



# SOROPTIMIST NEWS

Soroptimist International of Port Townsend/East Jefferson County

P.O. Box 624, Port Townsend, WA 98368

Northwestern Region, District #1

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Schedule for February

- 2-07: Discussion-Evaluations
- 2-13: Board Mtg, 5 /Pat D's
- 2-14: Rhody Candidates
- 2-21: Business Meeting
- 2-28: Dinner Meeting -6 p.m.  
Karin Morgan's

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### February Birthdays

- 2-09: Joy McFadden
- 2-17: Bonnie Ludlow

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### Hostesses for February

- Judy Cavett
- Karin Morgan
- Jessie Dover

### Hostesses for March

- Kay Pownall
- Alyce Hansen

### HOLIDAYS

- 2-14: Valentine's Day
- 2-18: President's Day



REMEMBER YOUR DEAR ONES  
ON VALENTINE'S DAY!!!

Thanksgiving in February? Why not. I think there's no wrong time to acknowledge what you are thankful for. This morning I put my parents on a plane back to Minnesota after their annual visit. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to spend the time with both of them. Yes, for two weeks the heat in the house was cranked up to about 400 degrees, the volume on the television rattled the windows, and the dog was spoiled beyond belief. Mom, who has lost much of her short-term memory, repeated the same thing over and over and asked the same questions every time we drove by all the local landmarks. I'm thankful I found the patience and the generosity to answer every time as though it was the first time, without getting frustrated. It's the least I could do after she cheerfully explained that since she doesn't remember a lot of things, every place she goes is new and every day is an adventure. We should all be so lucky to be able to look at life that way! They both still have their sense of humor and we laughed a lot.

And while I'm feeling thankful...I want to thank Judi Morris for hosting our retreat in January and thank everyone who was able to attend for their first time and participate with thoughtful comments and contributions. Thank you, Pat, for taking such great notes; thanks to everyone for their fundraising ideas. Thank you, Kay, for compiling all of the responses to the Club Questionnaire, being patient with us when we ran out of time to discuss them at the retreat, and for sending the information out to everyone so we can discuss it at a future meeting. Thank you, Joy, for organizing the reception for Bob Henderson's memorial and thanks to everyone who contributed.

And most of all, thanks for being the energetic, committed and awesome group of women that you are!

Looking forward to seeing you at club in February. Don't forget our park work day on Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup>!

Susan

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**NEW MEMBER**

Here's the scoop on Sandy Hershelman, who was inducted in January and blessed with Ella's magic wand.

**Sandy Hershelman**

P.O. Box 521  
Port Hadlock, WA 98339  
PH: 385 1087

Business:  
Sandy Hershelman Designs  
Same address and phone

Birthdate: November 1 (All Saint's Day - appropriate Sandy?)

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Ella is blessing new members, Diana, Liz, Sandy and Trely.  
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**FEBRUARY PROGRAMS**

by Kay Pownall

The February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a working meeting to discuss what changes we want to implement

based on the evaluation responses received from club members over the last several months. The response results were emailed to all members and feedback was welcomed, but so far I have received no feedback so I am hoping that members will come to the meeting on February 7 ready to share ideas for improving our club.

The February 14<sup>th</sup> speakers will be the Rhododendron Festival Queen candidates for this year. There are three candidates and they will each speak for about three minutes on a topic that will be given to them about a week in advance. When they have finished speaking we can then ask them any questions about their topic or candidacy or whatever else may come to mind. It should be a fun and interesting time. I always look forward to seeing the candidates and listening to them give their little speech.

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**WE LOST A VALUABLE SOROPTIMISTER**

Betty Oakes' life partner, Bob Henderson, passed away New Year's Day. Here is Betty's message to us.

Dear Beloved Sisters:

Words cannot express my gratefulness for the kindness that I have received from all of you. To lose a life partner to death is extremely hard. It has happened to me twice. It's always hard to know what to do for people who have lost a partner, but you, my dear sisters, came through for me in

all ways possible. President Susan was there for me the day Bob died and checked with me daily to make sure I was okay. Ella Sandvig took me to lunch the next day, followed by Judy Cavett, Jan Walsh, Anne Burkart and Judi Morris. Ruth Gordon visited me with a plant; and the cards I received - all wonderful, too numerous to mention.

Bob's memorial was Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. His friends and family were there to give him a lovely tribute, but what made it special for me was the vase of yellow roses at the front with the Soroptimist card, the many Soroptimists in attendance and the many, many helping hands at the reception. Joy McFadden (and husband Mike) and Karen Bednarski were there to set up and organize the food. And I am deeply grateful to all who brought food for the reception. Bob was a true Soroptimister and I'm sure he would have been there pitching in if it had been for someone else.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your outpouring of help and love. It will never be forgotten.

Betty



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**THE PARK NEEDS WORK!**

We'll meet at the park on Saturday, February 9th to rake leaves and do whatever else needs doing. 9 a.m.

**WEATHER REPORT FROM GREENACRES**

Darlene Van Slyke reports from east of the mountains that there

is lots of snow. Biscuit loves it and dives into the snowbanks!

She is going to contact a Soroptimist Club in Coeur d'Alene soon. She is missing us!

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

April 18: Working Image Fashion Show, Port Townsend Elks Club.

Volunteers, business/individual donors and sponsors are needed now! Please contact Helen Cotta at 385-2571, ext 6334 if you wish to participate. This will be another fabulous show.

Area Meeting: April 12<sup>th</sup> in Forks

RAGS: March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Tacoma.  
 Fund raiser for YWCA

Tacoma/Pierce County. This is "wearable" art. Free admission to a plethora of gifts and fun coats, hand made scarves, jewelry from \$5 to \$500. We plan to carpool, shop till we drop and revive ourselves with lunch by Commencement Bay. Want to go? Call or email Judy Cavett or Nancy Stelow.

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**KUDOS**

Our own Sandy Hershelman was nominated for Business Leader of the year, (the Chamber of Commerce Award.) Way to go Sandy!!

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**PUBLIC AWARENESS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair, Nancy Stelow says; got an idea? Email Nancy at

[ptnancy@olypen.com](mailto:ptnancy@olypen.com) for an article or public relations idea.

We continue to send press releases to the papers.

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**BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound (BBBS) and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of OlyCAP have formed a partnership. They hope to engage volunteers who are aged 55+ in leadership positions in order to grow long term sustainability and increase capacity in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Jefferson County mentoring program.

If you are interested contact Liesl Slabaugh, Jefferson County Branch Manager at 360 732 4090 x276 or 360 531 1166 or email [liesl.slabaugh@bbbs.org](mailto:liesl.slabaugh@bbbs.org).

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**NEWS FROM SWEDEN**

Eva Tulgren reports from Lund, Sweden that six Soroptimist Sisters from Lund went to South Africa to visit several sites.

They sponsor Edutak, a center where women learn how to become nursery school teachers and business owners. They visited three day care nurseries, led by women who had studied at Edutak.

It sounds like they had a wonderful trip She sent some material on the trip, some of it in Swedish.

We can expect a visit from Eva this summer I believe.

**WORK WANTED**

Pat Durbin is looking for part time office work. She has excellent skills (as we well know) in Computer and Office Management. If you know of any work, please call her at 379 4956.

(Editor's Note: Hey Pat, we charge \$1 for advertising!!)

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**BEST HEADLINES OF 2007 (ACTUAL!)**

**CRACK FOUND ON GOVERNOR'S DAUGHTER** *(Imagine that!)*

**SOMETHING WENT WRONG IN JET CRASH, EXPERT SAYS** *(No, really?)*

**POLICE BEGIN CAMPAIGN TO RUN DOWN JAYWALKERS** *(Now that's taking things a bit far!)*

**IS THERE A RING OF DEBRIS AROUND URANUS?** *(No comment)*

**PANDA MATING FAILS; VETERINARIAN TAKES OVER** *(What a guy!)*

**MINERS REFUSE TO WORK AFTER DEATH** *(Well, aren't they good for nothing so and so's!)*

**JUVENILE COURT TO TRY SHOOTING DEFENDANT** *(See if that works any better than a fair trial!)*

**WAR DIMS HOPE FOR PEACE** *(I can see where it might have that effect!)*

**COLD WAVE LINKED TO TEMPERATUES** *(Who would have thought!)*

**KIDS MAKE NUTRITIOUS SNACKS** *(Taste like chicken?)*