

SOROPTIMIST NEWS

Soroptimist International of Port Townsend/East Jefferson County

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Meeting Place (1st and 2nd Thursday at noon): Highway 20 Roadhouse,
Port Townsend

Schedule for December

December 4: Program Meeting

December 11: Business Meeting

December 15: Christmas Party
and Dinner at the Belmont

December Birthdays:

Wendy Duede: December 8

Janet Jacobs: December 31

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

January 17: Gudrun turns 9
(Wendy)

January 26: Sophia turns 6
(Betty)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Soroptimist Sisters:

Can you believe we've come to the holiday season again?! We've just finished getting together with family and friends with reflections of thankfulness. I've decided that next year I will be very thankful if my kids take over cooking the dinner!

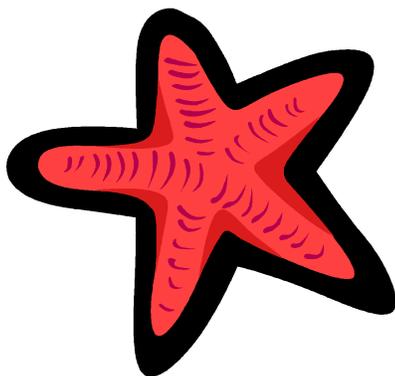
As my family gathered together, I made sure I savored every moment with them. We lost my mother-in-law, Beverly, the 26th of October, so there was one less member at the table. I hope all of you were able to spend time with your loved ones, it's the time spent with them we should all treasure the most.

As December rolls in, it's time to look forward to Christmas and gathering again! The decorating, the shopping, the food, the cheer--it can be overwhelming! This time of year is also called the Season of Giving, and there are many ways to give. You can give your time, your service; donate goods and money to causes, etc. I've resolved that this month, I'm going to look for more ways to give.

Ways to give may include paying for the next person's coffee, sending a Secret Santa gift card to someone I know who could really use it, taking dinner to a shut in, Christmas for Children sorting, the possibilities are endless!!!

And yet, this is how I met most of you! Your desire to give back to the community and support the women and girls is what you do not just in December – but all year long. Thank you for your service and support, I appreciate every one of you! I hope all of you have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to another new year of working with my Soroptimist Sisters.

Wendy



Mark your Calendar:

2015 NW Region Conference:

April 9-12, Hyatt Regency, Bellevue, WA

2015 SI Convention:

July 9-12, Istanbul, Turkey

2015 District 1 Meeting:

October 9-11, Little Creek Casino, Shelton, WA

2016 SIA Convention:

July, Orlando, FL

Program Speaker Notes:

Joanie Williams from Backpacks for Kids Port Townsend is the December speaker.

FROM OUR SOROPTIMIST SISTERS IN SEQUIM:



From the SI Sequim Newsletter: Our delegate to the District meeting in October Diane Kenyon was shown with Kathy Purcell of Sequim:



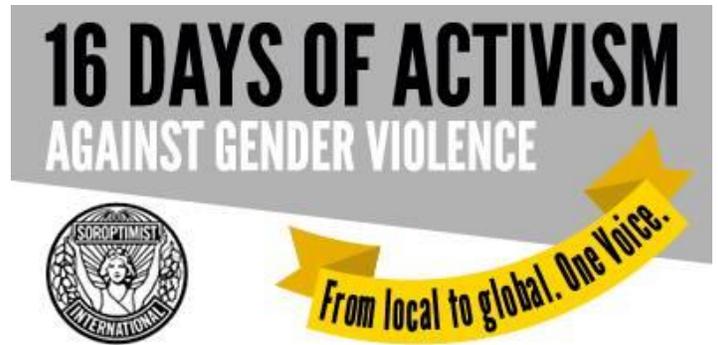
CHRISTMAS PARTY:

(From Barb Reavis)

Just a reminder to everyone that our Christmas Dinner will be on December 15 at the Belmont at 6 PM. There will be a white elephant gift exchange (\$10.00 or so). Spouses and significant others are welcome too! We will be able to order from the menu. Please let me know if you are planning to attend and if you are bringing a guest by Friday the 12th so I can confirm our reservation.

Thank you!

Between November 25 and December 10 Soroptimists around the world will focus on 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, taking a look at topics such as Trafficking, Cyberbullying, and Domestic Violence.



Member News:

From Pat Durbin: I'm enjoying Thanksgiving with family in California. It's 80 degrees, but I still wouldn't trade Port Townsend for it!

From Ruth Gordon: I have been busy working and frequently working out of town. For some reason there are just a ton of meetings this time of the year. Tomorrow I leave for several days in Portland to celebrate Thanksgiving with friends. It will be my first trip to do something other than go to meetings since Mom died. I wish you all the many joys of the season.

From Barb Reavis: We are visiting family in Sacramento and spending the holiday here in the sun.

I even went to a Fleetwood Mac concert with my 14 year old grandson and daughter in law. They still sound awesome! It was a wonderful show!

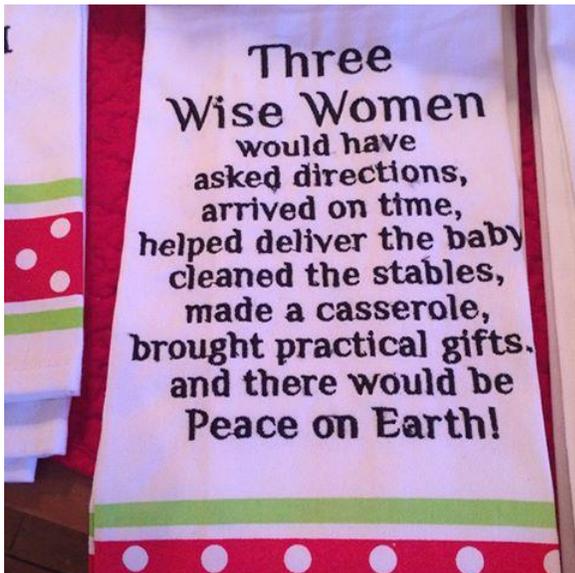
From Janet Jacobs: I'm with both my kids for Thanksgiving, and we had dinner outside this year — wow.

Meandered down to Arizona, stopping in Spokane to do all the quilt shops with my friend, then on to Boise for time with my nephew/niece and wine tasting, then 2 nights on the road before arrival. About 1800 miles — yikes!

I treated myself to a new I-Pad and new I-Mac so am splitting my time between classes at the Apple store, cooking, knitting and sewing — plus cribbage (my son is cleaning my clock on this). I hope you are having a nice holiday. See you soon. My best to all.

From Betty Oakes: Penny and I spent Thanksgiving at the casino. Wonderful buffet dinner, but the one-armed bandits made the price of the dinner steeper than originally planned.

Here is some food for thought from me for December:



Secret Sister News:

From Ella Sandvig: Thank you Secret Sister for the Birthday presents. Especially for the candy!!! I can't wait to see who you are!

From Joy McFadden: Thank you Secret Sister for the yummy Thanksgiving sweets. I am enjoying them. Have a holly jolly holiday!

From Katy Guthridge: A huge Thank You to my secret sister for the incredible Ferrero Rocher chocolates! They were enjoyed by everyone on Thanksgiving.

From Janet Jacobs: I received a very nice holiday card from my secret sister — thank you!

From Betty Oakes: I want to thank my secret sister for the great cards she has been sending!

From Penny Westerfield: Thanks to my secret sister for the beautiful Thanksgiving card.

ELLA'S JOKE CORNER:

NEW VERSIONS OF OLD STORIES

JACK AND JILL went up the hill to have a little fun. Stupid Jill forgot the pill and now they have a son.

MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB, her father shot it dead. Now it goes to school with her between two hunks of bread.

HUMPTY DUMPTY sat on a wall. Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. All the king's horses and all the king's men had scrambled eggs for breakfast again.

HEY DIDDLE DIDDLE the cat took a Piddle, all over the bedside clock. The little dog laughed to see such fun, then died of electric shock.

GEORGIE PORGEY, pudding and pie, kissed the girls and made them cry. And when the boys came out to play, he kissed them too cause he was gay.