

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENT: Katy Guthridge

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Schedule for September

**September 8:** Business Meeting,  
11:30 AM, US Bank Conference  
Room

**September 22:** Dinner Meeting,  
5:30 PM, Katy Guthridge's Condo

**September 24:** Retreat, 9 AM to  
12 Noon, Katy Guthridge's Condo

September Birthdays:

None

October Birthdays:

None

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Eliana (7 on September 9) Wendy  
Haven (5 on September 20) Pat  
Alex (11 on September 20) Diane  
Maci (2 on September 26) Janet  
Shane (15 on October 8) (Need  
Volunteer)

Sheridan (16 on October 23)  
(Need Volunteer)



Greetings Sisters!

It's hard to believe that summer is winding down and it's almost Labor Day. Having spent the day enjoying the Olympic Music Festival "Concert in the Barn" in Quilcene, then a hike out to Falls View in Olympic National Park, and ending with an early dinner at the Timberhouse, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to live in such an amazingly beautiful place.

Many thanks to Pat and Carol for the hard work they have put into the Coupon Book! Carol has been a one-woman dynamo in getting businesses to commit to the book, even non-food vendors, many of whom are first-timers. The goal is to get the coupon books to press and start selling in October. With Pat leaving for Europe on September 20, we will need to work together to make that happen.

Our annual retreat is set for Saturday, September 24, from 9 to noon, at my house. I apologize for changing the date from the 10th, but I realized that I am on vacation during that time and will be out of town. My condo is right next door to the Bayview Restaurant. They are very possessive of the parking spaces in front of the condo. If you can park in the US Bank lot and either walk or car pool, and park on the SW side of my building (between my building and the older condo) it would be appreciated. My address is 1633 Water St., Unit #11. It is on the third floor, the right corner unit as you face the building. There is an elevator. I will provide an egg main dish, coffee, and tea. Please bring something to augment my dish.

We have lots to cover at the retreat!! First and foremost is the Live Your Dream Award, and ideas on how to find appropriate applicants. We need to brainstorm ideas, as this is something we cannot let slip through the cracks this year.

I look forward to seeing you in September at the retreat (sorry we'll miss you, Pat, but have a fabulous time in Europe!).

Let's all enjoy the end of summer and be thankful for the incredible place in which we live!!

President Katy

**Mark your Calendar:**

2016 District 1 Meeting:

October 21-23, Bellevue Marriott, Bellevue, WA

2017 NW Region Conference:

April 27-30, Hilton Vancouver, Vancouver, WA

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(Excerpt from the NW Region Newsletter)

**SIA Convention Update:**

By Governor Stephanie Smith

There were approximately 35 NWR Soroptimists in attendance at the SIA Convention in Orlando and you will hear more about it at your upcoming District meetings. From my perspective this convention was one of the most inspiring ones I've been to. We heard from fantastic keynote speakers; members shared their Soroptimist stories; Live Your Dream Award winners spoke from the heart; we watched a teen domestic violence skit from some Dream It Be It participants—and much more! One of the highlights was watching Governor Carol Hansen take the stage and accept the Shaping Our Future Award in the Fundraising Category for the Northwestern Region! Thank you past Region Chair Marta Page and her fantastic committee for setting the bar high at the past Region Conference. SIA President RoseMary was impressed and she voted for us!

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By Betty Oakes

(I'm repeating this article that I wrote for the May 2016 newsletter because I feel it's EXTREMELY important that we select a Live Your Dream recipient. We were always able to do this when it was called "Women's Opportunity Award." There is no difference except for the name change. Being the only club who did not give the award is not a good thing.)

While attending the Region Conference in Spokane, I was happy to hear that 81 of the 86 clubs in the Region gave Live Your Dream Awards (formerly named the Women's Opportunity Award). Of the 86 Clubs, 4 are in jeopardy, which leaves 82 clubs. So, 81 of the 82 active clubs gave a Live Your Dream Award which was submitted to Region. So I wonder who the 82<sup>nd</sup> club was. No need to guess—it was us!!!!

I feel that in a town like Port Townsend and the surrounding East Jefferson County represented by our club, we surely can find someone to give this honor to and submit their name to Region. I have gone online and obtained the following information:

- Application period opens July 1 and closes November 15
  - Club Judging: November 15 – January 15
  - Mail Club Packet to Region Chair by January 15
  - District Judging: February 1-15
  - Region Judging: February 16-March 1
- The Eligibility Requirements:**  
(Directed toward the eligible women)
- Provide the primary financial support for yourself and your dependents. Dependents can include children, spouse, partner, siblings and/or parents.
  - Have financial need.

- Are enrolled in or have been accepted to a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program.
- Are motivated to achieve your education and career goals.
- Have not previously been the recipient of a Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Award or Live Your Dream Award.
- Do not have a graduate degree.
- Are not a Soroptimist member, an employee of Soroptimist International of the Americas, or immediate family of either. Immediate family is defined to include spouse/partner, parents, siblings, children or grandchildren by adoption, blood or marriage.

WE CAN DO IT!!!!

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**Member News:**

From Ruth Gordon: Ruth has decided to finally tackle her 17 years of wanton thrift store quality accumulation and a certain amount of deferred maintenance and put her house on the market. The plan is to move into a rental uptown on Polk Street, get through the transition, know how much money is really going to be available, and probably build something rather than buy an existing house. This is what downsizing for eventual retirement looks like! And it is NOT PRETTY, ladies! Not pretty.

From Betty Oakes: How I spent my summer vacation: Penny and I could actually write a book and run a 6-hour mini-series with nothing but slides from our fabulous European holiday. But in an effort not to bore you to death I will simply say that 3 days in Venice, a 12-day cruise through the Greek Islands (and Albania), a train ride to Rome, then 3 days in Rome, then a flight to Palermo, Sicily, where we spent a week in Erice, Sicily, attending the Astrophysics Conference on Cosmic Rays (don't ask) before flying home, was probably one of if not THE best time of my life.



(One of our favorite places, the island of Santorini, Greece)

From Penny Westerfield: We started out hearing church tower chimes ring in Venice, visited eight places in Greece, hearing more chimes in Rome, and ended up in a 12<sup>th</sup> century walled city in Sicily built by the Romans, hearing yet more chimes. We were whisked along at 100 mph (NOT kilometers) along winding roads and scary freeways! I was brought to tears in the Vatican upon seeing Michelangelo's Pieta. We ate as much gelato as we could and don't get me started on the wine. ☺ It was a glorious trip and definitely filled up that bucket. And we got the full value of JOY by sharing everything.

I took 1,932 pictures and am slowly going through everything, compiling a scrapbook, and putting together a PowerPoint presentation that was requested by my boss. Very funny. So my head is still for the most part in lands across the pond, and will be filled with incredible memories the rest of my life, along with many other travels I've been blessed with.



(Penny and Betty discovering Prosecco in Rome)

## ELLA'S JOKE CORNER:

### Tech Support:

Customer: Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha, I can't print. Every time I try, it says "can't find printer." I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says he can't find it.

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Customer: My keyboard is not working anymore.  
Tech support: Are you sure it's plugged into the computer?

Customer: No. I can't get behind the computer.  
Tech support: Pick up your keyboard and walk 10 paces back.

Customer: OK  
Tech support: Did the keyboard come with you?

Customer: Yes  
Tech support: That means the keyboard is not plugged in.

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Customer: I can't get on the Internet.  
Tech support: Are you sure you used the right password?

Customer: Yes, I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.  
Tech support: Can you tell me what the password was?

Customer: Five dots.  
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Tech support: What anti-virus program do you use?

Customer: Netscape.  
Tech support: That's not an anti-virus program.

Customer: Oh, sorry. Internet Explorer.  
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Customer: I have a huge problem. A friend has placed a screen saver on my computer, but every time I move the mouse, it disappears.

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Tech support: How may I help you?  
Customer: I'm writing my first email.

Tech support: OK, and what seems to be the problem?

Customer: Well, I have the letter "a" in the address, but how do I get the little circle around it?

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This one and the next are our personal favorites!  
A woman customer called the Canon help desk with a problem with her printer.

Tech support: Are you running it under windows?  
Customer: No, my desk is next to the door, but that is a good point. The man sitting in the cubicle

next to me is under a window, and his printer is working fine.

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And last but not least!  
Tech support: Okay Bob, let's press the control and escape keys at the same time. That brings up a task list in the middle of the screen. Now type the letter "P" to bring up the Program Manager.

Customer: I don't have a P.  
Tech support: On your keyboard, Bob.

Customer: What do you mean?  
Tech support: "P" on your keyboard, Bob.

Customer: I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT

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From Kathy Purcell (SI Sequim Newsletter Editor and the kind Soroptimist who downloads our newsletters to our website):

A *paraprosdokian* is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is unexpected and oft-times very humorous.

- If I had a dollar for every girl that found me un-attractive, they'd eventually find me attractive.
- I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you.
- Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water.
- Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
- I'm great at multi-tasking—I can waste time, be unproductive, and procrastinate all at once.
- If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.
- Take my advice, I'm not using it.
- My spouse and I were happy for twenty years; then we met.
- Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home when you wish they were.
- Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.
- Ever stop to think and forget to start again?
- Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men spend thinking.
- He who laughs last thinks slowest.
- Is it wrong that only one company makes the game "Monopoly?"