



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

Soroptimist International of Port Townsend/East Jefferson County

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Schedule for July

- 7-1 : Retreat Review
- 7-6 : Quarterly Board Mtg
12 Noon ,Peninsula Credit U
- 7-8 : Business Meeting
- 7-15: Member Bio's (Diane K and Betty O)
- 7-22: Dinner Mtg – Joy McFadden's Home: Speaker-Michelle Sand-oval-P.T. Mayor

July Birthdays

- 7-3 : Barbara Revis
- 7-9 : Karen Bednarski
- 7-10: JoAnne Dilly
- 7-17: Betty Oakes
- 7-18: Judi Morris
- 7-19: Ruth Gordon
- 7-29: Fran O'Brien



Look at all these Leo's – no wonder we are a great club!

Hostesses for July

Joy McFadden
Carol Wise

Hostesses for August

Anne Burkart
Diane Kenyon

JULY 4TH IS INDEPENDENCE DAY!!



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The new club year is upon us and as your new president I'm looking forward to a year of new challenges and ways for us all to enjoy our club projects and its activities.

We'll be "Reaching Out" to engage Soroptimist clubs in our area and other local organizations that we can join for social activities, spreading awareness of all that we do, and making it fun to be a member of our club.

Our new membership committee has a host of materials to put together for prospective new members, and we've found the internet a veritable gold mine of information and documentaries of Soroptimist programs in our region and the world. We'll be seeing these at one of our upcoming meetings and prospective newcomers will benefit by having all the details about the structure of the organization and the projects Soroptimists sponsor.

My goal for my elected year is to get the word out to our community about all the things SIPT has accomplished and to gain new members in the process.

Our new "Retention" committee will be looking to spike up our meetings with a host of unusual and maybe even bizarre ideas to make each and every meeting a new and different experience. If you have ideas, let us know! Those of you who have been members a long time remember many things from past years that you've relayed to me. Recycling is a VERY green thing to do! Besides, the rest of us don't know about that part of SIPT's past. It will be fun to try old things that can be new again.

I was very apprehensive about becoming your new President. Since joining in 2003 we've had leaders who left very big shoes to fill. After our retreat on the 12th though, I was energized by the enthusiasm you all showed for accepting some new ideas and jumping in to volunteer. Thank you all VERY much for your support.

I look forward with confidence to a new year filled with good works and great fun.

Pat



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Ruth Gordon reports the following information on our two winners:

This year we gave one \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior. The committee chose a young man from Quilcene whose name is Dylan Brackney. He was raised on a farm, but doesn't really see his future in farming; his goal is to be a lineman for an electric power company. The Western Nebraska Community College has an excellent two year program and is surprisingly reasonably priced. He's been accepted to start next year. Dylan has worked in the oyster industry, and the last few years of high school he ran his own small business selling firewood, which really impressed us. He's obviously a kid who understands the value of work and setting realistic goals. He is already in Nebraska, living and working on his uncle's farm and saving money for school. During the Quilcene scholarship assembly Dylan was singled out by several presenters as being the kind of person who consistently went the extra

mile for his friends. He's clearly a good kid, well liked by his teachers and his peers. He's picked a course of study that matches his aptitude and will give him skills he can bring back home to the Olympic Peninsula when his coursework and practical training are complete.

In addition to giving a scholarship to a graduating senior, we also gave a continuing scholarship to a previous recipient, Brianne Rowan. Brianne is a 2008 graduate of Chimacum High School where she was valedictorian of her class. She is currently enrolled at Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA, holds a near-perfect grade average (3.98) and is preparing for her junior year in France at the College of Lille. She will be taking physiology and anatomy classes there (in French of course) and transferring those credits (and grades) back to Juniata to apply toward graduation. She took her MCAT's a few weeks ago so that she would not have to look forward to taking them as soon as she returns from her year abroad. This summer she is in Philadelphia at the Fox-Chase Center doing cancer research. She spent last summer in Armenia building houses with Habitat for Humanity.

The plan was always to get an undergraduate degree in Global Health, then go to medical school. But she tells her mom it would really be helpful to get a Master's Degree in Public Health before going to med school, if she's serious about working overseas...which she is. That's why she's taken six years of French and done many humanitarian visits to multiple continents. Her mother reports that Brianne's great regret at the moment, besides her first A minus ever in one credit class, is that she will

not be able to play violin in the orchestra at the University of Lille. Lille does not have an orchestra. Personally, I am surprised that Brianne is letting that detail stop her!

(Editor's note: We also gave Brianne a continuing scholarship last year. I believe all were for \$1000. If we do so again next year – we will have seen her through four years of college!! Let's do it!)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joy McFadden reports as follows on the duties she volunteered for at the Retreat.

“I haven't talked with Wendy about the Christmas Party yet.”

We will be working in the park with Juvenile Services the second Saturday of every month starting in July. Please mark your calendars as we really need your help. It is a fun time which is why I refer to them as “Garden Parties!” So come join the fun as we work at making our park neat, tidy and more colorful.

Girls Circle will be happening and I look forward to Sorotimist being an intricate part of this worthwhile project. This will really give us an opportunity to fulfill our goal of improving the lives of women and girls as voiced in our Mission Statement. More information on Girls Circle will be forthcoming as I learn more.”

MEMBER INFORMATION

Wendy Duede

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Birthday: 12/8

Wendy's family consists of husband, Jim of seven years, and three grown children – Erin 26, Katy 24 and Dennis 24. Dennis recently presented her with a granddaughter, Abby (17 months)

Wendy is the Assistant Bank Manager at Bank of America, Port Townsend. She has worked at the bank for almost 20 years.

Wendy moved back to Port Townsend in 1995 after caring for her father-in-law for seven years. She had lived here previously, in 85 and 86. Her mother and brothers and their families have been here since the early eighties. She grew up in Forks, but likes Port Townsend better because it still has a small town feeling but is close enough to get to a bigger city - and it has MUCH LESS RAIN!!

Wendy loves working in the yard, playing with the grandchild and is pretty good at sewing, crocheting and even knits a little. She says she likes the creative aspect of it and working with patience to get a finished project.

When asked why she joined Soroptimist, Wendy said she had been looking for a project that would be especially helpful to women in the community. She worked in the Domestic Violence office when in her twenties and saw a pattern of women seeking a safe place, then going back to an abu-

sive situation. She also thought she could be helpful in the park.

Penny Westerfield

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Birthday: April 26

Single, with one cat, Rhubarb

Job: Clinical Administrative Assistant,
Jefferson Health Care.

Penny has this to say: “Mom and Dad moved to Port Townsend from Missoula, MT, when I was six months old. Dad had accepted the job as superintendent of the railroad line that ran from PT to the head of Discovery Bay. So I grew up on the “right” side of the tracks! I have one older brother and an older sister and we lost a sister to cancer in 1982. We lost Dad in 1988 but Mom is doing great and will be 90 this year!

I have a home business called Sweet Pea Productions (thus the web site listed) and make custom wedding invitations, cards, party invitations, baby announcements, retirement announcements etc. Anything that can be created with paper, I’ll do. It’s fun and it keeps me out of trouble. I won’t be quitting my day job anytime soon, although it would be phenomenal, albeit scary, if the business “took off.”

My hobbies are walking, reading, playing piano, traveling and sleeping in on weekends. I attend the Lutheran Church in town, “the church of the potluck” – as Lutherans are known for always having food around!

I joined Soroptimist for the second time after belonging back in the 80’s- because I like being with an incredible group of women and doing good things. You have to give back, and to contribute to your community. I gain inspiration and strength from being with women who are proven leaders, and our club certainly has them!



Pat Durbin presenting 30 year pins to Alyce Hansen and Ella Sandvig.

Pat reminded members that Alyce and Ella together have more years of service than some members have been alive! Wow!

KUDOS TO:

Betty Oakes extends a big “kudos” to Joy McFadden. She pulled off a long presidency (a year and a half) with grace.

She is continuing to head up the park committee. Thanks Joy, for all your hard work!!

Ditto from all of us Joy!!



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Judi Morris reports as follows:

We are trying to finalize any sponsorships that are left out there, so if you are contacting businesses, please do so by July 7th.

Next we need to find golfers. 52 applications have been sent out to prospective players. Get fliers at the meeting, or from our website to encourage golfers to play.

SECRET SISTER NEWS

Judi Morris says; “thanks for the GREAT card I received to start off the year. Should be a fun ride!”

Ella Sandvig says Ruth Gordon was a great secret sister last year. “ I’m still enjoying the green socks and purple gloves.”

Everyone: Remember to send a card each month to your secret sister and a present on her birthday.

JUNE RETREAT

If you missed the retreat at Discovery Bay Golf Course, you missed a great event.

Michelle served a mini breakfast and a great lunch.

Pat outlined some ideas for the coming club year –and members were amazing - adding ideas and volunteering for committees.



A FEW LAUGHS!

SUPPORT BACTERIA:

THEY’RE THE ONLY CULTURE SOME PEOPLE HAVE!

HOW ARE A TEXAS TORNADO AND A TENNESSEE DIVORCE THE SAME?

SOMEBODY’S GONNA LOSE A TRAILER

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENE BETWEEN A HARLEY AND A HOOVER?

THE LOCATION OF THE DIRT BAG.

WHAT DO YU CALL FOUR BULL-FIGHTERS IN THE QUICKSAND?

QUATRO CINCO

WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ROAST BEEF AND PEA SOUP?

ANYONE CAN ROAST BEEF!

THINGS TO PONDER

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

Why is it that people say “slept like a baby” when babies wake up every two hours?