

Local Soroptimist attends San Francisco convention



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World traveler, Mary Goheen, is an active Soroptimist who seldom misses a convention. In early July, she traveled to San Francisco for an international meet. Goheen has previously attended international conventions in Istanbul, Turkey, Melbourne, Australia and Nottingham, England.

With the theme, "A Global Voice for Women", this 15th International Soroptimist quadrennial meeting was attended by 2,645 participants representing 112 nations. There are about 95,000 Soroptimist members belonging to around 3,000 clubs scattered throughout the world. These organizations focus on high ethical standards in business and home life, humanitarian concerns, universal friendship, international understanding and improving the status of women in third world countries.

Goheen said that inspirational speakers included Dr. Conelio Sommaruga, Switzerland, president of the Red Cross International Committee. Addressing the horrors against humanity inside Rwanda was Scholastice Mukarutabana, whose family members had been executed. Major Britt Theorin, a member of the Swedish parliament, spoke of the nuclear weapons disarmament issues and environmental concerns. Thailand's Khun Mechai Viravaidya spoke of his country's problems, including those that allow children to be sexually exploited. Han Suyin,

Switzerland, the author of 21 books including "A Many Splendored Thing", addressed the relationship between Asia and the West from a different viewpoint.

The downtown San Francisco Hilton was well chosen for this convention site, Goheen said. Lavish food, entertainment and service contributed to an outstanding convention, though she admitted to gaining five pounds. For Goheen, it also offered a chance to renew friendships with women from Alaska, New Zealand and Britain.

Prior to the convention, Goheen took tours to revisit familiar areas, including the Monterey and Carmel area and

the Muri Woods and Sausalito region, along with a San Francisco city tour. Goheen said that while San Francisco still holds a certain mystique, compared to 25 years ago, it is much more crowded, with more traffic and an increase of homelessness on the streets.

Convention goers were given a yacht cruise with a buffet dinner on board July 4. They were also treated to an after dark on-shore fireworks display. Also arranged by California Soroptimist members were tours of the Napa Valley wine country and the Yosemite Park area. Goheen and her Alaskan friend also spent a free evening attending "The Phantom of the Opera" at a nearby theater.

Boy rescued from Penland Lake

By April Sykes

Call it irony, bad luck or a blessing, but lightning does indeed strike twice—at least for the Dilley and Baker families in Heppner.

On July 28 Glorine Baker's son and Jeannine and Ernie Dilley's nephew, Mike Hammons, nearly drowned in Willow Creek Lake near Heppner. He was pulled out of the lake by two friends, Matt Chetwood and Randy VanEtta, and assisted on shore by two others, Corey Sweeney and David McCurry. Mike's mother and aunt and uncle took off to Portland while he was airlifted out. Mike was discharged shortly thereafter and is doing fine now.

On Saturday, August 12, while the Baker and Dilley families were camping at Penland Lake, a boy nearly drowned in the lake and was saved by the Dilleys.

According to Glorine Baker, the boy, Ike Wunische, 11, of Sandy, had been in a two-man raft on the lake when a paddle dropped into the water. He had taken off his life jacket and jumped into the water to retrieve the oar when the wind blew the raft away with two life jackets in it.

The lake was so cold and the boy was so far from shore that he began to have trouble. Baker said that he yelled for help, but went under the water several times and was swallowing water.

In the meantime Jeannine and Ernie Dilley jumped in a paddle boat, the only thing available at the dock and headed out toward the boy.

"We were pedaling just as fast as our feet could go," said Jeanine, who is a Morrow County Sheriff's Department communications officer, "but everyone on the dock said we looked like we were barely moving."

The Dilleys were able to reach the boy in time and dragged him onto the paddle boat. Other than a slight case of hypothermia and some swallowed water, the frightened little boy was determined to

be okay.

Meanwhile, his panic-stricken and extremely grateful mother had located a canoe and paddled out to meet them.

Baker said that the Wunische family told her that they had come to Penland Lake to prepare for elk camp. While the father chopped wood, the family thought they would enjoy some time at the lake.

Maybe in the grand scheme of things, the score is even now for the Baker-Dilley family.

Couple indicted on tax charges

U.S. Attorney Kristine Olson announced that Wilma Lee Marlatt and Wesley Virgil Marlatt of Heppner were indicted by the federal grand jury August 9 in Portland for tax evasion and filing false federal income tax returns.

According to the indictment, the Marlatts failed to report substantial gross receipts from their janitorial business for the years 1988 and 1989. In addition, the indictment states that the Marlatts attempted to evade approximately \$37,000 in income tax for the year 1990 by concealing their true income by placing their assets, including their home, automobiles and household furnishings, in the names of trusts.

The indictment said they changed the name of their business, the location of its bank account and the signatories on that account in an effort to create the appearance that they no longer were in business, when in fact they continued to operate the business and re-

ceive profits from it. The indictments also stated that as a part of his attempt to evade his 1990 joint tax liability by concealing his true and correct income, Wesley Marlatt knowingly and willfully made false statements to an Internal Revenue Service special agent.

Arrestment for the Marlatts is set for September 8 in Portland. If convicted of all charges, Wesley Marlatt faces maximum penalties of 21 years imprisonment and a \$500,000 fine. His wife faces maximum penalties of 11 years imprisonment and a \$300,000 fine.

Under the tax law, persons convicted of criminal tax offenses, in addition to whatever criminal sentence is imposed, are required to pay the tax determined to be due, along with all interest and civil penalties that may be assessed.

The case was investigated by special agents of the Internal Revenue Service and prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Portland.

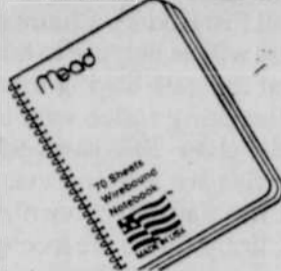
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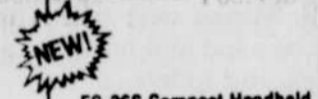
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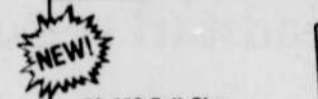
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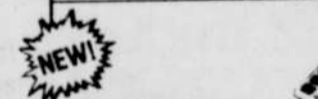
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