



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I just turned the page on a new decade in my life, thus causing reflections on "the time given." I find this new decade more of a phenomenon than anything and wonder what the next few decades will bring, should I be lucky enough to see them!

Schedule for May

- 5-2 : Program Meeting
- 5-9 : Business Meeting
- 5-16: Dinner Meeting
Ruth Gordon's
- 5-23 : No Meeting
- 5-30: No Meeting

The giving of your time becomes more precious as you age. For me, it means more because living longer gives you the experience of seeing how your involvement helps others. In most ways, that help is small; in others, more profound.

The time we give locally as Soroptimists may seem small, but collectively, as a club belonging to a worldwide network of many clubs, our work is profound. It's easy to think about the time given only to what we do here. We should not forget that what we're doing here is impacting as a whole a far greater good.



May Birthdays

- 5-4: Alyce Hansen
- 5-14: Anne Burkart
- 5-23: Pat Durbin

It was exciting to see so many of us attend the Area meeting in Port Angeles. That's a first step in seeing how collectively the kinds of good things our clubs are doing, and it helps energize us to do more or maybe change the way we're doing things "the way we've always done it." I look forward to continuing the conversations we began about increasing membership and new projects.

MAY HOSTESSES

Ruth Gordon
Wende Duede

I'm also excited about the upcoming Region Conference – "the cruise." After two years of planning, it's finally coming about and Betty and I will do our best to represent our club. It will be a fun combination of Soroptimist business, workshops, and visiting the various ports of call. We'll be sharing our adventure at the June meetings.



MAY FLOWERS

To those of you who are mothers, you have given the best of your time to raising that most precious of commodities – children. Thank you for that, and I wish you all a happy Mothers' Day filled with love.

Best, Penny



Judy and Judi



Katy, Ruth and Judy



Pat and Joy



Wende (our glamor girl!!)

It looks like these women really enjoyed the Working Image Luncheon!

How about those hats!

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

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LATEST NEWS FROM BARBARA REAVIS:

“Bob will be going back into Harrison hospital on May 2nd for another 5-6 days of chemo. This will be the 5th course of this particular treatment. He will then be under the care of Seattle Cancer Care Alliance in Seattle for the stem cell transplant. He will be hospitalized at the U.W. and receiving care also as an outpatient at the SCCA clinic. He is admitted to their care on May 9th and they are telling us now that it could be as long as 3-3 1/2 months. He has to be within 15-20 minutes of the hospital so have arranged housing there.

I think I have all the loose ends tied up at home now and putting together all we will need over there.

This has all been quite a journey and we are so grateful that this is actually a possibility for him. No guarantees - but at least we have something to fight with. Thank you all for keeping us in your thoughts and the words of encouragement. I will keep you updated. “

Barb

SECRET SISTER NEWS

Penny Westerfield says: "Please put a thank you to my Secret Sister in the newsletter for the most amazing birthday present!! Once again, I was blown away by the generosity and kindness. I discovered that she also has a wicked sense of humor as the card AND tissue paper in the present bag were full of birthday confetti pieces!! So, thank you very much, Secret Sister! You're the best!!! "

Pat Durbin says: "Thanks to my secret sister for the Easter surprise. I hope I can join you all at club again soon!"

Habitat for Humanity Project

by Joy McFadden

Saturday May 11th from Noon - 4pm, we have volunteered to help Habitat build a home. This is a part of Habitat's National Women Build Week. They will also be having a "Prayers in the Wall" ceremony that day at 2:00 which we can participate in. The papers should be there to cover this event!

We need more volunteers. Thank you to Katy Gifford and US Bank, we have 6 ladies helping. I am looking forward to hearing from Diane at Peninsula Credit Union for a couple ladies and from Wendy at Port Hadlock BofA for a couple ladies. We still need YOU to help as well. Penny, Katy and I are the only club members signed up so far. Melissa at Habitat is expecting there to be at least 12 of us. I need to hear from you with you "T" shirt size no later than Thursday at our meeting so I can stop by and let Melissa know who is participating and the "T" shirt sizes after club.

Melisa suggests we wear layers and closed-toed shoes as we will be working outside. Also bring work gloves if you have them. We do not have to bring our own tools. We will be asked to sign a waiver at the job site. Water, tea, coffee and lunch will be provided by fellow Habitat volunteers. And most importantly we need to remember to come wearing our smiles and have a willingness to make a difference.

This program in partnership with our local Lowe's, is designed to recruit, educate and nurture women to build and advocate for simple, decent affordable housing in our community. Although women make up 50% of Habitat's volunteer force, less than 15% of workers on the construction site. In addition, nearly 80% of Habitat homes in East Jefferson County have female heads of household, so Women Build Week serves as an opportunity to support local women who are struggling to secure safe, decent shelter and who are now partnering with Habitat to build their own homes.

We will be meeting at the Cliff Street location. From Hwy 20/Sims Way, turn north on Sheridan Street. Continue on Sheridan to the second stop sign which is at Hastings Ave. and turn left. Make your second left onto Cliff Street and look for the Habitat trailer.

Sing up now and I'll see you there! Joy

MAY MEMBER NEWS

By Betty Oakes

Judy Cavett will be gone most of May visiting with her daughter Michelle (Costco warehouse manager) in New Jersey from May 7th thru May 14th. Her daughter Renee, from Florida, will be joining them for Mother's Day. After being home a week, she will then travel to

the Tri-Cities to visit her sister and brother. She will be traveling with her cousin from Bremerton and staying for a week. The purpose of the trip is to help decorate family graves in Pasco and Kennewick and then two cemeteries in Oregon for the upcoming Memorial Day. Decorating graves is a family event and quite an undertaking--purchasing plants and flowers to decorate over twenty family member graves. She also plans on visiting nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles during her travels and seeing the five new babies born in the past six months—the family keeps growing!

Betty Oakes spent a week in Las Vegas (Ye Olde Hometown), visiting with classmates and generally enjoying the warmth of the sun. Sorry I missed the dinner at Wendy's as well as the Working Image Luncheon.

Ruth Gordon has this to say about the Working Image Luncheon: I can say without overstatement that the SIPT table was the best dressed table in the place. We got a lot of compliments and as always with compliments, we deserved them.

Here is Ruth's "news":

I would like to thank Judi Morris for remembering my mother in Texas with get well cards. It means a lot to my mother, who is not much of a card sender herself, that someone she met briefly several years ago would send her cards while she is under the weather. It means a great deal to me as well. When I thanked Judi today she said, "It's nice to be remembered." And it certainly is. Thank you, Judi - you are a wonderful sister and I am lucky you invited me to join SIPT!

FOSTER KIDS BIRTHDAYS:
No Birthdays in May!

Steven turns 3 on June 16th—Betty
Harry turns 7 on June 21st—Ella
Ivan and Isa (twin boy and girl) turn 1 on
June 21st—Joy

Thanks Ladies!



FUNNIES

Teacher: Why are you late?

Joy: Class started before I got here!

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Teacher: Joy, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

Joy: You told me to do it without using tables.

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Teacher: Joy, what is the chemical formula for water?

Joy: H I J K L M N O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Joy: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

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CONFESSIONS OF YOUR EDITOR

Limited use of my right arm makes it hard to keyboard with ease. At least that's my excuse for typos. Lately it's typing Hotmail.com as Hottail.com.

I hope that is not a Freudian slip!!!