



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENT: Katy Guthridge
EDITOR: Betty Oakes

Schedule for February

Business Meeting: February 8,
11:30 in Katy's conference room at
US Bank

Dinner Meeting: February 22,
place to be determined at
business meeting

February Birthdays:

None.

March Birthdays:

March 25, Carol Wise

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Ally (5 on March 10) Victoria

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Greetings Soroptimist Sisters!

I'm happy to announce that at our last business meeting we voted on the LYDA recipient, Hillary Steele. A huge Thank You to Betty for getting all the required forms printed and signed by Hillary (in the midst of her major computer chaos) which, among other things, entailed Betty tracking down Hillary at her workplace. And getting all the forms sent to region by the deadline. THANK YOU BETTY!!!

I want to remind everyone that all members are invited to join the Soropti-Call on Monday, February 5, beginning at 6:30. This is a joint call with Districts 1 & 3. The call in number is 605-472-5814 and the code is 564304883. It should be a very interesting and informative call.

At our next business meeting (February 8), we will talk about the upcoming Area Meeting in Port Angeles, but I would like everyone to be thinking about it now, so we can send in our registration in a timely manner. The date is February 24, a Saturday, from 9 to 2.

Also, for those who don't know this, or remember, you can go to the Northwestern Region/SIA website and read the Soroptimist Woman Newsletter each month. Governor Stephanie always has an inspiring message, and there is a ton of information from other clubs as far as what they are up to. In the January 2018 issue, for example, Governor Stephanie had this little exercise: "So here's your assignment for the month—think 'GRATITUDE.' What do you need to make sense of the past—be at peace with today—envision greatness for tomorrow? Take a moment to write a letter of gratitude. Who has made a difference in your life and/or the lives of others? Who has been your biggest cheerleader and supported you during your ups and downs? Who are the precious gifts in your life? Take a moment and let them know."

I love this reminder! I am grateful for my Soroptimist Sisters, all of you, who endeavor to improve the lives of women and girls.

All the Best,
President Katy

Mark your Calendar

Area Meeting

February 24, 2018 (Port Angeles)

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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SI PORT TOWNSEND DONATES TO YMCA

On January 26, Carol and Betty presented a check to the YMCA for their afterschool program. When we arrived there, the children were enjoying a healthy snack and were enjoying playing with the equipment in the YMCA. Our money will be used for scholarships for those who cannot afford the program.



Carol and Betty present the YMCA with a check for \$1,000.00



SI PORT TOWNSEND WELCOMES THE 2018 RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL CANDIDATES



We were honored to have the 2018 Rhody Festival Candidates visit us at our January evening meeting. Their topic was "What are the differences between working women of today and working women of the 1970's." Each girl had quite a lot to say on the subject. It was followed by questions from the members. Thanks to Wendy who held the meeting at 1st Security Bank and to the members who brought treats. The judges were Diane, Wendy and Betty.



Rhody Candidates (l to r) Skyanna, Desirae, Haley and Ashley.



MEMBER NEWS:

From Ruth Gordon:

Ruth has spent yet another month working really hard and not thinking about much else. Best wishes to everyone.

From Katy Guthridge:

During the MLK Holiday weekend Joe and I took his boat, the St. Brendan, to Seattle and stayed at Bell Harbor Marina, right downtown, within walking distance to the Pike Place Market. What an incredible location! The lights of the city and the big Ferris wheel, which was a light-show itself, were amazing.

On Saturday night my son Aaron came down to the boat for a visit. Then the three of us walked up to Cutter's for a wonderful dinner. Sunday Joe and I wandered through the market, checking out some old haunts that we enjoyed in our "previous life" when we lived in Seattle. We had a lovely dinner at Maximilien's, one of my favorite restaurants, still as charming and romantic as ever. Monday we cruised over to Blake Island Marine State Park (which you can only get to by boat). Hiked around the island, although quite muddy from the rain, and ate our fresh seafood feast from the market-oysters, crab and cod (with some tasty vino of course).

Tuesday we headed to the Edmonds marina, and walked around downtown. We checked out the Rick Steves store (researching Portugal for Joe's upcoming trip in October) and actually saw Rick Steves! We headed home early Wednesday as a storm front was moving in. Luckily we made it back without incident! Good thing we left when we did—by the time we docked the boat the gusts were getting a bit scary.

It was a very fun "mini vacation."



At Maximilien's in the Pike Place Market



In Bell Harbor Marina