



# SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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## Schedule for October

10-1 : World Habitat Day

10-4 : Green Pod Presentation  
Ann Raab

10-11: Business Meeting

10-18: Dinner Meeting  
Pat Durbin's

10-25: No Meeting



## October Birthdays

10-20: Terry Camp

## OCTOBER HOSTESSES

Pat Durbin  
Volunteer?

## NOVEMBER HOSTESSES

Betty Oakes  
Judy Cavett

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**DON'T FORGET TO SEND  
YOUR SECRET SISTER A  
A SPOOKY CARD FOR  
HALLOWEEN!**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Someone once told me that the hardest part of being a club president is writing the monthly message for the newsletter. She was "write"! ☺

There were a few things, though, that we didn't get to at the last business meeting because of our visitor (whom I have contacted by the time this goes to press).

Grant of Friendship Opportunity. SI of Southern England is offering an opportunity for a Soroptimist to visit their area for two weeks beginning June 19, 2013. The region covers the counties of Hampshire, parts of Dorset, Surrey, and Sussex, and part of Greater London. The area is well known for stately homes, beautiful countryside, cathedral cities, and a unique coastline.

Hospitality will be provided in members' homes, entrance fees (when applicable) paid for, and meals will be provided during your stay. You must provide your own personal spending money.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the programs in the region and the UK, and to meet the members of the 13 clubs to share and exchange knowledge and experiences. Another plus is you don't have to worry about not knowing the language (although some of the slang will be fun to learn).

Preference will be given to someone who has never visited the UK, which leaves me out! If you're interested, you can contact the Regional President Rita Renton at [rita@deeray.co.uk](mailto:rita@deeray.co.uk) for an application form. The closing date for applying is December 18, 2012. You can find more information about the clubs in the region at [www.sigbi.org](http://www.sigbi.org).

Think about it!

Treasure of Giving. I mentioned this in last month's newsletter, and this will be the last opportunity in print, that I hope to load my car full of items needed for the charity of choice at this year's District 1 Conference October 19-21. The charity is **Pope's Kids Place**. You can Google it (or read last month's newsletter!). Items that are in constant need of replacement are: Unscented skin wipes, cleaning wipes, diapers size 6 or larger, latex free small or medium gloves, gallon zip - loc bags, liquid laundry soap, liquid color safe bleach. Money donations are gladly accepted as well. Bring 'em on!

Biennial Convention 2014. I know this is a little “out there,” but it’s been announced that the next Biennial Convention will be in Vancouver, BC!! What a great opportunity for us to attend that Convention. You see pictures and hear stories about all the great networking and opportunities for learning from past conventions, and this one will be in our back yard. I plan on going and hope I can drag some of you with me!!

Happy October. And happy Fall, as we savor these last gifts of sunshiny warm days.

Best to you all.

Penny

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MEMBER NEWS FOR OCTOBER  
NEWSLETTER

From Judi Morris: Milt and I had our eldest daughter and her husband visit for 4 days. We had a great time with them EXCEPT—Don is a Cowboys fan, so they bought 4 tickets for the game on Sunday the 16th. OMG! We will never go to a Seahawks game again. After paying \$200.00 a seat, we needed mountain climbing gear to get to our seats. We were surrounded by drunk, cursing, rude and obnoxious fans. The noise was deafening. The smell of garlic fries nauseating. At least we had dinner at Salty’s afterwards. Next game will be on the comfort of our sofa in the relative quiet of Portage Bay.

From Pat Durbin: Frank and I went to the South of France to an area about 2 hours east of the Spanish Border. We stayed with Frank’s cousins who own a summer home there in a 12th century village. It was amazing and our restoration efforts on our PT

house paled in comparison. They started with stone stacked walls and no roof!

After a week of visiting ancient villages and drinking lots of wine, we left them for 5 days in Paris. Sheer magic, just like the songs. We had a great time, but it was good to come home to our own digs after two weeks. (Betty’s note—we missed you Pat and we’re all very envious!!)

From Cammy Brown: My daughter Justeen is getting married October 13th so I am knee deep in preparing for that. Anyone want to plan a Miche party? I will be doing the Holiday Fair they have in Port Townsend at the Community Center the beginning of December.

Seen about: Carol Wise and Serafin Cerna. Cute couple! Also Carol has a new car—a 74 Super VW Beetle. Car shows with Serafin?

From Ruth Gordon: Ruth spent about ten days in Texas in mid-September to be with her mother. As everyone probably knows by now, Mom was diagnosed with stage one non-small cell lung cancer - two primary tumors, one for each side. She will receive cyber knife radiation treatment sometime in October, and the prognosis is good. Ruth will be returning to Texas the second week in October and hopes that preparation for the actual treatment will happen while she’s in town. This involves inserting small gold markers into the tumors to help the cyber knife beam hit the right spots, and is the only invasive part of the treatment. They predict no side effects from the actual radiation, which will be given in three doses as outpatient treatments starting at least a week after the gold pellets are inserted. Everyone in the Gordon family is feeling very lucky and guardedly optimistic. Ruth sends a sincere thank you for the cards you sent Mom, and

for your kind thoughts and your prayers. (Our prayers are with your mom, Ruth.)

Quilcene Days Parade: Had a great time at the Quilcene Parade with Joy, Penny, Cammy, Carol and her little dog Ginger. I (Betty) held up the middle of the Soroptimist banner as we all (including Ginger) walked in the short parade.

FOSTER KID BIRTHDAY REMINDERS:

Neveah (girl) 10/29/10—Penny  
Devin (boy) 11/7/08—Pat  
Lili (girl) 11/10/09—Betty

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: I just want to remind everyone that as Soroptimists we are members of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. There are a great many benefits for us as a club and as individuals. I try to attend as many weekly meetings as I can as the speakers are very diverse and interesting and I have a great time networking with men and women from all walks of life in our business community. One of the greatest benefits is the insurance that is provided under the chamber group plan. Some of our members are also individual members and Judy Cavett and Cammy Brown are also Directors. Try to attend a meeting—you'll be glad you did.

That's it for this month:

Betty Oakes, Roving Reporter

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**HALLOWEEN!!**  
Treats or Tricks???

Try the pumpkin cheese cake at Olive Garden! It's amazing!

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SEPTEMBER'S DINNER MEETING

We had a great time at the home of Judi Morris –with great food and great company. Judy Cavett brought Blackberry Cobbler!!

We had a guest, Lori Oberlander, who may want to join the club.

Everyone asked for Judi's recipe for Cosmopolitans – so here it is.

2 parts juice (can be white cranberry, cranberry mix, or pomegranate)

1 part vodka

½ part triple sec

Mix it up and freeze it for the best adult slushies

Judi says this recipe came from our old friend, Sherry Perry.

It even entices Ella to have a thimble full!!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

There will be no meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>. It has been moved to the 15<sup>th</sup>.

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YOUR VOICE, YOUR VOTE!

by Pat Durbin

I know Soroptimists are not to engage in political issues, but we are also dedicated to being good and informed citizens. I'm the first to admit that I have found sorting through the rhetoric every election almost always difficult and confusing.

The PDN had an advertisement in it last weekend. It was a seven page write-up about "being an informed voter" for Washington.

It was ENTIRELY non-partisan, and gave summaries of

- upcoming WA ballot measures
- explained the difference between a)referendums, b)initiatives, c)advisory votes, etc.
- lists all state representatives and senators, along with their voting records on major issues this past legislative session
- lists links to voting records on other issues
- Explains why an informed voter is so important

I don't know how most of you feel, but I usually put the TV on 'mute' when campaign ads come on. I found this seven page write-up incredibly helpful and definitely NOT slanted one way or the other. Just pure facts. If you don't have a copy of the weekend PDN, the document can be read and downloaded as a .pdf from the link below. If you'd like to cut through to the chase this election, take a look. It can be downloaded without any kind of 'sign up'. Just click on the "Informed Voter Guide" picture on the page, and click again to enlarge it for easy reading.

[http://issuu.com/freedomfoundation/docs/informed\\_voter\\_guide\\_2012/1](http://issuu.com/freedomfoundation/docs/informed_voter_guide_2012/1)

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### **MORE MEMBER NEWS**

by Ella Sandvig

Alyce Hansen left this note on my doorstep after I had most of the newsletter finished! Never too late for Alyce!

“September has been a month of outdoor activities from picking blackberries , apples and blueberries to hiking from Packwood, Washington trailhead to Norway Pass for a great view of Spirit Lake and the three mountains, Adams, Rainier and St. Helens.

I also did a couple more hikes on different days. Then this Friday I made it to the top of Mt. Townsend again. Maybe I think it is getting higher. Beautiful days and temperatures in the 60's. It's about a 3,000 ft. elevation climb so that makes the 8 miles eleven doesn't it? Also had family visiting from Oregon.”

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### **SILLY SAYINGS**

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection urine trouble.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist. What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.

All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.!!