



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for December

12-5: Xmas Party -6 p.m

12-6 : NO MEETING

12-13 : Business Meeting

12-20: NO MEETING

12-25: CHRISTMAS

12:28: NO MEETING



December Birthdays

12-8: Wendy Duede

12-31: Marilyn Staples

(our NewYear's Eve Woman!)

DECEMBER HOSTESSES

Joy McFadden

Betty Oakes

JANUARY HOSTSSES

Judi Morris

Judy Cavette

**DON'T FORGET TO SEND
YOUR SECRET SISTER A
CHRISTMAS CARD!**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings everyone,

The Time Given.

The Time of Giving.

It's December, and that means a lot of different things for a lot of different people: the end of a year, cherished holidays to celebrate with family and friends, looking forward to new beginnings in the new year, and there is always the focus on others who need our help. It's so much more poignant this time of the year when all around us are beautiful decorations, gift giving, and lots of parties with lavish food. And everywhere you go you see trees laden with gift tags.

It seems that those who are in service clubs and who also volunteer for other charities during the year are asked to "ramp it up" in December. And we usually do. Our area is fortunate to not be ravaged by super storms, floods, drought, tornadoes, and other natural disasters. But no matter where you live, there are always others in need of food, shelter, clothing – the basics. I'm preaching to the choir here I know!

The organizations in Port Townsend and the Tri Area who provide happy holidays for needy children and their families have joined forces. Kiwanis has asked for our club's help with matching the donated gifts to the children. The help is badly needed. ***Please see the related article in this newsletter detailing days and times.***

Rotary is asking for our help with their Christmas family, and we have done this in the past. The family is a grandfather raising 4 grandchildren taken away from their mother by the courts. Judi Morris has volunteered to put together a food basket for the family. ***Please see the related article in this newsletter for details.***

Lastly, I thank all of you incredible women for all you do for our community. We like to poke fun at our community and ourselves, but when it comes down to it, we get the job done, in

spite of what struggles we may be going through personally. We give of our time and our possessions.

I'm proud to be a member of this club, and of the larger Soroptimist community.

Blessings to you and yours this holiday season,

Penny



SECRET SISTER NEWS



Penny Westerfield thanks her Secret Sister for all the fun cards!

Wendy Duede thanks her Secret Sister for the beautiful bouquet for the Thanksgiving table!

JANUARY RETREAT

When: January 12th
Where: Penny's Home
Guest: Stephanie Smith, District I Director

DECEMBER MEMBER NEWS

Judi Morris: We had Thanksgiving with neighbors and friends. Since no more kids in WA we had a non-family day. Course, Dutch was with us and he enjoyed a little turkey. Back at work we are getting ready for our big software conversion. The entire system that handles taxation, levies, assessments, billing et al is changing at the end of the year. That should prove challenging. Judy C and I are taking Sherry Perry to

the Victorian Homes Tour for her birthday, so she will see those of you being docents.

Carol Wise: Oh Boy, Oh Boy, Oh Boy! My son insisted that I be in Maryland for Christmas!! Then came along my beau Serafin Cerna and they met on their recent trip and before they left Lance told me to let Serafin know he was invited as well !!!! NO WAY!!! And we found a ticket!!! So Ginger, Serafin and I will be jetting off to FREEZING Maryland! Whoo-Hoo! Merry Christmas to All!!!!

Ruth Gordon hosted some dear friends from Portland over Thanksgiving and got in touch with the energy level that fuels a six-year-old boy. She's leaving November 28th for Texas and will return December 10th. Her mom will be having cyberknife treatment for lung cancer on December 5, 6, and 7th.

Betty Oakes and Penny Westerfield spent a week in Hawaii basking in the sun. Wish we were back there!! They are also looking forward to being docents at Pat Durbin's house for the Victorian Christmas homes tour on December 2nd.

Pat Durbin is in a dither cleaning and decorating her house for the Victorian Homes Tour on December 2nd.

FOSTER BIRTHDAY REMINDERS:

December: No Birthdays

January:

Carol Wise: Sophia, girl, will be turning 4 on January 26th

Anne Burkart: Havilah, girl, will be turning 3 on January 30th
Thanks Carol and Anne!



CHRISTMAS PARTY REMINDER

We have 22 signed up for the Christmas party on December 5th at Sweet Laurette's. **\$35 at the door per person.** We will start gathering at 6:00 with dinner at 6:30. Don't forget to bring your wrapped "fun" "White Elephant" for the exchange AKA "The Game." Should be fun. The value of the gifts should be approximately \$10 suitable for a man or woman. Everyone who attends should bring a gift for the exchange.

Twenty-Sixth Annual Chimacum Arts and Craft Fair
December 8th (Saturday) and 9th (Sunday)
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Chimacum School District High School Commons and Gym

Featuring quality arts and crafts locally made and sold at reasonable and affordable prices (there are just under 100 vendors). Admission is \$3.00 at the door or \$2.00 with canned food item and coupon.

All proceeds (every single penny) from this fair go directly back to the students of Chimacum School District, Port Townsend School District, and Quilcene/Brinnon School District. The Chimacum Arts and Craft Fair has donated just over \$160,000.00 to our local schools over the last 23 years.

If you haven't had a chance to browse through our craft fair on your yearly Christmas shopping trip, you have missed an opportunity to purchase a quality locally made gift from your own neighbors. Some of the gifts you can purchase are jewelry, home spun hats and scarves, pottery, locally made soaps, trinkets, mirrors, pill boxes, handbags, calendars, original artwork and a whole array of products which are pleasing

to the eye and easy on the pocketbook. This fair features the local efforts and support of students from all three school districts (Port Townsend, Quilcene and Chimacum) to assist the vendors in setting up and closing their booths for a small percentage of the proceeds. This is a great example of teamwork at its best and demonstrating a combination of resources for the good of the whole – the students at the forefront. After all, it is all about the students.

WHAT IS NEW THIS YEAR: This year we have decided to offer something new for our vendors and customers. We are requesting that each vendor donate one gift item from their booth to benefit a particular project or organization within our district. Each item that is donated will have its own container to put raffle tickets in. Anyone can "play" – all they have to do is pay \$1.00 a ticket to enter their raffle ticket and deposit that ticket in the container by the gift item/items of their choice. Throughout the day the winning ticket from each box will be drawn and that person on the ticket will be notified. This year the funds will be raised to provide our students with equipment for the science and technology departments. Please help us help them.

Come join us for fun, food, shopping, conversation and music. There is a festive atmosphere that invites laughter and camaraderie. Make the Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair your one stop shopping trip this year and support our students.

TWO WORTHY CAUSES

1. We have been asked by Kiwanis to help support the combined efforts of several organizations that have joined forces this holiday season that help needy families. Our help is mostly

needed in matching the donated gifts to the children; we've done this in the past. Below is a list of days and times people will be working. It would be good to have a strong Soroptimist showing! You can help for an hour or all day, depending on your mood:

Saturday, December 15, beginning at 12:00 noon, Mountain View Commons

Sorting and matching

Tuesday, December 18, beginning at 9:00 am, Mountain View Commons

Sort, sort, sort until it's done

Wednesday, December 19, beginning at 9:00 am, Mountain View
Distribution to families and clean-up

If you can't help with sorting, **food is also needed** for the volunteers, so if you would prefer to do that, bring your goodies to Mountain View during the work party times. The work parties will go into the early evening if necessary.

2. Our club has worked in the past with East Jefferson Rotary and their Christmas family. Judi Morris has offered to provide a food basket with either money or food items donated by us. Monies received will be used to purchase food. Bring nonperishable items like cereal, mac & cheese, rice mixes, cookies, etc. So please bring those items or money to our Christmas Party on December 5 or deliver them directly to Judi.

Thank you!!



*Written by Fra Giovanni on
Christmas Eve 1513*

"I salute you!

*There is nothing I can give you which you
have not;
But there is much, that, while I cannot give,
you can take.*

*No heaven can come to us unless our hearts
find rest in it today.*

Take Heaven

*No peace lies in the future which is not hid-
den in this present instant.*

Take peace.

*The gloom of the world is but a shadow; be-
hind it, yet within our reach, is joy.*

Take joy

*And so, at this time, I greet you, with the
prayer that for you,*

*Now and forever, the day breaks and the
shadows flee away."*

I may send the above every Christmas, I think it will forever be my message!! (Your Editor)

And for the Soroptimister's who only read my jokes: Sorry there is only two.

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

Velcro –what a rip off!