

SOROPTIMIST NEWS

Soroptimist International of Port Townsend/East Jefferson County

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Schedule for December

To Be Announced when poll is complete.

December Birthdays:

December 8: Wendy Duede

January Birthdays:

None.

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

James (13 on Dec. 4) Carol

Johnathan (8 on Dec. 19) Penny

Oskar (5 on Dec. 19) Carol

Aliyah (4 on Jan. 9) Alyce

Sovereign (8 on Jan. 17) Diane

DSHS Contact Person:

Debbie Baker

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IMPORTANT NOTE:

President Katy has the coupon books in her office at US Bank. Also, turn in your money and/or pick up more books from her there.

ALSO—we have reached our goal for the Shelter!!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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December is here already. Where has this year gone?!? It's time to put up the holiday decorations and get busy with those Christmas lists. Thank goodness for gift cards and Amazon!

I am very happy to report that we have a Live Your Dream applicant! And the amazing fact is that her mother was a Women's Opportunity Award winner, from SIPT, no less!

At our last business meeting we discussed having a Holiday/Dinner meeting in lieu of our regular business meeting, with a tentative date of Thursday the 14th. I am asking for responses from all of you as to whether this will work. Please reply ASAP to Penny's Doodle Poll so we can secure a reservation; it's fast approaching and may be challenging to secure a reservation.

I'm off to spend the weekend in Seattle with my extended family, including my kids, 5 grandchildren, and new great-grandbaby for the annual "ornament weekend." This is the highlight of the Holiday season for me; spending time with family--the rare occasion when everyone is together. Sharing good food, enjoying the city holiday festivities, playing games, and just hanging out--it just doesn't get any better than this!

I hope you are all getting to spend time with friends and family during this holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Cheers!

President Katy

Mark your Calendar

Area Meeting

February 24, 2018 (Place TBD)

NWR Conference

Coeur d'Alene, ID
Coeur d'Alene Resort
April 20–22, 2018

45th Biennial SIA Convention

Yokohama, Japan
July 30–August 2, 2018

District 1 Meeting

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Carol's mailing address:

1441F Street, #C, PT

Betty's email address:

oakes.betty@gmail.com

Please change your directories!

Also, we have a New/Returning Member to add to the directory:

Judy Cavett:

1924 Hastings Ave W, Port Townsend, 98368
Owner/Treasurer Fairwinds Winery
Husband: Mike; 3 daughters, 2 grandchildren
Phone: 385-0503 h; 302-3852 c
Email: cavett@waypoint.com
Birthday: September 2

MEMBER NEWS:

From Ruth Gordon: On October 29 Ruth's department left behind their 40 year old state-wide Superior Court case management software and began to use the modern program the State of Washington has adopted. After a month on the system she is still getting to work early and staying late, going in on the weekends, etc. It's an inscrutable system full of glitches and without a coherent logic to its navigation or function. The level of stress among her staff is high, but everyone is handling the stress with good grace, considering. There is really no light at the end of the tunnel, but eventually it does have to get better. Wishing you all a very happy holiday season!

From Victoria Kelley: We are Soroptimist Sisters, sharing our knowledge, enthusiasm and work to help women and girls achieve their potential—our goal! We also work together supporting our Sister Clubs. Look who was out and about at the Sequim Soroptimist 6th Annual Gala Gift Show last Saturday. They certainly know where the fun is!



(Betty and Penny about to buy out the Gift Show in Sequim.)

Submitted by Victoria Kelley)

Display in Joe Euro's Wine Seller: (Thanks Joe!)



ELLA'S JOKE CORNER

GENDER OF THE COMPUTER:

A Spanish teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine. House for instance is feminine (la casa). Pencil, however, is masculine (el lapis). A student asked, "What gender is the computer?"

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether "computer" should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that "computer" should definitely be of the feminine gender (la computadora) because:

No one but their creator understands their internal logic.

The native language they use to communicate with other computers is communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.

Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval.

And—as soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

The women's group, however, concluded that "computer" should be masculine (el computador), because:

In order to do anything with them you have to turn them on.

They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves.

They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; and

As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.



(Jokes compliments of Betty's friend Paula.)

AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST:

