

SOROPTIMIST NEWS

Soroptimist International of Port Townsend/East Jefferson County

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Schedule for April

Business Meeting: April 12, 11:30
in Katy's conference room at US
Bank

Dinner Meeting: April 26, 5:30,
place to be determined at
business meeting

April Birthdays:

April 26, Penny Westerfield

May Birthdays:

May 2, SI Port Townsend (71 years)

May 4, Alyce Hansen

May 4, Katy Guthridge

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Gracelyn (1 on April 12) Wendy

Carmella (6 on April 25) Katy

Mason (1 on April 26) Wendy

Dakota (19 on May 12) Alyce

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sisters!

I'm so happy that we recently awarded our Live Your Dream winner with a check for \$1,000.00, but more specifically, that we had the opportunity to get to know her a bit better. During our dinner at the Silverwater she shared some of the challenges she faced growing up, showed us photos of her beautiful children, and detailed her personal goals and aspirations. Listening to her story, and the positive way she has turned her life around, was very inspirational and makes me proud to be a part of an organization that cares about women like Hillary. It was a joy to hear her story and see the excitement and commitment she has for her dream and for being a positive role model in her children's lives. I wish her the best on this phase of her journey, and am confident she will achieve her dream. This is truly what the Live Your Dream Award is all about. Thank you, Hillary, for giving us the opportunity to help you get a little bit closer to achieving your dream.

In researching the month of April for the newsletter, I learned that April is "National Humor Month!" National Humor Month was conceived as a means to heighten public awareness of the therapeutic value of humor. Laughter and joy, the benchmarks of humor, lead to improved well-being, boosted morale, increased communication skills, and an enriched quality of life.

It's no coincidence that the month begins with April Fool's Day, a day which has sanctioned frivolity and amusement for hundreds of years.

Humor as a tool to lift ailing spirits is an established notion supported by scientific research. The curative power of laughter and its ability to relieve debilitating stress and burnout may indeed be one of the great medical discoveries of our times.

I invite each of you to join in celebrating humor, laughter, and just smiling! It's something I know I need to practice more!!

Greetings,
President Katy

Mark your Calendar

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

District 1 Meeting

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March Dinner Meeting at the Silverwater:



(President Katy presents a check to Hillary Steele for \$1,000 for the 2018 Live Your Dream Award for SIPT)



(In attendance: Alyce Hansen, Ella Sandvig, Betty Oakes, Katy Guthridge, LYDA winner Hillary Steele, Diane Kenyon, Wendy Duede and Ruth Gordon)

MEMBER NEWS:

From Carol Wise: Ok, here goes—“something” needed to help out the cause!

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity (no editing, Betty), to say Thank You to Betty Oakes for tirelessly and sometimes painfully (in a good way) getting this newsletter out under the wings of our beloved ELLA SANDVIG, the rock, so THANK YOU BETTY and your efforts do not go unnoticed or unappreciated, right up there with the Statue of Liberty for newsletters (TEE HEE).

Next is that darn ALYCE HANSEN for goodness sakes! Mountain climber, walker, up North Adventurer—this woman has no limits! Relentless in communicating with our Sister Clubs and not only is she a ROCK, she is the MOUNTAIN!

To you three I would like to raise the glass of respect and admiration (Betty—NO EDITING), and say that it is a privilege, along with the other strong and determined women past and present from our club to know you and to say I will always have your backs—no matter what!

(Editor’s Note: Ah shucks and we need to cut off her wine!)

From Ella Sandvig: I’ve been thinking a lot about Soroptimist lately. I know I am not able to do much these days except pay my dues and support fundraising. However, I fondly remember when I could chair committees and big events. I also remember traveling with Alyce to Soroptimist events in England, France, Finland, and Russia! Alyce is a good traveling companion!

We can all be proud that we contribute our bit through dues, and to the wonderful things that Soroptimist International does for women and girls throughout the world. We have also contributed a lot to local causes through the years. Take a bow, ladies!!!

From Ruth Gordon: Ruth leads a quiet life, working, walking home, and catching up on her sleep—and maybe taking in a few cat videos. But this springtime has been amazing. The daffodils are gorgeous, and next week the Farmer's Market starts again. So, things are looking up.

From Wendy Duede: I received an award for completing a 6 month class in Retail Management. It is put on by the American Bankers Association and I was chosen by my bank to take the class.



Wendy is 3rd from left. Names of the other people in the picture are not available.

BETTY'S GROANERS:

My first job was working in an Orange juice factory, but I got canned. I couldn't Concentrate.

Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the Ax.

After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it--mainly because it was a Sew-Sew job.

Next I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too Exhausting.

Then I tried being a Chef, figured it would add a little spice to my life, but I just didn't have the Thyme.

Next I attempted being a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the Mustard.

My best job was a Musician, but eventually found I wasn't Noteworthy.

I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but I didn't have any Patience.

Next was a job in a Shoe Factory. I tried hard but just didn't Fit in.

I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered I couldn't live on my Net income.

I managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too Draining.

So then I got a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't Fit for the job.

After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian—until I realized there was no Future in it.

My last job was working in Starbucks, but had to quit because it was the same old Grind.

So, I tried Retirement and found I'm perfect for the job!

HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!

