



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for August

- 8-7: No Meeting
- 8-14: Board Meeting -12 noon
Discovery View
Bring your lunch
- 8-21: Business Meeting
Lunch provided
- 8-28: Dinner Meeting- 6 p.m.
Bickie Steffen's

August Birthdays

What! No August Birthdays!
We must have a Leo or twol



Hostesses for August

- Bickie Steffan
- Jan Walch

A GOOD QUOTE

“A LIFE DIRECTED CHIEFLY TOWARD
THE FULFILLMENT OF PERSONAL
DESIRES WILL SOONER OR LATER
ALWAYS LEAD TO BITTERNESS.”

(Physicist Albert Einstein)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The month of July has come and gone and I have somehow managed to make it through my first board meeting, my first business meeting and my first evening meeting as your President. I must say that there have been some stressful moments along the way, but I have enjoyed watching the interaction and listening to the discussion on matters that were put on the table and needed a decision. I was pleased that the members were comfortable enough to speak out, even though there were differing opinions, and a decision was reached during the meeting after some discussion.

As a result there have been some changes made regarding the frequently of our meetings.

We will NOT be meeting on the first Thursday of the month. The second Thursday will be the board meeting and the third Thursday will be the business meeting. The fourth Thursday will remain our evening meeting and may include a speaker.

We have decided to continue to meet at Discovery View for our business meetings and I hope all of you will be joining us every month for the business meeting and for the evening meeting. This is OUR club and everyone needs to participate in order to make it a success. We want to make dreams come true this year, but it takes all of us working together to make it happen.

We have the golf tournament coming up on the 23rd of August and every club member should be helping at the golf course that day if at all possible. There are many areas of service to choose from, so please show your support by participating in some way; and help make this a successful even once again this year.

Those of you who are chairing a focus group please make sure that all of your committees have met at least once before the board meeting in August. Each committee chair needs

to call a meeting to discuss their goals for the coming year and have a plan in place for accomplishing those goals, including deadline dates for tasks along the way.

Since we are not meeting as a club as frequently as in the past, we need to make sure we communicate with one another by phone, email or in person to report our progress and ask for help when needed in order to accomplish our goals. If there is anything I can do to help, just let me know. I am available to anyone that needs my assistance.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the District Meeting in Olympia, October 24-26. It would be great to have a large group of us going to the meeting since it is so close to home.

Kay

2008 INSTALLATION

By popular request here are some snippets from the installation ceremony in June.

Ella had her personal dream for each officer and eerily some of them came true.

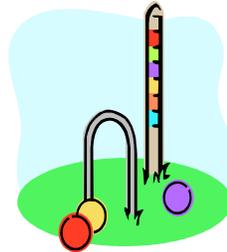
The dream for Cheryl Bozarth was that she would get a huge grant that would give her a well deserved new office – the next morning's PDN had an article about grants that would allow this to happen!! Cheryl knew about it already which is why she had that mysterious grin on her face.

The dream for Diana Kenyon was that she would have a new office, with lots of luxuries and better parking for Ella. We now learn that is going to happen (maybe not the luxuries).

Karen Page was described as our Guru of the Park and the Grand Poo Bah of the Pot-

ting Party (she can now put GOP-GPBPP behind her name)

Then the comment was made regarding Ruth Gordon – “She will never put GOP behind HER name!”



CROQUET PRACTICE

If you missed the dinner meeting on July 24th at Joy McFadden's you missed a special event!

Over appetizers, many tidbits of information was revealed (must have been the wine). Susan used to date “Paul Allen” but not THE Paul Allen alas! Their dates were followed by hours of croquet!! How romantic!

Anne arranged for a phone to be installed in Clint Eastwood's bathroom and she had a great story about a crystal bowl and a Barbara Streisand get together. Not repeatable in a family newsletter.

Betty had a date with THE Andy Williams, won in a contest.

Dinah almost met Joseph Cotton.

If you need more information on these tidbits, you will have to ask them!

Dinner was great, especially the burgers grilled by Sorooptimister Mike McFadden. Joy, Betty and Karen B provided great side dishes.

A lively discussion of city and county affairs followed dinner, followed by croquet practice coached by Karen Page and won by Anne Burkart. Miss Shasta, Karen's dog, entered the game midway and had a ball (literally!)



KUDO'S

Karen Bednarski designed an excellent brochure for Donna Eldridge, who distributed it at a recent grange meeting.

1943 GUIDE TO HIRING WOMEN

(continued from July newsletter)

-Stress at the outset the importance of time, the fact that a minute or two lost here and there makes serious inroads on schedules. Until this point is gotten across, service is likely to be slowed up.

-Give the female employees a definite day-long schedule of duties so that they'll keep busy without bothering the management for instructions every few minutes. Numerous properties say that women make excellent workers when they have their jobs cut out for them, but that they lack initiative in finding work themselves.

-Whenever possible, let the inside employee change from one job to another at some time during the day. Women are inclined to be less nervous and happier with change.

-Give every girl an adequate number of rest periods during the day. You have to make some allowances for feminine psychology. A girl has more confidence and is more efficient if she can keep her hair tidied, apply fresh lipstick and wash her hands several times a day.

Be tactful when issuing instructions or in making criticisms. Women are often sensitive; they can't shrug off harsh words the way men do. Never ridicule a women – it breaks her spirit and cuts off her efficiency.

-Be reasonably considerate about using strong language around women. Even though a girl's husband or father may

swear vociferously, she'll grow to dislike a place of business where she hears too much of this.

-Get enough size variety in operator's uniforms so that each girl can have a proper fit. This point can't be stressed too much in keeping women happy.

From July 1943 issue of Transportation Magazine.

(editor's note: I'd like to see a 2008 article on a guide to hiring men!)

MEET KAREN BEDNARSKI

Karen was born in Chicago, Illinois.

She came to Jefferson County in 1997 at the urging of her sister, who had lived here since the 1970's. Karen says, "She said Ron could get a job with the ferry system and we could live in her basement until we found a place. My husband, Ron, was a massage therapist, and starting to have physical problems (carpal tunnel and tennis elbow) from doing that kind of work. Ron thought coming here and getting a job with the ferries was a wonderful idea, but I was reluctant until our son moved here.

Our son graduated from college in late summer of 1996 and moved out west to look for a job. I graduated from college in December 1996, and we put our house up for sale in February 1997. The first people who looked bought our house. We closed in early April. Ron started working for the ferries immediately and I started working for the county the end of May.

We were cellar dwellers for six months with most of our "stuff" in storage. After awhile, we could hardly remember what we had in storage, and realized that we could get

along without most of it, but we are starting to accumulate again. Old habits die hard.”

Karen’s hobbies are reading and crossword puzzles.

She joined Soroptimist because she wanted to give back and get involved with the community. She was looking at service organizations to join when she saw that two dynamic women she knew (Judi Morris and Carol Wise) were members of Soroptimist, so she decided we were the club for her.

When asked what else we should know about her, she said she has a two year old grandson named Ethan and another grandchild is due soon. (a year has passed since Karen responded to these questions- so it’s probably a three year old and a one year old)

Thanks for your membership Karen, now you are one of those “dynamic women.”

SUCCESS

“To laugh often and love much; to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children; to earn the approbation of honest citizens and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to give of one’s self; to leave the world a bit better; whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived...this is to have succeeded.” *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)*

REMEMBERING HENRY GAY

Tartar sauce is better for the sole than laughter.



A P.T. Barnum isn’t born every minute.

All work and no ole’ makes Juan a dull bull-fighter.

To thine own self be true and you won’t fit the corporate image.

He who believes the story of the birds and bees should have his bed examined.

God must have loved guitar players – he made so many of them.

No successful race horse is faster than his jockey.

The road to hell is paved with electronic inventions.

Montezuma was a revengeful man.

No man stands so tall as when he catches himself in a zipper.

If Moses had worked for the U.S. Government there would be 20,643 commandments.

Inflation would be more bearable if the price of everything didn’t keep going up.

It’s cheaper to curse the darkness than to call a television repairman.

If you can’t see the forest for the trees, at least you know you are not in Saudi Arabia.

It takes a heap of lumber to make a horse a home.

(The late Henry Gay was the editor/publisher of the Shelton-Mason County Journal)