



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for September

- 9-1 : Janette Force, P.T. Film Festival
- 9-8 : Gay Eisenberg, Math In Schools
- 9-13: Board Meeting -5:30 Peninsula Credit Union
- 9-15: Business Meeting -6:00 Pizza Factory- Happy Hour at 5:00
- 9-22: Soroptithon Planning Mtg Undertown – 10:30
- 9-22: Dinner Meeting – 5:30 Joy McFadden’s

September Birthdays

- 9-2 : Judy Cavett
- 9-25: Dinah Reed

SEPTEMBER HOSTESSES

Joy McFadden
Ruth Gordon

OCTOBER HOSTESSES

Barbara Reavis
Wende Duede

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

September brings thoughts of back to school and so for the Port Townsend Soroptimists, it’s back to meetings! It was nice to have Gateway Park weeded by a young man we hired for two sessions. I’m afraid this is the wave of the future as we are getting smaller (and older!).

It was a quiet August, although we had a wonderful dinner meeting at Pat Durbin’s. Thank you Pat for the wonderful setting (and the wonderful dinner). Having drinks on the verandah and a yummy lasagna dinner in her beautifully restored Victorian home was a great way to kick off the coming year. After the meeting we heard from Barbara Carr who brought us up to date on Girls Circle which just completed its second session. She told us of the differences in the two groups of girls and what they have learned from them.

Penny, Cammy and I attended the Soroptithon planning committee meeting and heard of what has been accomplished so far. The swimming pool and “Y” representatives have been pricing things we will need to purchase for the triathlon event. It was also determined that the date previously set is not feasible so it has been re-set to June 16, 2012. We compiled a list of committees and Penny will soon be asking us to sign up for one or more. Everyone will be needed on event day, so please mark your calendars.

Our September meetings start early, with the first of the month as a speaker meeting with Janette Force of the PT Film Festival and the 8th of the month for our second speaker meeting. Those meetings will now cost \$10 for lunch as discussed at the retreat (as well as the dinner meeting). When was the last time you saw prices go DOWN on something! The 3rd meeting of the month at the Pizza Factory will be on your own. It will be interesting having our business meetings in the evening. Remember on the 15th that Happy Hour and “mingle time” will be 5-6 and then at 6:00 we will start the business meeting. The board meeting will be on the 13th and will be held at Peninsula Credit Union.

So we are off to a great start.

Betty

Soroptithon 2012 Update

We had our second meeting planning the Soroptithon on Thursday, August 25. It only lasted about a half hour, but we got some good work done.

The original event date of June 2 needed to be moved to June 16 due to a conflict with school activities. The June 16 date is still a good one as school will just have gotten out and we will be able to catch families before they split on vacations. We figure the event would last at least a half day. Starting time is 10:00 am.

James, the assistant pool manager, showed us some sporting event websites where we could possibly have on-line registration, which would be cool (not to mention high tech!); we could also have a link to the registration from our SIPT website.

We established the committees needed for our group to get working on things. These committees will also help determine further costs which will help determine how much registration fees will be.

Please let Penny know which committee you would like to be a part of. Also let her know if you think we missed a committee! These are not "carved in stone" as this is the first year for our event, but it's a start:

- Sponsorships (include food sponsors) (Judi M and Judy C have already volunteered for this, but they can always use help)
- Advertising (newspapers, flyers, etc.)
- Registration (brochures, keeping track of registrants)
- Permits / Insurance
- Day of Event People Coordinator (volunteers)
- Course Set Up (where start, where stop, etc.) (Jeni, Penny so far)
- Water Stations
- Aid Stations (medical personnel? Fire Department?)

Our plan is to get the committees established by mid-September, especially the paper-side of things, so that we can get going on the sponsors

and advertising costs. We'll have sign-ups at the program meetings as well.

The next meeting date is Thursday, September 22 10:30 – Undertown. Anyone is welcome!



FOSTER KIDS BIRTHDAYS

— Kameron (male) – 9/28/1994
Kylie (male) - 9/24/2006
Lanie (female) - 10/29/2010

If you can provide a gift for one of these kids please let Barbara Reavis know. If she emails this list to you, please hit "reply all" when you answer. It makes for less confusion.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome Tricia Gillespie to our club. Here is her information:

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SECRET SISTER STUFF

Ella thanks her Secret Sister for the frequent cards. "They are delightful and I have them on my buffet to admire for awhile. The "Ruby Slippers" one is great."

Remember to send your Secret Sister a card now and then (or monthly).



MEMBER NEWS

Pat and Frank Durbin have spent a month researching and planning side trips for their upcoming five day stay in Rome followed by a ten day cruise of the Mediterranean. Pat says, “We can’t wait! This is our ‘bucket list’ item.”

Fran O’Brien is hoping her house sells by October when she plans to move to Arizona. We will miss her – and hope she will come back for a visit now and then.

Ella reports things are quiet at her house. She expects a visitor from England on the 9th of September and a two week visit from her 91 year old sister-in-law from New Mexico soon after that. Maybe that’s not so quiet?



MOVIE MUST

If you haven’t seen the movie “The Help” at the Rose – be sure to go. It is amazing!



A GOOD BOOK TO READ

“Blindness” by Jose Saramago is Beautifully written in concise, haunting prose.

This book will make you realize that we only think we are civilized. In certain circumstances civil behavior goes out the window.

Recommended by Ella Sandvig

WEATHER

Your Editor’s comments on the weather:

I hope you enjoyed our week of summer, but as you bemoan the cloudy days, remember we haven’t had floods, fires, hurricanes, or a heat wave. We are fortunate!

We will undoubtedly have a few really warm days the week school starts, as usual.

GREAT DEFINITIONS

ADULT

A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOR

A place where women curl up and dye.

CHICKENS

The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE

A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST

Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST

Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.