

SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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Schedule for May

Business Meeting: May 10, 11:30
in Katy's conference room at US
Bank

Dinner Meeting: May 24, 5:30,
place to be determined at
business meeting

May Birthdays:

May 2, SI Port Townsend (71 years)

May 4, Alyce Hansen

May 4, Katy Guthridge

June Birthdays:

June 16, Diane Kenyon

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

Dakota (19 on May 12) Alyce

Faith (3 on June 11) Victoria

Halie (13 on June 12) Ruth

Loghan (3 on June 19) Ruth

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Happy May Day



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sisters!

Celebrate the month of May! The sun is warming, the birds are chirping, the flowers are blooming, and the garden is growing. May is my absolute favorite month: Mother's Day, my birthday month, and Rhody weekend. What's not to love??

When I Googled the month of May, I learned that it was named for Maia, the Greek goddess of fertility, and the mother of the God Hermes. I wonder if there's a connection there with Mother's Day being in May. It's an interesting thought, at any rate.

I want to give a HUGE shout-out to Carol for getting the park in beautiful condition!! When she showed pictures at our dinner meeting I literally did not recognize it. It looks AMAZING!! Thank you Thank you Thank you, Carol!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the next business meeting on May 10.

Happy May!

Best,

President Katy

MEMBER NEWS:

From Wendy Duede: Here is my glamour shot with an ice pack tied around my neck. I had to have a biopsy on my thyroid on Thursday. They made me do ice on/ice off for 20 minutes at a time. Since I didn't want to go back to work sporting this attire, I sat on my patio in the sun reading a book until I finished all 4 ice-packs—it was rough! I'll get the results next week. They don't think it's serious, but did the test because one of the nodules on my thyroid was in the size range to test.



I missed the dinner meeting because I had to take my mom back to Sequim for a check-up and didn't get back in time. She developed a type of staph infection in her eye after her appointment last week and we were afraid she was going to lose her vision in that eye. The infection is gone now and her vision is improving day by day. It may take 6 weeks before we know if she gets all of her sight back.

Jay Inslee was in town on Tuesday for the Main Street/Revitalize WA Conference for a session called "Vital, Vibrant and Inclusive Communities." I was able to attend and it was an interesting discussion with great speakers. I wish I had taken notes so I could share more.



Here is a picture of the downtown street about a week ago. Many of the locals are staying out of downtown due to the construction. Be sure and come up Washington past the post office and courthouse if you want to avoid it. The City of Port Townsend says they are still on track to finish by the end of June.



From Carol Wise: Update on the Soroptimist Park: What a job! It was in horrific condition. And NOW it is GORGEOUS! We can be Proud as Punch for having this work done and the comments have been amazing. Even Carlos stated that people honk, thumbs up and said thank you while they are working. Right now we are at \$1,700 and I'm having him find out the cost for the bark that, when laid, actually acts like a weed block. It's sold in Poulsbo. May not be cost effective, but I'm finding out. No sense in not doing this right and keep the future maintenance down.

What else is new? I really enjoyed our get together at San Juan Taqueria. We talked about the future and the present and just had fun telling stories. Love you ladies!

From Katy Guthridge: My big news is that after 35 years in banking, and 23 years at the Port Townsend branch of U.S. Bank, I am retiring!! My last day will be Friday, June 1.

Joe and I plan on doing a whole lot of boating, and possibly hosting some European barge trips that wouldn't have been possible before, along with the annual European tours that he's been doing for over 20 years. I will also be helping him out in the store as well as getting (and hopefully keeping) him organized.

After a wonderful career, it's time for some serious fun! I'm soooo ready, and so grateful that at this time in my life I can do it.

ELLA'S JOKE CORNER:

They're back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins, or were announced at church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off. Let the Church help!

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members, and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope, along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM. Prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn-singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

(And this one just about sums them all up.)

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge—Up Yours!"