

SOROPTIMIST NEWS

Soroptimist International of Port Townsend/East Jefferson County

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June, 2015

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Come one! Come all!

I'm looking for members to attend the meetings. I know, we all get busy, I'm guilty—I was in Hawaii.

Our May meetings were painfully not attended by most of us, and I'm getting worried. We all have our reasons for joining Soroptimists, so I'm calling upon all of you to think back to those reasons.

Was it for fellowship, friendship, your community, a job requirement, or to truly make a difference for women and girls both inside and outside of our community? We've given scholarships, awards, our time, our support, and our money when we can. We've walked in parades, worked on Habitat for Humanity homes, fed kids through the backpacks program, helped Santa, sponsored a family, created Soroptithon, watered Rhody Runners and individually purchased birthday presents for Foster Kids. We've helped other service clubs, been docents, attended their events, and donated money or goods. This doesn't list everything we've done, and there is still so much more we can do.

In order for this club to continue, I'm calling on all of you for your support and your help. There will be a Retreat on Saturday, June 27 at 9:30 AM. Please bring something to share for brunch and bring your ideas to brainstorm. We need to take another look at our projects and what we can do to keep this club viable. I'm counting on everyone's support. If this day is not going to work for you, please let me know right away so we can plan accordingly.

Personally, I joined this club for all of the reasons I suggested above. I truly value working alongside all of you and I would hate to see this end. Please show your support to help revitalize our meetings and our club. For those of you who come every week, you have my sincere thanks--I really appreciate your commitment! I know life and jobs can get in the way, please come if you can. I will be there. Will you?

Wendy

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Schedule for June

June 4: Program Meeting

June 11: Business Meeting

June 18: Installation Dinner
(Belmont)

June 27: Retreat (Wendy's)

June Birthdays:

Diane Kenyon (June 16)

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

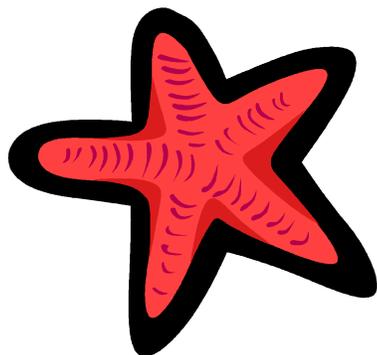
Floyd (5 on June 7) Janet

Ivan (3 on June 21) Barb

Isa (3 on June 21) Barb

Lyric (15 on July 18) Ruth

Mary (9 on July 20) Pat



Mark your Calendar:

2015 SI Convention:

July 9-12, Istanbul, Turkey

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

Program Speaker Notes:

The scheduled speaker for the June meeting is Lisa Hickman from Working Image. Lisa is the President of the Volunteer Board and here is her bio: Lisa studied in college and later worked for United Airlines as a Flight Attendant/Chief Purser, based in New York and San Francisco. After retiring, she move to Port Townsend in 1999 and worked at Jefferson Healthcare for three years as an ER physician coder. She has volunteered at numerous non-profits, including Brides against Breast Cancer, Centrum, Port Townsend Film Festival and the Humane Society. She joined Working Image in 2001.



Installation News:

Chairman Janet reports that she has booked the “bar room” upstairs at the Belmont (they say they have two “upstairs”), the same location as last year, for our installation banquet on June 18.

Member News:

From Ruth: Ruth continues to work on the remodeling of her kitchen in her spare moments. If

she sits down to read her email she falls asleep first. Her job is getting in the way of her naps!

(I found this picture on Facebook of Ruth participating in the Rhody Parade—just beautiful, Ruth!)



From Pat: I'm in Tennessee for my grandson's graduation. Two days before I got here I found out my daughter needs surgery. Believe it or not she has a brain tumor, benign, but still scary. I'll let you know how things go. Say prayers. I did not think I'd have to deal with another one of these things in my lifetime, let alone within a year. I'll be here as long as I'm needed so no return date planned as yet.

From Janet: I'm off to Oregon on June 1 for a short visit in Salem, then on to Ashland for a gazillion plays and one day of fly fishing. My son will join me. We'll continue to Lincoln City to see family with a June 10 return date for me.

From Anne: It is with sadness that I realize June will be my last month as a Port Townsend/East Jefferson County Soroptimist. During my 18 years in the Club I have met and become friends with many, many incredible women, and participated in dozens of community and international endeavors. I believe Soroptimists truly do make a difference in the lives of women and girls on many levels.

It has been an honor to be associated with this fine organization and with each of you, my “sisters.”

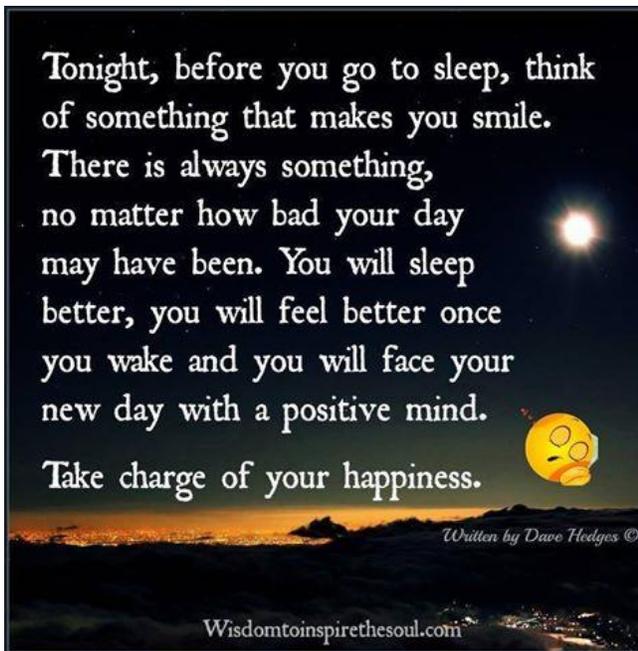
I am hopeful that wherever we end up, I will be able to find a Soroptimist Club to join to continue my affiliation with this organization.

I hope this club will grow and thrive and recommit itself to active participation in community activities like the Soroptihon and fundraising activities that make it possible to fund scholarships and activities that benefit the women and children in our community.

Many thanks to each of you for your friendship, assistance and support in times of need and wonderful memories.

Love to all of you, Anne.

And finally, from Betty:



Secret Sister News:

From Alyce: Thank you, Secret Sister, for the most beautiful birthday bouquet of flowers which I am thoroughly enjoying.

From Katy: I want to thank my Secret Sister for the Rose Theater gift certificate. How thoughtful! I’m looking forward to using it soon.

Ella’s Blast from the Past:

1977-1987 SOROPTIMIST PROJECTS:

Action Auction

Four benches installed on Water Street

Rhody Bed Race

Child car seats for needy mothers

Financial support for the new Domestic Violence Program

Women’s History Week Workshop

First Women of Distinction Awards to: Mary Tudor, Eleanor Stopps and Margaret Berry

Ella’s Joke Corner:

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it’s God’s will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

Nine Important Facts to Remember As We Grow Older:

- #9. Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- #8. Life is sexually transmitted.
- #7. Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- #6. Men have two motivations, hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.
- #5. Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- #4. Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
- #3. All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- #2. In the 60s, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- #1. Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers and several vodka martinis. What you do today might hurt tomorrow.

A Retired Person's Perspective:

- 1. I'm not saying let's go kill all the stupid people. I'm just saying let's remove all the warning labels and let the problem work itself out.
- 2. I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People move out of the way much faster now.
- 3. You can tell a lot about a woman's mood just by her hands. If she is holding a gun, she's probably pissed.
- 4. Gone are the days when girls cooked like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.
- 5. You know that tingly little feeling you get when you really like someone you've just met? That's common sense leaving your body.

- 6. I don't like making plans for the day. Because then the word "premeditated" gets thrown around in the courtroom.
- 7. I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes 3,267 days in a row.
- 8. I decided to change calling the bathroom the John and renamed it the Jim. I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.
- 9. Dear paranoid people who check behind shower curtains for murderers. If you find one, what's your plan?
- 10. Everyone has a right to be stupid. Politicians just abuse the privilege.

And finally (from Betty):

