



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF ASHLAND



CALENDAR

Feb 1 Noon*	Business Meeting
Feb 2	Lunch Buddy W1
Feb 4	Area Meeting @ Bear Hotel, Grants Pass
Feb 8 Noon*	Cathy Nicholson, Habitat for Humanity Rogue Valley All Women's Build
Feb 9	Lunch Buddy W2
Feb 15 Noon*	Club Valentine Social**
Feb 16	Lunch Buddy W3
Feb 22 Noon*	Lottie Grant Cooper, Stress Mgmt
Feb 27 5:30 pm	Board Meeting @ People's Bank
Feb 29 evening	BLUE MOON Social @ Standing Stone Brewery
* La Casa del Pueblo	

Welcome to February, everyone, and to the busy season of our Club. We have so many activities and projects ahead: plenty to keep us all busy!

This is probably the only occasion in our lifetimes (and maybe in the history of the Club), when we will have a Blue Moon in February. This is due to it being Leap Year, plus February 1 being on a Wednesday. In addition to a blue Moon social, we'll also have a Valentine's Day party at Club on February 15, so there will be plenty of opportunity to have fun and to get to know each other better this month.

We also have Area Meeting in Grants Pass this Saturday, February 4. We have a sizeable delegation going: so another chance to spend time together and learn more about the work of Soroptimist. We'll meet in the parking lot of Safeway at 7:30 to carpool, and will be on the road by 7:45.

Add to this the regular work of this time of year: awards being given, application procedures for scholarships underway, committee meetings to decide on appropriation of funds, and we see a busy group of dedicated women!

We will be choosing members for the nominating committee at the business meeting on Wednesday, and with that act we start the ball rolling for 2012-2013. Please give thought as to where you are personally with Club right now, and whether this might be the year that you offer to serve on the Board. If you feel that would be right for you, don't hesitate to let the members of the nominating committee know. It's a chance to serve at a deeper level, and can be very rewarding personally.

And now if we could just get some precipitation here in the area: skiers would be happier and all of us could breathe a sigh of relief that in fact there will be enough water to keep our gardens alive this summer.

See you at Club: it should be a very fun month.

President Kay Lynne

**For the Feb 15 Valentine Social at Club, be sure to get a member's name to give a valentine card to. If you can't be at Club to get your name, contact Georgina Holderness or Kathy Garrett-Canape. Guests are invited to the party.

COMING EVENTS:

- May 16, Wednesday:
Awards Luncheon @ 11:45
- June 18, Monday
Installation Banquet



Get to know our Long-time Members

Kathy Mooney
May 1999

by Sue Kurth

The Mooney family, (Kathy, husband Michael, and daughter Heather) moved to Ashland in June, 1995. Kathy said, "We moved from Fair Oaks, Ca (suburb of Sacramento) to get out of the Calif crush of humanity, traffic, and to find better schools for Heather. Except for leaving Raley's and Trader Joe's behind, I have never regretted the move."

Kathy comes from a large family—five brothers and two sisters. She is the second oldest and the first born daughter. Kathy said, "Michael and I are 'valley kids,' having spent our childhood in Burbank, Ca.--home to Lockheed, Disney, and other entertainment studios." Kathy and Michael started dating in high school and have been together ever since. On January 27, while in Paris, they toasted their 39th wedding anniversary.

Kathy believes her love of movies started on her first date with Michael. "Michael took me to Hollywood to see *The Graduate*, and we went for pizza afterwards. In those days, it was a big deal to go to the major movie houses in Hollywood to see opening movies. We have been going to movies ever since." Kathy estimated they have probably seen, together, around 3,000 movies! The following are a smattering of Kathy's favorite films (but are not in any particular order): *The Best Years of Our Lives*, *Lion in Winter*, *To Catch a Thief*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Seven Year Itch*, *Sunset Boulevard*, *The Big Country*, *Chinatown*, *Chicago*, and *Three Weddings and a Funeral*. Of course you can expect to see the Mooney's at the Ashland Independent Film Festival in April.

After high school, Kathy attended the University of San Francisco. She encountered a few detours before graduating from USF in 1978. In her junior year Kathy transferred to the University of Calif at Northridge, in southern California. She got married, moved back to San Francisco, then Chicago, and on to Boston, allowing Michael to pursue career opportunities. In 1976, they moved back to San Francisco where they lived until 1981.

From 1973 until 1989, Kathy worked at Wells Fargo Bank. She started out as a teller and left as an Asst VP Customer Service Manager. After leaving Wells Fargo, Kathy took a temporary job to help at Michael's business, a medical export management firm. As with many temporary jobs, she has been there ever since. Kathy said, "We truly are a family owned and operated business with Heather now working for Mooney & Co., Inc." The business focus has changed since its origin in 1982. Originally, Michael and his partner started a medical export management firm, specializing in orthopedics. In the early 90's, Michael and his partner parted ways, and under Michael and Kathy's ownership, the company's focus changed to a ring cutter business. "Our web site is www.ringcutter.com in case anyone is interested. The Gem Ring Cutting Systems is now our exclusive product and is used in over 5,000 hospitals worldwide," said



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KNOW YOUR LONG-TIME MEMBERS: KATHY MOONEY, CONT. FROM P2



the VP of Sales and Marketing (aka Kathy Mooney).

Susan Wood invited Kathy to join Soroptimist. She became a member in May of 1999. Kathy said, "I had attended a couple of lunches and was intrigued with community service, meeting like-minded women in Ashland, and to expand my knowledge of women's issues. I was thrilled this was an international organization with an advisory seat at the UN." Kathy's first "job" at Club was working the "Attendance Desk," as it was called then, with Polly Arnold. Doing it for a year gave Kathy the opportunity to get to know names, faces, and a little bit about the members. After about a year, Kathy was asked to become second VP of the club and "go up the chairs." She served as President for the 2003/2004 year. "This year proved to be a pivotal year for me by attending the Soroptimist International Convention in Sydney as the club delegate. I traveled alone but was never alone with over 900 Soroptimists attending. I was literally blown away by the scope of our organization. This is where I was exposed to so many international issues of women and girls for the first time: violence against women as a tool of war, the effects of globalization and fair trade practices, the need for women to be instrumental in the peace process, and our work in the UN. These are just some of the issues. The speakers were amazing. Noleen Heyzer, the director of UNIFEM, spoke to us for 20 minutes with no notes about the state of women's affairs in the world at that time. You could have heard a pin drop; she was so profound. We were introduced to the Quadrennial Project—partnering with Women for Women International, to help sponsor women survivors of war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Rwanda, and Afghanistan. I was hooked, and I have since attended the international

conventions in Glasgow and Montreal. Every Soroptimist should try to attend at least one international convention in her Soroptimist life. Serving in the various club officer positions and as a Board member, created an unknown opportunity for me to develop skills in working with others, public speaking, communication, organization, and to expand my knowledge of women's issues around the world. If you are looking to expand and sharpen your professional skills, consider serving in an officer position. Soroptimist is the gift that just keeps giving."

Travel is a top priority in Kathy's life. Kathy said, "I know it is kind of sappy, but Michael and I like to celebrate our anniversary with a trip every year. These days, I figure every year you are still together is a major achievement." This tradition started on their 20th anniversary when Michael surprised Kathy with their first Caribbean cruise. Today, the couple has taken ten cruises as well as traveling in Europe, the Far East, and the South Pacific. Kathy said, "I'm ready to go anyplace, anytime."

When asked, "What and who influenced you the most while you were growing up," Kathy's response was, "I think I have to say the movies. I adored watching movies with strong women such as Katherine Hepburn, Betty Davis, Rosalind Russell, and a host of others holding their own in a man's world but yet remaining true to themselves. One of my favorite movie quotes is from Auntie Mame—'Life is a banquet and most poor suckers are starving to death!' That's it—enjoy life, family, work, food, travel, and try to make a difference in the short time we have here on this planet."



Sue Kurth has been writing these wonderful bios of Board Members, Life members, and Long-time members since September 2009. All 25 are posted on our website in the various newsletters.

VIRGINIA'S CHALLENGE TO CLUB

Every year that I have been a Soroptimist I have felt more enriched, knowing I have been a part of a 'hands on' group. October 2011 was the anniversary of my 48th year. So I am placing \$48 in the treasurer's hands and challenge members to do the same, a dollar a year of membership. I would like to ask the money go to ACCESS as it

is an organization aiding the needy in our community. In the present economy there are so many right here in our valley who need assistance.

—Virginia Vogel

Note: Virginia is a Life member.



CLUB MEMBERS BY NUMBER YEARS IN SOROPTIMIST

Name	years	Name	years	Name	years
Virginia Vogel	48	Kay Lynne Sherman	11	Teri Dungannon	4
Beverly Meads	42	Wendy Ray	11	Patti Lane	3
Mavis Cloutier	33	Carol Page	11	Susan Hollandsworth	3
Elysia Iverson	28	Judith Faulkner	10	Jennifer Egan	3
Kathy Garrett Canape	28	Sara Brown	9	Christine Dodson	2
Marilyn Bailey	27	Debbie Jones	9	Janet Leifur	2
Peggy Cossolias	24	Amanda Pyle	8	Joy Dobson Way	2
Polly Arnold	24	Barbara Oldfield	8	Karen Machen	1
Carolyn Johnson	24	Barbara Hetland	6	Patty Hammett	1
Patricia Acklin	21	Roberta Broadie	5	Laurie Schaaf	1
Yolanda Nagel	19	Sue Kurth	5	Julie Reeder	1
Signa Fischer	19	Sandry Schorovsky	5	Kris Diasio	1
Cynthia Bennett	15	Barbara Stout	5	Gwen Overland	1
Kathy Mooney	12	Linda Anderson	4	Alex Zaremska	0
		Georgina Holderness	4	Robbin Pearce	0



It's budget time! That means we're actually planning for next year, so committees should think about what changes they may want in their budgets: is there something you really think needs more funding? Something that your committee used to do, but doesn't anymore that could be eliminated or cut back? This is the time to consider those things so committee chairs can pass on requests to the Administration committee (Mel and Linda are co-chairs).

As requested at Club, I have listed our members by number of years as a Soroptimist. If you wish to rise to Virginia's challenge, please submit a check to Julie Reeder with "challenge" written in the memo. If everyone rises to the challenge, we will have \$500 to donate to ACCESS.
—Linda Anderson

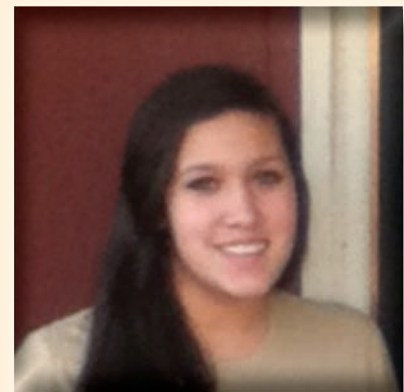
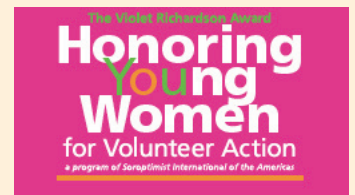
VIOLET RICHARDSON WINNER

Violet Richardson is an award to a young woman between the ages of 14 and 17 who volunteers in our community or school. She sees challenges instead of obstacles; hope instead of despair. She believes in the power of volunteer action. The Violet Richardson Award recognizes young women who make the community and world a better place through volunteer efforts.

Our winner this year is Christa

Tapp who who volunteers at the Ashland Food Bank, is involved in leadership and organizational activities at Ashland High School, volunteers with the children and youth at her church, volunteers for Ashland Parks & Recreation, and is involved in our sister-city program with Guanajuato, Mexico.

We can look forward to meeting Christa at our Awards Banquet at the Ashland Springs Hotel on May 16th.



SIA'S WOA WINNERS

by Mel Bailey

As many of you know, we have selected our Women's Opportunity Award (WOA) recipients for this year, and we're excited about them!

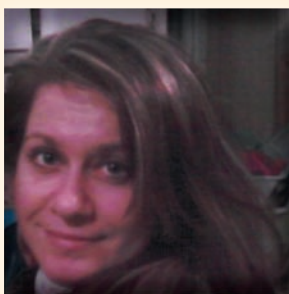
For a little background (while the drumroll is going on), WOA is the signature project of our Federation, and most clubs participate by awarding a worthy woman who is financial head of household and working to better life for herself and her family through further education. A joint area committee works each fall to solicit applications for the awards given by each club, then a panel of non-Soroptimist judges reviews the applicants and ranks them. Each club's first place winner goes on to compete at Region level, and maybe even Federation level.

Our first place winner is Jackie Farrell, who lives in Cave Junction and attends RCC's nursing program. In addition to school, she raises her three children and works 30-35 hours per week. After graduation from RCC, she hopes to continue school for her RN, then a Masters degree. She aspires to "bring back a little bit of 'the country doctor' by opening a small clinic." Jackie has an amazing story of trials and tribulations, including kicking a meth habit, that have

brought her to this point in her life where she is passionate about her education Jackie is an honors student, and is really reaching for the stars both for herself and her family. Jackie will receive \$2,000 from SIA and her application is now being considered at Region level.

Tawnya Ayala-Baker is receiving our second place award of \$1,000. She lives in Grants Pass, and also attends RCC, working towards her BS in Human Services. She has three children. At one point Tawnya lost custody of her children as she had developed a drug habit supported by crime for which she was jailed for a year. She says, "with my experience in life, I have a lot to offer to a client as well as Human Services." She plans to attend SOU after finishing RCC and will do her practicum at the Juvenile Detention Center working with troubled teens.

Both these women were a pleasure to talk with when I called them about their awards, and were so excited and pleased to feel that Soroptimist heard them and honored them. Really, they were both more excited about the acknowledgment than "just" the money! They will both attend our Awards Luncheon in May—it'll be wonderful to meet them in person.



Jackie Farrell

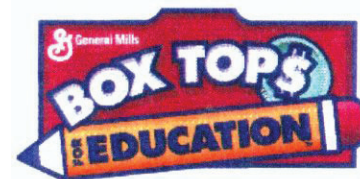


Tawnya Ayala-Baker

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 Nagel

There are a great bunch of Party of Parties to sign up for--if you have not already done so. The list of parties and attendees is posted on our website at the members-only page: <http://www.soroptimistrv.org/siamembersonlyinfo/siamembersonlyinfo.html>

There's room for more to sign up so look them over. A sign up sheet will be passed around at Club at least 1 month before the party. Money is due 3 weeks before the party.

House Concert: Irish Galician & Scottish Music

Thursday, February 23, 7:30pm
\$15 to \$25 Sliding Scale
Hosted by: Kay Lynne & Debbie Jones

Bunko Party

Sunday, April 15, 2 to 5 pm
\$15 each
Hosted by: Barbara Hetland, Amanda Pyle & Linda Anderson

Surprise Party!

Late Spring 6pm-ish Place
\$15 each
Hosted by: Barbara Oldfield & Barbara Stout

SMALL DINNER GROUPS

by Kathy Garrett-Canape

Our group had dinner at Blue Creek where, on Friday nights, they have a Tarot card reader and musician. Fun!

Stepping Stone Building

Late April – when the sun returns
\$15 each
Hosted by: Amanda Pyle & Wendy Ray

Morel Mushroom Hunting Party & Hike

Sunday Mid to End of May
(Morels are usually out around Mothers Day)
\$15
Hosted by: Julie Reeder & Laurie Schaaf

Wildflower Walk

Wednesday, May 16, 5:00pm
\$15 each
Hosted by Mel Bailey and Mavis Cloutier

Mexican Food & Margaritas' Pool Party

A Saturday in June
\$20 each
Hosted by: Georgina Holderness & Susan Hollandsworth



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PEGGY COSSOLIAS	25 YEAR
YOLANDA NAGEL	20 YEAR
PATTY HAMMETT	2 YEAR

(NUMBER YEARS SOROPTIMIST MEMBER)

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