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President Rita's Message



I want to thank ALL of you for a great year! Thanks for your participation, your ideas, and for sharing your time and talents with all of us! YOU are the ones that make this Club a big success. We have had several of our Live Your Dream winners also participate with us throughout the year at different events. It is great to keep in contact with these women to see them bloom and flourish in their education and then on to a career. It is great to get to know their children also.

The summer is upon us, and we are finished with this year of Soroptimist! At our last meeting we had our installation of new officers and recognized our Past Presidents. It was great to reminisce about the activities in each Past Presidents year. It was great to see some Past Presidents we have not seen for a while! Thanks for attending and enjoying our time together to catch up with one another. Hopefully they will continue to attend.

I want to thank all my committee chairs for the work they did this year making us a suc-

cess. No one person can do it all! It takes all of us to share the load and reap the benefits of a successful year.

I hope you all have fun plans for the summer with family and friends and I will see you all next fall at our planning meeting President Barbara will be holding!

Thanks again to all of you for your participation!

Rita Offrett
President



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2023-24 Officers/Board

- President**—Rita Offrett
- President Elect**—Barbara Rosner
- Treasurer**—Donna Schultz
- Treasurer Elect**—Loretta Peterson
- Dir- at Large**—Angela Yarborough
- Secretary**—Cheri Richardson
- Parliamentarian**—Cathy Stevens
- Past President**—Carma Ingram
- Delegate**—Pat Murdoch
- Delegate**—Teresa Just

Installation Meeting and Honoring Past President's

On June 19th we held our annual Installation of the new Board of Directors. We also take time to honor past presidents. President Rita asked all the women that were in attendance that had been a past president to take a minute and re-view memories and accomplishments from their year as president. Many of the attendees had been a president over the past years. The ladies that were honored included Cheri Richardson (1987, 2010-11), Pam Bennion (1992-94), Pat Murdoch (2000-02), Rita Offrett 2002-04, 2023-24), Janis Nash (2004-05), Carma Ingram 2007-08, 2022-23), Nancy Mitchell 2009-10), Margy Russotto (2012-13), Barbara Rosner (2013-14), Jan Crane (2014-15), Sherri Hoffman (2016-17), Teresa Just (2017-18, 2020-21), Donna Schultz (2018-19), Loretta Peterson (2019-20), and Carolyn Roberts (2021-22).

Jan Crane did a beautiful and fun job of conducting the installation of the new officers. Thank you to Jan for all your efforts in making the installation so fun and interesting.

President Rita thanked everyone that worked on her board this past year. Our incoming President Barbara Rosner gave a beautiful speech with lots of encouragement to all our members for participation and help in the coming year. Everyone attending this meeting had a great time and found encouragement and thanks for all that we do as a club.



Incoming Board 2024-2025

Barbara Rosner—President
 Carma Ingram—President Elect
 Donna Schultz—Secretary
 Loretta Peterson—Treasurer
 Pat Murdoch—Treasurer Elect
 Donna Visco—Director at Large
 Rachel Woodhouse and Zulie Langarica—Delegates



Photos from Installation Meeting



A Bolder Way Forward

Excerpt from Fox 13 news article



Utah has been ranked as one of the worst states for women. Troubling stats that one new initiative is trying to fight.

A Bolder Way Forward is a new state movement aimed to lift girls and women in the state.

Dr. Susan Madsen, Founding Director of the Utah Women and Leadership Project at Utah State University said, "National and statewide studies continue to show that girls and women in the state of Utah are not thriving in some of the critical areas – many of them."

Madsen said areas like domestic violence, sexual assault and women's equality- Utah typically ranks as one of the worst.

"We need to do things differently. We need to really help impact Utah girls and women and we need to be more bold in doing that," she said.

Helping launch the movement called "A Bolder Way Forward" this summer – an initiative that aims to make the whole greater than the sum of its parts, with indi-

viduals and statewide organizations joining together along with partners like the Cambia Health Foundation – the charitable arm of Regence BlueCross BlueShield.

Madsen said, "Really what A Bolder Way Forward is – we're a vehicle of change for women and girls. And we really conceptualize a vehicle moving up a paved road with the metaphor of a wheel and it has 18 focus areas that fall into 5 broader categories."

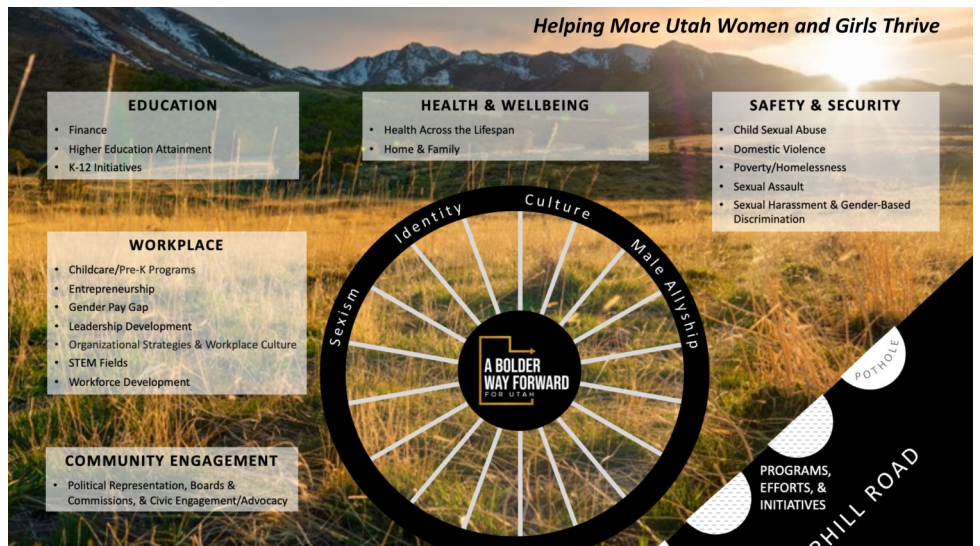
Addressing issues like sexism, identity, culture and male allyship.

"Look at the data. We have to get our violence rates down. We have to get men and women, boys and girls in places where we can all thrive," said Madsen.

You can learn more at a bolderwayforward.org.

"We have many groups engaged. We want companies to come on, we want non-profits and schools and families and neighborhoods to come on. I love living here, yet there are things we need to do differently to make sure everybody thrives," said Madsen.

Utah must do better to ensure everyone thrives. Melinda Gates once stated, "If you want to lift up humanity, empower women. It is the most comprehensive, pervasive, high-leverage investment you can make in human beings." Our vision is not to lift girls and women at the expense of boys and men—that is the scarcity mentality. Instead, we believe that there is enough for everyone through cooperation and collaboration: the abundance mentality. When we strengthen the impact of Utah girls and women, we can strengthen everyone!



People Helping People Graduation *by Angela Yarborough*

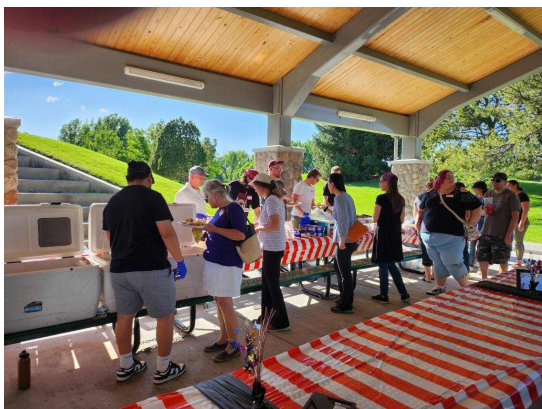
People Helping People (PHP) held their Client Awards ceremony on June 13, 2024 at Murray Park. Not even the blistering heat could dampen the attendees' enthusiasm. More than 120 people attended. The event included food, fun, and celebration. For those of you that may not know what PHP is, it is a 501c3 non-profit Employment Program that helps low-income women and single moms reach their full potential in the workplace. The program not only helps them find jobs but it assists them as they work through barriers and mindsets that prevent them from earning a living wage.

During the event PHP presented awards to the graduates from their four-phase program:

- Phase 1 One-on-one coaching to prepare for employment
- Phase 2 Mentoring, Resume & Interview preparation
- Phase 3 Employment Strategies and ongoing Job Support
- Phase 4 Women's Professional Network & Career Development

Soroptimist of Salt Lake was able to contribute twenty cleaning supply buckets that contained items such as cleaning brushes, liquid dish soap, hot pads and more.

Kathryn Thomas, the Executive Director for PHP, sent a big thank you and appreciative hug for our continued support. Thank you again to all of the Soroptimist ladies that made this donation possible and participated in this outreach!



Statue of Martha Hughes Cannon heads to Washington D.C.

Article published by Carter Williams, KSL.com June 5, 2024



The 7-foot-6, 550-pound statue designed by artist Ben Hammond was first unveiled at the Utah Capitol in 2020, the same year it was supposed to be installed at National Statuary Hall.

However, a pandemic got in the way. Lt. Governor Diedre Henderson said supply chain shortages made it difficult to acquire the pedestal on which the statue would be placed. The U.S. Capitol was closed to visitors for multiple years over COVID-19 concerns on top of that. It only reopened to visitors last year.

But those who championed the statue say Wednesday's farewell was well worth the wait because they believe Cannon's story deserves to be told to a national audience.

"Dr. Cannon was exceptional in some ways, but she's really representative of folks who have made Utah their home," said Katherine

Kitterman, executive director of Better Days, an organization that highlights women's history in Utah and helped champion the statue.

Martha "Mattie" Hughes was born in Wales in 1857. Her family immigrated to the U.S. when she was 3 years old and quickly moved to Utah after joining The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. While in America, she endured the deaths of her father and young sister, which inspired her to become a doctor, according to a biography compiled by Rebekah Clark for Better Days in 2018.

She studied at what is now the University of Utah before earning medical and pharmaceutical degrees at the University of Michigan and the University of Pennsylvania, respectively. Clark pointed out that Hughes was the only woman in her class at the time.

Hughes set up a private practice and became a resident physician at Deseret Hospital when she returned to Utah, as she followed her large ambitions.

After marrying Angus M. Cannon in 1884, Martha Hughes Cannon—who had first joined Utah's women's rights movement while in college—went on to oversee the Utah Women's Suffrage Association and served as a key speaker at national events. Then, as Utah gained statehood in 1896, Cannon successfully ran a campaign to serve as a state senator, defeating her husband, among others, in the race.

As the first woman elected to a state senate in U.S. history, Cannon led several notable laws including the bill that set up the Utah State Board of Health—the precursor to what's now the Utah Department of Health and Human Services. Clark noted that Cannon also pushed heavily for a national suffrage law and passed legislation that expanded education in Utah.

Cannon eventually moved to California for health reasons after her time in the Legislature. She died in 1932 at the age of 75 and was buried at the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

"Martha dared to dream big, and the good that she did in her life continues to inspire us today," Clark said, summing up Cannon's life.

July and August Birthdays

Many Happy Returns

Angela Yarborough—July 9

Julia Vernon—July 20

Pam Bennion—July 23

Margy Russotto—July 25

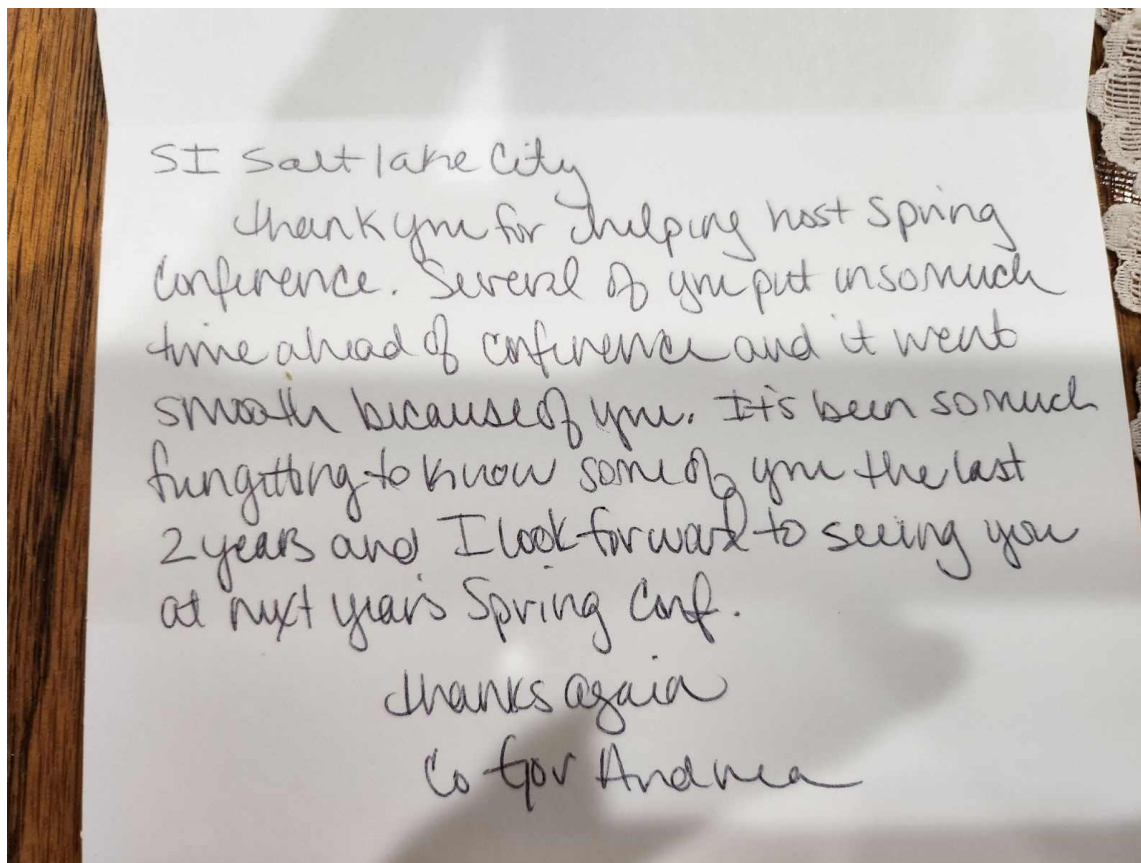
Kyra Crane—August 2

Barbara Rosner—August 5

Janis Nash—August 14



Conference thank you from Governor Andrea Dickerson



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Join us in the heart of the Pacific Northwest for an event like no other when SIA holds its 48th Biennial Convention July 24-27, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue on Seattle's Eastside in Bellevue, Washington!



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Mark Your Calendars ...

**2024-2025
Planning Retreat
August 14th at
Marie Calendar's
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Enjoy your Summer!

2023-2024 Fund Raising Totals

*Fall Fundraiser \$5,675
Spring Fundraiser \$12,735
BWS Cash Donations \$5,326*

Total for year: \$23,736

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