



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF ASHLAND



CALENDAR	
Dec 1	Lunch Buddy W1
Dec 7 Noon*	Business Meeting
Dec 8	Lunch Buddy W2
Dec 14 Noon*	Christmas Party & Auction
Dec 15	Lunch Buddy W3
Dec 21	NO Meeting
Dec 28	NO Meeting
Jan 3 5:30 pm	Board Meeting People's Bank
* La Casa del Pueblo	

Happy Holidays, all! Where did the Autumn go? December is here with freezing nights and noses!

Our schedule for December will be a bit different from other months, in that we'll take the last two weeks off from Club, and the December 13 meeting will be a Party-of-Parties. That leaves the December 7 Business meeting, and there you have the month.

I'd like to tell you about a special project that comes around on December 10 each year, an International Project that we can each give to if we wish. Each year the International President (this year Alice Wells) gets to choose a favorite project, and Clubs all over the planet contribute to the project, so that the strength of our considerable unity can truly make a difference.

This year the project is called "Birthing in the Pacific," and is a project to train and provide supplies as well as facilities to midwives in the Independent State of Papua New Guinea.

Currently in Papua New Guinea only 36% of births are attended by a skilled health care worker. The overall maternal mortality rate is 733 deaths per 100,000 live births. (Compare this to a current alarming statistic in the US, that our maternal mortality rate rose from 6.6 per 100,000 in 1987 to 13.3 per 100,000 in 2006. We do indeed need to address this issue in our own country, but our problem pales in comparison to what is seen in many other areas of the world.) The infant mortality rate in Papua New Guinea is 4,329 per 100,000 live births.

President Alice chose this project in Papua New Guinea and gave a stirring presentation about it at International Convention in Montreal last summer. She is confident that the money will be used productively, and that the welfare of women will be truly improved.

For \$300, a Club can "adopt" a midwife: that is to provide for her complete training and outfitting.

Can we do that as a Club?

Maternal well-being is a long-time favorite cause of mine. I would hope that we can give generously to this wonderful project.

President Kay Lynne



COMING EVENTS:

Feb 4, Saturday:

Area Meeting in Grants Pass



Get to know our Long-time Members

Pat Acklin 7/1/90



by Sue Kurth

Pat Acklin, this month's featured member, has been active in the club since July 1, 1990.

Pat is married to Ken Kigel and has one grown adult child (Robin, 26). Pat has lived in southern Oregon since 1971 and in Ashland since 1977 when she moved into town to attend classes at Southern Oregon State College (now SOU). Pat shared, "I moved to southern Oregon with my significant other and a group of family and extended family to found a commune in Wolf Creek on Coyote Creek Road. When the group went in another direction, I left and eventually lived in another commune in the upper Applegate where Ken and I began our relationship about 37 years ago."

Geography captured Pat's interest early in life and has thus been a major part of both her academic and professional life. Pat majored in Geography as an under grad at SOSC and in 1978 received a BS in the field. Pat returned to SOSC as a student, receiving her Elementary Teaching Certificate in 1987 and began her teaching career in the fall of that same year when she accepted a position at Ashland Middle School. Pat returned as a student to SOU and in 1991 received a M.S., in General Studies, with an Area of Concentration in Geography.

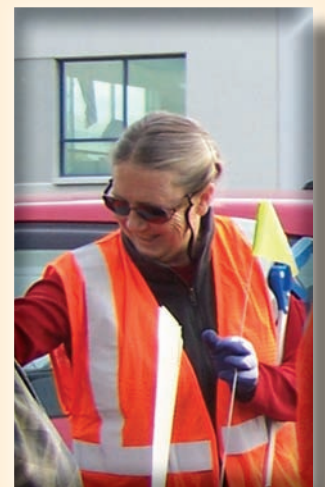
Prior to establishing a professional career in the Geography Department at SOU, Pat worked for Jackson County Planning and Development as well as a variety of non-profit organizations. Pat's professional career at SOU began in 1988 when she accepted a position as Lecturer

in the Geography Department. From lecturer, Pat would become an instructor, assistant professor, and today she is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography. Pat said, "My interest in geography began in grade school in what has been called 'social studies.' Following the social science path, in high school I took a course in sociology. At UC Santa Cruz in 1969 I would have said I was an Anthropology major, with strong interest in modern dance and political science." When she returned to school in 1975, Pat knew she was interested in the science behind environmental issues. Pat said, "What I now know is that I was really interested in EVERYTHING. Geography employs spatial methodology to explain the landscapes of the natural environment (physical science) and to explain the human cultural landscape (social science). My particular interest is in human/environment interaction, one of the five themes of geography."

Pat has been involved in some aspect of teaching for over 24 years. Pat said, "Regarding teaching, my parents, both my grandmothers, as well as my husband and his father and brother, are or were teachers. I didn't really want to be a teacher but at one point it became clear to me that I was a teacher. I realized that in my work, professional, and volunteer, that if you were to stand still long enough, I would try to teach you something about whatever we were doing together."

Pat has been extremely active in city, regional, and county governments, serving on a variety of committees as well as being a chairperson for

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KNOW YOUR LONG-TIME MEMBERS: PAT ACKLIN, CONT. FROM P2



Sue Kurth has been writing these wonderful bios of Board Members, Life members, and Long-time members since September 2009. All 24 are posted on our website in the various newsletters.

many. A few of the areas of service include the Boards of the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy, Ashland Community Hospital Foundation and the Mt. Ashland Association. Today Pat serves on the Ashland Water Advisory Committee. When Pat was asked about her motivation to participate in so many community organizations, she responded, "There is evidence 'in the literature,' that civic engagement is something that begins at home, that there is a connection between one's participation and the level of participation of one's parents. There certainly is a connection for me. My parents and grandparents participated in associations relevant to their careers, education, and service." As a result, Pat developed an interest in community activities at an early age and that spark has not died out. Pat feels her community activities have expanded her understanding regarding a number of community issues.

Because of her commitment to her community, Pat has been the recipient of numerous awards. In 1995 she received the Woman of Distinction Award from Soroptimist International of Ashland; in 1987, the Citizen of

the Year Award from the Ashland Chamber of Commerce; and in 1978, the Outstanding Woman in Geography by the American Association of University Women.

Sandra Slattery and Carolyn Johnson were instrumental in getting Pat to join SIA. Pat said she became a member, "When I was contemplating leaving the City Council and was looking for an outlet for my 'do-gooder impulses.'" Pat has served on the SIA Board as Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and Treasurer.

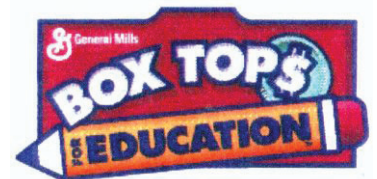
Time is a valuable commodity in everyone's life today. When inquiring about her time and commitment to family, profession, and community, Pat responded, "A person once told me when I complained of not having enough time to do something, 'that if I thought the action was important, I would make time for it.' It's true. And, there is a lot of important work that needs to be done in the world, and I've noticed that if we all pitch-in, more of it gets done. And you have to admit, it can be personally gratifying to see the results of our hard work."



BOX TOPS 4 HELMAN

by Janet Leifur

Bring your Box Tops (from cereals and other boxed things) to Janet Leifur for Helman's use. Thanks to all who have participated in this support of Helman School, with special Thanks to Julie Reeder, "top clipper."



Party of Parties

By Yolanda Nagels

Holiday Auction and Party of Parties

The fundraising committee is in full swing getting ready for this years big money raiser. Please bring an item to auction at our holiday party on December 14th at our lunch meeting. And sign up for a "Party of Parties." This year you can sign up for next year's parties and not pay until "next year."

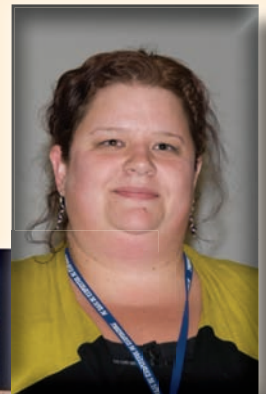
Barbara Oldfield is having a Cookie Exchange Party on December 11, at 11:00am at her beautiful home in Ashland. All you have to do is pay \$15 and bring 6 dozen of the same cookie and for that you get a wonderful breakfast, mimosa's and 6 dozen of different cookies.

Perhaps you can host a Party of Parties—the fundraising committee is here to help you. Just ask!

- Holiday Meeting
- Auction
- Party-of-Parties
- Christmas Party
- Happy Holidays!



SOROPTIMIST STRONG GIRLS STRONG WOMEN: COMMUNITY DINNER



**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER
8th**



NEW SI-ASHLAND MEMBERS

CAROL PAGE

I turned 71 last week. I started working in the insurance agency in 1986 and bought the agency in 1988. My leg problem hit last year, and my son and daughter-in-law are running the office. I hope to back to part time soon. I joined Soroptimist about 2000, transferred to SI-Ashland in September. I enjoy the fellowship and activities and hope to be of help.



Note: Carol Page transferred to us Oct '11; and Teri Dungannon, in 2010.



TERI DUNGANNON

I live in Phoenix with my husband Duane and my two boys Josh and Tyler. I work for Bank of America in Ashland. Prior to BofA I owned my own mortgage company. I started out in the Soroptimist Starlight group for about a year, then went to Sunrise where I served a year and a half term as president. When I began working in Ashland, I wasn't able to make the predawn meetings, so I transferred to Ashland. I was able to attend several meetings including the federation in San Francisco.



ROAD CLEANUP - FALL 2011

picture by Georgina Holderness

Mavis Cloutier
Barbara Hetland
Patti Lane
Amanda Pyle
Teri Dungannon
Judy Faulkner
Laurie Schaaf
Barbara Oldfield

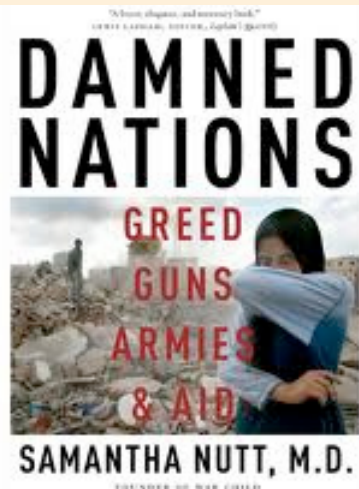


GLOBAL BOOK CORNER FROM SOROPTIMIST INTL

by Kathy Mooney

When Dr Samantha Nutt, founder of War Child North America, addressed the SI Convention in Montreal, her account of being an aid worker and a medic in some of the world's most conflict ridden countries could not fail to move. Her book, Damned Nations, has now been published and is a must read for those who wish to find out

more about the complex reality of aid, trade and war. Combining original research with her personal story, it is a thoughtful reflection on war as it is being waged around the world against millions of civilians - primarily women and children.



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meets at noon on Wednesdays
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CYNTHIA BENNETT 15
BARBARA STOUT 5

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