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# SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS

*Soroptimist International of Medford*    *Northwestern Region, District 2*    *September 2007*  
*PO Box 645 • Medford, OR 97501*

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### SEPTEMBER

- 19<sup>TH</sup> Business Meeting
- 26<sup>TH</sup> Kay Brown & Kathy Garrett Canape - Soroptimist International Convention

### OCTOBER

- 2<sup>ND</sup> Venture Meeting 6pm-Bella Union
- 3<sup>RD</sup> Tallie Lastiwka - Easter Seals
- 10<sup>TH</sup> Traveling Through Italy - Claudette Moore
- 11<sup>TH</sup> Board Meeting - noon at Applebee's
- 16<sup>TH</sup> Venture Meeting 6pm-Bella Union
- 17<sup>TH</sup> Business Meeting
- 24<sup>TH</sup> Women & Girls of China - Sarah Heath
- 26-28<sup>TH</sup> Northwestern Region, District 2 Meeting, see page 3 for Official Call
- 31<sup>ST</sup> ROAR Halloween Luncheon

### NOVEMBER

- 6<sup>TH</sup> Venture Meeting 6pm-Bella Union
- 7<sup>TH</sup> Cassie Kantor - Aspire Program
- 14<sup>TH</sup> Fast Day - location TBD
- 15<sup>TH</sup> Board Meeting - noon at Applebee's
- 20<sup>TH</sup> Venture Meeting 6pm-Bella Union
- 21<sup>ST</sup> Business Meeting  
Venture Bake Sale Delivery
- 28<sup>TH</sup> Around the World with Ruth Wooton

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

*Shirley Parke ~ 9/11*

*Denise James ~ 9/21*

*Loretta Livaudais-Mapes - 9/25*

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

*Another month has sped by. Unbelievable. As time is marching on we are getting ready for our fall and winter activities. Be sure to help as much as you can so that we will be successful in our efforts. It not only takes a village to raise a child, it takes a whole club to make a success. And, even though we all need to help as much as we can, remember that not everyone is expected to do everything, and that it's ok to say no when you aren't able to participate.*

*I'm really looking forward to the district meeting and hope that many of you will be able to go to Salem to see Soroptimist in action at a different level. It really gives inspiration to each attendee to go home and continue to be a part of such a great organization that makes such an impact not only locally and regionally, but globally.*

*I hope each of you is getting your Soroptimist magazine and have had time to look through the region and the SIA web sites. These are ways that we can stay connected to the bigger picture and realize what our organization not only stands for but DOES.*

*Thanks for giving of yourself each week, month and year to make the world a little better for your having been here.*

*Sherrie*

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## August 2007 Attendance

**100%ers - 13**

Kay Brown\*  
Lou Dierieux  
Karen Gale  
Kathy Garrett Canape\*  
Louise Holmes\*  
Sandy Jensen  
Sherrie Messer  
Claudette Moore\*  
Shirley Parke  
Kathy Poland\*  
Mary Ann Ramsden  
Kathleen Scepan  
Ruth Wooton

\*Makeups - 5 makeups to qualify for 100%

Average August Attendance - 20

High-August 22<sup>ND</sup> (23) Low-August 15<sup>TH</sup> (15)



## Special Thanks to August Helpers

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

## September Schedule

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

## October Schedule

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

## WELCOME SOROPTI-BABY!

Sandy Jensen gave birth to Ryan James at 1:53 am on September 10<sup>TH</sup>. Ryan arrived weighing in at 6 pounds 14<sup>1/2</sup> ounces and 21" long.

**CONGRATULATIONS JEFF & SANDY!**

# DISTRICT 2 SERVICE PROJECT

**Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service**

## **Sable House**

These shelters are the recipients of our District 2 Service Project. We will collect items that will support both the shelter and the women who leave to start their own households.

This is a FUN weekend project, helping women in need with the service hearts and hands of District 2.

**Please bring a variation of these items for each day:**

**FOR: Tidy Friday**

Laundry detergent  
Paper towels  
Toilet paper

**FOR: Snack-a-day Saturday**

Non-perishable food items  
Kids snacks

**FOR: Undie Sunday**

Underwear in ALL shapes and sizes!  
(prefer younger styles - no granny undies please!)

**Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service**

PO Box 851  
Salem, OR 97308  
[www.mvwcs.com](http://www.mvwcs.com)

**Sable House**

PO Box 783  
Dallas, OR 97338  
[www.sablehouse.org](http://www.sablehouse.org)

# OFFICIAL CALL 2007

Fifty-Fourth Annual  
Meeting of District 2

Northwestern Region

Soroptimist International of the Americas

**Saturday October 27**

**and**

**Sunday October 28**

**Salem Conference Center**

200 Commercial Street S.E.

**Phoenix Grand Hotel**

201 Liberty Street South  
Salem, OR

## *IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU*

**Registration Deadline is September 26<sup>TH</sup>**

Please sign up on clipboard at club by Sept 19<sup>TH</sup>

### **Tentative District 2 Meeting Schedule**

**Friday October 26<sup>TH</sup>**

Tour the State Capital 1:30pm

Registration 4 - 9pm

Friendship & Networking Social 6 - 9pm

**Saturday October 27<sup>TH</sup>**

Registration 7:30am

First Time Attendees Reception 7:45am

Good Morning Coffee Reception 8am

Opening Ceremonies 9am

Tell & Sell/No Host Cocktail Bar 5-6pm

Banquet 6:30pm

(FYI - President Sherrie will be giving the inspiration at the Banquet)

**Sunday October 28<sup>TH</sup>**

Registration 7:30am

Inspiration 8am

Breakfast 8am

Adjournment 11am

The complete and detailed schedule can be found on [www.soroptimstnwr.com](http://www.soroptimstnwr.com)

## ANNUAL CLUB BBQ AND WHITE ELEPHANT SALE - SATURDAY AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>

Deb & George Wheeler opened their home to us again for a great gathering. Mary Ann Ramsden and Warren Parke won the Bocce Tournament and Kay Brown took top honors in croquet. Good food, good friends and good times...



*Camaraderie before the games begin! Shown from left, Mary Ann and Dennis Ramsden, Warren Parke, Ruth Wooton.*



*Relaxing on the patio is, from left, Shirley Parke, Kathy Garrett Canape, Claudette Moore and Mary Ann Ramsden.*



*With temperatures nearing 100, Kathleen Scepan took a dip in Deb's gorgeous pool.*



*Kay Brown carefully thinks out her next shot, probably why she won...*



*It is hard to say exactly what George Wheeler and Ron McKinley are aiming for with those mallets!*



*Ruth Wooton and Dennis Ramsden trying to defend their Bocce title...*

**MANY THANKS TO  
DEB & GEORGE  
WHEELER FOR  
HOSTING  
A GREAT PARTY!**



*From top left, Ron McKinley, Claudette Moore, Kay Brown and Warren Parke decide it is time to take a break from all the fierce competition!*

## Wine Walk For Women's Health Sunday September 16<sup>TH</sup>

Members from all five Jackson County Soroptimist clubs teamed up for the First Wine Walk. Initial reports show over 180 walkers registered and a lot of money raised (a full report will be in our October issue)!



*And they're off! Walkers began at the Bridgeview Tasting Room, walked 3 miles to Troon Winery where they were served delicious appetizers with the wine, then finished up at Woolridge Winery, where music, raffles and more wine tasting awaited them.*



*Kay Brown setting off on a 1.4 mile hike to her water station post.*



*The "command center" at Bridgeview, Sandy Engelmann, Kathy Garrett Canape and President Sherrie Messer oversee the initial flurry of registering teams, raffle ticket sales, team photos, and getting walkers started.*



*Some of the SI Medford Team, from left: Cher Siewert, Louise Holmes, Kathy Barnett, Kay Brown, Louise Dix, Kathleen Scepan, Ray and Karen Gale. Not shown: President Sherrie Messer; Wine Walk Committee Chair JoAnn Lund, Tony & Marie Cabler, Kathy Garrett Canape, Donna Darnell, Loretta & Dan Mapes, Shirley Parke, and Ruth Wooton.*



*Team Coldwell Banker Pro West included Kathy Poland (2<sup>ND</sup> from left), Therese MacGregor (3<sup>RD</sup> from left) and Claudette Moore (3<sup>RD</sup> from right).*

Big Kudos to our clubs committee - Chair JoAnn Lund, Kathy Garrett Canape, Kay Brown and Shirley Parke did a wonderful job organizing this very worthwhile event.



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