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WHAT'S NEW!

January 2008

A New Year.

President's Letter for January

READY, SET, GO!!
Happy New Year!
Welcome to 2008 and to a busy spring.
First, I would like to welcome fourteen new members to our club. I hope that you will find Soroptimist to be a rewarding organization to belong to. To members of longer standing – I hope that you will take every opportunity to welcome our newest members at every meeting, offer explanations and smiles. This month we will participate in the Soroptimist Stop Trafficking program by putting information about sexual trafficking in public places. Region Conference planning is in full swing. All committees should begin to meet. If you haven't been contacted, please give me or Denise Marquiss a call and we'll make sure you're on a committee.

Laramie Laughs for a Cause committees will be meeting shortly. If you haven't signed up for a committee, call Mary Bower and she will be happy to get you connected to a committee you'll be interested in. Thank you to Carmen Roth and her committee for working very hard to get applicants for our awards programs. Thank you to Jeanie Niemoller for hosting our Christmas party. The food, conversation and company were great and we had a fun time playing Bad Santa. Pictures of the Christmas party are on the website – check it out. This spring will be a busy one and I want to encourage you all to have fun.

Susan

PROGRAM AWARDS

On Saturday, January 5th, the judging committee met

and determined the winners for the Women Making a Difference Award - WMDA, Violet Richard Award - VRA, and the Women's Opportunity Award - WOA.

**The winners are:
KRIS JOHNSON, WMDA;
MEGAN WEBBER, VRA
ANNIEMARI BRADEN - WOA.**

Winners will be announced at Thursday's business meeting.



SI PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Soroptimists Celebrating Success!

Established in 1993 at the Soroptimists Celebrating Success! meeting in Dallas, Texas, this annual awards program recognizes successful club projects that improve the lives of



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women and girls and that promote Soroptimist as an organization with that mission. Categories encompass the program related objectives of the SIA Strategic Plan, as well as other categories such as fundraising, public relations and member recruitment. Semi-finalist entries are judged by SIA's Board of Directors who selects finalists demonstrating innovation and success. Entries are due to headquarters by January 24, 2008.



***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!**

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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.

SIA Rocky Mountain Region News Women helping Women in our Region.

One of the signature projects for the SIA Boise Idaho club is the Oldsters Project. Part of the project includes a yearly Holiday tradition where the Boise club collects and publishes a gift "wish list" from residents of Boise's nursing homes. Soroptimist coordinates community support in providing Holiday gifts

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to seniors who would otherwise not receive needed items. The gifts furnished by the community are sorted and distributed by Boise members to the nursing homes.

What do you think Laramie SIA Ladies, maybe this year during the holidays?

2008 SPRING CONFERENCE

The region board is offering for the second year a scholarship for the Spring Conference. Remember the criteria for applying for the scholarship is that the applicant must be attending spring conference for the first time. The scholarship will cover the cost of conference registration fees and meals. Lodging and transportation costs are the responsibility of the member.

Just because we are hosting this conference doesn't mean you can't apply for the



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scholarship. If you would be a "first timer", fill out the application. Your registration and meals will be paid for if you are selected!



EVENTS
CALENDAR

January 10, 2008:
Business Meeting @
Wingers; Noon

January 15, 2008
Violet Richardson
Winner due to District
Chair

January 24, 2008:
Program Meeting @
Wingers; Noon

February 1, 2008:
Women's Opportunity
Award Winner due to
District Chair

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February 7, 2008:
Board Meeting @
Altitudes; Noon

February 14, 2008:
Business Meeting @
Wingers; Noon



**Be always at war with
your vices, at peace
with your neighbors,
and let each New Year
find you a better
man/woman.
~Benjamin Franklin**

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**Rocky Mountain Region
Web Site:**

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

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