



*"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention"...*

I continue to be inspired by the glowing enthusiasm, kindness, caring, and generosity of our club members. The variety of volunteer and giving opportunities our club has elected to participate in this holiday season will truly brighten the spirits of many youth and families in our community. I look forward to all of us working together during each of these activities:

\* Fulfilling the holiday wishes for families in need who have been identified by Redwood Children's Services.

\* Participating in fun and games at the County of Mendocino Children's Services Annual Holiday Party for foster children.

\* Wrapping up and sorting gifts to be delivered throughout the greater Ukiah area through the Ukiah Valley Christmas Effort.

And our efforts don't stop there! Committee Chair, Penny McIntosh and Co-Chair, Nikki Hamilton are busy little elves right now coordinating our See's Candy fundraising schedule. Chocolate, friends and raising funds - I can't think of a sweeter way to spend an afternoon! The schedule is circulating, so please sign up and help sweeten the holidays while benefiting our club scholarships, awards and community giving.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our November Partylite Candle Fundraiser, "Shine a Light on a Worthy Cause!" We look forward to sharing the results with you soon, but until then - a special thank you to our Candle Fundraising Chair, Linda Davis and Partylite Consultant, Jannette Lozano!

Of course there's always time for celebrating too! Our club Christmas Party is just a few weeks away. Our Hospitality Committee has been busy making arrangements for a festive dinner, fun ornament exchange and plenty of time to share some holiday cheer with one another.

Wishing each of you a bright and cheerful holiday season.

Merry Christmas,  
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  
Schat's at Friedman's

### December

- 1 Ruby Award Nominations Deadline
- 1 Violet Richardson Award Deadline
- 1 Small Town Christmas See's Candy Sales
- 5 Committee Meeting
- 6 Foster Care Holiday Party
- 9 Raley's See's Candy Sales
- 10 Board Meeting
- 12 Business Meeting
- 15 Ukiah Valley Christmas Effort gift wrapping
- 15 Women's Opportunity Award Deadline
- 17 Christmas Party
- 19 Program Meeting
- 26 No meeting - Christmas Week



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# *Annual Christmas Party*

*Walter's Cafe  
Monday, Dec 17th  
6 pm*

*\$27.50 per person  
\$55 per couple*

*Dinner choices:  
Coconut Shrimp  
Top Sirloin  
Vegetarian Pasta*

*Voluntary  
Ornament Exchange  
Game - bring an ornament  
if you wish to participate*

*Please see Donna to sign-up*





## Scholarships & Awards Committee Lucille Mirata, Committee Chair

December 15th is the deadline for the Women's Opportunity Award for women with primary financial responsibility for their family while attending an undergraduate degree program or vocational training program. For more information and to apply, visit [www.siukiah.org](http://www.siukiah.org) or contact Lucille Mirata at 468-0738.

## Attendance Committee Marilyn Ogle, Committee Chair

SI of Ukiah's membership now totals 39 and we are told we will have another new member by the end of the calendar year! That will make a grand total of 40 members to start the New Year! This is an amazing number, but can we improve by the end of our Soroptimist year in June to even more members? Keep up the great work of bringing in new members. Remember, more hands mean less work for all of us!

Another bit of great news is 18 of our 39 members have 100 percent attendance as of Oct. 31st of this year! That is 46 percent of our members! Congratulations to those members who are listed below who have 100 percent attendance:

Willow Anderson  
Sharon Barker  
Linda Davis  
Tiffany Gibson  
Tami Glasco  
Eloise Grothe

Nikki Hamilton  
Anne Holden  
Janet Hunt  
Joyce Keffeler  
Katie Kight  
Jessica Kimball

Marilyn Ogle  
Judy Pinto  
Vi Richardson  
Julie Sawyer  
Loretta Tognoli  
Barbara Wesdorf

Make-ups are given for attending:

- Another Soroptimist Club meeting (provide attendance chair with attendance slip from another club)
- District or Regional meeting
- Federation Biennium
- Installation of Officers
- Board meeting
- Fifth Wednesday of the month regular meeting.



Attendance chair must be advised of attendance at all of the above except for the Fifth Wednesdays, three weeks vacation is allowed, and membership is calculated from the first meeting in June to the last meeting in May.

And now for confession time! I must have had my mind set on my vacation to Washington DC last May when I calculated perfect attendance which is acknowledged at our installation dinner. After reviewing the attendance sheets from last year, I am pleased to report that we had one more member with perfect attendance last year - **Joyce Keffeler!** Joyce brought this to my attention and I am embarrassed to admit I just recently reviewed the attendance records. Joyce did have perfect attendance for our 2011-2012 Soroptimist year. Joyce, I apologize for this error and regret that you were not acknowledged at the dinner. Keep up the good work, Joyce, and you will have perfect attendance for the second year in a row!

If you have any questions regarding your attendance, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to review the attendance sheets with you!

## 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 the beginning of 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.

## Public Relations Linda Davis, Committee Chair

News you want to share? To submit content for the newsletter, website blog, facebook page, PSAs and press releases, please send the information to [siukiah@soroptimist.net](mailto:siukiah@soroptimist.net) or [lindajoydavis51@gmail.com](mailto:lindajoydavis51@gmail.com)

## Announcements

Julie Sawyer has relocated her office. She is now located at 516A S. School St. (Behind the Brassfield Bldg.)

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**PROJECT SANCUARY PENNY MCINTOSH, COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Items that they need are women's products and bathing products. If you have any to donate please bring to club or drop them off at the CHP office.

**DIAPER DEPOT JOYCE KEFFELER, COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Diapers are desperately needed, especially the larger sizes - 4s and 5s. Bring donations to club or contact Joyce Keffeler through our website at [www.siukiah.org](http://www.siukiah.org).

**UKIAH VALLEY CHRISTMAS EFFORT TIFFANY GIBSON, CHAIR**

Saturday, Dec. 15 at Carl Purdy Hall at the Fairgrounds, we have an optional volunteer opportunity with Ukiah Valley Christmas Effort. We will be there from 8:00 a.m. until noon - come when you can. Afterward we will have a no-host lunch for the group. Wear your SI shirts if you have one. For questions or information call Tiffany at 272-3995.

**MENDOCINO COUNTY FOSTER CARE PARTY WILLOW ANDERSON, CHAIR**

Kids are what the holidays are all about and it is so exciting to have our club volunteer at this wonderful event this year! Mendocino County Children's Services hosts an annual Holiday Party for all County and private agency foster families giving everyone an evening of fun. With children from families throughout the county there is a huge need for help! This is where we step in. Interested club members are volunteering time to work at various game booths helping children with games and giving out prizes.

If you haven't signed up, just email Willow at [AndersonW@rcs4kids.org](mailto:AndersonW@rcs4kids.org) with the time you would like to be there. If you have signed up, please wear your blue Soroptimist shirt and check in at the kitchen to see what game booth you are helping with. If you get confused just ask for Randi or Lori (they are the all-knowing County staff organizing this event).

Have children or grandkids? Bring them with you!

Thank you again to everyone who has volunteered their time to help at this event!

**RCS FAMILY CHRISTMAS ADOPTION**

***"We are individuals at our best working to help women be their best."***

Seeing this on our website sums up our club's holiday efforts in my mind. I joined this club to help make a difference and am endlessly energized and inspired by the commitment of all of you.

This year our club, with the help of Coordinator, Anne Holden, has taken on ten families in need for the holidays. These are ten of the most in-need families RCS serves and the wonderful part of this is that none of the families are expecting the assistance. While we at RCS try our hardest to make the holidays as special as possible for our children and youth in care we know they will have a warm home, good food, gifts and love of family and friends. The community families our club is sponsoring don't have the means to provide for their family for the holidays. Whether this is due to a mental health condition, embarrassment of seeking help, or lack of initiative doesn't matter because what is most important is our children. I thank you for taking these families into your hearts and helping.

Willow Anderson, Public Relations Coordinator  
Redwood Children's Services, Inc.

Camille Schraeder, Executive Director

*Editor's note: Please see the following page for a listing of the families and suggestions for donations for gifts.*





**RCS CHRISTMAS FAMILY ADOPTION ANNE HOLDEN, COMMITTEE CHAIR**

We have agreed to help families for the holidays and I have received information from Willow. Here is a breakdown of each family and suggestions for gifts, as well as a list of food items we can give them. Please give generously and quickly - Christmas is just a few short weeks away. We have so much and these families so little!

- Family 1: Female adult  
Male, 9 years old  
Male, 2 years old  
Female, 11 years old: Petite
- Family 2: Female adult  
Male, 9 years old: husky
- Family 3: Female adult: this family is homeless or near homeless this year.  
Male, 4 years old  
Female, 7 years old  
Female, 6 years old
- Family 4: Female adult: this family is also homeless or near homeless this year.  
Male, 7 years old  
Female, 5 years old
- Family 5: Female adult  
Male, 11 years old - likes dinosaurs  
Female, 13 years old - likes photography
- Family 6: Male adult  
Female, 10 years old - very girly
- Family 7: Female adult  
Female, 18 years old - scarves, journals, art supplies
- Family 8: Female adult  
Male, 7 years old  
Male, 14 years old  
Female, 10 years old
- Family 9: Male adult and female adult (Cancer patient)  
Male, 13 years old  
Male, 14 years old
- Family 10: Male adult and female adult (All are Spanish speaking only)  
Female, 13 years old  
Female, 2 years old  
Female, 4 years old  
Male, 8 years old



**Adults:** necessities like sweaters, sweatshirts, socks, slippers, gloves, bath towels, thermals, tote bags, kitchen towels, scarves. **Children:** colored pencils, pencils, drawing paper, writing paper, sets of crayons. Also socks, sweatshirts, slippers. The information I have is listed above, but there are many items that can be great gifts for these kids - dolls, action figures, LEGOs, small lamps, gift certificates for clothing, backpacks, etc. **Food:** bags of rice and beans, boxes of macaroni and cheese, apple sauce, pudding cups, string cheese, turkeys (if we can get donations from a grocery store), canned veggies, soups, energy bars, granola, Top Ramon. Non-perishable is preferred and we may want to give all families a 5lb. bag of potatoes, as well as cheese, butter, etc.

Donated items can be brought to Club or delivered to Anne's house at 508 Jones Street. If you need help, call Anne at 462-1901 - she may be able to pick up for you. We have 3 weeks to gather everything, so please donate quickly!

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## STRAWBERRY PRETZEL DESSERT

Penny McIntosh

### CRUST

2 cups Pretzels (crushed) (about 8 ounces)  
3/4 cup Butter (melted)  
3 Tablespoons Sugar

In a bowl, combine pretzels, butter and sugar. Press into the bottom of an ungreased 12" x 9" glass baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.  
COOL.

### FILLING

2 cups whipped topping (Cool Whip)  
1 pkg (8 ounces) Cream Cheese, softened  
1 cup Sugar

In a mixing bowl, beat whipped topping, cream cheese and sugar until smooth.  
Spread over cooled pretzel crust. Chill for topping.

### TOPPING

1 pkg (6 ounces) Strawberry flavored gelatin  
2 cups boiling water  
2 pkg (16 oz each) frozen sliced strawberries w/ syrup, thawed

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water in a large bowl, stir in strawberries with syrup.  
CHILL UNTIL PARTIALLY SET. Carefully spoon over filling.

Chill for 4 - 6 hours or until firm. Cut into squares,  
serve with a dollop of whipped topping if desired.  
Serves 12-16.

Remember you can use different flavors of gelatin.  
My favorite is Raspberry with mixed frozen fruit. ENJOY!

*This recipe was requested by several members at a recent club meeting and Penny was gracious enough to share it with us. Thank you Penny!*



# See's Candy!



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*Proceeds will help support local programs such as Project Sanctuary, Cancer Resource Center, Ukiah Dolphins Swim Team, Sober Graduation and numerous scholarships.*

## **Raley's Supermarket**

Dec. 9th - 19th or until sold out

Monday thru Friday 1pm - 6pm

Saturday & Sunday 10am - 4pm

This is one of our biggest fundraisers and all member participation is needed and appreciated.



**Soroptimist International of Ukiah**

**For Additional Information Contact: Penny at (707) 467-4054**