



# SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings everyone,

This is being written after attending the District 1 conference at Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound. There were almost 200 attendees and it was another weekend full of inspiration along with interesting directives from SIA that you'll hear more about in the next couple of months. Wendy, Diane, Betty, and I had the privilege of representing our club and everyone took a lot of notes!

The main thing I took away from this conference is that Soroptimist International of the Americas (Federation/SIA) wants to take SI to the next level in the global scheme of things. Yes, we are to always help our local communities, but we were also reminded that we are international organization. With as many clubs as possible contributing what they can, SIA can then provide many more scholarship opportunities for women and girls. Education is paramount.

On the human trafficking level, we heard from a dynamic speaker who stated that it's time we take the next step from awareness to action at the grassroots level. She and her group, Washington Engage, are providing the necessary tools to help local clubs educate their communities and make this an issue of concern to get different organizations working together to combat the issue. You can go to the website at [waengage.com](http://waengage.com) to learn more.

Thank you to everyone who contributed items for the local charity of choice, Pope's Kids Place. We learned a lot more about the charity which houses a medical and dental clinic to help impoverished and disabled children; no one is turned away who needs help regardless of ability to pay. It's also a place where kids can play with others in a safe environment. We heard from a 10-year-old boy who volunteers there. He felt sorry that the kids didn't have any toys to play with, and he knew that he had too many of his own, so he took as many toys as he could to Pope's Kids Place so that others could have them. For his birthday, instead of getting presents, he asked his friends for

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### Schedule for November

- 11-1 : NO MEETING
- 11-8 : Business Meeting
- 11-15: Pat Durbin-re Victorian Festival
- 11-22: THANKSGIVING
- 11-29: No Meeting



### November Birthdays

11-13: Ella Sandvig

### NOVEMBER HOSTESSES

Betty Oakes  
Judy Cavett

### DECEMBER HOSTESSES

Joy McFadden  
Betty Oakes

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

money, and he took \$300 to Pope's! This is from a 10-year-old boy!! Imagine what he will be like when he grows up. He's already incredible. There wasn't a dry eye in the place.

Collectively, District 1 clubs donated A LOT of items that were on the requested list to the Pope's charity, along with almost \$4,000 in monetary contributions. We're a very generous District.

We had a "howling" good time at the conference. Wolf ears abounded and we all yelled "arrrrgh" during the pirate pajama party Saturday night. We have an incredible District 1 Director in Stephanie Smith from Oak Harbor and I'll be inviting her to visit us very soon. It will be an amazing two years under her leadership.

Thank you for the privilege of attending as your president. We look forward to sharing more with you!

Best always,  
Penny

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**MEMBER NEWS**  
by Betty Oakes

**Pat Durbin** and husband Frank are desperately working on the website for the Holiday Tour of Victorian Homes. Pat is also recruiting docents for the three houses, which include ours (hint, hint)—I think she means she wants us to volunteer, since we all know her house pretty well. She is also looking for musicians to play at the three houses.

**Carol Wise** wants to say thank you to everyone for your good wishes for her son Lance. What we need now are kidney donors of any blood type, male or female, that will work with a "swap" if not a match. Ideally a male, 40 years or less with O blood type is perfect but in a swap-- it will help someone else who perhaps cannot donate to their family or friend but would work for Lance and a donor help that other person. 2 for 1!!! J You can check it out on Lance Wise Facebook or contact me any time 360-531-1301 Just love you all so much so please help get the word out!

**Anne Burkart** Thanks her Secret Sister for the cute and thoughtful cards.

She had a nice conversation with Jan Brooks Walch. She's leaving Shasta this week and will be in Port Townsend for a few days the first week of November and hopes to come to a meeting, but if she doesn't make it she says "hi", and is thinking of us.

Anne and Mike enjoyed a visit from the parents of their 2001-2 school year exchange student from Spain. It was fun showing them where their son lived, went to school and hung out. They had a GREAT lunch at the Point Hudson Café and highly recommend it.

**Ruth Gordon** started the month with an emergency trip to Texas to be with her mom, bought a full set of new tires and drove to Pasco and back for a meeting, got back on a plane and went back to Texas, came home and is still not really sure which end is up. She has given any money she had left after all that to candidates and is now working through the contents of her freezer.

**Judi Morris** hasn't done anything!!!! Boring. Just busy collecting taxes which are due on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to Pat and Anne

for a great dinner at Pat's home. We had two potential members and I hope they become permanent.

**Betty Oakes** has the best secret sister ever! Every month it's a new and different treat! This month I received a flowering Christmas cactus, a pair of wool gloves, a box of Halloween cookies and a cute card wishing me a wonderful trip to Hawaii.

Betty also wants to thank the club for paying for her registration at the District meeting. I think Penny is making a report elsewhere in the newsletter, but I thoroughly enjoyed attending (along with Wendy) the Communication workshop and the Social Media workshop—very informative.

I also want to say how beautiful our park is looking with the professional landscapers (Yards Express) keeping up the park. We are paying them, but they are also donating extra time, much appreciated!

**FOSTER KID BIRTHDAY REMINDERS**

November:

Devin (Male) 11/7/2008—Pat  
Lili (Female) 11/10/2009—Betty  
Aurora (Female) 11/28/2000—Cammy

December:

Jeremiah (Male) 12/2/2003—Joy  
Alex (Male) 12/19/1997—Judi

Thanks!  
Betty

**PRESIDENT'S PLANS:**

Penny Westerfield reports that her winter plans are to clean out the debris accumulated over the years! Then a utility room. She answered my question about her favorite TV show: Once Upon a Time and Nashville, or anything on HGTV & Food Network.

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**TRAVELERS**

Betty Oakes and Penny Westerfield are in Hawaii. Wendy Duede is also going to be there. Lucky ladies!!! Bring us some sunshine please.

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**DENTAL HEALTH PROJECT**

Sarah McMonigle, Dental Hygienist, presented a possible new project for us at our October dinner meeting. She wants us to sign on as a sponsor to a program to educate children and parents about proper dental care. She has resources to furnish brushes and other aids. We could contribute a little money for more supplies however. The main thing is to be a sponsor and attach our name to the project.

Our local club had a similar project in the sixties. We will discuss this at the November business meeting.

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**PAST FEDERATION PROJECTS**

1983-1986: Chiapas Water Project

This was the first of three federation water projects in support of the United Nations International Drinking Water Supply and

Sanitation Decade. Funds provided assistance in Chiapas, Mexico, for drilling wells and establishing community water tanks, education on water-efficient agricultural methods and public corn mills.

1998-present: Disaster Relief Fund

The federation officially established this project after years of informal assistance in this area. An escrow fund provides monetary relief to areas within the federation that have experienced disasters.

1991-1994: Women in Literacy

In conjunction with Laubach Literacy International, Soroptimists raised \$500,000 to fund literacy projects targeting one million women on Latin America, the Caribbean and the Philippines.

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**THE TIME GIVEN**

In honor of President Penny’s Theme, here are some quotes:

“Time is a sort of river of passing events, and strong is its current; no sooner is a thing brought to sight than it is swept by and another takes its place, and this too will be swept away.” (Marcus Aurelius Antonius)

“For a moment of night we have a glimpse of ourselves and of our world islanded in its stream of stars – pilgrims of mortality, voyaging between horizons across the eternal-seas of space and time.” (Henry Beson )

“And God stands winding His lonely horn, And time and the world are ever in flight.” (“Into the Twilight” William Butler Yeats)

**DON’T FORGET TO VOTE!!!!**

By November 6<sup>th</sup>.

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**POLITICAL QUOTES**

from non-politicians

“If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates.” (Jay Leno)

“The problem with political jokes is they get elected. (Henry Cate, VII)

“We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.” (Aesop)

“Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and have your opponents do it for you.” (Author Unknown)

“I offer my opponents a bargain: If they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them.” (Adlai Stevenson, campaign speech 1952)

“A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country.” (Tex Guinan)

“Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks.” (Doug Larson)

The above political jokes were sent by Pat Durbin – blame her!!

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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING !**