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*Soroptimist International of Medford* *Northwestern Region, District 2* *September 2008*  
*PO Box 645 • Medford, OR 97501*

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

*Shirley Parke ~ 9/11*

*Denise James ~ 9/21*

*Loretta Livaudais-Mapes ~ 9/25*

**IMPORTANT CLUB DATES**

**SEPTEMBER**

- 17<sup>TH</sup> SIM Business Meeting
- 20<sup>TH</sup> SI Sunrise Dress for Success
- 21<sup>ST</sup> Wine Walk for Women's Health
- 24<sup>TH</sup> Domestic Violence Program

**OCTOBER**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Meet the Pioneers Program
- 7<sup>TH</sup> Venture Club Meeting 6pm
- 8<sup>TH</sup> American Cancer Society Program
- 9<sup>TH</sup> SIM Board Meeting
- 15<sup>TH</sup> SIM Business Meeting
- 17<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup> - Northwestern Region District 2 Meeting - see page 3
- 21<sup>ST</sup> Venture Club Meeting 6pm
- 22<sup>ND</sup> Program TBD
- 29<sup>TH</sup> ROAR Luncheon - see page 6

**NOVEMBER**

- 4<sup>TH</sup> Venture Club Meeting 6pm
- 5<sup>TH</sup> RVTD Program
- 12<sup>TH</sup> Program - City of Medford Arborist Bill Harrington
- 18<sup>TH</sup> Venture Club Meeting 6pm
- 19<sup>TH</sup> SIM Business Meeting  
FAST DAY at Fountain Plaza
- 26<sup>TH</sup> Venture Bake Sale Delivery

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*It's September and we are off and rolling. We had a great BBQ at Debbie's house as well as a lively white elephant auction, raising close to \$400!! Way to go ladies.*

*Now it's off to the Wine Walk and then our District Meeting next month in Coos Bay (sign-ups will be happening very soon). Our list of activities and engagements is picking up. This means we have more on our plates and more responsibilities to fill. Sometimes when this happens we become overwhelmed and unsure of our abilities. We doubt and question whether we can do it. Let me tell you right now, we can and we will! We are an amazing bunch of women and we want to make a difference in our community. This will happen with the involvement of each and every single one of you. So continue to step up and say "yes." And know your limits. Know how best you can serve and see that it happens. And keep on using your lips to get our message across.*

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

*President Alicia*

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## August 2008 Attendance

**100%ers - 15**

Sheryl Alderson  
Kathy Garrett Canape  
Lou Dierix  
Esther Freeman  
Karen Gale  
Louise Holmes  
Loretta Livaudais-Mapes\*  
Sandy Lowman  
Therese MacGregor  
Sherrie Messer  
Shirley Parke  
Kathleen Scepan  
Alicia Speidel  
Debbie Wheeler  
Ruth Wooton

\*Makeups - 1 makeup to qualify for 100%

Average August Attendance - 22

High 24 - Aug 6 ~ Low 15 - Aug 20



## Special Thanks to August Helpers

Greeter: Loretta Livaudais-Mapes  
Inspiration: Karen Gale  
Reception Desk: Lou Dierix

## September Schedule

Greeter: Kathleen Scepan  
Inspiration: Shirley Parke  
Reception Desk: Lou Dierix

## October Schedule

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

**NORTHWESTERN REGION**  
**55<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**  
**DISTRICT 2 MEETING**  
**October 17, 18 & 19, 2008**  
**Red Lion Hotel, Coos Bay**  
"Sharing the BUZZ of Soroptimist!"

The District 2 team of Director Kathy King, Secretary Janice Adelman, Meeting Chair Vicki Solomon, Site Coordinator Patti Lusk, and Finance Rep Jan Baker invited us all to attend the District 2 Meeting in Coos Bay! This is a great opportunity for new members to see one of the higher levels of our Soroptimist organization. The team wants every Soroptimist of Northwestern Region District 2 to get energized and bring back new ideas to each club.

In the Official Call, there are a variety of workshops planned for us, focusing on topics members have suggested: Club Fund-raising, Human Trafficking, Public Speaking, President's Round Table, Club Treasurers, and how to navigate the new Northwestern Region Web Site.

Head over on Friday and take personally guided tours of the Coos Bay Area, beginning at 2:00 pm.

For the Saturday night banquet, wear things beginning with "B," such as beads, bangles, bows, boots, black and blue, maybe a Beehive hairdo too! Be creative! There will also be line dancing instruction, so be prepared to kick up your heels and have some beehive FUN!

This years service project is helping SI Coos Bay with their 4<sup>TH</sup> Annual CHOHPS (Children's Oral Hygiene Program for Success) program for children in K-4<sup>TH</sup> grades. Bring toothbrushes, toothpaste and/or dental floss to make their smiles shine brightly. A flyer with all the details is attached to the Call.

Visit [www.soroptimistnwr.com](http://www.soroptimistnwr.com) to view the Official Call, meeting agenda, and workshop details.

A sign up sheet for registering, with meal menu, will be on the clipboard at club. The deadline for registering is October 1<sup>ST</sup>.

We hope all of SI Medford can travel to Coos Bay for this exciting and informative Soroptimist weekend!

## Annual SI Medford BBQ

Once again, as the dog days of August came to an end, Debbie & George Wheeler welcomed over 20 Soroptimists and their mates to their beautiful home in the Applegate for our annual club BBQ and White Elephant Sale.

With perfect outdoor party weather, we played croquet and bocce ball, lounged by the pool, sipped on wine, and enjoyed an evening of Soroptimist friendship.





*Mary Ann Ramsden models the new t-shirt she won during the White Elephant auction. The shirt was donated by Claudette Moore.*



*Kathy Garrett Canape hosted two visitors from SI Camas-Washougal, shown from left are Mona Barber, Alice Altree and Kathy at her home in Ashland.*

*Mona and Alice are "Soroptimist Extrodinaires" from Southwest Washington. Alice is the famous Balloon Lady, who wears fantastic balloon hats to raise money for the Laurel Society at both District Meetings and Regional Conferences. She has raised over \$40,000 dollars to date. They helped to charter 2 Soroptimist clubs in Africa, and Mona makes and sells neck pillows that can be microwaved or frozen to support a girls school named after Karen Blitzen of "Out of Africa" fame. This school is supported by the African clubs. These neck pillows will be sold at County Quilts in Jacksonville. Mona and Alica had a great time shopping, sightseeing, and visiting our meeting and coming to our BBQ. Don't be surprised if they show up again soon. This just shows how you can make Soroptimist friends all over the world.*

# SI Medford ROAR Luncheon Noon Meeting Wednesday, October 29<sup>TH</sup>

**ROAR – Recruitment, Orientation And Retention**

The ROAR committee will have lots of door prizes, and will explain many of the activities of our club to potential members. Members are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes. We try to make this event a lot of fun!! There will be a sign up at club soon. Our other recruitment event is in the Spring, but potential members may be invited to club at any time.

Just some reminders on bringing in new members to Soroptimist. In general, Soroptimists are business owners, in management or in the professions, like nursing or teaching, or have retired from such a role in their work life. **HOWEVER, WE CAN CLASSIFY ANY ONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN BEING A SOROPTIMIST.** Men are eligible to be Soroptimists, if interested. There have been some male members in other clubs in the Rogue Valley and in the Northwest.

Members invite potential members to join by sponsoring them. We want potential members to attend three meetings prior to joining, so that they can be certain they are interested in membership. However, if they attend one of our Recruitment events, like this ROAR luncheon, that is all that is required.

If you bring a new member to club, please be sure to introduce them to one of our ROAR Committee members – Kathy Garrett Canape, Kay Brown or Kathleen Scepan. We want to be sure they get a brochure and other information, and that they fill out a special form giving us their address, etc. for follow up. Lou Dierix has brochures and the forms at the attendance desk. If you are a new member, it is good to have a more "seasoned" member to help you explain about membership. If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of the ROAR Committee members for assistance.

Also, please introduce yourself and be friendly to any potential members who attend our meetings. We always want to help give the gift of Soroptimist membership.

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## SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF MEDFORD 2008/2009 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Attendance .....	Lou Dierix
Baby Contest .....	Shirley Parke & Claudette Moore
Bag Lady .....	Mary Ann Ramsden
Finance/Budget.....	Anna D'Amato
Home Tour .....	Shirley Parke & Claudette Moore
Hot Dog Sale.....	Denise James
IGU/UN/Friendship Link.....	Diane Cowan
KidSpree.....	Kathy Garrett Canape
Laws & Resolutions .....	Kay Brown
Public Relations .....	Kathy Garrett Canape
Publications.....	Marie Quinn-Cabler
ROAR.....	Kathy Garrett Canape
Saturday of Service.....	Louise Dix
Service .....	Sandy Lowman
Special Meetings .....	Sheryl Alderson
Venture Advisors .....	Sherrie Messer
Ways & Means .....	Debbie Wheeler
Women Helping Women.....	Marie Quinn-Cabler
Women's Health/Wine Walk/CAP .....	Position Open
Youth Services .....	Karen Gale

### SOROPTIMIST FACT . . . Women's Opportunity Awards

The Women's Opportunity Awards program is Soroptimist's major project. Through the program, clubs in 19 countries and territories assist women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills, and employment prospects. Each year, more than \$1 million is disbursed through cash awards at various levels of the organization. Recipients, many of whom have overcome enormous obstacles including poverty, domestic violence, and drug and alcohol abuse, may use the awards to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education, such as books, childcare and transportation.

Since the Women's Opportunity Awards program began in 1972, about \$25 million has been disbursed to help tens of thousands of women achieve their dreams of a better life for themselves and their families. In 2007, the Women's Opportunity Awards received the Associations Advance America Summit Award—ASAE & The Center for Association Leadership's highest level of recognition.

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