



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for March

- 3-4 : Rhody Candidates
- 3-9 : Board Mtg-5 p.m. Peninsula Credit Union
- 3-11: Awards Presentation
- 3-18: Business Meeting
- 3-25: Dinner Meeting – Location TBA -6 p.m.

March Birthdays

- 3-2 : Donna Hoglund
- 3-25: Carol Wise
- 3-28: Gertrude Tjemsland



Hostesses for March

Betty Oakes
Judy Cavett

Hostess for April

Fran O'Brien
Alyce Hansen

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Leaping Leprechauns! It's already March with wind and sunshine! We don't want to broadcast that too much, however. As we all know, it's still early in the year and we could have more winter weather on the way.

It's kind of the same with our club. We have gotten the year off to a grand start. The Dove House is now open (several of us attended the opening) and we helped them out again by furnishing all the linens for the four apartments. We have furnished and served lunch to the volunteers building the current Habitat House, and we have once again partnered with Juvenile Services working in Gateway Park. We've made a donation to the Jumping Mouse Program for scholarships and we've given birthday gifts to our Foster Kids.

We have also documented this by starting to update our scrap books so we can look back and remember. I may have forgotten something here, but just this list is impressive. We are well on our way to making this year one of our great years for helping improve the lives of women and girls, and our community.

We cannot rest on our laurels though. It takes the commitment of each member doing her part for us to continue the year as we have started it. I look forward to seeing each of you at some of our events in the next ten months. There are lots of choices of things we need to do, so just pitch in and do something that you are comfortable doing or make it a stretch and let your sisters help you learn something new. However you decide, do jump in and be a

part of our efforts to help women and girls improve themselves. We need your help.

Joy



AWARD WINNERS

by Ruth Gordon

This year's Women's Opportunity Award winner,

Natalie McMackin is joined by another winner, Sophie Nordstrum. Both women exemplify the qualities the Women's Opportunity Award was created to acknowledge. Due to the fact that our club had no applicants this year for the Violet Richardson Award, the Scholarship Committee voted to give a second award to an adult woman head of household who is seeking to better her family's circumstances by pursuing higher education.

Natalie McMackin will receive the SIPT Woman's Opportunity Award valued at \$1000. She is the single mom of two children and has just entered Peninsula College to begin a course of study in the field of medical administration and assistance, with a long term goal of one day achieving nursing credentials. She is a resident of Quilcene.

Sophie Nordstrom will receive a runner-up award valued at \$500, which is the amount budgeted for the Violet Richardson Award. Sophie is the single mother of three sons, one of whom is still at home with her. She is in her final semester of undergradu-

ate study, anticipating graduation from the University of Washington this June with a degree in criminal justice after taking a few classes per term for more than a decade. Sophie makes her home in Chimacum.

Each of our winners has been the sole support of their children, working multiple jobs to make ends meet. Going back to school in mid-life without the financial support of a partner takes grit and determination. Having the opportunity to help a woman to succeed in her effort to make a better life for herself and her family is one of the great privileges of being a Soroptimist.

Judging from the glowing recommendations both Natalie and Sophie submitted, they are winners in which our club can take great pride. Please be sure to attend our noon meeting on Thursday March 11th so that you can meet and congratulate these hard working student moms.

SECRET SISTER NEWS

Joy McFadden says "Thank you to my secret sister for the apricot tree you gave me for my birthday. I know you didn't know that's what you gave me but you did. I look forward to sharing some fruit with you this summer when I find out who you are. Thank you, Thank you. Thank you!!"

Pat Durbin says "I received a hoot of a Valentine's card (with audio). My secret sister is very much appreciated, whoever she is..."

Penny Westerfield says "Thank you to my secret sister for all the cards she has sent me. It's been wonderful and I appreciate the time and effort. Thank you!"



RETREAT

Next year's President, Pat Durbin, is planning

a retreat to discuss plans for next club year. It will be March 20th, 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. at Discovery Bay Golf Course.

Michelle will prepare us a nice lunch again and there will be breakfast snacks as well.

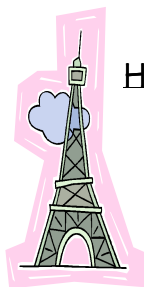
Please put March 20th on your calendar right now so we can schedule a good retreat with lots of input from everyone.

GET WELL SOON BETTY

Betty Oakes is in the hospital, recovering from surgery. She has had to stay longer than she expected due to some complications. She should be going home soon, however. She has been getting lots of support from her Soroptimist sisters.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATION

Inside me lives a skinny woman crying to get out, but I can usually shut her up with cookies.



HELLO FROM FRANCE

I am French. My name is Therese Henry. I am 73. As a French Soroptimist, I went with my husband, Jean-Claude, to Port Townsend about 15 years ago. We were welcomed by Ella Sandvig and Alyce Hansen.

We will never forget it. We spent two weeks in this beautiful country.

Each month Ella sends me the Soroptimist Newsletter and it's a real pleasure to read it. Today I send my opinion article to the editor.

Thanks a lot, dear Ella and Alyce, for the welcome we got in Port Townsend, whose club was so wonderful. There was a real friendship between us. Hard to explain that with words! It will always be in our hearts. There was a real link between us...the more we get older, the more we miss and need it.

Editor's note: Therese belonged to our sister club in Le Quesnoy at the time she visited here. She and Jean-Claude stayed at my house and what fun that was. Jean-Claude made omelets for us, but he would never let me in the kitchen to watch!

Alyce and I visited them in France and also visited the Soroptimist club in Le Quesnoy.

Bonne sante et bonheur a vous mon amie!!

WORK IN GATEWAY PARK

Alyce Hansen, Judy Cavett, Fran O'Brien.
Ruth Gordon and Joy McFadden worked at
the park on the 27th of February.

COUPON BOOKS

Our coupon books, "Help Stamp Out Home
Cooking" are still on sale at a reduced price
of \$5. Most of them end May 31st.



LAUGH LINES

If you don't pay your exorcist you can get
repossessed.

Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft
and I will show you A-flat miner.

When you've seen one shopping center
you've seen a mall.

Police were called to the day care center
when a three year old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose whole
left side was cut off? He's all right now.

If you take your laptop for a run, you could
job your memory.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four
seconds.

The guy who fell on the upholstery machine
was fully recovered.

When she saw her first strands of gray,
she thought she would dye.

OBSERVATIONS ON GROWING OLD

Going out is good, coming home is even
better!

You miss the days when everything worked
with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch; when
GOOGLE, IPOD, EMAIL, MODEM were un-
heard of; and when a mouse was something
that made you climb on a table.

You use more four letter words
Like "WHAT?""WHEN?"

You read one hundred pages into a book
before you realize you've read it before.

You've never heard of any of the people in
PEOPLE MAGAZINE.

Everybody whispers.

But old is good in some things . . .
Old songs, old movies, and best of all --old
friends!

WORDS OF WISDOM (?)

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is
probably not for you.

Generally speaking, you aren't learning
much when your lips are moving.

Never miss a good chance to shut up!