



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for November

- 11-6: NO MEETING
- 11-13: Board Meeting
Bring your lunch
- 11-20: Business Meeting
Lunch provided
- 11-27: THANKSGIVING



November Birthdays

- 11-13: Ella Sandvig
- 11-16: Karen Hankins
- 11-28: Kerry Robinson
(YEA SCORPIOS!)

Hostesses for November

- Pat Durbin
- Betty Oakes

Hostesses for December

- Karen Bednarski
- Sherry Perry

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

November has arrived and with it the winds and rains that are causing the beautiful fall leaves to be blown off the trees. Soon all of the color will be gone and the trees will be bare, bringing in the cold air of the winter season. What a wonderful, colorful fall we had this year. I will miss the beautiful colors, but the seasons come and go and it is time to move on and be prepared for change.

The month of October was a busy one as we hosted our first newcomers meeting. We used our storyboards to tell our story and Ella spoke about the many projects our club has been involved in over the years and told the group what Soroptimist is all about. We had four guests at the meeting and they all seemed to enjoy the event. Some even expressed a desire to become members. We will be following up with them for membership.

Our coupon books are complete and the distribution has begun. If you have not received yours yet, please contact Anne Burkart. They are really nice this year and include some new vendors. Thanks to Anne and her committee for a great job. I have already sold my first ten and will be picking up some more to sell in the near future.

We also had a park cleanup party in October. Thanks to Pat Durbin, Susan Zoya, Fran O'Brien and Karen Page for continuing to keep the park looking its best.

Our evening meeting was held at Trely's home and we had a local writer, Nancy Alvarez, as our guest speaker. She talked about her new book which was written about her childhood and she will be teaching workshops locally on writing memoirs.

The District #1 meeting was held in October as well, and five of our club members attended. It was a great time of discovering how our club fits into the bigger Soroptimist picture. Of the forty clubs included in District #1 of the Northwestern Region, thirty eight were represented. Our area meeting

was discussed and the date is set for April 4, 2009. Mark your calendars. Bremerton will be hosting this event.

Kay



**DISTRICT #1 MEETING ATTENDEES!
Ruth, Joy, Karen, Betty and Kay**

President Kay reported on the meeting as follows:

The Northwestern Region District #1 meeting was held in Olympia. The theme was “Be Wise – Be the Best.” For the parade of banners each club was asked to decorate a hat depicting your area or a club activity. Pat Durbin was kind enough to let us borrow one of her Victorian hats and I felt ever so elegant wearing it in the “parade.”

The theme of the Saturday evening dinner event was “Queen Bee’s Dinner Theater” and we were supposed to dress like queens and “wear bangles, beads, black or blue or gold!” The club awards were distributed at this time and we had a picture taken of us receiving the awards for our club. We received three awards this year: The Women’s Opportunity Award, the Renaissance Campaign Award and the Toot Your Horn Award.

I attended the Mentoring workshop where we discussed several ways to mentor new

and seasoned members in order to retain them over time. I will share this information with the Recruitment and Retention committee as well as with club members at the business meeting in November.

The other workshop that I attended was specifically for the President. The President’s packets were handed out at this time, loaded with information. I asked Joy to join me in attending this class since she will be President next year. The packet included a handout for the Club Secretary that lists the guidelines for taking minutes. Women’s Opportunity Award information, Violet Richardson Award information, a handout of the names of committee members for the Northwestern Region for 2008-2010 and the website addresses for Northwestern Region, Soroptimist International and Soroptimist International of the Americas (these are also listed in the club directory)

On Sunday after breakfast and just before we were dismissed each table was given a handout with a list of distinguished women. The categories included: Politicians, Women in the Arts, Activists, Women in Health and Science, Innovators and Entrepreneurs and Athletes. The people at each table discussed who we would want to have as a club member. We were to choose three and then pick the top one of the three and tell why we chose that one. Our table chose Louisa May Alcott because we learned that in addition to writing the book “Little Women” she was a nurse during the Civil War and she supported reform in anti-slavery, temperance, education and suffrage. We did not know that she was involved in anything other than authoring the book and we were very impressed with her involvements. We thought she would be a good addition to our club. It was amazing the diversity in the choices as the different tables stated who they chose and why. It really confirmed to me the need to

have members from all walks of life in our club. As a result, we should evaluate our club membership as it stands and find out where we are lacking and then focus on recruiting members from those categories.

HELLO KRISTEN!

We are looking forward to your CNN interview on Friday, November 14th at 1 p.m. EST. Then every Friday at the same time, same station.

(for new members, Kristen Anderson was our Police Chief a few years ago and is now working for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in the D.C. area. She was a member of our club.)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Juelie Dalzell has rejoined our club. She reports that she just loves the club, and is happy to be a part of something that is testosterone free.

DECEMBER 10 PRESIDENT’S APPEAL

December 10 is Human Rights Day and is observed each year by the international community to commemorate the historic day in 1948 when the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Soroptimists celebrate this day through our International President’s Appeal and this year it has been decided to sustain our much needed project to restore dignity to the women in the Desta Mender Village at the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia. We will once again attest our commit-

ment to Human Rights as we contribute to ensure these women will regain their health and enjoy the right to a life of dignity and empowerment through education and training.

Clubs participate by sending their donations to Federation Headquarters for transmission to Soroptimist International

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CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Your Christmas Dinner Committee has been busy planning our annual celebration. Please be sure to sign up at our next meeting if you haven’t already done so. Or if you like, feel free to e-mail Sherry at sperry@olypen.com or phone her at 437 1355 to make your reservations. It is going to be a fun evening that you will not want to miss.

Christmas Dinner at the AJAX in Port Hadlock. Thursday, December 4th
No host wine at 6 p.m. Dinner at 6:45 p.m.
Cost: \$42 per person.

Appetizers:

- Twice baked fingerling potatoes
- Italian sausage & cheese stuffed mushrooms

Salad: Baby greens w/balsamic vinaigrette

Entrees (choose one)

- Roasted port tenderloin w/bing cherry sauce
- Prawn Pappardelle pasta with saffron cream sauce
- Quinoa salad with grilled vegetable kabobs

Desserts

Bite sized treats to be shared with coffee



KIDS ARE QUICK!!

Teacher: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

Maria: Here it is.

Teacher: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

Class: Maria

Teacher: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

John: You told me to do it without using tables.

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

Donald: HIJKLMNO

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Donald: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

Teacher: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

Winnie: ME!

Teacher: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

Louie: Because George still had the axe in his hand.

THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN WRITTEN INTO PATIENT'S CHARTS BY INTELLIGENT HUMAN BEINGS:

The patient has chest pain if she lies on her side for over a year.

On the second day the knee was better, on the third day it disappeared.

She felt no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was hot in bed last night.

The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.

Discharge status: alive but without permission.

The patient refused autopsy.

The patient had no previous history of suicide.

The patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.

The patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.

Between you and me, we ought to be able to get this lady pregnant.

She is numb from her toes down.

While in the ER, she was examined, x-rated, and sent home.

Occasional, constant, infrequent headaches.

Rectal examination revealed a normal sized thyroid.

The patient was to have a bowel resection, however, he took a job as a stockbroker instead. __ (I think I met this guy!!!!)