

# Sorosis News



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KNOW  
YOUR VIEWS  
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GIVE US  
YOUR  
news!

Articles for the Newsletter should be turned in to editor, Wini Suarez, email: [winsuare@aol.com](mailto:winsuare@aol.com), or placed in "Newsletter" folder at Office Manager, Jean's, desk by the tenth of each month.



Greetings from Muriel:

The year 2008 is fleeting by all too quickly. All of us should be extremely proud and grateful to the many Chairmen who made the Fall of 2008 a smooth and prosperous season. Lets all give them a pat on the back and show them how much they are appreciated. We should concentrate on TEAMWORK — "There is no such thing as a self-made" man. You will reach your goals only with the help of others." And, isn't it amazing how much can be accomplished if no one cares who gets the credit!!!

Lets strive for a glorious and prosperous and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**. Don't forget. At the first meeting in January, we elect a nominating committee for the officers of Sorosis for 2009-10. You must have the permission of anyone you nominate. Please consult your By-laws.

Sincerely,  
*Muriel*



A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

The Faults of our Members We Write Upon the Sand  
Their Virtues upon the Tablets of Love and Memory

## PROGRAM CALENDAR 2009

### JANUARY

- 6 Board/Business Meeting, Luncheon
- 13 Book Review and Coffee  
Gloria Houghton, "My Just Desire"  
Scholarship Chairman: Joyce Rabe
- 13 Literary Club Attend Book Review Coffee
- 21 Home Life—Nursing Home Birthday Party
- 27 Scholarship Bridge  
Chairman: Joyce Rabe

### FEBRUARY

- 2 Literary Club
- 3 Board/Business Meeting, Luncheon
- 17 Arts and Crafts Exhibition  
Chairman: Doris Liner  
Program: The Big Band Sound, Jack Fortes  
Chairman: Mary Donley  
Tea Chairman: Linda Erd
- 17 Literary Club, 11:30 am
- 18 Home Life—Nursing Home Birthday Party
- 21 District Arts and Crafts Show
- 24 Philanthropic Bridge  
Chairman: Barbara Nestle, Rita Van Horn

Every 4th Tuesday is

Bridge (and Games) Day

Only \$4 per person which  
includes coffee and continental breakfast.

A delicious luncheon is available for only \$4  
per person including desert and beverage.

The prizes are great, the friendship  
is wonderful ~~

You should be there ~~

10:00 am

**Next Bridge Day**  
**Tuesday, January 27 , 2009**

Chairman:

### *Literary club*

The Literary Club of Sorosis met December 9, having our Christmas luncheon at Orlando Lutheran Towers. Six members attended. We also viewed the Lutheran Church on the 18th floor.

We enjoyed a Christmas story: Book, "Christmas Treasury" *Tillips's Christmas*, written by Louisa Mae Alcott, read by Peggy Kreps.

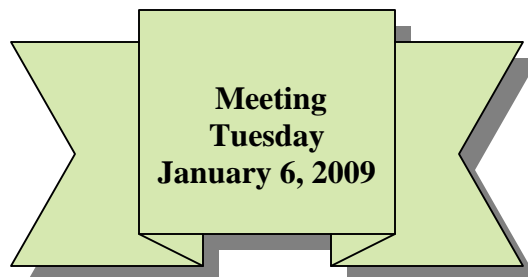
On January 13, 2009, we will attend the Book Review "My Just Desire" told by Gloria Houghton.

*Dottie Cox*, Chairman



**How to Get  
New Members  
~ASK THEM~**

Don't Miss It  
12:00 Noon  
Luncheon by Classic Creations  
\$8.50  
Includes Beverage, Gratuity and Desert



### Literary Club Meetings

January 13	Enjoy "My Just Desire" Reviewed By Gloria Houghton
February 17	11:30 am
March 17	10:00 am
April 21	11:30 am
May 19	11:30 am

All on Tuesdays before Sorosis functions

### **Funnies**

A boy comes home from school early one afternoon and his mother asks "why". "It's because I was the only one who could answer a question," the boy says. "Darling, that's wonderful," his mother says with obvious pride. "What was the question?" Says her son, "Who threw the eraser at the principal?"

### **Something to Think About**

We continue to debate the reasons, the causes and even possible answers as to why there is a lack of member participation in our organization. Could it be that Sorosis Woman's Club of Orlando appears to be old-fashioned and outdated. No one likes being around negative people or attending badly planned meetings. Many of us fail to warmly welcome our new members.

Each of us has the ability to determine the future of Sorosis Woman's Club of Orlando. We have the traditions, the tools, and the talent among our members to change our direction. It's not too difficult to understand the role of our club in the community and then take control of our future. It takes people to change our course of action and to bring about a positive course correction to put Sorosis Woman's Club of Orlando back into the greatness it had a hundred years ago.

Surely there can be hundreds of ideas, projects, programs and events formulated, but we need people to step up to the plate and help us to generate these ideas and put them into action. Don't expect to hit a home run each time something new is tried, but expect we will build on these ideas for the betterment of the club.

To create a winning environment, we must work together as a philanthropic organization, a business, a team. Everyone loves to be associated with a winning team. Your suggestions and /or ideas could make a difference.

(The above was placed in the folder for the Newsletter, but the writer forgot to sign their name. Let your editor know, and credit will be given in next newsletter).



**January Birthdays**

Mrs. Leonard M. Asquith (Dottie)	9
Mrs. Craig K. Ferris (Libby)	27
Mrs. Judith Grant Rodman (Judi)	3
Mrs. C. P. Van Horn (Rita)	22
Mrs. J. Budd Williams (Louise)	31

**Memorial**

**TO:** Sorosis of Orlando, Inc.

**AMOUNT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Honoring:** \_\_\_\_\_

Attach this coupon to your contribution and give to Office Manager or mail to Sorosis of Orlando: 501 E Livingston Street, ORLANDO FL 32803. Your Memorial will be recognized in the next Newsletter

**SCHOLARSHIP NOTES**

Mark your calendar for another fantastic Gloria Houghton book review January 13 beginning at 10:00 am with a nice coffee. Tickets will be available for purchase at the January business meeting. Think about tickets for friends and kin.

Another big calendar mark is for January 27 Scholarship Bridge. Please talk this up as a good turn-out means more money for scholarships.

Thanks for your help.

*Joyce Rabe*  
Chairman

## Celebrate America,

Veteran's Day Picnic and Holiday Bazaar held on Tuesday, November 11, 2008, was a wonderful combination of celebrating our Veterans and shopping for holiday delights.

We were again entertained by the delightful five-year-olds from St. James Cathedral Elementary School, singing a variety of patriotic songs .... all memorized and in tune. We are so thankful for their director, Carrie Bailey, and for the school faculty, for letting the fifty or so youngsters join us each year for this wonderful celebration. And thanks to Peggy Kreps for supplying the American flags given to each of the children on their way out.

My thanks to Barbara Nestle for the wonderful Patriots Reading and blessing for lunch.

Before lunch was served, we entertained ourselves with the singing of our Armed Services songs for the Navy, Air Force, Army, and Marines (we didn't have the music for the Coast Guard, but we will try to remedy that for next year). After a few spontaneous offerings of remembrances from our members, we concluded the program by singing a very touching rendition of *God Bless America*. My thanks to our wonderful pianist, Frances Sturges, for accompanying us so eloquently on the piano.

For lunch, we had an old fashioned picnic-like menu .... hot dogs, hamburgers, potato chips and Al Kreps' famous baked beans. Apple pie and ice cream was the most appropriate dessert. Peggy was our kitchen organizer, and a great job she did.

Our Holiday Bazaar was a myriad of opportunities to do some pre-holiday shopping ..... of course, no bazaar would be complete without Mabel's Wonderful Table filled with all sorts of Holiday sweets and treats, cookies and breads, jellies and jams. Mable Sturges always comes through when you need her, and I thank her and her crew for all the hard work baking and canning — wonderful, wonderful!

My thanks to Judith Panzitta who hosted the Silks and Succulents table filled with many beautiful hand-made Christmas table and door arrangements, potted greenery, and many other crafty projects.

Thank you to Susan Piner, who had made those wonderful Fun Fur Flips Flops and those adorable holiday aprons and other crafty things on her Crafts and Such table.

Linda Erd hosted the Grandma Linda's attic table and had many items from the "olden days" and new gift items that were used but "untouched". Thanks, Linda, for hosting your table and for stepping up as Co-Chair when I became ill and could not fulfill my duties.

And last, but certainly not least, my thanks to Mary Donley for opening her Mary's Boutique table. Mary always has an eye for what we ladies will like, and had some wonderful costume jewelry and accessory items for sale.

A special thanks for all these ladies who worked so hard to make the Bazaar a success.

My thanks to Ann Goodwin, who so efficiently took care of ticket sales, and was assisted by our office secretary, Jean Schoof. Also, it couldn't have happened without Rita Van Horn who is always one of our mainstays.

Thanks also to members, Maureen Hyslop, Leah Benner, Laura Burris, Nancy Cantrell .... and our delightful men, Al Kreps, the cook, Carroll Barco, Jack Longfellow, Weldon Donley, and our #1 Handy Man, Terry Kyle .... and our wonderful House Manager, Darlene Kyle.

And thanks to all who bought tickets and brought friends ... we really had a great turn out.

I really can't say enough about all these members and husbands for all the work that went into making this day one that will long be remembered, and especially to the Board for their total support. I am totally indebted.

*Susan Barco,*  
Chairman Finance

## Thanksgiving Celebration

Hope you did not miss our wonderful Thanksgiving Celebration on Tuesday, November 18. Many thanks to all who came. Special thanks are deserved for Rita Van Horn, co-chairman and co-cook — I could not have done it without her. Also, to Peggy Kreps for the punch, Jean Schoof for taking reservations and collecting, Nan Chabre for manning our donations table with the basket of goodies, bids on the Horn of Plenty, and small box for open contributions to our Bakeless Bake Sale, to Darlene Kyle for her very necessary help in the kitchen, and to Mary Donley for the excellent program before lunch and the beautiful napkins. Another GREAT day for Sorosis.

*Barbara Nestle,*  
Chairman Philanthropic Committee

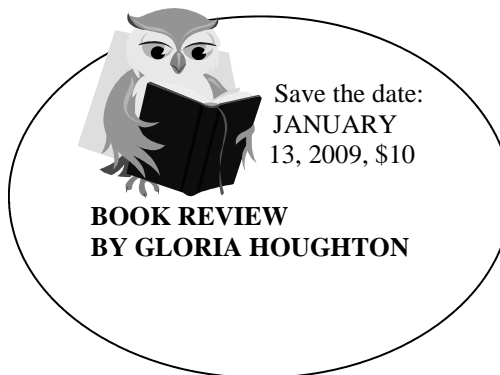
**YEARBOOK CHANGES**

Add:  
 New members:  
 Jan Stout Mrs John Gombetta (Marie)  
 709 E Harwood Street 3004 Delaney Street  
 Orlando FL 32803 Orlando FL 32806-6231  
 407 425-8165 407 855-0858  
 Birthday: 08/26 Birthday: 07/25

Please add to your yearbook. Her name was inadvertently omitted:

Louise Williams  
 920 S Mills Avenue  
 Orlando FL 32806-1309  
 407 898-1531  
 Birthday: January 31

Changes: Telephone Numbers:  
 Frances Sturges, 407 992-4669  
 (use this number instead of 407 841-1310)



**Committee Chairmen:** Please keep the new members interests surveys handy when filling positions and looking for help.



**NEW MEMBERS' Survey**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Service /Social Interests</u>	<u>Other Offices Held</u>	<u>Other Organizations</u>	<u>Hobbies</u>
Jan Stout	Third Tues. Luncheon/Tea Budget and Finance Conservation International and Civic Affairs Publicity Philanthropic		Lake Eola Heights Historic Neighborhood Association	Reading Walking
Mrs. John J. Gombetta (Marie)	Music			Bridge Cooking

**Memorials**

Ann Lundquist Mrs. Oglesby A Lowe (Helen) Scholarship  
 Ann Lundquist Mr. & Mrs. John Polasek Scholarship  
 Ann Lundquist Mrs. Weldon Donley, Sr. (Mary) Scholarship  
 Ann Lundquist Mrs. George Sturges (Mabel) Scholarship  
 Ann Lundquist Southeast Tourism Society Scholarship

**We shall meet, but we will miss them  
 There will be a vacant chair**

## Sorosis Monthly Meetings

### RESERVATIONS

Members, please remember that you must call in and make a reservation if you plan to have lunch with us at one of our monthly business meetings. We cannot guarantee that there will always be enough food available if you do not have a reservation. Please call the office before 2:00 pm on Friday or leave a message which will be retrieved on Monday morning, as we must call the caterers by noon on Monday before the meetings.

### PERMANENT LIST

We are establishing a new Permanent List for lunch reservations for the 2008-2009 Sorosis year. If you would like your name to be on this list, please call the office and let Jean know that you want to be included. Your name will automatically be added to the reservations called in to the caterers and you will not have to call in each month

### PREPAYMENT

For anyone who would like to prepay for the catered lunches for this year, please give us a check in the amount of \$51 to cover the six remaining catered lunches from November through May 2009, excluding March 2009.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We want to make your experience here at Sorosis an enjoyable one.

### In His Name We Dance

Our Sorosis Holiday program "In His Name We Dance" was a huge success. The ballerinas, under the direction of Katherine Austin, were dynamic. Ms. Austin is the mother of Caitlin Snelson, one of our scholarship recipients. Caitlin delivered the readings for this program.

The tables were magnificent, being set with complete sets of china, loaned by our members, and our gratitude is extended to Peggy Kreps for decorating the foyer and loaning us her gorgeous collection of angels for all of our tables .... what would we ever do without Peggy?

Our success would not have been possible without the assistance of our Tea Chairman, Valerie Gray, and all of our members who provided the refreshments.

Our invitations and programs were printed by Judith Panzitta, who also assisted with table setting for two days, along with Marreen Hyslop, who was such a value to Valerie in preparing the refreshments.

I would be very remiss if I did not mention Darlene Kyle, our House Manager, and her husband, Terry, for their assistance. I also want to thank Leah Benner for taking tickets, along with Judith Panzitta, who handled the sale of tickets. Thanks also to Ann Tallman, who graciously poured punch, and Susan Piner, for taking pictures, and who remained with Judith Panzitta, to help with cleanup. Also thanks to Frances Sturges who was kind enough to share her musical talents by playing the piano during tea.

Many guests commented on what a beautiful and inspirational afternoon it was .... and it certainly was.

Again, my thanks to all who participated in helping, donating or buying tickets and bringing guests

*Mary Donley*, Program Chairman

### Thank you

Just a note to say "thank you" to all who have supported me with cards, kind thoughts and prayers during the past two months since I became ill and unable to fulfill my obligations at the club.

A special "thank you" to Judith Panzitta for taking charge of the two bridges in October and November .... weren't her lunches wonderful? And the club always looks so elegant when she takes charge.

Susan Piner, Leah Benner, Mary Donley, Nan Chabre, Linda Erd, Ann Goodwin, office secretary, Jean Schoof, and House Manager, Darlene Kyle, also pitched in and were so gracious about helping out. I am very grateful to each one.

*Susan Barco*, Finance Chairman

### ***Nursing Home, Westminster care of Delaney park***

Two birthdays were celebrated at the Christmas/Birthday party. Peggy Kreps, Libby Ferris, Judy O'Neill and her two grand-daughters, Gladys Partin and David, former music minister at Prince of Peace Lutheran attended. David entertained by playing the piano, singing and leading the singing of Christmas Carols. Judy O'Neill's grand-daughters sang a merry song. Santa, Al Kreps, handed out gifts to all residents.

*Peggy Kreps*, Chairman

Sorosis says "Hats Off" to Peggy for keeping this most valuable service to Westminster on Annie Street going. It requires a lot of work and planning. Peggy is most dedicated and we all are confident she will receive many blessings for this service of making shut-ins' life more cheerful every month and especially during

## SOROSIS OFFICERS

President	Muriel Maxwell
1st Vice President	Mary Donley
2nd Vice President	Peggy Kreps
Finance	Susan Barco
Secretary	Judy Panzitta
Treasurer	Linda Erd
Assistant Treasurer	Susan Piner

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Dottie Cox	Literary Chairman
Blanche Ross-Parma	Greeters

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Laura Burris, Chairman	Libby Ferris
Ann Goodwin	Donna Longfellow
Barbara Powers	Ann Tallman

## THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Business Meetings

January 2009 ~ Dottie Cox  
February 2009 ~ Rita Van Horn  
March 2009 ~ Barbara Nestle  
April 2009~Donna Longfellow  
May 2009 ~ Susan Piner

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon	10:00 am—2:00 pm
Tues	10:00 am—2:00 pm
Fri	10:00 am—2:00 pm

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