



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Last month in this column I mused about how wonderful it was to have finally had summer arrive even though it was the end of September. This month I fear you'll agree that winter is just around the corner. What a difference a month makes.

I have a good friend who swears by the *Farmer's Almanac*. She keeps a copy readily available and consults it whenever making monumental decisions about yard work or picking vegetables from her garden. Being of a technology bent through my entire working life, and labeled a techno nerd by all my children, I tend to rely more on barometers and satellite imaging for weather predictions than the *Farmer's Almanac*.

Out of curiosity, I "Googled" the online version of the almanac. It told me that today (October 27th) is a good day to:

1. Cut hair to retard growth
2. Mow to retard growth
3. Quit smoking
4. Buy a car
5. Host a party

Now I find this very interesting.

First, during with the aging process that seems to be accelerating the past five years, I've decided, as some of you also might, that the last thing I want to do is retard hair growth. Mine seems to be accumulating at a rapid rate in my hair

Schedule for November

11-4 : Kristina Mayer, Jefferson Foundation
11-13: Garden Party
11-11: Business Meeting
11-18: President Pats Pleasure
11-25: Thanksgiving
 No Meeting
12-2 Christmas dinner



November Birthdays

11-1: Sandy
 Hershelman
11-16: Karen Hankins

HOSTESSES -NOVEMBER

Betty Oakes
Diane Kenyon

HOSTESSES- DECEMBER

Fran O'Brien
Judi Morris

December Dinner location to be determined

brush every morning. I'd rather *speed up* the growing process rather than retard it.

Secondly, what we are to mow was not specified. I assumed it referred to lawns, but we all know that mowing lawns is definitely the way to keep them from growing too much. This did not seem to me to be a spark of genius. Maybe the almanac is citing hair again? Mowing hair hasn't been in fashion since the 50's when crew cuts were a big thing and most of my boy-friends looked like they were taking a nap on the lawn when their dads went by with a lawn mower. Ahhh, the good old days...

Third, any day is a good day to quit smoking. No great insight there.....

Fourth, buy a car. Hummm. In this economy? Maybe the almanac was created before the big bust of the past year. Or maybe it was written by someone in Detroit who is desperately trying to rekindle a failing industry. Another concern would be that if I went to buy a new car and got there after the sales lot closed, would tomorrow also be a good day? Or should I wait another year? The almanac doesn't provide for indecision.

Last, but not least, host a party. Today is Wednesday. Midweek is usually not a good time to hold a party. Everyone has to leave early because they get up at dawn to go to work. Besides, no one wants to go to work with a headache, and any party I host would be guaranteed to produce a headache.

I must conclude that the Farmer's Almanac is way off on today's list of things to do. Maybe we should all just continue doing what we do best....getting together, sharing ideas, and enjoying the friendship and camaraderie of a group of very special women who have committed to helping others less fortunate than ourselves.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE:



Pat, Betty, Fran & Joy all decked out for The Saturday night banquet at conference.



Our club being recognized at the event



Pat holding our banner for the parade of clubs.

SECRET SISTER NEWS

Judi Morris says, "I would like to thank my secret sister for the spectacular array of cards she's found. Each one is unique and brightens my day."

Penny Westerfield says "I'd like to thank her for all the wonderful cards and the fun Halloween socks. Thank you!!!"

FOSTER KIDS' BIRTHDAYS

November birthdays are:
11-10 : Lili (girl) will be 1
11-24: Curtiss(boy) will be five
Anne & Ruth are handling these gifts

December birthdays

12-2: Jeremiah will be 7 wants physical toys

12-19: Jonathan will be 1

12-20: Jachary will be 9

Please notify Barbara Reavis if you can provide a birthday present for one of these children.

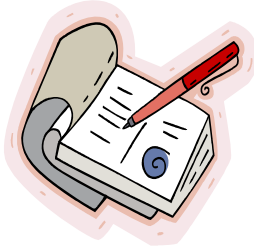
NEW ADDRESS FOR MARILYN

Marilyn and husband John have moved to Seaport Landing. Her address is 1201 Hancock Port Townsend, WA 98368

SAVE THIS DATE

11-2 Election day

11-4 learn about the Jefferson County Foundation



And a note from Betty, I spoke with Ella the night before her surgery. Her spirits are high and she is looking forward to getting it over! She is a little annoyed that she has to spend her 80th birthday in Kai Tah.

CATCHING UP WITH:
by Betty Oakes, Roving Reporter

This month your roving reporter caught up with Kay Pownall while she was busy at work at the Port Townsend Police Department. She brought me up to date on her activities of late.

Kay and her sister Cher took a “sisters only” road trip to Minnesota to visit family this fall. They had a wonderful time and enjoyed the beautiful colors of the falls leaves in Minnesota. She also reports that her youngest son who is 29 has proposed to his sweetheart and there will soon be a wedding in the family.

Last weekend after we all worked in the park with the juveniles from the county, Kay and her daughter Rachel (who lives in Portland and was up for the weekend) held a crochet class for the 3 kids who worked in the park with us. She said they were all catching on pretty well; but she tried to teach Kurt and he was struggling to coordinate his fingers to do what his mind was telling him.

Kay reports that husband Dennis is having problems with his hip and may possibly need a hip replacement.

Kay and Dennis plan to be home for Thanksgiving, but given her large family, I’m sure they won’t be alone

MORE ON ELLA

After surgery on the 26th Ella moved to Kah Tai Care Center to liven the place up a bit. You may send her cards in care of Kah Tai Care Center
651 Kearney St Port Townsend, WA 98368 the number is 360 385 5834

SEEN AROUND TOWN

- Judy C and Betty selling coupon books at Chamber. Judy has contacts she's nurtured over many years and Betty is picking up the new folks. Go Girls!!!
- Ruth Gordon speaking eloquently at Chamber about her job as Clerk of the Court. She is off to Texas to see her mom and watch the Rangers play.

SPECIAL KUDOS

To; Ruth, Betty, Fran, Judy C, Judi M, Barb, Kim, Alyce, Kurt & friends and a special thanks to Joy for providing (every time we have a garden party) sustenance to keep us going in the form of coffee and sweets.

WORK HUMOR

1. My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. I couldn't concentrate.
2. Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
3. After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it -- mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
4. Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.
5. Then, tried being a Chef--figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the thyme.
6. Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it... I couldn't cut the mustard.
7. My best job was a Musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.

8. I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have any patience.

9. Next, was a job in a Shoe Factory. Tried hard but just didn't fit in.

10. I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.

11. Managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.

12. So then I got a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.

13. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it.

14. My last job was working in Starbucks, but had to quit because it was the same old grind.

15. SO, I TRIED Retirement AND FOUND I'M PERFECT FOR THE JOB!

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

I am SO grateful for Ella doing this newsletter every month. She is our club

Treasure.

Judi (Temporary and Acting Editor)