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Calendar

All meetings noon BJ's

September

- Sep 2, Membership
- Sep 9 Membership
- Sep 16 Board
- Sep 19 to 23rd, Chocolate Social TBA

October

- Oct 1-3 District 4 meeting, Whitefish
- Oct 7 Membership
- Oct 14 Membership
- Oct 21 Board
- Oct 28 Social, 5:30 Robin Clute's house

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September President's Message

I guess we are done with our smoky summer and now fall is in the air, the old saying time flies is certainly right. I hope everyone had a good summer and finally got to see some family that we have all missed. We hope that everyone gets vaccinated, and we can put this behind us all.



So now we are ready to get An Evening Wrapped in Chocolate behind us also. The committee has been working hard getting some unique items for men and women for our event. Right now we are still hoping to have a live event and online. We are having a meeting on Tuesday, and we will let you know on the 2nd as to whether we do a live event. If anyone has anything to donate, please bring them to the meeting on the 2nd, we have to take pictures and get them on the site and that takes time. Thank you everyone for donating to the wine pull we have over 50 bottles, so it is an easy \$1000+.

The District 4 Meeting is coming up on October 1-3 you need to get your registration in by Sept 1. I hope that anyone that is going has done this. With my moving and everything going on in my life, I have to apologize for dropping the ball on this and I hope everyone got the message.

So we will be seeing everyone on the 2nd of September for our regular meeting, it is so good to see everyone in the room but we are a bit noisy!!



President Patty

Lets get together!

Dinner Social at Gini's



Fabulous Food!
Great Conversation!
Laughter and more!

Club Treasurer Email address!

Treasurer Nancy Hutcheson request that we bring all treasurer's questions to the club website email address: sihamilton@soroptimist.net She will be monitoring this address for questions from you.

This email address will stay as the address for all club treasurers in the future as well.

Thank you!



Lets get together!

Senior Women Committee

Lori Matz has enjoyed writing and telephoning Marilyn J. from Darby since last October, brightening up her day and Marilyn's. She received this card this month from Marilyn and her daughter-in-law, Missy:

"Thank you for writing to me. I hope you'll receive my letter to you! Best wishes to your friends. I'll hope you received my letter to you. I've enjoyed writing to you! Best Wishes, Marilyn."

Missy added: "Lori, Mama wrote her response on the bottom of your card and put this one, still blank, in the envelope. 3rd try with supervision and she wrote what you see below. She really is not able to communicate in writing, or even finish a sentence anymore. But, she did appreciate your card. Marilyn reads your cards over and over again. Thanks so much! Enclosed is a photo from a previous 90's Tea Party. Missy"

About Laura

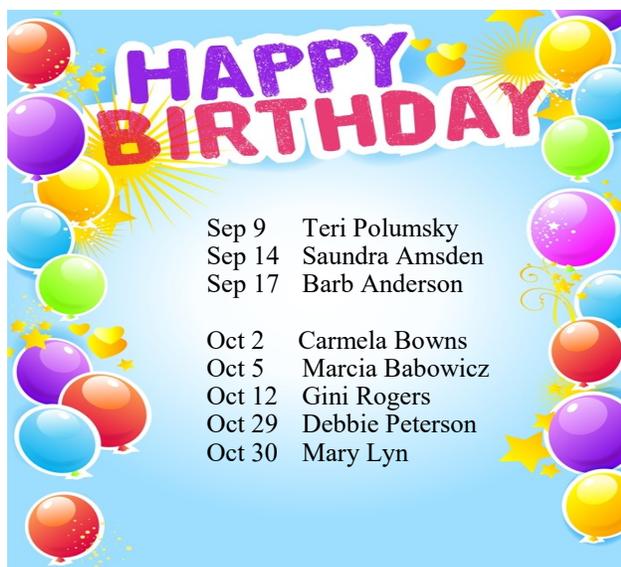
Nancy Bussiere enjoys seeing weekly letters in her mailbox from her 99-year-old friend, Laura, and they aren't short! Laura typically writes longhand a two sided, two page letter on memo stationery! Nancy attended the Senior Center lunch in July when Laura turned 99 and shares the photo below. Laura looked wonderful and her eyes twinkled as those present sang 'Happy Birthday' to her. Laura lives independently and enjoys sharing stories and information about her childhood and her married life.



Laura



Laura and Lori



Senior Women's Committee

Nancy Bussiere received this voicemail in mid-August:

"Hello Nancy. My name is Debbie Hamel and my mother is Pat Dunham. She is a resident at the Living Center and you have been sending her cards. I just want to thank you so very much. They mean alot to her. She doesn't hear very well and she doesn't see very well at all, so the girls at the home have to read them to her, but they have been doing that. So again, I want to thank you on behalf of my mom and myself for cheering her up and brightening her day. I'm sorry that she can't respond but please do continue because she really does love them. Thank you so much, Nancy."



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Together!

Awards Committee

"I was a lucky recipient of the Edwards Foundation Scholarship this Spring. I am writing to check in and let all of you ladies know how much I appreciate the support! All of the cards that I received were so nice, and fun to read. The cards and words of encouragement mean so much. Knowing how much your organization is supporting all of the young and old ladies (in my case) haha. I want you strong ladies to know how much I appreciate your support. I think it is amazing what you are doing for the women in this community, it is so nice that these scholarships are available. The support empowers me and keeps me going through this amazing and difficult journey. I want you all to know that I am still working hard every day. Despite the workload and the level of difficulty, I am enjoying every minute of it. I love learning and getting closer to accomplishing my dream! I have almost completed one year!

Sincerely, Connie Suarez-Hickey"



Evening Wrapped in Chocolate

Since I mentioned chocolate in my presidents message, I won't repeat myself. We will have sign ups at the the meeting on the 2nd and I am hoping that if we go live that most of you can join us. If you have a a problem with coming to the event, I and my committee, completely understand, we don't want you to feel obligated to come. We have some great items in both silent and live auction and we will let you know at the meeting as to what they are. Remember that if you can't or if we are just online we hope that you will get on the site and bid, in fact have a watch party with some friends and bid as you have fun. The committee did this last year and it was so much fun. So let's make this event the biggest ever and exceed our goal of \$25,000. Remember this is for our Scholarships for women who are trying to better their lives and the lives of their children through education.

President Patty



By Laws/ Procedures Committee

The annual By Laws review is in October. They are available on the club website in the members section under Policies and Procedures. Please submit in writing any suggested changes to our club By Laws along with a reason to any committee member this month. The committee will review the suggestions and present our changes to the club for approval in October.

Committee members are Barbara June, Robin Clute, Teri Polumsky, Patty Martin, Nancy Hutcheson, and Pat Bogdanski.

Thank you,
Barbara June

4th GRADE

Classes are about to begin. And Liz is looking forward to having us in her classroom, assisting with the kids in reading, math, art, and so many other things. But you don't have to be in the classroom to help out. This month, Liz contact me asking "How well do you sew?" That's a loaded question. Well, the chair pockets



in her classroom were just worn out, and she wondered if I could make new ones...20 of them. She gave me one of them, and I deconstructed it to make a pattern. I think they turned out pretty nice. Didn't have enough of either fabric, so they get two.

And Chapter One Bookstore came through like a champ. One of Liz's goals is to have rewards for the kids that don't include food. When I asked Mara if she wanted to help out, she jumped at the chance. For half price (paid in advance), the kids will get a gift card for two used books of their choice.

This year, Heidi Gordon is going to bring in old timey stuff from the museum to see what the kids think they are used for. I bet they come up with some really interesting and creative ideas. That's what kids do.

As usual, I will be helping with math and art. The first year I thought "how am I going to come up with new art projects all the time?" Well, turns out you get to recycle every year.



Each class is a new batch of kids that have never made colored corn out of bead or had an ugly sweater drawing contest. So the six projects I already have in the bag are good to go.

If you have any good ideas, please let me know.

Saundra

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