



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

“Over A Year in the Making”

Schedule for September

9-6 : Recap of Triathlon

9-13: Business Meeting

9-20: Dinner Meeting

At home of Judi Morris

9-27: No Meeting

This is being written after our first annual kids triathlon was *finally* held on August 25. What a day! It felt like organized chaos at times, and as the event evolved, it became very obvious the areas needing improvement for next year. But everyone pitched in and made it work. I'm so proud of all the members who helped. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I'm looking forward to our meeting on September 6 to debrief the triathlon and get ready for next year. The City and County Parks and Rec staff will be in attendance, as well as a PT Police Volunteer as I've already told them we need their help big time from now on!

Looking ahead, the District 1 meeting will be here before we know it. With our new District 1 Rep, Stephanie Smith of SI/Oak Harbor, the meeting promises to be lots of fun – or, since it's being held at Great Wolf Lodge – “howling” good fun!

As most of you know, each District or Region meeting targets a local charity in the town the meeting will be held and asks clubs to bring specific donations. The charity of choice for District is a place called **Pope's Kids Place**. It is a pediatric clinic, a dental clinic, a respite house, and an early learning center for families of special needs and medically fragile children. The vision of this place, established by a pediatrician, is to provide services and assistance to help these medically fragile children and their families.

So I'm asking our club members to start bringing any of the following items to club meetings in September and October, so we can take the bounty to District. The items listed are things in constant need of replenishment:

- Unscented wipes for skin
- Clorox cleaning wipes
- Diapers size 6 or larger
- Latex free small or medium gloves
- Gallon Ziploc bags
- Liquid laundry soap
- Liquid color-safe bleach.

It would be fun to fill up the back of my car! ☺



September Birthdays

9-2 : Judy Cavett

SEPTEMBER HOSTESSES

Ruth Gordon

Judi Morris

OCTOBER HOSTESSES

Pat Durbin

Volunteer?

**DON'T FORGET TO SEND
YOUR SECRET SISTER A
CARD THIS MONTH!!**

School is starting soon and fall is around the corner. Time is marching on!

Best to all,

Penny

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

By Betty Oakes

First off, a very memorable occasion as narrated by Judy Cavett:

Micheal and I spent our 50th anniversary dining at Canlis Restaurant and Vintage Park Hotel in Seattle. It was a night to remember! When we arrived at the hotel, there were flowers and goodies in our room and we were informed a town car had been ordered to take us to Canlis. Upon arriving at Canlis we were greeted, much to our surprise, with "Happy 50th Anniversary" and then showed to our table and served complimentary champagne. What a nice start to a wonderful evening. After drinking our champagne, we ordered martinis because Judi Morris highly recommended them and she was right as usual—they were delicious! I ordered the seven course tasting menu which was not only scrumptious but beautifully presented in all seven courses! Micheal ordered oysters, salad, lobster and Grand Marnier Soufflé. Of course, we had wonderful wines served with our courses and it took three and half hours for dinner. The setting and view at Canlis is spectacular and we assumed the fireworks show display from Bellevue were to celebrate our anniversary! We were given a card at the end of our dinner telling us the bill was taken care of by our ters! What a surprise and treat! We then were driven back to the hotel in another town car more lavish than the first one. Upon entering our room, we were thrilled to find a bucket of iced champagne and rose petals scattered about the room with a large heart of petals on the bed! What an evening! What a celebration of 50 years together! What wonderful daughters we have! We are so blessed! Judy Cavett

From Cammy Brown: I am starting a new business, Accessorize It, LLC - selling Miche

purses. I have done three trade shows--Port Ludlow Festival, Jefferson County Fair, and Kiwanis Car Show and will be doing a trade show in Sequim at the Hot Air Balloon Show. There is an expectancy of 30,000 people - yikes!! It will be fun. The Miche purses attract women to my booth and it gives them a chance to see what my other business is. I will be launching my new business next month with the Chamber for a ribbon cutting ceremony and will invite all my sisters. I will be offering my office for anyone that wants to have a party - no mess no fuss. Look for my invitation ladies. Another venture!!! If you would like to look at the merchandise just give me a call at 360-344-3200 or go to the website michebags.com.

From Betty Oakes: Ok, I was racking my brain thinking I hadn't done anything this month, but I went to the Fair and I attended Key City Theater's annual Shakespeare in the Park. First let me say, I'm not really into Shakespeare, but KCTP's production of Twelfth Night was hilarious and it was such a beautiful evening, it was really worth the price of admission (and more). Like it said on the advertising: "A storm at sea, mistaken identities, bold disguises and a bit of cross-dressing—who could ask for anything more?" And the highlight of the month—our first ever Soroptithon!! So worth the year's worth of hard work. Kudos to everyone!

From Wendy: I was pretty young when Neal did the moonwalk, I couldn't tell you what I was doing. I remember watching a moon program in school in my 3rd grade class, don't know if it was that one. I'm STILL anxiously awaiting the 4th grandchild. The baby's due date is tomorrow, so we'll see...no vacations, nothing fun, but we booked a trip for Hawaii next month the same time that Penny and Betty are going (end of October/first part of November)!! Aloha!

From Barb: O.K. My husband has done it again. He managed to have a heart attack on Saturday and had two stents placed. We just got home today. It has been an amazing year – that's all I have to say for now. Thank heavens for modern medicine.

From Ella: My shoulder and arm are getting better, but still doing somewhat painful exercises. In answer to the question: What did you want to be when you grew up?

At age 16 I wanted to either be a horse trainer or a concert clarinetist. I knew a musician needed to have a second job, so I took classes in business, including shorthand. Good thing I did!!

AND HERE ARE THE FOSTER KIDS BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER:

- 9/24/2006 Kylie (Female)—Bickie
- 9/28/1994 Kameron (Male)—Diane
- 10/29/2010 Neveah (Female)—Penny

We have sign ups through the end of year, but will need to start thinking about January, February, etc. I will bring a sign-up sheet to the September business meeting.

Betty



KUDOS TO:

Penny and all club members who worked at the Triathlon on the 25th. It was a wonderful event for kids and their parents. Let's do it again!!!

A CONVERSATION WITH FRAN O'BRIEN:

Fran revealed in a recent phone call that she is recovering from a second surgery to correct an intestinal problem.

After a high of 117 in Chandler, she said it was only in the 90's that day!! She hasn't even been able to get in their swimming pool.

She wants to thank Betty Oakes for being her Secret Sister last year. A good long distance Secret Sister!!

She promised to try to visit us next year!

BLAST FROM THE PAST

From the September 1986 newsletter – when Tora Hutchison was president:

“Despite adverse weather conditions and pitch-dark lighting, we were victorious on the field of battle (croquet) against Rotary. The Soroptimist team consisted of Patty Sullivan, Jean Van Wetter, Marianne Walters and Ella Sandvig.”

From the November 1996 newsletter:

“Soroptimists can do ANYTHING, for we have the secret. We ALL pitch in and help. ...Advance ticket sales for our Wine Tasting event are \$1300.”

and...”Our soon to be newest friendship link is Le Quesnoy, France. If we can just figure out how to say it, I'm sure we'll have great fun and friendship with another Sister Club.”

From the August 1996 newsletter:

On the road again: We have a new meeting place beginning with the September 4 program meeting. Be sure to come to the SILVER PALACE (formerly Tso's) because nobody will be at the Washington St. Center. Cost will be \$5...”

From the January 2007 newsletter (President Betty Oakes):

“Coming up soon will be a 60th Anniversary committee meeting and on February 8th we will devote a meeting to this project. Everyone is expected to come up with ideas. The Anniversary event will be on May 2nd.”

Seen Around Town : “Eve Tullgen at the Salal Cafe – having lunch with Alyce and Ella. We hope she had a safe journey home to Sweden and we look forward to her visit next year!” (Eve is a Soroptimist from Sweden who has a sister here –when she visits her sister, she visits with us.)



PARAPROSDOKIANS

(Winston Churchill loved them –they are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.)

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you.
But it's still on my list.

Since light travels faster than sound,
some people appear bright until you
hear them speak.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up, we only learn
how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right –
only who is left.

They begin the evening news with
“Good Evening,” then proceed to tell you
why it isn't.

To steal ideas from one person is pla-
giarism. To steal from many is re-
search.

Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop
in train stations. On my desk is a work
station.

I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I
just wanted pay checks.

In filling out an application, where it
says, “In case of emergency, notify.” I
put “DOCTOR”

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was
blaming you.

Women will never be equal to men until
they can walk down the street with a
bald head and a beer gut, and still think
they are sexy.

A clear conscience is the sign of fuzzy
thinking.

You do not need a parachute to skydive.
You only need a parachute to skydive
twice.

There's a fine line between cuddling and
holding someone down so they can't get
away.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so
sure.

You're never too old to learn something
stupid.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

Change is inevitable, except from a
vending machine.

Going to church doesn't make you a
Christian any more than standing in a
garage makes you a car.