

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 November

November 10: Business Meeting,
11:30 AM, Alchemy Restaurant

November 17: Dinner Meeting,
5:30 PM, Alchemy Restaurant

November Birthdays:

Ella Sandvig (November 13)

December Birthdays:

Wendy Duede (December 8)

Janet Jacobs (December 31)

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Johnathan (7 on Dec. 19) Ruth
Oskar (4 on December 19) Betty

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Greetings Sisters!

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful fall weather! (Well, it's beautiful today, anyway.)

Betty and I attended the District Conference in Bellevue last weekend. It was very informative and inspirational. I always come away from conferences feeling proud to be part of such an amazing organization. There were several great workshops including topics such as Membership; Social Media; and Change, to name a few. There was a wonderful reminder of the Four Pillars of Soroptimist (which, I hate to admit, I didn't know): Program; Membership; Fundraising; and Public Awareness. Just listening to Governor Stephanie speak about the Northwestern Region's Biennium Goals motivated me to make sure SIPT is doing OUR part to help make it happen. In case anyone is wondering what these goals are:

Program: 100% participation in the Live Your Dream Award. Every club gives an award to a deserving woman (we have 2 applicants).

Membership: 25% net gain in member for the 2016-2018 biennium. (That means a total of 16 members for us—totally doable.)

Fundraising: ALL clubs participate in SIA Club Giving; donating at a level that works for each club—but donate *something*.

Public Awareness: ALL clubs use their SIA club email. (I've been checking it a couple of times a day.) Members receive and read the Soroptimist WOMAN newsletter.

SIPT received a Certificate of Appreciation for our Founders Pennies. (Thank you Diane!)

Let's get those names to Penny ASAP for the "Non-Event" Event as she wants to get the invitations out in November. We also need to get the candle orders in, online, if possible.

And, as Vanessa Harding of SI Centralia/Chehalis had in her "New Season and New Teams—What do you mean you want to change again!" Workshop: "If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude!" (Maya Angelou)

Looking forward to seeing you all at our business meeting on November 10 at Alchemy!

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).



By Betty Oakes

We only have until November 15 to receive applications. We have received one with a promise of another to come.

DAYS FOR GIRLS:

By Katy Guthridge

The highlight of the Conference weekend for me was the keynote speaker, Celeste Mergens, Founder and Executive Director of Days for Girls (Every Girl, Everywhere, Period.) Days for Girls International is a grassroots 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Their mission is simple: Creating a more dignified, free and educated world through access to lasting feminine hygiene solutions. They provide hand-made, washable, quality hygiene kits for girls in over 100 countries, including the US, and have reached over 300,000 women and girls to date. Prior to assistance from Days for Girls, young women in a Kenyan orphanage, for example, would simply have to "wait" in their rooms. The conditions were cramped, filthy, and would leave girls without food and water for days unless someone brought it to them. Furthermore, sanitary products were available, but only if girls were willing to suffer sexual exploitation in exchange. Today, there are over 620 global chapters and teams working with a minimal 9% overhead. Days for Girls has a vision that every girl and woman in the world is supplied with ready, feasible access to quality sustainable hygiene and health education by 2022. Friday night Betty and I participated in the "Rip Roaring Good Time" service project for Days for Girls. We helped "rip" flannel for kits and were shown how the kits are put together. It truly was an honor to take part in such a wonderful endeavor.



(Katy and Betty rip flannel for Days for Girls sanitary kits.)

DISTRICT CONFERENCE REPORT:

By: Betty Oakes

I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the 2016 District I Conference in Bellevue with President Katy. It was a great conference with 134 members in attendance. It's always good to see fellow Soroptimists from other clubs that I've seen at past conferences.

I attended the two social media workshops that were held on Saturday afternoon. The first one was called "Social Media—The New Playing Field" and talked about getting members involved in the various social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) to promote their club's activities. While it is good to have a club Facebook page, it is also important to post pictures and club doings so your friends can see what you are up to in your club (and maybe want to join to get in on all the fun and good works). The second workshop was given by Detective Ed Wallace of the Island County Sheriff's Dept. ("Sand Traps of the Internet and Social Media") who talked about the new law enforcement field of cybercrimes which now a necessity. He holds internet safety courses for 6th grade through high school students as well as clubs such as ours and other law enforcement agencies. Just one tidbit—if you have more than 100 Facebook friends, at least one of those friends is no doubt a fake and is spying on your activities, no matter how close you monitor those you friend. He pointed out pitfalls such as showing a picture of your house with the street number showing and your car in the driveway or posting an entry that says for instance that you and your family are attending a movie. This gives burglars a chance to break into your house since they know how long the movie will last.



(Betty and Katy getting ready for the Saturday night dinner and "Fan Night Show.")



(President Katy receives a Certificate for our 2015-2016 accomplishments—Founder's Day Pennies.)

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

By: Wendy Duede

The coupon books are usable on Tuesday, November 1. Have you sold yours yet??

The Yankee Candle Fundraiser has only had 3 orders so far, and we've raised \$67.20. Do you have any questions on how to place orders??

Candle Link: 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!!

Member News:

FROM CAROL WISE: We are all working hard this year and how awesome to be meeting at Alchemy!!! Reminds me of the days when we moved to Lanza's. Be sure to invite friends and business women to come join us. Let the Revival Begin!

FROM PAT DURBIN: I had a wonderful, once in a lifetime vacation cruising the "Blue Danube" on a Viking River Cruise. It was wonderful and a real history education. When I was growing up, most of the places I visited were Communist Bloc countries, and I knew no one that had ever visited them. They have made great strides in 25 years,

and Budapest, Prague and Slovakia's capital, Bratislava, were big surprises. They are beautiful cities.

I met interesting people and had great regional food every day. I highly recommend this cruise line. I'm now looking at a possible Nile River Viking cruise in 2018, if anyone is interested in joining me. It's a place with history that has always fascinated me, and if there are no revolts going on I'm thinking seriously about taking the plunge for another splurge on my savings account.

P.S. The Danube isn't blue!



(In the picture I'm imbibing in the Czech Republic National Drink.)

ELLA'S JOKE CORNER:

A thief broke into the local police station and stole all the toilets and urinals, leaving no clues. A spokesperson was quoted as saying: "**We have absolutely nothing to go on.**"

A famous Viking explorer returned home from a voyage and found his name missing from the town register. His wife insisted on complaining to the local civic official who apologized profusely saying, "**I must have taken Leif off my census.**"

A South American anthropologist was cataloging South American folk remedies with the assistance of a tribal brujo who indicated that the leaves of a particular fern were a sure cure for any case of constipation. When the anthropologist expressed his doubts, the brujo looked him in the eye and said, "**Let me tell you, with fronds like these, who needs enemas!**"

