



# SOROPTIMIST NEWS

Soroptimist International of Port Townsend/East Jefferson County

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**PRESIDENT:** Katy Guthridge

**EDITOR:** Betty Oakes

### Schedule for October

**November 9:** Business meeting at  
Katy's Conference Room at US  
Bank, 11:30 AM

**DINNER MEETING:** None

### November Birthdays:

November 13: Ella Sandvig

### December Birthdays:

December 8: Wendy Duede

### Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

James (13 on Dec. 4) Carol

Johnathan (8 on Dec. 19) Penny

Oskar (5 on Dec. 19) Carol

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Greetings Sisters!

As this is the time of year to reflect on the many things we have to be thankful for, I want to take a moment and let you all know how much I appreciate your friendship and support. It means so much to me to be a part of an organization that places "Improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment" as its mission. Even though our club is small, we contribute to improving the lives of women and girls in our community through our Live Your Dream Award, and to women and girls throughout SIA with our involvement in Club Giving.

I want to give a big shout-out to Carol for her diligent work getting the coupon books ready for printing! Thank you Carol! You are amazing!!

Every club member is invited to attend the first "Soropti-Call" formerly known as the President's Call, on Monday, November 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. It will be hosted by D1 Director Renee Recker and D3 Director Jo Breneman, and will be the first combined call. I will send out the agenda and call-in info in a separate email.

**There will not be a dinner meeting this month** to give us time to prepare for the upcoming holiday. I look forward to seeing you at the business meeting on Thursday the 9th at 11:30 in my conference room.

Soroptimist means "best for women" and that's what we strive to be--an organization of women at their best helping other women to be their best. Thank you for enriching my life and the lives of so many other women through your hard work and passion. I am thankful and honored to call you friends.

Best,

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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**A MESSAGE FROM CAROL WISE:**

We received this letter from a member of the YMCA board after our recent donation of \$1,000:

“Thank you so very much Soroptimists! We are looking forward to a wonderful, long-term relationship. I know we all get hit very hard to donate to all this community’s amazing non-profits, so I am very grateful. I teared up this morning at a Y meeting because a story was shared about a working mom (who could have been my mom). She receives subsidized after-school childcare and without it her kiddos would be latch key kids. Now she can work until 5 pm and not worry and receive phone calls from her two kids who are fighting and bored at home. Thanks for being a part of this.”

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**PRESIDENT KATY’S QUIZ:**

Well, the results are in, and absolutely no one responded to the first Soropti-Quiz, so the small but fabulous prize is still waiting to be awarded! All you need to do is to come up with the right answers, AND attend the business meeting! And, as before, in the off-chance there is more than one person who gets the right answers, and attends the meeting, the prize will go to the FIRST one to get the answers to me.

**Question:**

What are the Northwestern Region's 2016 - 2018 Biennium Goals? (Hint: they align with the Four Pillars of Soroptimist)

Please email your answer to my work email at [Kathryn.guthridge@usbank.com](mailto:Kathryn.guthridge@usbank.com) AND my personal email at [kaetegee@gmail.com](mailto:kaetegee@gmail.com).

Thanks and good luck ladies!

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**MEMBER NEWS:**

From Betty Oakes:

Penny and I spent a terrific 2 weeks in Hawaii. One week on Kauai and the other week in Kona on the big island. I hadn't been to Kauai in 17 years and really noticed the difference in the traffic. We took the Wailua River Cruise, saw Poipu Beach, ate Puka Dogs in Poipu, drove up the winding road to Waimea Canyon, and had ice cream at Lapperts in Princeville. On the big island we did a lot of our usual things plus drove on the red highway (Highway 137) in the southeast corner of the island. Good to be home, but hard to get used to wearing long pants and sweatshirts again!

From Wendy Duede: We were in Kauai a week before Penny and Betty. We went up and saw the Waimea Canyon and drove to the top to get the coastline picture. We spent most of our time relaxing on this trip. We visited Kalapaki Joe's for their \$5 happy hour Mai Tai's and Margaritas and watched football for four nights in a row and then ambled next door to the condo! We visited Paco's Tacos for fish and shrimp tacos and made sure we had sloppy burgers at Bubba's Burgers. Nice trip!



(Coastline from Waimea Canyon road)



(Sunset on Poipu Beach, Kauai)



(This picture is of 3 of the trick-or-treaters that showed up last night at Wendy's house—her grandkids Abby, Lily, and Leland. They had 172 kids show up at their house!)