



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Christmas is behind us and all the anticipation of the New Year lies ahead. The fun of having friends and family close is why this time of year is truly special to me. As I look back over the past few months I can hardly believe it's already the end of December.

The thing that has always impressed me most about SIPT is the generosity of its members.

The recent call to provide gifts for the moms of Dove House is just one such case. Others have volunteered to work wrapping and sorting gifts for the kids at DSHS, and many contributed on the spot at a luncheon meeting when a plea went out from one of our members for her friend who was in need of funds to supply baby necessities.

Sometimes when I hear the news about all the injustices in the world I feel helpless and frustrated. I'm sure we all do. What more can I, as an individual, do to make the world a better place? I take solace in telling myself that as an individual I can't change the world, but I can help make the world a better place for those around me. Like George Bailey, played by Jimmy Stewart in the film "*It's a Wonderful Life*", (which I enjoyed again for the umpteenth time with my family last week) perhaps small things that don't seem terribly important at the time can leave a big impact without our even knowing it at the time. George Bailey visited a world in the future that demonstrated to him what his world might have been like if he had not been there to help shape it. The film is a wonderful lesson for all of us.

If each of us work individually in our own circle of contacts to make the world a better place then surely, as a

Schedule for January

- 1-6: Recruitment Committee
(Carol, Penny & Diane)
Plus Sequim Mbrs re a theater project
- 1-13: Business Meeting
- 1-20: Habitat for Humanity
(Katie Davis & Jamie <Maciejewski)
- 1-27: Dinner Mtg –Karen B's

January Birthdays

What –none!!



HOSTESSES –January

Karen Bednarski
Joy McFadden

HOSTESSES- February

Judy Cavett
Volunteer??

group, through Soroptimist, in our local community and around the world we can continue to make a significant difference.

I hope each of you, your family and your friends had a very Merry Christmas and I wish you the best for a wonderful New Year.

Pat

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CATCHING UP WITH MEMBERS

by Betty Oakes, Roving Reporter

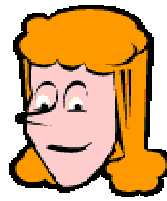
I caught up with Judi and Milt Morris who spent a quiet Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law. Anne and Mike Burkart joined them for a quiet Christmas Eve dinner. The Morrises and Burkarts plan to spend New Year’s Eve together at the Burkarts.

Diane Kenyon and her daughter (who came up from Olympia where she now lives) spent Christmas Eve at a friend’s house. Poor Diane is recovering from pneumonia and says it was at its worst on Christmas.

Ruth Gordon spent Christmas with her daughter at her Seattle home. Lauren prepared a chicken dinner for the two of them. Ruth reports that she will be attending a formal attire party on New Year’s Eve.

Penny Westerfield spent Christmas day in Gig Harbor at her niece’s house for their annual celebration. They played Wii and had a great time.

Ella Sandvig spent Christmas Eve with family – watching them cook in her kitchen!



SECRET SISTER NEWS

Judy Cavett thanks her Secret Sister for the lovely amaryllis plant which is just beginning to bloom. What a treat to begin the new year!

Pat Durbin thanks her Secret Sister for the beautiful scarf and joyful card!

Ella Sandvig thanks her Secret Sister for the lovely scarf and clever gold pin! Appropriately there were hearts on the pin! This was given to me at my 80th birthday party at Kai Tai Care Center –but I don’t know who sent it!

CHRISTMAS DOINGS

Pat Durbin reported that they hosted their son and his partner who came from Chicago, as well as Frank’s two sons from Portland, and their youngest son, his wife and seven year old for dinners, singing of carols, making mayhem with wrappings from gifts, and watching “It’s a Wonderful Life” again to the point where most of them know the dialogue.

Judy Cavett reports as follows: “On December 14 Micheal and I left for "sunny" Florida to visit our daughter Renee and her family for the Christmas Holiday. The weather in Jacksonville had been in the 70’s prior to the two weeks of our arrival. Upon our arrival, the temps took a nose dive to the 50’s! It was lovely for us though as the sun shone every day and I laid on the deck soaking up the rays!

Micheal immediately took off for a six-day fishing trip to Louisiana while I stayed with our daughter to decorate, shop and get ready for Christmas. We had a blast baking decorating and more shopping than I have done in five years!

After church on Sunday, I became ill with the flu, temps in the 100-101 range, heavy duty cough and the miseries and spent the next four days in bed. I did get out of bed for our scheduled spa day and am so glad I did. We went to this very expensive spa which overlooks the ocean with gorgeous views, soft fluffy robes, champagne – you get the picture. Then this gorgeous hunk of a surfer came into the room and called my name for my massage – I was in heaven! Oh yes, we had facials, manicure and pedicures given by women which I hardly remember.

Christmas day found me still sick but able to manage a shower and celebrating gift unwrapping with the grandchildren who are 23 and 21. Dinner was prepared by Renee and her dad, while I luxuriated in bed. Dinner was suburb (Christmas goose, turkey and all the trimmings) and I was able to eat after four days of hardly eating anything!

We did manage a movie, *True Grit*, and a lot of family TV time. All in all, it was a great vacation, great Christmas, (we got ourselves Droid phones) but sooo nice to be home and back to routine. Happy New Year everyone!”

Fran O’Brien reports, “I flew to Arizona to spend Christmas with my daughter, Jere and her spouse at their condo in Chandler. This is the condo that until recently was

occupied by my granddaughter, Brianna, and two other students. Jere and Bill joined them in late August and are awaiting completion of their new house that is being built, also in Chandler.

The students have had two dogs and three cats residing with them through the school year and when Bill and Jere joined them they added their two dogs and two cats, for a total of four dogs and five cats. (This is a four bedroom, three bath, three story condo) One of Jere’s cats has not enjoyed the situation so has taken residence in the room designated as mine, thus I had a feline bed partner for the extent of my visit.

One student with dog went home for Christmas leaving room for my eldest son and spouse to join us for Christmas weekend. We checked out the progress of the new house and did a fair amount of dog walking. The cats entertained themselves.

As for New Year’s resolutions – I no longer make them and am just enjoying my quiet house and only one dog and one cat!

NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS

Judy Cavett resolves to be a better person and find more peace in this coming year.

Pat Durbin resolves to stop smoking cigars!! (*Oh Pat, we didn’t know!!*)

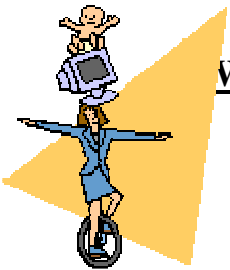
Ella Sandvig resolves to continue cardio-rehab until she is physically fit!! (Thirty three more weeks)

THANKS FROM ELLA

Soroptimist women are so caring and generous! I am so grateful for the flowers, food and visits while I recovered from open heart surgery.

Also the cards and birthday gifts. My birthday was spent at Kai Tai Care center – But I did have a great party there with about twenty people (family, friends and Soroptimists) We enjoyed my daughter's great chocolate cake, ice cream and cup cakes from Joy!

Thanks especially to Judy Cavett, Judi Morris, Karen Hankins and Ruth Gordon for the dinners delivered for the first few days I was home.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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We look forward to working (& playing) with you both.

THE FUNNIES

Where do you find a dog with no legs?



Right where you left him!

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What kind of coffee was served on the Titanic?

Sanka

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What is the difference between a Harley and a Hoover?

The location of the dirt bag!

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Why did Pilgrim's pants fall down?

Because they wore their belt buckles on their hats!

FROM THE DARWIN AWARDS

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From the Hickory Daily Record: K.Barger, 47, accidentally shot himself to death in December in Newton, NC. Awakening to the sound of a ringing telephone beside his bed, he reached for the phone but grabbed a Smith & Wesson 38 Special, which discharged as he drew it to his ear.

From the San Jose Mercury News: An unidentified man, using a shotgun like a club to break a former girlfriend's windshield, accidentally shot himself to death when the gun discharged. (*These awards always go to men!!*)