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President's Message

The days are longer and it is finally getting warmer. I am enjoying my walks on the waterfront trail during my lunch hour and/or 10 minute break. I find I can get energized quickly just being outdoors. I am so lucky to have the trail passing in front of where I work. The trees are in bloom and there is a bench, the City donated to my Company's 10th anniversary, which has the Soroptimist Jet Set name as we were city hostesses.

Anna and I attended the Area Meeting which is a much smaller and more intimate group of fellow Soroptimists. It made it much easier to exchange ideas and network with other clubs. I think Anna and I came away with lots of new ideas, renewed energy, and enthusiasm for the upcoming year.

Each person was asked to explain why she joined Soroptimist. The one thing that almost everyone said was they developed lasting friendships. Soroptimists provides an opportunity to help women and girls, not only in our Community but global. We were reminded again to look at our clubs projects to see if the things we are doing really do meet the mission of Soroptimist, "making the lives of women and girls better." All the Area Clubs in attendance had fantastic activities, fundraisers, projects and ideas which they shared.

In the afternoon session we brainstormed on ideas for a project that would have a long term goal. Start small and each year continue on the project until the long term goal is met. **We've done this in the past as I'm sure the Waterfront Trail wasn't done in a year.**

The SI Quadrennial Project for 2007-2011 partners SI with Hopes and Homes for Children on Project Sierra: A Family and a Future. This project provides support for some of the most deprived women and children in Sierra Leone. Three components of Project Sierra Leone are support for young mothers, help for children living alone, and integrated assistance for children and families. **More information at www.projectsierra.org.**

Remember, the farmer is working from dawn until sunset. He's fulfilling his visions of his long term goals. The seeds planted on always rotated in the fields to let the nutrients of the soil stay. We've put in the labor and now, as Soroptimist, must report our progress of 08-09. Remember, our work does enrich the lives of others all year long. Anna, Marsha and I will be at the Region Conference the end of this month representing all of you. We promise to listen and bring back all the enthusiasm and energy we get and have a great time while there.

President Ruth

President Obama Creates White House Council on Women and Girls On March 11, U.S. President Barack Obama created the White House Council on Women and Girls. The Council's mission will be to coordinate the federal government's responses to issues facing women and girls. It will also ensure that all cabinet and cabinet-level agencies consider how their policies will affect women and their families. Valerie Jarrett, assistant and special advisor to the president, will chair the Council, which will be made up of members from cabinet-level federal agencies. Soroptimist applauds President Obama's efforts to support the needs of women and girls, and for placing their issues at the forefront of his administration.

Calendar of Events

May 7	Steven's Six—Intro of Youth, Their Goals/Purpose/Fundraising and Beth Oakes, Master Gardener dener—European Intensive Method of Gardening
May 9	Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Campfire Clubhouse
May 14	Carla Abrams—Girl Scouts
May 21	Deborah Moriarty-Admin & Education Coordinator, Fiero Marine Life Center
May 21	Spelling BEE - City Chamber 9:00 a.m.
May 28	Business Meeting
June 4	All Committees Meeting/Breakout
June 11	Scholarship Recipients and Khason Politika (Ambassador Program)
June 18	Edie Beck—Australian Visit
June 25	Business Meeting

Soroptimist Jet Set Highlights

DISTRICT 1 REGION CONFERENCE—MISSOULA, MONTANA

President Ruth Thomson, Anna Shields, Marsha Robin and Venturist Judy Owen traveled together to the Region Conference held April 24-26, 2009 in Missoula, Montana. As you can see from the pictures below, they had a blast! Doesn't it make you want to go out and buy several of our aprons with the Soroptimist logo? (See Marsha to place your order!)



A fun time in Missoula! Pictured above from left to right: Ruth Thomson, Anna Shields, Marsha Robin, and Judy Owen.

President Ruth, Anna, and Marsha gave a report to club members on Thursday, April 30, as part of our SOLT program.



An evening in Missoula from left to right: Judy Owen, Ruth Thomson, Marsha Robin, and Anna Shields.

Of particular note, SIPA Jet Set was especially proud of our Venture Club as it was recognized as being the most community inclusive venture group in the region! Also, a big thank you to Judy Owen for her steadfast encouragement for the new members and continued success to get a Venture board and officers so they can build on their successes. District 1 Soroptimist members were asked to support young business women and encourage them to be involved in their community. Stay tuned as SI Friday Harbor is going to sponsor a Venture Club!

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS WOMAN???



Picture taken in Forks while on a "Twilight" field trip! Marsha Robin and Jill Oakes went on a mission to Forks to find treasures for a "Twilight" basket. Barb Gronseth, SI Olympic Rain Forest, joined in on the fun and is pictured on the right in downtown Forks with Jill.



Boys and Girls Club Appreciation Luncheon



Pictured above left back row: Edie Beck, Martha Hurd and Ludmilla Moon; front row from left: Billie Grauberger, Marian Mertz and Marsha Robin.

The Boys and Girls Club hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Pictured on the left you will recognize several SIPA Jet Set members who were able to attend. George Rodes, Director of the Mt. Angeles Boys and Girls Club, introduced those in attendance including the Peninsula Boys and Girls Club Board and community members.

Area Meeting

President Ruth Thomson and President-Elect Anna Shields attended the Area Meeting in Bremerton on Saturday, April 3, 2009. Carla Abrams, Council Director of the Girls Scouts, was the guest speaker and has been invited to speak to our club members on May 14th. Anna is pictured below on the right.



Pictured above in back row George Rodes and in the front row from the left: Edie Beck, Martha Hurd, Billie Graubert, Marian Mertz, and Marsha Robin.

BEST for Women

- B = best**
- E = enthusiastic**
- S = savvy**
- T = tenacious**

Rummage for Relay
Saturday, May 9, 2009
Campfire Clubhouse
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.



Anna Shields in Bremerton

Making a Difference for Women Award (Renamed Soroptimist Ruby Award beginning 2009-2010)

This award honors women who are making extraordinary differences in the lives of other women. A *Making a Difference for Women Award* recipient should be a woman who has worked to improve the lives of women and girls, has had a significant impact on the lives of women and girls, and would inspire and encourage other women.

The Soroptimist *Making a Difference for Women Award* begins at the local level where clubs recognize a woman in their community. The recipient at the local level receives \$500 to be donated to her favorite charitable organization. Clubs submit their entry to the region level where the region selects a woman to honor at the region conference. The regions submit their entries to the federation level where one woman is selected to receive a \$5,000 donation to her favorite charitable organization.

Participation in this program is simple and has many important returns for the club, including:

- ◆ Further promotion of issues that improve the lives of women and girls
- ◆ Networking
- ◆ Honoring special women in the community
- ◆ Membership recruitment
- ◆ Media coverage for the club

Eligibility

- ◆ A woman in the community who is improving the lives of women or girls through her professional or personal life;
- ◆ By identifying and focusing on a need of women and girls, this woman has contributed to the improvement of their lives;
- ◆ Although clubs may honor a woman for a lifetime of good work, the majority of the work should have occurred within the past two years.

Previous award winners, Soroptimists, immediate family of Soroptimists and employees of Soroptimists are not eligible for the award.

Clubs may begin soliciting for nominations as early as August. Additional information and forms may be accessed from the SIA website at www.soroptimist.org.

I've seen women so thin that
buzzards follow them to their cars!

~Erma Bombeck



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