

# 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:

Hello Soroptimists!

Happy Spring! I know. I'm early!

Five of us were able to make it to the Area meeting in Silverdale. We were able to catch up with other clubs, share and hear ideas, and listen to a couple of great speakers. Diane won a wonderful raffle basket, the rest of us "donated" to the cause. There were twelve baskets raffled off and they made over \$700 for the Scarlet Road project in Kitsap County that works with girls and women who escape the sex trafficking world. I'm sorry many of you were not able to make it. We had a great day!

On April 10-12, we have the opportunity to attend a Region Conference at the Bellevue Hyatt. There will be workshops, ideas, training, and a party night. I would love it if all of you could come! I have to make reservations this week; please let me know if you are planning to attend by Wednesday as time is running out to reserve rooms. If you have questions, please give me a call.

I'll leave you with a few quotes from our keynote speaker, Robin O'Grady, local author of "The Optimist's Edge":

My limitations are what I say they are.  
 Dream--if you don't have a dream, get one!  
 Plan--a ship without a rudder is lost.  
 Act on the plan! Your dream is just around the corner!

See you on Thursday with the Rhody Court!

Wendy



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## Schedule for March

**March 5: Program Meeting**

**March 12: Business Meeting**

**March 19: Dinner Meeting**  
(Anji's House)

## March Hostesses:

Anji Cael and Barbara Reavis

## March Birthdays:

Anji Cael (March 4)

Carol Wise (March 25)

## Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

March 11 (Noah turns 4)—Anji

March 14 (JoJo turns 7)—Anji

March 20 (Lucas turns 2)--Diane

Our basket: Before and after:



**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:**



Rhododendron Festival Association royalty candidates for 2015, the festival's 80th year, are (from left) Paula Sexton, Lillian Kelly, Morgan Chaffee, Deidra Morris, Krissy Schmucker and Sam Smith. Morris is a junior at Chimacum High and the other candidates are juniors at Port Townsend. The coronation program is March 14. Photo by Nicholas Johnson, PT Leader.

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Here we are at the February program meeting wearing our red for Heart Healthy Month:



L to R: Anji, Alyce, Wendy, Barb, Katy, Diane, Betty and Ella.

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President Wendy presents the Live Your Dream Award to Jessica Wright at our February 12 meeting. Jessica received a check for \$1,000.00

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Member News:

From Anji: I volunteered at the Port Townsend Film Festival’s Oscars Gala and was so inspired by Best Supporting Actress winner Patricia Arquette’s speech speaking about equal pay for women! If you haven’t heard it I suggest you check it out! She was great!

Other great news: My little sister Lindsay Scalf was just accepted into the University of Washington’s Masters in Public Health program! I’m super proud of both my sisters. Our other sister is in a Masters in Leadership program at Northwestern University.

From Janet: Greetings from London. I’ll be touring Windsor Castle tomorrow, seeing a play in the evening and shopping at Harrods in between. Ah, life is good. See you in March!

From Ruth: Ruth sends her good wishes to everyone. She’s spent the month driving to meetings in Seattle or Olympia and working late in the courthouse. Feeling overwhelmed and a day late always, and wishing you all the best.

From Barb: I wanted to let you know that my husband, Bob, has leukemia and is hospitalized in Seattle.

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Secret Sister News:

From Penny: I would like to thank my Secret Sister for the awesome Valentine’s Day goodies!! The flowers were beautiful (and I still have

them!) and the chocolate covered strawberries were just yummo. Thank you so very much!!

From Anji: Big thanks to my secret sister for the adorable chicken cards all year and the great Valentine’s Day napkins and plates! We baked cupcakes as a family and used them to celebrate!

From Joy: Thank you dear secret sister. My birthday gift is wonderful. I can’t wait to spend it. The Valentine’s chocolate was yummy! You sure do know the way to my heart.

From Anne: Thank you to my wonderful secret sister! You’ve sent such great, thoughtful cards and thanks so much for the candy and gift certificate for Christmas. I don’t know when it arrived. We were gone at Christmas and I found the gift bag after New Year. I think the person taking care of our house and mail while we were gone brought it in and left it in the laundry room. The candy was delicious and the gift certificate will be put to good use!

From Katy: I would like to thank my Secret Sister for the darling St Patrick’s socks!! It’s the first pair of shamrock socks I’ve ever owned! Also want to thank her for the Valentine’s Day card. I still have it up on my fridge. So sweet.

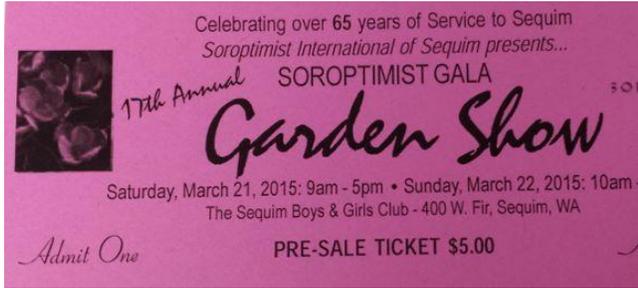
From Betty: Thanks to my secret sister for the single red rose in a vase with a ribbon with red hearts that said, “I Love You.” I love you too (whoever you are)! Also for the yummy raspberry chocolate truffles!

President Wendy attending the Wine & Chocolate Tour:



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Be sure to attend the Gala Garden Show in Sequim March 21-22.



**SPEAKERS SERIES**

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015**

- 10:00 am "Vertical Gardening"  
**Lorrie Hamilton**, Master Gardener
- 1:15 am "Heirloom Vegetables and Saving Seeds"  
**Muriel Nesbitt**, Master Gardener
- 12:30-1:00 **Break**
- 1:00 pm "Vegetable Gardening"  
**EXPERTS PANEL**  
**Muriel Nesbitt**, Master Gardener  
**Bob Cain**, Master Gardener  
**Marilyn Stewart**, Master Gardener
- 2:15 pm *Tomato Basics and the Results of local Tomato trials.*  
**TOMATO EXPERTS PANEL**  
**Judy English**, Master Gardener  
**Amanda Rosenberg**, Master Gardener  
**John Norgord**, Master Gardener  
**Audreen Williams**, Master Gardener

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2015**

- 11:00 pm "Backyard Greenhouse"  
**Leilani Wood**
- 1:00 pm *Knowing Good Bugs From Bad Bugs*  
**Ciscoe Morris**, Master Gardener

**From Betty:**

Not sure where he was, but he was there!



And finally:



**Ella's Joke Corner:**

These are entries in a Washington Post competition asking for a two-line rhyme with the most romantic first line and the least romantic second line:

1. My darling, my lover, my beautiful wife:  
Marrying you has screwed up my life.
2. I see your face when I am dreaming.  
That's why I wake up screaming.
3. Kind, intelligent, loving and hot;  
This describes everything you are not.
4. Love may be beautiful, love may be bliss,  
But I only slept with you 'cause I was pissed.
5. I thought that I could love no other  
-- that is until I met your brother.
6. Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet,  
and so are you.  
But the roses are wilting, the violets are dead, the  
sugar bowl's empty and so is your head.
7. I want to feel your sweet embrace;  
But don't take that paper bag off your face.
8. I love your smile, your face, and your eyes  
Damn, I'm good at telling lies!