



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF ASHLAND



CALENDAR

Jan 3 5:30 pm	Board Meeting People's Bank
Jan 4 Noon*	Business Meeting
Jan 5	Lunch Buddy W1
Jan 11 Noon*	"Sorooptimist Membership and Beyond"—Kathy GC, Mavis & Georgina
Jan 12	Lunch Buddy W2
Jan 18 Noon*	Hope Equestrian —Tim Womack
Jan 19	Lunch Buddy W3
Jan 23 5:30 pm	Board Meeting People's Bank
Jan 25 Noon*	Overseas girls leadership train- ing program— Lorraine Cook, SOU

* La Casa del Pueblo

COMING EVENTS:

Feb 4, Saturday:

Area Meeting in Grants Pass

May 16, Wednesday:

Awards Luncheon @ 11:45

June 18, Monday

Installation Banquet

Happy New Year, everyone!

I hope you have all had a wonderful Holiday season, and are ready to get back to work with the beginning of a new year.

We are starting into the time of REAL work for the Club: lots of scholarships to be given, money to be donated, a couple of Trafficking conferences to support and participate in, ongoing support of SSGSW, and a new Pillow Booth season before you know it.

At the same time, we each have our lives: our careers, our families; our challenges of loss, or of health. My heart always feels warm when I see our concern and support for each other. May we continue to appreciate that our work for bettering the lives of women and girls starts with ourselves!

May 2012 be an even better year for all women and girls, wherever they are, and may we play a part in that effort.

President Kay Lynne



Get to know our Long-time Members

Yolanda Nagel
2/1/92

by Sue Kurth

On November 25, 1946, in Tempe, Arizona, Yolanda Salazar was the first of five children (4 girls and 1 boy) born to Frank and Jessie Salazar. Yolanda grew up in Tolleson, a small town about 25 miles west of Tempe.

Yolanda moved to Southern California in 1968 and immediately fell in love with the California beaches, the California fashion, and the California pay scale. Yolanda accepted a position with Wells Fargo Realty Services, a subsidiary of Wells Fargo & Co. It was here Yolanda met Rick Nagel. The two were married in 1981. Yolanda says, "With my 5 children, Rick's 3 biological children and the 3 step children he was raising—we had 11. And we raised a grandson, so that made it 12. It is not cheaper by the dozen!" Today the Nagel family consists of 23 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Yolanda said, "It's a lot of fun when we can get together—at least half of the family can gather for the holidays and birthdays."

Yolanda shares, "Our marriage is the third for both of us. They say the third time's the charm! Whoever 'they' are—are absolutely correct. Rick is my soul mate, my best friend, and the perfect traveling partner." Yolanda says this marriage works because she treats Rick like she wants to be treated, and he does the same.

Yolanda fought Rick for years before finally agreeing, in 1987, to move their family to the Rogue Valley. Rick had grown up in Talent and wanted to "return home." Yolanda quickly fell in love with the area, and today she says, "This place is awesome! I would not move for anything. I love the seasons,

none too gruesome." Yolanda and Rick, during their 24 years of living in the Talent/Ashland area, have enjoyed all the seasons, skiing in the winter, rafting in the summer, and enjoying the beauty of the Rogue Valley. They have also attended numerous sporting events at the Phoenix and Ashland high schools. Two of Yolanda's sons graduated from Ashland High while her husband Rick graduated from Phoenix High.

Yolanda and Rick travel when the opportunity presents itself. This year, to celebrate their 30th anniversary, Rick took Yolanda on an extended trip to Europe. After returning Yolanda said, "I think I just became a big fan of Paris," although Puerto Vallarta ranks high on places she enjoys visiting.

Yolanda has been a Soroptimist since 1992. Juanita Bowden, who worked at the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, invited Yolanda to a meeting. Yolanda shares, "Soroptimist used to have an annual membership drive, sending out some beautiful invitations—they really wanted to impress you. It was held at the Mark Anthony Hotel (Ashland Springs Hotel). We were woo'd with drinks and appetizers, speeches, and an invite to attend a meeting or two." The meetings were held at Windmill Inn of Ashland and had approximately 75 members in attendance. "When I heard all that this Club did for the community and internationally, I knew I had to get involved." Yolanda served as the club president twice, has chaired several committees, and was on the Region ROAR Committee. Yolanda was humbled when presented with the Woman of Distinction award, a number of years ago. She received

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this award because she was a foster care mom, mostly to girls. Being a foster care mom, Yolanda said, “I would ask for young girls. I loved to sit and talk to them. It was not an easy life for them, and I just wanted to make it better for a little while.”

Yolanda still enjoys attending District and Region meetings. She said, “I used to go to most of them, but it seems that now that our children and grandchildren are grown, we have graduations, weddings, babies, gatherings, and school activities to attend.” She hopes to sail on the cruise to Alaska in 2013 for Region. Yolanda shares, “The biggest change I have seen in Soroptimist clubs is the membership. We now have half the members we once did in our Club.”

Yolanda, with her tax preparer’s license, worked with her husband, a CPA, for 30 years. In 2009, the couple retired, selling their Ashland CPA practice. Yolanda said, “One of the best things about owning your own business is you can take off whenever you want, be late, and delegate. However, it seemed like we were always there, and worked late hours and weekends.” After retiring, Yolanda said she quickly became bored so she started selling Miche Bags—purses. She loves the handbags, and it gets her out and about. Yolanda shares, “I’m a people person and like meeting new and interesting women.” She works tax season (Feb 1–Apr 15) when she can, and says it is not a bad

part time job. It pays for her vacations!

When she has spare time, Yolanda likes to travel, cook, crochet, garden, attend plays, and listen to music. “I love to play volleyball and softball, but my knees and hips can’t keep up with me anymore,” Yolanda shared. The Nagels live in the country, which provides Yolanda the opportunity for leisure walks, enjoying the surrounding hills. She says the hills are especially beautiful in the late spring.

Yolanda also volunteers at Britt during the summer concerts. “I work at approximately 15 shows and get to watch and enjoy them. Another people opportunity—love to meet and talk to people from all walks.”

“My kids and grandkids are my life loves—next to my husband.” Yolanda enjoys her interactions with her family—whether it be a chit chat session and hearing about their lives or cooking for them. Yolanda also receives a great deal of pleasure in watching her granddaughter play volleyball and basketball. For Yolanda, “It brings back memories.”

“Ten years from now, I hope we’re still traveling—that’s my bucket list—“Travel Anywhere”! I want to see the world.”



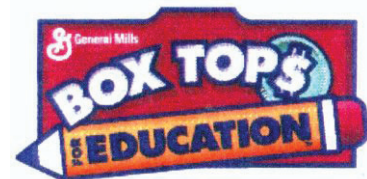
Sue Kurth has been writing these wonderful bios of Board Members, Life members, and Long-time members since September 2009. All 24 are posted on our website in the various newsletters.



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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.”





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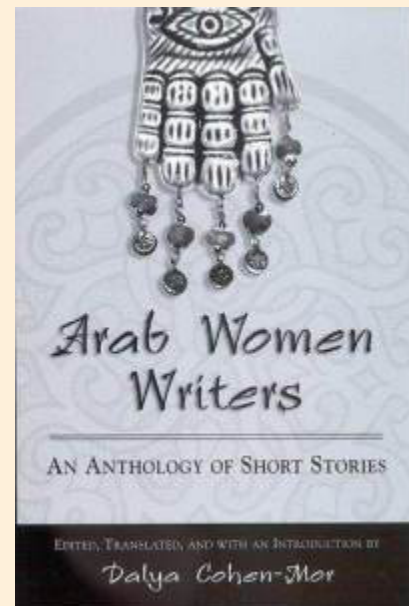


GLOBAL BOOK CORNER: ARAB WOMEN WRITERS - AN ANTHOLOGY OF SHORT STORIES

This month's book is something for the rare moments of quiet during the busy holiday season. Published in 2005, this anthology contains 60 short stories by 40 writers from most of the countries of the Arab world. Stories include the ironic "International Women's Day" by Salwa Bakr, in which a male teacher speaks to schoolchildren about the need to appreciate women, but has trouble following his own advice, and "The Closely Guarded Secret" by Sahar al-Muji, in which a woman guarded carefully an unnamed secret all her life from parents and

husband, preserving a sense of self. The stories are grouped by theme and include growing up female, love and sexuality, marriage, child-bearing, self-fulfillment, customs and values, and "winds of change."

—Kathy M.



A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IN REVERSE!



I'm finishing up 2011 by fulfilling a newly made resolution for said year: to show my gratitude more promptly and fully. I specifically want you all to know how very much your notes and emails and thoughts have bouyed me along during this difficult time with my folks the last few months. I've been physically absent from club for the most part, yet I've never felt that club was absent from me: I've definitely felt your support. Every time it seemed that I needed it most, I bumped into one of you and got a hug, or got a card in the mail, or an email—you've all been "there" for me. And I thank you.

I believe that 2012 is looking better and I anticipate being able to return to meetings and participation—and, boy, am I looking forward to it!!!

Mel

ROAD CLEANUP - FALL 2011



Oops!

I misidentified JULIE REEDER in last month's newsletter as Laurie Schaaf.

Silly me!

Linda

PROTECTING HUMANITY:

LEARNING FROM THE HEROES AMONG US

A presentation on Nepal's human trafficking prevention by

CNN's 2010 Hero of the Year,

Please join us and help increase international awareness of sex trafficking and the work of this extraordinary woman's efforts at prevention

AnuradhaKoirala

hosted by the Ashland Art Center

Monday, January 16, 7pm to 8pm

SOU's Meese Auditorium

reception to follow

to reserve a free seat, please email Denise Baxter at adbaxter4@msn.com



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