



# SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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## Schedule for September

**9-5 :** Program Meeting

**9-12 :** Business Meeting

**9-19:** Dinner Meeting  
5:30 – Anne’s

**9-26:** No Meeting



## September Birthdays

**9-2:** Judy Cavett

## SEPTEMBER HOSTESSES

Judi Morris

Diane Kenyon

## PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Greetings all,

September? Really? But then on my way to work last week I saw a flock of geese flying south in perfect “v” formation. And sitting on my deck reading this past weekend I felt a very cool breeze, kind of chilling actually! So, autumn is around the corner.

Our second Soroptithon is now under our belts and the families who attended told us they had a good time. We were much better organized and it was just great starting and ending at Mt. View Commons. Even the police department only had a couple of minor suggestions for next time. We learned a valuable lesson about needing to have “day of” registration. And it was whole heartedly agreed upon to hold the event after school starts in September. I greatly appreciated everyone who was able to come to the event and help out. We make a great team! I still feel this event can only grow. The Parks and Rec folks believe it as well. We’re still learning, but getting lots better! We’ll be having the debriefing at our September 12 SIPT meeting.

Please start thinking about attending the **District 1 meeting October 11-13** at the Tulalip Resort & Casino. I erroneously gave you the dates of October 18-20 previously so sorry about that. Three double rooms have been booked so we have room for lots of you! Please let me know by September 5 if you can attend or not. We need to send in our registration very soon.

We have another fun **fundraising possibility** that will be presented at the September 5 program meeting, so please attend to find out the details!!

September is also the time to start getting the word out about the Violet Richardson and Women’s Opportunity Awards so there is lots of work coming up. We need to be more proactive on this front and I look forward to your ideas. Let’s roll up our sleeves and get this done. Thank you all for your continued support, ideas, and friendship.

Best, Penny

MEMBER NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER:  
By Betty Oakes, Reporter

From Cammy Brown: I would like to thank my previous secret sister for the beautiful flower arrangement. It was delivered when I was sick and it really cheered me up. I also want to thank my present secret sister for my birthday present--a beautiful scarf with earrings that match!! I am lucky. My secret sister always seems to know when I need a special note or cheerful thought.

I am going to move my office (Peninsula Legal Secretarial Services) on Rhody Drive to my home office at the end of September. My address will be the same (P.O. Box 374) but my phone number will be my cell phone which is [360-301-2590](tel:360-301-2590). I am presently offering virtual secretarial services. I work for an attorney that I have never met but I do work via virtual transmission. It works and is kind of futuristic.

OlyCAP is putting on their First Annual Benefit Concert with Freddy Pink at the Guy Cole Convention Center in Sequim, on September 28, 7pm to 10pm. Tickets can be purchased on [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com). Type in OlyCAP in the search box. We are looking forward to rockin' and rollin' the night away. Please support the OlyCAP benefit concert. We are also looking for sponsors--call Ginger at OlyCAP (385-2571) if you are interested. We promise you won't be able to sit still--this band and singers are spectacular and very entertaining. Please help us help those that are less fortunate than ourselves. OlyCAP leads and engages the community to promote self-reliance for those we serve while embracing innovation and collaboration with all of our partners to build a healthy community. This organization serves over 7000 people each year and support services that serve an additional 12,000 people each year. It employs 160 people and puts around \$8 million into the local economy each year. It is a great organization and I am proud to be a board member. I can be reached at 360-201-2590 if you have questions.

From Carol Wise: Well, the big news for me is that my son Lance continues to improve. He is walking 3 miles a day, has dropped 10 Pounds, and because of great discipline in diet he has lowered the drugs he takes which is awesome. There were 12 donors, 12 recipients, all successful and doing great--including me. Thank you all for your support. A new chapter, a new book, a new life. A precious gift to have my son back.

From Janet Jacobs: Greetings from Cork, Ireland! The trip started in Galway then Killarney, and Waterford today. Next up--two days in Dublin. New jewelry, ladies, and a renewed

appreciation for all shades of green. The unemployment rate in Ireland is 14%.

Look forward to seeing you in September.

From Judi Morris: Our new great granddaughter was born August 28<sup>th</sup>. Eva (pronounced Ava) Anne Duffy weighed in at 8.5 pounds. Baby, mom and dad are great. Kudos to Penny for a wonderfully organized event on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

From your reporter (Betty)--let me add my kudos to Penny for a job well done. I personally know she has been working hard on the Soroptithon for a year now. She started right in with monthly meetings with all the people involved--Cycle shop, swimming pool, runners, police volunteers, medics, etc. Due to her organization, she made it look as smooth as silk. Everyone, including all of us Soroptimists, had a great time at the event and kudos to all of us for our individual efforts. On to next year!

FOSTER KIDS BIRTHDAYS: None for September and October!

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**KUDOS TO:**

Penny Westfield for all her hard work to put together the "Soroptithon" --months and months of planning. Great job Penny!

Also to Penny for the Directory and to Betty for hand delivering to some of us.

You are both really dedicated Soroptimists!

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**SECRET SISTER NEWS**

Penny Westerfield would like to thank Cammy Brown for the beautiful flowers and for being my Secret Sister last year. "What a nice thing to do Cammy."

Pat Durbin says: "Thanks to my

Secret Sister for the carefully thought out card and the 'Victorian' magnetic book mark. She knows me well."

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## **BREAKING NEWS FROM PAT DURBIN**

"I won't be at the next meetng. I'll probably be at Swedish with Frank. We don't know when he'll be coming home, but probably before next weekend. Just in case...here it is.

Thank you to all the Club members for the Belmont gift certificate. Hosting installation was fun and I appreciate that you thought of doing that, since all I really had to do for the day was be sure the bathrooms were clean and the house was dusted!"

Note: Pat sent an email to all of us later to say the surgery was postponed and gave us news of what's to come for Frank.

We send our best wishes to Pat and Frank.

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## **Stress Management for Women!**

. , 1 \* Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!

2 \* Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

3 \* Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

4 \* Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.

5 \* If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

6 \* If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

7 \* It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

8 \* Never buy a car you can't push.

9 \* Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

10 \* Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

# The Global Voice

This month, Soroptimists reported on 325 club projects, raising US\$457248 and helping 28231 women and girls.



## ACTION

### **Papua New Guinea: Shocking Incidents of Gender violence**

Judy Muliap, Soroptimist International's National Representative in PNG, has highlighted the horrific extent of violence against women in the Pacific nation after the "barbaric and inhuman" rape and murder of a woman in Ramu village. This is just the latest in a catalogue of atrocities, including widespread domestic abuse and an escalation in sorcery-related killings and violence.

Soroptimist International has written to the the Government of Papua New Guinea calling on them to take concrete steps to tackle violence against women and bring perpetrators to justice. In May, SI Lae, SI Port Moresby (pictured) and SI Ramu took part in national protests against gender-violence and clubs continue to work to change attitudes that underpin it through talks in schools and education programmes. [Read more about violence against women in PNG, Soroptimist action and how you can help.](#)

### **Film Celebrates Birthing in Pacific**

Birthing in Pacific is a Soroptimist project to reduce maternal mortality in Papua New Guinea by training and equipping birth attendants, educating communities and improving health facilities. SI has produced a short film, [Birthing in Pacific: Tackling Maternal Mortality in Papua New Guinea](#) - watch and see how Soroptimists working together can save lives!