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Northwestern Region, District 2 October 2008

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

*Anna D'Amato ~ 10/8
Lou Dieriex ~ 10/11
Sherrie Messer ~ 10/19
Karen Matson ~ 10/28*

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Kathy Garrett Canape ~ 25 years

IMPORTANT CLUB DATES

OCTOBER

- 14TH Venture Club Meeting 6pm
- 15TH SIM Business Meeting
- 17TH, 18TH & 19TH - Northwestern Region
District 2 Meeting
- 21ST Venture Club Meeting 6pm
- 22ND Program- Joe Spurgeon, LPL Financial
- 29TH ROAR Luncheon - see page 3
- 31ST Treat or Treat Safe Halloween
- see page 6

NOVEMBER

- 4TH Venture Club Meeting 6pm
- 5TH RVTD Program
- 12TH Program - City of Medford Arborist
Bill Harrington
- 13TH SIM Board Meeting, see page 3
- 18TH Venture Club Meeting 6pm
- 19TH SIM Business Meeting
FAST DAY at Fountain Plaza
- 26TH Venture Bake Sale Delivery

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I love the Fall! It is my favorite season of the year. The mornings and evenings are crisp. The leaves are changing colors and falling all around. Pumpkins are out. It's time to sit by the crackling fire. In my opinion it's a great time of the year.

The Fall also means our District Meeting, which eight people from our club are attending in Coos Bay. That's wonderful and there will be lots to report when we all return! Then at the end of this month is our annual Halloween ROAR luncheon. It is bound to be a fun event with great information and a bunch of new faces that you will bring. So put on your thinking caps and imagine who would make a great addition to our club and then send out those invitations.

This Fall let's make even more of a positive impact on our community. I know we can do it and I know we will. We just have to get cackling!

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September 2008 Attendance

100%ers - 13

Kay Brown
Lou Dierix
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Kathy Garrett Canape
Sandy Lowman
Therese MacGregor
Sherrie Messer
Claudette Moore
Shirley Parke*
Mary Ann Ramsden
Kathleen Scepan
Alicia Speidel
Ruth Wooton

*Makeups - 1 makeup to qualify for 100%
Average September Attendance - 22
High 26 - September 17TH
Low 19 - September 24TH



Special Thanks to September Helpers

Greeter: Claire Anchick
Inspiration: Shirley Parke
Reception Desk: Lou Dierix

October Schedule

Greeter: Kathleen Scepan
Inspiration: Esther Freeman
Reception Desk: Lou Dierix

November Schedule

Greeter: Sherrie Messer
Inspiration: Nanci Grabner
Reception Desk: Lou Dierix

**ROAR
HALLOWEEN LUNCHEON
NOON MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
FAR EAST RESTAURANT**



Invitations to our Halloween recruitment luncheon have been emailed. Please consider inviting your business associates, friends or family members that you think might find Soroptimist as rewarding as we all do. This is such a fun and informative event, what better way to "meet" Soroptimist!

A sign-up sheet is on the clipboard at club. Kathy Garrett Canape or Kay Brown must have a guest count by Monday, October 27TH. Hostesses will be responsible for their guest's lunch. Kathy & Kay have also asked on the sign-up sheet if any members are willing to host a guest to please let them know. If you cannot make it to club to sign-up, please email either Kay or Kathy if you are bringing a guest or would be willing to host a guest by funding their lunch, if necessary.



Costumes are encouraged to enhance the Halloween theme, perhaps there will be a prize for the most interesting costume...

**SI MEDFORD BOARD MEETINGS
Noon at Marie Callendar's
1528 Biddle Rd, Medford**

Our Board of Directors meet each Thursday prior to our monthly business meeting (check club calendar for exact dates) to discuss old & new club business, receive committee recommendations, make decisions concerning club operations, compose recommendations to club to be voted on, make sure deadlines are being met, and generally keep our club running smoothly.

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Board meetings are a fantastic way to find out more about what our board does, and prepare you for future service on our Board of Directors.

Please try to attend at least one board meeting this year.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER**

Rogue Valley Habitat for Humanity's second annual Holiday Gift Wrap booth will be held at the Rogue Valley Mall from December 14TH – December 24TH. Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts and serve as customer greeters. There are a variety of shift times available. Denise James has a sign-up sheet on the clipboard at club. If you're unable to get to club to sign-up, please contact Denise at 779-1983.

Come celebrate the season giving Jackson County families a hand up through homeownership, all while sharing some Soroptimist cheer!

WINE WALK FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

The 2ND Wine Walk was another success, with over 400 participants walking the 5 miles, uphill (!!), to wine taste, snack, and raise funds for women's health projects in our community.

With no exact numbers yet, estimates are that over \$12,000 was raised this year. WOW!





TRAVEL BASKET RAFFLE!



We will be raffling off this year's Travel Basket at our October Business meeting.

With so many interesting items collected from member's travels, Ruth Wooton has put together a beautiful basket for us.

So, get your tickets. This week's noon meeting is your last chance to take a chance...



TREAT or TREAT SAFE HALLOWEEN

Friday, October 31ST

Medford First Christian Church

1900 Crater Lake Ave

5:30 - 8:30pm

Our club has agreed to "man" a door and hand out candy to children on Halloween. There is a sign-up sheet at club, or contact President Alicia if you cannot get to club to sign-up but would like to volunteer to help out that evening.

Dressing up in a costume is up to you, but would sure make the event more fun!

OCTOBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Carissa Whitney, daughter of Susan & Dave Whitney, was honored at our October 8TH noon meeting as the North Medford High School Student of the Month for October.

A senior at North, Carissa has a very heavy academic load and busy activity schedule. She has packed her four high school years with Ceramics, Orchestra, Chamber Choir, Astronomy, Spanish I & II, as well as Honors English, Honors American History, Honors World History, Honors Biology, AP Government and AP Literature. Her activities included the Buddy Program, STARS, Link Crew, Chess Club, Choir, Orchestra and a member of the Torch Honor Society.

Carissa's post-graduation plans are to attend college and earn a Bachelors degree; she then wants to be a writer. She has been working on a novel for young people and hopes to finish it soon.

When asked who has influenced her the most, Carissa credits her family. In her words, "They are always a huge example to me. They love and support me no matter what, and they've taught me values and respect for others." Carissa's older sister, Camille, was honored as our Student of the Month 2 years ago.

Carissa was presented with a plaque and \$50 U.S. Savings Bond by Youth Services Committee Chair Karen Gale.

CONGRATULATIONS, CARISSA!

WHY WOMEN SHOULD VOTE!

In August of 1920, after over 60 years of struggle and personal sacrifice by some very brave and courageous women, the 19TH Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America was ratified, finally giving women the right to vote. Despite our personal politics or party affiliations, this right should not be taken for granted and be encouragement for all women to exercise that right to vote for the leadership of our country, county and cities.

These powerful images, courtesy of Sherrie Messer, are a moving reminder of the dedication and devotion these women gave to ensure the equal voting rights we have today. Lets make them proud, and VOTE!



These photos are also a reminder that positive change, global or local, does not come without the determination and hard work of women. We can be very proud of our Soroptimist mission that we live by, to improve the lives of women and girls.



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