



Message from our President

Spring has sort of sprung, but old man winter keeps rearing its ugly head.



On the BRIGHT side, the day of the wine tasting had SPECTACULAR weather, and everyone just loved the theme! And we did very well, as usual!

THANK YOU EVERYONE for your hard work – it pays to just have this one big fundraiser every year, and it's so much fun! The numbers are still coming in, but here is some early data:

Wine Sponsors and Sales - \$2900
Auction – Live - \$5,750
Auction – Silent - \$11,050
Sponsorships - \$4,900
Raffle - \$11,250
Tickets - \$15,435
Wine Glass Sales - \$360
Total Income \$51,650

Expenses will likely be about \$10,000, giving us a net of \$41,500 +/- . It's sort of fun to see where the money comes from, and we each contribute by selling that entry ticket, raffle ticket, and getting auction items.

GREAT JOB LADIES!

Big shout out to wine chairs Kelly Eissinger and Jami Gillett!

Theresa



Election Time!

It's time to elect the officers and region delegates for the next business year. Elections will take place at the upcoming business meeting on Wednesday, April 12th.



POSITION	NOMINEES
President-Elect	Kathy Liscum
Secretary	Deb Viig
Treasurer	Kelly Eissinger
Region Delegate	Jessica Martinez
Region Alternate	Sue Morgensen
Board Member (2 yr)	Steph Fry Jackie Hult Keri Wilson

Please make plans to attend this important meeting to add nominations and vote for your chosen candidates.



\$ Money Matters \$

Audit Committee - Help Needed

Our organization conducts a yearly audit of our financial records. According to the National Council of Non-Profits, audits "demonstrate the charitable organization's commitment to financial transparency." Our club's reputation for integrity and generosity are supported by this process.

Three volunteers for an Audit Committee are needed to conduct an audit after June 30th and before the August Board meeting. Last year's committee was composed of Lesley Augedahl, Ann Armel and Tristi Oberhue. Thank you ladies!

If you are willing to conduct this review of our club's records this summer please contact Theresa Gunn.



Membership Renewal

Membership dues for the 2017 –18 year are now due.

The total amount due is **\$135**. You will find a form for completion and submission at the end of this newsletter as well as a detailed listing of the components (local, regional, national, etc.) of the total, so you will know where your money goes.

For any questions, please contact Bonnie Newton, treasurer.



“Would you like to buy some Girl Scout cookies?”



These girls (and their hearty leaders—Tanya Raile, Hailey Viera and Diane Moore) braved the cold, wind and rain to come out and share Girl Scout cookie buying opportunities with our community.

The group will be selling cookies again this week at Albertson's on Friday, 4/7 from 2:30—4:30 pm. Stop by and pick up some cookies for your holiday company!

If you can't make it to Albertson's this week, contact the leaders to get your cookies! Help support the Soroptimist Girl Scout Troop.

Who can resist these sweet faces? This energetic, dedicated group of girls represented the Soroptimist Girl Scout troop at an Albertson's booth on Friday, March 31st. You may not remember the weather from that day.....

Sharing Dreams, Casting Visions

Dream It, Be It is one of the 2 signature programs of Soroptimist International. This program is designed to provide high school girls with opportunities to receive mentoring and career support from Soroptimist Club members. There is an extensive, multi-part curriculum and guide for club members to use for programming. However, each club is encouraged to assess the needs of their own community and use the materials in a way that best suits those needs.

After meeting with school officials, our club's Dream It, Be It Committee decided to offer this program to the girls of Heart Mountain Academy (HMA), Cody's alternative high school. The number of girls at this school is of course much smaller than those at CHS, however they believed that this program could have the greatest potential impact at HMA.



The girls and mentors created "dream collages" by choosing/creating pictures for a poster board that tells the story of where they would like to be in 10 years.

It is the hope of this Committee that the girls will sense the commitment and caring from the Soroptimists of Cody and this will indeed impact their futures.

A group of seven dedicated club members have met with the girls of HMA every three weeks since January. During those meetings they have shared dreams and disappointments, talked about how to "balance stress", and deal with failures. They frequently meet over coffee at a local coffee house. This past meeting was especially successful.



DREAM IT * BE IT
CAREER SUPPORT
{for girls}

Scholarship update

The Scholarship Committee led by Kristen Labazzo and Pat Jacobson has received 13 applications for 2 scholarships that will be awarded to graduating seniors. Each scholarship will be for \$1,000.

The committee members have reviewed the applications and have the final selection meeting planned to choose the recipients.

Once the young women are selected the awardees names will be announced at an upcoming club meeting.

Thank you to those club members who dedicated their time and efforts to reviewing the files compiled for these applications.



Call to Conference!

District I and II clubs will be hosting the Rocky Mountain Region conference this month in **Boise, Idaho**. The theme for this year's meeting is "Creative Change". This topic will address Governor LaDaun's theme for her term in office, "Soroptimists ~ Champions for Change".



This meeting promises to help you leave **inspired, motivated, updated and informed**. Attendees will also have a chance to **serve** while at the meeting and are asked to bring fleece to make tied blankets and snack items (granola bars, fruit snacks, popcorn, etc) to benefit two different programs—Impact Scholars Program and Meridian Backpack Program. Of course there will be plenty of opportunities for **celebration** as well!

The meeting will take place on **April 28—30th**.

Soroptimist International of Cody will cover the registration fee! If you haven't already submitted your form, please do so now. Contact one of the club officers to make your final arrangements!



Creative **Change**



"I am going to try to pay attention to the spring. I am going to look around at all the flowers, and look up at the hectic trees. I am going to close my eyes and listen."

—Anne Lamott

Member Profile ~ Laurie Ash



dermy and my son studied Criminal Justice and is in the National Guard in Boise, ID."

Tell us a bit about your work and what you like to do to play.

"I went to college on Art Scholarships at NSC in Aberdeen, SD, CWC in Riverton, WY and Platte College in Denver, CO. I've been a Farm/Ranch Hand, Waitress, Bartender, Graphic Designer, Motel Owner/Manager, Mom, and DEA Rep. Currently, I work as a Merchandiser, trading ingredients into the feed industry.

I'm never bored! I love exploring Wyoming's wide open spaces: hiking, camping, fishing, photography and 4 wheeling. I used to be all about girl's hockey, FFA, motocross, and motorcycle hill climbs because those were the activities my kids were involved in. Now I am back to playing with Arts and Crafts, in a studio that I rent. My favorite thing to do is repurpose items that have sentimental value: buttons off my Dad's shirts into bracelets, belts and heart rocks into wall art, and shirts into quilts. I love reading, playing games, making cards, wine, and the culinary arts (playing with my food). I have a Boston Terrier that makes me laugh every day. I have a 1974 Bronco and belong to the Obsessive-Compulsive Bronco Disorder club, ORV Club, and the Cody Archery Club.

Tell us a bit about your Soroptimist story.

I was raised in an environment where gender wasn't a factor in chores, hobbies, or dreams. I was taught that you will succeed through education, hard work and perseverance. Most of the mentors and advisors in my life have been men-men that love, support, and respect women. I have never been a victim of sexual assault, domestic violence, or job discrimination. It never occurred to me that people might treat me differently in a business deal because of my gender. I was truly naïve to real issues that other girls and women were experiencing. I became aware of domestic violence while watching Farrah Fawcett in the true story, The Burning Bed. In 1984, there wasn't a safe place for abused women. Movies like Extremities and Taken also brought to me the reality of stalkers and human trafficking.

Everyone deserves the love and support that I have had in my personal and professional life. I feel that most women naturally have common sense, intuitive senses and a great focus on people. The Cody Soroptimist group has visions, goals and accomplishes great things for women and girls. I joined Soroptimists to pay it forward and be a part of a group that makes amazing things happen.

What is your favorite Soroptimist activity?

I enjoy being a part of the after-hours committee with Judy. It's so fun planning things together for the great women in this club.

Is there anything else you would like to share with our club members?

Be the reason for someone else's smile.

An Interview.....

Tell the club a bit about your background.

"I was born in Aberdeen, SD. Grew up on a Black Angus Ranch. Member of 4-H, the SD Angus Association, SD Angus Princess, and Bethlehem Lutheran Youth Group.

I have been in Cody 25 years: 16 in Wapiti and 9 downtown Cody. Wyoming felt like home to me when I worked a summer job at Wapiti Valley Inn! I was expecting our first baby in 1992 when we had the opportunity to buy the Wise Choice Motel in Wapiti, WY, which we renamed Green Creek Inn. My husband was from Oklahoma, we met in Denver, CO and got married in Vail in 1988 (the year of the fires in Yellowstone). We have 2 kids: My daughter is starting a career in taxi-

Editor's Note:

I firmly believe that everyone has a story.....and that they are worth telling. Because of this belief, I added a member profile component to the newsletter when I became the editor. I ask members to submit a completed questionnaire and use it to create a profile. However, for this month's member, the questionnaire was completed with such

flair, that I have decided to share it nearly word for word in the style of an interview.

I hope you will enjoy reading this genuine, disclosure from Laurie Ash as much as I did. She confirms that our club is full of incredible people!





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Making Connections ~ After Hours

Last month's after hours activity was, of course, the Wine Tasting Party! Now that all that planning and working is completed, it is time to spend some relaxing time with our Soroptimist sisters.



Please plan to attend this month's gathering on April 20th. Love's Cooking Class/Eating with Friends" on **April 20th**. Be sure to check your email inbox for the E-vite.

April



- 7 **Girl Scout Cookie Sale (2:30- 4:30)**
Albertson's
- 11 **Girl Scout Meeting, (4- 5 pm)**
(Boys and Girls Club)
- 12 **Business Meeting, (noon)**
- 20 **After Hours (5:30 pm)**
Love's Cooking Class
- 26 **Program Meeting (noon)**
Wyoming Women's Foundation
- 28 –30 **RMR Conference—Boise, ID**

Editor's Note



- 1 Register for the race
- 2 Receive your gear in the mail
- 3 Map a course or attend a host site
- 4 Walk / Run 6km with your friends
- 5 Share your day with the world

If you are looking for a way to enjoy the spring weather and help others at the same time—please register to participate in this **6 K event**. Your registration fee (\$50) will be enough to get clean water to one person in a developing country. Living in this beautiful country, we take things like clean water for granted. The average walk for water in developing countries is 6K!

Register on-line at WorldVision6K.org and join the **Cody, Wyoming** team.

Soroptimist International of Cody

Member Dues Statement 2017-2018

Please mail your check to:

Soroptimist Intd of Cody, WY
P O Box 1914
Cody, WY 82414

<u>Dues Schedule:</u>	Regular
Federation Dues	72.00
Liability Insurance	3.00
International Dues	5.00
Founders Pennies	5.70
Region Dues	23.00
Local Dues	10.30
Total	\$135.00

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Bonnie Newton
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