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**Soroptimist International of Medford
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Northwestern Region, District 2

August 2008

SOROPTIMIST FACT

Soroptimist was formed in 1921 by women interested in volunteering in their communities who were not permitted to join male service organizations. Since that time, the organization has worked to help women improve their standing in the world. Despite tremendous strides, women still do not enjoy equal economic or social status with their male counterparts. As an organization of and for women, Soroptimist feels uniquely qualified to tackle the challenges facing today's women and girls.

IMPORTANT CLUB DATES

AUGUST

- 20TH SIM Business Meeting
- 27TH Community Health Center
- 30TH Club BBQ (see page 3)

SEPTEMBER

- 2ND Venture Club Meeting 6pm
- 3RD Humane Society
- 10TH Jennifer Pharris' Trip to Boston
- 11TH SIM Board Meeting
- 13TH Hot Dog Sale (see page 3)
- 16TH Venture Club Meeting 6pm
- 17TH SIM Business Meeting
- 20TH SI Sunrise Dress for Success
- see page 3
- 21ST Wine Walk for Women's Health
- see page 6
- 24TH Domestic Violence Program

**PLEASE
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a new Soroptimist year. There are people in new positions. New members have joined. It is a fabulous year and we are going to talk about it.

The reason is because the theme for this year is "Lip Service." So we are going to do just that, explain what our club does for ourselves, for our family and friends, for our community. Let's make ourselves known even more than we are now. Invite new people to check us out. Look up past members. Get out there and spread the word, Soroptimist International of Medford is an amazing organization which helps this community in tremendous and wonderful ways.

Now is the time to put those lips to good use.

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July 2008 Attendance

100%ers - 12

Sheryl Alderson

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Therese MacGregor

Sherrie Messer

Claudette Moore

Mary Ann Ramsden*

*Makeups - 2 makeups to qualify for 100%

Average July Attendance - 21

High 22 - July 24TH

Low 17 - July 9TH



Special Thanks to July Helpers

Greeter: Sheryl Alderson

Inspiration: Mary Ann Ramsden
and Shirley Parke

Reception Desk: Lou Dierieux

August Helpers

Greeter: Loretta Livaudais-Mapes

Inspiration: Karen Gale

Reception Desk: Lou Dierieux

September Helpers

Greeter: Kathleen Scepan

Inspiration: Shirley Parke

Reception Desk: Lou Dierieux

SI MEDFORD HOT DOG SALE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
JACKSONVILLE

Hot Dog Sale Committee Chair Denise James will need our help getting food, drinks & ice prior to the sale, setting up the morning of the sale, cooking & serving during the sale, and cleaning up after the sale. Please sign up on clipboard at club, or email Denise at fhhrv@charterinternet.com.

SI SUNRISE DRESS FOR SUCCESS
Saturday, September 20TH

This event is to provide professional work clothing for low income women (not the general public). They contact these individuals through case workers and groups with which they are already involved as opposed to advertising and flyers etc.

Gently used professional women's clothing is needed. No shoes, and no purses, belts acceptable only if they are part of an outfit. If you give donations please sort out anything that would not be considered professional; ie, no jeans, tank tops, etc... Nothing stained or soiled. It is preferable to have on hangers, but boxed or bagged in easily wielded boxes or bags are acceptable. These packages need to be easily moved up stairs.

You may drop clothing off at Clarine Lizana's office: Crater Lake Electrical Training Center 4864 Airway Drive (off Vilas Rd) in Central Point any Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 1pm to 5 pm, no appointment is necessary.

Clothing may also be dropped off at Jan Safley's office, Consumer Credit Counseling, by contacting Jan at 779-2273 and scheduling an appointment.



SI MEDFORD
Annual Barbecue and
White Elephant Sale

Saturday-August 30TH
at 5pm
Debbie Wheeler's
Hwy 238 - Applegate

**Please bring a main dish and
either a salad or a dessert.**

Bring adult beverages, if you like.
Soft drinks will be provided.

**Be sure to bring a White Elephant
item to be auctioned.**

**Bring LOTS of money for the
White Elephant Auction!**

**Games will be bocce ball, croquet and
horseshoes.**

**A GREAT pool is available for those
who want to swim - bring suits.**

**Directions to the Wheeler's home: go
thru JV main drag and stay on 238
about 17 miles; one mile past the
Applegate Store on the left side of the
road; you will see 2 signs, 17452 and
17378, that is their driveway; turn left
onto their driveway and follow around
to the house.**

**Deb's phone number is 846-7833 if
questions or need further clarification
(or directions when you're lost).**

**Please sign up on clipboard at club or
email Deb at insure@charter.net**

Annual Southern Oregon KidSpree

As the sun rose Saturday, August 9TH, over 200 volunteers gathered at JC Penney's in the Rogue Valley Mall for KidSpree. Over 200 low income elementary school children got to shop for new school clothes, received a backpack full of school supplies, and were shown how much our community cares about their needs. Thanks to Kathy Garrett Canape (shown at left) and the entire KidSpree Steering Committee for the continued commitment to this event they spend all year putting together.



Claire Anchick just rejoined SI Medford and we are SO glad to have her back! Here she looks pretty perky for 6:30am while working a registration table.



Many thanks to Starbucks for supplying coffee for the volunteers. Shown at the table is Jackie Baker, one of the AAUW members that coordinated breakfast treats for volunteers and shoppers.



SI Sunrise member Judi Robinson (left) with our dynamic duo, SI Medford's Immediate Past President Sherrie Messer (middle) and Venture Club of Medford's Secretary/Treasurer and Sherrie's granddaughter Destiny Fugate.



Mara Bauermeister (left) daughter of SI Medford member Louise Dix (middle), get their assignments from Kathy Garrett Canape. Mara was a translator at registration and Louise was a shopper, enjoying her third year at KidSpree.



Medford City Councilman and Rotary member Bob Strosser (left) shopped with Zach, who walked out of Penney's thrilled with the HUGE bag of clothes he got.



Steering Committee and former SI Medford member Barbara Beaupain (standing at left) and SI Medford member Kathleen Scepan (seated) oversaw the "Thank You" table, assisting kids with cards thanking JC Penney and the volunteers that made this happen for them.



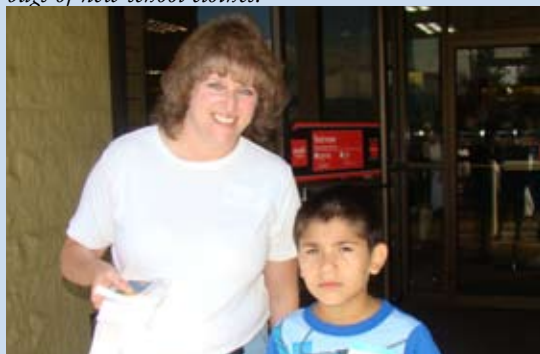
Kathy Garrett Canape (left) and Kay Brown share a laugh as another successful KidSpree winds down!



SI Medford President Alicia Speidel, left, and Venture Club Co-President Tiffany Perez-Smith (far right) meet up with their shoppers mom after their spree. The AAUW also provided breakfast to each kid after they finished shopping and got their backpacks of school supplies.



SI Medford's Therese MacGregor (top left) and Sandy Lowman (bottom left) and their shoppers were full of smiles when they waltzed out of JC Penney's with bags of new school clothes.



On behalf of the 205 children served, to date, and the Southern Oregon KidSpree Committee, I would like to thank SI Medford for both it's financial support and volunteer support. All of us who volunteer know how much this event means to the low income children and their families, who are served, to give the children a good start for the school year. We have a few more children who will shop late due to schedule conflicts. Put the 2nd Saturday in August on your calendar for next year. We have jobs for those who don't like to shop, also, and we are always looking for volunteers. Kathy Garrett Canape and Kathleen Scepan, SI Medford KidSpree Steering Committee members.

2ND ANNUAL WINE WALK FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH

We are now starting to get ready for the 2008 Soroptimist Wine Walk for Women's Health, which will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2008 from about 11:00 am to 4:00 p.m. at three wineries in the Applegate -- Bridgeview, Troon and Wooldridge. The SI Medford committee will have our club's sign up soon.

Members will need to let us know if they are walking on another organization's team, walking on our club's team and whether they can help our club's responsibilities for the walk. We try to work it out so that members can work and walk, if they so desire. Based on last year's walk, we needed a lot of help from our club.

Our duties are the same as last year -

- coordinating the bus transportation to and from Jacksonville (we will need bus monitors to give out information and evaluations)
- setting up and taking down the water stations
- manning the water stations
- setting up and taking down signage both in Jacksonville and in the Applegate
- coordination of setting up and taking down porta potties -- one person
- possible transportation coordination of Applegate Library --
- some possible raffle duties

We need members to be working on potential sponsors and/or raffle items ASAP. Please let Kathy Garrett Canape know if you are working on getting a sponsor, so that we don't duplicate calling on people.

There is a Wine Walk website -- www.winewalk08.org - brochures are available on the website or the committee has them at club. The Wine Walk raised \$10,000 dollars to assist uninsured or under-insured women with their health care needs and we would like to raise \$20,000 this year. Please contact Kathy Garrett Canape, Kay Brown or Sheryl Alderson, if you have questions. Thanks for your support of this neat event!!



VENTURE CLUB OF MEDFORD BENEFIT CAR WASH

The young ladies of Venture gathered July 19TH to raise money for the ACCESS Food Pantry by washing cars. They raised over \$200 and collected several HUGE bins of food. And knowing those young women, they had a lot of FUN doing it!



SOROPTIMIST WORKPLACE CAMPAIGN TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In 1994, Soroptimist International of the Americas made the prevention of domestic violence an organizational focus. Each year, on November 25 (the International Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women), members participate in the Soroptimist Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence. The campaign targets domestic abuse as a workplace concern. Domestic violence is a workplace issue because it affects both women and business, as most women work and they do not leave abuse behind while at the workplace. Abusers often harass their partners at work. In worse case scenarios, abusers come to the workplace and threaten their partners and their co-workers. As business and professional women, Soroptimists are in a position to educate people in the workplace that women have the right to live free from violence. Each year, Soroptimists distribute thousands of hotline cards, and hold lectures and events to raise awareness about domestic violence as a workplace concern. In addition, members encourage places of business to adopt formal guidelines designed to protect employees and (their co-workers) from domestic violence situations. The campaign earned an Award of Excellence from the American Society of Association Executives and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence's Allies Against Violence Award.

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