

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENT: Katy Guthridge

EDITOR: Betty Oakes

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Schedule for December

**December 8:** Business Meeting,  
11:30 AM, Alchemy Restaurant

**December 15:** Dinner Meeting,  
Holiday Party, 5:30 PM,  
Pat Durbin's house

December Birthdays:

Wendy Duede (December 8)

Janet Jacobs (December 31)

January Birthdays: None

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Johnathan (7 on Dec. 19) Ruth  
Oskar (4 on December 19) Betty  
Aliyah (3 on January 9) Penny  
Sovereign (7 on January 17)

**Needs a sponsor. Please  
volunteer!**

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Greetings Sisters!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed time with friends and family. This is the time of year when we reflect on all the things we have to be thankful for. I am so fortunate to live in a beautiful corner of the world, to have a loving family, my health, and be a part of a community of women who do so much for the betterment of women and girls throughout the world and in our own community.

I am very excited and appreciative that we may be gaining a new member to our club, Victoria Kelley, who attended our last business meeting at Alchemy. She has many years of experience leading the local Toastmasters Club and is very energetic and enthusiastic. She is also a good friend of Kathy Purcell from the Sequim Club who has been trying to recruit her for years, but luckily for us she lives here in Port Townsend!

Fundraising is going well--coupon books are almost sold out! Yankee Candle orders are still available—a great opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done! Please get your list of names and addresses to Penny for the "Non-Event" Event as she really wants to get the invitations sent out. The last time I checked with her she had only received two.

A reminder that the annual Holiday/Christmas Dinner will be at Pat's house on Thursday, December 15. We are also doing the "White Elephant" gift with a limit of \$15.00. Please let Pat know whether you plan to attend so she can plan accordingly.

At our last dinner meeting Betty invited Jen Clark from the PT Leader to talk to us about her experience as a foster child. Jen's story was very touching and emotional, and also very enlightening. She emphasized what a huge impact a simple card can mean to a child who is in a strange environment, knows no one, and feels alone. It made me realize that we aren't limited to buying a birthday gift for our foster child; a card or note once in a while would probably mean a lot to a child who may feel alone in the world. Thank you, Jen, for making this situation real for me, and I'm sure for all of us who were at the meeting. I'm hopeful that Jen will consider joining SIPT as she would be a fantastic addition!

I wish all the best to you in this Holiday Season and I look forward to seeing you soon!

President Katy

**Mark your Calendar:**

2017 Peninsula Area Meeting:

February 25, Forks, WA

2017 NW Region Conference:

April 27-30, Hilton Vancouver, Vancouver, WA

2017 District I Conference:

October 20, Silver Reef Hotel & Casino, Ferndale, WA

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Thanks to Kathy Purcell of SI Sequim who designed this. SI Sequim and SI Port Townsend are twin sisters and were installed the same night (May 2, 1947). Kathy has had buttons made for us and they will be available at the next meeting. Thanks Kathy!!

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By: Betty Oakes

We will be voting between our two applicants at the December business meeting and awarding her a \$1,000 at our January meeting. Be sure to read them (they were emailed to everyone) before voting.

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**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT**

By: Wendy Duede

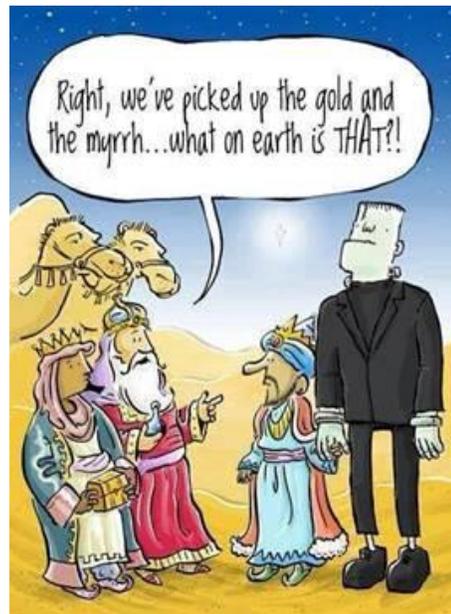
Carol just delivered 11 more coupon books to me. She only has about 30 left. Diane deposited a bunch of checks--it's so great to see the participation by everyone!

The candle orders are still open, and there's still time to shop for Christmas!

Candle Link: [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com)  
Be sure to use our group #: 990083063.

These fundraisers are only successful if we work on them – let's see what we can do!!

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**Member News:**

From Wendy Duede: News, news, news!!

Let me see, if I answer now while I'm thinking about it, you might actually get some news.

I've been busy here at work with a Food Bank drive and we just started collecting toys for

Christmas for Children. The gift tags should be out to all of the businesses now if anyone is interested in buying gifts for kids for Christmas. I've also been busy with Port Townsend Main Street. Santa is coming to town on December 3 and I'll be busy with that. (Thanks Bickie!)

Thanksgiving was quiet for us this year; my daughters were both out of state. My son had a large gathering at his house, so it was just my mother and brother joining us at the table. This time of year is a big time for reflection. I saw so many postings on Facebook of friends who have lost family members at this time of year, or they are just missing those in Heaven and far away. It reminds me to be thankful for what I have and who I still have in my life.

Thank you, Soroptimist Sisters--my friends; it has been a pleasure to be a part of such a caring group.

From Carol Wise: Hey there! Happy Holidays!

The Thanksgiving Eve tradition stands and the Christmas and Holiday lights at my Mom's home at the City Limits are up and glowing--darn near to the moon! If anyone drives by and sees something turned over or lights out text or call me! I'll be in Maryland December 18 to 31, so all eyes are appreciated. Merry Christmas and the best to every one of you! Where did the year go!!!!??

P.S. My new email address is:  
[carolwise@gmail.com](mailto:carolwise@gmail.com).

From Pat Durbin: Nothing to report this month except I've spent every evening the last two weeks watching Hallmark Channel Christmas movies. They are VERY predictable, and pretty sappy, but it gets me in the mood for what's coming!

From Ella Sandvig: Thanksgiving was wonderful, three kids, two grandkids and two significant others. The next day we had leftovers and watched the Apple Cup with a grandson and his girlfriend. My kids all went to WSU so we were not happy with the outcome.

Not ready to think about Christmas yet. The year has passed too swiftly!!"

From Betty Oakes: No news (I live a very uneventful life), but did want to share this joke:

Need a Lift?

As a concierge at a posh resort, I was often asked about the ski facilities. One day a couple who had just checked in after a long flight came by and asked me where the lift was.

"Go down the hill," I told them, "out the door, past the pool, 200 yards down the block, and you'll see it on your right."

Their tired faces suddenly looked even more exhausted, until the man behind them spoke up. "These folks are from England," he said. "I think they're looking for the elevator."



Merry Christmas!



Happy Hanukkah!



**ELLA'S JOKE CORNER:**

I very quietly confided to my best friend that I was having an affair. She turned to me and asked: "Are you having it catered?"

Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, "How old was your husband?" "98," she replied, "Two years older than me." "So you're 96," the undertaker commented. She responded, "Hardly worth going home, is it?"

Reporters interviewing a 104 year old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied: "No peer pressure."

I sure have gotten old! I have outlived my feet and my teeth; I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, and new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded and subject to blackouts. I have bouts with dementia, poor circulation; can hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. I can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. I've lost all my friends, but, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Walmart. "Walmart?" the preacher exclaimed. "Why Walmart?" "Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week."

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat until the wrinkles fill out.

It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.

These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, "For fast relief."

THE SENILITY PRAYER: Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

