



SOROPTIMIST

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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL  
OF TAHOE SIERRA

Enhancing the lives of women and children  
in our community and the world."

Join us every Thursday at the  
Senior Center 7:30 - 8:30 AM



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## Our Programs

### Dec. 8

Speaker: Meghan  
Burk of Getaway Reno  
Tahoe

### Dec. 15

Christmas-SITS Style!

**We are on break  
until January 12!**

### Jan. 12

January Business  
Meeting

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### Good day!

President Shelly opened today's meeting and Lydia shared her invocation

We welcomed several **guests** today:

- Tracey Franklin - we cannot thank you enough for ALL you have done for our club even BEFORE you were a member and can't wait for you to join us soon!
- Jean Williams - it was so lovely to see you and hope you will come again soon!
- Lauren Thomaselli - delighted to see you again too... and you brought a guest as well! You rock lady!!
- Kelly Edwards - great to see you! Come and see us again soon!
- Pat Oliveira - you were missed and we were so happy to see you with us again... we're here for you!!

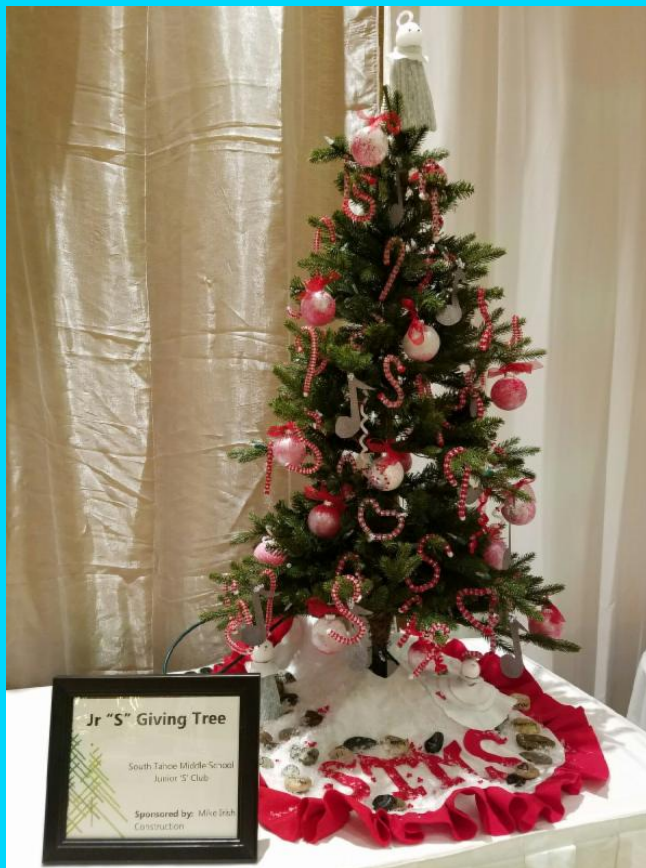
### Our thoughts of Sunshine

- Doris - We miss you! hope you're 'up and about soon'!
- John Valverde - So glad to hear you are healing up nicely all on your own!!
- Pat O - you and your husband have our love and thoughts

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Reminder to all.....our Junior S club has their tree in this years Festival of Trees and Lights. This is an incredible event to get you into the holiday spirit! - Here is their gorgeous tree!



Thinking of becoming involved in our community? Check out us out!



Laurie at LakeTahoeTV

Elegant Evening Update! We have a fabulous new sponsor for our event next April 22nd...



Thank you to Deerfield Media (Mountain Resort), Inc. (Mountain Resort Television) for supporting us and our community.

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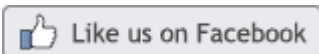
Reminder.....you don't have to be a SITS member to donate and participate!

- From Jen Gurecki of Zawadisha! December 7 from 6 - 8 PM at the home of Wendy and Kerry David. Join the Zawadisha family for a celebration of abundance and good fortune this holiday season at the home of Wendy & Kerry David. This is an informal gathering meant to bring us all together around our shared passion to make the world a better place by amplifying the strengths of women. We'll be sharing what we've

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**Quick Links**

[Soroptimist International of Tahoe Sierra](#)

[Soroptimist International of South Lake Tahoe](#)

[Soroptimist International of the Americas](#)

[Soroptimist International Sierra Nevada Region](#)

Soroptimist provides white papers on various topics relevant to women that can help those who wish to become more educated about issues facing today's women, or learn what can be done to provide direct assistance to women in need. To read the abstracts [click here.](#)

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accomplished in 2016 and what's ahead in 2017. Light snacks and refreshments will be served, and plus ones are welcome. The link is



here: <http://evite.me/94s3ZvDMYy>

- Laurie has been working with our local [NAMI](#) representative. We'd like to continue our holiday support. NAMI has a Wellness program where clients enjoy a holiday meal. It is there that they will also be able to receive items they really need and we are looking for our gals to help in providing the following: pajama bottoms, socks, winter hats, gloves, and gift cards to markets. We know you are beginning your holiday shopping now, so if you could add items to your list, that would be terrific. NAMI has 500 clients this year. Items are needed by Dec. 8. Please contact Laurie for questions.
- [Christmas Cheer](#).....it's that time of year! Joanne and her group of volunteers can take your cash and turn it into needed food or donated items (turkeys, toys, etc.) for the families in our community who need our assistance. They estimate they will be providing food for 2000 people and toys for 500 of our children. This year's Christmas Cheer will be at St. Theresa on Thurs/Friday, Dec. 22nd and 23rd. If you regularly provide a check to this organization, perhaps consider doing it **sooner rather than later**. We want Joanne to sleep soundly as the holidays come up! [Here's their Facebook page.](#)

**A special fund** has been established with Soroptimist International of Tahoe Sierra in the name of **John Nemes**. John was a long-time elementary school teacher in the Lake Tahoe Unified School District who passed away recently. More than anything, John encouraged children to read by not only teaching reading but by giving away many books. We are hoping to have funds enough to expand our Summer Reading Program to two books (instead of one) to send home with all children in grades K - 3 on the South Shore. If you would like to contribute please send checks to: SITS, P.O. Box 18727, South Lake Tahoe, CA, 96151.

### Junior S

Junior S is an opportunity for our middle school young ladies to learn leadership skills and how to best serve their community. Advisor, Karin Holmes and club mentors, Jackie Nelson and Nancy Muller meet with these gals on Wednesday and Thursday of each week. If you'd like to be inspired, simply join them!

Here's what the girls are up to this week!

This week in Junior S Club we heard a presentation from Dr Muscat from the Warming Room. We wrote down some ideas of food we can purchase next week to make 6 boxes of food for South Tahoe

Imm. Past President  
Lydia Rogers

Middle School families in need. We also saw a video on the REACH leadership conference in March. We're going to send 8 girls. Applications and information for that were passed out, and we got permission slips for the Soroptimist breakfast on the 15th. Come down to MontBleu this weekend and see our Junior S tree that we created for the Festival of Trees and Lights.  
Submitted by Abigail Yanez

**Laurel Society**  
**Members**

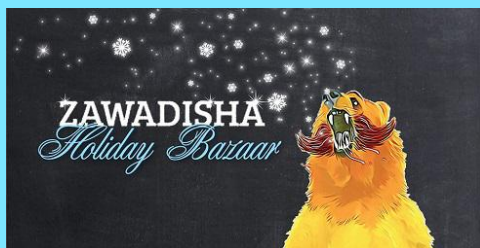
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**Thought of the day**

A women's mind is cleaner than a man's ... she changes it more often.  
Oliver Herford

**Non-SITS Information**

**Tahoe is a place of so much fun and opportunities to get involved!**



**- Zawadisha Bazaar -  
Saturday Dec 3rd from 10-3  
at The Loft above Blue  
Angel Cafe on Ski Run  
Blvd.**

They have 20 local vendors this year. Beautiful on trend gifts for the whole family!  
Come have some hot cocoa

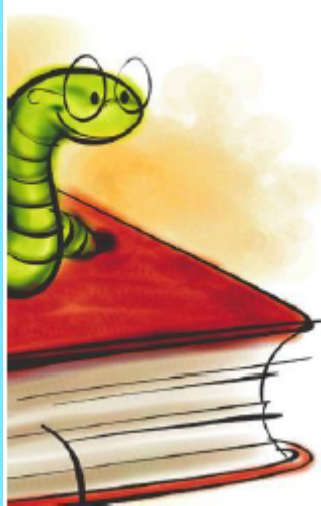
or coffee from Refuge Coffee and bring your shopping list. A portion of proceeds will benefit Zawadisha and allow us to provide loans for rain-water tanks, solar lamps and solar cookers for women and their families in Kenya.

And while you are on Ski Run on Saturday...

*NEW Little  
LIBRARY for the  
Tahoe Community...*

*Join us on  
Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
at noon in front of  
BioSpirit  
(1116 Ski Run)  
for the grand opening of  
your community little  
library!!!*

*\*Free Books and Hot  
Chocolate\**



## Optimist Christmas Tree Lot - NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS!!



South Lake Tahoe **Optimist Club's Annual Tree Lot** now open at the Lake View Commons parking lot.

Buy your tree in honor of Ben Kunibe and know that your money is going directly to the youth in our community. They'd also love to have our club volunteer some tree selling time. It's fun! Contact Lynn Haen at (530)545-8667 or (530) 541-4700

### **This weekend!**

#### **Barton's Festival of Tree and Lights**

Christmas starts now! Sign up to help at this fun holiday event that takes place at Montbleu from Dec. 1- 4 this year. [Click here](#) for details.

Barton Lecture Series:  
Helpful Exercises to Avoid  
Winter Injuries , is on Dec.  
8. [Info here.](#)

If you want to be a part of  
this next cycle of collective  
giving through the **Tahoe  
Women's Community Fund**, then you need to become a  
member by Dec. 31, 2016! [Go here for details!](#)



Save the date!!

- Kiwanis Crab Feed -  
January 27th!!

[Click here for full details!](#)

The Kiwanis Club of Lake Tahoe  
35<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Mid-Winter Beach Party**  
**Crab Feed!**

**Friday, January 27th, 6:00 pm**  
**Harrah's Hotel & Casino**  
\$40.00 each - Tickets are Limited  
for RESERVE TABLES call: 530-541-5900  
Advance Ticket Location:  
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- All proceeds benefit local charitable activities -  
The Kiwanis Club of Lake Tahoe is a 501(c)(3) Corporation (440-2474880)

[Tahoe Arts Project Fundraiser](#)...A \$20 raffle ticket could win  
you 4 one-day Hopper Tickets to Disneyland/California  
Adventure! Raffle will be drawn on Feb. 3. You can buy  
tickets by calling them at 530-542-3632 or [online here](#).

"Choices for Children" have put out a plea for diapers for  
their Bottom Line Diaper Program. Monetary donations would  
be used directly for the purchase of diapers.  
However, they would appreciate direct donation of diapers  
also. They are currently running lowest on size 5's. Sizes 3,  
4, and 5 are always the most requested. Donations can be  
brought to the next SITS meeting or dropped off at Choices  
for Children on Tallac Ave. For more information call Heather  
at 541-5848"

**Lend A Hand Volunteer Opportunity For The Tahoe Coalition  
For The Homeless!**

[Details here!](#)

Training for volunteers for the warm room is  
happening soon, contact Mary for information.



**Learn how to treat others through reading...**

A wonderful teacher at South Tahoe Middle School has a plan  
to educate children in a very special way ... but she needs our  
help...

"A large percentage of my students are second language  
learners and they struggle to read independently.  
My students need 30 copies of Freak the Mighty so they can

continue to discuss ways to treat those who are different than them". [You can help donate here...](#)

**Here's** a cool trip planning link for your excursions around South Lake Tahoe  
[Tahoe South Trip Planner](#)

Click below for Community Event Information

[Lake Tahoe News](#)

[South Tahoe NOW](#)

[Tahoe Daily Tribune](#)

[Tahoe Mountain News](#)

[Tahoe Arts and Mountain Culture](#)

## STAY INVOLVED Year Round

### Organizations that benefit you and our community!

- [Christmas Cheer](#)
- [South Lake Tahoe Cancer League](#)
- [Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care's](#)
- [Firefly Yoga](#)
- [Sugar Pine Foundation](#) Here's the December newsletter!
- [Tahoe Heritage Foundation](#)
- [Habitat for Humanity-A Brush With Kindness](#)
- [Calstar](#)
- [Tahoe Magic](#)
- [Zawadisha](#)
- [Tahoe Youth & Family Services](#)
- [Live Violence Free](#)
- [Kellermann Foundation](#) . [Here's their latest newsletter!](#)
- [Tahoe Arts Project](#)
- [Senior Nutritional Services](#)
- [NAMI El Dorado County](#)
- [CASA El Dorado](#)
- [Tahoe Womens Community Fund](#)

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Tahoe Fire Cameras [here](#).

Keep up on our community at [www.tahoefuture.org](http://www.tahoefuture.org)

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## BIRTHDAY GIRLS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !



## Improve a life, improve the world.

We know that life is busy. We know that people want to be involved. If you are not able to participate in our club at this time but want to be a part of taking action, then donate to our club's Service Fund. We'll put your money to work.

Are you a business looking to sponsor a hard working group of wonderful women to work on your behalf? Contact us! We're the club you've been looking for.

**Offer Expires: NEVER! We will always welcome your support.**