



# SOROPTIMIST NEWS

Soroptimist International of Port Townsend/East Jefferson County

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### Schedule for October

- 10-2: Recruitment/Education  
Meeting-12 noon  
Discovery View
- 10-9: Board Meeting  
Bring your lunch
- 10-16: Business Meeting  
Lunch provided
- 10-23 :Dinner Meeting  
Trely's Home
- 10:30: No meeting



### October Birthdays

10:25: La Verne Tice

### Hostesses for October

Trely Wolfe  
Fran O'Brien

### Hostesses for November

Pat Durbin  
Betty Oakes

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Finally we have an Indian Summer! I think the temperatures were warmer in September than they were most of the summer.....and I just loved it. It gave me ample time to prepare my flower gardens for the winter by doing some extra weeding and cover the garden with mulch.

At our September evening meeting, attended by nineteen club members, we invited Jean Nollette to speak to us about babies born to moms that drank heavily and/or used drugs during their pregnancy. She stated that moms who drank a lot of alcohol or used drugs during their pregnancy caused long term, permanent damage to their unborn children. The evening was relaxed, with plenty of time for socializing and the hostesses (Judi Morris and Sherry Perry) fixed a delicious meal that all enjoyed.

Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> we will host our first meeting to invite potential new members and introduce them to Soroptimist....who we are and what we are about. Ella Sandvig will be our speaker and will use the Storyboards to help tell "our" story through the years.

Also in October, we will be going to the District meeting in Olympia. So far, there are five of us planning to attend. If you have not submitted your information and would still like to attend, please contact me before October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The dates for the District meeting are October 24-26<sup>th</sup>. If you want to learn more about how our club fits into the bigger Soroptimist picture, attending the District meeting is a good place to start.

Kay

### DID YOU KNOW?

Freezer bags are considered to be male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them!

## **FOSTER KIDS' BIRTHDAYS**

(answers to your questions)

by Sherry Perry

First of all, we continue to get thanks for all the birthday gifts you are providing for foster kids. Whenever possible, we try to get ideas for you of either items the child wants or what their interests are. We know it is helpful when you are out shopping for the gifts. Many of you have had some specific questions which I thought would be helpful to answer here.

**What do I put on the gift?** Due to confidentiality issues the Children's Services only gives the child's gender, the date of birth and the child's initials. What is most helpful is for you to include a birthday card or tag with the gift. Sign your name to the card. They know that you are a member of the Soroptimists. Then on a separate piece of paper attached with a paperclip, write the child's information (i.e. date of birth, gender and initials).

**Where do we deliver gifts?** Karen Bednarski has offered to be the collection point person this year. So if you can deliver the gift to her at the courthouse, she will see that it gets to the Children's Services.

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### **SAD NEWS FROM ENGLAND**

We were notified recently that our Soroptimist friend in England, Edith Horsfal, died. Edith belonged to the Clitheroe Soroptimist club when that Club was our Sister Club.

Several of our members visited the Clitheroe club over the years. Most recently Alyce and Ella visited and were treated most royally by their members, especially Edith. We corresponded with Edith and sent her our newsletter every month. Her daughter, Susan, said her mother was very enthusiastic about Soroptimism.

Although the Clitheroe Club disbanded a few years ago, several of their members still get together. Alyce will continue to correspond with

Dorothy Dent. We stayed in Dorothy's lovely farm home when we were there.

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President Kay presenting Laurie Gates with the clothes for the Foster Kids' Closet. The sweater is one of three made by Alyce Hansen.

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### **OUT OF THE MOUTH OF KIDS**

#### **LOT'S WIFE:**

The Sunday school teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

#### **GOOD SAMARITAN:**

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

#### **DID NOAH FISH?**

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" Johnny replied, "No, how could he, with just two worms."

#### **HIGHER POWER:**

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a higher power, can anyone tell me what it is?" One child blurted out, "Aces!"