



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for February

- 2-4 : Program Meeting
- 2-9 : Board Mtg-5 p.m. Peninsula Credit Union
- 2-11: Deborah Stinson- * "LION"
- 2-18: Business Meeting
- 2-25: Dinner Meeting – Location TBA -6 p.m.

February Birthdays

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



Hostesses for February

Ruth Gordon
Judi Morris

Hostess for March

Betty Oakes
Judy Cavett

Local Investing Opportunities Network

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Valentines Day to each of you. I cannot believe January is over! By now I am sure you have all heard that I am "retired." It has been great staying home and playing with Daina (my granddaughter). Now it is time for me to get motivated and start at least reading my email each day!

Several of us attended the Farewell Fiesta for Karin Morgan. It is sad to see her leave us, but we all wish you the best Karin. Please stay in touch as we will be excited to hear of your life in Mexico.

As Groundhog Day, President's Day, Wear Red Day, National Women's Heart Day , American Heart Month and International Friendship Week (2/17-23) are celebrated in February (among many other February special days), lets celebrate the month by being a "Valentine" to all we meet!

Joy

PROJECT SIERRA

from the International Soroptimist Magazine-December 2009

Project Sierra is the SI Quadrennial Project in Sierra Leone, to provide hope and homes for street children.

Rick Foulsham, Hope and Homes for Children's Chief Executive had this to say about the project.

“There is nothing in the world more exciting than seeing someone whose eyes have regained the sparkle of hope: a mother who sees her children healthy and well nourished again, back in school with clothes on their backs; a child who feels loved again, and safe and secure; a young girl mother who has been reconciled with her family and no longer needs to live on the street.”

This magazine will now be only available on line. Check it out.



FOSTER KIDS BIRTHDAYS

by Sherry Perry

The month of March is a big one for birthdays. We have eight kids from the ages of one to 18; three girls and five boys, so it's a wide variety. Interestingly, the biggest number of them is turning three. For this age group, books, coloring books, games or age appropriate crafts are great ideas for gifts.

At the February meetings I will be asking for help to buy gifts for these birthday kids. If you are interested in helping, but unable to attend a meeting, please email me or call me.

You may never know what one small gift means to a child, but that is their own special day. I believe it makes a difference to them and lets them know their community cares.

Your help is always appreciated.

SECRET SISTER NEWS

Pat Durbin says, “I would like to pass a VERY special thank you to my secret sister who is always way ahead and thinking of me. She sent me a very beautiful Christmas gift, a card and even a Happy New Year card!”

Judi Morris says, “I want to thank my secret sister for the beautiful poinsettia – I am still enjoying it!”



BIRTH OF 'DOVE HOUSE'

The wonderful new home for Domestic Violence/SA program was dedicated on January 14th.

This building houses the office staff on the first floor and has four apartments (Transitional Housing) on the second floor.

We, as Soroptimists, can take pride in the fact that we have supported this important program since its beginning in 1981.

The program will now be called “Dove House Advocacy Program.”

Congratulations to our own Cheryl Bozarth for her amazing work in gathering grants to ensure that this building is completely paid for!! What an accomplishment!



If you missed the January 7th program by the Girl Scout Leaders, you missed a box of free cookies! Yum!

Also, Judi's email went astray regarding her New Year's resolutions. They were:
For the club.- get 10 new members by June.
For me- Relax more!

How are you doing Judy!!!!



VALENTINES DAY

Don't forget to send your sweetie a card or gift on the 14th. Also remember your secret sister with a card.

FUNNY STORY

At least Ella thinks it is! She says, "You all know I don't drink – except when Judy Morris makes a Cosmo and gives me a thimble bit in her special small glass.

Well I got the recipe to make them for my Christmas Eve guests (they were a big hit) and for some reason stored them in a mason fruit jar in the freezer. When I pulled this mason jar out of the freezer to serve them I got riotous chuckles from my guests – they thought it must be moonshine!!!"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 23-25 : Northwestern Region Conference – Anchorage, Alaska

July 10-14 Federation Convention – San Francisco, California

July 10-14 (2011) International Convention –Montreal, Ontario, Canada

These meetings are a great way to find out more about "the bigger picture" of Soroptimist.

The speakers are always outstanding and the information invaluable.

You will meet women from other clubs – and in the case of Federation and International Conventions, women from other countries. They will inspire you with their enthusiasm.

Plan to attend if you possibly can. You have more than a year to save for Montreal!!!

A FEW MORE IMPORTANT DATES

March 11 will be our Awards Luncheon. Plan to attend.

Also in March will be the Area Meeting. Details available from Joy McFadden

CALLING ALL SINGLES

If you are interested in a singles dinner group that would meet monthly – either at a restaurant or a potluck, call or email Ella Sandvig.

We could get together and plan how it would work.



PONDERISMS

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes!

There are two kinds of pedestrians: the quick and the dead!

Life is sexually transmitted!

Healthy is merely the slowest possible rate that one can die.

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.

Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.

All of us could take a lesson from the weather, it pays no attention to criticism.

In the 60's people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal!

How is it that one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these dangly things and drink whatever comes out.?"

Why does your OB-BYN leave the room when you get undressed if they are going to look up there anyway?

Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

Do you ever wonder where I get this stuff?

FROM YOUR EDITOR

The deadline for newsletter news is the 25th of each month unless you hear otherwise.

Please consider taking the time to send an article or even send an "In My Opinion" article.

How about a "favorite Sorooptimist" story?

Or – what I did on my vacation?