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***President's Letter
for March***

Valentines Day has come and gone but hearts are here to stay – at least until the end of April. The 68th Annual Rocky Mountain Region Conference theme is “Soroptimists Have Big Hearts.” I hope you all got the Call to Conference and are planning to attend. Please complete your registration and return it to me by April 10th. The committee has been busy planning for a memorable and inspiring conference. Many committees still could use your help. If you haven’t been contacted by a committee or find you have some extra time, give Denise or

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Marie a call and they’ll find a job for you!

Thank you to the volunteers who helped at the Albany County Library on March 8th – Soroptimist Saturday of Service. We had a fun time and were very appreciated.

I’d like to give Jeannie Niemoller a special thank you for her inspirational talk at our February program meeting. He heartfelt message was wonderful!

Thank you all for working so diligently to make Soroptimist a wonderful club.

Happy Spring!
Susan

**GETTING TO KNOW
OUR NEW
MEMBERS:**

**SANDRA L.
NOVICK:**

Born & raised in Chicago, Sandy Novick has lived in Wyoming for the past 16 years. Sandy has a

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master's and doctoral degree from the University of Wyoming and spent almost 30 years working in health care and education before purchasing the Curiosity Shoppe two years ago. Sandy, her husband Paul Schierer, an attorney in Laramie and daughter Maxine spend most of their free time at their store in downtown Laramie, but love to get away camping with the dogs, or vacationing in warmer climates!



**SI PROGRAM
HIGHLIGHTS**

**Soroptimist Club Grants
for Women and Girls**

The Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls are awards given to Soroptimist clubs to start or continue projects in their communities that improve the lives of women or girls, in accordance with the mission of SIA. This year \$175,000 in funds are



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available. The deadline for proposals is March 20, 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!**

**LiveYour
Dream
Campaign.org
to Unveil New
Features!**

Women from every walk of life and in every

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situation imaginable have dreams and need inspiration to make them come true.

LiveYourDreamCampaign.org is a membership marketing strategy designed to offer SIA members and non-members a fun place to: dream and share their dreams; increase awareness of Soroptimist programs; recruit new members; and raise funds for Soroptimist programs that provide direct assistance to women and girls in local communities and throughout the world.

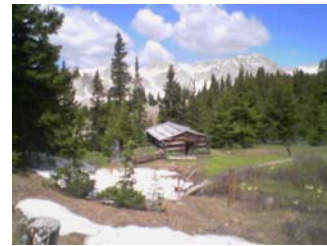
On March 8, International Women's Day, Soroptimist will celebrate the third anniversary of its Live Your Dream Campaign and the second anniversary of the campaign's award-winning website.

Be sure to visit LiveYourDreamCampaign.org on that day for an unveiling of several new exciting features, including a contest, e-cards and video segments detailing the amazing journey of a

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Women's Opportunity Awards recipient.



A plea to Soroptimist International members worldwide for financial assistance.

The political unrest in Kenya has reached a critical point and resulted in ethnic and tribal clashes of catastrophic proportions for the population. The Kenyan Soroptimists are working together with the Red Cross and other NGOs to bring immediate relief to the homeless and displaced persons who have sought refuge in police stations, churches and camps. Most of them are women and children who have no means of sustenance. There are also minority groups living



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in slums who were unable to leave their homes and who are in a desperate situation.

Immediate help is desperately needed for buying blankets, clothes, food and medication...For many of them it is a matter of survival. There are women and children who have no one to turn to and no one to help them! The on site Soroptimists are doing what they can but also need your help. SI/Europe (of which Kenya is a member) has already forwarded funds to the Kenyan Union from its emergency fund.

Also...greetings from SI Eldoret, Kenya..

....Eldoret was worst hit as well as it.s environs.

Houses were burnt, crops destroyed and thousands of

people displaced. Most of them flocked to Eldoret Town for shelter and are now camping in Church compounds, local chief camps and even police stations. There are about 12,000 displaced people..

.We

thank God for other peoples. responses to appeals, such as Red

Cross, Churches, Radio Stations, and other International bodies for coming in and helping save the situation. They have been able to provide food, clothing, medication and tents in plenty and still there are a number of areas of urgent need:

Women and girls require plenty of panties and sanitary pads;

A rescue center or shelter for women and girls who are victims of sexual assault. We need to have a

house within town and have 2 full time counselors and a social worker to stay with them. The house should accommodate 10 people at any one time.

More volunteers area required. These volunteers should be facilitated to enable continuity..

This information continues and is only one example of what local Soroptimists are trying to do to help women and girls, whose needs are often overlooked during times of natural or man-made disasters. Remember that Soroptimist disaster relief efforts are often most effective

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after immediate needs in the community have been met by organizations whose mission is to provide disaster relief. Both SI/Europe and SIA will monitor the situation, provide funds as quickly as possible where needed and provide feedback.

There will be a link to SI/Europe on the SIA website soon with current information on the crisis.

EVENTS **CALENDAR**

March 23, 2008
Easter Sunday



March 27, 2008:
Program Meeting @
Wingers; Noon

April 3, 2008
Board Meeting @
Altitudes; Noon



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

Margie McDonald
March 15;
Laurie Janack
March 27;
Mary Bower
April 4;
Debbie Rieger
April 5;
Stacy Smith
April 9;

Judith Olson
April 14;
Marie Sheaffer
April 14

April 10, 2008

Business Meeting @
Wingers; Noon

April 15, 2008

Taxes are due.



April 24, 2008

Program Meeting @
Wingers; Noon

April 25-27, 2008

Rocky Mountain Region
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
YOU!!**



**“We must be the
change we want
to see in the
world.”**

-- Mahatma Gandhi



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SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE:

I pledge allegiance to Soroptimist and to the ideals for which it stands:

The Sincerity of Friendship

The Joy of Achievement

The Dignity of Service

The Integrity of Profession

The Love of Country

I will put forth my greatest effort to promote, uphold and defend these ideals, for a larger Fellowship in home, in society, in business, for country and for God.



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68th Annual Conference
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April 25-27, 2008

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