



## **SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF LARAMIE**

**BEST FOR WOMEN**

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**A time for Peace.**

## **WHAT'S NEW!**

December 2007

### **President's Letter for December**

It is hard to believe that 2007 is coming to an end. Our Soroptimist year is just getting started and wow do we have lots to do after the first of the year. Thank you all for your enthusiasm for Soroptimist. Keep that spirit going! We'll accomplish great things together.

Congratulations to everyone on a very successful membership drive. We will be inducting fourteen new members at our Christmas party on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Isn't that wonderful?? Pat yourselves on the back!!

I hope this holiday season is a joyous one for you and your families. I wish for you a bright and merry holiday and a prosperous new year.

Happy Holidays,  
Susan

### **Name Badges**

Name badges are in. The cost is \$6.00. If you ordered one, Kathy has it for you. If you didn't order one, but would like to, please let her know.

### **New Project for Girls**

Dare to Dream is Governor Paula's new project for girls. Several members have expressed an interest in developing a signature project for girls. Do you have any ideas? If so, please let Susan Bulgrin know.

### **WELCOME to**

#### **our NEW MEMBERS:**

Sharon Kyhl  
Marcella Wieland  
Lyn Tausen  
Kay Lynn Hammer  
Marian Showacre  
Judy Lauer  
Kelly Collini  
Anna Halsey  
Sandra Novick

Linda Gault  
Deborah Kratzer-Reid  
Jennifer Brook  
Debbie Rieger  
Angela Johnson



### **SI PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

The program meeting is January is Dr. Stephanie Anderson on sexual trafficking.

From the SIA web page:

In 2007, Soroptimist will launch a project to create awareness about this heinous practice with a special event on Sunday December 2, 2007, the International Day for the Abolition of



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Slavery. In the United States, the program will launch on Friday, January 11, 2008, the first National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness. On both days, club members will place sexual slavery awareness cards in visible locations throughout their communities—police stations, women's centers, hospitals, etc.

Visit the Sexual Trafficking FAQ and the Stopping Sexual Trafficking sections for more information and to get involved in the fight against the sexual slavery of women and girls.

Paul Heimer, Executive Director, Albany County Public Library Foundation, will also talk about the proposed public libraries endowment bill.

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**\*Each month our newsletter will highlight at least one area in our Programs of Service. The more we all know about Soroptimist, the easier it will be to tell everyone we meet what great things we do and what a great organization we are!**

### **December 10<sup>th</sup> Appeal**

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Every year, the Soroptimist International president appeals to all Soroptimists to make a small sacrifice and donate funds saved to a specially designated project that will assist women. The 2007 December 10<sup>th</sup> Appeal, Restoring Dignity: Hamlin Fistula Relief and Aid Fund, partners with the Hamlin Fistula Relief and Aid Fund of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to provide ongoing medical care and training skills to women with fistulas that cannot be completely cured. More information is available on the SI web site at [www.soroptimistinternational.org](http://www.soroptimistinternational.org). Donations, earmarked for the appeal, can be sent to SIA headquarters.

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### **New Quadrennial Project from SI**

Project SIerra – Hope and Homes for Children of Sierra Leone is the new SI quadrennial project. Stay tuned for more information or check it out at [www.projectsierra.org](http://www.projectsierra.org).

### **OTHER INFO**

Jonnie will have tickets for the Rocky Mountain Region quilt raffle at the Christmas party.

The new SIA website is up.

Volunteers will be sought to post Soroptimists Stop Trafficking posters around Laramie after the first of the year.





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### **EVENTS** **CALENDAR**

#### **December 20, 2007:**

Soroptimist Christmas Party: 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. Bring a Christmas decoration/ornament (Value \$10.00 to \$15.00) if you want to participate, along with Hors d'œuvre or drink. It will be located @ Jeannie Niemoller's Home @ 1683 Coughlin Street.

#### **January 3, 2008**

Board Meeting @ Altitude

#### **January 10, 2008:**

Business Meeting @ Wingers

#### **January 15, 2008:**

Violet Richardson  
Winner Due to District  
Chair.

**At this time of year  
with our time so  
busy, with all the  
hustle and bustle,  
remember to just  
stop, breath and  
appreciate all you  
have been blessed  
with. Remember to  
take time to be  
STILL and enjoy the  
reason for the  
season. Merry  
Christmas! Happy  
New Year!**

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#### **Rocky Mountain Region**

**Web Site:**

[www.soroptimistrockymtn.org](http://www.soroptimistrockymtn.org)

To access the Member Only  
Section, your username is: reg  
and the password is: rmr26  
(all lowercase)



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