



**IMPORTANT DATES
TO REMEMBER**

OCTOBER

- 17TH Business Meeting
- 24TH Sarah & Susie Heath - Women & Girls of China
- 26-28TH Northwestern Region, District 2 Meeting, see page 6 for details
- 31ST ROAR Halloween Luncheon

NOVEMBER

- 6TH Venture Meeting 6pm
Bella Union Jacksonville
- 7TH "Aspire" by Cassie Kantor
- 14TH Annual Club Day of Fasting
- 15TH Board meeting - noon at Applebee's
- 20TH Venture Meeting 6pm
Bella Union Jacksonville
- 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 Teen Foster Gifts
Senior Shoe Boxes
- 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

Well, we are on the cusp of the busy season, both at home and in our club. This time of year in Soroptimist is the beginning of many activities, fund raisers and service projects. We are always hopeful for a full complement of members in all our endeavors. BUT, it is understood that everyone cannot do everything. There are only two required activities: Holiday Home Tour and Pear Blossom Baby Contest. We require every member to participate in some way in each of these programs. For the Home Tour, each member is required to purchase one ticket and volunteer some time at one of the homes on the day of the tour; OR be active before the tour in the planning and setting up part that is important to the success of the event, plus purchase one ticket. The members who do not participate will be assessed a fine and still must purchase one ticket. This is our major fund raiser and every one of us really must participate financially in order for it to be successful. Early in my nonprofit career I learned that "if you don't believe in ___ enough to invest in it yourself, you cannot expect or ask anyone else to do so." That just makes sense. For the Baby Contest, we need the bodies to make the event happen smoothly, so if you are unable to be there, you will be assessed a fine.

But, here's the bottom line: not everyone can do everything and it is not expected; just do the best you can do and it will be enough. Never feel guilty, but, please, be informative and don't say yes when you really should say no. Attend meetings as often as you can and find the projects/events that work for you and give them your all.

Remember to nurture each other and SMILE, SMILE, SMILE.

Sherrie

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September 2007 Attendance

100%ers - 13

Kay Brown
Lou Dierieux
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Kathleen Scepan
Alicia Speidel*
Ruth Wooton*

*Makeups - 2 makeups to qualify for 100%

Average September Attendance - 20

High Sept 12TH (25) Low Sept 26TH (17)



Special Thanks to September Helpers

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

October Schedule

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

November Schedule

Greeter: Cher Seiwert
Inspiration: Alicia Speidel
Reception Desk: Lou Dierieux

December Schedule

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

OCTOBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH HONOREE



Michelle Sanderson, daughter of Suzanne and Dave Sanderson, was honored at our October 10TH noon meeting as our first Student of the Month this year. Michelle is a senior at North Medford High School. She will begin her higher education next Fall pursuing a career in medicine. Michelle wants to be doctor.

Michelle has a 4.0 Grade Point Average, excelling in Anatomy, Physiology, Calculus, Biology, Spanish and Ceramics. During her athletic career, she has played Soccer, done Track & Field, and been a member of the Swim Team. She is President of North's Sparrow Club and is very interested in being a future member of Venture Club and volunteering with the SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) Program.

Her immediate goal is to raise \$3,000 for her Sparrow Club.

Michelle credits her parents as being the biggest influence in her life. They have taught her to never quit. She has also learned from their example to always be positive.

Michelle has a twin sister that is the Sparrow Club's Vice-President, and a younger brother. She is very active in her school and community. In addition to her academics, athletics and volunteer work, she works at the Rogue Valley Manor, Rogue Scuba and Medford Parks & Recreation.

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

Congratulations, Michelle!

2008 AREA MEETING

Our annual Area Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2008, from 9:30am to 2pm, at the Bear Hotel in Grants Pass. Please put this date on your calendar.

For our new members, the Area Meeting is an annual meeting of the local Soroptimist and Venture Clubs. The District 2 Director joins us for her annual visit and report; we hear about other local club activities; and we have a speaker on a topic of interest to us all.

Kathy Garrett Canape, our club's elected Local Area Representative, needs the assistance of all members to vote on which of the three topics below would be of interest to you for this meeting. She needs your votes by Saturday - October 20TH.

- 1) How to bring in new members from "Visit to Induction and Beyond." The ABC's of bringing in and keeping new members -- many local clubs are struggling to find and keep new members
- 2) How to attract new members at our fund raisers and community events - it is being called "Membership Driven PR." Sara Brown from SI Ashland attended a workshop on this topic at the International Convention and thought it was great!!
- 3) "Emerging Domestic Violence Issues for Women and Girls in the Rogue Valley" - this was the #2 most desired topic from last year.

Please email your votes to Kathy ASAP to: Bkgco2@aol.com. She will also have a sheet for votes at the business meeting this week.

This meeting is for us, so it is important to hear from everyone on which topic you want as this meetings focus.

KAY BROWN and KATHY GARRETT CANAPE'S CONVENTION EXPERIENCE

Members Kay Brown and Kathy Garrett Canape traveled across the pond to Scotland for the Soroptimist International Convention. They brought lots of great information and terrific pictures to share with us.



The Convention Theme was Unity of Purpose; Diversity in Action, as beautifully shown in the logos projected onto screens above the stage. Flags from every country represented at the Convention were displayed after the Opening Ceremonies parade.



The Oregon Soroptimist Clubs were well represented. Pictured clockwise from far left; Sara Brown, SI Ashland; Vicki Smith, SI Ashland; Linda Garrick, SI River Valley (and our own Sandy Jensen's mom); Cathy Deal, SI River Valley; Irene Grace, Associate Member from Ann Arbor Michigan; Kathy Mooney, SI Ashland; Kay Brown; Jan Montgomery, SI McMinnville (Kay Brown's sister); Carene Davis-Stitt, SI Eugene and Northwestern Region Governor elect; and Kathy Garrett Canape.



Soroptimist International delegates from Africa.



Kay Brown (right) and her sister, Jan Montgomery of SI McMinnville, with Margaret Lobo, the new Soroptimist International President from Perth, Australia



Pictured at left: Kathy Garrett Canape (left) and Kay Brown (standing at right) put together an excellent presentation on the Convention for our September 26th noon meeting program.

Next page: the Peace Scroll presented to delegates.



SEROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

We are Women Standing for Women

We come from many different lands; we are different colours, creeds and races and together we celebrate our diversity.

We are united in our purpose to bring a message of peace to the women of the world.

Our declaration is tied with a ribbon, a symbol of the bonds of friendship that bind us together as members of Seroptimist International reminding us that our membership brings the responsibility to preserve freedoms and to be peacemakers.

We hope for a world where tolerance, reconciliation, co-operation and partnership will be realities.

We pledge to work for a world where-

- *The human rights of all people are respected*
- *Equal opportunities are available to women who are disadvantaged through their gender, poor health or social exclusion*
- *Education is accessible for all girls*
- *Poverty and disease are conquered*
- *All peoples enjoy a safe and healthy environment*
- *We all contribute to the peace and prosperity of humankind by nurturing a spirit of peace, encouraging peace education and supporting a culture of peace.*

Peace is our unifying purpose.



**RYAN JAMES LOWERY
ATTENDS HIS FIRST
SOROPTIMIST MEETING**

New mommy, Sandy Jensen, introduced son Ryan to Soroptimist by bringing him to our noon meeting September 26TH.



MEMBER-2-MEMBER MARKETPLACE

Interested in networking with more than 40,000 Soroptimists to develop new business relationships? The Member-2-Member Marketplace helps connect members with other members, creating a virtual marketplace of what is best for women.

The Member-2-Member Marketplace provides a unique, low-cost way to create an Internet presence by giving Soroptimist members an entry point to your home page or email account. The \$99 fee entitles you to a 12-month listing that includes your email and/or web site address and a 25-word description of your business.

To add your listing to the Member-2-Member Marketplace:

- Read the Member-2-Member Marketplace Guidelines
- Download and complete the sign up form

If you have questions about the Member-2-Member Marketplace, please contact Wendy Metzgar, Membership Director, at wendy@soroptimist.org or at 215-893-9000 ext. 139.

Whether you are looking to expand your professional network or to increase traffic to your web site, you can't afford to miss this opportunity to reach a targeted demographic of professional business women who are dedicated Soroptimists just like you!

PLEASE bring prospective members to our Halloween ROAR Luncheon, October 31ST. We want to extend the opportunity for community service in our dynamic organization to more women. The ROAR committee has planned a spectacular program.

Invitations to this recruitment event that can be hand delivered, mailed or emailed are available by contacting Kathy Garrett Canape.

A sign-up sheet for this special meeting will be at club on the 17TH & 24TH. Please note if you are attending, and if you are bringing a guest. Potential new members lunches will be paid by the member that brings them, and the ROAR Committee is looking for members that can sponsor a guest. If you will not be at club on the 17TH & 24TH, please contact Kathy GC via email if you are bringing a guest or can sponsor a guest.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Anna D'Amato ~ 10/8

Lou Dierix ~ 10/11

Sherrie Messer - 10/19

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Kathy Garrett Canape ~ 24 years

Do you know a woman who uses her personal or professional life to improve the lives of women or girls?

If so, she may be a candidate for the SI Medford 2007/2008 ***Making A Difference For Women Award***.

The deadline for nominees is December 15, 2007. Please call Marie Quinn-Cabler at 857-0947 for information and nomination forms.

The Making a Difference for Women Award honors women who are making extraordinary differences in the lives of women or girls. Honorees are women who have worked to improve the lives of other women or girls. Their work has had a significant impact, and also inspires and encourages other women.

Winners of the club-level award will compete for additional recognition at other levels of the Soroptimist organization. The finalist will receive a \$5,000 donation to a charitable organization of her choice.

WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARD

The Women's Opportunity Awards program is Soroptimist's major service project. The awards improve the lives of women by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills, and employment prospects. The women may use the cash award to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education, including books, childcare and transportation. Club recipients become eligible for additional cash awards at other levels of the organization, including three \$10,000 finalist awards.


Each year, more than \$800,000 is disbursed through awards at various levels of the organization to help women achieve their dreams of a better life for themselves and their families.

Eligible applicants must be women who provide the primary financial support for their families, and who are enrolled in or have been accepted to a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program. Applicants must demonstrate financial need, and cannot have already earned an undergraduate degree.

The Women's Opportunity Awards begin at the local level. Completed applications must be received by Louise Holmes by the December 15TH club deadline. Applications can be obtained through Louise, this year's WOA Chair.

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