



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for August

8-1 : Program Meeting

8-8 : Business Meeting

8-15: Dinner Meeting

5:30 – Joy’s

8-22: No Meeting

8-24: **SOROPTITHON!**

8-29: No Meeting



August Birthdays

8-14: Cammy Brown

AUGUST HOSTESSES

Joy McFadden

Betty Oakes

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Greetings!

My goodness but aren’t we having a great summer? Can you believe it’s AUGUST!! There’s that “time” thing again!!!

Thank you to everyone who came to the retreat. I think we had a productive time and I look forward to this coming year. We’re going to make some changes and I believe it will be for the better.

August means the Soroptithon!!! It’s our second year and I’ve been having meetings with the “kids” as I call them. They are full of enthusiasm and are committed to making this a successful event. Kaylie, Angi, and Chauncey are all handling the physical event and we will be working with Jeni Little on the rest of the day. It’s all coming together. We’re in the final stretches of planning so you will be hearing a lot more about your duties. Put August 24 on your calendars!

After the Soroptithon we’ll be focusing on scholarships and how we promote them.

Thank you, again, for your support and your dedication to Soroptimist. We’re embarking on a new year and I hope that you will share new ideas and dreams. It seems we’re a little “stuck” and we need to blast out of that “stuckness”!!

I look forward to working with you all for a great 2013-2014!!!

Best, Penny

HOSTESS SIGN UP 2013-2014

August: Meeting: Joy & Betty; Dinner: Joy

September: Meeting: Judi M

October: Ella

November: Meeting: Alyce; No dinner as it’s a holiday

December: Meeting: Carol & Wendy; No dinner as it's a holiday
January: Meeting: Pat; Dinner: Pat
February: Meeting: Judy C; Dinner: Judy C
March: Ella
April: Meeting: Katy & Diane; Dinner: no one
May: Meeting: Wendy; Dinner: Wendy
June: Meeting: Janet; Installation Month

MEMBER NEWS

An email from Fran O'Brien had this to say:

“After attending Brianna's maid of honor's wedding in Sacramento, we drove to Windsor to check into our condo.

Bri & Jere had mapped out the wineries with the most appeal, i.e., great landscaping, charges for wine tasting, appointments, and just overall what sounded interesting.

So armed with the list, a map and Cody's trusty cell phone with a talking gps by the name of "Cerrie", to provide the directions, we ate & tasted our way thru Sonoma Valley, Sonoma County and parts of Napa Valley. Needless to say, we had a great time. Bri had been there before but was only 15 so was unable to participate in the tasting then. Cody had never been before so they both made up for lost time. Needless to say we returned with an ample supply of wine to get us through until our next trip to the area. Cody, by the way is Brianna's spouse in case you don't remember.

We also took in the Petrified forest, the giant redwoods, a version of Old Faithful, and went to De-bigo (SP?) Bay and flew kites. All of these are located in this general area.

The weather in California was actually on the cool side, especially at night, so it gave us a break from our 110 degrees here.

At the moment we are having rain so along with 90 degrees we have humidity. My garden is doing quite nicely though.

If & when the thunder storms subside the pool is really great for a morning dip to start the day. It's a bit too warm in the afternoon until after 4pm when the pool is in the shade. I keep getting sun-burn even with my heavy duty stuff.

Tell everyone hello. When I left several people were interested in moving to Arizona. Have any of them succeeded?"

Carol Wise reports, “*Sorry I was slow and probably too late but the word is, keep those prayers comin’. Lance’s kidney is doing fantastic and working like a charm, a nerve may have been clipped and in a lot of pain. The next few months are the tough ones to stay on top of the anti-rejection. Could hardly be a better kidney though. Thank you everyone for the support and I’ll be back the night of the 13th. Hugs and prayers back to all.*

FOSTER KIDS BIRTHDAYS:

By: Betty Oakes

August birthdays:

Connor, Male, turns 6 on August 3rd (Katy)

Kylee, Female, turns 16 on August 10th (Janet)

Morgan, Male, turns 14 on August 13th (Janet)

Kalista, Female, turns 10 on August 18th (Ruth)

SECRET SISTER NEWS:

Betty Oakes says: “I want to thank my secret sister for the beautiful flowers I received for my birthday.

Also, 5 of us “girls of 43” met at Doc’s to celebrate our 70th birthdays: Judy Cavett, Judi Morris, Anne Burkart, Karen Bednarski and myself. We had a great time and all agreed—we do NOT look 70 years old!

Pat Durbin says, "I'd like to thank my former secret sister (Ella) for all her great attentions last year. I have a new secret sister who has already sent me a card to introduce her anonymous self.

Also like to thank everyone for their prayers for Frank the past few months. They worked! He is off all medications and getting stronger daily.

Ella Sandvig wants to thank last year's secret sister, Anne Burkart, for the beautiful red, white and blue hanging basket she even delivered to my house to reveal her wonderful self!!

REFLECTIONS OF A RAMBLING MIND

"I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse.

I can't afford one, so I'm wearing my garage door opener."

"I also made a cover for my hearing aid and now I have what they call blue teeth, I think."

"You know, I spent a fortune on deodorant before I realized that people didn't like me anyway."

"I was thinking that women should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans!"

"I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age, and call it 'pumping rust'."



GENTLE THOUGHTS:

Birds of feather flock together ...and then crap on your car. (especially in PT!)

A penny saved is a government oversight!!

He who hesitates is probably right!

Numerals for forty (40) are XL. (that's not funny!)

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble!

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it! (I'm so there!)

Did you ever notice: When you put the two words "the" and "IRS" together it spells "theirs."

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

The Global Voice

This month, Soroptimists reported on 418 club projects, raising US\$359,056 and helping 9445 women and girls.



The [Peace Prize of Soroptimist International of Europe](#) was awarded to Silvana Arbia at SIE's Berlin Congress on 14 July. Working with the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for nearly a decade, she played a key role in promoting peace and justice and enabling the voices of survivors to be heard. (Photo SIE/Irene Hell).

ACTION

Malala Speaks up for Education at the UN

Malala Yousafzai marked her 16th birthday on July 12 by delivering a speech at the UN, calling for free compulsory education for every child. It was the teenager's first public speech since she was shot on her school bus in Pakistan's Swat valley after standing up for her right to go to school. *"I am humbled by this young woman, with the courage and grace to speak out for what she believes, for a better future for herself, her peers and her country, for something that so many of us take for granted"*, said SI President Alice Wells.

57 million children do not have access to education, with girls at particular risk of missing out. 1 in 5 adolescent girls are missing school. (from the SIA Magazine)

MY TRAVEL PLANS FOR 2013-2014:

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparantly, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.