



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for March

- 3-1: Marty Richards, Clinical Social Worker **
- 3-4: Area Meeting, Poulsbo
- 3-8: Business Meeting
- 3-15: NO MEETING
- 3-22: Dinner Meeting - 5:30
Anne Burkart's



March Birthdays

- 25th Carol Wise
- 28th Gertrude Tjemsland

April Birthdays

- 16th Bickie Steffan
- 26th Penny Westerfield

Meeting Hostesses

- March: Anne and Penny
- April: Wendy and Joy

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This seems very strange typing my President's Report right on the Newsletter, but I am double-duty this month as the President and the Editor.

A lot of what I want to say is contained in the committee reports below. Also, even though I asked for member news, apparently no one did a thing at all during February as they have nothing to say for the newsletter. So I'm assuming no one went anywhere or did anything for Valentine's Day. No one took any trips. No one has any exciting family news to report—no new grandchildren—no birthdays of any consequence.

And most importantly, no one wants to thank their secret sister for anything. Since everyone is so quiet, I will say that Penny and I went to Seattle this past weekend and had a fabulous time staying at the Camlin and seeing *Beauty and the Beast* at the Paramount and *Stars on Ice* at Key Arena. Next Sunday we take off for 4 days in Seaside, OR. I'm so glad I have a travel buddy like Penny.

Of course the highlight was when the ticket taker on the Seattle Ferry told me that the senior ticket price was only for those over 65!

Hope you enjoy the newsletter and don't worry—it's only temporary!

Betty

**Guest speaker info:

Marty Richards is a state licensed independent clinical social worker who specializes in the aging and caring for the aging. She is a published author and makes presentations around the country at professional forums. After being based in Seattle for 25 years, she now resides in Port Townsend as a consultant on aging. She is an engaging and knowledgeable speaker.

FOSTER KIDS' BIRTHDAYS

Passing around the sign-up sheet at the last meeting proved to be very successful. Here is a reminder for those who signed up:

- 3/5/06 Thomas (Ella)
- 3/11/09 Ary (Penny)
- 3/12/08 Evan (Judi)
- 3/13/95 Cory (Anne)

- 4/11/09 Catherine (Judi)
- 4/13/08 Nicholas (Joy)
- 4/20/94 Adam (____)—needs someone to buy him a gift

An e-mail from Denice (Foster Kids Supervisor)

I really do appreciate what all of you are doing. Do you know if anyone is still interested in helping move and set up the foster kid's clothes closet? I know it was mentioned a long time ago, but we are finally ready to do it. We are very excited about the new space. It is larger and more convenient.

Let me know if you think so and include your phone number and I will share it with the foster mom that is putting it all together.

One of the workers here said that some of the Soroptimists could use a little help figuring out what a child might want for their birthday present. Please share my email and phone number and I will try to help them.

Thanks again for all you are doing.

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ELLA REPORT

Editor extraordinaire and lifetime member Ella Sandvig discovered that going for the morning paper can be a life changing experience, especially if your shoe needs retying on the journey. She lost her balance and landed shoulder-first on a cement planter. This was on February 3rd. The next day she had shoulder surgery and had a replacement for the shoulder joint and upper arm bone. After close to 4 weeks at Jefferson Healthcare, she should be returning home on February 29th. Since she managed to do this to her right arm (and she is right-handed), she has been learning to eat and write with her left hand. Not an easy task! She is looking forward to the many e-mails that she is sure are waiting for her. And I'm sure everyone (especially me) is looking forward to her return as your editor!!

GERTRUDE TJEMSLAND'S 90TH BIRTHDAY is March 28th and a large party for her is planned for April 1st in Toledo, Washington, where she is now living.

For those wishing to send her greetings, her address is:

378 Boone Road
Toledo WA 98591

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Penny files this report: People are working on the registration form and gathering contact information for all the varied schools in Jefferson County. The PT Marathon Association and County Parks & Rec are all on board to help.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Be sure you have the afternoon of May 6th on your calendars for a membership "tea" at Pat's beautiful home. It will be every member's job to bring a prospective member to the Tea!

SCRAPBOOKING PARTY

On February 16th, Pat Durbin and I met at her house and after enjoying Pat's Lasagna and Betty's Brownies, spent a couple of hours putting some scrapbooks together. Even though there were only 2 of us, we got a lot done and had a lot of fun doing it!!

GARDEN COUPON BOOKS

The new coupon books are hot off the press and their first outing was at the Master Gardener's Event on February 25th. They will be available for the membership to sell at the March 1st meeting. There are lot more coupons this years with a lot of extra "goodies" to make them good sellers.

PENINSULA AREA MEETING

Our Area meeting will be this coming Saturday in Poulsbo. Those signed up to go are: Cammy Brown, Pat Durbin, Penny Westerfield, Diane Kenyon, Joy McFadden and Betty Oakes. Judi Morris is contributing our door prize.

GATEWAY PARK

We had quite a crew working in the park on February 11th. Gravel was delivered and spread and some weeding and pruning done. Some of us went to Sea-J's for a fun lunch afterward. Those working were:

Wendy Duede, Pat Durbin, Joy McFadden, Judi Morris, Anne Burkart, Ruth Gordon and Betty Oakes.

Soroptimisters: Jim Duede, Mike McFadden, and Milt Morris

Soroptimist paid worker: Dave Shaw

County Reps: (Teenage boys doing community service): Josh Milligan, Jordan Turner, Tristan de Rochefort, Elijah Fry

(and their leader—Kurt Munnich)

DINNER MEETINGS

Judy Cavett hosted the February dinner meeting where we had a fun evening of appetizers and playing some fun games of International Rummy. We all agreed it would be fun to do this again.

This month's meeting will be at Anne Burkart's and we will have as our guests our 3 Violet Richardson winners as well as their mothers. Should be a nice evening—it's always great to meet these fine young ladies.

Since it wouldn't be a newsletter without jokes, here we go!

For all of you with any money left, be aware of the next expected mergers so that you can get in on the ground floor and make some BIG bucks.

Watch for these consolidations very soon:

1. Hale Business Systems, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush, and W. R. Grace Co. Will merge and become: Hale Mary Fuller Grace.
2. Polygram Records, Warner Bros., and Zesta Crackers join forces and become: Poly Warner Cracker.
3. 3M will merge with Goodyear and become: MMM Good.
4. Zippo Manufacturing, Audi Motors, Dofasco, and Dakota Mining will merge and become: ZippAudiDoDa.
5. FedEx is expected to join its competitor, UPS, and become: FedUP.
6. Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell Computers will become: Fairwell Honeychild.
7. Grey Poupon and Docker Pants are expected to become: Poupon Pants.

8. Knotts Berry Farm and the National Organization of Women will become: Knott NOW!

1) The bandage was **wound** around the **wound**.

2) The farm was used to **produce produce**.

3) The dump was so full that it had to **refuse** more **refuse**.

4) We must **polish** the **Polish** furniture.

5) He could **lead** if he would get the **lead** out.

6) The soldier decided to **desert** his dessert in the **desert**.

7) Since there is no time like the **present**, he thought it was time to **present** the **present**.

8) A **bass** was painted on the head of the **bass** drum.

9) When shot at, the **dove dove** into the bushes.

10) I did not **object** to the **object**.

11) The insurance was **invalid** for the **invalid**.

12) There was a **row** among the oarsmen about how to **row**.

13) They were too **close** to the door to **close** it.

14) The buck **does** funny things when the **does** are present.

15) A seamstress and a **sewer** fell down into a **sewer** line.

16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his **sow** to **sow**.

17) The **wind** was too strong to **wind** the sail.

18) Upon seeing the **tear** in the painting I shed a **tear**.

19) I had to **subject** the **subject** to a series of tests.

20) How can I **intimate** this to my most **intimate** friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.