



By Katie Kight
SI Ukiah President
2012-2013



"You are filled with love and light... The world is a brighter place because you're in it!"

Greetings SI Ukiah Members and Friends,

I'm so pleased to welcome our newest club member, Jill Slavin. We've also had a lot of interest from others wanting to get involved with Soroptimist. Our March Information Meeting provided an opportunity to share with a great group of ladies what we do and how they can get involved. Several have expressed that they will be joining soon!

Thank you to Allyne Brown and the Soup Bar Committee! The Soup Bar Luncheon was a great success again this year. The soup was delicious (thank you Zack and Georgia!), the tables were festive and the gift baskets were fabulous as always! The community looks forward to this event every year and funds raised help to provide scholarships, awards and donations - thank you to everyone that helped.

I'd like to extend my appreciation to Willow Anderson, Judy Pinto, Loretta Tognoli and Matthew Tognoli, who participated in our Saturday of Service this year. NCO HandsOn Volunteer Network referred us to a sweet lady who was in need of assistance with yard work and a little cleaning in her home. We enjoyed muffins, fruit and coffee and a little time to chat before getting to work. Providing a few hours of volunteer time on a Saturday morning was a wonderful way to begin the weekend.

Thank you so much to Tiffany Gibson for jumping right in on behalf of our club to participate in the 2013 Women's History Gala! The celebration featured the theme, "Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics". Tiffany attended meetings, made and framed certificates and provided cookies the day of the event.

An EGG-stra Special thank you to Hospitality Committee members, Kathy Ault and Donna Moschetti for the fun Egg and Easter trivia questions last week! These two ladies crack me up! (I couldn't resist)

A friendly reminder... It is very important that members attend the April 10th Business Meeting so we have a quorum to meet requirements for voting in our 2013 - 2014 Club Officers. We will also be privileged to have Founder Region District IV Director Maddy Leader visiting that day.

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

APRIL

- 3 Committee Meeting
- 8 Board Meeting
- 10 Business Meeting
Election of Officers
Special Guest:
Maddy Leader
District IV Director
- 17 Program Meeting
- 20 Scholarships Due
- 24 Hospitality Meeting



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Shine...**
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE Tami Glasco, Committee Chair

Elections will be held at the April Business Meeting, 4/10/13. Please review the following nominees and plan to attend.

President: Katie Kight

Vice President: Willow Anderson

Treasurer: Janet Hunt

Assistant Treasurer: Loretta Tognoli

Recording Secretary: Linda Davis

Correspondence Secretary: Judy Pinto

Director: Penny McIntosh and Allyne Brown

One Year Delegate: Jessica Kimball and Carol Lanier

Two Year Delegate: Marilyn Ogle and Tami Glasco

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 to download the application and information. Application deadline is April 20th.

DIAPER DEPOT Joyce Keffeler, Committee Chair

The Diaper Depot is in need of large size diapers. They can be brought to club and I will bundle them for distribution.

PROJECT SANCTUARY Penny McIntosh, Committee Chair

Penny is collecting donations of women/girls products for Project Sanctuary.

SATURDAY OF SERVICE Loretta Tognoli and Willow Anderson, Committee Co-Chairs

Saturday, March 2nd SI Ukiah club members Katie Kight, Judy Pinto, Loretta Tognoli and Willow Anderson met for a quick breakfast before going out for our Saturday of Service. Partnering with the HandsOn Volunteer Network our club was connected with Barbara, a local senior who needed some yard work and light house cleaning. Meeting Barbara in person for the first time she seemed almost hesitant about our arrival. Barbara quickly warmed up to us showing us her beautiful plants that were overgrown due to the difficulty she now has in keeping up with her gardening.

While out in the yard pulling weeds we had numerous neighbors come up and ask what we were doing. We had neighbors bringing us more yard waste cans, praising our effort to help and even showing us their yards that need some TLC (should we have time to come back). The sense of community in that neighborhood was heartwarming.

While most of us toiled away outside, Judy helped inside with light cleaning and most important of all visiting. By the time we left at noon Barbara and Judy were fast friends and we could see that not only was Barbara's yard looking spiffy but her spirit was lifted. She walked us out with a huge grin on her face. This showed all of us what a little time and effort can do for someone.

We hope to keep our Saturday of Service going and should club members be interested in volunteering to do this more often we have quite a few ladies waiting for gardening and some time to chat!



SOUP BAR



DEBRA KUBIN, Ukiah Unified School District Superintendent

We were very happy to welcome our March speaker, Superintendent Debra Kubin, to club on March 20th. Being a Mendocino County native, Ms. Kubin is bringing fresh ideas, energy and a sense of community to Ukiah Unified School District. Debra earned her Bachelor's degree in Sociology from UC Davis and Master's in Educational Leadership from San Diego State. She brings to us experience ranging from teaching at middle and high school levels to her current position as Superintendent. Having three children ages 6, 6 and 8 she is a very busy woman and shows her passion for education in our community. Ukiah Unified is striving to compete with nearby counties in recruiting and keeping new teachers. This is no easy job when faced with our current fiscal environment but with Ukiah Unified having been fiscally conservative Ms. Kubin feels confident that we will be making changes to move forward in having a comprehensible and functional education system. New standards coming across the country are having exciting new learning opportunities for both teachers and students. It was wonderful to hear from our new Superintendent on how positive the outlook for our children is and to learn how our educational leaders are making great strides for our schools.



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