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Northwestern Region, District 2

November 2007

NOVEMBER - BIRTHDAYS

Therese MacGregor ~ 11/4

Claudette Moore ~ 11/16

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Loretta Livaudais-Mapes ~ 8 years

Kathleen Scepan ~ 2 years

Alicia Speidel ~ 3 years

**IMPORTANT DATES
TO REMEMBER**

NOVEMBER

- 21ST Business Meeting
Venture Bake Sale Delivery
- 28TH "Around the World" with Ruth
Wooton

DECEMBER

- 2ND Holiday Home Tour
- 4TH Venture Meeting 6pm
Bella Union Jacksonville
- 5TH Mediation Works
Foster Teen Gifts
Senior Shoe Boxes
- 10TH President's Appeal
- 12TH Ornament Auction
- 13TH Board meeting - noon at
Applebee's
- 18TH Venture Meeting 6pm
Bella Union Jacksonville
- 19TH Business Meeting
- 26TH NO NOON MEETING

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy holiday season.....it's starting.

What a wonderful and fun time of year. Even though we all try to do too much, spend too much money, get over-tired and cranky, it's the best of times. It's about nurturing. Nurturing our family, our friends and ourselves, too. Yes, I said ourselves. Right now, get out your calendar and mark down an hour or two sometime during the season for yourself. I am serious! Get out that calendar and do this. Your time is NOT for shopping, baking, wrapping presents or finding that recipe of Grandma's that your daughter asked for. Let's all take a few moments to reflect on the season and rejuvenate ourselves so that we can enjoy every moment. Of course, we'll do this after the home tour.

Thanks to each of you for your service with this fun(d) raiser. Because of it, we will be able to help many people in our community who need our help.

Give your family hugs and kisses and remember to take that time for yourself!

Sherrie

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October 2007 Attendance

100%ers - 16

Kay Brown
Diane Cowan
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Therese MacGregor*
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Kathy Poland*
Shirley Parke
Kathleen Scepan
Alicia Speidel
Ruth Wooton*

*Makeups - 2 makeups to qualify for 100%

Average October Attendance - 22

High Oct 31ST

Low Oct 17TH



Special Thanks to October Helpers

Greeter: Cecelia Obeso
Inspiration: Kay Brown
Reception Desk: Lou Dierieux

November Schedule

Greeter: Cher Siewert
Inspiration: Alicia Speidel &
Karen Gale
Reception Desk: Lou Dierieux

December Schedule

Greeter: Claudette Moore
Inspiration: Kathy Garrett Canape
Reception Desk: Lou Dierieux

NOVEMBER NORTH MEDFORD STUDENT OF THE MONTH HONOREE



Ashley Chambers, daughter of David and Patricia Chambers, was honored at our November 14TH noon meeting as our North Medford High School Student of the Month for

November. She is a senior at North Medford High School, graduating next June with the Class of 2008. Her academic career has included classes in Astronomy, Biology Honors, Anatomy and Physiology Honors, AP Statistics, American History Honors, U.S. Government, Contemporary Issues, Economics, Finance, Preschool Tech and Psychology.

Ashley's higher education goal is to graduate with a double major in business and early education. Her long range plans are to open her own preschool. She works in a high school campus preschool, and as a senior has been assigned more responsibility, including the opportunity to teach small group lessons and create fun and educational teaching tools.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars and been quite active in her school, volunteering for the Buddy Program and STARS, as well as the Church Seminary Class President. Ashley was the NMHS Soccer MVP in 2006 and broke a triple jump record during the 2007 track season.

Ashley credits her parents as being the biggest influence in her life. Besides providing her with a safe haven, they are her biggest supporters whether on the field or in the classroom.

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

Congratulations, Ashley!

NOVEMBER SOUTH MEDFORD STUDENT OF THE MONTH HONOREE



Kali McKee, daughter of Bruce and Cecile McKee, was honored at our November 14TH noon meeting as our first South Medford High School Student of the Month.

She is a sophomore at South and a first year member of the National Honor Society with a 4.0 accumulative GPA. Kali is taking AP Government, Honors English, Algebra American Studies and Chemistry. She is in her second year of French, a Student Services Aide, and the Student Government Sophomore Class Treasurer.

Kali is very active in our community, as the Artist of the Medford Civic Ballet and a sixth year classical pianist, a member of the EcoTeach Club, volunteering at the Southern Oregon Humane Society, a five year volunteer at the Storytelling Guild's Children's Festival, and as President of the Teen Church Youth Group. Plus, she still finds time to be a linesman on the Powder Puff football team!

Kali's goal for the immediate future is to be Senior Class Valedictorian. Once she graduates, she wants to pursue a degree in either Political Science or Journalism. But her biggest goal is to be successful in life and helping her friends be successful too.

Kali credits many people for having influenced her life, but says the one person who has made the deepest impact is her mom, full of wisdom and intelligence.

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

Way To Go, Kali!



At a "pre-meeting" dinner, from left, Kathy Barnett, Alicia Speidel, Kay Brown, Shirley Parke, Cher Siewert and Kathy Garrett Canape.



SI Medford Club President Sherrie Messer delivers the Inspiration at the Saturday night banquet.

NORTHWESTERN REGION DISTRICT 2 MEETING

7 members of our club traveled to Salem for the Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting and from the looks of the pictures they have shared with us, they all had a great time!



Northwestern Region Governor Jan Martin addresses the District 2 delegates.

Alicia Speidel, Kathy Barnett, Cher Siewert and Shirley Parke (from left) enjoying themselves at our Tell-n-Sell table before the banquet.



President Sherrie Messer proudly displays SI Medford's banner during the parade of District 2 Club Presidents.



Our delegates all gussied up for the banquet, clockwise from left: Kay Brown, Kathy Barnett, Sherrie Messer, Cher Siewert, Alicia Speidel, Shirley Parke and Kathy Garrett Canape.



The feline Destiny Fugate, Venture Club President, brought her own bag of kitty treats to munch on!



Witchy Kathy Garrett Canape, left, and a Vampiric 2ND Vice President Loretta Livaudais-Mapes.

Our annual ROAR luncheon fell on Halloween this year, adding to the fun event created by ROAR committee members Donna Darnell, Shirley Parke, Kathleen Scepan and Chair, Kathy Garrett Canape!



President-Elect Alicia Speidel went Pippi Longstocking for the day.



Assistant Treasurer Kathy Poland had fun being a big baby, Wonder what is really in that bottle?



2ND Year Director Kathleen Scepan showed up in Arab Sheik garb.

SI ROGUE VALLEY SUNRISE NEEDS OUR HELP

Kay Brown and Kathy Garrett Canape gave their presentation on attending International Convention last summer to the members of SI/Rogue Valley Sunrise.

Just as we have asked for their help with the Home Tour, they have a project that perhaps some of us could help with. They give items to The Drop In Center/Streetwise for homeless teens at Community Works. There are 50 to 75 regulars using the center, but overall 150-175 kids show up monthly.

Sunrise is trying to help with Christmas gifts, and could use some donations:

Used or New: Bicycles, Skateboards and/or Portable CD Players

New, Never been opened: Make up, perfume, cologne

Also, those shampoos and soaps that we take from the motels and hotels on our trips will be put to good use.

If you have items to donate,
contact Dori Marquess at 772-1452

SI ROGUE STARLIGHT

Invites you to their

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4
6PM**

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SIA MEMBER PROTOCOL

- Be on time for meetings
- Begin and end meetings on time
- Attend meetings regularly
- Address presiding officer as president, governor or their title, example "President Sherrie"
- Conduct business with other Soroptimists using business ethics, expecting no favors or special treatment
- Pay your own way, unless you are an invited guest or guest speaker
- Disagree politely and keep informality within bounds of fellowship and parliamentary procedure
- Use correct terminology:
 - ~We are Soroptimists - No Sorops
 - ~We are members -not sisters or girls
 - ~We are clubs – not chapters
 - ~We are a federation – not national or federal
 - ~We have a pledge – not a creed or motto
 - ~We attend a club or district meeting; region conference, federation or international convention
 - ~We elect region officers – not regional officers
 - ~We believe in Soroptimist – not "Soroptimism."
- By custom, the pin is worn on the left side, close to the heart and the name tag on the right side

ACCESS HOLIDAY SENIOR SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

Some tips on putting the Senior Shoeboxes together. Written materials should be large print text or numbers.

Gift boxes should be as generic in nature as possible, but if the gifts are more male or female please designate that. Gift items may be practical items or made for enjoyment. The purpose of this project is to bring some cheer and caring to a senior or homebound person. Items can be whimsical or useful, but ask yourself: 1) is it something you would want to receive? and 2) would you give it to your own Grandmother, Grandfather, Mom or Dad?

Many items found in discount stores and sale carts in grocery stores or thrift stores make excellent sources of things to put into your gift boxes.

The things on this list are suggestions. Remember, the box needs to be wrapped with the top and bottom wrapped separately so it opens easily.

DO NOT TAPE BOXES SHUT!

- Non-Skid Cozy Socks/Slippers
- Pocket Calendar with room for notes
- Large Print Crossword Puzzle Books
- Book of Postage Stamps
- Large Barrel Pens and Pencils
- Pencil Sharpener
- Post-it Notes
- Flashlight
- Batteries
- Mittens/Gloves
- Comb & Brush
- Toothpaste
- Pill Box
- Band-aids
- Neck Pillow
- Pot Holders
- Pre-paid Phone Card
- Travel sized packs of cotton balls, Q-tips, facial tissue, lotion, mouth wash
- Single serving size non-perishable canned or dried food items
- Address Book
- Fun Shaped Eraser
- Magnifying Glass
- Night Light
- Nail Clippers
- Sewing Kit
- Toothbrush
- Dental Floss
- Wash Cloths
- Bath Sponge
- Jar Gripper/Opener
- Card Games
- Large # Alarm Clock

It's not the size or cost.. but the thought that brings the smiles.

**All Senior Shoe Boxes and Teen
Foster Gifts are due at club
December 5TH!**

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL APPEAL RESTORING DIGNITY: HAMLIN FISTULA RELIEF AND AID FUND

Every year, on Human Rights Day (December 10) the President of Soroptimist International selects a project that provides direct assistance to women in extreme need.

Past projects have provided aid for refugees in camps in Malaysia; protection and help for women AIDS sufferers in Uganda and the Ukraine; scholarships for girls in Mongolia and Rwanda; vocational training programs and shelter for vulnerable women and children in Paraguay; education and nutrition for abandoned children in Vietnam; malaria protection for pregnant women and young children in Benin, West Africa; enhanced access to education for girls in impoverished areas of Pakistan.

This years project partner is Hamlin Fistula Relief and Aid Fund, a registered charity dedicated to supporting the work of the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital. This Appeal will:

- Support Ethiopian women who are suffering from (obstetric) fistulas,
- Provide on-going care for those who cannot be fully healed at the established village Desta Mender (in Addis Ababa), and
- Further develop the training initiatives and make the Desta Mender site more efficient in delivering required training services.


The President's Appeal aims:

~ To help those women with fistulas who cannot be completely cured and need ongoing medical care.

~ To encourage independence and improve the morale and self-esteem of the permanent residents of the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital through the self-help rural village Desta Mender.

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