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**Local Soroptimist Club Celebrates Women with Awards**  
***\$2250.00 awarded to exceptional recipients***

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Reno, NV - Soroptimist International of Washoe County, a volunteer organization for business and professional women, will present \$2,250.00 in cash awards to exceptional recipients from our area. The ceremony will be held on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at La Fuente Mexican Restuarant.

The *Violet Richardson Award* honors young women for their volunteer actions in their community. This year's winner, Jaclyn, is a freshman at Damonte Ranch High School, a member of the Freshman Leadership delegation and the High Sierra Riders 4H Horse club. Jaclyn will present the \$250.00 award to the Reno Rodeo Wish Program.

The *Fiat Lux Award* is a memorial club-level award honoring those who exhibit a "good light" within their community. We are pleased to present this award to Savannah Meechan, a senior at Sparks High School and Senior Class President. Savannah is a regular volunteer with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and has started a community outreach program to raise awareness for SPCA. "I pick a pet of the week from the shelter and teach him tricks, give him hope," says Savannah. Using social networking outlets, Savannah then features her pet online in order to find him a good home. She will present her \$500.00 award to SPCA.

The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the *Women's Opportunity Award*. This program provides women who serve as the primary wage earners for their families with the financial resources to offset costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education or additional skills and training. The award can be used for tuition, books, childcare, carfare or any other education-related expense. The Washoe County club's award of \$1,500.00 will be presented to Morgan Butti, for her commitment to further her education in support of herself and her family. Ms. Butti is a student at Truckee Meadows Community College in the Dental Assisting Program and looks forward to completing her studies in August 2011. Both Jaclyn and Morgan will advance to the Soroptimist Sierra Nevada Region level, where they may be selected for additional awards.

Founded in 2005, the Washoe County club is one of 1,500 clubs that make up Soroptimist International of the Americas, an organization dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. For more information or to donate funds in support of these annual awards, contact Sonya Sistare, 775-815-6202 or visit our website at [www.siwashoe.org](http://www.siwashoe.org).

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*Editor's Note: Founded in 1921, Soroptimist is an international volunteer organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. Soroptimist International of the Americas is a 501(c)(3) organization. For more information, visit [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org).*