

SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for November

November 6: Program Meeting

November 13: Business Meeting

No Dinner Meeting

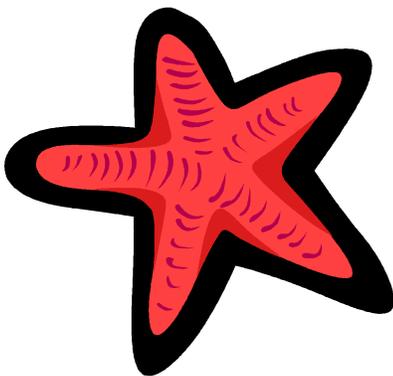
Happy Thanksgiving!

November Birthdays:

Ella Sandvig (November 13)

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Aurora (girl) 14 on 11/28 (Katy)



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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all of my wonderful Soroptimist Sisters. November has always been a month of family get-togethers and thinking of what we are thankful for. We will not have a dinner meeting this month due to the upcoming holiday to give us all more time to prepare for family.

As a Soroptimist, I am thankful for the time shared with all of you. Everyone in our club has a genuine heart and we all care about each other and our community. In keeping with this month, I would like to take this to reflect on our club's vision, mission, and core values.

VISION

Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

MISSION

Soroptimist improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

CORE VALUES

Soroptimist International of the Americas is committed to:

- Gender Equality: Women and girls live free from discrimination.
- Empowerment: Women and girls are free to act in their own best interest.
- Education: Women and girls deserve to lead full and productive lives through access to education.
- Diversity & Fellowship: Women from varied backgrounds and perspectives work together to improve the lives of women and girls.

As women in this age, we are lucky. We have the right to vote, the freedom to pursue our dreams, and we are empowered to follow those dreams. A very big part of our priorities is to help women and girls have those same opportunities. Thank you for being a part of something so big. I am thankful to call all of you friends.

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, Orlando, FL

Program Speaker Notes:

November’s program speaker is Kris Becker, Executive Director of Jumping Mouse:

Kris has brought nonprofit fundraising and management experience to Jumping Mouse Children’s Center since 2005 first as a board member and now as the executive director. Previously she worked as development director at the nonprofit publisher Copper Canyon Press, filling a key role on their executive team. Kris coordinates the overall fulfillment of the vision, mission and strategic direction of Jumping Mouse.

Prior to moving to Port Townsend in 2001, Kris worked as a translator, an English teacher and a school librarian. Through her work in public school settings, she realized the importance of creating a safe, healthy community for all.

A graduate of Willamette University (Bachelor of Arts in English) and Syracuse University (Master of Fine Arts in creative writing), Kris enjoys grant writing, literature, gardening and traveling.



Welcome to the Soroptimist Live Your Dream Awards!

Live Your Dream Committee Update:

This in from Janet Jacobs:

WOA now Live Your Dreams Award: SIA moved the application deadline up a month on this one. I assume this is because they are tuned to larger clubs. The process at a larger club is to find 3 female “judges” who are not Soroptimist members and have them independently rate what is often a large number of applicants. The next step is receiving and averaging their ratings to determine a winner and then to hold an awards banquet. As our process does not involve all these steps, the extra time is not necessary. SO, we will stay with the old 12/15 deadline for applications.

Some organizations were contacted with application information. If we receive viable applications from those contacts, we can short circuit the process. Otherwise, you will receive an e-mail from Wendy that you can use for outreach. It will include the eligibility requirements, instructions and forms to apply. Hopefully someone is with AAUW and discussion at lunch meetings can address a distribution plan.

I am away but not out of reach and will ride herd on this. Janet

Member News:

From Janet Jacobs: Got a lovely Halloween card from my secret sister--seems she has a handle on my tastes, hmmm. I'm leaving Monday morning to ship the dog and continue on to Spokane and Arizona.

From Judy Cavett: Judy and Micheal are great-grandparents! Lily Ann Rountree arrived on October 17, 2014, weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. and 19 ½ inches long. Mom and baby are doing well in Neptune Beach, Florida; the proud grandparents will make a trip in January to meet Lily. She is adorable as you can see.



(Betty's Note: She's pretty cute, Judy!)

From Pat Durbin: I hope to see you all after the first of the year. I'll be gone visiting family over both the coming holidays.

From Ruth Gordon: I've had a hectic month and don't even know which end is up. However, Friday was Halloween at the Courthouse where the clerks were all jellyfish and the office impersonated the ocean. Therefore, I share a rare photo. It was fun. Happy Fall, everyone. Bickie, I

shared your graphic about voting today on Facebook. So, so true. Love to everyone. Ruth



From Barbara Reavis: I am not on the beach in Hawaii, but I am in sunny California. Took a spur of the moment trip to go trick or treating with grandkids and watch some of their soccer games. It's almost as fun as being on a beach. See you all on Thursday.

From Wendy Duede: Aloha! I will be gone for two weeks. I haven't had a long vacation like that in years! I won't know what to do with myself; but I'm sure that island fever will catch on and I'll figure it out! My older daughter, Erin, her husband Dean, and Devon who is almost 4 will be going along. Jim's sister Sandi and her husband Lloyd will be there the first week we are there, in the condos across the street. As I look out this morning at the pouring rain, I will spend the first two weeks of November being thankful for the time away in the sun!

My beautiful mother-in-law, Beverly, passed away on Sunday. She chose to go off dialysis, and we are thankful she is no longer in pain and has gone to be with her husband of over 50 years. At her request, we did not do a service and we will all get together to scatter her ashes in Walla Walla in the spring. Her best friends will also be in Hawaii while we are there and we all plan to get together there in her memory.

I have sold 10 coupon books so far and will be picking up a few more when I return.

Since I will be gone for two weeks, maybe I'll come back with a tan!

From Penny Westerfield: Betty and I spent another wonderful 8 days on the Big Island of Hawaii, on the Kona side, at the Hilton Grand Vacations Kohala Suites at Waikoloa. It was our 4th visit and we feel quite at home there.

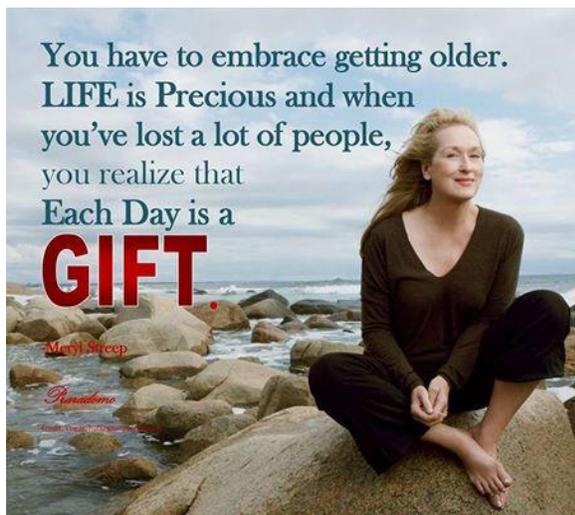
We mostly relaxed, alarms were banned, and we were soon immersed in "island time."

We did day excursions to our favorite places--Hilo (it poured down rain), the Place of Refuge to the South and North Kohala and the beautiful ranchlands of the paniolos.

Betty has a laptop and friends and family were e-mailing and sending Facebook messages concerned that we were near the lava flow. However, it was 120 miles southeast of us. We had discussed going just to the crater, but the local news asked everyone to please stay away. So we did.

It was a great time recharging our batteries and soaking in a LOT of Vitamin D. Aloha!

From Betty Oakes: Ditto what Penny said and also I do have these thoughts:



Secret Sister News:

From Ella Sandvig: Thank you Secret Sister, for the spooky card and yummy chocolate bar! You're the best.

From Wendy Duede: Thank you to my secret sister. I got the cutest card for Halloween, with parasols to put in my drinks while I'm here on Maui! Also, I have gotten cards from my Secret Sister, but I've heard rumors that some have not heard from their sisters at all. If that is the case, they should check in with Judy or Carol, maybe there was some miscommunication in who has who.

ELLA'S JOKE CORNER:

Here's some ageless humor from Will Rogers. Will Rogers, who died in a 1935 plane crash, was one of the greatest political sages this country has ever known. Here is some of his advice:

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.

5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men:
 - The ones that learn by reading.
 - The few who learn by observation.
 - The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
10. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.
12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: *When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.*

ABOUT GROWING OLDER...

First: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Second: The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third: Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me. I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth: When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

Fifth: You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth: I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh: One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it's such a nice change from being young.

Eighth: One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ninth: Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Tenth: Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

And finally: If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.