



## PRESIDENT BARB O TEES OFF

### CALENDAR

May 31	PILLOW BOOTH BEGINS
Jun 1* noon	Business Meeting
Jun 8 noon	Annual Picnic at Gardenway Park
Jun 13 5:30 PM	Installation Ashland Springs Hotel
July 4	Ashland Parade
* La Casa del Pueblo	

June, who would have thought a year could go by so fast. We accomplished much the past 9 months with no mulligans. We drove it in the fairway, chipped on and made the putt time and time again. I hope that everyone can look back over the past year and feel that they made a small difference in someone's life, had some fun, enjoyed the company of others and made a new friend along the way. I know that I did and I look forward to getting to know you all better over the next year.

As we start to wind down and close out the year there is still some fun to be had. Our picnic at Garden Way Park will be held on June 8th. Installation is scheduled at Ashland Springs Hotel on June 13th. We have some newer members who have stepped up to become members of the board. Kathy Garrett Canape, who has been a long time member of Soroptimist and a very welcome addition to our club will become Vice-President. Laurie Schaaf will be installed as Secretary and Julie Reeder as Assistant Treasurer. We are planning a wonderful event, so I hope you all come to help welcome KayLynne as our new President and the rest of our new board. Our club was chartered on June 12, 1946, so this will be our 65th anniversary.



What a year it was and a few of the highlights are in order. Our fundraising 'Party of Parties' was again a great success. I really enjoyed the ones I was able to attend. We had so much fun again at the bunco party, I learned some new dance steps from Patty Lane at the Valentine Party and the wildflower walk with Mel on Toothpick Trail was enjoyed by all who wandered out to check out what was blooming. What an easy and enjoyable way to spend time with each other and fund our operations at the same time.

Our committees were on another roll this year and boy do we know how to pick winners. Our Ruby award winner, Susan Moen was also honored with the region award. Our Women's Opportunity Award winner, Linda Edholm, was also recognized with one of the region awards. We have also been selected as a 2011 Soroptimist celebrating success region recipient for our Signature Project – Soroptimist Strong Girls Strong Women.

We worked in conjunction with the Ashland Police Department and SOU to sponsor the first annual Sexual Assault Awareness Symposium. This event will hopefully become an ongoing education opportunity for the police departments and all victim advocates. Sexual Assault and Trafficking is really now becoming a focal point in our community and the world at large.

Sue Kurth and her committee did a fabulous job with the Empty Bowls project. The move to downtown during May's first Friday art walk was a hit. We may have to come up with a new hunger project next year as the Clayfolk Potters' board have decided to take a break next year and will not be participating.

I want to Thank all of you for your support throughout the year. You are a wonderful group of women and I am so appreciative of all your hard work and dedication. You are all truly the best. I wish you all a terrific summer and I will see you at the booth or on the course.

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### FUTURE ISSUES:

Mid July: Summer Edition: for July/Aug/Sep

Early Oct: First issue of new fiscal year (the editor is going on vacation!)

# Get to know our Long-time Members

Peggy Cossolias  
2/1/87

by Sue Kurth

"I've lived many years and have had many experiences."

Peggy was born and raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania, the second of four children. "I feel I had a very wonderful family, including aunts, uncles, and many cousins. One special thing I had as a child was my paternal grandmother living with us from the time I was four years old. She was very special to me, reading stories to me, showing me how to knit, and just always being there. Most days she would be sitting on the front porch waiting for me to come home from school."

Peggy's youth exposed her to a variety of activities including being a girl scout, singing in the church choir, and participating in the youth group. Peggy also was her "mother's helper," either baking or cooking. Peggy said, "I always seemed to know that I wanted to be a nurse. One month after high school graduation I entered a three-year Nursing Program at the local hospital. We lived on the grounds and had two weeks off a year. I loved it!"

As a student nurse Peggy went to Philadelphia for her Pediatric training where she met her first husband. He was a Navy Medic, stationed at the Naval Hospital. After graduating from nursing school, Peggy and the Navy Medic were married. After nine years and three kids, the marriage ended in divorce. A few years later Peggy married Jim who "adopted my three children: David, Mary, and Bill, and they took his name."

Peggy continued working as a nurse while raising her family. "As the children were getting into their teens I was considering working part time so they would have more supervision.

My mother loved San Diego and was alone as my father had died a few years earlier so we asked her if she would like to live with us and supervise the kids after school. She said 'Yes', and many times since I have wondered how my life would have been different if she had said 'No'."

Peggy acknowledges her mother's decision changed her life—allowing her more opportunities. At the time her choices included continuing to work as a nurse, which she loved, or going back to school. "So, I started on my educational journey: a BA, a Masters, and a PhD. Never, had I ever dreamed that I would do all this. I then got my license as a Marriage and Family Therapist and was in private practice."

As her children were becoming adults and Peggy had more free time, at a friend's suggestion, Peggy joined Soroptimist in La Mesa (a suburb of San Diego). Peggy said, "It was a very active club, and at the time the



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President of the Federation was from the San Diego Club and her partner was in the La Mesa Club. So, we became very involved at all levels of Soroptimist: Area, District, Region, Federation and International.” Since living in Ashland, Peggy, realizes the distances we must travel make it more difficult to be involved with District and Region, but she reflects on her experiences as being very valuable. “When we moved to Ashland nine years ago, the first thing I did was attend a club meeting and transferred my membership. I had an instant community! It was great!”

“Most important I want to say how much I love our organization, and its wonderful structure. I believe we do soooo much good worldwide.” Peggy had an opportunity to attend a Youth Forum held in Japan where high school students competed. The program has since been discontinued. Peggy also had the opportunity to visit the UN when the Federation was held in New York City and remembers being treated like royalty. Peggy said, “I have never seen another organization that worked as smoothly—no politics, many choices of involvement, and really true friendships. My eldest son died in an accident and guess who helped me? My Club! They came in and set up my house for a memorial service, brought in all the food, and all attended the service. What a BLESSING!” Peggy served as president in La Mesa and again in Ashland. She said, “Both were wonderful experiences and enjoyable—we all worked together so well.” Peggy enjoys the Ashland club.



Peggy misses her children and regrets they do not live closer. Her daughter lives in Kennewick, Washington; her son, in Africa. Peggy’s granddaughter is moving to Portland.

Travel is a high priority for Peggy and Jim. Their travels include Greece, Europe, Hawaii, Egypt, Turkey, the Galapagos, Peru, Mexico as well as a few cruises. Peggy stays busy with Soroptimist and the UUFellowship. “I do all my own housework which annoys some people, but I never did it when I worked and had Mom around.” Peggy also enjoys knitting and usually has a project going.

Peggy is a wonderful cheerleader for Soroptimist—“...I think our club is great and each and every member is very important—and wonderful. Have you ever seen soooooo much talent!”



## IT'S PILLOW BOOTH TIME

by Cythia Bennett

The 2011 Pillow Booth Season has begun!  
All of the slots are filled.

- Laundry Parties: July 18th & August 29th
- Arrival time: 7:30 pm until August 9th
- Arrival time: 7:00 pm beginning August 9th
- Be sure to wear your SIA t-shirts!



## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN MONTREAL



**Soroptimist 2011**  
19<sup>th</sup> International Convention  
July 10 to 14, 2011 – Montréal, Québec, Canada

July 10-14, 2011 in Montreal, Canada

Early Bird Registration is open until April 15, 2011. Registration, hotel, airline and event information is now available on the web site: <http://www.si-montreal2011.org/>

## LUNCH BUDDIES

by Polly Arnold

Twenty-two Lunch Buddies attended closing sessions to Celebrate the Success of the 3rd year of the Soroptimist Strong Girls Strong Women Lunch Buddy program. This year has seen a total of 39 mentors for 42 girls in grades 2-4. Next year we will add grade 5. Sixteen mentors and 10 girls have been in the program for the full 3 years. Nineteen

girls and 14 mentors are in their 2nd year of the program. This signature program of SIA is showing signs of maturing and becoming an institution at Helman School.



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All attendees of the closing sessions signed on for the coming year. Plan to be a Lunch Buddy next year by notifying Polly Arnold at [pollybarnold@gmail.com](mailto:pollybarnold@gmail.com).



Lunch Buddy closing session at Polly's House, a delicious affair!



## 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.



## 2013 NWR MEETING

The NWR is planning its 2013 Regional Meeting to be on an Alaskan Cruise. You can reserve your place now--and pay over time. Payment is for the Regional Meeting + the cruise. Spouses, friends welcome. The link is available on the members-only part of the



NWR website or [CLICK HERE!](#)

## JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PARADE

by Linda Anderson

We have 10 Marchers "for sure" and 7 "maybe" marchers. If you have not signed up yet (the folder has been passed at meetings), please email me ([landerson77@mind.net](mailto:landerson77@mind.net)) and let me know "yes", "maybe", or "no." The theme is "Volunteers" and we have been volunteering in Ashland for 65 years! It is a fun way to begin your Fourth!



## PARTY OF PARTIES WILDFLOWER HIKE WITH MEL

by Yolanda Nagel

This is the Wildflower Hike up Toothpick Trail we did with Mel Bailey last Wednesday 5/18, one of the Party of Parties we signed up for. Mel showed us many of the wild flowers along the path. She really knows her stuff. The group had a great time and afterwards we had wine and snacks at Mel's home. Walkers were: Mel Bailey, Rick & Yolanda Nagel, Don & Cynthia Bennett, Mavis Cloutier, Joy Dobson Way & Tony Way, Karen Machen, Barbara Oldfield and Barbara Stout.



# SI-NORTH VALLEY GARDEN TOUR



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**Saturday, June 11**

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Roxy Ann Winery, 3285 Hillcrest Rd, Medford  
in Jacksonville at: 105 D Street

# AAUW SPRING GARDEN TOUR

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**AAUW**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Garden Tour**  
**Sunday, June 5, 2011**  
**11am to 5pm**

Tickets available at:

Paddington Station, 125. E. Main  
Ashland Grange CoOp, 421 A Street  
Medford Grange CoOp, 2531 S. Pacific Hwy

\$15 for adults

(Free for children under 10)



## SI-ASHLAND AWARD WINNERS 2011 CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESSES!



Back Row: Hannah Sayles, Maile Raymond, Cherise Brittany Cottier, Kelly Clark; Renee Yomtob; Randall Lum ,  
Front Row: Athena Storm; Kysa McSky, Katie Moy, Kasey Baker, Jessica Kuehlwein; Susan Moen; Linda Edholm

# Sara's Saga

## Chapter 10.

The ongoing story of WhoNeedsNewspapers as Sara and Paul drive across all 50 states.

by Sara Brown

We crossed the state line from Colorado to Kansas today, the sunflower state, and have six more states to go---I'm calling them the plains states: Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, South and North Dakota.



We've traveled 26,500 miles and traversed 44 states, which means we've visited 44 newspapers since last June.

I loved our travels over the last month. I adored Bozeman, Montana. It's a western town to be sure but also quite sophisticated with great restaurants and interesting shops. The mountains are spectacular and ring the town.

Next, we drove to Jackson Hole, Wyoming and I fell in love again. The newspaper in Jackson Hole publishes a free newspaper six days a week containing a few local stories and a lot of national news and ads. This was a publication aimed at tourists.

They also publish a weekly paid newspaper chock a block with local news and ads aimed at residents. It occurred to me that this might be an interesting strategy for the Ashland Daily Tidings.

We visited the Deseret News and Deseret Digital in Salt Lake City, interesting because the Mormon Church owns it. Heading out of Grand Junction, Colorado driving over the Vail Pass, we skidded through a spring snow shower.

On May 20, we parked the RV in Boulder, Colorado, parked Tallula at the PetSmart Hotel, and flew to Washington, D.C. where we gave our first professional presentation of the early findings of our "Who Needs Newspapers?" report at the National Press Club. We had a good attendance and were pleased with how it turned out. Next, we drove to Amherst, Mass. for Paul's 50th reunion from Amherst College. There might be a separate article entitled being a 50th reunion spouse.

I read a lovely book on the east coast trip, a good "summer read": *School of Essential Ingredients* by Erica Bauermeister. It's about a woman who teaches cooking in her Seattle restaurant. She doesn't use recipes, just her senses.

Until next month,  
Sara.



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