



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for October

- 10-4: Bd Mtg- 5:30 at
Pat Durbin's home
- 10-7: Carla Caldwell-UGN
- 10-14: Business Meeting
- 10-21: District Mtg Reports
- 10-28: Dinner meeting/
Wendy Duede's home

October Birthdays

- 10-25: LaVerne Tice
- 9-25: Dinah Reed



HOSTESSES -October

Wendy Duede
Barbara Reavis

Dinner at Wendy's (not the fast food place!)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Here we are falling into autumn already, and as we've worked to schedule the October Board meeting I realized we are already a quarter of the way through the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

It seems summer is truly upon us as I write this. I basked like a lizard on the porch in the sun this morning, sipping my morning coffee. Unlike a lizard, however, who is energized by the sun, I mused on how nice it would be to spend a whole day there with a good book. The very opposite of energized!

October is bringing us two new members. Kim Hayden and Cammy Brown will be joining us this month. Cammy works in Hadlock so will not be able to attend most luncheon meetings, but we look forward to having her at our dinner gatherings. Kim has already been with us for both lunch and dinner. We are glad to welcome both of these ladies into our fold.

Also coming up this month, the 15th-17th, is the District I conference, being held this year at Tulalip Resort. We still have one registration open if anyone would like to join us. We're told there is an outlet mall close by with courtesy bus service from the hotel, and of course, the casino is a big draw. How about making a weekend of it and bringing your significant other along? Please consider going if you have never attended. The conference is a great experience.

One of the benefits of attending these conferences is to see the broad scope of what Sorooptimists around the world are accomplishing.

For several years a prime focus worldwide has been to disrupt the trafficking of women and girls in the sex trade.

A significant victory was won recently when Soroptimist of the Americas took an active role along with other human rights organizations at a protest at Craigslist Headquarters to shut down their online sales category of "Adult Services." By helping to raise awareness of the issue to the national level, Craigslist management was pressured to remove the category from their online web sites nationwide.

Soroptimists played a small role in a very large effort that shut down the Craigslist category on September 5th. Our organization was part of one small step. There is still much to be done.

Pat



GIRLS CIRCLE

Barbara Carr, Administrator, Jefferson County Juvenile and Family Court sent us the following message.

"Just an update on our Girls Circle. We have had two sessions and will meet again this coming Wednesday, October 6. Both meetings to date have been terrific. We have been surprised that the girls are enthusiastic and actually saying they like to be there (always a shock to hear some of these girls be positive). The first week was a good starter – doing some small group talks about a variety of topics to get the girls to know each other better. Last week they got down to work making journals they will use throughout the coming weeks.

This coming week is ""Song About Me/Who I am"" and the girls will be bringing CD's or their IPODS, having chosen a song to share with the rest of the group that they somehow feel is personal to them. We get to listen to all the songs and talk about how the specific songs represent each girl. This will be fun!

.....Thanks again for being our support!

Barbara will give us a very brief update the 3rd meeting this month.

SECRET SISTER NEWS

Anne Burkart says "Many thanks to my wonderful Secret Sister for the cute and timely cards. Your messages are "right on."

Remember to send your Secret Sister a card once a month!!

FOSTER KIDS BIRTHDAYS

Please notify Barbara Reavis if you can provide birthday gifts for these kids:

Jonathan – 10-2-97

Austin – 10-14-08

Asa – 10-22-00

Lili -11-10-09

Curtiss- 11/24/05 (special needs kid-wants soft toys)

Denise at DSHS mentioned how much it was appreciated that we supported them.

WHAT I DID THIS SUMMER

Barbara Reavis reported as follows: “In regards to my summer, it was filled with family and grandchildren (always my favorite thing), a crazy 4th of July celebration at Diamond Point with my crazy kids, a wonderful trip to Mt Rainier with my husband for a long week-end- absolutely gorgeous and needed AFTER all the grandkids.

We also spent one week traveling through Glacier, Yellowstone and the Tetons in September. We were lucky to have had beautiful weather while the Peninsula was getting a bunch of rain. Saw a lot of wild-life, moose, wolves, big horned sheep, antelope, etc. AND a REAL bear in a field eating a delicious carcass. YUM! Quite the photo op for my husband who is really into photography.

My only regret is that my sandals are now being put away for the winter! I think I have managed to have my tootsies free as long as I can!”

Pat Durbin reported, “I went to Chicago to visit my oldest son for one full week. My Florida grandkids and my daughter came up during that time so I got to include four days with them as well.

The bright spot of Frank’s summer was that my middle son (who is now back from Australia and living with his family on Bainbridge Island) bought Frank a paint ball gun. The intent was to mark every deer that migrates through our yard with a different color paint so we could count how many there actually are. Unfortunately, the little ‘dears’ are so plump from wiping out

all our vegetation that the paint ball just bounces off without breaking and we are no closer to an accurate count than we were at the beginning of summer.”



KUDOS TO RUTH GORDON!

Ruth has been chosen as the Elected Official of the Year by the Washington State Democratic Party.

Here is what she has to say about it!

“This is an award that will be given at their annual Maggie’s luncheon in Seattle on October 2nd . When Dwight Pelz called me at work to tell me I had won he said that many people had nominated me and said some very flattering things about me and ‘ hey, I have a picture of you here dressed as the State of Liberty – what’s THAT all about?’

LOL! Anyway as we talked it became clear that he was fascinated by the fact that I had dressed up in that costume. So I assume that is why I won. I have attended Maggie’s before and can attest that this is an honor prized by serious Democrats and most likely completely irrelevant to anyone else. There is a plaque involved, I think, but I will still not get a real office at the courthouse. Still, it was very nice to be nominated for this award by the local Dems, who are my friends. It feels good to be honored by people who actually know me, and I AM honored. I’m not minimizing it – I’m very pleased and so is my Mom.

My head is not swollen by this turn of events, though. You will all still recognize me next time you see me.”

Editor’s Note:

I have a picture of Ruth in costume in my PICASA file but can’t figure out how to get it inserted here. It worked in my old Word but not in Word 2010!! I think you have all seen it before though.



PARK NEWS

by Joy McFadden

We had a small party in September at the Gateway Park. Some “dead heading” was done, some weeding was done and we planted 180 bulbs (tulips, hyacinth and daffodils). This month we will finish the “dead heading” and do some pruning. You don’t need to know how, we’ll help you learn. So please come join in the fun and take out your aggressions by chopping off a few heads! The garden is looking good and will be looking better!

VISIT FROM EVA

Eva Tulgren –our Swedish Soroptimist Sister – visited us in September. She brought along her “Angels” to show us. Her club in Lund Sweden is selling them as a fund raiser for their projects in South Africa. Several of us bought them –for ourselves and as gifts. They are beautiful Angel charms – to wear on chain or a bracelet.

Eva comes to Port Townsend almost every year to visit her sister, Caija DeGregorio. We consider Eva an honorary member of our club.



THE FUNNIES

Questions and answers from last year’s GED examination:

Q. How is Dew formed

A. The sun dries the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?

A. If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed.

Q. In a democratic society, how important are elections?

A. Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election.

Q. What are steroids?

A. Things for keeping carpets still on stairs.

Q. What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A. He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

These were 16 year olds!!!!