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Attention all SIS Chairs:
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happenings. Please send the
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Northwestern Region, Soroptimist International of the Americas
Newsletter for June & July 2010

SIS News

Message from President Dru An

I want to thank you all for the club's great support towards Dick and me during a very stressful year. I want to thank Tracy Learn for being ready to jump in to back me up this year at various times. But here we are at the end of the year and many wonderful things occurred.

- Our rummage sale was great thanks to Pam McKenna.
- Our Christmas party was at Sandy Chlanda's as usual. She is always so gracious with not only the loan of her home, but making lasagna and other goodies.
- Annual Baby Shower brought in an abundance of items and money. Elaine Martinez's astute publicity brought lots of attention and additional support to that project.
- Many members attended the regional meeting in Portland. I think that it really solidified many of the members to not only specific causes but to Soroptimist ideals as well.
- The area meeting in Albany allowed us to reacquaint with local clubs and learn more about our purpose and projects.
- Lysa Hall has done a great job with our Browning Street cleanup. The support of the Whittam Garden in Keizer was added as a new project this year.
- Food Sorting continued at Marion Polk Food Share under Carol Snyder's watchful eye.
- The auction, directed by Carol Snyder and Nancy Lodge, was a success in spite of the recession. We had good attendance and some nice items for auctions, along with good publicity for our causes. Thanks to Sara, our good friend, who came back to help with the money again.
- Our programs have been interesting and committee based so that we are expanding our information about the areas we have selected to serve.
- We have new members Jenny Leonard, Nancy Pfeiler and Sue Klof.

The board has been of great help to me to keep track of business and be on target about challenges and direction of the club.

I want to thank Joni for doing two very important jobs at one time. The newsletters have been very informative and timely.

I want to thank three very cheerful members who are stalwart in their support: Mary Chance who is so gracious with her gifts of bouquets; Ruth Young who reminds us from time to time about our history; Suzanne Halsey who kept truckin' during her challenging year with great spirit.

Thanks to everyone for keeping up the good spirit. We really do an amazing job. **We must always appreciate each other for our gifts and assets.** It is important that we have fun doing what we are doing as well as the outcome of endeavors.

President Dru An

ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010:

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

2010/2011 Officers to be Installed June 16

These Soroptimists have been elected to serve as our Board of Directors for the coming year:

Tracy Learn – President

Betty Bolin – President Elect

Joni Zielinski – Treasurer

Sue Klof – Secretary

Marilyn Morton – Director

Lysa Hall - Director

Jenny Leonard – Delegate

Nancy Lodge – Alternate Delegate

The Installation Banquet will be held June 16, 5:30 p.m., at Betty Bolin's home (6215 13th Ave. SE, Salem).



SI Salem supports Whittam Community Garden

At our April business meeting we voted to make a donation in support of the **Whittam Community Garden**, a community effort to fight hunger by allowing interested citizens to grow their own fruits and vegetables, and to grow fresh produce for Marion Polk Food Share. The park in which the garden is located is named for the late Mike Whittam, husband of our member Kathy Whittam. Kathy has volunteered to be the Garden Champion, helping to take reservations for garden spaces.

If you'd like to check out the garden you can visit it at 5402 Ridge Drive N, Keizer OR 97303. Directions: From River Road NE, turn east on Chemawa Rd NE, turn south on Verda Ln NE, turn east on Keizer Rd NE. Parking is allowed in the Church on the Hill's parking lot.

Or visit their great website with lots of pictures:

<http://keizerparksfoundation.web.officelive.com/WhittamCommunityGarden.aspx>

2010 AUCTION RESULTS

The 18th Annual Soroptimist Dinner Auction and Wine Tasting Benefit was a success this year, in that we netted over \$9,600 to be used for next year's scholarships and other projects and to support local charities.

However, that net proceeds number is the lowest since 2002; it is also almost \$4000 lower than last year. We know we can ascribe some of the difference to the current economy, but this year's results probably merit some serious analysis if we want to continue having only one major fundraiser each year.

The Auction Committee, chaired by Nancy Lodge and Carol Snyder, would very much like to have a special meeting to de-brief this year's auction and consider suggestions for next year's event. Members are also encouraged to give suggestions and comments by phone, email, or regular mail.

A signature feature of our oral auction every year is the opportunity for guests to donate directly to specific charities. This year the "opportunity-to-donate" auction items provided \$1075 for the YWCA Salem Outreach Shelter, \$1125 for local crisis centers (Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service and Sable House), \$1050 for our education grants, and \$525 for our international projects.

Five education grants were announced at the Auction along with the Ruby Award for Women Helping Women:

Women's Opportunity Award (\$2000) – Emily Nichols

Second Year Opportunity Award (\$2000) – Victoria Lacey

Jean Guckert Education Award (\$1000) – Ticia Nelson

(Emily, Victoria, and Ticia all attend Chemeketa Community College)

Violet Richardson Award (\$250) – Arielle Hogervorst

(\$250 was also given to her charity: Willamette Humane Society)

International Education Grant Award (\$1000) – Chuang Tsang, Vietnam

Ruby Award – Val Conley, Women Veteran's Conference Director

For those who are curious about the value of the winning bids for any of the auction items, a complete list will be available at the June 9 Business Meeting and at the Installation Dinner on June 16.

Cleanup on Browning Avenue

Please help to do our second Adopt-A-Street cleanup for 2010, and our last one for this club year. We will meet in the parking lot at the corner of Browning and Commercial Streets S.E. at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, June 5th. The city provides bags, vests, gloves, pickup gadgets and safety signs. We just need to provide the hands. Many hands make light, quick work!



Mark Your Calendar!

Start Collecting those Rummage Sale
Items Now!

Fall Rummage Sale

October 15th & 16th

**Set-up Days will be Weds Oct 13th & 14th

** Clean-up will be Oct. 16th & 17th



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2010

- 1 Sue Klof birthday
- 5 Street Cleanup, Browning Street
- 12 Elaine Martinez birthday
- 16 Installation of Officers – TBA
- 22 Food Sorting, Marion-Polk Food Share, 6:30-8 PM

July 2010

- 7-10 SIA Federation Convention, San Francisco
- 20 Nikki Freepon birthday
- 24 Ruth Young birthday
- TBA Planning Retreat for 2010-2011

“In our society, the women who break down barriers are those who ignore limits.” – Arnold Schwarzenegger