

SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for July

- 7-7 : Program-Retreat Review
Discovery View
- 7-9 : Hadlock Days Parade
(10:20)
- 7-12 : 5:30 Board Mtg, Pat
Durbin's Home
- 7-14: Business Mtg-noon
Discovery View
- 7-16: 9 a.m –Gateway Park
work party
- 7-21: Program Meeting-
John MacElwee,
Centrum Program Dir.
Discovery View
- 7-28: 5:30 Dinner Meeting
Pat Durbin's home

July Birthdays

- 7-3- Barbara Reavis
- 7-10- JoAnne Dilly
- 7-17- Betty Oakes
- 7-18- Judi Morris
- 7-19- Ruth Gordon
- 7-29- Fran O'Brien

(Wow – a lot of Leo's)

July Hostesses

Judi Morris
Anne Burkart

August Hostesses

Pat Durbin
Fran O'Brien

September Hostesses

Ruth Gordon
Joy McFadden

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy July everyone I can't tell you how excited I am about this new year of Port Townsend Soroptimist. After the June 25th retreat I feel we are truly invigorated. We started off the retreat with what seemed like bleak budget news, but Soroptimists that we are, always reinventing ourselves, we will be meeting our goals with new projects.

It's always nice to be able to give money to women and girls who really need it, but we have to remember that we are foremost a volunteer organization and keep that in mind as we use our hands and hearts to reach out. A good example is the Gateway Park. It is looking good and that is because of the work that Joy and the faithful park volunteers put into it. We need to make this a 100 percent project. If everyone could put in an hour a month, that would be wonderful. We will be involved in the Hadlock Days parade so our second Saturday in the park has been moved to the third Saturday (the 16th).

We also discussed spicing up our meetings with a "happy hour" meeting once a month in addition to the monthly dinner meeting at a member's home. The Pizza Factory was suggested and we will start there in September with the first two meetings of the month traditional program meeting at Discovery View and the 3rd meeting will be a combination "happy hour" meeting and business meeting at the Pizza Factory. You can have a drink or soft drink and order your own pizza, salad or one of the other dishes they have there, bring it back to the meeting room and we will start our business meeting at 6:00.

We also discussed going "dark" in August with only working in the park on the 13th and the dinner meeting at Pat's on August 25th.

The biggest discussion was about Penny's proposed project of a "Soropti-thon" next spring. We would partner with the "Y" and Jefferson Healthcare for an event that would feature youngsters biking, swimming and running. Details are far from worked out, but it sounds like a fun project.

Thanks to everyone for stepping up and filling committee slots. It's going to be a busy, productive and FUN year!

Betty



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FOSTER KIDS BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Reavis reports the following August birthdays:

- Connor (Male) - August 3, 2007
- Kalista (Female) –August 18, 2003
- Morgan (Male) –August 13, 1999

If you can provide a birthday gift for one of these children, please give Barbara a call.

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NEW FUNDRAISING EFFORT

by Penny Westerfield

Two new ideas were presented at the SIPT Retreat on Saturday, June 25th.

The first was a mini-triathlon for kids – a Soropti-thon! The idea was met with great enthusiasm as there is currently nothing like this event in this area. The idea is very new so there are a lot of details to work out, but the members at the retreat gave the go-ahead to me to start the ball rolling since I thought it up! The idea was gotten from one of my co-workers when I was

talking to her about a possible bike event for families. She said she would really like to see a mini-triathlon for kids!

For example the kids would start at Mountain View pool, do "x number" of laps, exit the pool and ride their bikes down to Blue Heron Middle School, then run around the track for "x number" of laps.

It's ALL new and I have already contacted the Program Director for the YMCA and will be setting up initial meetings to partner with them. I have also contacted the CEO for Jefferson Healthcare, Mike Glenn, and he responded quickly with a "yes," the hospital will support this program. Everyone I have spoken with has responded with amazing support!

And where would the revenue come from? From sponsorships and registration fees most likely; again, this is in the very initial stages of discussion, so members will be updated frequently and committees formed as we go along. The event would most likely be held next spring of 2012.

The second idea presented was my initial idea of a family biking event, similar to the Fort-2-Fort and Rhody Tour events. The members thought it was a good idea, but decided to focus on the mini-triathlon first.

Stay tuned! You WILL be contacted to help!

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CAROL HAS HER SAY!

Hey everyone! What a great retreat we had at Penny's home. Jam packed information and direction for the new year.

I know that I'm looking forward to the new fundraiser (way cool), the meeting schedule, taking off in August and ferreting out those women who would love to be part of this solid core of women!

We are Soroptimists! Yah!

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pat Durbin is the publicity committee chair. For the year she plans to provide:

- Timely new releases to the local papers.
- Hold three "Children's ID Kit" days at the Hadlock and Port Townsend QFCs and also at Port Townsend's Safeway.
- FINISH THE SCRAPBOOKS by holding a potluck evening where we all do nothing but eat, drink and paste.

Ella Sandvig is the Hostess Committee Coordinator. She will:

- Call the hostesses assigned, the week before the month begins.
- Provide back-up when there is not a hostess available.

She asks that you find a substitute or trade months if you are not able to serve during your assigned month.

INSTALLATION

Installation of new officers was held at the Port Townsend Golf Course Restaurant on June 22nd.

Bernie Bell, District I Director, was the installing officer. Dinner was provided by our old friend, Michelle Sanchez. It was great as usual.

President Betty Oakes chose the theme "Follow Your Dream." She has some great ideas for the new club year; let's all help her achieve her "dream."

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SECRET SISTER NEWS



We revealed ourselves to our Secret Sisters at installation ceremonies. If you were not there please remember to send a card or small gift with your name revealed. We also drew names for the coming year.

Ella Sandvig says thank you to Anne Buirkart for being a wonderful Secret Sister. The chocolates were divine and the Rose Theater tickets much appreciated.

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PHONE TREE

One of the ideas at the retreat was to start a phone tree in order to relay messages to club members about changes.

Emails are great but not everyone checks theirs in a timely manner.

We will be working on that soon. Ella Sandvig and Pat Durbin are the first two volunteers.

We need at least one more volunteer.

MEMBER NEWS

Fran O'Brien has been jet setting back and forth to Phoenix lately. Brianna is getting married soon and there have been showers and clothes shopping, etc. We want pictures, Fran!

Joy McFadden is having hip replacement surgery on the 12th of this month. We wish her the best of luck. Take it easy Joy, no working in the park for a while!

“Anyone who lives within their means suffers from a lack of imagination.”
(Oscar Wilde, writer)

“Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will ride the bus with you when the limo breaks down.”
(Oprah Winfrey)

“Always do sober what you said you'd do drunk. That will teach you to keep your mouth shut.”
(Ernest Hemingway)

“I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.”
(Thomas Alva Edison)

Re: Acceptance –or advice to Northwest-erners.

“The best thing one can do when it's raining is to let it rain.”
(Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

“Remember there is nothing stable in human affairs, therefore avoid undue elation in prosperity, or undue depression in adversity.”
(Socrates)

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KUDOS TO:



Betty Oakes and Penny Westerfield for taking on the design and printing of the new Directory. That is a big job.

Also to Penny and Betty for a great Retreat on the 25th of June. They even provided breakfast.

Pat Durbin for her great year as President. We worked hard, but had fun!

Barbara Reavis for a great job with Foster Kids birthdays. It seems to be a labor of love for her!

Joy McFadden for organizing the work at Gateway Park. Great job Joy!

UNCOMMON WISDOM

“Some problems are so complex that you have to be highly intelligent and well informed just to be undecided about them.”
(Laurence J. Peter, writer)

“If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs, it's just possible you haven't grasped the situation.”
(Jean Kerr, Writer)