



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

Soroptimist International of Port Townsend/East Jefferson County

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Schedule for June

6-5: Program Meeting

6-12: Business Meeting

Installation Dinner:

Date and Place to be announced

June Hostess: Janet Jacobs

June Birthdays:

Diane Kenyon (June 16)

July Birthdays:

Barb Reavis (July 3)

Betty Oakes (July 17)

Judi Morris (July 18)

Ruth Gordon (July 19)

Fran O'Brien (July 29)

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Marissa 11 on 6/2 (Penny)

Serenity 2 on 6/5 (Wendy)

Floyd 4 on 6/7 (Carol)

Steven 4 on 6/16 (Judi M.)

Harry 18 on 6/21 (Katy)

Ivan 2 on 6/21 (Alyce)

Isa 2 on 6/21 (Pat)

Payton (girl) 11 on 7/2 (Ella)

Kannon (boy) 5 on 7/12 (Diane)

Landon (boy) 2 on July 16 (Betty)

Lyric (girl) 14 on 7/18 (Need someone to buy a present for her)

Mary 8 on 7/20 (Katy)

öAll good things must come to an end.ö

I don't know who said that, but it's coming true for me this month as my time as your president comes to an end. A part of me says öyayö and another part says öwhere did the time go?ö I just cannot believe it is June already.

Depending on your point of view, this is an exciting time in the world of Soroptimist. A lot of changes are coming and we'll be learning more about this when Betty and I attend the biennial conference in Vancouver, BC, in July. They are not only changing the name of some long established programs, but they are bringing in new programs as well. Stay tuned!

My heart is full of gratitude and thanks for all the support you've given me, as well as the trust with this position. I appreciate the open and honest discussions we've had, the give and take. I'm pleased that we were able to give out three scholarships this year.

I wish the new regime all the best and know that they will receive the same support and trust.

Thank you everyone. It's been an honor and a privilege.

Best always,
Penny

JUNE PROGRAM:



A representative from Dove House will be coming to speak to us.

New Officers Announced!

- President: Wendy Duede
- President-Elect: Katy Guthridge
- Recording Secretary: Betty Oakes
- Treasurer: Diane Kenyon
- Assistant Treasurer: Anne Burkart
- Director: Pat Durbin
- Delegate: Katy Guthridge
- Past President: Penny Westerfield
- Life Member: Ella Sandvig

Mark your Calendar:

- 2014 Federation Convention: July 23-26, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2014 District 1 Meeting: October 24-26, Doubletree, Southcenter, Seattle, WA
- 2015 NW Region Conference: April 9-12, Hyatt Regency, Bellevue, WA
- 2015 District 1 Meeting: October 9-11, Little Creek Casino, Shelton, WA

FOSTER MOMS' RECOGNITION BASKETS:

Port Townsend Soroptimists were asked to participate in a program where the Foster Moms were being recognized by various businesses and organizations by giving gift baskets. Thanks to all the members who contributed to our basket! Penny put it all together and took these photos to show all the items we donated and how the finished basket looked upon presentation:

Basket ðBefore:ö



Basket ðAfter:ö



Member News:

From Katy Guthridge: During Memorial Day weekend, my friend Teresa and I celebrated our birthdays by walking the Dungeness Spit out to the lighthouse on Friday (11 miles round-trip); then we had a fabulous dinner at Bella Italia in Port Angeles and stayed at a hotel within walking distance. On Saturday we went up to Olympic Nat'l Park and hiked up to Lake Angeles--a 7 mile round-trip, which was straight up the whole way to the Lake--an elevation change of 2300 ft. When we reached the Lake there was still snow in places! It was incredibly beautiful. I'm now inspired to do more day hikes--my next purchase is going to be a good pair of hiking boots!

I also want to thank my wonderful Secret Sister for the gorgeous lilac bouquet that she left outside my front door on my birthday. I missed the deadline to get my thank you in for the last newsletter. It was the most amazing bouquet I've ever seen! Can't imagine how she transported it!

From Pat Durbin: A special thank you to my Secret Sister for a wonderful lunch and a beautiful hand created crystal pen stand for my desk. We had a great lunch and a good visit, both of which were very much appreciated.

From Barb Reavis: Bob and I are doing well and are heading to Philadelphia and New York City with three of our grandkids on June 5. My stepson and the youngest grandchild live in Philly--so we are looking forward to having all the kids together for a visit. Keeping our fingers crossed that the weather cooperates!

From Ella Sandvig: My flowers are looking good right now. The roses and the snow ball tree are in bloom and the lawn is still green. I have two new Rhodies in the back yard. I lost two last summer because I couldn't water. Still can't but am thinking of putting in an automatic drip system. The weather has cheered me up somewhat, but I have two close friends with medical problems, one severe. Also my son is having some problems--clogged arteries and poor leg circulation. I suppose when you get to my age these things will keep happening. On a brighter note, I keep getting great pictures and videos of my three great grandchildren in California. The one year old twins are a hoot--they like to kiss each other! Madison bites and Jack uses his

tongue!!! (Did he get that from TV?) Their 4 year old sister loves them a lot.

From Anne Burkart: Plans to fly to Orange Co., CA, for our grandson's promotion from Jr. Hi to high school were dashed when husband Mike found himself in Harrison Hospital for 15 days undergoing surgery for a wound on his foot that just would not heal and became badly infected (he's diabetic). Two foot surgeries and one vascular surgery later he's without one big toe, but is on the mend and hanging out (much to his dismay) in the swing bed unit at Jefferson Healthcare. He's there because he has to have antibiotic infusion every six hours and professional wound care daily. At this point I'm happy to only be commuting to PT instead of Bremerton every day, but really looking forward to having him home. We're hopeful of being able to make our CA trip later this summer. This is NOT the way I had planned to start this most beautiful time of year here in our lovely part of the world!

ELLA'S BLAST FROM THE PAST:

Here's a blast from the Past:

From the April 2009 Newsletter: Kristen Anderson was in town this week and attended our meeting with her fiancé, Phil. She will be back in July for a wedding reception here and will speak at one of our July meetings.

We had an email from Marianne Baird of our Sister Club in Scotland. It sounds like their club is experiencing many of the same problems that we have.

We will celebrate our 62nd anniversary in May. Our next celebration will be in 2022 for our 75th anniversary. We are setting aside funds each year for that.

August 29 will be our 11th golf tournament fund raiser. Judi, Judy and Joy will be managing that project.

ELLA'S JOKE CORNER:

Also from the April 2009 newsletter I'd bet you don't remember them!!

WORD PLAY:

Giraffiti: Vandalism spray painted, very, very high.

Sarcasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Inoculate: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

Osteoporosis: A degenerate disease.

Karmageddon: It's like, when everybody is sending off all those really bad vibes, right? And then, like the Earth explodes and it's like a serious bummer. (You know people really do talk like this!)

Decafalon (n): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.

Glibido: All talk and no action.

Doppler Effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

Caterpallor (n): The color you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating!

