



# SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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### Schedule for April

- 4-5: PDA—Fort Worden
- 4-12: Business Meeting
- 4-19: NO MEETING
- 4-26: Dinner Meeting - 5:30  
Wendy/Joy (??)
- 4-26-29: Region Meeting/  
Spokane
- 4-27: Brinnon Loyalty Days  
Parade



### April Birthdays

- 16<sup>th</sup> Bickie Steffan
- 26<sup>th</sup> Penny Westerfield

### May Birthdays

- 4<sup>th</sup> Alyce Hansen
- 14<sup>th</sup> Anne Burkart
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Pat Durbin

### Meeting Hostesses

- April: Wendy and Joy
- May: Penny and Betty

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Welcome to April and all things Spring, including our famous Northwest weather. Don't forget, these April showers will bring the May flowers although I already have a lot of bulbs which are blooming and putting lots of color in my yard.

March was a great month capped off with the awards ceremony at Anne's house. It was really wonderful visiting with the Violet Richardson award winners who are such great young volunteers (and I'm sure will make wonderful future Soroptimists!). It is always great seeing Barb Carr and hearing the latest on her efforts to bring back Girls Circle to Jefferson County. She is a worthy recipient of our Ruby Award for this year.

The Area Meeting in Poulsbo was attended by 6 of our members (Penny, Pat, Cammy, Joy, Diane and I). It is always interesting to hear what the other Peninsula clubs are doing. The keynote speaker was Rosie Ludlow, Co-Founder of "Scarlet Road," an organization which began in Silverdale which helps young people (mainly teenage girls and even pre-teens) break out from the bonds of sexual exploitation.

This month we will have exciting speakers, the presentation of the new slate of officers and at the end of the month Penny and I will be headed to Spokane to attend the Region Conference.

Enjoy Spring!

Betty

### \*\*Guest speaker info:

The PDA group will be speaking about the possible acquisition of Fort Worden from the Washington State Parks System.

### ALSO THIS WEEK:

The Rhody Royals will be at our meeting about 10-15 minutes before noon to sell Rhody pins and will be leaving when we call the meeting to order.

**NEW MEMBER INFO:**

It was great having Terri Camp join us at the last meeting (she turned in her application and dues). She has been to several meetings as a guest of Penny's, but it is wonderful to have her join us.

Here is some information on Terri:

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Terri is the Chief Quality Officer at Jefferson Healthcare.

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**ELLA REPORT**

Words cannot express my gratitude to those of you who visited, sent flowers, candy and books and ran errands for me while I was in the hospital. It made the stay much more bearable!!!

I'm recuperating fairly well. I won't be able to drive for a while (darn). I have lots of exercises and go twice a week to the hospital for therapy. Exercise makes my arm and shoulder sore, but so be it!

See you Thursday.

THANKS, THANKS AND MORE THANKS:  
From Ella

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**NEWS FROM CAROL WISE:**

Carol Wise wants to give "a rousing thank you to my secret sister for the flowers and the vegan cookbooks! Outstanding as always!!!!!"

Carol wants to "let my wonderful sisters know that my mom passed a while back and she lived and died doing it her way. We launched her between her two favorite places, the Waikiki Circle Hotel which was the same street she lived on and the Dukes restaurant where we enjoyed all our Margarita's!!!! She wanted no service and no obit. She will always be my best friend....my Mom."

(Note to Carol: Our sympathies to you on the loss of your mom—she was a great lady and will be missed.)

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**FOSTER KIDS' BIRTHDAYS**

Here is a recap of who signed up for foster kids' birthdays:

- 4/11/09 Catherine (Judi)
- 4/13/08 Nicholas (Joy)
- 4/20/94 Adam (\_\_\_\_\_)—needs someone to buy him a gift

(Betty's Note: I will be bringing the signup sheet to the next meeting.)

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**SOROPTHON NEWS**

For this first year, we're calling it the Kids Duathlon externally and internally the Soroptithon with the hope that in the very near future, if it's as successful as we hope, the name of the event will morph into the Soroptithon.

The Soroptithon/Duathlon posters are done and the registration form will be done some time this week. There is a place holder on our website that shows the poster and a click on it will take you to the race form. Jeni Little from the PT Marathon Association took about 1/3 of the posters and has begun distributing them already. I'm hoping we'll have more volunteers from south county (hint to Cammy and Joy...) to help distribute them in the schools there.

The poster looks great. Huge kudos to Dan Huntingford at SOS printing who helped design and print it so fast. AND he printed 150 of them for the 100 count price!!

To see the poster, go to [www.soroptimistpt.org](http://www.soroptimistpt.org) and click on the poster.

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**MEMBERSHIP TEA:**

The membership tea invitations will be available at club this week (April 5) for our event on Sunday, May 6, at Pat Durbin's home. It is up to each of us to bring at least one person (but the more the merrier) to this event. Please try to hand out the invitation in person if at all possible. Be joyful about chatting up the event and offer to pick them up and bring them to it. It's only for 2 hours and they don't have to stay the whole time. We'll have lots of information for them.

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**NEWS FROM ANNE BURKART:**

Anne Burkhart reports: "Mike and I celebrated 45 years of wedded bliss (well at least most of the time) on March 18 with dinner at Stanley and Seaforts and an overnight in the Marriott hotel in Tacoma. Great fun. Unfortunately, when we got home I stepped off our porch in my "big girl shoes" onto a small pinecone, rolled my ankle for a bad sprain and a broken bone in my right foot. I'm now sporting a very fashionable boot and cane for 6 weeks. How romantic can you get?"

**And More from Anne:**

"Penny cooked a wonderful stuffed cannelloni main dish and I provided the rest at our very fun awards dinner. Our VRA winners truly are winners! And so is Barbara, our Ruby award winner. I hope everyone else enjoyed this evening as much as I did. I really am honored to have hosted this event with Penny."

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**GARDEN COUPON BOOKS**

How is everyone doing with selling their coupon books? There are lot more coupons this years with a lot of extra "goodies" to make them good sellers.

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**NEWS FROM JUDI MORRIS:**

I can report that our daughter Jenni applied for, and received a management job in a new Costco opening in Huntington Beach CA. She left early in March and her husband, Joseph and Milt drove down this past weekend with all their possessions and 2 dogs. I am so excited for them, but sad that she will be far away. So, there is another reason to hope for a quick sale on our home getting us to Arizona and closer to all of our kids and grandkids. "Occupy" visited my office. Sign of the times.

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**GATEWAY PARK**

Looking forward to hearing from Joy with an update on the person we have hired to work in the park.

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**A REPORT ON AWARDS NIGHT BY RUTH GORDON:**

On March 8th SIPT held an awards dinner - thanks to hostess Anne Burkhart it was a terrific dinner! And we had a chance to meet our three Violet Richardson winners. We also got to spend some social time with Barb Carr, to whom we gave the Ruby Award for her work with Girls' Circle.

We were fortunate this year to have received applications from three girls who really showed a heart for community service. Krista Hathaway was inspired to start couponing in an extreme way for the good of others less fortunate. She has vigorously gathered coupons and converted them into lots of products she donated to the Food Bank. She's probably not as intensely engaged in the coupon drive now since she is our 2012 Rhody Princess and is deeply involved in Rhody and school sports at the moment.

Also from Chimacum High School is Katelyn Slack, this year's president of the CHS Interact Club. Katelyn wrote an excellent essay which came in as the top-rated application when SIPT members voted, so Katelyn is our entrant for the regional VRA winner. How can you overlook a young teenager who is willing to be the president of a service club?

Our third winner this year was Kaile Philips, who is a student at PTHS. Her essay gave us a compelling window into the relationship of a "Big" and a "Little" who have grown up together. Kaile was assigned as a big sister to her "Little" when he was in Kindergarten. Now he's in 5th grade, and not so little, but still really looks forward to the fun and support of having a constant friend in Kaile. It was obvious from reading Kaile's application that in her case her good deed was its own reward, but we were happy and honored to be able to acknowledge her service anyway.

Each of our VRA winners received a certificate and a check for \$500. Barb Carr received a framed certificate, a big bouquet and our heartfelt admiration for the work she has done to try to meet the needs of At Risk girls. It's inspiring to live in a community where so many people give so much of themselves to make the world we share a better place.

**AND MORE NEWS FROM RUTH:**

Ruth Gordon just got back from a two day meeting in Leavenworth, where it rained and snowed and was kinda cold. BUT - for the first time in many trips to Leavenworth she found the good restaurants so she is happy. If you want the best grilled tuna sandwich - even better than Sea Jay's -yes I know, you didn't think that was possible, but it is - go to Gustov's. If you

want a lovely Italian meal with good wine and great fancy hole-in-the-wall atmosphere go to the Alley, which is tucked away on an out of the way alley. Great place to eat and visit with friends. And if you pick your hotels for the quality of the "free" breakfasts you pretty much have to stay at the Entian Inn. There probably isn't any other hotel that interrupts your breakfast at 8:15 and 9:15 with the playing of an Alpenhorn. The breakfast is terrific - lots of fresh top-notch choices whether you are a cottage cheese and pink grapefruit girl or you'd rather have a custom made omelet with some sausage and Danish - everything was very good. Good coffee too. But there is just something fabulous about the Alpenhorn guy in his lederhosen - he has a kind of elfish persona and a twinkle in his eye - coming through the dining room, going out on the roof and literally springing up to stand on a balcony railing that is about five inches wide and four stories above the street and he plays beautiful music on a 20 foot long horn... how can you beat it? So, Ruth had a great time but she's glad to be home. There is no Alpenhorn but there is also no Danish so it's all good.

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**PARADE TIME:**

April 27<sup>th</sup> is the first of the parades. It is Loyalty Days in Brinnon. At the business meeting I will be asking for volunteers to be in the parade with the banner. Penny and I will be in Spokane for the Region Conference so I won't be able to be at the parade.

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**NEWS FROM PAT DURBIN:**

Frank's son and his wife visited for the weekend from Portland during the Victorian Heritage Festival. His wife, who is originally from Turkey, had never been to an event where she wore a formal gown, except her wedding. They don't have proms in Turkey. A very dear friend of mine loaned Zey a stunning Victorian Ball Gown for the evening, and Zey said she felt like a princess. My friend gave her Victorian etiquette lessons on the long gloves, how to dress her hair, etc. She had a wonderful time (as did we all)!

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**NAME BADGES:**

I am going to be taking orders for these name badges and will be ordering soon. For \$11 you can get the kind with just a pin on the back.

**Best for Women Name Badge, Magnetic Back**



Best for Women Name Badge, Magnetic Back; custom order. **Price: \$ 14.00**

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**AND TO TOP IT OFF:**

**"Dogs Welcome"**

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a Midwest town he planned to visit on his vacation. He wrote: "I would very much like to bring my dog with me. He is well-groomed and very well behaved. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?"

An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who wrote: SIR: "I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And, I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill.

Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel. And, if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too."

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Dear God,

My prayer for 2012 is for a fat bank account and a thin body. Please don't mix these up like you did last year.

AMEN!