



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for August

8-2: Green Pods *

8-9: Business Meeting

8-16: Dinner Meeting

8-23: No Meeting

8-30: No Meeting



August Birthdays

8-14: Cammy Brown

AUGUST HOSTESSES

Betty Oakes

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***Green Pods is a woman owned Construction Company that produces "green" housing.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"Happy New Year"!

At least it's a new year for our Soroptimist club. I hope everyone enjoyed taking July off, and now we begin our year.

I want to thank everyone who was involved with the installation June 23. It was a wonderful, meaningful event and I'm excited and honored to be "leading the pack" for 2012-2013. I thank everyone who came, especially the visitors from the Sequim and Port Angeles clubs. That made it very special.

There were some great ideas exchanged at the retreat held prior to the installation so we will be exploring those ideas a lot more in the coming months. Thank you for your contributions; I look forward to putting as many into action as we can.

August 25 is our "Soroptithon" kids' triathlon – finally! After much anguish and going from the original triathlon event to a duathlon and back to the triathlon has been quite the journey! But our partnership with the county and city parks and recreation departments is a good one and everyone involved is very excited about the event. This first year may not be huge in numbers, but everyone feels it will most certainly grow from here on. I look forward to everyone helping out at the event!

My theme for this year, "The Time Given," has been showing itself in many forms which I find amusing and thought provoking. It's kind of like buying a new car. All of a sudden you notice "your car" all over the place. When Betty and I were at Whistler, there was a very large antique clock suspended from the ceiling of the condo hallway near the main entryway. It was unique and I knew they hung it there just for my visit. With the Olympics underway, time is very important for each and every athlete. Nanoseconds can mean the difference between a gold and silver medal, or not medaling at all.

The time we give as Soroptimists is always important no matter what amount we give. Bettering our community, and knowing that what we do is part of such an amazing international com-

munity, is humbling and satisfying. We give what we can when we can. And we do it with heartfelt love.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president. I'm expecting a lot of help!! Let's make this a fun and rewarding year. Let's think outside the box and get creative. The clock is ticking!

Best, Penny



SECRET SISTER NEWS

It's a new club year. Don't forget to send cards to your new Secret Sister!

Ella says thanks to her last year's Secret Sister Joy – who gave her two bibs (like the ones she made for the "Swing Beds at the hospital). "I said I wanted one and I got two! Eating with my "hurt right arm" is still hard.

Hostesses are needed for September. A second hostess is needed for August, October, November, March, and June. Please sign up!!!!

Committees for 2012-13:

- Children's ID Kits: Pat
- Christmas Dinner: Joy & Betty
- Directory: Betty & Penny
- Foster Children: Betty & Cammy
- Coupon Books: Wendy, Diane, Joy
- Soroptihon: Penny & Judi
- Gateway Park: Joy
- Girls Circle: Diane & Terri
- Installation Event: Judi & Pat

- Lunch Meeting Hostesses: Ella
- Membership: Judi, Pat, Judy
- Newsletter: Ella & Betty
- Phone Tree: Ella, Barb, Pat
- Public Awareness: Cammy
- Scrapbook: Pat
- Scholarships, Awards: Ruth, Anne, Terri
- Secret Sisters: Judy
- Sister Clubs: Alyce
- Sunshine: Betty
- Website: Pat & Betty
- Women's Recognition: Ruth, Anne, Terri



MEMBER NEWS

(as reported by Betty Oakes, Reporter)

Cammy Brown reports that her daughter Justeen is getting married on October 13th. Cammy is participating in the Port Ludlow Festival by the Bay where she will have a booth. She also reports that she is now a Miche (purses) representative and will have a booth at the Jefferson County Fair so if you are at the fair or festival stop by and say hi. She is also coordinating a Business Expo for the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce set for September 29th at the Chimacum High School Commons. Busy girl! She also adds that she wants to spend as much time with her 18 month old granddaughter as is possible - they now live down the street. You can just see her thinking all the time and soaking up stuff in her brain!! Cammy wasn't able to enjoy her children like she does her granddaughter - makes her feel bad sometimes but life got in the way!!!

Barbara Reavis reports that hubby Bob finished his last chemo in July, so now will be on maintenance for every 3 months for a couple of years. They are SO grateful for having most of this behind them. They just put their 12 year old

grandson on a plane back to Sacramento after a month's visit. That means no more snakes in the compost pile, or salamanders in the garage and other various creepy crawlers. (And she can walk around in her nightgown again!)

Diane Kenyon is helping out Saturday (July 28th), with the Relay for Life "Ice Cream Social" and "Survivor's Dinner"and plans to do the "Survivor's Lap" with all the survivors, before going to the dinner. She said that she would prefer to serve our community survivors, meet and greet all of them, instead of sitting and eating the dinner. She also reports "My 10 year anniversary of "being diagnosed with Breast Cancer" will be August 6th10 years Cancer Free on June 4th, 2013."

Penny Westerfield and **Betty Oakes** traveled to Whistler, B.C. for Betty's birthday. It was an exciting 5 days with lots of hiking. (If you travel with President Penny, be sure to take your hiking shoes.) In addition of a lot of good restaurant meals, we took the ski-lift up to the top of Blackcomb Mountain then the Gondola ride over to Whistler Mountain (while trying not to look down at the chasm below), then another gondola ride down into Whistler Village. The Gondola is called the Peak2Peak and is the longest one of its kind!

Pat Durbin stripped 11 layers of paint off of the old columns from her house to reuse inside as a room divider between the living room and entry hall. Great fun. Very messy.

Pat Durbin and **Betty Oakes** visited the Jefferson County Historical Research Center where they deposited a major portion of our 65 years' worth of scrapbooks. We were given a tour of the facility by the director, Marsha Moratti, and saw many interesting things, large items as well as documents, having to do with Jefferson County history—all maintained in a climate controlled facility. We will be able to check out our scrapbooks whenever we want.

Alyce Hansen (never one to let grass grow under her feet) is off again to a family reunion in Bozeman, Montana, and will leave before it is over to go to Cottage Grove, Oregon, to the Old Schoolmates Gathering, with a special breakfast on Friday morning at a classy B& B, and in the afternoon a banquet in the school gym, served by the cafeteria staff, of all persons attending. She'll be checking out what's going on in the Old Town. Saturday is another special Miners Breakfast, served outdoors, hotcakes, and all the fixings, and it is supposed to represent the Bohemia Mining Days in that area - everybody goes.

Last week Alyce was on a Road Scholar trip up the Dalton Highway to Deadhorse, AK. She even saw a herd of Muskox along the side of the road. She had already seen them, reindeer, and caribou at the farm for the U. of Alaska, but that's not like seeing them in the wild, lots of game and birds. She also attended the Indian Olympics in Fairbanks, including a style show of fur parkas. There was also a classification for cloth parkas, not quite as exciting, but certainly very beautiful. Now it's wild blackberry picking time and that keeps her busy.

Ruth Gordon went to Moses Lake for the Washington State Association of County Clerks conference and took a side trip to Spokane. She stayed at the LOVELY Montvale Hotel in downtown Spokane, which she really liked, and drove all the way across Washington and back in glorious weather eating the first cherries of summer and spitting the pits out the window. It was fun. Living in Port Townsend, she doesn't generally feel any need to get out of town during the summer. It's so beautiful here. No other place compares.

Carol Wise was lucky enough to visit her son Lance in Maryland. He arranged for them to stay at the beach home and she had a great time with her grandbaby and Ginger (her little cutie-pie dog) was a hit. Now she is getting focused on club biz and is excited for the new year. Love you all!!!!

Anne Burkart spent a wonderful two weeks with daughter, grandsons (12 & 8) grandnieces (21 & 19) and daughter's best friend. It was really great having a houseful of busy people, doing lots of sight-seeing, walks on the beach, hanging out at the pool, enjoying Hadlock Days - still digging out....! Says Anne: I love summer - if it would just get here!

Joy Mc Fadden and family been busy enjoying their backyard with friends and family having picnics, boating, fishing, and watching kids jumping off the dock and swimming.



Foster Kids Reminders:

August 3 (2007) is Conner (M) (Judi Morris)
August 10 (2007) is Kylie (F) (Cammy Brown)
August 18 (2003) is Kalista (F) (Ruth Gordon)
August 13 (1999) is Morgan (M) (Alyce Hansen)
September 24 (2006) is Kylie (F) (Bickie Steffan)
September 28 (1994) is Kameron (M) (Diane Kenyon)

Girls Circle Snacks Reminders:

August 7: Penny Westerfield
August 14: Barbara Reavis
August 21: Ella Sandvig



KUDOS TO:

Judy Cavett for hosting the Retreat and Installation in June. The creative decorations were outstanding!! Take a bow Judy!

ANOTHER MEMBER NOTE:

When asked what she wanted to be when she grew up, Pat Durbin answered "When I was 16 I wanted to own a big Victorian House like the ones in my neighborhood in Omaha. I only had to wait another 44 years!"

WORDS OF WISDOM

I'm not going to vacuum 'til Sears makes one you can ride on. (Roseanne Barr)

When women are depressed they either eat or go shopping. Men invade another country. (Elayne Boosler)

Behind every successful man is a surprised woman. (Maryon Pearson)

In politics, if you want anything said, ask a man – if you want anything done, ask a woman. (Margaret Thatcher)

I have yet to hear a man ask for advice on how to combine marriage and a career. (Gloria Steinem)

I am a marvelous housekeeper. Every time I leave a man I keep his house. (Zsa Zsa Gabor)

Laugh and the world laughs with you. Cry and you cry with your girl friends. (Laurie Kuslansky)

My second favorite household chore is ironing. My first being, hitting my head on the top bunk until I faint. (Erma Bombeck)

I second the above motion! (Ella Sandvig)