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SI Ukiah President  
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*"I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody."  
- Lily Tomlin*

Greetings SI Ukiah Members and Friends,

Have you ever thought about participating as an officer of our club? Serving on the Board of SI Ukiah is a rewarding experience and an honor to represent such a wonderful service organization and awesome group of amazing women and volunteers! I encourage all members to

consider getting involved as a club officer for the 2013 - 2014 club year. A special thank you to Tami Glasco, Nikki Hamilton and Allyne Brown for overseeing the nomination process. Please take a few minutes to review the board responsibilities in the Bylaws then contact one of these ladies if you'd like to volunteer or if you'd like to nominate one of our club members for a position.

I understand I missed a 'nutty' Hospitality Meeting! Thank you Penny McIntosh for coming up with a creative theme for the meeting! I'd also like to thank Harriette Minear for coming to speak to the club about Fellowship.

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

- Katie

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION MEETING

DATE: March 14th

TIME: 5:30-6:30

PLACE: Redwood Children's Services  
780 S. Dora St.

RSVP: Willow Anderson or [siukiah@soroptimist.net](mailto:siukiah@soroptimist.net)

Light refreshments will be served.

This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone who may be interested in joining our club to come learn more with no obligation. We'll share information about Soroptimist, what we do as a club, the benefits of membership, and the New CEO sponsorship opportunity.

Please invite friends, family, co-workers, community leaders, business owners, and other women who are interested in making a difference.

## 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

### MARCH

#### Women's History Month

- 1 Soup Bar
- 2 Saturday of Service
- 6 Committee Meeting
- 10 Women's History Celebration
- 11 Board Meeting
- 13 Business Meeting
- 14 Information Meeting
- 20 Program Meeting
- 27 Hospitality Meeting



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Shine...**  
Brightening Our  
Club, Community and World!

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

Soroptimist International of Ukiah now has both vocational and academic scholarship applications available for graduating high school seniors, as well as for the Shirley Grover Law Enforcement scholarship which is available to graduating high school seniors and college students planning careers in law enforcement. Just visit our website at [siukiah.org](http://siukiah.org) to download the application and information. Application deadline is April 20th.

We have exciting news regarding our Women's Opportunity Award Winner, Dani Foreman. She has been chosen as the District IV Winner. This means that she will be invited to the Founder Region conference in May, and she will be eligible to win the Region's Women's Opportunity Award. Dani is very deserving of this award and I hope everyone gets a chance to meet her at our awards luncheon on May 15th in Ukiah.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE Tami Glasco, Committee Chair**

Just a quick reminder if you are interested in running for office and to nominate a club member, please contact Tami Glasco.

**MESSAGE FROM JESSICA KIMBALL**

Hello Soroptimist members from sunny Palm Desert. Ted and I are enjoying our stay in Palm Desert and meeting new friends. I joined the garden club, genealogy club, hiking club and a step aerobic class. Plus I'm attending SI Palm Desert club meetings. Ted is playing tennis almost every day and loving every minute. Nice when we see the weather is in the 30s and 40s at home and it's in the 70s here.

Today (Feb. 23rd) I attended SI of Palm Desert's only fundraiser, "The Desert Dessert Derby." Bakeries and restaurants enter cakes to be judged on a number of criteria. They make two exact cakes, one is used for the judges to taste (only one slice is removed) and one is on display at the event. The cakes are auctioned off with the highest bidder receiving the one for display and the second highest bidder receives the cake used for judging. Plus they have raffles and silent auction items. It was a fun event and I thought you'd like to see some of the creations. There were a total of 13 entries. Last year they netted about \$17,000!

See you in April.  
Jessica





**PROGRAM MEETING GUEST SPEAKER** **TOM ALLMAN, Mendocino County Sheriff**

February 20th our club was pleased to welcome Sheriff Tom Allman. Sheriff Allman signed copies of the newly released book, *Out There in The Woods*, and spoke of the importance for mental health services and support in our county.

The Aaron Bassler case, which the book is based on, focuses on the need for mental health support in order to keep our community safe and our individuals cared for. Club members received information that hasn't been previously published on this case and it was eye opening to hear Sheriff Allman recount the struggles of coordinating an operation of this size. Aaron Bassler's father wrote Chapter 11, which Sheriff Allman suggests be read first, from the perspective of a family member frustrated with the system as so many mentally ill individuals go without the support they need.

All proceeds from the sale of this book will go to three nonprofits that have been chosen by the families involved in this tragedy, Matt Coleman Fund, Mendocino Coast Sports Foundation, and the Mendocino County branches of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI.)

We greatly appreciate the time Sheriff Allman took out of his busy schedule to speak to our club.

**Sheriff Tom Allman biography**

Sheriff Allman began his law enforcement career working as a police officer for the City of Fairfield from 1982-1985. In 1985, he and his wife moved to Mendocino County where he was assigned as a Resident Deputy in the small town of Laytonville. Throughout the next 20 years, he expanded his career by being an undercover narcotics agent, a hostage negotiator, a patrol sergeant, an internal affairs sergeant, and a patrol lieutenant.

In 1999, Sheriff Allman took a one year non-paid leave of absence and worked for the United States State Department as a Civilian Peace Keeper in the former Republic of Yugoslavia province of Kosovo. Returning in 2000, he returned as a patrol lieutenant and became very active in Rotary International. Sheriff Allman was selected as the District Rotarian of the Year in 2005 after spending three weeks in the Southern portion of India, assisting with the building of an orphanage after the devastating tsunami.

In 2005, Sheriff Allman worked in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita, assisting with the patrolling and protection of the City of New Orleans.

In 2006, Sheriff Allman was elected as Sheriff-Coroner of Mendocino County. He was re-elected to that position in 2010.

On September 28, 2010, Sheriff Allman received Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Peace Officer Medal of Valor for rescuing a woman from a burning vehicle on August 11, 2009. Unfortunately, the mother of two died the following day and Sheriff Allman was treated for multiple 2nd degree burns on his hands.

Sheriff Allman has served as a law enforcement officer in Northern California for 30 years and is currently serving his second term as Sheriff-Coroner of Mendocino County. He and his wife, Laura, have been married for 28 years, have two sons and currently live in Willits, Calif.





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