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PUPPY LOVE!

President's Letter for February

I wonder how many of us who made New Year's resolutions have kept them? It sort of depends on what the resolution was, doesn't it?

I hope that you all made a resolution to attend the Region Conference in April. We are busy organizing this event for the first time in our club's history. Approximately 150 Soroptimists from six states will come to Laramie at the end of April and I'm counting on you all to show them some good old Laramie hospitality!

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Laramie Laughs for a Cause is gearing up for another successful fundraiser. I hope that you have made a resolution to help with this event. Our Community Service efforts depend on the funds we generate from our ONE fundraiser each year. Working together on committees is a wonderful way to get to know club members.

The Program committee's resolution to solicit applications and nominations for a Women's Opportunity, Violet Richardson and Making a Difference for Women was successful. Plan to attend the program meeting February 28th and meet these inspirational women.

The Membership committee's resolution to add new members to our club was successful too, with the addition of 14 new members.

WHAT'S NEW!

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At the new member orientation meeting, Jonnie asked members of longer standing why they joined and why they have remained Soroptimists. Each of us knows why this organization is important to us. Please be mentors to our new members. Remember the questions you had when you first joined? They probably will have the same questions. What is it about Soroptimist that has kept you a member? If it is the friendship, become a friend. If it is the service projects, explain what we do and why. Whatever it is that keeps you coming back, share that with our new members. They'll appreciate it and you might find a renewed purpose in Soroptimist.

Susan



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GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Marcella Wieland

A Wyoming native, Marcella Wieland, has lived in Laramie for over thirty years. She serves on the Christian Education Commission at her church and often volunteers to help with wedding and anniversary receptions. Helping young women is important to her. Marcella has volunteered for the America Junior Miss Scholarship Program for over twenty-eight years. (Junior Miss provides scholarships for high school senior girls & there are no swimsuits) She has served as local and state chairman and is currently serving on

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the national AJM Scholastic's Support Team. AJM has allowed her to travel and make friends across the country. She also enjoys watching Cowgirl and Cowboy basketball.

Marian Showacre

I grew up near Chicago. I am the 7th of 9 children. I love: playing sports, watching the Rockies and Broncos; Cowboy Football and Cowgirl basketball; reading and watching true stories (not reality tv); board games; married to Grant Showacre since 1991; three grown daughters with two grandsons and two granddaughters.

I have been an insurance agent for 25 years and currently own Allstate Insurance in Laramie. I love people and solving problems, so this works very well for me. I am a trustee at my church, president of the Jacoby

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Women's Golf Assoc., an average golfer trying to get better.

Kay Lynn Hammer

My name is Kay Lynn Hammer and I lived in Saratoga Wyoming for 30 years before moving to Laramie in 1995. I have been married to Glenn Hammer almost 24 yrs. In the spring of 2004 we opened Pathways Licensed Professional Counseling. We currently have 13 counselors, 1 psychologist, 2 psychiatric nurse practitioners and 2 psychiatrists working at Pathways. Our daughter Kristine, 22 yrs old, lives in Colorado and she is a massage therapist working in a chiropractic office. Our son Steffen, 20 yrs old, who lives in Cheyenne and is working in diesel equipment sales and rentals. At home we have two yellow labs. Gunner is 1 yr old full of energy who loves to hunt. Gauge is 5 yrs old and is calm enough to



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work at Pathways co-facilitating individual, family and play therapy sessions. I am the sports fan fanatic at the Hammer house. I attend as many of the sporting events at the University of Wyoming as possible and I truly believe you can NEVER play to much golf. I love what I do for a living and I enjoy the outdoor recreational opportunities that Wyoming has to offer. I have no plans of leaving.



SI PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Disaster Relief Fund

This fund provides grants to clubs and regions for relief work that benefits women and girls in areas affected by a natural disaster or acts of war. SIA distributed \$17,000 to SI Quito and

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SI Ibarra in Ecuador after a volcanic eruption wiped out several villages. Following a flood in Argentina, SIA distributed \$2000 to SI Paso de los Libres. Finally, SIA distributed the remaining funds earmarked for Hurricane Katrina disaster relief giving \$20,000 to the New Orleans Women's Health Clinic and \$20,000 to the SARA Center, a domestic and sexual abuse shelter in New Orleans.

Our program meeting on 2-28-08 will be our Award Winner Recognition Event, all winners and MADWA nominees are invited for recognition. Mary Mountain from Laramie Plains museum will be there also to say a few words about Megan Webber out VRA winner



***Each month our newsletter will highlight at least one area in our Programs of Service.**

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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!

2008 SPRING CONFERENCE

International Goodwill & Understanding Chair, Rita Offrett, has selected two Soroptimists from Denmark as our Friendship Grant Visitors this spring. Kirsten Schjoedt Jensen and Tove Eriksson are actually sisters, so that's something new for us. Kirsten, a retired pharmacist, has been a Soroptimist for 16 years and is currently the president of her club and Tove works in marketing and advertising and has been a Soroptimist for 11 years.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

February 14, 2008:

Business Meeting @
Wingers; Noon

February 28, 2008

Program Meeting @
Wingers; Noon

March 6, 2008

Board Meeting @
Altitude; Noon

March 9, 2008

SI Laramie Chartered
3/9/75 – HAPPY 33rd
Year!

March 13, 2008

Business Meeting @
Wingers; Noon

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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY TO
YOU –
CELEBRATE
BEING YOU!!!**

Angela Johnson – 2/19

Anna Halsey – 2/26

Debby Dryer – 3/13



**You can kiss your
family and friends
good-bye and put
miles between you,
but at the same time
you carry them with
you in your heart,
your mind, your
stomach, because you
do not just live in a
world but a world**

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lives in you.
~Frederick Buechner

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