



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I want to thank everyone who participated in our wonderful retreat and potluck brunch on Saturday at Penny's home. We accomplished a lot and I feel it was 2 hours well spent! Thank you for those who attended and gave up their Saturday mornings. Thanks too for all the yummy food and to Penny for hosting the event.

Just a few of the things we covered. The Soroptithon is underway! Assignments have been made and we are on our way to hopefully a new annual project for Port Townsend Soroptimists.

A change in meeting days! The first meeting Thursday at Discovery View will now be our only program meeting and the second Thursday will be the business meeting/board meeting combination. We will not hold a meeting the 3rd week of the month and the 4th Thursday will be the dinner meeting as usual. The quorum was reset to 5 to conduct any business.

Barb Reavis is taking a leave due to personal issues, but we are anxious for her to return to the fold when her life calms down a bit! As she was the Recording Secretary, Joy McFadden has graciously accepted the position and we elected her to the office at the Retreat.

Some of the other many things, Pat Durbin will be hosting a Membership Tea in her home on May 6th as well as a Scrapbooking potluck dinner on February 16th.

February 11th will be "gravel in the park" day and Ella will start hosting card party/fundraisers in her home every other Wednesday starting with February 15th. The cost is \$5 and dessert will be served. The game of "Hand and Foot" will be played.

We will honor our Violet Richardson and Ruby award winners at the March dinner meeting.

There is also Region Conference to look forward to in April. Penny and I plan to drive to Spokane on Thursday, April 26th (which is also Penny's birthday) and we could use more members to accompany us. Remember, your registration will be paid by the club.

Schedule for February

2-2 : Rhody Candidates
2-9: Business Meeting
2-16: NO MEETING
2-23: Dinner Meeting - 5:30
Judy Cavett's



February Birthdays

2-9: Joy McFadden

FEBRUARY HOSTESSES

Judy Cavett
Judi Morris

MARCH HOSTESSES

Anne Burkart
Penny Westerfield

MARCH 1ST PROGRAM:

Mike Glenn, CEO, Jefferson
Healthcare

Whew!!
Thanks for all your support!

Betty

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 2-11: Work in the Park – 9 a.m.
- 2-16: Scrapbooking- Pat Durbin's
5:30
- 3-22: Awards Dinner – Anne Burkhart's
- 5-6: Membership Tea – Pat Durbin's
Afternoon – Time TBA
- 6-16: Soroptithon – 9 a.m.

FOSTER KIDS BIRTHDAYS

Cammy Brown is now the contact person for Foster Kids Birthdays. An email went out with this information. Please contact Cammy if you can help.

GARDEN BOOKS

Joy McFadden is working on the Garden Books. She hopes to have them available by

March 1st. If you have ideas for contacts please contact Joy.

KUDOS TO:

Wendy Duede, who was promoted to Branch Manager of the Hadlock Branch of Bank of America!

Joy McFadden, for volunteering to be Recording Secretary. She replaces Barbara

Reavis, who is taking care of her husband's health problems (while also working)

Penny Westerfield, for all her work organizing the Soroptithon and for hosting the retreat.

All the members who volunteered to help on the Soroptithon. Judi Morris reports that we have \$1000 from the requests we made, plus a \$500 donation. We have a good start.

Cammy Brown who stepped in for Barbara on the Foster Kids Birthday project.

MEMBER MUSINGS:

Pat Durbin reminds us that we have scheduled an evening "pot luck and wine" party to finish putting photos, etc. into scrapbooks. February 16. 5:30. She has also completed the sign permit for the city and will give it to Wendy to write a check. Once the permit and the check are received they will give us the go ahead to put up the sign in "Rotary Park" on Sims Way.

Joy McFadden says, "Thank you, thank you dear Secret Sister! I received the Christmas Card you sent when I got back from the AZ/CA trip. You hit the mark with that one, also with the card I got today...please don't forget the booze!"

Wendy Duede sent this note: "I just wanted to let everyone know that my promotion to Manager of the Hadlock Branch of Bank of America happened a month early. I was really glad I started there last Tuesday. I

didn't have to drive to town during the snow time. My work number is now 360-344 0244."

Ella Sandvig reminds everyone to send their Secret Sister a card every month. "My Secret Sister sends great cards and they really cheer me up."

Fran O'Brien complained in an email that it was only 70 in Arizona! That would be heaven to us right now!!

SNOW STORMS

You were all asked to send information to the newsletter about your activities during the snow storm.

Nobody replied – so I have to assume that you would be embarrassed for us to know!!!

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

The SI Strategic Plan for 2011-2013 starts out as follows:

Vision:

Soroptimist International is a vibrant, dynamic organization for today's professional and business women. We are committed to a world where women and girls together achieve their individual and collective potential, realize aspirations and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide.

Mission:

Soroptimists inspire action and create opportunities to transform the lives of women and girls through a global network of members and international partnerships.

Values:

- Human rights for all
- Global peace and international goodwill
- Advancing women's potential
- Integrity and democratic decision making
- Volunteering, diversity and friendship.

Goal 1:

Soroptimist International will improve the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment or enabling opportunities.

Goal 2:

Soroptimist International will be a global voice for increasing access to education and leadership for women and girls.

Goal 3:

Soroptimist International will provide an international point of connection.

Goal 4:

SI will be a strategic organization with Dynamic and proactive leadership at all levels, able to deliver results and ensure its vision is achieved.
(from "The International Soroptimist" December 2011)



“THE FUNNIES”

Life Thoughts:

“I saw a woman wearing a sweat shirt with ‘Guess’ on it. So I said ‘Impants?’ She hit me.”

“Marriage changes passion. Suddenly you’re in bed with a relative”

“Now that food has replaced sex in my life, I can’t even get into my own pants.”

“How come we choose from just two people to run for president and over fifty for Miss America?”

“When I was young we used to go ‘skinny dipping’ - now I just ‘chunky dunk!’”

“Don’t argue with an idiot, people watching may not be able to tell the difference.”

“Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.”

WHY I LIKE RETIREMENT !!

Q: How many days in a week?

A: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Q: When is a retiree’s bedtime?

A: Three hours after she falls asleep on the couch.

Q: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

A: Only one, but it might take all day.

Q: What is the biggest gripe of retirees?

A: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Q: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?

A: Tied shoes.

Q: What do retirees call a long lunch?

A: Normal

Q: What’s the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

A: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Q: What do you do all week?

A: Monday through Friday,
NOTHING...Saturday and Sunday I rest.



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