

PRESIDENT: Wendy Duede

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Schedule for May

May 12: Lunch/Business Meeting (11:30 at US Bank)

May 19: Dinner Meeting 5:30 at Pat Durbin's home.

May Birthdays:

Alyce Hansen: May 4

Katy Guthridge: May 4

Pat Durbin: May 23

June Birthdays:

Diane Kenyon: June 16

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Dakota (16 on May 12) Carol

Floyd (6 on June 7) Ruth

Zeza (9 on June 13)—**NEED A VOLUNTEER**

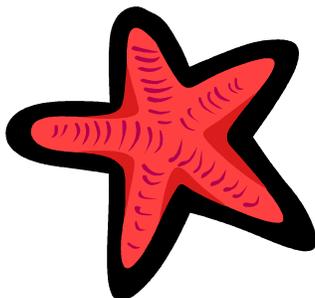
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone! The Northwestern Region Conference in Spokane was attended by 335 Soroptimists from all over Washington, Oregon, Montana, Alaska and Northern Idaho. SI Port Townsend attendees were Betty, Katy, Penny, and me. While there, we attended workshops, voted on important issues, heard about Live Your Dream winners, and networked with other clubs. There were many service projects and many ways to earn money for them.

For fundraising, there were so many projects big and small. Some clubs run thrift shops; others are able to run an auction dinner or luncheon. One club does a housewares swap, and they helped kickoff a "junktique" glorified garage sale for another group. A smaller club made \$8,000 in profit by selling their cookbooks over a two year period. Quite a few play Bunco—they have fun while raising money!

Projects can vary greatly, as well. Great Falls, MT, has a Soroptimist Village—they provide housing to those in need. Other clubs fill backpacks with school supplies, get medical attention for low income women, and of course, scholarships—lots and lots of scholarships. Every club helps at least 15 women and girls per year; it makes me so proud to be a part of such a great organization and proud to call all of you my friends!

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



By Betty Oakes

While attending the Region Conference in Spokane, I was happy to hear that 81 of the 86 clubs in the Region gave Live Your Dream Awards (formerly named the Women’s Opportunity Award). Of the 86 Clubs, 4 are in jeopardy, which leaves 82 clubs. So, 81 of the 82 active clubs gave a Live Your Dream Award which was submitted to Region. So I wonder who the 82nd club was. No need to guess—it was us!!!!

I feel that in a town like Port Townsend and the surrounding East Jefferson County represented by our club, we surely can find someone to give this honor to and submit their name to Region. I have gone online and obtained the following information:

- Application period opens July 1 and closes November 15
- Club Judging: November 15 – January 15
- Mail Club Packet to Region Chair by January 15
- District Judging: February 1-15
- Region Judging: February 16-March 1

The Eligibility Requirements:

(Directed toward the eligible women)

- Provide the primary financial support for yourself and your dependents. Dependents can include children, spouse, partner, siblings and/or parents.
- Have financial need.
- Are enrolled in or have been accepted to a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program.
- Are motivated to achieve your education and career goals.
- Have not previously been the recipient of a Soroptimist Women’s Opportunity Award or Live Your Dream Award
- Do not have a graduate degree.
- Are not a Soroptimist member, an employee of Soroptimist International of the Americas, or immediate family of either. Immediate family is defined to include spouse/partner, parents, siblings, children or grandchildren by adoption, blood or marriage.

WE CAN DO IT!!!!



NW Region Conference Report:

By Penny Westerfield

Attending any kind of Soroptimist gathering, be it Area, District, or Region, is always an uplifting experience. Sometimes when we feel our little club isn’t doing that much, we meet people from other clubs who are just as small. Collectively,

we realize that all of us are making a difference regardless of club size.

There was a lot to celebrate at the Region conference in Spokane. We applauded many young women who came from pretty sad backgrounds and are now improving their lives helped by Soroptimist Live Your Dream Awards and other scholarships. They are true inspirations and I'm deeply humbled every time I hear their stories.

Our keynote speaker was the president and CEO of Soul Pancake based in Los Angeles. The company was tired of all the negativity in the world and they wanted to do something about it. So they make positive, feel good videos that are posted on You Tube. They use real people, not actors, and tape them in interesting situations to see what happens. Most videos have worked, some have not. The best ones are posted on the internet. Please Google them, look for Kid President (my personal favorite), among others. You will laugh, cry, and just feel good all over.

And we also celebrated the installation of Stephanie Smith as our new region governor for the 2016-2018 Biennium. Who doesn't love Stephanie? Her sports-oriented theme "Team Work Makes the Dream Work" is fun and promises many good things the next two years.

Member News:

From Bickie Steffan: It is that time of the year again to return north. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in May.

From Janet Jacobs: After Passover, six plays in Ashland and a family visit, I am headed home in the morning. I can't wait to see my yard and garden!

From Ruth Gordon: The month of April went by in a blur! Ruth spent LOTS more time than she planned helping to plan for the 2016 Jefferson County Democrats' Convention (where local delegates for presidential candidates are selected to move on toward the National Convention). The platform and various resolutions are voted on at that meeting, too. Due to the amazing popularity of Bernie Sanders this year, the committee was

planning for a very large turnout of first-time convention-goers. In the end, everything we planned for and a whole lot more happened, and everyone survived. It's always a good thing to wrap up a county convention!



Wendy, Penny, Betty and Katy on Red/White/Blue Friday night wearing the red, white and blue scarves that Wendy made for us.



ELLA'S BLAST FROM THE PAST:

On March 8, 1996, to celebrate National Women's History Week, we presented a program for the community entitled "WOMEN: BUILDERS OF COMMUNITIES AND DREAMS."

The program went this way:

10-11 a.m.:

DEALING WITH CONFLICT (Presenter: Sally Weinschrott, WSU/Jefferson County Agent)

11:15-12:15:

BUILDING DREAMS AFTER FIFTY (Facilitator: Ginger White, Geriatric Social Worker and a panel of Active women Over Fifty)

12:15-1:15:

LUNCH (bring a sack lunch, we will provide beverage and dessert)

1:15-2:15:

SINGLE PARENTING (Facilitator: Penny Herrick, M.S.W. and a panel of single parents).

2:30-3:30:

WOMEN AS ENTREPRENEURS (Facilitator: Lynn Wilson, M.A. and a panel of local women entrepreneurs)

It was a very well attended event!!

ELLA's JOKE CORNER:

WHEN INSULTS HAD CLASS:

"He had all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." (Winston Churchill)

"A modest little person with much to be modest about." (Winston Churchill)

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." (William Faulkner about Ernest Hemingway)

"Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words?" (Ernest Hemingway about William Faulkner)

"He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know." (Abraham Lincoln)