



SOROPTIMIST NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Schedule for September

September 14: Business meeting
at Katy's Conference Room at US
Bank

September 28: Dinner meeting at
a restaurant to be chosen at the
business meeting

September Birthdays:

Victoria Kelley (September 4)

October Birthdays:

None

Foster Kids Birthday reminders:

William (5 on September 24)

Diane

Sheridan (17 on October 23) Ruth

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Greetings Sisters!

I hope everyone had a lovely (long) Labor Day weekend. The weather was glorious! Labor Day is always special to me, as I "labored" and gave birth to my son Aaron on Labor Day, 28 years ago. How is that possible?!

This is Wooden Boat Festival week, and we will have a visitor from S.I. Tasmania, Julie Marsaban, the club President. Betty forwarded an email from Julie last week to our club members. She would really like to get together with all or some of us while she's here, for lunch, dinner, coffee, or a drink, whatever works best. I'm hoping we can put something together. She will be in PT from September 6-12. Please let me know what would work for you.

The annual District Meeting is coming up, October 20-22 in Ferndale. Think about it, and if you're interested let me know. As we discussed at the retreat, in an effort to cut our club expenses, the club will not be paying for the hotel room or meal costs, just the mandatory registration fee.

And I wanted to remind you to read The Soroptimist WOMAN, the Northwestern Region newsletter, which is published monthly. It has a ton of current information, articles about what other clubs are doing, and of course, Governor Stephanie's message (From Our Head Coach and Cheerleader). It can be found on the region website; some of you may have signed up to receive it via email. Please check it out! One of the Four Pillars (of SIA's Strategic Plan) is Public Awareness; the Public Awareness Pillar Goal (per Governor Stephanie) is that all clubs use their SIA Club email address and all Soroptimists access and read the Soroptimist WOMAN newsletter. Please let me know if you have trouble accessing it.

I will see you at our next business meeting, September 14, in the U.S. Bank conference room, but hopefully some of us can get together this week to meet Julie!

Best,

President Katy

Mark your Calendar

District 1 Meeting

Ferndale, WA
Silver Reef Casino & Resort
October 20–22, 2017

Area Meeting

February 24, 2018 (Place TBD)

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



MEMBER NEWS:

From Penny Westerfield: On Sunday, after church, I dropped by McDonalds drive-through to pick up some lunch. Here is a picture of who I was following in the drive-through line (apparently the horses are into Big Mac's too!):



Ella's Joke Corner:

From Governor Stephanie Smith
(via Facebook):

1. Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

2. A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

3. A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Ahmal." The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him "Juan." Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."

3. A dyslexic man walks into a bra.

5. A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."

6. Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"

7. "Doc, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home.'" "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome." "Is it common?" Well, "It's Not Unusual."

8. Two cows are standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning." "I don't believe you," says Dolly. "It's true, no bull!" exclaims Daisy.

9. An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.

10. Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.

11. I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.

12. A man woke up in a hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, "Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The doctor replied, "I know you can't I've cut off your arms!"

13. I went to a seafood disco last week and pulled a mussel.

14. What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.

15. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says "Dam!"

16. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

17. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why," they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."

18. Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.

19. Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked bare-foot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him. (Oh, man, this is so bad, it's good...) A super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

20. And finally, there was the person who sent twenty different puns to his friends, with the hope that at least ten of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did!



And from Ella:

This will boggle your mind. The year is 1917—100 years ago. What a difference a century makes. Here are some statistics for the year 1917:

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for cars was sold only in drugstores.

Only 14 percent of homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of homes had a telephone.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95% of all births took place at home.

90% of all doctors had no college education! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and the government as "sub-standard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound; eggs were fourteen cents a dozen; coffee was fifteen cents a pound.