

## President's Message

Happy Fall Ladies!

Welcome back to Soroptimist and our new year. It's hard to believe summer is over and fall and football is upon us. Some things to remember:

At our next program meeting (September 24) we will break up into committee and do some planning, set dates and start our year rolling. If you didn't sign up for a committee, I put you on one. The committees are for planning purposes but since we are a service organization we need to be as involved in as many projects as we can be. I know personal schedules keep us all busy and we can't make everything but I appreciate you all being willing to help.

The District Meeting is in Ft. Collins October 2-3, 2009. Margie McDonald had planned on attending and has paid her registration fees. Something has come up and she can't attend. She is willing to have someone go in her place and use her registration fee. If you are interested please let Margie know.

Funding Raising is rolling and our Comedy Night will be at the Hilton on February 13. Thank you to Marie Sheaffer and Kathy Phillips for getting so organized! This will be another great fund raising year!

Be thinking of things we could do as a Saturday of Service project. It'll be fun to see what ideas we come up with.

Should we look at a larger Community Service project to donate money to instead of funding several smaller projects/organizations as we've done in the past?

Come with ideas and projects that you think would be interesting or fun to be involved in.

Thanks again for all that you do to make Soroptimist International of Laramie a great club to belong to.

*President Denise*

### REMINDER:

Last year's committee chairs, please bring your notebooks to Thursday's meeting.

## Upcoming Events & Activities

### 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!

### GREENBELT FALL CLEANUP

We will meet **Sat., Sep. 26, at 9:00 a.m.** to clean our section of the greenbelt. Please bring gloves, bucket, jacket, hat (it can be windy), sunglasses, sunscreen and drinking water. The club will provide garbage bags. Plan to go for coffee after, if we finish in time. Park at the Garfield Street bridge entrance to the greenbelt (west of Optimist Park). We will walk together to our stretch. The Curtis street entrance is blocked by asbestos abatement, and the entrance by Rocky Mt. Forest Products is now closed.

This is a great chance to see the greenbelt, enjoy working with other SI/Laramie members, and make a difference in our community. In the event of bad weather we will postpone to the following Sat.

The Laramie Parks and Rec brochure includes the following about adopting a section of the greenbelt, "The Adopt the Greenbelt Agreement specifies the group shall be responsible for clean up of trash and debris for a quarter mile of greenbelt trail a minimum of two times per calendar year. The City shall recognize the group with sign trail markers...".

SI/Laramie has cleaned our section of the greenbelt for several years.

Questions: Call Susan Simpson, 721-8078.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PROGRAM MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24, NOON

ALTITUDE

GREENBELT CLEANUP

SEPTEMBER 26, 9:00 A.M.

GARFIELD ST. GREENBELT ENTRANCE

BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 1, NOON

ALTITUDE

DISTRICT MEETING

OCTOBER 2-3

FORT COLLINS

BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 8, NOON

ALTITUDE

SAFE CANDELIGHT VIGIL

OCTOBER 21, 6:30 P.M.

ALICE HARDIE STEVENS

LARAMIE LAUGHS FOR A CAUSE

FEBRUARY 13, 2010

HILTON GARDEN INN AND CONVENTION CENTER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO :

SEP 2 – KELLY COLLINI

SEP 20 – SUSAN BULGRIN

SEP 22 – LIZ PARKS

SEP 26 – JENNIFER BROOK

SEP 30 – ROCHELLE PHILLIPS

OCT 3 – JANET BROOK

OCT 8 – NICOLE RUGGLES

OCT 17 – JEANNE ROBISON

OCT 23 – ERMA SANTISTEVAN

OCT 24 – MARIAN SHOWACRE

OCT 31 – KATHY PHILLIPS

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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.