



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for September

- 9-4: No Meeting
- 9-11: Board Meeting -12 noon
Discovery View
Bring your lunch
- 9-18: Business Meeting
Lunch provided
- 9-28: Dinner/Program Meeting
Home of Judi Morris
6 P.M. Speaker will be
Jean Nollette



September Birthdays

- 9-2 : Judy Cavett
- 9-25: Dinah Reed

Hostesses for September

- Judi Morris
- Sherry Perry

A GOOD QUOTE

IT'S HARD TO MAKE A COMEBACK
WHEN YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ANY-
WHERE!!
(ANONYMOUS)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's the same line at the end of every summer..."I can't believe the summer is over already."

The days are shorter, the nights are longer, there is a chill in the air and the kids are headed back to school. Yep, it's September again. It's time to finish tidying up the yard and move inside to work on all of those unfinished projects around the house.

Summer is nice, but I must admit that I love the fall and the turning of the leaves to vibrant shades of orange and red and yellow that defines this time of the year and the relaxation of moving inside and putting the yard work on hold until spring.

In August we hosted the Soroptimist Golf Scramble at Discovery Bay Golf Course. The weather was perfect and I had the pleasure of monitoring a hole with Diane Kenyon and getting to know her a little better. It was a very enjoyable day. A big THANK YOU once again to Judi Morris for putting it all together and making it look so effortless. And thanks to Judy Cavett, Joy McFadden and Sherry Perry for their part in putting this event together and to everyone who helped on the day of the event.

The Recruitment and Retention Committee held its first meeting, and I trust that many other committees have held their first meeting and will be reporting this month at the business meeting. Soroptimist flyers are in process and a new more compact and hopefully easier to use PA system has been purchased.

With the fall comes our District 1 meeting (we have not yet received the call but expect to receive it within the next week). Please remember to mark the dates on your calendar, October 24-26 in Olympia. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Soroptimist "Big Picture." Soroptimist is an International organization and goes far beyond our small club.

In closing I wanted to share the following portion of a message that I found on the Soroptimist International website.

September 21 is Peace Day and this year marks the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights being adopted by the United Nations. We can participate in Peace Day by: DEVELOPING our own inner peace – with our families, work colleagues, friends and community. Make a strong effort on Peace Day to compliment rather than criticize; ASK the difficult questions. Why do these issues still exist? Why are we collectively not doing more to combat Human Rights issues? CULTIVATE friendships with women and families from other religions, backgrounds and opinions. Have a meal or an outing together; SPREAD the message of Hope. As Soroptimists we strive for the best in humankind. Let the public take its cues from our example.

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KUDO'S

Judi Morris will be the President of the Washington Association of Counties next year. We know she will do a great job!

FOSTER KIDS BIRTHDAYS

Sherry Perry received this note from Nancy Schrader, her contact at Children's Services. "As always Sherry, a great big thank you to you and all of the other wonderful women that are helping to make OUR children feel special."

HOMES TOUR

The annual homes tour put on each year by the Hospital Auxiliary will have Pat Durbin's house on the tour. Following the homes tour on Sunday afternoon September 21st, there will be an ANTIQUE AUCTION at the Fairgrounds. There are always great bargains!

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

The Recruitment and Retention Committee met on August 27th to discuss Ella's idea of getting together once a quarter to invite potential new members and share the Soroptimist story, using our "story boards." We will also ask one or two of our "seasoned" members to talk about Soroptimist International, what we are about and how we fit into the bigger picture. The committee unanimously agreed that this is a good idea, and we have scheduled the first meeting for Tuesday, October 2nd. Mark your calendars and invite a guest to attend who you think would be an excellent candidate for club membership.

Each member of the Recruitment and Retention Committee will be downloading the Recruitment manual as well as the Retention manual from the Soroptimist web site. We will discuss at our next meeting what we can do to recruit new members and also how to go about retaining the members that we have currently.

Once the By-laws Committee has met and discussed how many Board members there should be, the Recruitment and Retention Committee will put together notebooks detailing the duties of the club's board members.

START SAVING MONEY!

There will be a Federation Convention in San Francisco July 7-10, 2010.

There will be an International Convention in Montreal, Ontario, Canada in July 2011.

These are very exciting events and worth saving up for. Make them your vacation for those years!!

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

UN.gift, a Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking, began in 2007 with a \$15 million unconditional donation from the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi. The project is divided into three phases: Phase 1, the preparatory phase, Phase 2, the global conference in Vienna and Phase 3, the implementation.

In February 2008, for three days, 1700 people committed to addressing the issue of human trafficking, gathered in Vienna. Six Soroptimists also attended: SI President Elect Hanne Jensbo, from Denmark, Ingegard Kihigren from Sweden, Irena Coufalova from the Czech Republic, Tanya Berezna from the Ukraine, Roswitha Benesch, Karin Tripp and Elisabeth Brandi from Austria and Janneke Lewis, Soroptimist International expert on human trafficking from Canada.

Antonio Maria Costa said: "The fact that we have to gather at an international conference against human trafficking and modern day slavery should fill us with dismay and outrage." Human Trafficking is a \$32 billion industry and it's the cruelest crime of today's world.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

(from June issue of "The International Soroptimist.")

When SI President Margaret Lobo made a six week trip to visit Belgium and Sierra Leone, she was presented with a book from the Netherlands "Refugees Tell their Story." She shared a few quotes from the book.

From Somalia, "Men have little to say at home. Father gives the money he earns to my mother. She decides what happens."

"My grandmother was illiterate, but she wanted her children to be educated. My mother worked as a teacher. Later she worked in a bank. We had a housekeeper. This is not an average situation."

From China, "It will take another three to five generations before there is equality in China between men and women."

From Bosnia, "For years father had a job in Germany. Then Mother was our father and mother at the same time."

From Sierra Leone, "Oh please, rebels, give us peace. Leave us alone, we have suffered enough. We want peace forever. Governments, do something about it. We cry for protection."

This small book of less than 80 pages is full of poignancy but also full of hope for those who are free and can express with freedom what they have experienced. They share a burden they have carried for many years and that is now lightened with the help of Soroptimists and other like-minded people.



SOME PUNNIES

The roundest knight at King Arthur’s round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.

A rubber band was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

POLICE HUMOR

While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, the officer was interrupted by a little girl about six years old.

She looked up and down at his uniform and asked, “Are you a cop?”

Yes, that’s right, he said and continued writing the report.

“My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police, is that right?”

Yes, that’s right, he told her.

She said, as she extended her foot toward the officer, “would you please tie my shoe?”

At the end of the day, the officer parked his police van in front of the station. As he gathered his equipment, his K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and he saw a little boy staring in at him.

“Is that a dog you got back there?” the little boy asked.

“It sure is”, the officer replied.

Puzzled, the boy looked at the officer and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, “What’d he do?”



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Treasurer, Karen Bednarski reports that to date the net from the tournament is \$8500.

Everyone involved reports that it was a beautiful day and everyone had fun!!