



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for October

October 12: Business meeting at Katy's Conference Room at US Bank

October 26: Dinner meeting at a restaurant to be chosen at the business meeting

October Birthdays:

None

November Birthdays:

November 13: Ella Sandvig

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Sheridan (17 on October 23) Ruth

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sisters!

After a beautiful summer, it looks like autumn is here, which is fine with me, as it's my favorite time of year. I love the change of seasons, especially when the leaves turn golden, burgundy, and russet. The cooling of the air and even the return to some rain is refreshing and welcome.

It is also a time for introspection and thinking about what is meaningful and truly important to us—as individuals, as family members, as team members, as community members, as women, and as Soroptimists. Let's keep our focus strong as we begin our fundraising season, and do everything we can to support our mission—to Improve the Lives of Women and Girls.

Thank you to every one of you for all that you do!

Best,

President Katy



Mark your Calendar

District 1 Meeting

Ferndale, WA
Silver Reef Casino & Resort
October 20–22, 2017

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



From President Katy:

What a joy it was to meet Julie Marsaban, President of SI Tasmania and a member of SI Hobart, during the Wooden Boat Festival in early September. Carol, Wendy and I took her to lunch on Thursday, and then on Sunday she and her partner, Michael, came to hear Joe play guitar at the Festival. (The photo shows Joe on stage in the background.) After the concert, Julie joined us on board Joe's boat, the St. Brendan, which was in the Festival. It was great fun getting to know her a bit—she is a ball of energy! How wonderful to have a new Soroptimist Sister!



PRESIDENT KATY'S QUIZ:

I thought it would be fun to have a small quiz in each newsletter to check our knowledge on all things Soroptimist. In this issue, the quiz will focus on the Fundraising Pillar (since it's that time of year). A small but *fabulous* prize will be awarded to the person who comes up with the right answers AND attends the business meeting! Please email your answers to my personal email (kaetegee@gmail.com) AND my work email address: (kathryn.guthridge@usbank.com).

In the event that more than one person gets them all right AND attends the meeting, the prize will go to the FIRST one who got the answers to me.

1. **Question:** Money raised from donations from Club Giving and Laurel Society help pay the salaries of SIA headquarters staff: True or False
2. **Question:** How much money does the region receive back from SIA for LYDA?
3. **Question:** In what ways can an individual Soroptimist member support SIA programs?
4. **Question:** What is the region's fundraising goal?

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM CAROL WISE:

Hi everyone! We are a bit behind getting the coupon books going. I need to ask for a focus project for the donation this year. One suggestion was YMCA to provide money toward daycare for working moms. (If I shared that correctly.)

If you have a suggestion for where, specifically the money goes for the coupon books, great! We need to decide ASAP. A generic donation just won't work this year.

Please speak out in an email to all.

Also, we need to know if you agree on the proposal given by YMCA for \$1,000 towards their budget shortfall which is for women and children. Please speak out in an email to the group.

Thanks everyone!!!!

MEMBER NEWS:

From Ella Sandvig: Ella reports that she is getting used to her walker now so she gets out more. She has exercise class 3 times a week, doctor's appointments, of course, and eating out with friends. 40 years now in Soroptimist! Good Gosh!!!

From Penny Westerfield: Betty and I headed north the first part of September and spent two nights in Whistler and two nights in Vancouver. We had reservations on the 10:15 boat out of PT but they ask you to get there early. So when we pulled up a little before 9:30, they were just finishing loading that boat to leave so we drove right on it! That was pretty cool. Then, at the border, instead of going the Peace Arch way, we took the business route and there was only one car in front of us. We were through customs in less than 5 minutes! We quite marveled at our traveling luck!

It was a good thing we'd been to Whistler before because there was still a lot of smoke from forest fires so you couldn't see the jaw-dropping views on the Sea to Sky Highway. Even the lifts and gondolas weren't running—what was the point of going up the mountain when there was nothing to see? Whistler is still fun, though, and we managed to shop and eat our way through the international village.

After staying in a really cozy lodge-like place in Whistler, the place in Vancouver was on the 28th floor of a very modern high rise right in the middle of Vancouver. It's a great spot for walking around the city. The Vancouver museum was nearby and had an exhibit of Monet paintings, the real deal, so we took that in.

Our travels on the way home were quite different! We didn't make reservations on the Coupeville boat so when we got there to catch the 4:15, all the boats were booked until 7:30! We'd forgotten the route was down to one boat but we (more like me) didn't think it would be a big deal because it was a Monday. Rather than sit around for 3+ hours, we decided to be mobile and headed for Clinton to catch that boat. Neither one of us had been on that boat before so it was an adventure and a pretty drive. Arriving in Mukilteo, we drove through areas we'd never seen before which was kind of neat!

After catching the boat to Kingston, we arrived home just one-half hour earlier than if we'd stayed to take the 7:30 Coupeville boat! It was just so frustrating to see Port Townsend but we couldn't get there! All in all it was a good, fun trip, as long as you're flexible with travel plans!

Our next trip: Hawaii in October for two weeks! Yay!

From Betty Oakes: Ditto what Penny said.

From Katy Guthridge: My big news for September was spending 10 amazing days boating in the San Juan Islands. Joe has a beautiful 1947 Matthews cruiser, the "mighty" St. Brendan, that is very comfortable (we refer to her as a floating "tiny home"). Never having been to the remote islands, it was quite a treat! We stayed at Clark, Sucia, Stewart, Jones, Roche Harbor, Rosario, Friday Harbor and Fisherman's Bay on Lopez. Did quite a bit of hiking, swimming, had some incredible meals, and of course enjoyed a plethora of wine. I could get used to this boating life!



President Katy at the helm (above) and chilling on the island (below)



Ella's Joke Corner:

Things I've Learned Through the Ages:

Age 5: I like my teacher because she cries when we sing "Silent Night."

Age 7: Our dog doesn't want to eat my broccoli either.

Age 9: When I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back.

Age 12: Just when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up again.

Age 15: If you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up.

Age 15: Although it's hard to admit it, I'm secretly glad my parents are strict with me.

Age 24: Silent company is often more healing than words of advice.

Age 26: Brushing my child's hair is one of life's great pleasures.

Age 29: Wherever I go, the world's worst drivers have followed me there.

Age 30: If someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it.

Age 42: There are people who love you dearly but just don't know how to show it.

Age 44: You can make someone's day by simply sending them a little note.

Age 46: The greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his or her need to cast blame on others.

Age 47: Children and grandparents are natural allies.

Age 48: No matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on and it will be better tomorrow.

Age 49: Singing "Amazing Grace" can lift my spirits for hours.

Age 50: Motel mattresses are better on the side away from the phone.

Age 51: You can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

Age 52: Keeping a vegetable garden is worth a medicine cabinet full of pills.

Age 53: Regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die.

Age 58: Making a living is not the same thing as making a life.

Age 62: Life sometimes gives you a second chance.

Age 64: You shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

Age 65: If you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

Age 66: Whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision.

Age 72: Everyone can use a prayer.

Age 74: Even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

Age 76: Every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch: holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

Age 78: I still have a lot to learn.

