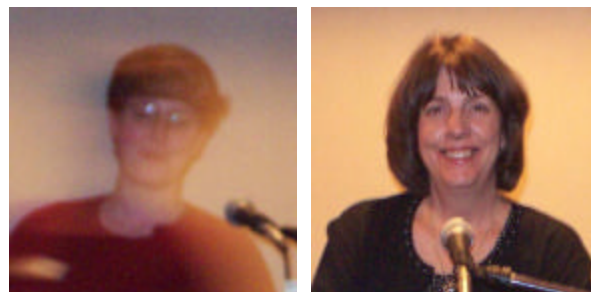


**Soroptimist International of Billings 2004 Awards Banquet
& 60th Anniversary of SI Billings Club Charter**

**Mistress of Ceremonies: Soroptimist President Nancy Wetherelt
Awards Ceremony Coordinator: Soroptimist Vice President Sue Anders**



**Charity recipients include The Depot, ZooMontana, Eagle Mount, Deering Clinic,
Senior Helping Hands, Family Tree, Angel Horses, Northern Rockies Radiation Oncology Center,
Venture Club and SI Billings Club Identifying Project "Baby Think It Over"**



**Soroptimist of Billings Awards
Violet Richardson Award to Casey Biondolillo & Eagle Mount
and
Women's Opportunity Award to Carla Amerson**



**Soroptimist of Billings Recognition
Woman of Distinction - Mary Gilully of The Family Tree
and
Women Helping Women - Patty Fain a Paralegal**



The Event



Press Release for the Editor: The Billings Gazette

Soroptimist of Billings Annual Awards Banquet

On March 25, 2004, Soroptimist International of Billings presented their annual charity and recognition awards at the Billings Petroleum Club. The Billings Soroptimist club also celebrated their 60th year of giving back to the community.

The Soroptimist International of Billings annual fund raiser “A Night of Wine and Roses” was held at The Depot in January. The proceeds from that event were distributed at the Awards Banquet. The list of recipients included The Depot, Zoo Montana, northern Rockies Radiation Oncology Center, Deering Clinic, Venture Club of Billings, Angel Horses, Family tree Center, Senior Helping Hands and the “Baby Think It Over” program in the local schools.

Recognition for their outstanding achievements and efforts for the betterment of our community went to the following individuals:

Violet Richardson Award which recognizes a young woman between the ages of 14 – 17 who makes the community a better place through their volunteer efforts. to Casey Biondolillo for her work with Eagle Mount. Eagle Mount also received a donation in Casey’s name.

Women’s Opportunity Award for women who are head of household and continuing their education. This year Carla Amerson was recognized this award is monetary to help further their education. Carla was also selected to receive the award for the Soroptimist International Northwest Region.

Women of Distinction, an award which recognizes women who make the community a better place to live. This year’s recipient was Mary Gilully, director of The Family Tree Center.

Women Helping Women Award honors women who use their resources, talents and influence to help other women reach their potential. This years honoree was Patty Fain, a paralegal who has organized attorneys to help those unable to afford legal help.

Soroptimist International of Billings is an association of executive women participating in community and world-wide service striving to make a difference for women and their communities. If you would like more information please contact President-elect Peg Dare at 656-7204 or visit the organizations website at <http://www.shopmt.com/sib>.