



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for January

1-3 : Regular Meeting

1-10 : NO MEETING

1-12: **RETREAT – PENNY’S**

9-12 A.M

1-17 : Dinner Mtg-Judy Cavett’s

1-21: Martin Luther King B.D.

1-24: NO MEETING

1-31: NO MEETING

January Birthdays

None listed in Directory?

JANUARY HOSTESSES

Judy Cavett

Judi Morris

FEBRUARY HOSTSSES

Cammy Brown

Diane Kenyon

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Happy New Year everyone!

It just boggles my mind that it’s a brand new year – again! And, again, Januarys tend to let our minds wander about starting anew with all kinds of projects, weight loss, cleaning out stuff (note to self-utility room!!), yadda yadda. Good luck with all that!

I’m looking forward to our retreat on January 12, and that our District 1 Director, Stephanie Smith, will be there. I’m hoping she will instill new enthusiasm and energy in us. With the new year, I’d like to see a new start with new projects discussion, and most of all, new members. It will be a fun-filled morning with Stephanie and I hope you can attend.

Because of the retreat on the 12th, I’m cancelling the business meeting on the 10th and incorporating part of the business meeting in the retreat. The retreat will be at my house from 9:00 to 12:00. It may not go on that long, but with Stephanie there, who knows?

So Happy New Year to you and your families, and Happy “New SIPT!” See you soon.

Best always,

Penny

MEMBER NEWS

By Betty Oakes, Reporter

FROM WENDY DUEDE: I'd like to say a BIG THANK-YOU to my Secret Sister!! She was working overtime this month!! I received salted caramels and pretty earrings for my birthday. In addition, I received a big basket of goodies for Christmas. It had all kinds of goodies, a movie, garden gloves, a coffee cup, etc. etc.!!!

We stayed close to home for Christmas. We went to my son's house about mid-day and watched the grandkids open the gifts. It was great having it there instead of our house. We got to see everyone and didn't have to clean up all of the wrapping and trappings!! Back at my house, there were only 7 of us for Christmas dinner, there is usually at least a dozen, the gathering was definitely smaller, but we still managed to see most of the family during the holiday.

FROM ANNE BURKART: On both the Saturday before Christmas and Christmas Eve I was delighted to be one of Santa's elves to help deliver food and presents to the Rotary/Soroptimist family. They were overwhelmed and ever so grateful for the incredible generosity of all the folks in both clubs. You ladies are incredible. Thank you!

Christmas day Mike and I hosted eight guests (plus ourselves) for traditional Christmas dinner of turkey and ham and all the trimmings. Had at least a week's worth of calories - every one of them delicious! Still enjoying turkey and ham sandwiches, and planning split pea with ham soup soon. Now packing away Christmas dishes and doing all the things that didn't get done last week.

We're going to neighbors for New Year's Eve. It's always a good idea to celebrate within walking distance of home...

FROM CAROL WISE: Happy New Year Greetings one and all. Are you ready for a blockbuster of a year? 2013 will prove to be a landmark year of both changes and challenges all working up from the last 3 years of bottoming out! A lot has happened and a lot more will happen but the point is "it" happens and it's how we deal with it that makes the difference between success and failure. We are on the success express!

I'm particularly thankful after my accident 3 years ago, June 4th at 4 pm, as well as my son's kidney diagnosis, transplant, then losing it to turning 360 degrees at 11 months and killing it. The doctor said it was the healthiest dead kidney they had ever seen. (Leave it to me to find humor.) Now it appears we have a husband and wife in Utah testing and could very well be the match Lance needs. Thank you Lord! As for me, I've tested as a swap donor and after a rigorous batch of testing stem to stern I've been given a full bill of good health as well! Yea!!!! (Stay off the motorcycle Carol!)

What I want to say is I adore each and every one of you and wish for you the richest blessings this coming year for good health, great attitude and the continued drive that makes this group so incredibly awesome. Hugs to all!

FROM RUTH GORDON: Ruth tried her best to sleep through December. That is what she really wanted to do in her heart of hearts - just hibernate until the primroses started showing up at the QFC. But instead she went to Texas to be with her mom while Mom went through cyberknife treatment for lung cancer. And every day she was there Ruth knew that regardless of wanting to sleep through December, this was by far the better choice. Then she returned to her office just in time for lots of other people to go on vacation and she worked her little fingers to the bone. Now Ruth is trying to figure out if it would be possible to sleep through January. Just in case that turns out to be an option, she wishes her sisters a fabulous new year in advance.

My news: My Christmas was quiet. Penny and I went to Church on Christmas Eve followed by dinner at Doc's Marina Grill. New Year's Eve I'll be safely tucked in my recliner watching the ball drop in NY. New Year's Day Penny and I plus her sister and husband will be going to the Casino for our yearly gambling outing.

TOYS FOR TOTS: Five Soroptimists (Judi Morris, Marilyn Staples, Wendy Duede, Ruth Gordon and myself—Betty) gathered at Mt. View on December 15th to help sort toys and set up boxes, etc. I was amazed at the generosity of Port Townsend. The gym was overflowing with gifts. I think a lot of families were happy with their gifts.

FOSTER KIDS REMINDERS:

January 26, Sophia (4 year old girl)—Carol
January 30, Havilah (3 year old girl)—Anne
February 15, Joshua (14 year old boy)--Barb

We will need sign-ups from March on – I will bring sign-up sheets to the meeting on the 3rd.

MORE MEMBER NEWS

(Arriving late to Ella)

PAT DURBIN thinks her emails to Betty are going into spam, so she emailed me direct.

“I had family come from as far away as Chicago, LAX and Portland! It was one round of riotous parties after another the whole month of December.

I spent the entire day (Monday) regrouping and put my feet up for the majority of it. Our New Year Celebration will consist of a big night of watching the ball drop in NYC (at 9:00) and then off to bed! Not the party animals we used to be, apparently.”

ELLA SANDVIG had the usual family Christmas Eve dinner party at her house. Son, Mark, did almost all of the cooking. “I completed a few small tasks, but still was tired!

Christmas Day both Mark and I were exhausted. Didn't move much all day—ate left-overs.”

SECRET SISTER NEWS

Cammy Brown says “Thank you to my secret sister for the gift certificate at Target – Perfect!”

Penny Westerfield says “I would like to thank my secret sister for the wonderful gloves and scarf! What a sweet surprise. The scarf is so SOFT! I love it. And I'm always losing gloves, so getting a new pair was perfect timing.

BLAST FROM THE PAST!

1977-1987 Projects:

ACTION AUCTION

FOUR BENCHES INSTALLED ON WATER STREET

RHODY BED RACE

CHILD CAR SEATS FOR NEEDY MOTHERS

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR NEW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

WOMEN'S HISTORY WEEK WORKSHOP

FIRST WOMEN OF DISTINCTION
AWARDS TO :

MARY TUDOR, ELEANOR
STOPPS AND MARGARET BERRY

(Editor’s note: We had a full front
page article in the Leader, with pic-
tures of the three women)

1987-1997 PROJECTS

SCHOLORSHIPS TO HIGH SCHOOL
SENIORS

LARRY SCOTT TRAIL INTERPRETIVE
SIGN

CONTINUED SUPPORT TO DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE PROGRAM

STAFFED A WATER STATION FOR
RHODY RUN

CHRISTMAS FAMILY PROJECT

YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARDS TO
YOUNG WOMEN

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR WOMEN
AWARDS

WOMEN’S OPPORTUNITY AWARDS

NUNS GRADING PAPERS

(In a Catholic Elementary School test kids
were asked questions about the old and new
testaments. These statements were written
by children – no corrections made.)

1. In the first book of the Bible,
Guinessis. God got tired of creating
the world so he took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an
apple tree. Noah’s wife was Joan of
Ark. Noah built and ark and the an-
imals came on in pears.
3. Lot’s wife was a pillar of salt during
the day, but a ball of fire during the
night.
4. The Jews were a proud people and
throughout history they had trouble
with unsympathetic genitals.
5. Sampson was a strongman who let
himself be led astray by a jezebel
like Delilah.
6. Sampson slayed the philistines with
the axe of the Apostles.
7. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea
where they made unleavened bread,
which is bread without any ingredi-
ents.
8. The Egyptians were all drowned in
the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went
up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten
commandments.
9. The first commandments was when
Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
10. Moses died before he ever reached
Canada. Then Joshua led the He-
brews in the battle of Geritol.

And Number 11:
The greatest miracle in the Bible is
when Joshua told his son to stand
still and he obeyed him.