



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Can you believe how the year flies by??? Here we are starting the Holiday Season already!

This year we will once again be brightening our holidays with our club party and by getting Christmas gifts ready for our foster kids.. Thank you Sherry for all the work you put into our Foster Kids Project. It is a fun project, but like everything else, time consuming. I applaud your efforts and results.

A big thank you also to Judy Cavett, Judi Morris and Sherry Perry for planning our Christmas Party this year. I am sure it will be a lovely evening of fun and gaiety. (Have you noticed that the same few are doing so much of what is getting done? Is there some little piece you might fit into your schedule? There's room for everyone to participate!)

Joy

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Judi Morris reports the following information on her committees:

Golf 2010

August 21 at Discovery Bay Golf Course

New emphasis: Get just ten sponsors \$500/\$1000/\$1500

Get 100 golfers, including 6 high school teams from region

Schedule for November

- 11-5 : Milt Morris/Tim Perry
re: Jeff Co Sheriff's Foundation
- 11-10: Board Mtg-5 p.m.
Peninsula Credit Union
- 11-12: Robyn Johnson, re Gullah Trip
- 11-19: Business Meeting
- 11-26: THANKSGIVING

November Birthdays

- 11-13: Ella Sandvig
- 11-16: Karen Hankins

YEA SCORPIOS!!



Hostesses for November

- Betty Oakes
- Fran O'Brien

Hostesses for December

- Ella Sandvig
- Wende Duede



The first meeting was 10/21 at Judi's office.

Committee Members:

Judy Cavett

Sherry Perry

Juelie Dalzell

Penny Westerfield

Judi Morris

NOVEMBER DATES

3RD: Election Day

11th: Veteran's Day

26th: Thanksgiving

Membership Committee:

The first meeting will be November 18 at noon in Judi's office. Focus will be on recruiting new members and retaining existing members:

Committee Members:

Betty Oakes

Ruth Gordon

Pat Durbin

Ella Sandvig

Judi Morris

Any ideas from members should be directed to a committee member or -come to a meeting!

Scholarship Committee

Ruth Gordon reports that the committee is soliciting applications for the Violet Richardson and Women's Opportunity Awards. If you know someone who would qualify for either of these awards do not hold back! Please contact Ruth and she will make sure the applicants have the form they need.

MEMBER NEWS

This month's question was -"What are you doing for Thanksgiving and what are you thankful for.?"

Sherry Perry is thankful for "My family and wonderful friends, but this year especially that my grandson AJ survived a horrific car accident." She didn't say what she is doing though - ?????

Ruth Gordon will be traveling down to Portland to have Thanksgiving with friends. In her words: "Ruth is of course thankful for friends and loved ones, her health, her cozy bed and the delicious sensation of warm air on her cheek as she walks down Washington Street looking out over the beautiful harbor. She is especially grateful that her recent college graduate daughter has no college loans to pay back, since her recent college graduate doesn't have much of a job. She is just absolutely flabbergasted that she lived long enough to see Al Franken in the U.S. Senate. Honestly. Ruth is grateful for the weird surprises that just keep on coming. They remind her how much she does not have life figured out even a little bit."

Juelie Dalzell will spend Thanksgiving with people she loves and is thankful that she is capable of loving and being loved.

Betty Oakes says, "I plan to cook this year!! Haven't put a turnkey in the oven in awhile so hopefully my guests will not be disappointed. I have invited Penny and her mother, Phyllis Westerfield, to join me. I am thankful that I have a roof over my head that is all paid for, my great memories and my wonderful Soroptimist sisters."

Barbara Reavis says "I am thankful for my new Soroptimist friends and am looking forward to spending time with my family – particularly my grandchildren in California for Thanksgiving. Barbara also said she took my threat seriously about making something up if people didn't respond to the question. Especially since she gets all my emails four times. (Note: Anybody know why my Eudora email program does this? I don't have her in the Soroptimist mailbox four times!)

Alyce Hansen says "I am thankful for family and friends, good health, beautiful autumn weather and enjoyment of outdoor activities." "On Thanksgiving I will enjoy the day with family and friends eating TOO MUCH of good old family recipes...enjoy your day too."

Joy McFadden says, "This year for Thanksgiving I will have a group of people (usually 15 to 25) here for turkey and all the made from scratch trimmings. At my house, one Thanksgiving Dinner is over and put away,

the Christmas Season is officially on, so we start with a Christmas movie that all ages (two on up) can watch and enjoy."

Your editor will be cooking Thanksgiving Dinner for kids, grandkids and whoever can be rounded up. The toast is always to "The four F's – Family, Friends, Food and Fun." She is thankful that she was lucky enough to have a job transfer to Port Townsend fifty one years ago.

Okay, I threatened to make up a story for those who didn't respond, but I will chose just one ---Judy Cavett. Judy is going to sit around all day and drink Fairwinds Wine!!



CHRISTMAS PARTY

When: December 8th
Where: Pat Durbin's Home

More information later.

SECRET SISTER NEWS

Pat Durbin would like to thank her Secret Sister for the lovely hand-made cards she has received over the past several weeks.

Ella Sandvig would like to thank her Secret Sister for the wonderful cards, some thoughtful and some really funny! They cheer me up!

DON'T FORGET TO SEND OCCASIONAL CARDS TO YOUR SECRET SISTER, AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH.



PICTURE OF CLUB MEMBERS –FOR OUR SISTER CLUBS’ CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Sherry Perry can order pictures for members if anyone is interested.

GULLAH HISTORY

Our program on the 12th will be about the Gullah culture.

Although it had its origins in slavery, the history and culture of the inhabitants that call Hilton Head Island and the Lowcountry coastal region of South Carolina “home” is an inspiration to all Americans. Living simply just as they did more than a hundred years ago, these people, whose ancestors are known as the Gullah subscribe to high religion and the celebration of spiritual redemption in leading their daily lives.

The original Gullah were African slaves who were shipped across the Atlantic from West Africa to work the cotton plantations of the South. While plantation owners built their fortunes upon slave labor, the slaves were able to create something of their own –the unique culture that is now known as Gullah. With that culture came a thriving mix that has shaped generations of families who live on Hilton Head Island and in the Lowcountry today.

Come to the meeting and find out more about one of the cultural wonders of the world!!

LARRY SCOTT TRAIL SIGN

Ella reports that our trail sign is still looking good. It needs a little cleaning, which Ella will do next time she walks the trail. If you haven’t walked this trail, which starts at the Port of Port Townsend, you have missed something. When the tide is out a bit you can see Blue Heron and other sea birds. Once an Otter family, mom, pop and babies crossed the trail ahead of me! I think they were hiding the babies, because mom and pop went back across the trail to the beach.

EDITOR’S NOTE:

The newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month. Please submit anything of interest to the club by that date. Suggestions are always welcome.



SOROPTIMISTS AT HADLOCK DAYS PARADE

QUILCENE FAIR AND PARADE

Joy, Betty, Fran, Judi, along with Soroptimisters Mike McFadden and Milt Morris walked in the parade. Accompanying them was Soroptimist dog, Dutch Morris.

KUDOS EARNED!

Karen Hankins – for her donation of hostess gifts for the District Meeting.

Betty Oakes – for her prompt distribution of meeting minutes by email.

Trely Wolfe – for being the best car insurance agent ever! When Ella reported her recent car accident she was greeted with hugs, coffee and kind words. And to top it

off she offered her own car to Ella until hers could be repaired. Yea State Farm.

YOU DON'T SAY!

Question: How do you catch a unique rabbit?

Answer: Unique up on it.

Question: How do you catch a tame Rabbit?

Answer: Tame way.

Question: How do you get Holy Water?

Answer: You boil the hell out of it.

Question: What do Eskimos get from sitting on the ice too long?

Answer: Polaroids

Question: What do you call Santa's helpers?

Answer: Subordinate Clauses

Question: What's the difference between Roast Beef and Pea Soup?

Answer: Anyone can roast beef.

Question: What kind of coffee was served on the Titanic?

Answer: Sanka