

Sisters salutes...



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• Oliver Lemon's presented the Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank with a check for \$13,545 raised in their Food For February drive. The drive is designed to provide a boost to the Food Bank in the post-holiday period when donations might fall off but demand for services in the depths of winter is on the rise.

• L. LaRue wrote:

"I wanted to write a big thank-you to Renee of Fika Sisters Coffee House for the wonderful business she has created. She is a hardworking woman who goes out of her way to make everyone who enters her business welcome, comfortable and relaxed.

"Her Swedish background is mixed into not only her baking but also her décor. She has delicious bakery treats and great coffee. You can sit in comfortable, cushioned couches or chairs and enjoy all the sunlight through the large windows. The scenery is pretty awesome.

"She will tell you that 'Fika' means to take a rest

with friends for coffee and a sweet. She has become a valuable member of our community and has shown her involvement by opening her business for 'Game Night,' employment help, and other numerous groups who meet for business or pleasure.

"When you visit her shop, you may not know her when you come in, but you will when you leave. Thank you again Renee, for your kindness and generosity to our community."

A broken heart - repaired through divine intervention

By Kaisa Hoover

It was 1986, I was 20 years old, and I just graduated from The International Air Academy. I made a good friend while attending and we decided to move to Seattle together to hopefully work for Alaska Airlines. It just so happened, she brought me to her parents' house before we moved and I met her brother. I was outside changing the headlight in my car and he thought that was pretty cool, so asked if he could take me to a movie that night.

We ended up dating for about a year and, according to him, I broke his heart. I was a little wild at the time and didn't want to settle down.

Fast forward to 2003. We both had been married and divorced and his sister was still my best friend and I always knew where Michael was and what he was up to because of her.

I told her I just wanted someone I could go do stuff with. She told me that was exactly what Michael kept saying. So, I decided to go out on a limb and call him to see if he wanted to go skiing with me one day. He couldn't because he just broke his leg in a motocross accident. We had a nice visit, but I didn't think it would

go anywhere. I told him I was going out with a friend that night in Vancouver, Washington, if he felt like driving from Forest Grove to meet us. He declined. After all, I did break his heart, so he says.

I was getting ready to head out with my girlfriend and she encouraged me to call him again and invite him. So, I did. SIX TIMES!!! I laugh now at how crazy that seems! And desperate. But, he still declined. My girlfriend and I went to dinner and were getting ready to leave about 8 p.m. when I get a call from Michael! I started to walk out the door so I could talk to him, and there he was!

He said he was doing his work at his home office and felt "divine intervention" to get up, shower, and drive all the way to Vancouver to meet me. We have been inseparable every since!

We married in 2005 and have a 14-year-old daughter and a 13-year-old son now. Life is fantastic! We are more in love every day. We believe God has someone chosen to be your mate from the beginning. You just have to grow out of your "wild child" phase to see who the special someone is.

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