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*Northwestern Region, District 2*

*July 2007*

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

*Kay Brown ~ 7/17*

*JoAnn Lund ~ 7/18*

*Kathy Garrett Canape - 7/24*

*Ruth Wooton ~ 7/30*

### **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

*Mary Ann Ramsden ~ 8 years*

*Sandy Jensen ~ 6 years*

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **JULY**

18<sup>TH</sup> Business Meeting

21<sup>ST</sup> Club Planning Retreat

24<sup>TH</sup> KidSpree Cookie Lee Jewelry Sale

25<sup>TH</sup> Angie Curtis, Director -

Commission on Children &  
Families

26<sup>TH</sup> Sandy Jensen's Baby Shower

#### **AUGUST**

1<sup>ST</sup> Tam & Ann Moore - Hurricane  
Katrina Homebuilding Mission

8<sup>TH</sup> Program TBD

9<sup>TH</sup> Board Meeting - noon at Applebee's

11<sup>TH</sup> KidSpree

15<sup>TH</sup> Business Meeting

22<sup>ND</sup> Yoga Instructor

29<sup>TH</sup> Kay Brown & Kathy Garrett  
Canape- Soroptimist International  
Convention in Scotland

### **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

*Welcome, welcome to all of you returning and new members of SI Medford.*

*I anticipate a great year as we focus on service in our community. Let's all be ready to give service in a variety of ways to as many as we can. Our focus is on women and children, so think of ways we can serve them.*

*I hope that most of you will be able to attend our yearly retreat/planning meeting Saturday, July 21<sup>ST</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm at the Lions Sight and Hearing Center. It is located at 228 North Holly Street, between 4<sup>TH</sup> and 5<sup>TH</sup> Streets. Plan to park in our parking lot just off Grape (across the alley from our building). Turn onto Grape off 4<sup>TH</sup> Street by Budge McHugh; our parking lot is right across from the side of Budge McHugh; there's a large Lion's emblem on the fence of our parking lot. Bring a fertile mind, a positive attitude and lots of ideas about how we can best serve during the next year.*

*I look forward to seeing you - each and every one of you - each week as we implement the plans that will be made on the 21<sup>ST</sup>. Each of us has unique talents to offer to make our club the best ever and your attendance at club meetings is important for good communication and coordination.*

*Let's "just do it" this year!*

*Sherrie*

## 2007/2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### President

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### Immediate Past President

*Shirley Parke*  
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## June 2007 Attendance

**100%ers - 16**

Kay Brown  
Donna Darnell  
Lou Dierieux  
Karen Gale  
Kathy Garrett Canape  
Louise Holmes  
Sandy Jensen  
JoAnn Lund  
Therese MacGregor  
Loretta Livaudais-Mapes\*  
Sherrie Messer  
Claudette Moore  
Shirley Parke  
Mary Ann Ramsden  
Alicia Speidel  
Ruth Wooton

\*Makeups - 1 makeup to qualify for 100%

Average June Attendance - 25

High June 27<sup>TH</sup> Low June 20<sup>TH</sup>



## Special Thanks to June Helpers

Greeter: Kathleen Scepan  
Inspiration: Karen Gale  
Reception Desk: Lou Dierieux

## July Schedule

Greeter: Claudette Moore  
Inspiration: Sandy Jensen  
Reception Desk: Lou Dierieux

## August Schedule

Greeter: Shirley Parke  
Inspiration: Kathy Poland  
Reception Desk: Lou Dierieux



*Our 2006/2007 Board of Officers, from left: Immediate Past President Kay Brown, Past President Director Mary Ann Ramsden, Director 1<sup>ST</sup> Year Kathleen Scepan, Treasurer Therese MacGregor, Secretary Ruth Wooton, 2<sup>ND</sup> Vice President Loretta Livaudais-Mapes, President-Elect Sandy Jensen, Local Area Representative Kathy Garrett Canape.*



*Warren Parke, outgoing President Shirley Parke, and newly elected Past President Director Kay Brown (from left) listen intently to Sandy Jensen's inspirational message that kicked off the gala.*

## 2007/2008 CLUB OFFICERS INSTALLATION

June 27, 2007

Red Lion Hotel • Medford

Sherrie Messer, President

Alicia Speidel, President Elect

Loretta Livaudais-Mapes, 2<sup>ND</sup> Vice President

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Kathleen Scepan, Director 2<sup>ND</sup> Year

Kay Brown, Past President Director

Kathy Garrett Canape, Local Area Representative



*JoAnn Lund (left) receiving the Venture Club of Medford's Soroptimist of the Year award from Venture's Vice President Rachel Moore.*



*Shirley Parke, seated, and Kay Brown, right, congratulate Claudette Moore on her well deserved Soroptimist of the Year award.*



*Colleen McCoy (at podium) accepts her Student of the Year award from Diane Cowan (standing) with encouragement from Kay Brown (seated).*



*Northwestern Region Venture Treasurer Tonya Sowles, at podium, installing our new Board of Officers, from left: Kathleen Scepan, 2<sup>ND</sup> Year Director; Kathy Barnett, 1<sup>ST</sup> Year Director; Sherrie Messer, President; Destiny Fugate; Venture Club of Medford President, Kathy Garrett Canape, Local Area Representative; Kay Brown, Past President Director; Therese MacGregor, Treasurer; Shirley Parke, Immediate Past President; Donna Darnell, Secretary; Loretta Livaudais-Mapes, 2<sup>ND</sup> Vice President; Alicia Speidel, President-Elect; and Rachel Moore, Venture Club of Medford Vice President.*



*Jeff and Alicia Speidel, with Ron McKinley peeking out from behind.*



*The tables were festively decorated by Past President Director Kay Brown. Shown from left are Venture Club's Rachel Moore, SI Emerald Empire's Trasi Fugate (President Sherrie's daughter), and newly installed President Sherrie Messer enjoying Jeff Nicholson's show.*

# KIDSPREE

August 11<sup>TH</sup>  
7am - 9am

JC Penneys  
Rogue Valley Mall

**Volunteers Needed!**

Please see Kathy  
Garrett Canape to sign  
up.

All volunteers must pass  
a criminal background  
check and attend one  
orientation session.

Cookie Lee  
Jewelry Sale  
to benefit KidSpree

Tuesday July 24th  
4 pm - 6 pm  
Peoples Bank of Commerce  
750 Biddle Road  
Medford

Hostess: Judi Robinson  
618-3339

In lieu of free jewelry,  
all money will be donated to  
**KidSpree**

*An Inspiration  
Courtesy of Claudette Moore...*

I was walking down the street when I was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless woman who asked me for a couple of dollars for dinner. I took out my wallet, got out ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy some wine with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago", the homeless woman told me.

"Will you use it to go shopping instead of buying food?" I asked.

"No, I don't waste time shopping," the homeless woman said. "I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive."

"Will you spend this on a beauty salon instead of food?" I asked.

"Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless woman. "I haven't had my hair done in 20 years!"

"Well," I said, "I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you out for dinner with my husband and me tonight."

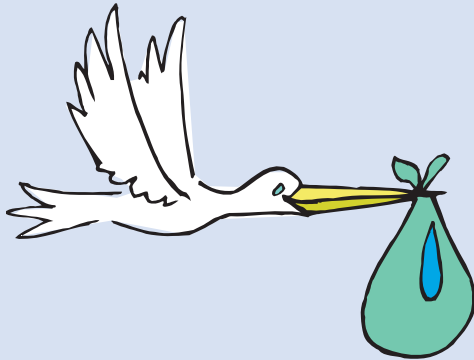
The homeless woman was shocked. "Won't your husband be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty disgusting."

I said, "That's okay. It's important for him to see what a woman looks like after she has given up shopping, hair appointments, and wine."



*The Stork is coming!*

*The Stork is Coming!*



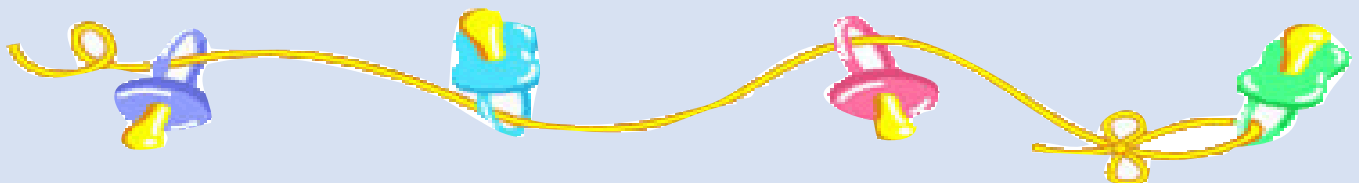
***Please join us for a Soroptimist Baby Shower for Sandy Jensen 5:30pm Thursday July 26<sup>TH</sup> at Claudette and Ron's - 985 Highbury Drive in Medford.***

***All are welcome. Please invite your better-halves, Ron will make them very comfortable out on the patio. There will be lots of delicious food and drink.***

***Please RSVP - a sign-up sheet is circulating at club, or you can email Claudette at [cmoore4re@aol.com](mailto:cmoore4re@aol.com).***

***Sandy is having a boy and registered at Target & Toys-R-Us.***

***Directions: Jacksonville Hwy 238 past Sage Rd, take a right onto Cheshire, another right onto Highbury. 985 is on the righthand corner of Cheshire and Highbury.***



# FIRST ANNUAL SOROPTIMIST WINE WALK FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH SUNDAY, SEPT. 16<sup>TH</sup>



Please put the date of Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>TH</sup> on your calendar. This is the date of the first annual Soroptimist Wine Walk for Women's Health. This Walk replaces our former Cancer Awareness Program or CAP Walk, and will help uninsured and underinsured women with a variety of health issues.

We are still working out the start time, probably 1:00 to 5:00 p m. Transportation will be provided from Jacksonville.

Plans are to give funds to the Community Health Center, La Clinica del Valle, the Rogue Valley Medical Center Foundation, Asante's Women's Imaging Center, several Providence Medical Center programs, and Ashland Community Hospital.

The Wine Walk will be between three wineries in the Applegate Valley -- Bridgeview, Troon and Wooldridge Creek, approximately 5 miles. We will have mini-type buses to transport those that cannot walk the five miles.

Our club's responsibilities this year are arranging for transportation and signage. We are not yet sure what our other needs will be on the day of the Wine Walk. We definitely want to have a team, and will be letting you know about that soon. We are donating a \$350 club sponsorship.

Right now, we still need members to work on finding sponsors and teams. Sponsor applications are due August 1 for the sponsor to be included in the printed advertising information. Teams can sign up until August 31<sup>ST</sup>. Would your church or book club like to form a team?? How about businesses that you know?? We need to inform Melanie Madden from SI/Rogue Starlight, if someone is working on a team or sponsor, so that it is coordinated. See one of our Wine Walk Steering Committee members for help with this -- we have packets and brochures available to help with sponsor and team recruitment.

Also very soon there will be a giant sewing party to make the cloth wine glass holders that Kathy Garrett Canape showed at club last week. We think they are very cute and any that don't sell at the Wine Walk, we will try to sell at District and Regional for funds to support the project.

Members from SI Medford working on the Wine Walk Steering Committee are: JoAnn Lund - Health Committee Chair, Kathy Garrett Canape, Shirley Parke, and Kay Brown. All five Jackson County clubs and Venture Club of Medford are now represented on the Wine Walk Steering Committee. Please feel free to talk with any of the SI Medford members, if you have questions. We feel this project has a lot of potential and are very excited about it!!!



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