

SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Meeting Place (1st and 2nd Thursday at noon): Highway 20 Roadhouse, Port Townsend (January's meetings are pushed up a week due to New Year's falling on the 1st Thursday.)

Schedule for January

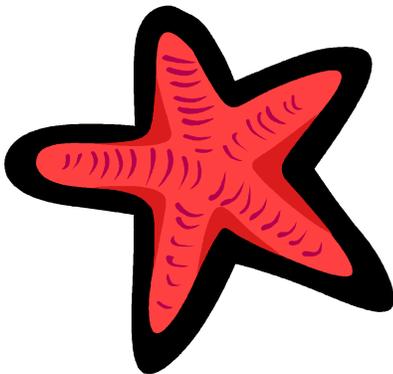
January 8: Program Meeting
January 15: Business Meeting
January 24: High Tea at Pippa's

January Birthdays:

None

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

January 17: Gudrun turns 9
(Wendy)
January 26: Sophia turns 6
(Betty)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year Everyone! Can you believe it is 2015 already?!!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. I was able to spend it with family and a great time was had by all. The end of December marked the end of my three years at the Hadlock Branch of Bank of America. As of Friday, I am officially at the Port Townsend Financial Center. My direct line is 360-344-0424.

With the coming of the New Year also come our own opportunities to start new or continue what we started last year. What do you hope to accomplish in 2015? We all seem to make resolutions at the coming of the year--diet, exercise, organization, or maybe a reconnection with someone special. I'd like to say I'll accomplish all of those, and I have a whole year to do it. So, we'll see.

"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are learning new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something." Neil Gaiman, British author.

I raise a toast to you, my friends, here's to hoping you are doing "something."

Wendy



Mark your Calendar:

2015 Area Meeting:

February 8, Bremerton, WA

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

Program Speaker Notes:

Jeff Randall will be discussing the upcoming school levy issue.



We have a winner for our "Night on the Town" Raffle! CONGRATS to Fran Shelton! Fran won a night out at The Belmont, The Cellar Door, and the Rose Theater!!



Member News

From Wendy: We had a great time at the Nutcracker in Seattle. It was a fun day with granddaughter Abby, her mom Mandy, and daughters Erin and Katy.



From Ruth: I was sworn in for another four year term on January 2. "Four More Years!" has different meanings in different contexts. Right now Richard Simmons seems to be saying it, "Come on, stay with me now, four more years...." Serving as president of the clerks' association at a very controversial and tricky juncture is enough to make a person wish she had retired early. But we take it one day at a time, because the blessings of life are many and we wouldn't want to miss it. Oh—and also, last month I bought a new car and gave the venerable Volvo to my daughter Lauren, who needs a car to get to her new job. The new car is a little red 2014 Subaru Impreza wagon--very spunky! Happy 2015 everyone. Hope to see you all soon.

From Pat: I spent Christmas in Tennessee with my daughter and grandkids. Then drove to Chicago with my son and was a party animal, attending three parties with him in five days.

From Anne: The second half of November and first half of December were a great time for Mike and me. Our daughter flew here from Southern CA and helped us drive to Orange County with a rented trailer full of treasures from our house that will now be gracing her new home in Brea, CA. We are so pleased for her that she is settled in a place of her own in a wonderful community.

We celebrated Thanksgiving in her new home with her, our grandsons and some other friends then left to spend a week in Palm Desert. It was really nice, but not very warm. We had dinner one evening with Bickie at a great BBQ restaurant,

Babes, in Palm Desert. We had a great time, but her husband, Gary, wasn't feeling well and couldn't join us. Maybe next year.... After Palm Desert we headed to Yuma to visit Wes and Jan Brooks Walch to celebrate Wes' birthday. It was great fun seeing them. Then we headed North to Anthem, AZ (near Phoenix) to visit Milt and Judi Morris. Their AZ home is fabulous, and they are terrific hosts. Milt and Judi and Mike and I met Dick and Nancy Stelow for lunch at PF Changs in Gilbert and got caught up on all their activities. It was really nice to see them since we hadn't seen them since they moved a year and a half ago. There are many previous PT Soroptimists in AZ at least part of the time. We should have a winter reunion there sometime.

We drove home, arriving on December 13, luckily dodging really bad weather. I had time to do a little Christmas decorating and attend the Soroptimist Christmas party before checking into Swedish on Dec. 16 to have a parathyroid gland removed. All went well and we got home on the 18th. I recovered quickly and was able host dinner for ten on Christmas Eve with wonderful friends and neighbors. I spent all day Christmas Day cleaning up between naps. All in all it was a fabulous end to 2014. I feel especially blessed because Mike's foot has finally healed. He is feeling much better and is able to be more mobile.

December was our last publication of Inside Jefferson County Real Estate. The publication and website have been taken over by the PT Leader. I hope they will be successful with it. It seems odd to not have to be concerned about selling ads and filling space in our paper. Now maybe I'll get some of this paperwork and filing done. We are grateful for our blessings and hopeful for the future. I look forward to seeing you all in January and wish you all a happy, healthy, peaceful and prosperous 2014.

Here is my new e-mail address:
annieb1943@me.com

From Anji: I had to sweep the bottom of the pool today to get it ready to open. It's a bit chilly since our contractors are still working the kinks out of the system but it's quite refreshing! So excited to swim for real on Monday!



Secret Sister News:

From Joy: Thank you Secret Sister! I love the scarf. It's lovely and something I will enjoy wearing.

From Ella: A big thank you to my Secret Sister for the Reindeer Christmas socks and the chocolate "pig" truffles!! I can hardly wait to find out who you are!!!!

From Wendy: I would like to thank my secret sister for the Elevated Ice Cream Company chocolates for my birthday and the Don's Pharmacy certificate for lunch. I must admit I didn't share the candy very well and I'll be going out to lunch, now that I'm back in town, sometime soon! Thank you so much!

From Penny: Thanks to my secret sister for the Christmas gift.

From Betty: Thanks to my secret sister for the Christmas music box and the New Year's card.

From Betty: I've found I'm suffering from a new disability (AAADD) Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder.

This is how it manifests:

One morning, I decided to water a few shrubs. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing. As I start toward the garage, I notice the mail on the porch table that I had brought up from the mailbox earlier.

I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car, so I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table and notice that the can is full.

So I decide to put the bills back on the table and take the garbage out first. But then I think since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take the garbage out anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my checkbook off the table and see that there is only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Coke that I had been drinking.

I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over.

The Coke is getting warm, so I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold. As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye—they need water.

I put the Coke on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I had better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water those flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote that someone had left on the kitchen table.

I realize that when I go to watch TV tonight, I'll be looking for the remote, but won't remember that it was on the kitchen table, so I decide to put

it back in the den where it belongs—but first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So I set the remote back on the table, and go to get some towels to wipe up the spill.

I head down the hall trying to remember what it was I was planning to do.

At the end of the day:

The car isn't washed.

The bills aren't paid.

There is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter,

The flowers don't have enough water.

There is only one check in the checkbook.

I can't find the remote, my reading glasses or my car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day and I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it—but first I need to check my e-mail.

(Betty's note: I really never have a problem finding my glasses, remote or keys, but walking down the hall and forgetting what I was going to do—well that is a different story!) Happy New Year everyone!

5 Rules To Remember In Life

1. **Money can't buy you happiness, but it's more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes than on a bicycle..**
2. **Forgive your enemy but remember the bastard's name..**
3. **Help someone when they are in trouble and they will remember you when they are in trouble again..**
4. **Many people are alive only because it's illegal to shoot them..**
5. **Alcohol does not solve problems but neither does milk..**

