

SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Fall, my Soroptimist Sisters. As we look forward, it's time for the change of seasons. As it is in our nature to be resistant to change, I thought I'd share part of Stephanie Smith's workshop presentation from Convention, "Navigating the Waters of Change."

Schedule for September

September 4: Program Meeting

September 11: Business Meeting

September 18: Dinner Meeting

Anne Burkart's House

September 27: Retreat, Wendy's house (time to be announced)

September 27: Memorial for Frank Durbin, 2:00 P.M. at the Elk's Club

Imagine us all in a raft. We're wearing our safety helmets and life jackets, we all have paddles and we're about to encounter the wild rapids of change. When the waters are calm, we are all working together to move forward. Nothing upsets us, we are easily paddling along. But when we encounter change, there are wild, tumbling rapids where the water becomes swift and we are bouncing around. Because of the turmoil, the team may not work well together. Someone could lose their paddle; some might even fall out of the raft.

September Birthdays:

Judy Cavett (September 2)

"Be the change you want to see in the world." – **Mahatma Gandhi**

"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude." - **Maya Angelou**

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

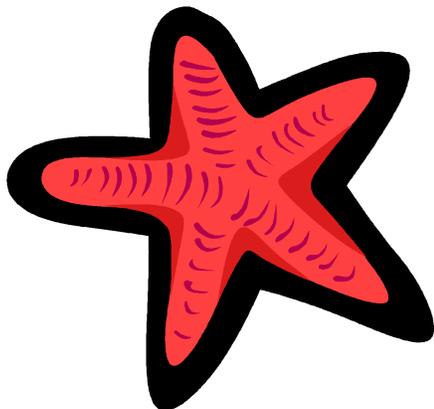
Zilly (girl) 4 on 9/15 (Penny)

Lizzy (girl) 9 on 9/29 (Wendy)

"If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got." – **Anonymous**

"I put a dollar in one of those change machines. Nothing changed." -**George Carlin**

"I'm all for change as long as it doesn't impact me" – **Maxine**



HOW MOST OF US FEEL ABOUT CHANGE:

When asked "would you rather work for change or would you rather just complain?" 81% of the respondents replied, "Do I have to pick? This is hard!"

Going back to the raft analogy, there are 3 ways to react to change:

You can choose to love it by jumping into the raft and being ready to go. You can avoid it by running from the raft. Or, you can have no feeling about it, sit in the raft and only paddle when other people are looking. So, like the change in seasons or the change in waters, we have a choice. We can do our best to avoid it, we can paddle when we have to, or we can embrace it, looking forward to the opportunities ahead.

Wendy

Public Service Announcement:

A Musical Gala: A Fundraiser to Support the Chimacum High School Band Trip to Pearl Harbor, Sponsored by Mary Lou Montgomery and the Choral Belles, will be held on Sunday, September 28 from 2-4 at the Port Townsend Elk's Club. There will be music, a silent auction and a live auction. Admission is by donation.

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:

Kris Meyer, KLMeyer Consulting Group
Ms. Meyer will talk about charter schools and other education topics of note.





DREAM IT * BE IT targets girls in secondary school who face obstacles to their future success. It provides girls with access to professional role models, career education and resources to live their dreams. The topics covered include career opportunities, setting and achieving goals, overcoming obstacles to success and how to move forward after setbacks or failures. In 2015, Soroptimist will launch a financial component to provide girls leaving secondary school with the resources they need to pursue their goals.

Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls will help girls grow up to be strong, successful, happy adults. Dream It, Be It targets girls in secondary school who face obstacles to their future success. It provides girls

with access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live their dreams. Soroptimist clubs will work in partnership with girls in small groups or a conference setting to provide them with the information and resources they want and need to be successful.

For the 2014-2015 Club Year, Soroptimist clubs are asked to learn more about the program and begin planning a local-level project using the Club Planning Toolkit. The curriculum will be released in January 2015. If you have any questions, please contact your region Dream It, Be It chair or program@soroptimist.org.

Why do we have a new girl program? The board of directors has identified the need for SIA programs to provide sustainable, measurable change in the lives of women and girls to grow our collective impact. For a long time, the Violet Richardson Award was SIA's only program for girls. The program's goal was to encourage girls to be life-long volunteers. The board decided there was more Soroptimists could do to ensure girls were socially and economically empowered.

Why was career support selected? We received 412 survey responses from girls in 22 countries, conducted 50 focus groups with girls in seven countries, consulted secondary research and interviewed experts working with girls. We found girls face myriad barriers to living their dreams. However, girls and experts overwhelmingly felt what girls need is access to mentors and trusted adults who can share knowledge and information about how they can pursue their dreams.

What will happen to the Violet Richardson Award? Approximately half of SIA clubs participated in the Violet Richardson Award and many clubs found it a meaningful project in their local community. These clubs are welcome to continue their participation. Materials such as the applications, instructions and certificates will remain on the SIA web site. However, the federation will no longer financially support the region and federation awards. SIA will no longer track club participation or the impact of the program.

What if girls haven't identified a specific career goal? Not all girls will know what they want to be. And even the ones who do will probably change their minds many times before adulthood. Although we don't think all girls will know what they want to do for the rest of their lives, the skills they learn in Dream It, Be It will help them regardless of the career they choose to pursue or when they choose to pursue it.

Clubs are encouraged to explore options for adapting their existing projects to be in line with the goals and objectives of Dream It, Be It. The big goal of SIA is to increase our collective impact. We can only achieve this goal if we are all working on similar projects in order to be able to measure and report on our impact as a global organization.

All clubs will be encouraged to plan a future local project to support Dream It, Be It. But SIA recognizes that this is a large undertaking for some clubs. Some suggestions for these clubs to consider are to:

- Begin long-range planning with the club to see if future participation is possible.
- Consider what the club is already involved in – are each of these projects supporting the SIA big goal of increased collective impact and the SIA mission of improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic impact? Perhaps there are projects the club could divest its resources and apply them to Dream It, Be It.
- Start small – with just a small group of girls in a mentoring atmosphere.
- Donate to Club Giving and the Laurel Society to support the growth of Dream It, Be It.
- Identify partners in the community that would be interested in supporting Dream It, Be It.
- Recruit new members specifically interested in working with girls.

Our newest member, Anji, is now Anji Scalf Cael. Shown below are Anji and Lang on their wedding day, August 3, 2014 (what a beautiful bride!):



A fun time was had by all at the dinner meeting at Bickie's on August 21:



(Above picture left to right: Alyce, Betty, Katy, Penny, Janet, Wendy, Barb, Bickie)

(Below picture left to right: Alyce, Judy, Katy, Penny, Janet, Wendy, Barb, Bickie)



Member News:

From Fran O'Brien: I'm doing fine. Nothing too exciting here. I celebrated birthday # 82 the end of July. Jere decided I needed a new car so she gave me one for my birthday. Some birthday present huh?? I had debated about getting a new one, but decided I didn't drive that much here so

canceled the idea only to have her do this. It's very nice I have to admit. It's a Buick Valero, somewhat smaller than my old one and of course drives very nice. It is a nice deep red.

James, #1 son, is supposed to be here for Labor Day weekend. That's about all the visitors we have to look forward to for the moment.

Allen, #2 son, finished his chemo treatments earlier this year but still isn't up to travel yet as he is still very susceptible to any bugs floating around. Jere was diagnosed with breast cancer in June so she is now receiving chemo for that. Prospect is good as they caught it early but will be late November when she finishes with this session. Somehow makes you wonder what went wrong, as to my knowledge, there was no cancer in either of our family backgrounds.

We plan on seeing The Hundred Yard Journey one of these days. Preview looked good. Also want to see Gone Girl as we have all read the book.

All of the ex-Soroptimists that are here in Arizona are pretty scattered although Karen (can't remember her last name) moved to Queen Creek which is fairly close to Chandler. I know Judi Morris is north of Phoenix, closer to the flooded mess we currently have going on. Nancy Stelow was in or near Tucson a year or so ago. Haven't heard anything more from her.

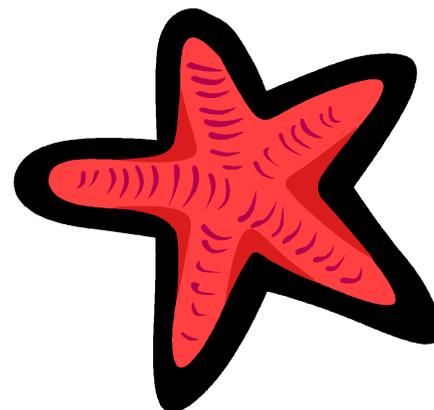
From Bickie Steffan: I am looking for someone to work in the store 1 or 2 days a week and also to help fill in for vacations. If anyone is interested or knows anyone who might be interested they can give me a call at 385-6406.

From Janet Jacobs: Lots of company and it isn't over yet. I'll be traveling to Long Beach WA, Lincoln City, OR (Dad's birthday 9/2), Victoria and Ashland between now and when I leave for the winter.

From Wendy Duede: I stayed home this weekend, took my 5-year old granddaughter shopping yesterday for school clothes for Kindergarten. They grow up so very fast! I'm also getting ready for company—cousins from Oklahoma

will be here in 2 weeks, so I'll have another week off to have time to show them around. We may go to the Western WA Fair (do the Puyallup!), or we may go out to the beach for a few days.

From Ella Sandvig: (Apparently Ella has been moonlighting as a pirate)



ELLA'S JOKE CORNER:

Steven Wright quotes:

I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.

Borrow money from pessimists—they don't expect it back.

Half the people you know are below average.

99% lawyers give the rest a bad name.

82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.

A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

If you want the rainbow, you have got to put up with the rain.

All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand.

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

I almost had a psychic girlfriend—but she left me before we met.

OK, so what's the speed of dark?

How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?

If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.

Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.

I intend to live forever—so far, so good.

If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?



Another Dream Shattered!!

Someone has finally managed to photograph the Pot at the end of the rainbow. Wouldn't you know it!