



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings everyone!

Wendy, Betty, and I just returned from an action-packed Region conference in beautiful Portland. It's always affirming to attend any kind of Soroptimist gathering other than our own to see how collectively what an impact we all are making in the lives of women and girls. Our Region (Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Northern Idaho, and Montana) has given out millions of dollars in scholarship awards. It's at this conference that the Region winners of the Women's Opportunity Awards and the Violet Richardson Awards are honored. I cry every time, hearing the WOA stories of women who have risen so far up from abuse and addiction and are now confident, compassionate people who are making their dreams come true. These are not fairy tales--they are real.

Watching the videos of the young women who are Violet Richardson Award winners is really inspiring. I got to thinking that a lot the projects they do at the high school and middle school levels are things that our club could be doing, too! So we'll be exploring those options down the road.

We were honored to have the SIA President-Elect as a special guest at the conference--Poco Davis. She will be installed at the biennial conference in Vancouver in July. She was a total hoot to be around, very humble, and said she is terrified at being president of SIA! She visited our region because we are one of the most active in the nation and she wanted to check us out. She liked us and we liked her. She wears only tennis shoes (on her feet!) and the night of the installation banquet, which is a very formal affair, her shoes were red sequined Converse tennies! That's how she rolls.

The installation of Carol Hanson as our new Region Governor AND our own Stephanie Smith who was elected and installed as Governor-Elect was wonderful to see. They, along with the other new district directors and region officers, will bring a wonderful new energy to the next two years.

You'll be hearing a lot more from the three of us about the conference. There are a lot of changes on the horizon!!

Best, Penny

P.S. Be yourself ó everyone else is already taken.

Schedule for May

5-1: Program Meeting

5-8: Business Meeting

5-15: Dinner Meeting
(Home of Wendy Duede)

May Hostess: Wendy Duede

May Birthdays:

Alyce Hansen (May 4)

Katy Gifford (May 4)

Anne Burkart (May 14)

Pat Durbin (May 23)

June Birthdays:

Diane Kenyon (June 16)

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

No May birthdays at this time)

Marissa 11 on 6/2 (Needs sponsor)

Serenity 2 on 6/5 (Wendy)

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)

MAY PROGRAM:



Speaker: Dr. David Engle, Superintendent, PT School District.

AREA MEETING:

Five Port Townsend Soroptimists attended the Area meeting in Gig Harbor on April 5 (Wendy Duede, Katy Gifford, Ruth Gordon, Diane Kenyon and Betty Oakes). We all had a terrific time! Sue Riney, past Region Governor, subbed for our District Director Stephanie Smith who was too ill to attend. The Gig Harbor club put on a great day and we all had terrific time learning about the service and fundraising projects that all the other clubs in the area are doing.



Area meeting attendees, left to right: Diane Kenyon, Katy Gifford, Betty Oakes, Ruth Gordon, and Wendy Duede.

96th Northwestern Region Conference:

Delegates Penny Westerfield and Wendy Duede along with Past President Betty Oakes attended the Region Conference in Portland Oregon. It was an interesting conference. One of the highlights was meeting the four Grant of Friendship visitors to our region and hearing them speak about their countries--India, Australia and Kenya.

We also heard about the Women's Opportunity Winners and the Violet Richardson winners.

Another highlight was Penny's birthday which was Saturday. We all sang Happy Birthday to her and

made her wear a tiara. She is shown with the table decoration which represents the 2014-2016 region theme "Up up and away!"



Future events announced at Region:

2014 District 1 Meeting: October 24-26, DoubleTree, Southcenter, Seattle, WA

2014 Federation Convention: July 23-26, Vancouver, BC, Canada

2015 NW Region Conference: April 9-12, Hyatt Regency, Bellevue, WA

2015 District 1 Meeting: October 9-11, Little Creek Casino, Shelton, WA

Member News:

From Bickie Steffen: News from Palm Desert! I would like to thank my Secret Sister for the birthday card and Macy's gift card. Now I can go SHOPPING again! The weather has been glorious. Unlike last year, we have not had beastly hot days yet. So, Gary has decided that we will not be leaving until about May 8. Will see you all sometime after that.

From Judi Morris: My big news is the sale of our home in Port Hadlock. It closes May 9. We head for AZ right after and will stay with our daughter for a couple of weeks. Our new home in Anthem (North of Phoenix and within 15 miles of Karen Hankins) will close on May 20.

We are in a whirlwind of activity. It is amazing how much stuff we can collect during our lifetime. And it HAS TO BE PACKED!!! I will be travelling back and forth during June so hope to attend a Soroptimist meeting. Fortunately the WA state county Treasurers are meeting in June so I can say goodbye to those friends. I leave WA on June 19 for parts south.

I have loved my association with Soroptimists over the past 18 years. It has provided the avenue to wonderful friendships and memories. Thank you all.

Our new email is mdjemorris@yahoo.com; Address: 2717 W Haley Dr., Anthem, AZ 85086; Telephone (623) 551-0117 and Cell (360) 301-0581.

From Ruth Gordon: Ruth thanks her Secret Sister for the charming and yummy Easter remembrance and for the absolutely gorgeous picot azalea delivered during her office-warming reception. That is a stunning flower and so welcome. Ruth invites any Soroptimist to come by anytime and see her palatial accommodations at the Courthouse. Her new office is fabulous and long overdue. She also is celebrating donations to the Darrington Community Center she collected by selling lasagna and French toast (different days) to County co-workers. Thanks to everyone's generosity, \$650 was sent to the center where all the memorial dinners are held following funerals for the Oso mudslide victims. It's great to work with such compassionate people.

From Wendy Duede: I'd like to thank my secret sister for the pink pot of hyacinths I received before Easter. They were beautiful! We sure had a good time at the Region meeting and it was fun celebrating Penny's birthday.

From Pat Durbin: We're hangin' in there. 'nough said.

From Penny Westerfield: I want to thank my Secret Sister for the most wonderful, incredible HUGE garden planter that was full of beautiful, massive flowers and plants!!! Oh my gosh!!! You rock! It was so unexpected and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

From Janet Jacobs: Many thanks to my secret sister for the orchid and card. How thoughtful!

From Ella Sandvig: My son cooked Easter dinner and we watched a movie. Unfortunately the movie was 'The Wolf of Wall Street'! Don't ever see it! 360 uses of the f word and naked bodies doing you know what!! I could not believe I watched it on Easter Sunday! I am still recovering.....

From me (Betty): I had a great April. A wonderful Easter, a trip to my hometown (Las Vegas) for a week visiting old classmates and former Port Townsend resident and Soroptimist Nancy Slater and a fun weekend in Portland with Penny and Wendy attending the Region conference. Now I need a month or so to recover! Also, I want to thank my secret sister for the Easter Basket that was delivered containing candy, a ceramic bunny, etc. It was fun! Thank you!



Human Trafficking in our Communities?

Movie and Panel Discussion With Representatives from
the City of Port Angeles, Homeland Security, and Washington Engage

Peninsula College Little Theater

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Suggested Donation \$10

Parental Guidance Advised

Sponsored by Soroptimist International of :

Port Angeles—Jet Set, Port Angeles Noon Club, Sequim, and Port Townsend

ELLA'S JOKE CORNER:

My travel plans for 2014:

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

And, sometimes I think I am in Vincible but life shows me I am not.

People keep telling me I'm in Denial but I'm positive I've never been there before!

The following questions were set in last year's GED examination. These are genuine answers (from 16 year olds)

Q. Name the four seasons.

A. Salt, pepper, mustard, and vinegar.

Q. How is dew formed?

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?

A. If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed.

Q. In a democratic society, how important are elections?

A. Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election.

Q. What are steroids?

A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs. (Shoot yourself now, there is little hope)

Q... What happens to your body as you age?

A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental?

Q. What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A. He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery. (So true)

Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A. Premature death.

Q. What is artificial insemination?

A. When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow.

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour?

A. Keep it in the cow. (Simple, but brilliant)

Q. How are the main 20 parts of the body categorized? (E.g. The abdomen).

A. The body is consisted into 3 parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels: A, E, I, O, and U.

Q. What is the fibula?

A. A small lie.

Q. What does 'varicose' mean?

A. Nearby

Q. What is the most common form of birth control?

A. Most people prevent contraception by wearing a condominium. (That would work)

Q. Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarean section.'

A. The caesarean section is a district in Rome.

Q. What is a seizure?

A. A Roman Emperor. (Julius Seizure, I came, I saw, I had a fit.)

Q. What is a terminal illness?

A. When you are sick at the airport. (Irrefutable)

Q. What does the word 'benign' mean?

A. Benign is what you will be after you be eight. (Brilliant)

Q. What is a turbine?

A. Something an Arab or Sheik wears on his head.

AND TO THINK, SOME OF THESE PEOPLE ALREADY MAY BE IN WASHINGTON!