



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for April

- 4-1: "Girls Circle"
& you know what day!
- 4-8: Regular Meeting
- 4-10: Garden Party
- 4-13: Board Mtg-12 noon
Judi's office
- 4-15: Business Meeting
- 4-22: Working Image Lunch
12 Noon – Elks
- 4-29: NO MEETING

April Birthdays

- 4-16: Bickie Steffan



Hostesses for April

- Fran O'Brien
- Alyce Hansen

Hostess for May

- Anne Burkhart
- Diane Kenyon

APRIL 4TH IS EASTER SUNDAY!



SEND YOUR SECRET SISTER A CARD!!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Spring has sprung with the help of Soroptimists. The first day of spring we had a retreat and talked about what we've done so far this year and how we want to finish the year, so that we can flow into the next club year smoothly and meet new goals. We missed those of you who were not able to attend. Those who did attend had great ideas. It seems our thoughts flowed so harmoniously.

April brings us another garden party on Saturday the 10th from 9-12. Hopefully we will have a great turn out. April also brings us our Regional Meeting in Anchorage which Pat Durbin and I will attend. We hope to come back with lots of ideas and thoughts to incorporate into our club's agenda.

I hope you all have a great Easter enjoying family and good friends.

Joy

WHAT IS GIRLS CIRCLE?

The Girls Circle is a model of structured support groups for girls from 9-18 years. It is designed to foster self-efficacy, help girls maintain authentic connection with peers and adult women in their community, counter trends toward self-doubt, and allow for a genuine self-expression through verbal sharing and creative activity.

Each week, a group of six to ten girls of similar age and development meet with a facilitator for a couple of hours.

During this time the girls take turns talking and listening to one another about their concerns and interests. The girls can express themselves further through creative or focused activities such as role playing, drama, journaling, poetry, movement, drawing, collage, clay, computer and so on. Themes are introduced which relate to the girls' lives – such as being a girl, trusting ourselves, friendships, body image, goals, competition and decision making.

Our program here in Jefferson County will involve girls referred through our juvenile justice system and local schools. The girls will be following the circle guidelines: no put-downs or interruptions, offer experiences not advice; keep the focus on oneself; and keep what's said in the group private. Girls are free to share at their own pace. Through listening and respect for themselves and others, participants can reflect on and express their own thoughts and feelings with peers. The Girls Circle does not aim to provide advice, but encourages girls to share experiences that are helpful to one another.

When girls voice their ideas and opinions in a safe environment, it strengthens their confidence and encourages them to express themselves more fully. By examining cultural expectations in a safe and supportive setting, girls gain greater awareness of their options and they strengthen their ability to make choices that are consistent with their values, interests and talents.



GARDEN PARTY!

April 10th – 9-12
Read it and Weed!



NEW BILL ENACTED

by Ruth Gordon

I'd like to report that yesterday (March 23rd) I went to Olympia to be there when Governor Gregoire signed ESHA 2747, the bill that prevents the shackling of incarcerated pregnant women in labor. This bill was a key priority of the Gender and Justice Commission, of which I have the honor to be a member.

The weather was gorgeous, the cherry trees were in bloom and the Capital never looked more beautiful, despite the seemingly fruitless special session going on there.

Anyway, tomorrow I am going to be seeing the Chief Justice, who is the chair of the Gender and Justice Commission, and I'll give her my signing pen. (When you attend a bill signing you get a pen and a handshake from the Governor.) Chief Justice Barbara Madsen is a terrific leader of the effort to make the world more fair to women. She'll be honored tomorrow as the Woman of the Year by the Seattle Law School.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 4: Easter Sunday
- April 10: Garden Party
- April 22: Working Image Luncheon
- June 10: Installation



**RETREAT AT DISCOVERY BAY
GOLF COURSE**

Joy McFadden and Pat Durbin led us in a brain storming session regarding possibilities for next club year. We also discussed the many things we accomplished this year and made budget suggestions for 2010-2011.

Michelle Sanchez provided us with breakfast treats and a great lunch. Since the golf course was busy we met in the women's locker room.

Karen Bednarski provided us with a laugh when she asked: " Why couldn't we be in the men's locker room instead of the Women's?"

MEMBER NEWS

Judi Morris has decided not to run for office again, she will be the new Chef at Nemo's soon.

Karen Bednarski has decided to run for County Commissioner when she retires.

Ruth Gordon has decided to run for Governor as a Republican.

Judy and Mike Cavett are planning on quitting the wine business. They will make beer instead. Watch for Octoberfest!

Pat and Frank Durbin have decided to re-decorate their house in Early American.

Betty Oakes has signed a contract to dance in the chorus at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas.

Penny Henderson will resign from the hospital staff to attend medical school.

Fran O'Brien will be going back into the insurance business. She has to decide between the Aflack Duck and the Geico Gecko.

Joy McFadden will be opening a Nursery School in her garage as soon as she can find a Mortgage Company.

Anne Burkart is thinking of applying for the job of Port Townsend School Superintendent. Mike thinks she should apply for STATE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT since she hasn't had a DUI lately.

Alyce Hansen will be attempting to climb Mount Rainier in May.

Sherry Perry is writing a book, "How to Live With a Husband While he Writes Books." Tim is posing for the book jacket.

Bickie Steffan is buying a sheep farm, so she can switch over to Bickie's Wools.

Barbara Reavis enjoyed being a Guardian ad Litem so much, she has applied to head that department for the county.

Carol Wise is offering a class in meditation for people with too much energy.

Trely Wolfe is looking for a job with more hours.

Karin Morgan has decided to move from Mexico to France. The Peso isn't what it used to be.

Karen Hankins has decided to take up fly fishing in Montana.

Kay Pownall is not happy in the new Police Department digs – too much space. She is thinking of applying to the Academy so she can carry a gun.

(The above information was reported by an April fool)

JOKES THAT CAN BE TOLD IN CHURCH

A police recruit was asked during an exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He answered, "Call for backup."

Two boys were walking home from Sunday School after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?" The other boy replied, "Well you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad."

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially

intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said "Johnny, what is the matter?" Little Johnny replied, "I have a pain in my side. I think I am going to have a wife."

YOU THINK ENGLISH IS EASY?

The buck does funny things when the does are present.

A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.

To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.

The wind was too strong to wind the sail.

And,

There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger, neither apple nor pine in pineapple.

English muffins weren't invented in England or French Fries in France.

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?

A guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

Why is it that writers write but fingers don't fling, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?