



# SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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## Schedule for October

- 10-3 : Kate Burke  
Jefferson Health Care
- 10-10 : Business Meeting
- 10-17: Dinner Meeting  
5:30 – Bickie's
- 10-24: No Meeting



## October Birthdays

What! No Birthdays?

## OCTOBER HOSTS

Ruth Gordon  
Ella Sandvig

## NOVEMBER HOSTS

Alyce Hansen

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

Every once and a while I try to remember to check my spam and junk email folders to see if anything important landed in there. It's been a busy time for me and just got around to checking. What I found brought me to tears:

“Hey Penny,

I just wanted to thank you again for a great event for the kids of our community. My daughter loved it again. As I was tucking her into bed, she hugged me and said, ‘You know what the best part of the triathlon was, Mom? It was having fun and never giving up until I crossed that finish line.’

Looking forward to next year already.

Rebecca Krajewski”

I responded to her email and thanked her for her support and kind words. This is what it's all about, isn't it? Making a difference. We're doing it! We have had great input from this year's triathlon and we're well poised to be bigger and better next year. Planning for the 2014 event will begin after the holidays so stay tuned. Thank you, again, everyone, for a wonderful event.

The District 1 conference is coming up October 11-13. A lot of the workshops are on recruiting and retaining membership, so those of us attending hope to bring back a lot of good and, hopefully, fresh ideas.

Scholarship information for the Women's Opportunity Awards and the Violet Richardson Awards will be to you very soon if not by the time you get this newsletter. I had a little setback time-wise as I'd hoped to get the information to you soon after our business meeting. It's still a main goal to get applicants for these amazing opportunities. Let's do this. We still have time.

Fall is definitely here and the holidays are looming. I wish you all a good month and look forward to our meetings.

Best, Penny

October Member News  
By Betty Oakes, Reporter

**Janet Jacobs** is off to Italy with stops in Milan, Florence, Rome, Chique Terre, a week in Tuscany and more. She plans to leave October 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be home on October 27<sup>th</sup>. She'll be back in November then is off to Arizona to sit out the gray months of Washington. [Reporter's note: Take us with you!!]

**Pat Durbin** reports that she and Frank are back from Swedish with the news that there is no operation in the immediate future. Frank goes in for another check just before Thanksgiving, but no surgery is very good news! She thanks everyone for the notes and prayers. She also sends thanks to her Secret Sister who is remembering her regularly with encouragement and gifts that stoke her reading habit (she reads a lot while waiting for doctor appointments). Thank you, Secret Sister.

**Judi Morris** reports: "So, I am 1500 miles from home having lunch with a WA county government friend (Ruth's too), Debbie. As we greet she says "I like your outfit". Knowing she has shopped in PT - though she lived in Lacey - I said "Bickies". Wherewith she points to her shirt and says "This too". Bickie is a world-wide retailer."

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**EDITOR'S NOTES**

Since members did not send Betty much, so I decided to make a couple of calls.

When I called Barbara Reavis, I got her husband, Bob, and had a nice chat. Barbara is visiting in Sacramento, with cousins and grandchildren. Bob is doing well and enjoyed a walk this morning.

I called Carol Wise to find out how she is. She was as upbeat as ever and says she is doing just fine. Lance is also doing really great. He is working at Walter Reed Hospital where he had the kidney transplant. He will be watched closely for the next year, but things are going well.

It was good to talk to Fran O'Brien in Chandler, Arizona. It's in the 90's there but cooler at night.

She has to walk her dog, Gretchen, early in the morning. She says all she does is go to the gym and walk the dog, although it's almost time to start the garden. (it's Arizona after all!)

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**SECRET SISTER NEWS**

Katy Gifford says: "I would like to thank my Secret Sister for the adorable "HUGS" card, which I really needed at the time I received it. Thank you so much, whoever you are! You must be psychic!"

Ella Sandvig thanks her Secret Sister for the wonderful card. It was like art work so I displayed it prominently for a while.

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**BLAST FROM THE PAST**

1986: We gave our first "Women of Distinction" awards to three outstanding women. Eleanor Stopps, to honor her achievements in Environmental Protection; Mary Tudor to honor her achievements in Infant Health Care and Margaret Berry, to honor her achievements in Education.

The Leader gave us a full front page spread with individual pictures of the three women.

The women were so appreciative of the honors. Mary Tudor said she had received recognition Nationally and from the State of Washington, but never locally. She worked for the Health Department as a nurse and wrote a large text book on Infant Health Care, with emphasis on the Developmentally Disabled.

1987: We celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May. Tora Hutchison was President. Two of our Charter Members were in attendance. The third, Myrtle May was living in Lacey.

Special guests were Nancy Slater, District I Director and former member; District Secretary, Carol Kirkby and Peggy Couse, Past Governor of Northwest Region.

**1997:** We celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Port Townsend Yacht Club.

Fran O'Brien was President, the keynote speaker was Mayor Julie McClulloch. We took a musical and verbal journey through the decades with music of each decade provided by Bob Marriott.

**2007:** We celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 2<sup>nd</sup> -our actual anniversary date.

Betty Oakes was President and Susan Zoya was President Elect and Chair of the event.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Color Guard presented the colors. Music was by Mary Lou Montgomery and her band.

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The above cartoon was courtesy of Pat Durbin!

**Sharing laughs:**

The law of volunteering:  
If you dance with a grizzly bear you had better let him lead.

The law of avoiding oversell:  
When putting cheese in a mousetrap, always leave room for the mouse.

The law of common sense:  
Never accept a drink from a urologist.

The law of self- sacrifice:  
When you starve with a tiger, the tiger starves last.

The law of motivation:  
Creativity is great, but plagiarism is faster.

Law of probable dispersal:  
Whatever hits the fan will not be evenly distributed.

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**WORLD'S SHORTEST BOOKS**



MY PLAN TO FIND THE REAL KILLERS-  
by O.J. Simpson

THE ENGINEER'S GUIDE TO FASHION.

TO ALL THE MEN I'VE LOVED BEFORE –  
by Ellen DeGeneres

THINGS I WOULD NOT DO FOR MONEY –  
by Dennis Rodman

THE WILD YEARS – by Al Gore

AMERICA'S MOST POPULAR LAWYERS

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIBERAL  
ARTS MAJORS

DETROIT –A TRAVEL GUIDE

DIFFERENT WAYS TO SPELL BOB

EVERYTHING MEN KNOW ABOUT WOMEN

DOCTOR KEVORKIAN'S COLLECTION OF  
MOTIVATIONAL SPEECHES

ETHIOPEAN TIPS ON WORLD DOMINANCE.

AMELIA EARHART'S GUIDE TO THE  
PACIFIC OCEAN

### **Educate for Peace**

On 21st September, Soroptimists joined thousands of others around the world in observing International Day of Peace. This year's UN theme was Educate for Peace, highlighting the need to teach values of respect, tolerance and non-violence to build a more peaceful world.

In **India**, SI Bangalore (pictured) and SI South Kolkata organised poster and essay competitions at local schools. SI Moreton North Inc in **Australia** linked via skype with Soroptimists in Port Moresby, **Papua New Guinea**, to learn about each other's lives, cultures and values. The **Peace One Day** campaign presented a 24-hour broadcast for peace, which was streamed via the SI website. [More about Soroptimist action for peace.](#)

### **"We Speak Peace to Kenya"**

*"For International peace day, we had planned to speak words of peace to our family, friends and neighbors. We speak peace to Kenya. #Westgate".* This tweet was posted by SI Milimani, based near the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, **Kenya**, where a terrorist attack last weekend left at least 67 dead and many more injured. One club member was in the Mall at the time but escaped unharmed. *"Kenya is hurting now"*, says Rose Mwangi, one of our UN Reps in Nairobi. Soroptimists from around the world, including SI President Ann Garvie, have sent messages of support to the Soroptimist International Union of Kenya as they come to terms with this devastating incident.

### **President's Message: Building Friendship Across Borders**

October 3 marks the 92nd anniversary of the foundation of the first Soroptimist club in California, USA. Soroptimists worldwide recognise this as Club Friendship Day, celebrating international co-operation and friendship.

*"The friendships I have made as a Soroptimist have enhanced my way of life"*, writes SI President Ann Garvie in her [President's Message for Club Friendship Day](#). *"I would never have learnt about so many different cultures, beliefs and thought processes if I had not stepped out of my comfort zone or travelled beyond my own back yard."*

### **Building a Culture of Peace - UN High Level Forum**

**New York** - On 6 September, our UN Reps joined dignitaries and leading proponents of world peace at UNHQ for the **UN High Level Forum on the Culture of Peace**. *"Soroptimist International must continue to play its part in building a culture of peace"*, said UN Rep Paulette Forbes-Igharo