

# SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello Everyone! Can you believe it's August already?! Our last get-together was the retreat on June 27, and I want to remind everyone that we've adjusted our meeting schedule. It was decided to NOT meet on the first Thursday of the month and we will no longer meet at the Roadhouse. Our first new meeting will be an informal one at THE CUP on the SECOND THURSDAY of August. We will no longer have program meetings; and the third Thursday of the month will still be a dinner meeting. This month, the dinner meeting will be at Bickie's home with assistance from Betty. I am still looking for a willing Hostess for September if you haven't had the opportunity to sign up. I believe we also opted to change the dinner price to \$15.

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### Schedule for August

August 6: Lunch meeting  
(11:30 at the Cup)

August 13: Dinner meeting  
(5:30 at Bickie's)

Hostesses: Bickie and Betty

### August Birthdays:

None.

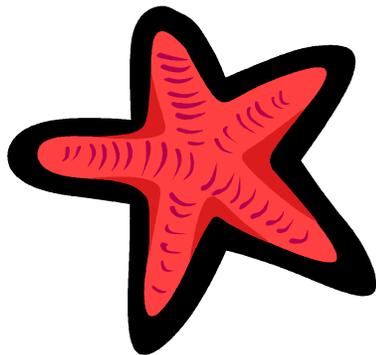
### Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Kylee (18 on August 10) Alyce  
Neveah (2 on August 22) Penny  
Haven (4 on September 20) Betty  
Alex (10 on September 20) Ruth  
Lizzy (10 on September 29)  
Wendy

If you did not get the opportunity to read the retreat minutes, please dig it out, I'm going to read back through them to refresh my own memory on the many changes that were voted in. With fewer meetings to attend, please make it count and try to be there, everyone matters! I hope to see all of you at THE CUP. It will be great to see all of you and catch up on your summer adventures!!

Enjoy this sun while you can, it will be time for pumpkin lattes before you know it!!

President Wendy



**Mark your Calendar:**

2015 District 1 Meeting:

October 9-11, Little Creek Casino, Shelton, WA

2016 NW Region Conference

April 21-24, 2016, Spokane, WA

Davenport Hotel

2016 SIA Convention:

July 20-23, Orlando, FL

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**Member News:**

From Ruth: Ruth is amazed that the summer is passing so quickly. Her daughter Lauren has moved home for a few months prior to leaving for Louisiana at the end of September. They took a long weekend road trip to Goldendale to see the Stonehenge WWI monument, look at Saturn and Venus through the big telescope at the observatory, and visit the Maryhill Museum. It was a quick, fun road trip, and recommended if you have never gone there, particularly now when it is peach season! The peaches over there are fabulous. Staffing at the Clerk's office is at a record low right now with lots of special circumstances aligning. So if Ruth doesn't make the lunch meeting it's because she's the only person available to cover breaks.

From Ella: The weather is getting to me. I have no energy in hot weather. August brings lots of visitors which is good.

My friend Kay and her family are here now, staying at Fort Worden. She is from England and

lived with me for a year while she worked at the Port Townsend Library as an exchange librarian with Kings School in Canterbury. As a happy coincidence, the house she rented on non-commissioned officers row is the house I lived in for five years when I worked at the Fort. She is having a tea for all her Port Townsend friends—I can hardly wait to see the house I left in 1963!! My kids are anxious to see it too; they loved exploring every inch of the Fort as youngsters.

From Pat: I'm heading south on August 6 and will spend a couple of days in the Portland area with my son and 12 year old grandson. We plan to see the Spruce Goose and meander around a bit.

We will then be heading to Grant's Pass to see my son's long lost uncle on his ranch. It should be fun for my grandson. It's a chance to wander around the pasture and avoid cow pies.

I'll be back home on August 11 in time for the meeting on August 13!

From Penny: On the Soroptihon: I have emailed the Friends of Jefferson County Parks & Recreation about partnering with them but haven't heard back yet. I apologize for the lateness of this. The Soroptihon WILL happen but just don't know when yet. So stay tuned.

Betty's birthday last month was celebrated over the weekend. Friday, July 17, was "the day" and so we went out to dinner at Doc's and that was fun. Sunday we saw "Wicked" at the Paramount and that was just a most fabulous event. The day was so beautiful we sat on top of the ferry going over. Before cabbing up to the show, we had lunch at Ivar's on the waterfront. We sat outside and had prawns (Yum!). It was lovely. If you haven't been to Ivar's lately, it's been beautifully renovated. Cabbing back down to the ferry we again sat on top of the boat going back, just enjoying the day and how beautiful it is when the weather is like this, albeit a bit hot sometimes.

Now that construction is underway at the hospital, I'll update you a bit on what we know so far. The 1929 building is slated to come down at the end of August or the first part of September. They're almost through with abatement and cleaning out the innards of the building. If you drive down Sheri-

dan it's pretty dramatic as to what is going on now. When the contract went to the company who is doing the construction, it meant they now own the bricks of the 29 building and the hospital knows that's been a concern to the community. The contractors are sensitive to this as well and the Jefferson Healthcare Foundation group is going to receive a bunch of the bricks to resell as a fundraiser. When this will happen I don't know, but we do know there will be bricks available down the road. We are utterly forbidden to enter any construction area, so to be able to sneak in and take some would probably cost me my job! I've been asked a lot if it's going to be imploded or will there be a wrecking ball. There will be a crane that's a "muncher" and it will take big bites out the building, minimizing the impact of tearing it down.

And I must share a phenomenon. When I first went to Hawaii with Betty six years ago in 2009, I brought back a Plumeria "stick." Sitting in the Kona airport waiting to leave they had all these plants that were approved for travel so I couldn't resist, having become besotted with Plumerias. The card on the plant said it would take probably two years before it bloomed. Every year it leafed out, but then the leaves would fall off, but no blooms. It's been in my sun room in the same spot for six years. This year it bloomed!!! It only took six years!! I'm over the moon and taking pictures every day. I'm thinking it's blooming because I have now passed the "year of firsts" of losing Mom and also that I'm not able to go to Hawaii this year. So it's a good thing!



From Betty: In addition to my wonderful birthday weekend, I had a sad thing happen. I lost one of my kitties to kidney disease and she died two days before my birthday. She was 16 and left behind her bewildered sister who is still looking for her.

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**Ella's Joke Corner:**

The problem with political jokes is they get elected. Henry Cate, VII

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office. Aesop

If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these State of the Union speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven. Will Rogers

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river. Nikita Khrushchev

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it. Clarence Darrow

Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you. Author Unknown.

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnels. John Quinton

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other. Oscar Ameringer

I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them. Adlai Stevenson, 1952

A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country. Tex Guinan

I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians. Charles de Gaulle