



# SOROPTIMIST NEWS

Soroptimist International of Port Townsend/East Jefferson County

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## Schedule for February

- 2-5 : By-Laws workshop
- 2-12: Juelle Dalzell
- 2-19: Rhody Candidates  
Business Meeting
- 2-26: Dinner Meeting  
Judy Cavett's

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## February Birthdays



- 2-9 : Joy McFadden
- 2-17: Bonnie Ludlow

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## Hostesses for February

- Judy Cavett
- Karen Hankins

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## Hostesses for March

- Karen Page**
- Alyce Hansen**

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Happy New Year to everyone! For me, I'm starting the New Year on February 1<sup>st</sup> and am looking forward to having a great year!

This year it is my hope that we can link together to make our club a stronger more visible support for girls and women in our communities. All our communities, including our country, along with our state, national and international communities. By working together within our own club as well as working together with our sister clubs, we do make a real difference in the lives of girls and women. For us to really make a visibly greater difference, we need to all recommit ourselves to Soroptimist so that we can become a greater force getting things done. We all have different talents and areas of expertise that are needed and appreciated.

The tough part comes in with the time element. Soroptimists by nature are very busy women. Our real commitment needs to be figuring out how much time we can give and how we can best use that time. Let's all give it some thought and we can share our ideas the first of March. My challenge to each of you would be to find an average of say two hours per week (not including club meetings) you can commit to. They could be spread out or condensed for a special project. Food for thought – as I said – let's take a month to give thought to this and then we can share with each other those thoughts.

As discussed in December, our first meeting we will go over by-law changes. This is a very important meeting for all to attend as our by-laws are the

basis from which we conduct our club business and activities. The second meeting will be a speaker, the third Thursday meeting will be our business meeting and the fourth Thursday in February will be our dinner meeting which will be hosted by Judy Cavett.

I look forward to seeing you all at our meetings. We need YOU!

Joy

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February 5: Alyce will be raffling off five gifts we have received from our Sister Clubs for Christmas. You must be present to win!!

February 14:

Valentine's Day! Send love to everyone you care about!

August 29:

Golf Tournament: Be prepared to help with this event. It is our biggest fund raiser. It will take every one of us to make it a success! Volunteer now!



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Thank you all for your loving support during this past month. My Mother's passing has been tough for me, but at least it was fast and she was having a good time, enjoying life to the end. The lovely bouquet you sent and all your cards have meant more to

me than I can tell you. It is really wonderful having you all as a caring support group.

Joy

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**WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARD**

Linda Shatto from Port Hadlock is the winner of this award.

She is a single parent of three children, one who lives with her and has special needs.

She is working in the Community Jobs program for twenty hours a week and goes to class ten hours a week. She works at OlyCap and is enrolled in Peninsula College.



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**SISTER CLUB NEWS**

We had this message from St from the St. Andrew's Club this month.

"Your newsletter arrived safely and as usual, a good read!

A Happy New Year to all your club members from all of us in SI St.

Andrews – it's been horrifically cold during the last few weeks, although fine and dry which is how I like it-changed to the more usual lashing wind and rain!

We've had one meeting so far this year when we were discussing how we could make some new storyboards or story sacks

which we've been supplying to a couple of local schools for children with special needs –including the blind and the deaf. Extraordinary what can be conjured up with different textiles, plasticine, etc!. Our next event is an International Night when we entertain some women from other countries – they get their supper but have to sing for it by telling us a bit about their life in their countries and why they've landed in St. Andrews. I'm going to miss this however as I leave in the next couple of days for a three week holiday in Laos, Cambodia & Vietnam –going down the River Mekong. Should be a fascinating trip.” (Marianne Baird)

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**SI PROJECT DONATIONS**

Project Sierra (2007-2011) has raised \$271,974 as of October 2008. This project is partnered with Hope and Homes for Children.

Project Independence (2003-2007) has raised \$2,176,391 as of October 2008. This project was partnered with Women for Women International.

President's Appeal for 2007, Restoring Dignity has raised \$233,160 as of October 2008. This project was partnered with Hamlin Fistula Relief and Aid Fund.

President's Appeal for 2006, Project Punjab has raised \$297,154 as of October 2008. This project was partnered with Oxfam GB.

Isn't it amazing what our small contributions can accomplish when put together

with those of Soroptimists all over the world?

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**SIA DISASTER RELIEF PROJECTS**

During the 2007-2008 year, SIA funded six local club projects totaling \$87,000 to help women, their families and communities.

SI Daet, the Philippines received a \$4000 grant in the aftermath of two typhoons.

SI Trujillo, Peru received a \$20,000 grant in the wake of an 8.1 magnitude earthquake.

SI Quito, Ecuador received \$20,000 when mudslides and floods killed 38 people and destroyed 400 homes.

SIA Siasi, the Philippines received \$7000 after a fire devastated their community.

SI Largo, Mid-Pinellas County, Florida received \$16,000 after a hurricane.

SI Guayaquil, Ecuador received \$20,000 after women and their families were displaced by floods.

Let us hope that we never have to apply for these grants!!

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**As you slide down the banister of life –remember:**

Jim Baker and Jimmy Swaggert have written an impressive new book.

It's called...."Ministers Do More Than Lay People."

Transvestite: A guy who likes to eat, drink and be Mary.

The difference between the Pope and your boss, the Pope only expects you to kiss his ring.

I hate sex in the movies. Tried it once. The seat folded up, the drink spilled and that ice, well, it really chilled the mood.

It used to be only death and taxes, now of course there's shipping and handling. A husband is someone who, after taking the trash out, gives the impression that he just cleaned the whole house.

My next house will have no kitchen – just vending machines and a large trash can.

A blonde said, "I was worried that my mechanic might try to rip me off. I was relieved when he told me all I needed was turn signal fluid."

Definition of a teenager?  
God's punishment for enjoying sex.

And finally.....

As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way!

These gems came from Pat Durbin!

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## **MORE SMILES**

Know how to prevent sagging?

Just eat until the wrinkles fill out.

It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.

These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, FOR FAST RELIEF.