



# SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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### Schedule for December

- 11-3 : Perry Spring, Legal Needs of Children
- 12-8: Christmas Party-Home of Pat Durbin – 6 p.m.
- 12-10: Program Meeting
- 12-15: Board Meeting – Peninsula Credit Union- 5 p.m.
- 12-17: Business Meeting
- 12-24: NO MEETING
- 12-31: NO MEETING



### December Birthdays

- 12-13: Sherry Perry
- 12-31: Marilyn Staples

### Hostesses for December

Ella Sandvig  
Wendy Duede

### Hostesses for January

Ruth Gordon  
Carol Wise

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanksgiving is now on our hips and we're into the "Holiday Season." I love this time of year even as busy as it is. It's a time for giving thanks and reminding us of the importance of helping those less fortunate than ourselves. This is also the time of year where many of us are thinking of the new year and what it will bring. We are looking ahead, setting new goals as we reflect on this past year and look forward to the new year.

As we look forward, please take a moment to think about Soroptimist. Think about our purpose, our code of ethics and our pledge. It would be a good time to read these over and reflect on how we would like these standards to be a real part of our lives this next year and make them part of our 2010 life plan. Together as Soroptimists, we do make a difference. Each one of us, giving what we can in our own areas of expertise, make a whole lot of difference to our local club and in each level of Soroptimism, at District, National and International. All together, let's make a 2010 goal to be the difference!

Merry Christmas to all and to all a wonderful New Year!

Joy

Editor's Note: Thank you Joy, for taking on this job rather unexpectedly, and doing it so well!



Sherry Perry's latest shopping trip for the Foster Kids Closet!

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THANK YOU NOTES FROM FOSTER MOMS

"You ladies are amazing. I can't believe how much you have helped these children out. I already used one of your bags today. We had a newborn come into the system and I put together some things for him and filled one of the bags and delivered it to the foster parents this afternoon."

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"I just wanted to thank you so much for all the precious undies, bottles and jackets. Our children and families can't thank you enough for all you do for our kids and community. I will be making a few deliveries tomorrow with the jackets. Thanks again."

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CHRISTMAS ELVES WANTED

by Sherry Perry

The gift selecting for our foster kids will be done at the DSHS office the first couple of weeks of December. I will let you know via

email when they are able to confirm that the toys have arrived from the North Pole. If you'd like to help select gifts, you can contact Denice Irish at 379-4330.

The other children in need will not be handled at the DSHS offices as they were last year. It just got way too big so has been moved to an undisclosed location. If you'd like to help out with that effort, please contact Linda McKenzie, at 302-5103 There is much need, especially this year, with the economic situation, so I know your help would be greatly appreciated!

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SECRET SISTER NEWS

Karen Bednarski says, "I would like to thank my Secret Sister for the gift certificate to the Rose for my birthday. It was a perfect birthday present; I enjoyed the movie and the popcorn too!"

Karen Hankins says, "Just a thank you to my Secret Sister for the lovely birthday flowers---they were perfect. I would also like to wish everyone a happy holiday season."

Ella Sandvig says, "Thanks so much Secret Sister, your cards are a joy to receive and the book for my birthday was perfect; made me walk on air for days!"

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GERTRUDE'S NEW ADDRESS

Gertrude Tjemsland  
c/o Morgan Tjemsland  
378 Boone Road  
Toledo, WA 98591  
Ph: 360 864 8301

Gertrude is an honorary member now.  
She became a member in 1970 and was  
very active for many years.

Please send her a card now and then.  
We need to honor our elders.

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JOY AND PAT AT DISTRICT MEETING!

(We never know what they will do when they  
get out of town!)

CHRISTMAS WISHES

Here's what some of you said you wanted  
for Christmas.

Karen Bednarski: "Good health to one and  
all, and if Santa wants to leave a Lexus in  
my driveway I'd really believe!"

Alyce Hansen: "I'd like a pink Cadillac!"

Betty Oakes: "The first thing that comes  
to mind is the time honored answer of  
'World Peace.' I think that would be won-  
derful in this world, probably not likely, at  
least for this Christmas. I don't really  
want or need anything but wish for my  
Soroptimist sisters only the best of  
Christmases."

Anne Burkart: "Just like all of us beauty  
queens, I want 'world peace' for Christmas  
(and always)"

Pat Durbin: "Some Christmas (though it  
won't be this year) I would like to have all  
my children and grandchildren at our house  
at the same time for a real family Christ-  
mas. It's been years...."

Ella Sandvig: "Ditto what Pat said!"

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KUDOS TO:

-Members who attended most meetings in  
November.

-Members who devoted at least two hours  
to Soroptimist business in November.



**PAT DURBIN SHOCKING A NUN!**  
(what exactly does go on at district???)

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**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Join us at Pat's house for the annual Christmas Party.  
6 p.m.  
\$15  
Bring a white elephant gift (one for each guest) and your Christmas spirit.

RSVP to Judi, Sherry or Pat.

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**OBSERVATIONS ON GROWING OLD (ER)**

It's harder to tell navy from black.  
  
Going out is good; coming home is even better!  
  
When people say you look great, they add, for your age!  
  
The last two outfits you wore had spots on them!

The five pounds you wanted to lose is now 15, and you have a better chance of losing your keys than the 15 pounds.

You realize you are never going to be really good at anything – especially golf.

Your spouse is counting on you to remember things you don't remember.

You use more four letter words – “what” and “when.”

**“PUNNIES”**

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

Two hats were hanging on a rack in the hallway. One said to the other: “you stay here, I'll go on a head.”

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.