



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for April

- 4-3 : Evergreen Biofeedback
- 4-9 : Board Mtg-Pat D's
- 4-10: School Bond-Beth Jeran
- 4-17: Business Meeting
- 4-24: Dinner Meeting -6 p.m.
Sherry Perry's

April Birthdays



- 4-7 : Liz Coker
- 4-15: Bickie Steffan

Hostesses for April

- Sherry Perry
- Nancy Stelow
- Jan Walch

Hostesses for May

- Karen Page
- Kerry Robinson
- Karen Hankins

Announcement

Judi Morris has announced that she will be retiring from her job and all of her volunteer activities to enjoy life on the beach in Hawaii. She also says we don't have to pay our property taxes this year.

(by the April Fool of course!)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's been a struggle to embrace Spring this last week.

Falling snow blurred my view of the neighbor's flowering trees for several hours on Sunday, March 30. One of my staff members was determined to celebrate Spring the last week of March and wore pastel colors and open shoes every day in defiance of frosty weather. Another woman I know showed up at a meeting wearing a Hawaiian shirt over long underwear.

I admire them for their positive thinking and determination. Both are qualities that our members hold in abundance and that I know help women everywhere overcome obstacles and achieve their dreams. I am especially looking forward to hearing our speaker on April 3rd, Jes Schumacher, since I know first hand she shares these qualities and put them to good use in reaching her dream of becoming a biofeedback practitioner. Jes attended one of our Do Your Dream Days and I had the privilege of working with her as her mentor. Every time I see one of her ads in the paper I smile in appreciation of her. Just by chance I ran into two other women this weekend who attended our first Do Your Dream Day and who also achieved their dreams.

Speaking of appreciation, no one makes a blackberry pie like Alyce Hansen as those who were able to attend the March dinner meeting at Pat Durbin's house can tell you. Thank you to Alyce, Pat and Kay Pownall, our March hostesses, who treated us to a delicious dinner. Those of us at my table all traveled vicariously to Australia and New Zealand with Karen Hankins.

I look forward to seeing you at club in April. It should be a very interesting and busy month!

Susan

APRIL PROGRAMS

(by Kay Pownall)

Jes Schumacher from Evergreen Biofeedback will be our speaker on April 3. It will be good to hear what she has accomplished as a result of Do Your Dream Day and to hear what biofeedback is all about.

Beth Jeran will be speaking to us about the school bond issue on April 10. Beth Jeran will be bringing pictures to show us what Nancy Stelow was explaining about at club recently. We will have a visual of the problems and be well informed of the issues before the bond goes to vote in May.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Nancy Stelow and Joy McFadden on Public Awareness, report that we are now listed in the ptguide.com and we are a regular "Meeting" in the local papers.

Extra press releases and articles are written based on the Committees providing proactive information to Nancy at ptnancy@olypen.com or Joy McFadden at joy.mcfadden@cobaltmortgage.com.

They look forward to hearing from you!!



EARTH DAY

Earth Day is April 22.

How will you celebrate??

APRIL 1 DEFINITION

"This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other 364." (Mark Twain, The Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson.)

WORKING IMAGE LUNCHEON

Soroptimist is one of the sponsors of this event on April 18 at the Elks Club. A table of several Soroptimist members will be there.

MEET JUDI MORRIS

In response to our questionnaire Judi gave us the following information:

She was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts and she has lived in Hingham, MA, Anaheim CA, Fountain Valley, CA and Port Hadlock, WA.

Judi listed jobs she has had as; deli worker, nurses aide, a variety of jobs with Pacific Bell culminating with Regional Sales Director. (she forgot her local ones as Office Manager at the Health Department and of course Jefferson County Treasurer)

Her favorite person in history is Ben Franklin, "he was crusty, had principles, was effective and played such an important part in our country's foundation."

Judi arrived in Jefferson County in 1993 after they had bought property here in 1992.

When asked what brought her here, she said "After a vacation of boating with the Burkarts, we decided to come back and retire here." (editor's note: Retirement, my foot!!!)

Judi's hobbies are reading, knitting, golfing and travel.

When asked what attracted her to Soroptimist, she had this to say:

"Fortunately Ella invited me. After joining I found the association of other working, professional women that was missing in my life."

Thanks for responding Judi, I suspect you could write a book about your busy, busy life!

MEET SHERRY GRACE MCEWEN PERRY

Sherry provided us with information as follows:

She was born in Albany, Oregon and has lived in:

- San Diego, CA
- Nehalem, Oregon
- Portland, Oregon
- Seattle, WA
- Bellevue, WA

Listen to the list of jobs she has had!

- Cedar Shake Packer
- Waitress
- Legal Secretary
- Court Clerk
- Registered Nurse
- Vice President of Patient Services
- Health Care Consultant

Sherry's favorite person in history is Abraham Lincoln.

She arrived in Jefferson County in December of 2000 and says it was for reasons of semi-retirement and to live in a quieter community.

Her hobbies are knitting and traveling.

Sherry was attracted to Soropti-

mist to become involved in the community and to seek new friends.

When asked what else we should know about her, she said "I've made 'great' new friends through Soroptimist."

Thanks Sherry for being a great addition to our club.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL NEWS

2007's President's Appeal was for a project called "Restoring Dignity." This is a project to assist girls/young women in Ethiopia who have suffered the trauma of obstetric fistula.

Obstetric fistula develops when blood supply to the tissues of the vagina and the bladder (and/or rectum) is cut off during prolonged labor. A hole develops through which urine (and/or feces) pass uncontrollably. Because of the fistula the women suffer physical damage to their bodies but even worse is the psychological trauma as they become outcasts from their society. Their husbands desert them, especially if it is a first baby. Often these girls are as young as 15 or 16 years old. Their family, neighbors and friends avoid them because of the odor. No one would employ them either.

Donations from the Project go to improve those who cannot be completely cured and need on-going medical care. They encourage independence and improve the morale and self esteem of the permanent residents of the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital through the self-

help rural village "Desta Mender."

For further information go to:
www.fistulatrust.org

WHY GOD MADE MOMS

These are answers given by elementary school children to the following questions.

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help get us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my Mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What kind of a girl was your mom?

1. My Mom has always been my Mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

Why did your Mom marry your Dad?

1. My Dad makes the best spaghetti in the world, and my Mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that Mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because Dad's such a goofball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than Dad.

What does your Mom do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What would it take to make your Mom perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.