

# SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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## Schedule for March

Business Meeting: March 8, 11:30

in Katy's conference room at US Bank

Dinner Meeting: March 22, 5:30,

place to be determined at business meeting

## March Birthdays:

March 25, Carol Wise

## April Birthdays:

April 26, Penny Westerfield

## Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Ally (5 on March 10) Victoria  
Gracelyn (1 on April 12) Wendy  
Carmella (6 on April 25) Katy  
Mason (1 on April 26) Wendy

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Soroptimist Sisters!

Can you believe March is already here??? I certainly can't! It seems like we were just celebrating the new year!

I'm looking forward to our next business meeting, Thursday, March 8, which just happens to be International Women's Day.

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. IWD has been observed since the early 1900's—a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies. International Women's Day is a collective day of global celebration and a call for gender parity. No one government, NGO, charity, corporation, academic institution, women's network or media hub is solely responsible for IWD.

“The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights,” says world-renowned feminist, journalist and social and political activist Gloria Steinem. Thus, International Women's Day is all about unity, celebration, reflection, advocacy and action-whatever that looks like globally at a local level. But one thing is for sure, International Women's Day has been occurring for well over a century and continues to grow from strength to strength.

I look forward to celebrating International Women's Day with my Soroptimist Sisters.

Cheers!

President Katy

4/12/2017 Wendy

**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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**LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD:** We will be presenting Hillary Steele with a \$1,000 check at a future meeting. Stay tuned.

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**MEMBER NEWS:**

From Ruth Gordon: Ruth has been working a lot, per usual. Looking forward to springtime and longer days!

From Katy Guthridge: My Big News (for those of you who weren't at the dinner meeting last Thursday) is that I'm engaged!! Joe had a magic show/wine tasting at his store on Valentine's Day evening, and asked Joey Pippia (the magician) to somehow incorporate the ring into his act, which he did. So, in front of 35 or so people, most of whom we didn't know, he gave a brief synopsis of our "story," then got down on bended knee, and asked me to join him in "annulling our divorce" (which got quite a laugh from the audience) and then was very serious when he asked me to marry him again. I said yes! Although to be honest, I was in a state of shock as I didn't see this coming at all. We don't have a definite date set at this point, but most likely will be on our original wedding day, August 11. If we do it next year, it will be 40 years from our first wedding, which would be a pretty special "anniversary."

From Victoria Kelley: It's always nice when you can mix business with personal fun. I was in California for business and decided to stay a few extra days to visit family. I soon realized the Magic Castle, a private club in Hollywood of which I am a charter member, was having a special awards night and I decided to attend with my eldest son.

It was a Magical night to remember and a reunion with a few fellow members.



(Victoria at the Magic Castle)

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From Betty Oakes: I'm just back from Hawaii. My brother, his wife and I have a yearly reunion since we live on opposite coasts. This year was Kona, Hawaii. We had a great week seeing the sights and enjoying the sunshine (except for the day of the monsoon rain). Next year will be Orlando, FL.



(Betty with her brother Bob and his wife, Leslie)

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From Betty:

A 1st grade school teacher had twenty-six students in her class. She presented each child in her classroom the 1st half of a well-known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. It's hard to believe these were actually done by first graders.

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| 1.  | Don't change horses                                | until they stop running.       |
| 2.  | Strike while the                                   | bug is close.                  |
| 3.  | It's always darkest before                         | Daylight Saving Time.          |
| 4.  | Never underestimate the power of                   | termites.                      |
| 5.  | You can lead a horse to water but                  | how?                           |
| 6.  | Don't bite the hand that                           | looks dirty.                   |
| 7.  | No news is   | impossible.                    |
| 8.  | A miss is as good as a                             | Mr.                            |
| 9.  | You can't teach an old dog new                     | math.                          |
| 10. | If you lie down with dogs, you'll                  | stink in the morning.          |
| 11. | Love all, trust                                    | me.                            |
| 12. | The pen is mightier than the                       | pigs.                          |
| 13. | An idle mind is                                    | the best way to relax.         |
| 14. | Where there's smoke there's                        | pollution.                     |
| 15. | Happy the bride who                                | gets all the presents.         |
| 16. | A penny saved is                                   | not much.                      |
| 17. | I two's company, three's                           | the Musketeers.                |
| 18. | Don't put off till tomorrow what                   | you put on to go to bed.       |
| 19. | Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and | you have to blow your nose.    |
| 20. | There are none so blind as                         | Stevie Wonder.                 |
| 21. | Children should be seen and not                    | spanked or grounded.           |
| 22. | If at first you don't succeed                      | get new batteries.             |
| 23. | You get out of something only what you             | see in the picture on the box. |
| 24. | When the blind lead the blind                      | get out of the way.            |
| 25. | A bird in the hand                                 | is going to poop on you.       |
|     | And the WINNER and last one!                       |                                |
| 26. | Better late than                                   | pregnant.                      |

From Ella:

A wife asks her husband: "Could you please go shopping for me and buy a carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6. A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk. The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?" He replied, "They had avocados." If you're a woman, I'm sure you're going back to read it again. Men will get it the first time.

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Water in the carburetor:

WIFE: "There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor."

HUSBAND: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous "

WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburetor."

HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburetor is. I'll check it out.

Where's the car?

WIFE: "In the river"

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This is a frightening statistic: 25% of the women in this country are on medication for mental illness. That's scary. It means 75% are running around untreated.

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He must pay: Husband and wife had a tiff. Wife called up her Mom and said, "He fought with me again, I am coming to live with you." Mom said, "No, darling, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you.

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Today's short reading from the Bible:

From Genesis: "And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth."

Then He made the earth round and He laughed and laughed and laughed.