

SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for June

June 8: Business Meeting,
11:30 AM, Alchemy Restaurant

June 15: Dinner Meeting,
5:30 PM, Alchemy Restaurant

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:

Halie (12 on June 12) Penny

Hannah (12 on July 12) Ruth

Saphina (4 on July 24) Wendy

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sisters!

Summer appears to finally be here! Yay!!

I hope you are all enjoying the start of summer and getting some healing Vitamin D. I think we can all use some after the long winter doldrums.

Since I was gone most of the month of May and missed the meetings (not sure if there was a dinner get together), I have reviewed the minutes and see that there is a rather huge issue we need to address at the next business meeting—whether or not to continue as a club. Hopefully you will all be able to attend, as this is a decision we all need to weigh in on and will require a great deal of discussion and sharing of ideas.

Until then,
Best,

President Katy



Mark your Calendar:

District 1 Meeting

Ferndale, WA
Silver Reef Casino & Resort
October 20–22, 2017

Area Meeting

February 24, 2018 (Place TBD)

NWR Conference

Coeur d'Alene, ID
Coeur d'Alene Resort
April 20–22, 2018

45th Biennial SIA Convention

Yokohama, Japan
July 30–August 2, 2018

MEMBER NEWS:

From Ella Sandvig: I now have to use a walker most of the time. It's hard for me to get to a meeting because I never know how far away I have to park. I've had lots of company lately and am excited that my granddaughter and her family are coming in July. She has three kids that I have not yet seen (three-year old twins and a seven-year old).

From Victoria Kelley: While we were having our mini heat wave, May 19-23, I decided I needed a cooling off. Yes I love our usual cool weather, and traveled into Seattle to attend the Stars on Ice at the Key Arena. I was reacquainted with the talents of these Olympic winners and the expert choreography and exceptional lighting and visual effects.

Some of the participants were:

Meryl Davis and Charlie White, 2014 Olympic Champions, 2010 Olympic Silver Medalists and two-time World Champions.

Ashley Wagner, 2016 World Silver Medalist, and 2012 Four Continents Champion.

Gracie Gold, 2012 World Junior Silver Medalist and two-time U.S. National Champion.

Nathan Chen, 2017 Four Continents Champion, 2016-17 Grand Prix Final Silver Medalist and 2017 U.S. National Champion.

Karen Chen, Bronze Medalist at two ISU Challenge Series events, 2015 U.S. National Bronze Medalist and the 2017 U.S. National Champion.

It was an exhilarating and delightful evening and I achieved cooling off for a spell. Now here comes summer!



View from Victoria's seat at "Stars on Ice"

From Katy Guthridge: My first trip to Italy was absolutely incredible! It was part group tour hosted by my former husband and current "Cabana Boy," Joe Euro, of the Wine Seller and Joe Euro Travel, and part independent journey. Milan, Venice, Verona, the Piedmont Region (famous for Barolo and Barbaresco wines), and Lake Como—everywhere we visited was beautiful and fascinating. We walked on cobblestone streets which have been there since before the Middle Ages, and hiked the lavish patchwork quilt of vineyards that produce some of the world's greatest and most famous wines. Each hilltop seemed to be capped with ancient cathedral bell towers and castles. The hills of this region were recently declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Previous to our time in Piedmont, we arrived in Milan and spent 3 days exploring this fabulous and often overlooked city. We visited sites such as the magnificent Duomo that took over 500 years to build, and where we were able to ascend to the rooftop to enjoy the views and intricate architectural details and historic statues.

We were also fortunate enough to view Da Vinci's iconic Last Supper, up close and personal. The Duomo Square is right next to the famous shopping gallery, Vittorio Emanuele II, which is perhaps the world's first and most famous shopping mall, lined with stores by some of the world's top

designers, such as Prada, Fendi, Gucci and Armani, to name a few. We were lucky enough to get to tour the amazing opera house La Scala, and had a guided tour of the museum. One of the favorite adult libations we enjoyed was the Campari Spritz (a blend of Campari, a red bittersweet Italian aperitif, prosecco, and a splash of soda, garnished with a slice of orange). Heaven on a hot day!

The journey also included fascinating guided tours to historic centers of Northern Italian cities, such as Asti, Alba, and Turin, which interestingly, is home to the second largest Egyptian museum in the world, which we visited. The trip also included visits to several wineries throughout the Piedmont Region, as well as tours of a chocolate and nougat factory, a stone flour mill, and a small goat farm/cheese production facility high in the rural hills.

After our time in the Piedmont Region our tour continued on to the magical city of Venice where we enjoyed rides on water taxis, walking through the labyrinth of bridges and back streets (and got lost more than once). We were amazed by our guided tour of the Doges Palace and St. Mark's Cathedral. We had a fabulous lunch in one of the iconic outdoor cafes in St. Mark's Square, accompanied by a live jazz trio. We topped our Venice adventure off with an early evening gondola ride with some fellow travelers.

After four amazing days in Venice, we rented a car and drove to several classic, historic small towns, such as Bassano del Grappa and Asolo. Then we drove on to Verona, which I absolutely loved. We had dinner with a view of the famous Roman Arena dating back to 30 AD. We also toured the city on bicycles, across the medieval castle bridge and back across the Ponte Pietra, an ancient Roman bridge.

The journey culminated in the beautiful village of Bellagio on Lake Como, rimmed with the soaring Dolomite Mountains, and with quaint Italian villages. We enjoyed swimming and sunbathing in 80 degree weather amidst palm trees and Prosecco. Aaaahhhh! La Dolce Vita! (The Sweet Life)



Katy dining alfresco in St. Mark's Square, Venice, Italy

Katy found this picture on the internet and it reminded her of our park:



ELLA'S JOKE CORNER:

Tech support for marriage: The young woman who submitted the tech support message below (about her relationship to her husband) presumably did it as a joke. Then she got a reply that was way too good to keep to herself. The tech support people's love advice was hilarious and genius!

The query:

Dear Tech Support:

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewelry applications and intimacy, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0. In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as: NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0 and Golf 4.1.

Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and House cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail. What can I do?

Signed,

Desperate

The response (that came weeks later out of the blue):

Dear Desperate:

First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system. Please enter command: I thought you loved me.html and try to download Tears 6.2. Do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewelry 2.0 and Flowers 3.5.

However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download the Farting and Snoring Loudly Beta version. Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 as it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources.

In addition, please do not attempt to re-install the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0. In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Cooking 3.0.

AND FROM BETTY, A CARTOON:

