

## President's Message

Spring is on its way...we hope! It's getting closer for sure. I actually saw some green in my columbines today!

Our club has a busy spring planned as well. Our Saturday of Service project will be at Albany County Public Library March 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Thank you to Liz and your committee for choosing the project and setting this up. Refreshments will be provided so just come for some fun!

The Call to Conference is out. It is April 30 – May 2, 2010 in Cody, Wyoming. You all should have received this electronically. If you did not, please let me know and I will resend it. There are some deadlines to be thinking about.

1. The hotel has a firm deadline of March 28. If you're thinking about attending conference you might want to get that taken care of as soon as possible.
2. Spirit of Soroptimist nominations are due soon. This is an award that honors a Soroptimist who exemplifies the "spirit" of Soroptimist. It is not a popularity contest. This member may not be the one who is most visible but may have served quietly over the years; she may be the one who is always there willing to help, educate, support, and listen. She may be the one who always volunteers. The following have received this award and are not eligible to be nominated again: Mary Bower, Denise Marquiss, Kathy Phillips, Marie Sheaffer, Judith Olson, Jeanine Niemoller, Susan Bulgrin. If I've missed anyone or if you would like to nominate someone, please let me know before April 8. We will select our Spirit of Soroptimist at our April 8th meeting.

3. Conference registration is due April 16.

At our program meeting, April 22 we will be having a pajamas party! You don't need to wear pajamas but we are asking you to bring a pair of pajamas, sweats, pajama pants etc. to be donated to the Crisis Shelter. Carmen Roth is checking to see what sizes are most needed and will report back at our Business Meeting April 8.

*President Denise*

## Upcoming Events & Activities

### THIS SATURDAY!

This Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. is our Saturday of Service project at the Albany County Public Library. The library is in need of shelf-checkers to find lost and misplaced books. We will use laptops with scanning software to scan the books. Donuts, juice, fruit and coffee will be provided.

### SPRING CONFERENCE IN CODY

The 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Region Conference will be held in Cody, Wyoming, April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 2nd. If you have never attended a Region Conference, please consider doing so. It is a great experience and a terrific opportunity for a better perspective of what Soroptimist is about on a larger scale. The deadline for hotel reservations is a firm March 28th. Please refer to the Calendar of Events for other upcoming deadlines. If you did not receive the Call to Conference by email, please contact Denise, and she will get it to you.

### PAJAMA PARTY

Please bring a pair of pajamas, sweats, pajama pants, etc. to our April 22nd meeting. These items will be donated to the Crisis Shelter.

### NEEDED: BOARD MEMBERS

Liz Parks has volunteered to serve on the nominating committee for next year's Board Members. Denise and the Board will also each select a member for the nominating committee. Denise asks you all to think about serving on the board if you are asked. It's a great way to learn more about Soroptimist and is an opportunity for a leadership role. If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask.

### LARAMIE LAUGHS

Thank you to our great co-chairs, Kathy and Marie, for their terrific leadership and to all our members who worked on this event. Laramie Laughs was a huge success. Over 300 were in attendance to enjoy the evening. A final financial report will be available soon.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SATURDAY OF SERVICE

MARCH 20, 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

ALBANY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

### PROGRAM MEETING

MARCH 25, NOON

ALTITUDE

### DEADLINES FOR REGION CONFERENCE

HOTEL RESERVATIONS - MARCH 28

REGISTRATION – APRIL 16

### BOARD MEETING

APRIL 1, NOON

ALTITUDE

### BUSINESS MEETING

APRIL 8, NOON – SELECT SPIRIT OF SOROPTIMIST

ALTITUDE

### GREENBELT CLEAN UP

APRIL 17, 9-12 A.M.

MEET AT OPTIMIST PARK

### DARE TO DREAM EVENT

APRIL 24

ALICE HARDIE STEVENS CENTER

### PROGRAM MEETING

APRIL 22, NOON – BRING PAJAMAS/SWEATS FOR CRISIS CTR

ALTITUDE

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION CONFERENCE

APRIL 30 – MAY 2

CODY, WYOMING

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO :

MAR 15 – MARGIE McDONALD

MAR 20 – CARMEN ROTH

APR 4 – MARY BOWER

APR 5 – DEBBIE RIEGER

APR 9 – STACY SMITH

APR 11 – PATTI RINEHART

APR 14 – JUDITH OLSON

APR 14 – MARIE SHEAFFER

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

APRIL 15

Email news items to [LLebeda@gmail.com](mailto:LLebeda@gmail.com) or call Linda at 745-6881.

## GREENBELT CLEAN UP

We will clean our section of the greenbelt on Community Clean Up Day, April 17, 9-12 a.m. Please bring gloves, bucket, jacket, hat, sunglasses, water, and sunscreen. Also, cash for coffee after. Park at Optimist Park where Garfield St. crosses the Laramie River. If the weather is bad, we will postpone one week. Please call Susan Simpson if questions, 760-8078.

## FOOD DRIVE

Please bring a canned good or other non-perishable food item to each meeting. We will donate to Interfaith Good Samaritan and the Soup Kitchen. This will be an ongoing project for the year. Marie Sheaffer has volunteered to deliver our donations. Thanks, Marie!

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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, defend and uphold these ideals for a larger fellowship, in home, in society, in business, for country and for God.

### **Soroptimist International Mission**

**Soroptimists inspire action and create opportunities to transform the lives of women and girls through a global network of members and international partnerships.**