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PRESIDENTS LETTER

Dear Soroptimists,

This month has been very busy for our club. We hosted a very successful District meeting and the Christmas tree is up and tickets are selling fast.

First of all, thank you to each and every member who helped in any way to make this year's District 1 meeting a huge success. Everyone that attended had a great time and enjoyed the shopping, the entertainment, and the speakers. It takes the entire club to host a District meeting and it was great to see 29 of our members there at some point during the weekend. Hopefully everyone that attended learned something about Soroptimist International or got fired up to do even more for women and girls in our community.

This month was also a time for goodbyes. We said goodbye to President Jennifer as the District meeting adjourned and truly wish her great happiness as she moves to a new community to be closer to her daughter and future grandchildren. I know she will be back to visit us and has already mentioned that there are a couple of wineries in the Champaign area. I am excited to step in and complete her term as President. Bare with me though . . . I served as the club treasurer for so long that I still tend to think about the money aspect only. Jennifer worked hard on the club booklet this summer and I don't plan to recreate the wheel. We may have to do some shuffling because I had my own responsibilities in addition to President Elect. I may ask some of you to do things for me, especially during the winter months when I don't have much time.

Looking into the near future, we are currently selling Christmas Tree tickets and will soon be gearing up for the Cookie Walk to be held during the Merchants Night Out on November 19th. We are looking for a location to have the Cookie Walk downtown so if you know of an empty store that might work, let us know.

Keep up the good work! Our club is a club to be proud of! We do many great things for our community!

Tricia

Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree is up, decorated and on display at Harmon's IGA. The first ladies selling tickets there have done great. Attached is the schedule. There is one date open. If you can fill that time please email me at mshroyer@swetland.net. All members should have received tickets to sell on your own. If you need more, just let me or Tricia know and we will get them to you.

Thanks to all who showed up to help decorate the tree and to all who have signed up to sell tickets at IGA. This is one of our major fund raisers, so please everyone sell your tickets. Your ticket stubs and money will need to be turned in no later than the first Thursday in Dec. Thank you. Marion



DATE	NAME	TIME
SAT. OCT. 16	ANGELA GRAVES	9:00-NOON
TUES. OCT 19	LYN GARTKE	4:30-6:30 PM
SAT. OCT. 23	GWEN CALDWELL	9:00 AM-NOON
TUES. OCT 26	LIZ HEINZMANN	4:30-6:30 PM
SAT. OCT 30	MARY TRUITT	9:00 AM-NOON
TUES. NOV 2	MELISSA ELAM	4:30-6:30 PM
SAT. NOV 6	MARY SCHULZE	9:00 AM-NOON
TUES. NOV 9	SANDY ERICKSON	4:30-6:30 PM
SAT. NOV 13		9:00 AM-NOON
TUES. NOV 16	ARLENE/MARILYN COLE	4:30-6:30 PM
SAT. NOV 20	LEIGH HEDGPETH	9:00 AM-NOON
TUES. NOV 23	JAN ROSBOROUGH	4:30-6:30 PM
SAT. NOV 27	MARION SHROYER	9:00 AM-NOON
TUES. NOV 30	RHONDA BOWLES	4:30-6:30 PM

District I Meeting:

One last note on the District Meeting. Again, thank you all for your hard work, cooperation and attendance. It was a total success. We had many wonderful compliments from the out of town attendees. They had lots of wonderful things to say. A very few had some comments that were a little negative, but vast majority was very positive. From the very beginning when the well done "Call" went out I knew we would have a great meeting. The weather was beautiful, Friday night was awesome, the merchants were supportive, The Depot was eloquent, the meeting room at Days Inn was excellent, the Days Inn staff was terrific, Robbi's took super care of us, decorations were great, food wonderful and our entertainment and speakers couldn't have been better. The workshops by District Director Joy were interesting and informative. Our registration went off like clock work and the door prizes and goody bags were top notch, as was the hospitality room. The Mary Todd boutique was a big hit. Every committee did a wonderful job. And didn't we look great Friday in our new yellow shirts? What more can I say, except, I couldn't have been prouder of our Club. I hope you all felt the same way.

Liz is working hard, taking care of the last details. Hopefully, by the time you get this newsletter, all receipts have been turned in and the checks written. Liz will prepare a final report to be sent to the Region Treasurer along with copies of our receipts and vouchers. So for Gwen and myself, thank you and we love you all. Gwen & Marion





OUR PLACE

Our Place is quickly settling into their new home. The community has really pulled together and several donations of food stuffs have been brought to Our Place . On Tuesday night the youth made Shepherds Pie and a chocolate sheet cake. While we actually had some cake left the Shepherds Pie was demolished. The kids are still hungry for real food.

A few of the youth attended the District Meeting and helped put on a small skit for the Dreams in Action Award. Even though stage fright got the better of them they enjoyed doing it and staying for the luncheon. We hope you all enjoyed the chocolate dipped strawberries.

With Olde Tyme Christmas coming soon the girls will begin making jar mixes again and may try their hand at making a few pies for sale during Olde Tyme Christmas. SO if you would like to help out the night before, Nov 18th, come join us for a good time.

Joy has started having Girl Talk again and will be covering a variety of topics. We hope to include the “Deserve Respect” program developed by one of our sister clubs in these sessions.

Our Place is a worthwhile project and I hope you all get a chance to visit and help out .

Leigh

Just a quick note to remind you to mark April 29 & 30 and May 1 on your calendar as the Region Meeting in Rockwall Texas. Several members are talking about going out for the meeting. So we are sure to have loads of fun and education. It is so great to see our newer members getting involved. So plan now to go to Rockwall with us. I know Joy, Marion, Tricia and myself would love to have you along.

New Member Induction and Officer Installation

At our regular meeting at the Days Inn on

Thursday November 4 at Noon

Please join us as we welcome and induct our newest member, Judy Wasmuth. She will be a great addition to our already wonderful club. We are very pleased and excited to have her, so come if you can to let her know that! We also will be officially installing Tricia Elam as President, Terri Braun as President-Elect, and Cheryl England as Vice President. We welcome them to these roles and love to see them take these positions as we know they will all do a great job! We will miss having Jennifer Hester as President, but we are very lucky to have such wonderful ladies to take her place. Cheryl has also agreed to temporarily continue to serve as our Recording Secretary so she will be doing double duty for a while. Anyone interested in joining the board and/or becoming Secretary to relieve Cheryl of her dual roles, please let us know. Thanks to Angela Graves, Social Committee Co-Chair, and Joanna Helm, Membership Co-Chair, for helping to plan this. Thursday's meeting will be an important one so please plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

Joy Clymer,

Membership and Social Committee Co-Chair

Annual Cookie Walk



Please add our new members information to your yellow booklets for 2010-2011

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The annual Soroptimist cookie walk is just around the corner with Olde Tyme Christmas. We have so many active members that this should be another huge success for our club. It is an event that several in our community look forward to each year. So we are asking each member to bake 6—8 dozen cookies. We like to have an assortment of cookies. Chocolate chip is always a favorite but we would like to see some other varieties also. Peanut butter, snickerdoodles, sugar cookies, spritz, oatmeal, your favorite cookie, or something new. Look for more details at the next meeting.

