



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No foolin' – it's April already!!

I had an interesting meeting in March with the club presidents from Sequim, Forks (Olympic Rainforest), and Port Angeles Jet Set. They are interested in pursuing a joint project with us, but we couldn't quite pinpoint what that would be just yet!

Discussion centered on human trafficking; Forks just had a speaking event earlier this year on the subject. We talked about possibly putting together some information, flyers, bookmarks, and other such things that we could deliver to the middle schools on the North Olympic Peninsula. We will also talk to the schools directly to see what our clubs can do to further any issues they may have.

As always, please feel free to contribute your ideas/suggestions. They are most welcome. This joint effort has just begun and will obviously be tweaked in the months ahead and I like to think we're all in this together!

Triathlon planning is gaining momentum. We're very close to establishing a budget so we can start seeking sponsorships. The young people involved in coordinating the running, swimming, and biking elements bring great energy and ideas to the planning. They are also getting educated on what Soroptimist is as I get asked questions every time about what we do. By our next business meeting I'll have a list of things for you all to get involved with!

There are six of us going to the Area Meeting on April 6 and that's great for our little club! It promises to be a fun day and it's good mingling with other clubs, meeting new people, and getting energized.

We welcome new member Katy Gifford! She is the branch manager of US Bank Port Townsend and is looking forward to learning more about Soroptimist and being a part of our group. She is coming to the Area Meeting, too!

Let's hope we don't have too many April showers! Until next time...

Best, Penny

Schedule for April

- 4-4 : Program Meeting
- 4-11 : Business Meeting
- 4-18: Dinner Meeting
Wendy Duede's Home
- 4-25 : No Meeting

April Birthdays

- 4-16: Bickie Steffan
- 4-26: Penny Westerfield

APRIL HOSTESSES

Wendy Duede
Barbara Reavis



HAPPY SPRING!!!!

SECRET SISTER NEWS

What! No secret sister news? Did no one send cards on Easter??

MEMBER NEWS

by Betty Oakes

From Terri Camp: I have accepted a position in Coastal Southern Oregon, as Chief Quality Officer at Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay. It is a 172-bed hospital, the largest on the coast, and a new position, to support their desire to become a leader in quality and safety. I am excited, and honored, to be selected for the position. It does mean a move and some long-term decisions about work and distance for my husband, as well. We are looking at it as an adventure, as well as an opportunity.

From Joy McFadden: Mother Nature and Me coupon books are ready and will once again be at our meeting for you to obtain. We need each member to do their part in selling these books so we can continue helping to improve the lives of women and girls.

Girl's Circle is starting again the 8th of April. Our club members will be furnishing the snack for each of their 12 meetings. Judi Morris and Judy Cavett have offered to furnish the beverages for each meeting so we just need the snacks. Right now only 3 of us have signed up! The sign-up sheet will be at club so you can sign up to participate.

Life at the lake is good. We are really looking forward to the nice weather projected for Easter. Warm, dry Easter Egg Hunts are so much more fun than chilly, wet ones! Happy Easter to you all.

From Alyce Hansen: "Have you ever seen the Aurora Borealis 5 nights in a row? How lucky can you get? Even at -36 degrees, clear skies, a million stars and the big dipper that showed up much brighter than usual and you felt you could touch it!

Prior to going to Coldfoot, AK, on the Dalton Highway, I spent 6 nights in Fairbanks with several trips to the museum at the University of Alaska, the international dog sled races with team categories of 2 to 8 dogs in each classification (last held in Fairbanks in 2001) last year was Norway. Many, many events to take part in in the city; and on the way home there were at least 70 skiers on the plane, with skies and backpacks, which I had never seen checked in before!!!!!!!, and when we were all loaded for the one hour flight to Anchorage, skiers were all asleep in less than 5 minutes--but darn a plane change for the East Coast, and other way points. I want to go back again." Alyce loves Alaska.

From Ella: My brother died early on the 17th. It was time for him to go, but hard to lose the last of my immediate family. I was glad I got to say goodbye. I'm past the hardest grieving but I will miss my little brother (all six foot two of him!) Thanks to the club for the beautiful tulips you sent me.

From Penny, Wendy and Betty: Betty, Wendy, and Penny spent 4 fun days at Seaside, OR, mid-March. The coincidence of the three names all being five letters and ending in "y" notwithstanding, the ladies had a good time walking the beach, shopping 'til they dropped, and eating and drinking and watching movies all in the comfort of a penthouse unit right on the beach! Seaside's economy was a little padded after they left!

From Ruth Gordon: Ruth spent most of March somewhere else. She's forgotten

all her passwords. She learned to make marzipan--it's easy. She made a container garden for her mom, which Mom really enjoys. Her mom's lung cancer treatment didn't work as well as one would wish. This is bad news, which reminds us that every single day is a gift.

From Betty: I've been trying to master my new Laptop computer with Windows 8 and have decided there must be easier ways to get headaches. I'm pretty sure I'll get there, but it's slow going!

From Pat Durbin: Frank is recovering very well from his gamma knife procedure. His voice is almost completely back to normal, and though he still has no feeling in his left thumb and index finger, he has relearned how to use the hand quite well. He is back to driving, too. He still gets frustrated when things don't work right, and the limitation on his touch typing skills for email is the biggest nuisance for him. All in all, the prognosis is looking good. He has never had any pain with any of this and we both feel very fortunate.

Thanks again to all of you for your notes, cards, flowers and messages of concern. We're blessed to have so many caring friends.

On a lighter note, the Victorian Festival was held this past weekend, and I had the honor of leading a guided one and a half hour bus tour. The bus was donated by Discovery View. For their generosity, the proceeds of the tour are donated back to them for their recreation programs. It was a true delight to have NO OTHER responsibilities for the Festival this year. My granddaughter visited from Florida and we attended the fashion

show, a 'tea', and the Victorian Ball. She is only 14 and I thought she might think the whole thing a bit 'grandmaish', but she had a great time and grandpa showed her some waltz steps and she danced many times at the ball. Her visit provided us with a lot of delight in what has otherwise been a rather stressful month.

Foster Kids Birthday Reminders:

April:

Catherine (Turns 4 on April 11) – Cammy Jacob (Turns 18 on April 12) – Penny

No Foster Kids birthdays in May.



ROCK ON WORKING IMAGE!

Fashion Show-Luncheon- Silent Auction

Tuesday April 23, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
Elks Lodge, Port Townsend
Make checks payable to Working Image. \$35 per person – Tables of 8
Paid reservations only and no phone reservations. Tickets will not be mailed. Pick up table assignments upon arrival. Questions?: Contact Vicki Tallerico at either, email mimirio2000@yahoo.com or phone, 360 437 4065.

Mail check w/phone number to:
WI Fashion Show, c/o. Vicki Tallerico
101 Warbler Lane, Port Ludlow 98365
Deadline: 4-8-13
Menu: Vegetable Quiche



GATEWAY PARK

Joy McFadden reports that we have hired a man to take care of the park for us and it is in good condition and the spring color is beginning to show.

The sign will be cleaned soon.

NEW MEMBER

Katy Gifford will be joining us soon. Her email address is kathryn.gifford@usbank.com.

Welcome Katy!

PAST EVENTS

by Ella Sandvig

In 1995, Fran O'Brien and I attended the Federation meeting in San Francisco. At that meeting we heard a speech from Scholastique Mukanutabana, Interim President of the SI/Kigali, Rwanda Club.

She was interim president because the president of the club and her family were killed in the war of genocide. Ms. Mukanutabana and her Soroptimist sisters were taking care of the children left behind when their parents were killed.

Money was collected at the door after her speech. Thousands were collected. Soroptimist Women are so amazing!

If you get a chance to attend a Federation Meeting – please go. You will be especially proud to be a Soroptimist.

PUNOGRAPHY

I changed my ipods name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

When chemists die, they barium.

How does Moses make his tea? He brews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

The girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

I am reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

PMS jokes are not funny; period.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

The earthquake in Washington was obviously the government's fault.

I got a job in a bakery because I kneaded dough.



April showers bring May flowers!