

SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for June

June 9: Lunch/Business Meeting (11:30 at US Bank)
BYO Lunch

June: Dinner Meeting/
Installation—location and date to be announced.

June Birthdays:

Diane Kenyon: June 16

July Birthdays:

Betty Oakes July 17
Ruth Gordon July 19
Fran O'Brien July 29

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Floyd (6 on June 7) Ruth
Zeza (9 on June 13) Ruth
Addilyn (4 on July 4) Wendy
Malachi (11 on July 4) Katy
Hannah (11 on July 12) Janet
Landon (4 on July 16) Betty
Mary (10 on July 20) Alyce
Saphina (3 on July 24) Pat

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Sisters!

As I sit in bridge traffic with my window rolled down, I'm reminded of just how lucky we are to live in this beautiful country! The sun is shining, and I can see the water through the trees.

It's so easy to take for granted those things that are so familiar to us. Today is Memorial Day, a time to remember those who gave so much so that we could be free. Free to choose, free to speak our minds, free to live and to choose our own religions.

Time is fleeting; I find it hard to believe that two years have gone by. We've enjoyed many moments together and I want all of you to know you are all so appreciated! Thank you for the opportunity to lead, and thank you for all of your help along the way!

Be sure to take a moment to reflect, and to thank a Veteran today!

President Wendy



Mark your Calendar:

2016 SIA 44th Biennial Convention:

July 20-23, Orlando, FL
Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel

2016 District 1 Meeting:

October 21-23, Bellevue Marriott, Bellevue, WA

2017 NW Region Conference:

April 27-30, Hilton Vancouver, Vancouver, WA



Member News:

Ella Sandvig is recuperating from a visit to her dermatologist. She had a biopsy that bled a lot and calls for a band aid on the face when out in public. It turned out to be benign which is good, but aggravating!! She is enjoying all the hummingbirds at her feeders and all the roses in the garden.

From Pat Durbin: I thoroughly enjoyed hosting SIPT for dinner in May. What a great group of ladies! Also, I want to thank Ruth for the beautiful flowers from her garden, and all of you who sent birthday wishes to me. My son visited for four days from Chicago, and it was great having him here.

From Ruth Gordon: Ruth volunteered for the 10th year at Shrimpfest in Brinnon. Obviously this year people have more money in their pockets, or think they have, than has been the case for many years. The Shrimp Booth sold out the whole weekend's shrimp in 5.5 hours. The lines just did not stop, even though the weather was pretty darned brisk on the Hood Canal. People drove to Brinnon from all over western Washington to come to Shrimpfest. Also, Ruth dug up a

whole bunch of root cuttings of red rugose roses from the Courthouse borders (with permission) and planted four different spots in our park with the starts. Hopefully they will take root and eventually thrive and fill in some of the empty spots. There is currently a great deal of dead material in the park that needs to be pruned. No digging necessary, but does anyone want to join in on a workday at the park? Whatever our gardener is doing for us, it's not pruning and hauling away dead branches. Things would look a whole lot better if we gave it some attention. Who is willing to help? We could go to lunch after we've cried "Uncle!"

ELLA'S BLAST FROM THE PAST:

We have had many projects in the past. Here are some of them:

1957-1967:

Aid to Anchorage Earthquake Victims
Sponsored Safe Teen Program

*1977-1987:

Action Auction
Four Benches installed on Water Street
Rhody Bed Race
Child Car Seats for Low-Income Mothers
Financial support for new Domestic Violence Program
Women's History Week Workshop
First Women of Distinction Awards to:
Mary Tudor, Eleanor Stopps and Margaret Berry

*We probably had at least 40 members then!



ELLA's JOKE CORNER:

If you're not familiar with the work of Steven Wright, he's the famous Erudite (comic) scientist who once said: "I woke up one morning, and all of my stuff had been stolen and replaced by exact duplicates." His mind sees things differently than most of us do. Here are some of his gems that are my favorites:

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% of 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 psychokinesis, 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 obviously 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?

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."

Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?

If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.

The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.

The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.

The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.

Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.