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Our Programs

Nov. 17
Elegant Evening Kick
Off!

Nov. 24
SITS is DARK
Happy Thanksgiving!

Dec. 1
December Business
Meeting

Dec. 8
Speaker: Megan Burk
of Getaway Reno
Tahoe

Dec. 15
Christmas-SITS Style!

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Good day!

It was a great meeting with many of our ladies in attendance. President Shelly opened today's meeting and Lydia shared her invocation highlighting the many fascinating works and ideas of Leonardo Di Vinci who was noted to say, "Obstacles cannot crush me". Thank goodness for his outlook with all his mind provided for us and our world today.

We welcomed several **guests** today: Michelle Blach, Tracy Franklin, Cathy Donovan, and our Pat Olivera from SISLT. We hope to see you again ladies!

Our thoughts of Sunshine goes out to our own Doris. It seems our girl took a spill while visiting daughter Amy and the girls resulting in injury to both of her ankles! She will be staying in the Reno area for a bit. Doris.....whatever you need my dear, you just let us know. We are standing by at the ready.

Today's guest speakers came to us from the Tahoe Transportation District. District Manager Carl Hasty and Tiara Wasner presented information on the history of the project and reviewed the alternatives with us. The presentation and discussion really was a benefit as it was very informative and it also dispelled rumors, so thank you for that!

Many of us know this particular project as the "Loop Road" which began back in 1975. Three agencies: Caltrans, NDOT, and TRPA prepared a Regional Transportation Plan, proposing a two-lane loop

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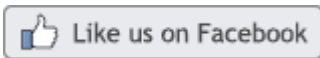
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Soroptimist provides white papers on various topics relevant to women that can help those who wish to become more educated about issues facing today's women, or learn what can be done to provide direct assistance to women in need. To read the abstracts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

**2016-2017
Board of Directors**



road behind the casino corridor with the original concern being traffic flow. Over the years and through the process this "project" has evolved greatly and so has its focus.

You can gain a thorough understanding of what this project is about by visiting their very informative website at

www.tahoetransportation.org There you will find details on the alternatives being worked on and renderings of what the finished project will look like. Become more informed!

As our community has been working towards being a destination market, creating a main street concept, reducing congestion, and working to be more pedestrian and bike friendly, the proposed plans have grown in their scope as the US50/South Shore Community Revitalization Plan has come to fruition.

To date, five alternatives, of 15 options originally considered, are at the environmental analysis stage. The Draft Environmental Document is in progress and anticipated to be completed and ready for public and agency review in 2016.

Mr. Hasty shared that transportation if done well, not only addresses traffic flow but it will benefit housing, the environment, and the economy.

One of the key elements discussed this morning was that the TTD has housing as the keystone to the center of this project. Mr. Hasty explained that since 2012 the Local Area Plan now allows for current land in the area to have mix use. This is key in creating town centers and it opens up the opportunity to provide for retail and residential in the same location.

The TTD Board of Directors have adopted these guiding principles when it comes to housing.

- * New housing, commercial and mix use projects would meet applicable local and regional plans.
- * All eligible residents would be relocated fairly and equitably within established Federal guidelines.
- * New affordable housing would be constructed or acquired as deed-restricted, which means the amount someone can charge for rent or resale is limited by the deed and any buyers or renters must meet the financial criteria. This prevents someone from coming in and buying or renting who does not qualify.
- * The priority option for new deed-restricted housing will remain in the project area.

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* Public-private partnerships for affordable residential housing will be solicited beyond requirements.

Read more about the TTD Board's commitments for the US50 Community Revitalization Project [here](#) and get involved during the public comment time. Thank you Carl and Tiara for your time this morning.

Also today.....
Friend and guest, Pat Olivera from SISLT presented our club with a check for \$2,535.00 this morning which represented our member's efforts at the last Celebrity Golf Tournament. Thank you Pat and SISLT!

The **SITS Social Event** this week was attended by several of our gals and their friends! They visited the [Margorie Russel Clothing and Textile Research Center](#) at the Nevada State Museum on Wednesday. Thank you so very much to Joy and her lovely team for organizing this very interesting field trip. They recommend it to everyone!!!



Reminder.....our EE tickets and folders will be presented to all members. Please be in attendance to receive yours!!!!

SITS Specific

SITS.....Two items that support our causes are on the front burner!!! You don't have to be a member to donate!!!

- 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 received 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. Items are needed by Dec. 12. 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 for the families in our community who need our assistance. 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!

From AWARDS Committee: Both the [Violet Richardson](#) and [Live Your Dream Award](#) applications are out in the community. Applications are due DEC. 1, so please encourage those you know to apply!

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!

Junior S Member, Arby is their Public Information Officer. Here's what the girls are up to this week!



"This week in Jr. S club we started decorating our tree for the Festival of Trees and Lights. We were in four groups making ornaments and the tree skirt. We will finish next week."

Thought of the day

Courage is a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of a readiness to die.

GK Chesterton

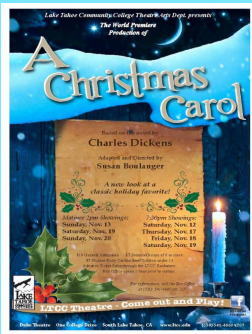
Non-SITS Information

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

From our friends at the Tahoe Warm Room:

Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless has openings for full-time site hosts at \$12-15/hr and a part-time Operations Coordinator at \$16-18/hr. Seasonal work evenings/nights/weekends. Information on how to apply at <http://tahoewarmroom.wpengine.com/employment/> Click [here](#) for the Operations Coordinator description. Click [here](#) for the Full-time Site Host's description.

CASA-Moroccan nights: Nov 12!!! Last chance to buy a ticket. The event is sold out but you can purchase a "Golden Ticket!" Only 100 tickets will be sold and they are going to go quickly. [Details about the tickets are here!](#)



Lake Tahoe community College presents "**A Christmas Carol**" This spirited show will play Nov. 12-20.

From our El Dorado County "Friends of the Library", [here's their newsletter and scheduled book sales!!!!](#) The Lake Tahoe sale is Nov. 19 and books are ALWAYS a great gift to give.

Barton's Festival of Tree and Lights

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



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!](#)

"**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](#)

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Organizations that benefit you and our community!

- [Christmas Cheer](#)
- [South Lake Tahoe Cancer League](#)
- [Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care's](#) future plans!
- [Firefly Yoga](#) Fall Newsletter
- [Sugar Pine Foundation](#) newsletter.
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BIRTHDAY GIRLS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

- 7-Nov ROBINSON CAROLYN
- 12-Nov MARTINEZ SHELLY
- 13-Nov IMBACH DIANE
- 29-Nov SOUTHERN KATHY

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.