



# SOROPTIMIST NEWS

Soroptimist International of Port Townsend/East Jefferson County

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**Meeting Place (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at noon):** Highway 20 Roadhouse,  
Port Townsend

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

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**Schedule for March**

**April 2: Program Meeting**

**April 9: Business Meeting**

**April 16: Dinner Meeting  
(Wendy's House)**

### **April Hostesses:**

Wendy Duede and  
Penny Westerfield

### **April Birthdays:**

Bickie Steffan (April 16)

Penny Westerfield (April 26)

### **Foster Kids Birthday reminders:**

No Foster Kid Birthdays in April  
or May.

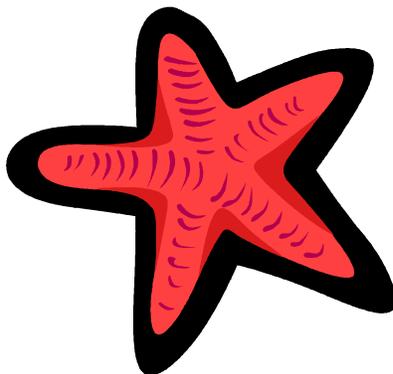
Happy Spring, Soroptimist Sisters!

The days are getting longer and the flowers are starting to pop up! Our park is looking good and the sign has been repaired and looks great!

Recently, I was able to send in a report of the activities in which our club has participated to our region. This year, we were able to award a \$1,000 grant to a Live Your Dream (previously the Women's Opportunity Award) candidate. It was nice to be able to contribute to a deserving young woman who is furthering her education! In addition, we brighten birthdays for foster children and contribute to feeding children on the weekend through Backpacks for Children. We have also supported the Working Image luncheon/fundraiser and the Boeing Bluebills Dove House Golf Tournament.

We are able to support fitness and raise money through our Soropti-thon. Our biggest fundraiser is still our Stamp Out Home Cookin' coupon books. Why do we raise these funds? Of course it is because we support programs for women and girls and give scholarships for college. We may be small, but we are mighty, and we continue to make a difference! Thank you for your continued support of our club and our programs.

President Wendy



**Mark your Calendar:**

- 2015 NW Region Conference:  
April 9-12, Hyatt Regency, Bellevue, WA
- 2015 SI Convention:  
July 9-12, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2015 District 1 Meeting:  
October 9-11, Little Creek Casino, Shelton, WA
- 2016 SIA Convention:  
July 20-23, Orlando, FL

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**Program Speaker Notes:**

The speaker for the April meeting is Alex Wisniewski. He is the City Parks & Facilities Manager. I believe he wants to have a conversation with us about the gateway park and what we want our role to be in its operation.

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One of Soroptimist's identifying programs is Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls which helps girls grow up to be strong, successful, happy adults. Dream It, Be It targets girls in secondary school who face obstacles to their future success. It provides girls with access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live their dreams.

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**Member News:**

From Carol: Thank you everyone for the Birthday wishes! I've been helping my son and daughter-in-law move to their new house in Frederick County, Md.! I'll be back on April 11, so I'm sorry that I have to miss meetings. The "faceplant" from making the previous meeting cracked a rib and blew a stitch that I just had but I made it through fine! Then I caught a cold and KNEW it was cracked when I coughed! LOL! Take care and love to all!

From Ruth: Ruth wishes everyone a lovely springtime--it's so beautiful right now! I hardly have any news, but I did survive the Washington State Association of County Clerks' Spring Conference this week. That was not a given, but I made it and everyone had a good time and learned useful things. However, now we ramp up to the Summer Conference in June and there is much to do for that one. The Spring Conference is like a dress rehearsal, because there is a staff person there from state courts to do the logistics and it just lasts two days. Summer conference is 5 days and you have to do it all yourself. But--whatever. It's a terrific springtime. I stopped by the Skagit tulip fields on my way home Tuesday and they are going full tilt already. So get on over there if you are going.

From Anji: I was accepted into the University of Victoria for a Master's in Public Administration and I start classes in May! I left my position at the City of Port Townsend, but am looking forward to new opportunities!

From Betty: Penny and I spent a wonderful week in Anaheim, CA, visiting Disneyland with my brother and his wife. The weather was perfect and it's always fun visiting with Goofy, Mickey and Minnie! I'll be gone for a week in April visiting "ye olde hometown" (Las Vegas/Henderson, Nevada) visiting old friends.

Here is a picture of Penny and me showing the latest issue of the Port Townsend Soroptimist News to Goofy:



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From Carol: I had our sign refinished and donated the cost. I think it came out very nice. My "Bob the Builder Guy" made it happen. Need any construction, remodel, gravel or excavating, he is your man!



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**Secret Sister News:**

From Penny: I'd like to thank my Secret Sister for the fun St. Patrick's Day card. Thanks for thinking of me!!

From Anji: A huge thank you to my secret sister for the birthday gift certificate!! Lang and I had a lovely dinner at the Silverwater.

From Betty: Thanks to my secret sister for the cute St. Patrick's Day card.

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A NEW COLUMN!! We all know that Ella (as well as Alyce) has been a member for a long time. It seems that Ella has saved some documentation from those early days and here is her first submission from 1983:

**FROM ELLA'S ARCHIVES:**

**SOROPTIMISTS OFFER "ACTION AUCTION."**  
**(From the June 22, 1983 Leader)**

The public is offered a unique selection of items during an "action auction" being held this Thursday, June 23, by Soroptimist of Port Townsend. The event will be open at the Palace Hotel with a 7:30 p.m. social hour.

The auction is unique in that it offers many unusual and useful services rather than material items on which to bid.

Some examples of the services this year: Jean Marriott will play music at your wedding, Dick and Shari Smith offer a unique dining experience for eight, Marianne Walters will do a day's yard work, Ella and Don Sandvig will be your hosts for a day at Longacres, Sally Weinschrott offers a trip for two to the Olympic Game Farm, Patty Sullivan will take two children (over 6) to the Seattle Zoo.

In all over 50 items will be up for auction to the highest bidder. Auction proceeds will be used for the current scholarship awards of \$1,000 to two high school graduates.

The Soroptimists are a women's business and professional service organization.  
(courtesy of Ella's scrapbook)

### Ella's Joke Corner:

Once again, The Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly neologism contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternative meanings for common words.

The winners are:

1. Coffee (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. Willy- nilly (adj.), impotent.
6. Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.
8. Gargoyle (n), olive-flavored mouthwash.
9. Flatulence (n.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
11. Testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
12. Rectitude (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists .
13. Pokemon (n), a Rastafarian proctologist .
14. Oyster (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms .
15. Frisbeetarianism (n.), (back by popular demand): The belief that, when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
16. Circumvent (n.), an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

The Washington Post's Style Invitational also asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition.

The winners are:

1. Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

2. Foreploy (v): Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.
  3. Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.
  4. Giraffiti (n): Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
  5. Sarchasm (n): The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
  6. Inoculate (v): To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
  7. Hipatitis (n): Terminal coolness.
  8. Osteopornosis (n): A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)
  9. Karmageddon (n): its like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
  10. Decafalon (n.): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
  11. Glibido (v): All talk and no action.
  12. Dopeler effect (n): The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
  13. Arachnoleptic fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
  14. Beelzebug (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
  15. Caterpallor (n.): The colour you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating.
- And the pick of the literature:
16. Ignoranus (n): A person who's both stupid and an asshole

