



The Connection

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President's Message

Greetings!

Well, summer is almost over, with Labor Day only a short time away. I hope that everyone has enjoyed some fun in the sun over the past two months. I am looking forward to returning to my classroom!

I am very pleased to hear that many committees have met and have started to plan their activities. I am pleased to report that the Peach Festival did make over \$1000.00. In a previous e-mail I tried to remember all who were involved, but once again, let me thank our PEACHY LEADERS: Donna Melvin, Dottie Robinson, Zina Peterson, Barbara Clark, Barbara Sanza, and new member Paula Shannon. I think we had a good time, and I believe the community gets to see another side of our wonderful organization.

Our Boscov's Committee and Clipless Coupons Committee should have items ready for distribution by our September 9th meeting. Our Membership and Education Committee have new and exciting plans to educate our new members and refresh our "senior" members. I know that recruitment is a high priority.

I am anticipating a busy Fall and with no doubt, an even busier Winter and Spring! I think that the committee chairs already have wonderful ideas in the making! I appreciate all the efforts already displayed!

I encourage each of you to try to come to as many meetings as possible. I know I will look to many of you for help and guidance at our business meetings, and I know we are planning some very educational speakers for our dinner meetings.

Wouldn't it be great to induct seven new members this year? If you can think of anyone who would be interested please bring her to a meeting.

I still can't believe that I am president of such a wonderful, compassionate, hard-working, and charitable organization!

Here's to a GREAT year!

Respectfully,
Peggy

Membership

The Membership Committee held our first organizational meeting on July 15th at the Country Rose. We have set our goal to obtain four new members or more for this year. We have divided into two sub-committees: Membership recruitment and Membership Education. Lots of new ideas were discussed, and we look forward to working together this year. The committee members are Karen Hayes, Jody Hirata, Shirley Carman, Donna Callihan, Maria Rottkamp and Dottie Robinson. The co-chairs are Paula Austin and Karen Hepner. We will hold an orientation for new members on October 7th at Karen Hepner's home. On September 30th we will hold a Dessert Social at 7:00 p.m. We are inviting potential new members and are asking all of our members to invite ladies to come out and check us out. Thank you.

Karen Hepner and Paula Austin, co-chairs



From the Director's Chair

Top 10 Reasons to attend Fall District Meeting

- Those Cumberland County ladies know how to put on a party
- Meet new friends
- Connect with old friends
- Keep your club informed of news from the Region
- Meet the Women's Opportunity Award finalist from our District
- Buy cool stuff from other Soroptimist clubs
- Sell cool stuff to women from other Soroptimist clubs
- Learn things that will help your club to run better
- Learn more about the global reach of Soroptimist
- You deserve a fun day out

Paula Austin, District II Director

International Goodwill & Understanding

Over the summer, I received correspondence from Agnes Kimani and Lenah Nakhone, President, SI Nakuru, Kenya, that they received, and already distributed, the \$1000.00 wire transfer SICC sent as part of our community service distribution this past club year. They asked me to convey their thanks and appreciation for our assistance in supporting their high school girls program and send their best wishes to all our club members.

Carol Martin, IGU Chair

Community Service

Peach Festival

I would like to thank everyone for the cobblers. What an awesome turnout! You ladies were wonderful, and the weather was perfect: not as hot as it has been and a nice breeze. I would also like to thank Zina Peterson. Without her help, it would never have come together.

Bus Trips



We were very lucky to keep the bus trips going in the summer months. We had two trips to the Tropicana to see the show "Fame." We had a trip to Trump Plaza on August 23rd. The committee is working on special trips and will have more information for you soon.

Donna Melvin

Nut Sale



Our club will once again be selling Terri Lynn nuts and candy as a fall fundraiser. All of the order packets will be distributed at the first business meeting on September 9th and will be due back no later than October 28th. We should receive the nuts and candy in time to distribute before Thanksgiving. Thank you for your continued support with this fundraiser.

Andria Balicki and JoAnn Hovermann, co-chairs



Good News!

Leona Salvatore graduated in May, earning her Masters Degree. Leona's daughter was married this past July.

Diane Kolman is the proud grandmother of a beautiful grandson!



Jeanne Brosius Garrison

1) What is your full name and why were you named it?

Jeanne Brosius Garrison. Actually, I was named Jean, but when I went to France in 1967, I realized that is a boy's name in France, so I changed the spelling to Jeanne.

2) Were you named after somebody else?

Brosius is my mother's maiden name.

3) Did you have a nickname as you were growing up?

Jeannie, Bean, Beanie, Brosius

4) Have you had other nicknames as an adult?

Scarlet, Breezy, JBG (at work)

5) What do family members call you now?

The same.

6) Where were you born and when?

I was born at Cooper Hospital in Camden. My parents were living in Camden, ½ block from the Hospital. My father was an intern/resident at Cooper Hospital, and he had been a surgeon with the 61st Station Hospital in the Mediterranean theater during World War II. My mother was taken to the hospital in a police car, and when we left the hospital, we moved to Bridgeton and stayed in the same house that I currently live in for a few years. Then we moved to "Tidmarsh", which is "down Back Neck", along the Cohansey River. I grew up there with my mother, Bett, my father, Sherman, and my three sisters, Karen, Lisa and Margo.

7) Was there a chore you really hated doing as a child?

Sometimes we had to go out in the fields and pick strawberries and asparagus. I did not enjoy this because of the bugs. There was a constant rotation of them in Fairton. I did not like washing the dishes. Even coming to dinner was a problem, as I was busy watching Sally Starr on Popeye theater.

8) How is the world now different from what it was like when you were a child?

We got excited about one song when it came out on a 45 RPM record. There was only AM radio. Each town had a movie theater...and it was downtown. Now, things are more available, more instant, and more crowded. For a curious person like myself, it is good to have things like the "For Dummies" books, Internet sites such as ask.com, and, of course, LIBRARIES.

9) Were there any fads during your youth that you remember vividly?

I remember lip-synching to Soldier boy and making pizza during pajama parties. I read an article in the Sunday New York Times magazine about The Beatles and became wild about them. I posted pictures of The Beatles and Jaguar XKE's in my prep school (George School) room.

10) As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I am still trying to figure that out.

11) What was your first job?

One interesting summer job I had was in the Quality control lab at Hunt's ketchup factory. We got to wear white coats and have air conditioning. We looked through the microscope for insect fragments and mold. We worked 12 hours a day, 7 days a week, for two months. I also worked for Asgrow seed research examining the kinds of holes crows made in the soil while trying to eat seeds. (This was before we knew that chemicals could be dangerous).

12) What kinds of jobs have you had?

Before I became a Librarian, I worked in the beauty shop in College (Hollins College), taught French, English as a Second Language, was a "Social worker" for the welfare department, sold tacos at the Wobbly Barn in Killington, Vermont, waitressed at Lautrec, a wine and cheese restaurant in Philadelphia, and at Le Grand Fromage, in Ocean City, New Jersey. I drove a Snowcat to groom the trails on Killington Mountain, worked in a bar in Barcelona, and was a teacher aide at the Children's residential center in Vineland.

11) How did you decide on your career?

Due to regulations, Bridgeton Hospital needed a librarian. I was shown into a windowless room with a bunch of boxes and a couple of books about how to be a librarian when you don't know what you are doing. I was offered a part time job to start a library. This developed into a full time job as Medical Librarian and Medical Staff Secretary and I decided to go to Drexel to get my masters degree in library science. It seemed like a good career for someone who is interested in many things. I graduated from a three year program in 1980 and then worked reviewing "standing order" plans for Blackwell North American, a book distributor. This is how I got interested in cataloguing. I have been working for almost 20 years now as the Head of the Technical Services Department at the Vineland Public Library. I also staff the Reference desk and purchase the World language materials, the audiobooks and the music CDs. For about the same amount of time, I have worked as a part time Reference Librarian at the Paul Robeson Library at Rutgers University in Camden.

12) What did you like to do when you were not working?

I like to travel and take photographs. I am an art opening groupie and enjoy attending concerts and plays. I like art films and going to the movie theater. I like to exercise and do yoga and tai chi. I practice speaking French and Spanish.

13) Why did you join Soroptimist?

I think my mother encouraged me to join after we had gone on a trip with the group. Florence Evans was my sponsor.