



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Northwestern Region, District #1

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Schedule for March

3-6 : Celebrate International Women's Month-see article in this Issue

3-12: Board Mtg-Pat D's

3-13: Working Meeting

3-20: Business Meeting

3-27: Dinner Meeting -6 p.m.
Pat Durbin's

March Birthdays

3-2: Donna Hoglund

3-25: Carol Wise

3-28: Gertrude Tjemsland

Hostesses for March

Kay Pownall
Alyce Hansen

Hostesses for April

Judi Morris
Nancy Stelow
Jan Walch

March 8th is International Women's Day- call those special women in your life!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Doesn't time just MARCH on? I started looking ahead to all we have to accomplish in the next few months and I predict they will go by in a flash. Our fundraising projects appear to be well on their way. Suppers for Service begin this month and go through June. Each and every one of them sounds fabulous. The deadline for reservations is March 10, so there is still time to encourage everyone you know to sign up. Plans for the cooking classes and Mother's Day Plant a Pot are underway. Mmmmm. Delicious, fun, educational, beautiful, and giving. You can't beat those qualities in a fundraiser!

This month we celebrate International Women's Day and Our Women's Opportunity Award recipient, Ida Severson, at our March 6th meeting. Mary Hunchberger, Executive Director of the Peninsula College Foundation will be our speaker. Please come and show your support for Ida. Also this month, we will establish the nominating committee for the 2008-2009 Club Officers. This is a three member committee made up of one person chosen by your President, one chosen by the Board of Directors, and one chosen by the club membership at the March board meeting. In April, this committee will present their proposed ballot to the board and at the business meeting.

Our budget committee had its first meeting last month and will continue to work on our budget for next year.

Even though it is the beginning of March, it is not too early to start looking ahead to April. The Olympic Peninsula Area meeting will be hosted by the Olympic Rain Forest Club in Forks on April 12. Charlotte Bowen, District #1 Director, will be attending and it is sure to be a fun and interesting meeting. Charlotte just fills a room with energy and enthusiasm. Details of the meeting are not yet available. As soon as Kay Pownall, our Area Representative, receives word she will let you know. In the meantime, don't miss putting this one on your calendar. It is a good opportunity to get to know members of neighboring clubs and hear what they have been up to for the last year.

And, speaking of meetings, the Northwest Region 90th Call to Conference was posted a couple of days ago on the www.soroptimistnwr.com website. The Region Conference is April 25-27 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Deadlines for room reservations are March 22 and April 1 for attendance registrations. I have downloaded the pdf file and will be happy to email it to all those who

would like to receive it. I will also print copies for those who need a hard copy. Just let me know.

Having missed most of our February meetings due to illness, I was dismayed at how quickly I felt disconnected and out of the loop. It was a great reminder to me how valuable attendance at meetings truly is; both to the club and individual members. I would encourage everyone to try and make it to as many meetings as possible. Especially, try to make the business meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month since we can't conduct any business without a quorum. It was great seeing everyone at the dinner meeting at Karin Morgan's. Thanks to Karin for hosting the dinner and to Judi Morris and Sherry Perry for providing the delicious meal.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at club this month!!

Susan

CONDOLENCES TO JUDY CAVETT

Judy's father passed away last week and she has been with her family for awhile. We expect her back any day. Our thoughts are with you Judy.



PLANT A POT

Karen Page is spearheading a fundraiser on May 4 (the Sunday before Mother's Day) to have plants available for sale. She needs your help in finding a location suitable for this. It needs to have a space for her truck and parking for customers. Also access to water. Please put your thinking cap on and help us find a suitable location.

BOWL AND SEE THE USA!

Did you know Alyce Hansen has bowled in 41 National Bowling Tournaments, which helped her visit all the 50 states. Tournaments started in 1916, but were not held in WW II years. Alyce started in 1965 in Portland, Oregon and has bowled in Arizona(2), California(20), Colorado, Connecticut, Florida(3),

Indiana(2), Iowa(2), Kansas, Louisiana(2), Maryland, Michigan, Missouri(2), Nevada(7), New York(2), North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma(2), Oregon, Texas(2), Utah, Wahington, Wisconsin(2).

Alyce comments "The 'Good Lord Willing', Detroit, MI is our destination in 2008. We usually rent a car in the area and have driven over 1000 miles, each time seeing area nearby. She, and husband, Gene, drove to Alaska over 16 times and also visited the Hawaiian Islands. To date, Bismark, North Dakota has been the most hospitable city. Enjoyable times."

What a woman is our Alyce!!!

ALERT!!!!

DIRECTORY CORRECTION: The Editor and proofreaders of the 2007-2008 Membership Directory ask that you correct pages 56 through 63 which are the March, April, May and June calendars. You need to move the dates over a day as we overlooked the fact that 2008 is a leap year. As you can see February 29th was not included on the calendar. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you.

WE NEED DINERS!!!!

The following **Casual Elegance** dinners have room left - we need to sell them

Dining Experience #3 - Prime Rib at Judy Cavett's - April 19th.

Dining Experience #4 -Prime Rib at Judy Cavetts, May 3rd.

Dining Experience #5 - Sumptuously Organic - Hostesses Pat Durbin, Ruth Gorden, Anne Burkart. At Pat's Historic O'Rear house. June 7th.

Contact all your friends!

Call 437 1355 to reserve your date or email sperry@olyphen.com to reserve your date.



SANDY THROWS HER HAT IN THE RING!!

Our own Sandy Hershelman has announced her run for the Jefferson County Commissioner, District 2 seat. District 2 represents the Tri-Area, Kala Point, Cape George and the surrounding areas.

Read her press release on ElectSandyHershelman.com.

LEMON DROPS

This event was attended by 10 very relaxed and happy participants. Massages, accompanied by liquid libations, appetizers and two

drawings for a spa pedicure and a spa facial topped the evening. Thanks to the members who came and donated. (hosted by Judi Morris, pictured above)

MARCH 6TH PROGRAM MEETING

Ida Severson, our Women's Opportunity Award recipient, will be at this meeting. Mary Hunchberger, Executive Director of the Peninsula College Foundation will be our speaker.

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

We should really celebrate this month, after all in this millennium not only can women vote, but there is a woman running for president.

There are women in the army, the president's cabinet, the boardroom, the operating room, the basketball court, the Supreme Court and on Wall Street.

It took 70 years for women to get the right to vote in this country.

International Women's Day (March 8th) is recognized throughout the world and is a holiday in the United Kingdom, Russia and Vietnam.

HISTORY MAKING WOMEN

Madam C.J. Walker (1857=1919) - She created beauty products for African Americans, and became the first self-made woman millionaire in the United States. She used her money to help the Black community and hired thousands of African Americans in her factories and as salespeople.

Others:
Imogene Cunningham 1888-1976) Major American photographer.

Irene Joliot Currie (1897-1956) Daughter of Marie Currie, physicist, discoverer of the neutron, Nobel Prize recipient, feminist. France

Emily Dickinson, (1830-1886) American poet, embodiment of women's struggle to find their own voice.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

On March 8, 1986 our Soroptimist Club sponsored (and designed) a free program at Pope Marine Park Building.

DEALING WITH CONFLICT, by Sally Weinschrott, WSU Jefferson County Agent

BUILDING DREAMS AFTER FIFTY, by Ginger White, Geriatric Social Worker -and a panel of women over fifty.

SINGLE PARENTING, by Penny Herrick, MSW and a panel of single parents.

WOMEN AS ENTRPENEURS, by Lynn Wilson, M.A. and a panel of local women entrepreneurs.

MISS CROOKS, AN IMPORTANT WOMAN

Your editor requested articles about women in our personal history who were influential in our lives. Only Judy Cavett responded. These are her words:

"At the tender age of six, I was diagnosed with rheumatic fever in the month of November and spent four months in bed. My first grade teacher, Miss Crooks, home schooled me (which really did not exist in the 1940s) and during that time I remember how she kept

telling me I could do the school work and made sure I did not fall behind my class. Because of her dedication to a little blond girl, I went through school with almost all A's because I had someone who believed in me! She is the one person in my early childhood, as I remember it, who reassured me and told me I could do anything and be anyone I wanted to be, and to this day I follow that creed. It is even more compelling when you know I come from a family of people who are very indecisive and unsure of themselves while I have been full of confidence and always charged ahead - due to a wonderful lady who believed in me!"

(Thank you Miss Crooks, for our dynamic Judy Cavett!)

2007-2011 QUADRENNIAL PROJECT

Project Sierra, a Family and a Future. Soroptimist International and Hope and Homes for Children.

Go to the website www.projectsierra.org to get up to date news of how Soroptimists worldwide are getting involved. Our partner Hope and Homes for Children will report regularly to SI on the impact of your commitment to the lives of the women, young mothers and children who will be supported through Project Sierra.

A LITTLE HUMOR

Marriage changes passion. Suddenly you're in bed with a relative.

Now that food has replaced sex in my life, I can't even get into my own pants.

I saw a woman wearing a sweat shirt with "Guess" on it. So I said "Implants?" She hit me.

How come we choose from just two people to run for president and over fifty for Miss America?

Don't argue with an idiot; people watching may not be able to tell the difference.

Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could simply press 'Ctrl Alt Delete' and start over? AMEN, AMEN

Wouldn't you know it... Brain cells come and brain cells go, but FAT cells live forever.

Bumper sticker of the year: "If you can read this, thank a teacher - and since it's in English, thank a soldier."

WORD ORIGINS

SAUNTER: Medieval English speakers, their language a blend of Germanic grammar and French vocabulary, would have said of a Crusader or Jerusalem-bound pilgrim that he or she was going to the Holy Land, the *saunt terre* in French, walking purposefully toward a clear objective.

The term has since been denatured to mean "a careless, leisurely gait," nearly the opposite of its original sense.

POLITICS; In Greek, the word for city is *polis*, a word that shows up in terms such as "metropolitan" and "police." Politics is thus "that which pertains to the city," *politicos*, namely, the rough and tumble of figuring how to keep a complex place running smoothly.

NASTURTIUM: The name of this pungent flower means "turned nose" in Latin, possibly describing the face-making reaction some people might have in response to it.

BIG APPLE: Why is New York City called the Big Apple?

The origin of the nickname, which dates only to the mid-1930's, is quite unclear. Some scholars attribute it to filmmaking slang (filmmakers love jargon, which keeps them from being understood by outsiders), others to gambling argot. A good guess, though, is that the name comes from a dance, the Big Apple, that was briefly popular at about the time the term was first widely circulated.

