

PRESIDENT: Wendy Duede

EDITOR: Betty Oakes

Schedule for January

January 14: Lunch meeting
(11:30 at The Cup)

January 21: Dinner/Business
Meeting 5:30. Location to be
announced

January Birthdays:

None

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Gudrun (11 on 1/17) Wendy

Hunter (13 on 1/20) **WE**
NEED A VOLUNTEER!!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year everyone!

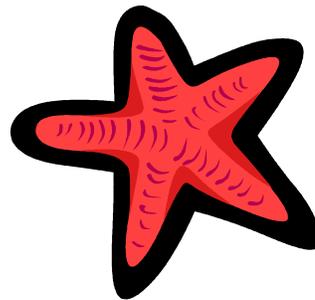
A new year and new beginnings—and some reflections on the past year: With the new year, I'm getting ready for some big changes at work—so I'm not going to call a planning workshop in January. I'm hoping we can all get together for some brainstorming in February.

January 13 marks the closure of our Yankee Candle fundraiser. I can resend the link if anyone is still interested in ordering online. I don't have the total figures, but we were able to make a few dollars on this project without having to put very much time into it.

The coupon books are out there and Ruth has additional books if you still need some to sell or want to buy a copy of your very own. We will be having the drawing in a couple of weeks, so now is the time to get them out there. I'm going to test just how many of you read my message, so please e-mail me with your answer. Now the question—with half of the coupon season drawing near, I'd like to know your opinion on dropping the price of the book back to ten dollars so we can get them sold. I'd wait for a meeting, but time is of the essence on this one.

2015 was a year of changes and I'm looking forward to 2016! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and I look forward to seeing you in this New Year!

President Wendy



Mark your Calendar:

Area Meeting

February 20, Poulsbo

2016 NW Region Conference

April 21-24, 2016, Spokane, WA

Davenport Hotel

2016 SIA 44th Biennial Convention:

July 20-23, Orlando, FL

Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel



Member News:

From Pat Durbin: I spent Christmas Day with my best friends in Port Townsend, then the next day I headed for a reunion in Chicago with all my kids and all but one grandchild. All in all, it was a fabulous holiday!

From Ruth Gordon: I was blessed to spend Christmas with my brother (my only sibling) and his wife for the first time in 21 years. We had a great time together. I also survived the annual High Tea weekend, thanks to the excellent help of my daughter Lauren. We had back to back high teas the Saturday and Sunday after Christmas. It was lots of fun, but lots of work. It's an event that always feels better as a memory than as an upcoming obligation, so it's great that it is done. On to 2016! Happy New Year!

From Ella Sandvig: I didn't make the Christmas Party—darn! I also had to cancel two other parties. And--after six weeks of acute bronchitis—I got a UTI! @\$%^& (I can't say the swear words I want to use in this family newsletter!) I'm okay now and am looking forward to our meetings in January. See you then!!

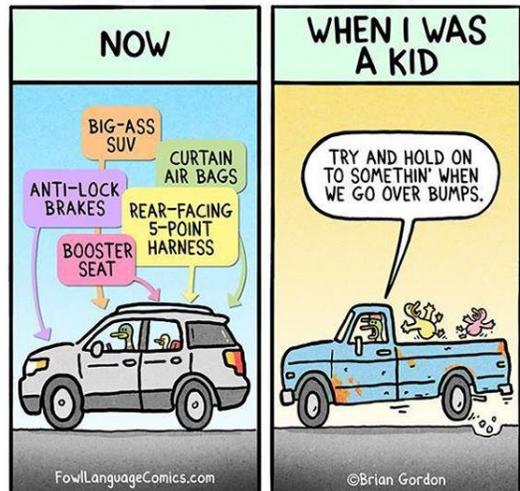
From Penny Westerfield: I would like to thank the club for the lovely flowers. It's now been a week and a half since the surgery so healing is still happening. I have my first follow up with the surgeon on January 5. I'm anxious to get the physical therapy started. I have no idea when I'll be returning to work but hopefully soon. Betty has been a godsend for wheels, mail, and food. I hope to see you all soon.

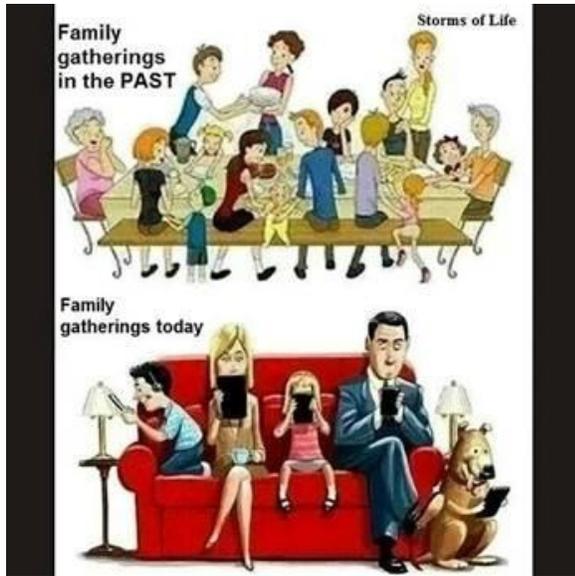
From Carol Wise: Happy New Year to one and all! I have a happy report on my son Lance in Maryland. While I was there for Christmas he received a report of concern for his kidney. (We are over 2 years with this kidney.) They came back and required a biopsy, however, they moved it from immediately to the Monday after Christmas (relief from urgent) and the test shows the kidney is fine! Yay! The neuropathy may need steroids, but that is to be expected. I'm a thankful Mom! Happy New Year!

From Betty Oakes: I don't think we properly congratulated Wendy upon becoming a member of the Laurel Society at the District Meeting last October. Congrats, Wendy!!

And—some cartoons from me:

CAR SAFETY FOR CHILDREN





*Great response from a musician about a club looking for free bands:

craigslist ^{ca} vancouver, BC ^w van rvn bnc rds prml rch english | français

We are a small & casual restaurant in downtown Vancouver and we are looking for solo musicians to play in our restaurant to promote their work and sell their CD. This is not a daily job, but only for special events which will eventually turn into a nightly event if we get positive response. More Jazz, Rock, & smooth type music, around the world and mixed cultural music. Are you interested to promote your work? Please reply back ASAP.

Reply:

Happy New Year! I am a musician with a big house looking for a restaurateur to promote their restaurant and come to my house to make dinner for my friends and I. This is not a daily job, but only for special events which will eventually turn into a nightly event if we get positive response. More fine dining & exotic meals and mixed Ethnic Fusion cuisine. Are you interested to promote your restaurant? Please reply back ASAP.

ELLA'S JOKE CORNER:

MORE MEDICAL MISDIRECTORY

- Pap Smear: A fatherhood test
- Post Operative: Letter carrier
- Pelvis: A cousin to Elvis
- Recovery Room: A place to do upholstery
- Rectum: Dang near killed 'em
- Tablet: A small table
- Morbid: A higher offer
- Terminal Illness: Getting sick at the airport
- Tumor: More than one
- Urine: Opposite of you're out
- Varicose: Nearby

