

SOROPTIMIST NEWS

Soroptimist International of Port Townsend/East Jefferson County

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENT: Katy Guthridge

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Schedule for March

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

March 16: Dinner Meeting,
5:30 PM, Alchemy Restaurant

March Birthdays: Carol Wise
(March 25)

April Birthdays: Bickie Steffan
(April 16)
Penny Westerfield (April 26)

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Ally (4 on March 10) Diane
Carmella (5 on April 25) Katy

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Greetings Sisters!

March is here already! This morning is bright and sunny, but there was a little snow on the ground in some of the surrounding areas, which made me think of this quote from Charles Dickens that I saw on Pinterest: "It was one of those March days when the sunshine is hot and wind blows cold; when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

March may be a bit challenging for me, as I will be working at the Port Angeles branch the whole month, covering for the manager who is on vacation. I will have to miss both the business meeting and the dinner meeting. I ask that someone volunteer to run the meeting and if Penny isn't able to attend and take the minutes, that someone does.

As I write this, the Area Meeting has not happened yet. As far as I know, Pat was the sole SIPT member in attendance. A huge shout out to her for "going it alone" all the way to Forks and back! I'm excited to hear what she learned at the meeting.

Please bear with me this month as I will have my hands full up in Port Angeles, and let's build on the momentum we've started in 2017!

Best,
President Katy

Mark your Calendar:

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).



By: Betty Oakes

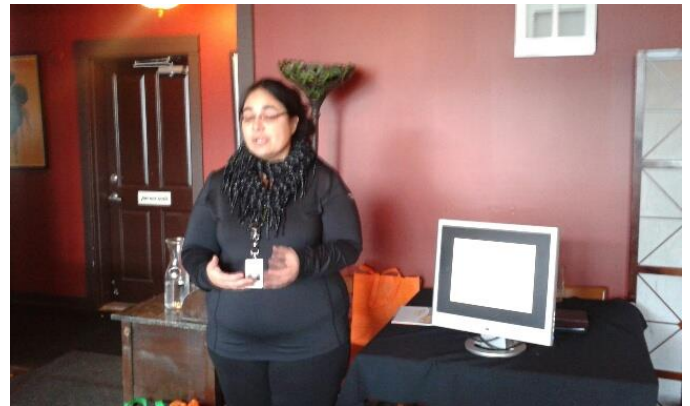
Our winner, Sofie Brunner, received a check for \$1,000 at the February 9 meeting. Her information has been submitted to District and Region for further consideration. Congratulations Sofie!!



Betty awards Sofie a check for \$1,000.

Fostering Together

Linda Cortani was present at our February 9 meeting to discuss the organization of Fostering Together that is a branch of Olive Crest that is a private agency that helps place foster children. It was a fascinating presentation of the need for placement of foster children in Washington State. The organization also helps foster parents learn how to care for the children in their homes. You can go to the website of Fostering Together to learn more.



Linda Cortani

February Dinner Meeting

What a fabulous time we had at the Jefferson County Library, meeting the Rhododendron Festival Candidates! We were treated to their youthful exuberance and were so impressed with these wonderful young ladies!!!!



L to R: Sara Smith, Taylor Tracer and Lauren Montgomery

NOTES ON OUR FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING AT THE JEFFERSON COUNTY LIBRARY:

From Penny: Thank you, Ruth, for all you did in setting up the room at the library for the night's event. Especially making such an awesome salad!

Thank you to everyone else who contributed to the evening's meal with desserts, drinks, plates, napkins, etc. It was wonderful to see you Ella!

It was a very fun evening with a group of really wonderful young women. It helps give hope to the future.

And from Carol: Totally, totally agree. Three cheers for a great evening!!! We have the cream of the crop for sure. Happy to support and loved the exchange and fun with the young ladies.

From Ruth: I also thank everyone for pitching in to make the evening a success. It was fun.

From Katy: I couldn't agree more! It was a very fun event and I was so impressed with the three young women! Another thank you to Ruth for getting it all put together (and, yes, a great salad!).

From Ella: Yes, Ruth did a great job! I so enjoyed the young women. It made me remember I was there once upon a time!! I'll try to attend more meetings.....

AREA MEETING REPORT

By: Pat Durbin

I attended the Area Meeting in Forks. Wow! They did a great job! Festivities began at 9:00 AM with a full assortment of catered breakfast snacks. Three members of the Quileute tribe performed a welcome for us with drums and traditional chants. This was followed by a game/mixer to help everyone get acquainted. Throughout the day there were door prizes awarded, based on a clever place mat at each seating.

District Director Renee Recker led round table talks. After the catered lunch break, guest speaker Diana Reaume, Superintendent of the Quileute Valley School District, spoke about the program sponsored by the Forks Soroptimists that honors a Jr. High student of the month, and how it has inspired many of the local children.

Each club gave their President's report. Eight clubs were represented. A chuckle was raised when I told about our primary fund raiser, "Help Stamp Out Home Cooking."

The Executive Director of the Forks Chamber of Commerce talked about highlights of the area. She said that the Visitor's Center registered over 200,000 visitors in four years after the release of the first of the "Twilight" series movies. Perhaps Port Townsend needs to invent some kind of ghost story for one of our historic buildings!

We adjourned shortly after 2:00, and I headed home just before the snow began to accumulate. It was an enjoyable day and I was able to catch up with several friends from the SI Sequim and Jet Set clubs.

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**CASE OF THE MISSING SIGN
(A MYSTERY)**

By: Pat Durbin

I contacted the city about the fact that our Soroptimist sign on Sims Way has gone missing. I thought one of the signs was now larger than when we put ours there. Frank and I had squeezed it in between some others on the left hand side of the paved area, as close to the road as we could get it.

The city called today and said there are no new signs there based on a photo from 2012. I'll have to see the photo to make sure the sign I see there now is the SAME one that was there when we squeezed ours in.

Do any of you have any idea where it went?



MEMBER NEWS:

From Carol Wise: Sorry! I have no news. I am just working 7 days a week selling Dirt and Dreams!

From Ruth Gordon: It's been a quiet month for Ruth, with the same worries and duties occupying her mind and her hours as last month. There has been lots of driving to Olympia and Seattle and back for meetings. I wish you all well!

PS. I gave the man who is supposed to be tending the park some money for bark. So when you see bark in the park don't worry about paying for it!

From Wendy Duede: I've been busy with wedding preparations. My daughter Katy came up from California for a week and we did a bunch of planning for the July wedding. During that week, she met with and chose the florist, the photographer, and the bakery. The day of the area meeting, Katy changed her plans and stayed for another day. We were at David's Bridal in Tacoma working on dresses for the bridesmaids and picking up her dress. It was a very busy week, while I was working, but I think we both feel better that some of the bigger choices are done!

From Betty Oakes: I just spent a wonderful week with my brother and his wife in Orlando, FL. We had a great time visiting the Disney Parks and Universal Studios. They live on the East Coast and I don't see them often enough!

ELLA'S JOKE CORNER:

DON'T STICK YOUR ELBOW
OUT SO FAR
IT MAY GO HOME
IN ANOTHER CAR.

Burma Shave

TRAINS DON'T WANDER
ALL OVER THE MAP
'CAUSE NOBODY SITS
IN THE ENGINEER'S LAP

Burma Shave

SHE KISSED THE HAIRBRUSH
BY MISTAKE
SHE THOUGHT IT WAS
HER HUSBAND JAKE

Burma Shave

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD
TO GAIN A MINUTE
YOU NEED YOUR HEAD
YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT

Burma Shave

DROVE TOO LONG
DRIVER SNOOZING
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT
IS NOT AMUSING

Burma Shave

BROTHER SPEEDER
LET'S REHEARSE
ALL TOGETHER
GOOD MORNING, NURSE

Burma Shave

CAUTIOUS RIDER
TO HER RECKLESS DEAR
LETS HAVE LESS BULL
AND A LITTLE MORE STEER

Burma Shave

SPEED WAS HIGH
WEATHER WAS NOT
TIRES WERE THIN
X MARKS THE SPOT

Burma Shave

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE
OF PAUL FOR BEER
LED TO WARMER
HEMISPHERE

Burma Shave

AROUND THE CURVE
LICKETY-SPLIT
BEAUTIFUL CAR
WASN'T IT?

Burma Shave

NO MATTER THE PRICE
NO MATTER HOW NEW
THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE
IN THE CAR IS YOU

Burma Shave

A GUY WHO DRIVES
A CAR WIDE OPEN
IS NOT THINKIN'
HE'S JUST HOPIN'

Burma Shave

AT INTERSECTIONS
LOOK EACH WAY
A HARP SOUNDS NICE
BUT IT'S HARD TO PLAY

Burma Shave

BOTH HANDS ON THE WHEEL
EYES ON THE ROAD
THAT'S THE SKILLFUL
DRIVER'S CODE

Burma Shave

THE ONE WHO DRIVES
WHEN HE'S BEEN DRINKING
DEPENDS ON YOU
TO DO HIS THINKING

Burma Shave

CAR IN DITCH
DRIVER IN TREE
THE MOON WAS FULL
AND SO WAS HE.

Burma Shave

PASSING SCHOOL ZONE
TAKE IT SLOW
LET OUR LITTLE
SHAVERS GROW

Burma Shave

Do these bring back any old memories?
If not, you're merely a child.
If they do, then you're old as dirt..LIKE ME!

