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HEADLINE:

PORT TOWNSEND SOROPTIMISTS MOVE MEETING PLACE TO THE HIGHWAY 20 ROADHOUSE, 2152 W. SIMS WAY

Schedule for February:

- 2-6: Program Meeting, the Roadhouse
Rhody Candidates
- 2-13: Business Meeting, the Roadhouse
- 2-14: Valentine's Day
- 2-20: Dinner Meeting: Judy Cavett's house

February Hostess: Judy Cavett

February Birthday: Joy McFadden (February 9)

March Birthday: Carol Wise (March 25)

Foster Kids Birthday Reminders:

- February: No Foster Kids Birthdays
- March: Thomas turns 8 on March 5 (Ruth)
Lucas turns 1 on March 20 (Penny)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FEBRUARY 2014

Greetings everyone!!

First and foremost, a huge heartfelt thank you to Ella for creating our newsletters for so many years! Newsletters are not everyone's thing and to keep on the task for so long is greatly appreciated by all our members. Thank you so very much, Ella.

Next is a thank you to Betty for taking up the cause and being our new newsletter creator! I know she will do an awesome job although she has very big shoes to fill, and she will eventually bring her own spin to the issues. So thank you, Betty!!

Lastly, I'm writing this after the Seahawks killed it and won the Super Bowl!!! I can't quit smiling. It's such a wonderful thing for our neck of the woods and I'm sure there will be celebrations for many weeks to come.

Watching the postgame shows, all our wonderful Hawks kept talking about how they did it together; they worked as a team, not only in this game, but all season long. When one of their players wasn't doing well, they would work with him to make sure he got back on the right track. They are there for each other; they are family.

These same thoughts and ideals also apply to our Soroptimist sisters. We are always there for each other, working towards the same goals, and being there when someone needs help.

I'm proud of our Seahawks and proud to be a Soroptimist. I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Best, Penny

EDITOR'S NOTE: I'm sorry that the formatting is not the same as Ella's. I don't have PDF (mine is read only) so I couldn't just copy hers. Bear with me and hopefully it will be readable and you will get the news.
Betty

THIS & THAT:

Since we didn't have the retreat, I'd like you all to think about some things that we can discuss at our business meeting on February 13.

- Kids Triathlon: This will be our third year and we certainly have learned a lot from the first two! Please think about how you can help further this year. I'd like to see some really active sub-committees get going on this event now: advertising, sponsorships, registration, day of happenings, etc.
- Partnership with Key City Public Theatre: We have a fun opportunity to partner with KCPT for their holiday production of "Cinderella." In a meeting with KCPT's director, Denise Winter, we have tentatively saved the date of December 2 for a Soroptimist-sponsored show. It's tentative because we need to discuss whether to do it or not, but for now we have the date saved.
- WOA & Violet Richardson Awards: I'm so proud of you getting applications for these awards!! So now we need to decide at what kind of event will we present them to the winners, and when.

I look forward to a lively business meeting next week! If you have something you'd like on the agenda, please let me know. Thank you all.

Penny

FROM PROGRAM CHAIR, Wendy Duede:

I just wanted to let you know the Rhody candidates will be at Thursday's meeting. They will be speaking and will probably be selling their pins. I hope everyone shows up to make this a great meeting for them! Wendy

MEMBER NEWS:

Ella Sandvig says: "My life is not too interesting these days. Exercise at the hospital twice a week, an occasional movie or dinner out with friends. My card playing buddies for Friday nights are in Mexico for two months but I host a card party Thursday afternoons.

I still drive locally and once a month out of town for ECHHO. I go to a Retired Public Employees lunch meeting twice a quarter and of course the Soroptimist meetings.

I really can't travel much anymore for several reasons but I hope to get a ride to Anaheim this summer to see my three great grandchildren, 3 year old Claire and 7 month old twins, Madison and Jack.

I still feel like a lucky woman, even though my limited use of the right arm makes me swear a lot!

From Pat Durbin: We're hangin' in there and hoping for the best. Thanks to my secret sister for her encouraging cards and notes, cleverly computer printed so I can't recognize the handwriting. They mean a lot.

From Janet Jacobs: The healing on both hands from carpal tunnel surgery is going slow. It's been 6 weeks and I still have lifting, twisting, pinching, pulling and pushing limitations. I'll be visiting friends in San Antonio and doing a tour of the Big Bend area in February. I think of Pat a lot and try to send supportive thoughts through the ether to her.

From Joy McFadden: Thank you Secret Sister! You are so wonderful. Daina, her Grandpa and I had a blast at MacDonald's.

From Contributing Editor Ella:

I got this from Therese Henry, my French friend who used to be a Soroptimist. She visited the club in the 90's when she and her husband, Jean Claude stayed with me for two weeks. She means it for the newsletter (which we mail to her.)

"It was in 1945, I was 8. I knew the war was over. I had not been unhappy during the war. My parents did their best to feed me normally. I knew that black out was serious and my house and school were shelters.

One morning in 1945 we heard unusual noises. Everyone went out of the houses, with French and American flags, and shouting "la Guerre est finnie! War is over. Little by little the streets were crowded and we saw long files of lorries and American soldiers throwing cigarettes and chocolate!

Chocolate! A dream! I knew they spoke English. My father only knew two short sentences: I love you and will you kiss me?

There was a tall GI standing in his truck and I said those sentences to him. A miracle occurred; he jumped out of his vehicle, took me in his arms and kissed me! He had understood me! Then I decided to learn this language as soon as possible and the Americans became my close friends forever!

Happy New Year my sisters!ö

Therese Henry, Valenciennes, France

(She belonged to our sister club in Le Quenois at one time. Ella)

CONTRIBUTING EDITOR'S JOKES: (Because without Ella's jokes it just wouldn't be a newsletter.)

Did I read that sign right? TOILET OUT OF ORDER.
PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.

In a Laundromat:
AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE
REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE
LIGHT GOES OUT

In a London department store:
BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office:
WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP
LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK
OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

In an Office:
AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE
TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE
DRAINING BOARD

Outside a second hand shop:
WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES,
WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING
YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL
BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop window:
CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park: (I sure hope so)
ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

Seen during a conference:
FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND
DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON
THE 1ST FLOOR

Notice in a farmer's field:
THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS
THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL
CHARGES.

Message on a leaflet:
IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL
TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS

On a repair shop door:
WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK
HARD - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)

Proofreading is a dying art, wouldn't you say?

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter.
This one I caught in the SGV Tribune the other day and called the Editorial Room and asked who wrote this. It took two or three readings before the editor realized that what he was reading was impossible!!! They put in a correction the next day.

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says
Really? Ya think?

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
Now that's taking things a bit far!

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
What a guy!

Miners Refuse to Work after Death.
Good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's!

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
See if that works any better than a fair trial!

War Dims Hope for Peace
I can see where it might have that effect!

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile
Ya think?!

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
Who would have thought?