

PRESIDENT: Katy Guthridge

EDITOR: Betty Oakes

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Schedule for October

**October 13:** Business Meeting,  
11:30 AM, place to be announced  
via email

**October 20:** Dinner Meeting,  
5:30 PM, Alchemy Restaurant

October Birthdays:

None

November Birthdays:

Ella Sandvig (November 13)

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Shane (15 on October 8) (Penny)  
Sheridan (16 on October 23) (Pat)

DSHS Contact Person:

Debbie Baker

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Greetings Sisters!

Thank you to all who attended the Retreat at my home on September 24. We had some wonderful discussions and brainstormed ideas for increasing membership. It was decided that changing our business meeting location to Alchemy would be a much more enticing venue than the US Bank conference room for prospective members. It's also more centrally located and just plain nicer! We are waiting to get confirmation from management that this will work for them.

Also, in the vein of attracting new members, we decided that it would be fun to utilize our coupons and go out to restaurants that are in the coupon book. The idea is to take potential members as our guests for a dinner meeting and use the coupons for them. Genius!! Our first dinner meeting is at Alchemy on October 20.

Speaking of coupon books, Carol brought them and we all took a stack to sell. I love her sales technique: "It's a ten-dollar donation and the books are free." I will definitely be using that line.

Wendy talked about the Yankee Candle fundraiser, and Penny shared her beautiful "Non Event" Invitations with us. Thank you both for your hard work and excellent ideas.

I hope you are all enjoying the lovely change of season. Summer seems to be over and Autumn is here. It's Girl's Night Out time this Thursday and I hope to see several of you downtown!

Let's make the most of our fundraising ideas and help make a positive impact on the lives of women and girls in our community.  
Let's work together to shine a light.

President Katy



**Mark your Calendar:**

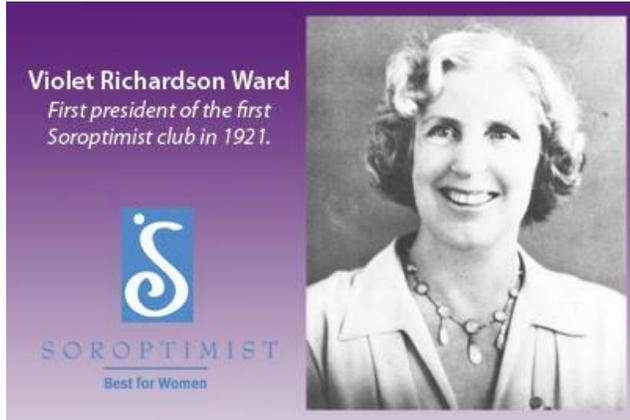
**2016 District 1 Meeting:**

October 21-23, Bellevue Marriott, Bellevue, WA

**2017 NW Region Conference:**

April 27-30, Hilton Vancouver, Vancouver, WA

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**Founders Day:**

On October 3 Soroptimist celebrates Founders Day, which acknowledges the day in 1921 when the first club in Alameda County, California, called to order its first business meeting. Clubs can celebrate the founding of the organization with activities to promote the organization and its early mission to “foster the ideal of service” through programs that now focus on improving the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world.

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By Betty Oakes

Update!! We have our first application! We’re on our way--WE CAN DO THIS!!!!

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**FOSTER KIDS:**

As I emailed you, our new DSHS rep is Debbie Baker. I stopped in to visit with Debbie and she is delighted to assist in any and every way she can to help us select presents for the foster kids. She just

recently worked “in the field” and knows most of the kids personally and absolutely all of the foster parents who she says are “stellar.” So do not hesitate to contact Debbie with questions. She said that even if we do not receive a thank you, the kids are really happy with everything they receive.  
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**A VISIT FROM OUR SOROPTIMIST SISTER FROM SWEDEN:**

By: Ella Sandvig

Eva Lundgren, a Swedish Soroptimist, visited us recently. Betty, Carol and I met with her for lunch. She told us of two International projects that her club sponsors. I think you will find them interesting.

Both projects are for people in Kenya.

The first one is a sun water solution. It is a special container that holds a few gallons of water that is heated by the sun for 2 to 6 hours and provides safe and hot water.

The second is for use in schools that have no toilets. It is called a Pee Poo and consists of a cardboard box that is fitted with plastic bags, one for pee and one for poo. The bags have crystals that turn urine into a gel. The bags then can be disposed of outside and left to decompose to make manure for crops. This keeps children from having to go outside in the bushes and risk assault. Some children would not go to school because of this danger.

Eva visits her sister here every few years so we will see her again.

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**SIPT RETREAT RECAP**

By: Penny Westerfield

The following is a summation/recap of our retreat held on Saturday, September 24, in the morning at President Katy’s beautiful waterfront condo. Mimosas and good food was had by all attending: Katy, Wendy, Ruth, Carol, Diane, Betty, Alyce, Penny.

- Carol brought the coupon books and distributed quantities to members. The books are selling for \$10 each, or as Carol put it “It’s a ten dollar donation and the books are free.” The coupons are good from November 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017. The effective date for the books in 2017 will go back to October 1. Betty and Penny took books along with an acrylic stand that Carol provided to Don’s Pharmacy after the retreat.
- Wendy discussed the Yankee Candle project and explained that it is better, and benefits the club, if people order directly on-line. Last year we paid a lot for shipping and other charges, and if things are ordered on-line, we bypass all that. Tell your family and friends to go to [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com). Part of the way down the page you’ll see “Start Shopping” then enter the group number 990083063. This gives our club credit. Then start shopping! The fundraiser goes until December 31. Thank you, Wendy!!
- Penny brought a draft of the invitation for the Non-Event fundraiser. The members liked it and there were a couple of good suggestions for changes which will be incorporated. Members were asked to send Penny a list of names of people they feel will respond positively to the non-event. Penny sent out an Excel spreadsheet to members for this purpose. Please send the names fairly soon. There is no date

for this non-event (duh) but it would be nice to get the invitations out in November. Discussion was held on having an envelope addressing “party.”

- Discussion was held on the evening dinner gatherings and how it appears more difficult to have this in members’ homes. It was suggested to use our coupons and have the dinner meetings at the places in our coupon books. This conversation segued into inviting potential members to these dinners and to use the coupons with them, rather than just ourselves.
- Discussion was held on having our lunch business meetings at Alchemy, and having the October dinner meeting there as well. Wendy volunteered to contact Alchemy and as of this writing has done so. We are confirmed for the October 20 dinner meeting there, and management will get back to us about having our business meetings there. The thought behind having the business meetings at Alchemy is that the atmosphere is very nice and the food is very good. It would be an extra enticement for bringing in new members, as well as easier access for attending.

Thank you, Katy, for hosting us.

Respectfully submitted  
Penny  
Secretary

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To Jefferson Healthcare’s celebration  
of our new building.  
Sunday, October 23, 2016  
834 Sheridan Street  
3:00 pm, Welcome & Ribbon Cutting  
3:45 pm, Guided Tours & Refreshments

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**GIRLS NIGHT OUT:**

Be sure to attend Girls Night Out on Thursday, October 6. You might even run into one of these lovely cover ladies from their advertising.



(Shown left to right, PT Soroptimists Wendy Duede and Bickie Steffan, along with Amy Jordan, owner of Mom’s Laundry.)

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**Member News:**

From Ruth: In September Ruth listed her house and received two offers, both of which she accepted. One is a back-up offer and one is still creeping along toward closure anticipated sometime in November. She traveled to Spokane where she stayed in the shiny new Davenport Grand Hotel thanks to Jefferson County taxpayers. This was not a junket, as she attended the annual meeting of the Washington Association of County Officials and attended trainings for clerks and county officials in general. However, as a result of the meetings she got to tour the lovely Chinese Lantern Festival held right across the street in Spokane’s Riverside Park. That was really a neat experience. In case you are wondering, Ruth has leased a home in Uptown for a year to give herself transition time and figure out where she will live for the long term.

From Ella: The fall weather is beautiful! Summer turned my yard into an RV Park. Friends and relatives parked their RVs in my side yard and we hooked them up to water and electricity. No one stayed more than a few days so my neighbors couldn’t complain.

The coupon books look great. There are some new places added that I like. It’s great to be a Soroptimist!!!

From Katy: September was a very busy month for me--I took a little over two weeks’ vacation and did lots of fun things! I got to take a couple of small excursions on a friend’s boat (spending the night on a boat was a first for me). We went to Fort Flagler State Park, Mystery Bay (love the Nordland Store!) and Port Ludlow. What fun!! Then we went over to my cottage in Plain (near Leavenworth, on the Wenatchee River) for several days, doing some repair and maintenance. It’s become quite a popular vacation rental, so I need to make sure it’s in good shape. Maybe someday it’ll be my "retirement income stream" (fingers crossed). Then got to see Bonnie Raitt perform at St. Michelle Winery. I hadn’t seen her in concert for many years and she is still as amazing as ever! What a great finale to a wonderful two weeks off!!

From Betty: I just want to give kudos to Pat and Carol for the terrific job they did on the coupon books. Carol did the legwork and Pat did the grunt work, putting the coupons together. She had me proofread them before they went to press and I could only find one typo. Now that’s good work. Congrats ladies!

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**ELLA’S JOKE CORNER:**

Fred wanted to buy a boat, but his wife kept saying that they could not afford one. Fred bought one anyway. “I’ll tell you what,” he told her, “in the spirit of compromise, why don’t you name the boat?” She said, “OK.” When Fred went to the dock for the maiden voyage, this is the name he saw painted on the side: “For Sale.”

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