



# SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Time is "March"ing on!

We had a really good initial meeting about the triathlon/Soroptithon a couple of weeks ago. The County Parks & Rec people were there, along with the City, the PT Marathon Association, and the Recyclery. Because of all the focus this year in the County on kids' fitness, everyone is very excited about our second event and they anticipate at least 100 kids entering!

Our March meeting will be about The Budget. I asked everyone to come back to the table in March with figures and costs for getting the timers, pool rental, paying a race director, etc., etc. When we have those figures, then we'll be able to start seeking sponsors and getting committees set up. The groups are excited to have Soroptimists working with them side-by-side so there will be plenty of opportunity to get more involved – besides the day of the event - if you want to.

With the enthusiasm mounting once again, and the anticipation of even more participants, I see this event as potentially becoming a good fundraiser for us, as well as really getting our Soroptimist "branding" out in the community. Let's hope so!

I will be meeting with the presidents of the Sequim and Port Angeles clubs on March 2 about doing a joint project. I've asked for input from you, and will be taking those ideas with me. Thank you for your thoughts and ideas!

Please don't forget about the Area Meeting on Saturday, April 6 in Port Angeles. It is always good to get together and see what everyone else is doing, as well as meeting up with old friends, and meeting new ones. We'll car pool! More details coming.

I know our hearts are with Karen Bednarski on the loss of her husband, and with Barb Reavis who is dealing with so much. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Take care everyone.

Best, Penny

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### Schedule for March

- 3-7 : Program Meeting
- 3-14 : Business Meeting
- 3-21: Dinner Meeting  
5:30 –Anne Burkhardt's
- 3-28 : No Meeting

### March Birthdays

- 3-25 Carol Wise
- 3-28 Gertrude Tjemsland

### MARCH HOSTESSES

Anne Burkart  
Judi Morris

### APRIL HOSTESSES

Bickie Steffan  
Penny Westerfield

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### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> is International Women's Day.

Let's celebrate!!



## MEMBER NEWS

By: Betty Oakes, Reporter

From Carol Wise: Yes, I have news. I just got off the phone with Lance. It appears that something may have been left in him or remainders of kidney were not removed. His numbers for having a new kidney match was over 90 percent of donors. Today it is 8 percent. We now desperately need either an O donor plus or minus or anyone willing to participate in a kidney swap. You can go to his Facebook page for details. Lance Wise. All tests paid for and time down. Please go to his page and share. Just thank you to everyone for your help. I love you all so much. Thank you

From Wendy Duede: I would like to say a big thank-you to my secret ter. I received a neat insulated lunch bag with chocolates and a purple scarf in it for Valentine's Day. Now how did she know my favorite color is purple?

No news on the home front, except I was out sick a few days with that head cold virus and now I've been running short with everyone at work taking turns getting it. It knocks you down for 3 or 4 days before you even feel like getting out of bed again. If you get it, which I hope no one does, using nasal spray, mucinex, dayquil and lots of rest worked the best.

(Note from Betty—I had the same thing—nasty and it sucks the energy right out of you—all I wanted to do was sleep.)

From Judy Cavett: She will have to miss the next meeting as she and her cousin are headed to Pasco for a short visit.

From Penny and Betty: Penny and Betty had a fun and fabulous 8 days in sunny Florida the first week of February

visiting Disney World and Universal Studios/Harry Potter. Betty's brother and his wife flew down from New Hampshire and a good time was had by all. Also, Penny had never seen the Atlantic Ocean, so we drove to Cocoa Beach and dipped our toes in the Atlantic.

From Betty: I would like to thank my secret sister for the 2 dozen beautiful primrose plants. Now all I need is enough energy to plant them!

### Foster Kids Birthdays

March 5: Thomas (turning 7)—Ruth

March 12: Evan (turning 5)—Diane

March 13: Cory (female turning 18)—Judi

April 11: Catherine (turning 4)—Cammy

April 12: Jacob (turning 18)—Penny

Please remember to mark your calendars.

Thank you.

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## SECRET SISTER NEWS

Betty Oakes: see above

Pat Durbin says: "A big thank you to my secret sister for a great card and gift on Valentine's day!!

Penny Westerfield says: "I would like to thank my secret sister for the incredible Valentine's Day flowers, candy and card. I felt so spoiled! The gift was awesome and the tulips will be planted in my yard. Thank you so much!"

Ella Sandvig says: "You are so naughty secret sister! A big bag of wonderful assorted chocolates on Valentine's Day!! I could not resist!!

Thanks for keeping me off the scales for a week or two!!”

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**REMEMBER TO SEND A CARD TO YOUR SECRET SISTER EVERY MONTH!!**

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**THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Our thoughts and prayers to out to Karen Bednarski, who lost her beloved husband Ron recently. Although Karen is no longer a Soroptimist, she will always be our friend.

We are also thinking of Barbara Reavis, whose husband, Bob, has endured all kinds of illness the last few years –and is not doing well. Stay strong Barbara.

Just a day or so ago, Pat Durbin’s husband, Frank was admitted to the hospital with stroke symptoms. He is now at Swedish hospital in Seattle. He will be coming home Wednesday and will be having radiation soon.

We are thinking also of Carol Wise, whose son, Lance, is awaiting a kidney transplant.

**NEW MEMBER, MAYBE**

We are hoping that our recent guest, Betsey Carlson, will decide to join.

**BOOK REPORT**  
by Ella Sandvig

I love murder mysteries. My latest read was James Patterson’s “ Private London”.

It’s about a high- end International Investigative Service called *Private* assigned to protect a young girl. It fooled me completely about who did the dirty deed!

Try it!

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**SOME GEMS**

These are from the Erudite (comic) scientist, Steven Wright, who said: I’d kill for a Nobel Peace Prize

Borrow money from pessimists – they don’t expect it back.

Half the people you know are below average.

99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.

82.7% of all statistics are made up on The spot.

A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.

All those who believe in psycho kinesis raise my hand.