



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Schedule for January

- 1-7 : Carla Abrams-Girl Scouts
- 1-14 Program Meeting
- 1-19: Board Mtg-Peninsula Credit Union – 5 p.m.
- 1-21: Business Meeting
- 1-28: Dinner Mtg- Home of Karen Bednarski-6 p.m.

Thank you all for making last year such a successful year for our Soroptimist Club. It was a fun year of helping to promote women and girls through our club programs. Working together, we overcame challenges and made it a good year.

So here we are at a new decade full of more challenges that will give us opportunities to help each other as well as other women in our world who need a helping hand. So let's gear up so 2010 will be the best year ever for our club. It will take the efforts of each member, but if each of us gives what we can, then together, I am confident we can meet these challenges and make them true opportunities for our club to help women and girls to be their best.



January Birthdays

- 1-8 : Karin Morgan
- 1-9: Cheryl Bozarth

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Hostesses for January

- Ruth Gordon
- Carol Wise

Joy

REMEMBER;

Send your Secret Sister a card
In January.

SECRET SISTER NEWS;

Sherry Perry says thank you to her Secret Sister for the lovely heritage Christmas Ornament she received for her birthday.

Ella Sandvig says her Secret Sister talked a jogger on Rose Street to deliver her Christmas presents to her door! She especially enjoys the very purple gloves that are so toasty and warm.



FOSTER KIDS CHRISTMAS

by Sherry Perry

Thank you to the members who helped wrap Christmas gifts for our foster kids. It was a big success this year and DSHS sends their appreciation.

There was a last minute addition to our foster kids list this year so our club sponsored her by purchasing items on her "wish list." In fact, I once again got to do what I do best...shop.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHERYL!

Our own Cheryl Bozarth was named by AAUW as 2009's "Woman of Excellence." She was honored at a luncheon in December. You deserve this Cheryl, and more!

DOVE HOUSE GRAND OPENING

The new building will be dedicated January 14th. There will be a ceremony at 2 p.m and open house at 3:30 p.m.

Plan to attend if you can. We have supported the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault program since it began.

KUDOS TO:

Judi Morris, Sherry Perry and their elf's (servers) for the great Christmas Party

It was a truly elegant evening in Pat Durbin's magnificent Victorian Home.



KARIN'S FAREWELL

by: Karin Morgan

Dear Sisters:

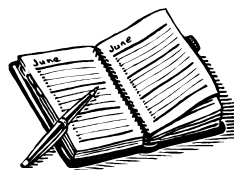
I just want to say good bye and tell you how much I've enjoyed your company. You're a great bunch of ladies.

We're now busy packing and counting the days till we leave. You are invited to the "private" sale of stuff on Thursday February 4th. I'll have to get back to you about the time.

If any of you are in Guadalajara, you must contact us. We'll always have an extra room, and would love to see you. My new email is: karinmorgan@live.com.

Muchas gracias ...hasta luego!

(Editor's note: What month can we have our evening meeting at your new house Karin?)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 23-25 Region Conference Anchorage, Alaska

July 7-10 Federation Convention – San Francisco

July 10-14, 2011 - International Convention
Montreal, Canada

COUPON BOOKS

There are still coupon books to sell! Check with Anne Burkart or Fran Hansen.

We have more home cooking to stamp out!!

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL NEWS

From the December issue of the International Soroptimist Magazine.

SI President Hanne Jensbo quotes Katherine Hepburn – “If you obey all rules, you miss all fun.” She goes on to say:

“My eyes fell on this quotation the other day, and I asked myself: Is that sometimes what we do as Soroptimists? Do we sometimes stick too much to the rules and procedures, so that we miss all the fun? Do we sometimes forget to use common sense and decode the rules to the very utmost? Some call it bureaucratic!

Maybe it is a delicate question, but let us discuss it with an open mind and without prejudice. Let us be flexible to the prescriptions and rules. Let us work on the ideals of Soroptimism, more than defend the rules to the utmost.

I often say, that Soroptimist International is the most liberal movement I know. A club can decide whatever they want to do, unless of course it is against the vital principals of the constitution. They are free to

free to decide if they will make a project or just drink a nice cup of tea. They are free to decide, if they will recruit new members or just say: We are happy with the number of members we already have!

On this background you may wonder, that the ethos of the work and activities in different clubs all over the world seems to be very similar. How does that come to be? I have never visited a club where the spirit of our common goals was not the first priority! A fantastic feeling to be in Eastern Russia, in Madagascar, in America, or in a club in Europe: the principle and the respect for the Soroptimist goals are high, and the responsibility for the work is high and very similar regardless of our very different cultures and social backgrounds.

For me the real backbone of Soroptimism is FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING! That’s what we should care about.”

NEW SOROPTIMIST CLUBS

SI of the Americas:

- SI of Gimchun, Korea
- SI of Nonhyun, Korea
- SI of Fukuoka-Daini, Japan
- SI of McDowell Mountains, Arizona
- SI of Almira, Coulee City & Hartline, Washington
- SI of Sao Bento do Sul, Brazil
- SI of Chehalem Valley, Oregon
- SI of Nanaura, Japan

SI of Doylestown Area, PA
SI of Encarnacion, Paraguay



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Penny Henderson: I resolve to get in better shape. Santa brought me a Wii Fit program so I'm hoping that will help. Is it hooked up yet? Nope!!

I wish all the best to everyone in the club for 2010-good health, time with family, time for fun and love to make it all worthwhile.

Betty Oakes: I resolve to travel and enjoy my new (semi) retirement.

Judy Cavett: I resolve to have a better year than 2009.

Anne Burkart: I resolve to double the profitability of my business!

Ruth Gordon: I resolve to go to Louisiana for a vacation this year.

Joy McFadden: My wish for 2010 is to meet the unknown challenges ahead of me so that I can be the best person I can be in all areas of my life.

LESSONS FOR LIFE

Courage does not always roar. Sometimes it is a quiet voice at the end of the day saying "I'll try again tomorrow."

Much of what you think people "do" to you is either unintentional or isn't what you think.

Defend your honor at all costs.

It's not about what you can't do but what your possibilities are.

Reach out; everyone is shy in some way.

NEW DEFINITIONS

Bozone (n): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

Osteopornosis: A degenerative disease

Balderdash: A rapidly receding hairline.

Rectitude. The formal dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.

Pokeman: A Rastafarian proctologist.

Frisbeetarianism. The belief that after death, the soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.

Circumvent: An opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.