

SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for March

3-6: Program Meeting

3-13: Business Meeting

3-20: Dinner Meeting

(Home of Ruth Gordon)

March Hostess: Ruth Gordon

March Birthdays:

Carol Wise (March 25)

April Birthdays:

Bickie Steffan (April 16)

Penny Westerfield (April 26)

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Thomas turns 8 on March 5 (Ruth)

Lucas turns 1 on March 20 (Penny)

Sponsors needed for April birthdays—

Sign-up sheet will be at the next meet-

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Meeting Place (1st and 2nd Thursday at noon): Highway 20 Roadhouse,
Port Townsend

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings everyone,

Spring is almost here!! Yay!!

And Spring means that the Region Conference is looming. This year it will be in Portland on April 25-27. The hotel, Double Tree by Hilton, is right in the middle of downtown so there will be plenty of access to shopping.

More importantly, there is going to be a lot of great workshops; the opportunity to meet the Grant of Friendship visitors from Australia, Kenya, and India; and we'll be electing new leadership for our region. In looking over the slate of candidates for Governor-elect and District 1 Director and Secretary, it's an excellent field that will make deciding difficult.

I strongly encourage you to go to the Soroptimist NWR website and click on the link to the Region Conference. You will find a treasure trove of information. The password to the site is best4women.

We need to decide who is going to the conference before March 9 so I will be nagging you very soon. Each club in the region is required to send in two registration fees regardless if anyone is attending or not.

Conferences are a marvelous opportunity to see how collectively all the clubs are doing to really make a difference. We may think our club is small, but in actuality, we're about average in our membership. It's fun to meet people from other clubs and gather new ideas, hope, and inspiration.

Check out the website, and I'll be contacting you very soon!

Best, Penny

SPEAKER INFO: Our March guest speaker will be Sheila Ramsey, the volunteer coordinator for Olycap. She will come with volunteer ideas and a possible way to get some publicity for the Soroptimists!

Recapping our Winners:

Woman's Opportunity Award.

This year's winner is Sophie Nordstrom. She plans to study Criminal Justice at Washington State. She has been supporting her young son while working full time and completing a 2 year paralegal program. She would like to continue her education at Washington State and this award will help her efforts. Sophie will receive a \$1,000 grant from SI Port Townsend/East Jefferson County.

Violet Richardson Award. (A side note is this is the last year that this award will be given.)

We are giving 2 awards this year - each will receive a check for \$500.

Rose Ridder: Rose is a 16 year old who volunteers with the YMCA where she is also a board member. She assisted with the summer lunch program and is currently working on a program to make sure children have meals at all times.

Anna Moore: Anna is a 17 year old who also volunteers with the YMCA in the Building Futures program which matches a young person with a mentor. She is currently mentoring a young girl who goes to school at Grant Street Elementary.

Area Meeting (April 5, Gig Harbor):

We received the following correspondence from Dianna Putnam, President, SI Gig Harbor:

The location of the meeting is Harbor Place at Cottimore. Driving instructions will be sent shortly.

Check-in begins at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will start promptly at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will consist of a nicely prepared box lunch. Each will include a sandwich of ham, turkey, or vegetarian.

Our focus project will be presented by our keynote speaker, Ms. Peg Loe. I have asked Peg to give me a "wish list" of items/supplies the project needs which I will forward to you as soon as I receive it. If your club would like to contribute items or funds to this project, we would be very grateful.

During the meeting, a representative of each club will be asked to present a brief update on club activities or fundraising events.

Payment of \$20.00 per attendee will cover meeting costs.

Please email me names of your club's attendees along with sandwich preference Check payment should be received by Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at:

Also, please let me know if your club wishes to participate in Tell-and-Sell.

Dianna Putnam, President, SI Gig Harbor

Member News:

From Janet Jacobs: I'm still on a slow roll with hand recovery so my return will be delayed to approximately March 23rd - hopefully.

From Judi Morris: My only news is that I am going to Scottsdale on the 10th to watch my two grandchildren there while their parents attend a conference.

From Wendy Duede: A big thank-you to my Secret Sister for her thoughtful gifts!

From Ella Sandvig: I'm not doing anything interesting--just going to enjoy watching the Oscars. I do have a message for all my friends who love to shop: "An object in possession seldom retains the same charm that it had in pursuit." (Says Pliny the Younger)

From Bickie Steffan: I would like to thank my secret sister for the cards I have received. They always make me smile. Also, if anyone is in the Palm Springs area we love to have company. My new cell number is 360-301-6518.

From Ruth Gordon: I don't know what news I really have. I'm in Seattle taking a class from the National Center for State Courts--in court management, of course. Will be back Thursday in time for club, but if I do not make it, it will be because I am awaiting a crew of strong guys who will help me move a big, heavy piece of furniture from my house to my new office in the courthouse. It is the last piece I've been waiting for. After it gets in place I can start unloading boxes and organizing--can't wait!

From Katy Gifford: I don't have any news, but I just want to thank my Secret Sister for the beautiful tulips and card she left for me for Valentine's Day, so very thoughtful.

From Pat Durbin: (Pat sent a very long e-mail with details of Frank's ordeal I am printing the last part, but I have the original e-mail if you need more details about Frank's stroke and the long journey he has taken toward getting well). Pat writes: "I feel he has come a long way since the weekend of that second seizure on January 26. At the next MRI they will be able to compare three MRIs to see the changes more clearly and determine where we go from here. Until then, it's stay the course. Please tell everyone hello and thank you for all the well wishes, cards, and my secret sister (whoever she is) for the thoughtful cards she has sent. It's wonderful to know you're all there pulling for us."

From your Editor, Betty: I just spent a wonderful week in Orlando with my brother and his wife visiting Walt Disney World and Universal Studios. It was nice to get warm for a few days, but it's always good to get home again.

ELLA'S JOKE CORNER

I tried to catch some fog. I mist.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

They told me I had type A blood, but it was a type-O.

This dyslexic man walks into a bra.

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

A cross-eyed teacher lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds..

I wondered why the ball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

Broken pencils are pointless.

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.