

SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for October

October 2: Program Meeting

October 9: Business Meeting

October 16: Dinner Meeting

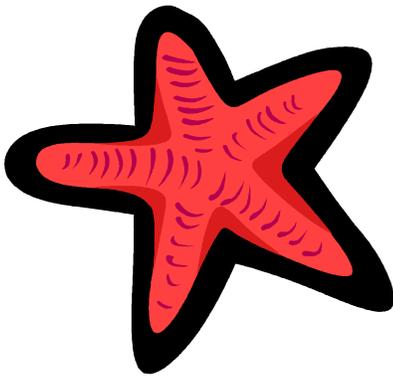
Judy Cavett's House

October Birthdays:

None

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Aurora (girl) 14 on 11/28 (Katy)



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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good-bye Summer, hello Autumn! Hasn't it been a great summer?! As we settle into the fall, it's time to think about where we plan to go this year and how we are going to get there. October is a time for pumpkins--whether they are carved into jack-o-lanterns, served in lattes or baked into pies, we all get to enjoy them somehow. October is also the month that Soroptimists celebrate Founders Day. It began in October 3, 1921, when the first club in Alameda County, California, called to order its first business meeting.

Did you know that is the origin of the annual collection of *Founder's Pennies*? As a part of the dues you pay each year, our club contributes Founder's Pennies for each member. These contributions directly fund SIA's annual programs, grants, and awards.

The Founder Pennies tradition began in World War II as the Madame Noel Fund, which collected one penny for each year of Soroptimist's existence, and used the money to help re-establish clubs in Europe that had disbanded as a result of pre-war political conditions and the war itself. After World War II, the fund was renamed the Founders Fund, and provided international fellowships, scholarships and other awards to improve the status of women. Beginning in the 1960s, Founders Pennies provided funding for the Youth-Citizenship Awards, and in 1972 the Women's Opportunity Awards (then called the Training Awards Program). Founders Pennies are now used to fund SIA programs that support the Soroptimist mission to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world.

October is ALSO the month we kick off our biggest fundraiser of the year. Thank you Judy and Anne for your contributions in getting this coupon book created and printed for us. Books will be out soon and there will be a drawing for goodies for one lucky purchaser this year--more details to follow; and we all need to get involved to ensure the success of this project for club scholarships.

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." Mother Teresa

"One isn't necessarily born with courage, but one is born with potential. Without courage, we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency. We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous, or honest." – Maya Angelou

Wendy

Mark your Calendar:

2014 District 1 Meeting:

October 24-26, Doubletree, Southcenter, Seattle, 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, Orlando, FL

Program Speaker Notes:



Our speaker for October will either be Carla Caldwell, JCCF Executive Director, or Nikki Russell, Community Engagement Director, who is heading up the UGN campaign this year.

Girls Night Out:



11th Annual Port Townsend
Girls' Night Out
GATSBY GLITZ!
Thursday, Oct. 2nd
11 am – 8 pm
Uptown & Downtown!
A day & night of fun & shopping dozens of stores.
Wear some glitz! Specials & treats.
Raffle tickets \$5—you could win a "Gatsby Glitz" Night on the Town!
Sponsored by the Port Townsend Main Street Program, Jefferson Healthcare, Ozone Socks & generous merchants
Details www.ptmainstreet.org

We are donating a coupon book for the raffle!



Welcome to the Soroptimist Live Your Dream Awards!

Are You Eligible?
Do ALL of the following statements apply to you?
I am the primary financial support for myself and my dependents
I have never earned a graduate degree
I live in one of Soroptimist's 20 countries and territories
I have never received a Live Your Dream or Women's Opportunity Award
I am accepted or enrolled in a vocational training or undergraduate degree program
I have financial need
I am not a Soroptimist member, employee or immediate family of either
I am motivated to achieve my educational and career goals!
If so, YOU are eligible to apply for the Live Your Dream Awards!
Go to <http://www.soroptimist.org/awards/live-your-dream-awards.html> to learn how you can apply for this life changing award.

Soroptimist clubs have been empowering women through access to education since 1972 with our cornerstone program—the Soroptimist Live Your Dream Awards (formerly the Women's Opportunity Awards).



live YOUR dream
education & training awards for women
More than 60% of online students today are women. And the majority of those women are over age 25. (Source: AAUW)

Member News:

From Bickie Steffan: Mark your calendars—Girls' Night Out is Thursday, October 2, 11:00 AM to 8PM. We have over 35 stores signed up offering special sales, entertainment, refreshments and fun all day. Hope to see you all that day!

Thanks.
Bickie

From Judy Cavett: We are in at the Farmer's Market! Here is what they tell us: No charge to come once or twice and plenty of space right now. More than twice is a onetime payment of \$30. Come any time!

From Barb Reavis: Bob and I spent a few days in Osooyos, B.C., at a cousin's condo earlier in the month (a mini cousin reunion). It's a lovely area, just over the border off 97, with a beautiful lake, vineyards and orchards. We sampled some unusual wines with the stand out being a "fire" wine that is bottled with a hot pepper in it. Yummy!

From Ella Sandvig: Hey Secret Sister! You are an angel! UPS delivered these flowers to my door, with chocolates no less! My birthday is not until November, but I will accept these as my birthday present! I have the flowers on the fireplace hearth where I can see them from my reading and TV watching chair. They really brightened up a cloudy dull day. Thank you so much.



From Katy Guthridge: My big news is that a week ago today I traded in Miss Daisy and got a 2005 Subaru Outback! I needed to have a vehicle that could get me safely over Stephens Pass in the winter. I love my new car and must say, even though it was sad to say goodbye to the car that was my Mom's (which she loved) and that I'd been driving for eight years, this car feels much more like me! I feel like I'm driving a sports car, it's so zippy!



From Ruth Gordon: Ruth is busier than she wants to be, mostly with work. She is spending a lot of time driving back and forth to Seattle for meetings, and next week will be flying to Spokane for the annual conference of the Washington Association of County Officials. This is a highlight because it's the only time of the year that all the officials get together and it is fun to see everyone. But it's round-the-clock meetings and programs and if your friend Ruth does not get her picture taken sleeping through an afternoon meeting then she counts herself fortunate. It's exhausting, stuffing one's head full of more facts at this time in life! But that is why hotels serve coffee in the back of the conference rooms.... See you all when it's over!

From Janet Jacobs: A good friend from Anchorage spent last week with me. We went to Victoria for Rosh Hashanah services and did the gardens, museum and tea before returning home for her flight on Saturday. High Holiday services conclude this weekend, then I'm off to Ashland

for several plays and some wine tasting from 10/7 through 10/14 or so depending on whether I swing over to Lincoln City on the way back to see my family. Target date to head South is November 1--stopping in Spokane, Boise and St. George enroute to see friends and family.

From Wendy Duede: It was such a great Retreat on Saturday, and I think everyone went away jazzed up for the projects we are looking to accomplish this year.

A special thank you to Judy for the extra time she was able to contribute to the coupon book project. If we all get involved in the coupon book sales and selling them at the grocery or farmer's markets, we stand to get some good income this year.

We just had our cousins here from Oklahoma for a week. They flew from here to Anchorage to visit their son. We were worried about them being in the earthquake last Thursday morning, but they just missed it—they flew out a couple of hours before it happened. They have tornados where they are from, so I don't think they'd appreciate an earthquake.

I'm looking forward to attending the District Meeting the last weekend of October in Seattle with Diane. There is still time to sign up if anyone else is interested in attending. The theme is "To Infinity and Beyond!" We are encouraged to dress up as our favorite toy as a child. Hmmmmm, should I go as Gumby or Raggedy Anne? ☺

ELLA'S JOKE CORNER:

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.

Why is "bra" singular and "panties" plural?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Why did you just try singing the two songs above?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

Why, Why, Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough money?