

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Happy February, my Soroptimist Sisters.

I can hardly believe we are into the second month of the year already! We had the holidays to get through and before you knew it, we celebrated New Year's! We are still in the midst of the Soroptimist year, however, and we still have work to do. Please mark your calendars for the Bremerton Area Meeting on February 28. This meeting is on a Saturday and I hope most of you can plan to attend. These meetings are great, you can see what other nearby clubs are doing and it is a great opportunity to gather ideas and information.

The Region Conference is April 9-12 at the Bellevue Hyatt. These conferences are an even bigger group and they help to reenergize and to see a bigger vision. A whole roomful of women who feel the same way we do about benefitting the lives of women and girls is pretty exciting!

The coupon books are now reduced to \$10, and we still have some to sell if you've already sold your first installment. It will be time soon to put our energies into another fundraiser. For now, let's finish this one. We've all done so well with it this year.

On Thursday, February 5, Kate Burke will talk to us about women's heart health. We are all invited to wear **red** that day in support of the cause. Hope to see you all then!

Wendy

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Schedule for February

February 5: Program Meeting

February 12: Business Meeting

February 19: Dinner Meeting
(Judy's House)

February Hostesses:

Judy Cavett and Diane Kenyon

February Birthdays:

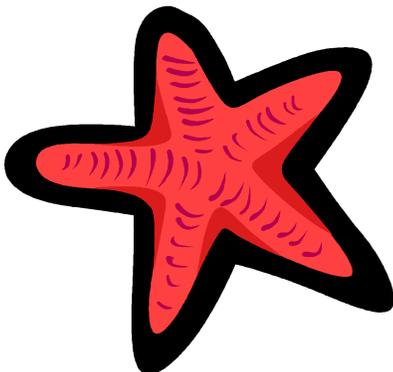
Joy McFadden (February 9)

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

March 11 (Noah turns 4)—Anji

March 14 (JoJo turns 7)—Anji

March 20 (Lucas turns 2)--Diane



Mark your Calendar:

2015 Area Meeting:
February 28, Bremerton, WA
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 20-23, Orlando, FL

Program Speaker Notes:

Kate Burke, Marketing Manager/Foundation Director, Jefferson Healthcare, who will be speaking on Heart Health for Women.

She requests that we all wear red to the meeting.





Live Your Dream Award Winner Announced:

Janet Jacobs, Live Your Dream Award Chair, has announced our winner, Jessica Wright. Jessica will be attending our February 12 meeting to tell us about herself, her schooling and her goals. Be sure to attend the meeting to meet Jessica!

Member News:

From Ruth: Ruth is looking forward to the arrival of her daughter Lauren, who will be visiting Port Townsend with her first serious boyfriend in quite a while. Mr. Right lives in Sacramento, and this will be his first trip to Port Townsend. It will be a quick visit but, really, it's kind of amazing that they are taking two days out of a four day visit to come home and see Mom, so all in all it's awesome. Lauren already has every minute planned, and they'll be catching a ferry that sets sail after the Super Bowl starts (hoping for no traffic), and they expect to be back in Seattle in time to celebrate a huge victory for the Seahawks with the team's home town crowd. By the way, Mr. Right turns 27 on Tuesday. Ruth has already met him and thinks he is pretty terrific.

From Bickie: The desert has been beautiful but the weather has been typical Northwest--overcast and even some rain for the last couple of weeks. Gary's childhood friend and his wife arrive February 1 and the weather is warming up which is nice since they are from Minnesota.

From Ella: January has been medical appointments month (dental, eyes, back, etc.!) I'm also trying to stay calm in the pre-Super Bowl days! I wish I had a Valium for Sunday's game. Yes, I know, it's just a game! January's weather has been great! See you next Thursday, wearing **red!**

From Janet: I've been sick with the plague-like flu for a month now. Every day I think I will stop coughing, and then I cough some more! I'll be starting my drive home this Tuesday, picking up my dog in Portland on Saturday and hopefully will be home for dinner that day (February 7). I'll be at the business meeting on February 12, and

then I'll be leaving for England on February 18 and returning March 4.

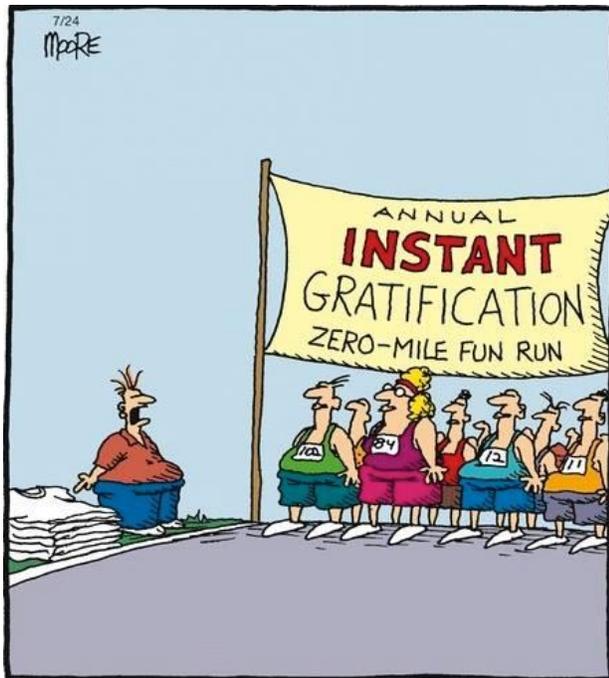
Secret Sister News:

From Bickie: I want to thank my secret sister for the Christmas card she sent.

From Janet: A belated thank you to my secret sister for the beautiful flowers I received for my 70th birthday! I had a wonderful day! My son took me to dinner and a party at the Biltmore and we did everything including dancing and popping balloons at midnight.

From Alyce: Thanks to my secret sister for the Macy's gift card. I now have the most stylish bra that I've ever owned. I had fun shopping and hope it shows!

From Betty: I finally found a race I could participate in:



"Runners to your mark. Get set. Go! ... OK, come get your T-shirts."

THESE ARE ACTUAL COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY "THOMAS COOK VACATIONS" FROM DISSATISFIED CUSTOMERS:

1. "On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food."
2. "They should not allow topless sunbathing on the beach. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax."
3. "We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Spanish."
4. "We booked an excursion to a water park but no one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price."
5. "The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room."
6. "We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow."
7. "It's lazy of the local shopkeepers in Puerto Vallarta to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during siesta time--this should be banned."
8. "No one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared."
9. "Although the brochure said that there was a fully equipped kitchen, there was no egg-slicer in the drawers."
10. "I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local convenience store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."
11. "The roads were uneven and bumpy, so we could not read the local guide book during the bus ride to the resort. Because of this, we were unaware of many things that would have made our holiday more fun."

12. "It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair."

13. "I compared the size of our one-bedroom suite to our friends' three-bedroom suite and ours was significantly smaller."

14. "The brochure stated: 'No hairdressers at the resort.' We're trainee hairdressers and we think they knew and made us wait longer for service."

15. "When we were in Spain, there were too many Spanish people there. The receptionist spoke Spanish, the food was Spanish. No one told us that there would be so many foreigners."

16. "We had to line up outside to catch the boat and there was no air conditioning."

17. "It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."

18. "I was bitten by a mosquito. The brochure did not mention mosquitoes."

19. "My fiancée and I requested twin beds when we booked, but instead we were placed in a room with a king-sized bed. We now hold you responsible and want to be reimbursed for the fact that I became pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in the room that we booked."

BE AWARE! THEY WALK AMONG US AND THEY VOTE!

Ella's Joke Corner (although she says they came from Wendy, so I guess this would be Wendy's joke corner):

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

I don't trip over things, I do random gravity checks.

I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.

Old age is coming at a really bad time!

When I was a child I thought nap time was a punishment. Now, as a grown up, it just feels like a small vacation.

The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

Lord grant me the strength to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the friends to post my bail when I finally snap.

I don't have gray hair. I have "wisdom highlights." I'm just very wise.

My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work.

Teach your daughter how to shoot, because a restraining order is just a piece of paper.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.

The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes."

I like my middle finger best because it always sticks up for me!

I'm going to retire and live off my savings. Not sure what I'll do that second week.

I've lost my mind and I'm pretty sure my kids took it!

Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound!