



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for November

11-7 : Program Meeting

11-14: Business meeting

11-21: No Meeting

11-28: THANKSGIVING



November Birthdays

11-13: Ella Sandvig

NOVEMBER HOSTS

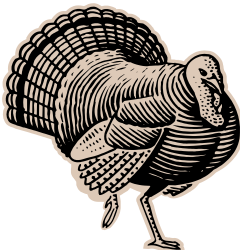
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DECEMBER HOSTS

Carol Wise

Wendy Duede



HAPPY TURKEY DAY!!!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A good time was had by those who attended the District 1 conference at the Tulalip in Marysville. The Tulalip lived up to its reputation – the place is gorgeous, the rooms spacious and luxurious (the bathroom was a religious experience!), and the food just delicious and Food Network competition worthy!

I didn't even make it to the casino we were kept so busy. There were good workshops and most of them seemed to be centered around getting and retaining members. That seemed to be the recurring theme with a lot of clubs – getting members. In listening to those clubs that were present (about 37), the size of our club is about average actually. That surprised me. You'll hear more about this at our November 14 business meeting. We came back with a lot of ideas to discuss. We'll also be discussing the results of the survey that was sent out. It will provide a good base to discuss our future endeavors.

The end of every conference always points to the next one which is the region conference to be held in Portland, OR, at the end of April 2014. We will elect a new District Director and Region Governor-elect, and say farewell to Director Stephanie and Governor Kathy, so I hope we have a good turnout from our club. The conference is going to be at Lloyd Center so there will be plenty of opportunity (I hope) for tax-free shopping!

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite times of the year because of how we reflect on our lives, families, and friends; a time to be thankful. I am thankful for our club members. We have a great group of women and I'm proud to be a part of it. I'm thankful for each and every one of you and how you all pitch in to get things done. I'm thankful for your friendships and trust.

I wish you all a good and loving Thanksgiving season.

Best, Penny

MESSAGE TO PENNY

Thanks for all your hard work this year. Have fun in Hawaii!

November Member News

By: Betty Oakes, Reporter

From Carol Wise: HEY!! I caught that little Hawaiian Sweetheart [Wendy Duede] at QFC on Sunday....tryyyyyying to catch up from the trip.....poor Darlin'! Has to go back to work to take the NEXT TRIP! In the ol' days, that would have been a fine to pay!!!! She was wearing a "Hawaiian Glow". Can you imagine life without friends? I can't and I love you all so much, here or there you are all the best!

From Pat Durbin: Thanks to my secret sister for a beautiful pair of earrings that perfectly match a jacket she knows I wear often.

Also, Frank's postponed surgery from September will now proceed on 10/30. He is feeling great at this point but a couple of symptoms tell us there is still a problem that the medication can't improve. Thanks again to everyone for the emails and wishes.

[A few days later I received the following news]: Frank is in ICU for Neuro surgery. His main discomfort is trying to find a way to lay his head without putting pressure on the skull where the surgery was. He is totally coherent. His voice is pretty froggy from the tubes during surgery, and he is slurring his words because he is still coming out of the medications. The ICU staff is top notch. The surgeon is very pleased with the results and doesn't feel any other surgery or gamma knife will be required in the future. They keep a particular watch on his blood pressure this next 12 hours and seem to think he'll leave the ICU tomorrow sometime and go to the Neuro care unit, which is around the corner from my hotel room. Frank told me to tell you all thanks for the good wishes and emails...

From Barb Reavis: Just a little news from us. We had a wonderful couple of days in Long Beach, WA, a week ago. We had perfect weather--65 degrees and sunny. We had never been there before so had a great time exploring and eating!

Has everyone experienced the new theater venue at the Rose? I went this week to see Muscle Shoals--great movie--and venue and WINE! It's my new favorite movie house.

From Joy McFadden: We had a great trip to Nye, MT, for a 90th birthday party the last week of September. On the way we took a swing through Yellowstone. Our daughter and her family were with us and what a fun time it was. Seeing the park through the eyes of a 4 year old again was soooo fun.

From me (Betty): Spotted Judi Morris at the Courthouse on Halloween where every office had a different theme. Judi was a dice piece. She reports that she goes in for cataract surgery on November 14th. We'll be thinking about you, Judi!

And once again the famous traveling duo of Penny and Betty are headed to Maui for a week on November 5th.

FOSTER KIDS BIRTHDAYS:

November:
Melodee turns 1 on 11/22 (Diane)
Aurora turns 13 on 11/28 (Wendy)

December:
Syia turns 5 on Dec

FROM YOUR EDITOR

My news is that I now have a "full house." No, I'm not playing poker. A Home Health Nurse has rented my guest room and bath for a while. She lives in Joyce and works here.

Lo and behold, a few weeks ago, a close friend got flooded out of her rented condo. The upper unit let a washer overflow and it literally ruined a good part of the downstairs unit. She is living in my remaining extra bedroom – probably for a couple more months.

We are doing very well sharing the house – and I enjoy the company. Two women in their 80's and a nurse – how convenient!



SECRET SISTER NEWS

Cammy Brown says, "I would like to thank my secret sister for her cards. She always seems to know when I need a lift!"

Also, I have moved into my new office at 219A Shold Business Park. It is a much smaller office but just the right size for me.

Ruth Gordon sends a big thank you to her secret sister for a lovely gift. " I am enjoying the tea cups so much. And the packaging is so perfect I put them back in their box instead of on the shelf. Just love it! Thank you."

WOMEN OF THE SIXTIES

- 1960: Mme N. Nakayama became the first woman Japanese Cabinet member.
- 1961: Eleanor Roosevelt is appointed by U.S. President Kennedy to chair the Commission on the Status of Women
- 1962: Delores Huerta works with Cesar Chavez to launch the United Farm Workers union in the U.S.
- 1963: Soviet Cosmonaut Valentina Vladimirovna Tereshkova is the first woman in space.
- 1964: The U.S. passes the Civil Rights Act which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin.
- 1965: U.S. civil rights leader Viola Liuzzo is overtaken after a high-speed chase and shot dead by four Ku Klux Klansmen for driving a car with a black passenger.
- 1966: Indira Gandhi becomes prime minister of India.
- 1967: The National Organization for Women (NOW) holds its first national conference in Washington

D.C. and adopts a bill of rights.

1969: Golda Meir becomes the first female Prime minister of Israel.

Who says women are the weaker sex!!!!

SIA PRESIDENTS IN THE SIXTIES

- Dora Lewis
1960-1962
Theme: "Soroptimists in Orbit"
- Virginia Sink
1962-1964
Theme: "Leadership with New Dimin-sions"
- Betty Beck Prosser
1964-1966
Theme: "New Patterns of Action"
- Ethel Lord
1966-1968
Theme: "Initiate-Motivate-Culminate"
- Muriel Mose
1968-1970
Theme: "Channels for Progress"

WORDS OF WISDOM

"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 Antoninus)

The Global Voice

This month Soroptimists reported on 358 projects, raised \$319,215 and helped 31,612 women and girls.



Women produce half of the world's food but many cannot buy or inherit the land they work. Read about Soroptimist action and advocacy for [International Day of Rural Women and World Food Day](#). Image: SI Antananarivo Doyen (Madagascar) Seeds for All Project

ACTION

See Solar, Cook Solar - President's Appeal 2013-15

SI President Ann Garvie is launching her December 10 Appeal, which will support Soroptimist projects all over the world providing education and solar solutions to women.

"Can you imagine finding time to earn your living if you had to spend hours every day collecting firewood? Or how you would study with no electric light in the evening? One quarter of the world's population do not have access to reliable access to electricity; 70% of these are women and girls living in developing countries." [Full President's message.](#)

Energy poverty is a significant barrier to women and girls' education and empowerment in many parts of the world. Around 1.4 billion people have no access to electricity and a billion more only have access to unreliable electricity networks. Women are particularly affected because of their role in collecting fuel, cooking and other domestic work. President Ann's Appeal will educate women about renewable energy and provide solar lanterns and

cookers. [More about the Appeal and how to get involved.](#)



Educate, Exchange, Connect

17 Soroptimists from 9 countries in the SI South West Pacific Federation took part in an exchange programme to promote international understanding and encourage participation by younger women. *"This was a truly inspirational visit and it gave me a lot of ideas to take back home"*, says Keshvi Lal of SI Fiji, who was hosted by SI Singapore Garden City. [Read more.](#)

Human Trafficking Award for UK Soroptimists

At an event to mark the UK's national Anti-Slavery Day, Jackie Paling and Pauline Monk were presented with the Marsh Award, which recognises volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution to the fight against human trafficking. [More about the Marsh award and Soroptimist Anti-Slavery Day action.](#)

International Day of the Girl: Innovating for Education

There are 33 million fewer girls than boys in primary school. Girls may be prevented from accessing education due to financial, safety-related and cultural barriers. Many Soroptimist projects are finding innovative ways to break down these barriers, like this SI Mumias (Kenya) project to prevent girls missing school during their monthly periods. Read more about [Soroptimists innovating for girls' education.](#)



BRITISH HUMOR IS DIFFERENT

These are classified ads which were actually placed in U.K. newspapers.

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER.

8 years old, hateful little bastard. Bites!

FREE PUPPIES

Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepard.

Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.,