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Northwestern Region, District 2

December 2007

DECEMBER - BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Poland ~ 12/11

Cher Siewert ~ 12/12

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Anna D'Amato ~ 6 years

Kathleen Scepan ~ 2 years

Alicia Speidel ~ 3 years

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

19TH Business Meeting

26TH NO NOON MEETING

JANUARY

2ND NO NOON MEETING

9TH Student of the Month
Abduction & Slavery of
Young Girls

10TH Board Meeting - noon
at Marie Callenders

16TH Business Meeting

23RD Children's Theatre by
Shoestring Productions

30TH Member Social

FEBRUARY

6TH Dr. Dan Smith - Naturopath

13TH Student of the Month
Heart Auction

14TH Board Meeting - noon
at Marie Callenders

20TH Business Meeting

27TH Young Life - Emilie

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A ball is a circle, no beginning, no end.

*It keeps us together like our Circle of
Friends.*

But the treasure inside for you to see,

*Is the treasure of friendship you've grant-
ed me.*

*There are so many of you to thank for all
the great service you've given this first half
of the year. Please know that everything
you have contributed is most appreciat-
ed! Without each of you our club could
not be as effective as it is. Every small
effort adds to the whole. Have a blessed
Christmas and a very fruitful and happy
new year.*

*Much love,
Sherrie*

NEW BOARD MEETING LOCATION!

**Beginning January 10TH, the SI Medford
board of directors will be meeting at Marie
Callenders, 1528 Biddle Road in Medford.**

**Our monthly board meeting is held the
Thursday *before* our club Business meeting
on the 3RD Wednesday of each month. All
members are welcome and encouraged to
attend.**

2007/2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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November 2007 Attendance

100%ers - 11

Kay Brown
Donna Darnell
Lou Dierix
Karen Gale
Kathy Garrett Canape
Loretta Livaudais-Mapes
Therese MacGregor*
Sherrie Messer
Claudette Moore
Shirley Parke
Ruth Wooton

*Makeup - 1 makeup to qualify for 100%

Average November Attendance - 23

High: Nov 25TH (Fast Day)

Low: Nov 21ST



Special Thanks to November Helpers

Greeter: Cher Siewert

Inspiration: Karen Gale &
Destiny Fugate (Venture)

Reception Desk: Lou Dierix

December Schedule

Greeter: Claudette Moore

Inspiration: Kathy Garrett Canape

Reception Desk: Lou Dierix

January 2008 Schedule

Greeter: Kathy Poland

Inspiration: Shirley Parke

Reception Desk: Lou Dierix

IMPORTANT REMINDER

**We will have no noon meeting
December 26TH and January 2ND!**

Our noon meetings will resume January 9TH.

NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH HONOREE



Mary Struckmeier, daughter of Randy and Alice Struckmeier, was honored at our December 12TH noon meeting as our Student of the Month for December. She is a senior at North Medford High School. In preparation of college, she has taken Advanced Placement Calculus and English Literature courses, plus four years of French. She is also an accomplished flautist, playing with the NMHS Wind Ensemble, NMHS Jazz Ensemble and the SOU Symphonic Band.

Mary wants to become a Music and English teacher at the high school level. In addition to her education goals, she wants to perform with a local symphony or community band, and give music lessons on the side. She is also working on her first novel and hopes to become a published author.

She is a member of the Torch Honor Society, the Key/Sparrow Club, the French Club and the Marching Pop Band. She has participated in the Pit Orchestra, the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon and District/State Solo Music Competitions. Somehow, she finds the time to tutor fellow students, and work with sixth grade band students, teaching them to play various instruments. Mary is a certified US Soccer Federation referee.

Mary feels the biggest influences on her life have been her music teachers. She is especially grateful to her high school music teacher, for not only being a great teacher, but for giving her the opportunity to gain teaching experience.

Mary was presented with a framed certificate and a \$50 US Savings Bond by Youth Service Committee Chair, Karen Gale.

Congratulations, Mary!

SIA WEBSITE GETS FACELIFT

Soroptimist International of the Americas has launch an improved website that is very user friendly, www.soroptimist.org, with several new, interactive features, a fresh, modern look and an easy-to-navigate interface.

Take a peek at what the improved website has to offer! For example:

Easily Accessible Members Area

All your member information will be right at your fingertips - you can now immediately access the members area, with no logging in! This will allow for faster access to information, which is organized in an easy-to-follow way. You will still be asked to log in to view secure items, such as the Soroptimist Store, club and member directories, and club/member profile areas.

Please note that new login instructions are in effect. Enter your member number as your username and password. The system no longer supports email addresses as a username. If you previously changed your password, that part of your login has not changed.

Online Polls - give SIA your feedback!

Each month, you will be able to participate in two new polls: one will feature questions relevant to the posted Best for Women magazine article, and the other will pose member-specific questions. After you vote, you can see how other people responded! Make your voice heard here.

Best for Women Magazine's Feature Articles

Not only will you have the option to read each issues feature articles, but you will also be able to discuss it with other interested visitors, all in one location! After you read the posted article, you can "blog," or express your reactions to the article in an online journal format, along with other readers. Go ahead - blog away!

There are plenty more new features available on the site, including details about past and upcoming events, a blog written by Executive Director Leigh Wintz, and in-depth information about our new campaign, Soroptimists STOP Trafficking, and how you can get involved.



The Home Tour committee met at Coldwell Banker to blow up balloons before heading out to the houses. Shown from left, Donna Darnell, Kathy Poland, Kay Brown, Ruth Wooton and Shirley Parke.



These festively attired ladies could be found at Greystone Court. Shown from left are Mary Ann Ramsden, Karen Grimm-Schneider, Home Tour Committee Chair Claudette Moore and Pam Bock



Treasurer Therese MacGregor counting Home Tour ticket sales.



The house on Greystone Court...



The house on Greystone Court was a huge attraction on this years tour.

2007 HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

WOW - we had approximately 650 people touring the six homes on this year's Holiday Home Tour, netting close to \$12,000. Committee Chairs Claudette Moore and Shirley Parke did a fantastic job organizing this year's tour and we are all very appreciative of the hard work they put into making it a success.



Holiday cheer was abundant, as shown here, from left, Mary Ann Ramsden, Karen Grimm-Schneider and Pam Bock.



President Sherrie Messer, standing, visits with her successor, President-Elect Alicia Speidel, while Kay Brown (far left) samples some goodies.



Additional Soroptimist Holiday Happenings...

The door (above) that Donna Sherbourne decorated and entered in the Providence Festival of Trees in our club's name. It was a Silver Medal winner.

This beautiful wreath (right) was crafted by member Mary Ann Ramsden in our club's name for Jacksonville's Victorian Christmas Gala.




Warren and Shirley Parke hosted the post-tour party in their home. Much needed wine, snacks and desserts were enjoyed by, from left, Kathy Garrett Canape, Committee Chair and Hostess Shirley Parke, Mary Ann Ramsden, Kathleen Scepan and Kay Brown.



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