

SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Schedule for February

February 9: Business Meeting,
11:30 AM, Alchemy Restaurant

February 16: Dinner Meeting,
5:30 PM, Jefferson County
Library, Port Hadlock

February 25: Area Meeting,
9 AM, Forks, Washington

February Birthdays: None

March Birthdays: Carol Wise
(March 25)

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Ally (4 on March 10) Diane

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Greetings Sisters,

Happy February! This is going to be a fairly busy month for us with several meetings and events to attend.

Our Live Your Dream Award winner, Sofie Brunner, has been invited to attend our business meeting on February 9 at Alchemy. I know everyone would like to meet our very deserving winner, and I look forward to introducing her to you. Another guest at the meeting will be Linda Cortani of Fostering Together. She will speak to us about the organization that is a resource and support system for licensed foster parents.

The dinner meeting on February 16 will be at the Jefferson County Library's meeting room, and the Rhody Royalty candidates will be speaking. Ruth will provide salad and Diane will order pizza from Ferino's. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:00 which will give us a little time to get set up. It's always inspiring to listen to the Rhody candidates. Please put this on your calendar and make every effort to attend.

Be thinking about the Area Meeting in Forks on Saturday, February 25. The deadline for getting the registration and payment in is February 14. Another reminder: Please get your list of names to Penny for the "Non-Event Event."

As I was starting to write this last night, watching the dusk turn to darkness, this poem seemed very appropriate:

"Winter is the time for comfort,
for good food and warmth,
for the touch of a friendly hand
and for a talk beside the fire: it
is the time for home."

--Edith Sitwell

May this February be a time of comfort and warmth for you all.

Best,

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



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).

This was printed in the January 25 Edition of the Jefferson County Leader. Did everyone see it?



By: Betty Oakes

Our winner, Sofie Brunner, will be presented with her check for \$1,000 at the February 9 meeting. Be sure to attend so you can meet her! Her information has been submitted to District and Region for further consideration.



New Member Victoria Kelley is installed by President Katy at the January business meeting.



Victoria receives her Soroptimist pin. It's official now!

Member News:

This is from Anne Burkart, a longtime member of SIPT, from her Facebook page:

I was diagnosed with ocular melanoma in my left eye in October. It is a very rare type of melanoma, the type of cancer that usually is associated with abnormal moles. It was treated with radiation at UCLA Stein Eye Institute just before Thanksgiving. I am now in recovery phase and won't know how effective the treatment was, or how much my left eye vision will be affected until at least mid-March when progress will be evaluated. In the meantime, I don't have binocular vision, which makes driving difficult, and the vision in my left eye is very blurry. The good news is the success rate for this treatment at UCLA is over 90%, and the pathology on my tumor indicates it is the least aggressive type of ocular melanoma with just a 2% rate of metastasis at 5 years. The doctor assures me the blurriness and lack of binocular vision can be corrected. I am hopeful, and good thoughts being sent my way are much appreciated.

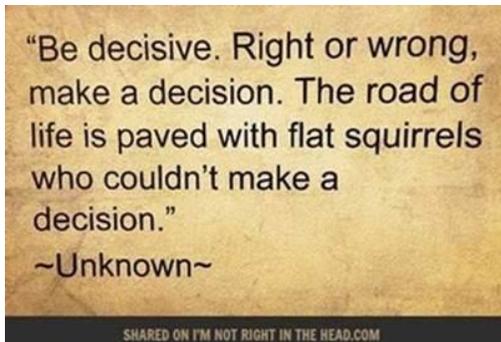
From Ruth Gordon: Ruth is starting, hopefully, to come out of the fog of confusion that descended when she moved out of the old house and into the little rental house with boxes and way too much stuff everywhere. Then I got a cold and then the flu, but am gradually getting better now, and the days are getting longer. Hooray! However, every time I turn on my computer the top managers at the State Department have all retired in protest, or there is a news blackout for the Department of Agriculture, or we've closed our borders to refugees. Good grief! A person can't stay offline sick for three days anymore. What kind of country is this?!

From Ella Sandvig: I miss you guys! I had bronchitis for six weeks (Ugh) and now I've loaned my car to my grandson in Poulsbo. So I've had to rely on my "Uber friends" to get me around. I'll need rides to the February meetings please. Even if I have a car it's hard to find parking close enough at Alchemy.

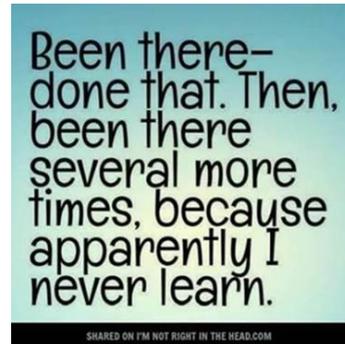
It's hard to believe I've been a member for forty years! There have been a lot of changes in the club over the years. I have secret sister gifts to remind me of past members—satin clothes hangers from Judi Morris plus a Christmas house for candles, a coffee cup from Verna Loomis (in the 70's) and numerous other mementos. I think of all the projects, local and international, that Soroptimists have been involved in. It warms the heart to think of all the good we have accomplished.

My daffodils are peeping through the cold ground now; however the moles are ruining my lawn!! The great news is that Ruth Gordon is going to be having a house built very near me!! I see Tea Times in our future!

Take care of yourselves in this flu season!!



ELLA'S JOKE CORNER:



Take my advice — I'm not using it.

My wife and I were happy for twenty years—then we met.

Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home when you wish they were.

Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.

Did you ever stop to think and then forget to start again?

Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men spend thinking.

He who laughs last thinks slowest.

Is it wrong that only one company makes the game Monopoly?

Women sometimes make fools of men, but most guys are the do-it-yourself type.

I was going to give him a nasty look, but he already had one.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

I was going to wear my camouflage shirt today, but I couldn't find it.

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

Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let him sleep.