excitement and wish you and Paul all the best as you settle into your new home.

Congrats to our Lobster Ladies! Loretta and her crew hit the mark with this popular fundraiser once again.

As we look forward to the new club year, I have a request for each of you which, with a little effort, will make a significant difference. Please invite businesses to participate in our CEO Sponsorship program. Just think of all we can do if we each got at least one business this summer to participate as a sponsor and/or to support an employee as a member of our club! Local businesses can take pride in collectively impacting lives in our community by participating with SI Ukiah. So we don't duplicate efforts email siukiah@soroptimist.net to request a list of businesses that members are contacting and to report businesses you are visiting to help us keep the list updated. Please print the following forms from our website, www.siukiah.org, and provide potential sponsors with the Sponsorship Information Form and Tri-Fold Club Information Brochure. Membership applications are also available to print from our website. Thank you in advance for sharing with others how they can become involved for the good of our community.

In closing, as I think back at all we've accomplished this past club year, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the leadership of our Board and the dedication of all our members. Because of you, SI Ukiah is well respected and appreciated for our continued presence in the community, making a difference for women and children. We can all be proud of each other and our club.

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

- Katie

### 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

#### July

11 Chamber Business Expo Booth

27&28 Soroptimist Invitational Dolphins Swim Meet

Mark your calendar...

September 4th

Our first meeting after
going dark July & August.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!



# **RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION Tami Glasco, Committee Chair**

Thursday July 11th - Greater Ukiah Chamber of Commerce Business Expo at the Historic Train Depot, 309 East Perkins, 5pm - 8pm. We're seeking one or two more members to work the booth. Contact Tami to participate.

### SOROPTIMIST INVITATIONAL DOLPHINS SWIM MEET Tami Glasco, Committee Chair

The Dolphins swim meet is July 27 and 28. We give the awards to the swimmers and if you have never done it you may want to. It is the best part of the meet to see the smiles on those faces. We have a few openings left.

Sat. 9am to noon 1 spot, Sat. noon to 3pm 1 spot, Sun. 9am to noon 1 spot, Sun. noon to 3pm 2 spots

## ATTENDANCE Marilyn Ogle, Committee Chair

Congratulations to those members who achieved PERFECT ATTENDANCE for our Soroptimist year 2012/13! If you attended the Installation Dinner on June 20, you already know who those members are, however, if you were unable to attend, the following is the list of very dedicated members who were awarded perfect attendance, along with their years of perfect attendance: Vi Richardson-43, Anne Holden-27, Eloise Grothe-24, Julie Sawyer-19, Tami Glasco-5, Katie Kight-4, Janet Hunt-3, Willow Anderson-1, Linda Davis-1, Loretta Tognoli-1

The month of June begins our 2013/14 attendance year. As a refresher, and for new members, 3 "vacation" meetings are allowed throughout the Soroptimist year (June 1 - May 31). "Make-ups" are given for attending the following: Another Soroptimist Club meeting (attendance slip from another club must be submitted to attendance chair), District or Regional meeting (each meeting day counts as 1 make-up), Federation Biennium (each meeting day counts as 1 make-up), Installation of Officers, Inter-Club meeting, Special Club meeting, SOLT (Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training educational meeting), Board meeting, Fifth Wednesday of the month of a regular club meeting.

As you can see there are numerous ways to achieve perfect attendance! We look forward to acknowledging even more of our members for the 2013/14 Soroptimist year!

#### CHILDREN'S HEALTH FAIR - BIKE SAFETY COURSE Jessica Kimball, Committee Chair

2013 Wild About Health: a children's health fair is set for Sunday October 6, 2013, 11-3pm. Alex Rorabaugh Center, 1640 S. State Street. Soroptimist will again be handing out bike helmets during the fair, so mark your calendars! SI Ukiah donated \$300 towards the purchase 300 helmets which have been ordered at a cost of \$3 per helmet. See you there.

#### SEEKING PAST CLUB ROSTERS Rose Foster

Rose Foster is compiling all past SI Ukiah Rosters for a complete record of past members. If you have the following rosters, please forward to Rose: Years 1949 through 1964 (15 total rosters) and 1980-81, 1986-87.

# LOBSTER SALE - Loretta Tognoli, Committee Chair



Our Lobster Sale is over, the lobster pots have been put away, quietly waiting for next year's event. Once again it was a HUGE success, thanks mostly to the folks who pre-sold and the members and misters who helped out on Saturday.

I want to send a special Thank You to Linda Davis for riding to San Francisco Airport with me, leaving Ukiah at 3:30 in the A M. Thank goodness Krispy Kreme was open and the HOT light was on!!

Thank you to Ginger Kelly who mailed me a payment for her self-imposed fine of \$15 for not being able to help out on Saturday. Ginger, you're excused!

To my "Clawheads", Jessica Kimball, Julie Sawyer, Mary Stevenson, and Willow Anderson, THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Scott Cratty, the Renaissance Market, the Ukiah Farmers' Market were great support this year, thank you!

Lastly, to my husband Matthew and my brother-in-law Michael for basically doing it all except selling the darn things.



# A Special Thank You To Our Club Sponsors

Thank you to our club sponsors, with whom we are able to prosper for the good of our community.





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#### **INSTALLATION OF 2013 - 2014 OFFICERS**



KATIE KIGHT, President
WILLOW ANDERSON, Vice President
JANET HUNT, Treasurer
LORETTA TOGNOLI, Asst. Treasurer
LINDA DAVIS, Recording Secretary
JUDY PINTO, Corresponding Secretary
PENNY MCINTOSH, Director
ALLYN BROWN, Director
JESSICA KIMBALL, One Year Delegate
CAROL LANIER, One Year Delegate
MARILYN OGLE, Two Year Delegate
TAMI GLASCO Two Year Delegate











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#### SOROPTIMIST OF THE YEAR - JANET HUNT



Janet Hunt was honored by President Katie as Soroptimist of the Year at our Installation Dinner, "In many ways it was very difficult to choose just one person as Soroptimist of the Year. We have so many members who give their all in everything they do. For that I want to say thank you.

On the other hand, there are many reasons why Janet stood out as deserving of this honor. Since Janet joined the club, she has been actively involved and quickly took on the

position of Treasurer. I've had the pleasure of working closely with Janet while I was Assistant Treasurer and this past year as part of my board. I'm thrilled that she will continue as Treasurer in the coming year.

Not only does Janet oversee the finances for the club, she actively provides insight at board meetings, is reliable and someone I'm able to reach out to often with ideas and for support. In addition, she stepped up to help meet the demands of co-hosting the Founder Region Conference this year by attending most of the monthly Saturday meetings in Willits and Fort Bragg.

Janet's positive attitude shines through in everything she does. She's always encouraging and has a kind word to bring to every conversation along with a little humor. - Thank you Janet!"



#### SOROPTIMISTERS OF THE YEAR

President Katie presented the Soroptimisters of the Year with edible goodies...

"ALL of our "Soroptimisters" are wonderful, but at the chance that this might be a little 'CORNY', I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize a few of our "Soroptimisters" who have gone above and beyond this year. When help was needed, they were there to 'CHIP' in! Their support is worth a 'MINT'. For this, they deserve many hugs and 'KISSES'!"

**Zack Leventis** really went above and beyond this year to provide all the soup for our Soup Bar fundraiser. The Installation dinner was delicious as well. We can always count on him to serve up a yummy meal whenever we're in need.

**Gene Richardson** was a great help at our Soup Bar fundraiser again this year. We can always look forward to his support at these events.



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#### Matthew Tognoli

helped dig up weeds at our Saturday of Service project and was once again a great help during our Lobster fundraiser, setting up, cleaning up, and recruiting his brother to help him cook the lobster.

**Bob McIntosh and Robbie** joined us in volunteering at the Ukiah Valley Christmas Effort. If you ever need gifts wrapped, they're the ones to see!

**Paul Holden**, thanks to your help, there is a beautiful new Soroptimist emblem hanging from the Welcome to Ukiah sign south of town.

**Richard Kight**, special thanks for putting up with my crazy schedule, being so supportive of the time and effort I put into our club and for all the Post Office runs as SI Ukiah's personal mailman.

### FAREWELL ANNE HOLDEN ~ You'll be missed!

Dear Soroptimists,

Anne

Thank you very much for the 'going away' gift I received at the Installation dinner. I didn't think I would be so emotional about it, because, as Mistress of Ceremonies, I had planned a short good-bye speech before we closed. So, here is what I wanted to say:

It has been an honor to be a member of SI of Ukiah for these 27 (plus 2 years I didn't get perfect attendance) years. I joined Soroptimist because past member Eleanor Clements told me I could meet people (I had just moved into town). She was so right - and more! I found my best friends in Club - I can't even explain how much my life bloomed after meeting you. I was so awe-struck with the way Soroptimists could stand up and talk in front of any number of people, so coherently and confident. You taught me public speaking - and I am so proud of myself for learning something that was so hard for me. I have been so proud of the things that have been accomplished by SI of Ukiah. I helped! - and I couldn't have done so much for our community without belonging to this Club.

So, THANK YOU! for all the good things I've done in my life and for helping me meet the most amazing women that I can call my friends!! Love and keep improving the lives of women and girls!







#### INDUCTION OF NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest club members, Jill Slaven, Betty Thompson, Rebecca Enberg and Sharlene Kaye







**GUEST SPEAKER Natasha Yim Carter** 

Website: www.natashayim.com Blog: www.natashayim.com

Most of Natasha's professional career has been in counseling or social work. She is also a children's book author, freelance writer, playwright, and a mom of three who writes in the midst of transporting her kids to soccer games, gymnastics, volunteering at their school, and other parental responsibilities.

To kick off our brainstorming session for our club storybook project, Natasha shared her passion for writing books for children. Willow read one of her stories which is currently making the rounds for publishing consideration.

At this time, Natasha has three published books available for purchase; SACAJAWEA OF THE SHOSHONE, CIXI THE DRAGON EMPRESS and her first published children's book, OTTO'S RAINY DAY. Seven months shy of its release date, the Junior Library Guild has selected GOLDY LUCK AND THE THREE PANDAS for its 2014 reading list.