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Attention all SIS Chairs:
Please use this newsletter to
announce your committee
meetings, events, and special
happenings. Please send the
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Northwestern Region, Soroptimist International of the Americas
Newsletter for February 2010 & March 2010

SIS News

Message from President Dru An

We are now in full swing for our biggest projects of the year. March is the **Baby Shower**. Check with Nikki to see what she needs in the way of scheduling the day of the shower and what items we need to get.

Carol and Nancy have handed out the packets for the **Auction** and need all of the help we can give them in soliciting sponsors, items and our time at the pre-workshop and day of the event, **April 18th**. Double check with them on any questions you might have. Remember to send out the flyers to your friends to save the date. **SELL, SELL, SELL!** Try to think outside the box and invite someone new; maybe a **prospective member**.

We have sent our choice for our awards which will be presented at the Auction. These of course are the reasons for all of our work and are so rewarding to present.

Our **nominating committee** will be calling on some of you to step up and be officers next year. Please thoughtfully consider accepting. I can tell you from personal experience that even if life catches you at a bad time during your term that this group steps up and helps you out. Don't ever feel alone when thinking about taking on an office. Our slate will be presented in February and voted on in March.

As a fun event we are having **International Night** at Betty Bolin's home on March 31st at 5:30pm. Bring your slides, picture albums, diaries and be ready to share any international experience that you have (no matter how long ago). Also bring an international dish and your own bottle of liquid refreshment. We have plenty of silverware albeit plastic and paper plates and napkins. Here is an opportunity for prospective members to come and try us on. How about bringing anyone who is from another country to hear from them? Perhaps any of our international students. **A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL!**

Dick and I would like to thank you all for you calls, cards, prayers and concern in our unhappy medical challenge time. Thanks for helping me with my chores and running errands. **YOU ARE GREAT FRIENDS!**

ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010:

Dru An White, President; Tracy Learn, President-Elect; Joni Zielinski, Treasurer; Kate Bayne, Secretary; Marilyn Morton, Director (6/30/11); Judy Widmer, Director (6/30/10); Sue Klof, Delegate

New Member Spotlight

Jenny Leonard

- Is an Interior Designer, owner of “JL Designs” in Mount Angel
- Moved from Auburn, California to Mount Angel in 2007
- Had a ranch and a Bed-and-Breakfast near Auburn
- Was a Soroptimist in Winters, California
- Has been an Interior Designer since 1975
- Has two grown sons and five grandchildren (ages 7 – 19)
- Has been married to husband, Gary, for 51 years
- Traveled around the country in an RV for a year
- Has been in all 50 states (but didn’t drive to Hawaii)
- Has bought, remodeled, and sold many homes over the years
- Considers her family and her faith the most important reasons for her happy life

Browning Street Litter Patrol

Saturday, March 20th
8:30 am – 10:00 am

Please contact Lysa Hall with questions.

We meet at the parking lot near the Browning and Commercial Street intersection. For those of you who haven't done this before, gloves, vests and bags are provided, along with the safety signs announcing the litter patrol. We'll have a sign-up sheet at coming meetings.

18th ANNUAL AUCTION PREPARATIONS IN FULL SWING

A guided “Ghost Walk” in Independence for a group of fifteen.
Two nights at the Phoenix Grand Hotel in downtown Salem.
Two nights at a Black Butte vacation home.
A pedicure or manicure.
A bountiful gift basket from Trader Joe’s.

These are just a few of the items already secured for our 18th Annual Dinner Auction and Wine Tasting Benefit scheduled for April 18, 2010, 4:00-7:30, at Willamette Valley Vineyards.

John McArdle, mayor of Independence, has agreed to be our persuasive auctioneer again, and Mary Chance has agreed to be his charming assistant. Awards will be given out to our deserving scholarship winners and honorees. Joanne Trzcinski will be playing her soft jazz on the piano in a room with a wonderful view of vineyards. The room will be enhanced by our decorating committee, headed by new member, Jenny Leonard. Delicious food (a new menu this year) will be prepared by Willaby’s Catering. Each guest will be given three vouchers for wine tasting, and all Salem Soroptimists will be on hand to ensure that this will be our best Auction ever.

As you can see, the Auction Committee, headed by Nancy Lodge and Carol Snyder, is busy preparing for our major fundraising event this year. By now, every Soroptimist should have received a packet of Auction information, which includes copies of flyers to be used as “Save the Date” notices to be sent to friends, relatives, and colleagues. The same flyers may also be used in soliciting auction items or services from businesses. Invitations will be ready in early March. Anyone needing more supplies (flyers, donation forms, club brochures, etc.) should contact Nancy (503-838-2314, email PD1571@yahoo.com) or Carol (503-364-8674, email snyder2858@comcast.net).

Here is the “Auction Activity Calendar” going forward:

- Early February – Send out “Save the Date” flyers to prospective guests
- Early February – Solicit items or services to be offered at the Auction
- Mid-March – Send invitations to prospective guests (those who received “Save the Date” flyers, and others)
- Mid-March – Begin bringing any auction items received to Carol’s house for storage
- April 9 – Attend the “Auction Preparation Party” at Carol’s house to ready items for display
- April 18 – Show up at Willamette Valley Vineyards, at 2:00, to arrange the auction items and prepare the room. Be ready at 4:00 to host a fun and successful event.

Cheers!

Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else. Judy Garland

International Night International Night

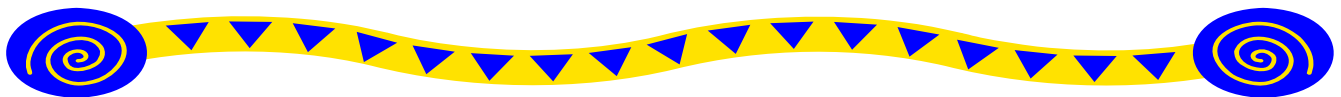
Come share your traveling adventures and hear about others'. Bring scrap books, slides, and mementos to help tell about your international experiences. Bring international food for the potluck. BYOB. Betty Bolin's house, 5:30 pm.

SIS HELPS FUND WOMEN VETERANS CONFERENCE

When Val Conley, Oregon State Coordinator for the 2010 Women Veterans Conference, spoke at our program meeting in January, she was given more than appreciative applause and our usual \$50 speaker donation. The Human Rights & Status of Women Committee requested that \$400 of their budget be donated to help fund the Conference.

The \$450 check from SI Salem will offset some of the costs of presenting this important event. Over 450 women veterans from Oregon will attend the Conference on March 26 and 27 at the Seven Feathers Casino in Canyonville, Oregon. They will be given workshops on VA benefits, managing finances, health issues, and how to deal with sexual trauma, as well as being recognized for their courage in service to our country.

Betty Bolin hopes to persuade other clubs in the region to help with the 2012 Conference and perhaps to make it part of a Northwestern Region project.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 2010**
- 10 Program Meeting – 5:30 PM, Alessandro’s
 - 14 Marty Cloran b-day
 - 17 Board Meeting – 5:30 PM, Alessandro’s
 - 20 Area Meeting, Central Willamette Admin Office,
7101 Supra Drive SE, Albany, OR – 9:00-1:00
 - 23 Food Sorting, Marion-Polk Food Share, 6:30-8 PM
 - 24 Business Meeting – 5:30 PM, Alessandro’s
 - 28 Sandy Chlanda b-day
Suzanne Halsey b-day
- March 2010**
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Northwestern Region Spring Conference

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

April 23-25, 2010