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*A Communiqué by
women dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls
through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.*

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*“Never, never rest
contented with
any circle of ideas,
but always be certain
that a wider one
is still possible.”
~Pearl Bailey*

Message from the President

Spring! A time of renewal and growth. The Gala Garden Show certainly did grow and it's so much more than a fundraiser. It's a snapshot of our club for the community, it's a celebration of growing things and making our surroundings even more beautiful, it's an event we can be proud of, and, most of all, it's a FUN-raiser for us.

Having raised more funds to work with next year, and this month being the time to look at a draft budget for 2016-17 and take part in the process of finalizing the budget, it's the perfect time to take a fresh look at what kinds of service projects YOU would like to do with those funds. That's how great ideas come about and good things are done for our community and beyond. That's how we continue to reach new heights through dignity of service.

Also this month, you will vote for a new board of directors. These directors and officers we elect will be your leaders and your contacts in the coming year. They're important positions, but they need a strong membership to lead. This year the membership has stepped up to help so much and I hope you'll all renew your commitment to do that again next year.

Renewal of your membership also plays a big part in the health and growth of our club. Those notices will be coming out soon and I trust that you'll continue with us in building our club. We've grown in numbers this year and that's to the credit of every one of you who came alongside a new member, all of you who invited someone to visit, everyone who "talks us up" around town, and to every member who lives by our mission and does their part, even in simple, small ways, to help us better the lives of women and girls everywhere.

Later this month, nine of us—including three first-timers—will be attending Region Conference in Spokane, Washington. These get-togethers with other Soroptimist members from clubs in Washington, Oregon, Montana, Alaska, and Northern Idaho always renew my enthusiasm and pride in Soroptimist. It always feels like spring in my heart. Truly.

Happy Spring in your Soroptimist Life!

President Jane



Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's April. First, it started with April Fool's Day. This is celebrated by playing practical jokes and spreading hoaxes. Who among us has not pranked someone or been pranked? It's the first full month of spring. We're told April showers bring May flowers. This is more than a hoax—we've seen it happen.

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between showers and rain? They're both precipitation. Checking online I learned rain is a more widespread event and it lasts for a while, where showers are said to be more scattered and shorter in duration. And what about drizzle—yet another form of precipitation? Ask.com states: "Drizzle is defined as liquid drops of precipitation less than 0.02 inches in diameter falling close together, whereas rain is liquid precipitation of greater diameter and spaced further apart."

In Soroptimist context I see the **rain** is like our members—the Soroptimist spirit widespread. The **showers** are like our board—the officers and board change each year. The **drizzle** is like our committees—members on committees work closely together to promote the Soroptimist mission.

Rain, showers, drizzle—they all help nurture things that grow. Our club did something similar last month at our 18th Annual Gala Garden Show. It is our main fundraiser of the year. We had some long-time vendors—as well as some new vendors—offering everything from plants and garden tools to items for decorating those gardens. The Master Gardener speakers shared ideas and suggestions on various gardening issues. Avid gardeners are already out in their gardens planting their purchased plants and using knowledge they garnered that weekend. So many roots have started at our Garden Show.

Some of those roots have harvested new members. Women in the community see what we do—they see the fun we have working together—and they want to be part of it. Every Garden Show yields a new member or two. Perhaps that is because our club is down to earth.

Speaking of down to earth, April 22 is Earth Day. This is a national day to focus on the environment. Many of us already have this mindset—we've changed to the new compact fluorescent light bulbs; we recycle; we carpool, etc. Some of us have had a tree planted for a friend; it is a unique and green gift.

We all are gifted in some ways. When we share those gifts it's a win-win for everyone. We'll all have an opportunity to share our gifts by signing up for committees for next year. Committee sign-up lists will be available at upcoming meetings. It's time to think about where we'd like to serve. Where do we want to channel our energy? Like water in a stream we can direct the flow.

Rain, showers, drizzle—precipitation. The human body is 90% water. Do we precipitate? One of the definitions of precipitate is: *cause (a substance) to be deposited in solid form from a solution*. This reminds me of Soroptimists. We discuss things and come up with a solution. Then we use what resources we have to bring the results into reality. We precipitate when we participate.

Nine of our members will be attending the Northwestern Region Conference later this month. While we may see a few pranks, we will surely witness more widespread spirit of Soroptimist. The reign of current region officers will end, but we will shower them with our gratitude. They are examples of reaching new heights thru dignity of service.

Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



“Believe that you are here for the right reasons and that your participation in life is valuable to those around, you will become better in every phase of life.” ~Senora Roy

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 8 Board Meeting
- 12 Business Meeting
(GOM Mar & Apr)
- 26 Program Meeting

MAY

- 6 Board Meeting
- 10 Business Meeting
- 24 Program Meeting
HS Scholarship
Awards

*EVENING MEETING



**“Some people walk in the rain,
others just get wet.” ~Roger Miller**



Photo by Michael Laakso

**“Information gently but relentlessly
drizzles down on us in an invisible,
impalpable electric rain.”**

Celebrate Life!

APRIL

- 2 Louella Hanson
- 7 Gloria Robinson

MAY

- 3 Judy Field
- 4 Jeanne Martin
- 8 Marti Campbell
- 10 Sandy Reed
- 18 Pauline Geraci
- 23 Linda Klinefelter



Photo by Cindy Rhodes

Note the phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

504-0231



“Everyone who's ever taken a shower has an idea. It's the person who gets out of the shower, dries off and does something about it who makes a difference.”

~Nolan Bushnell

Slate of Officers and Board Members 2016-2017

- President:** Kathryn Pacelli
- President-Elect:** Gena Royal
- Secretary:** Kathy Purcell
- Treasurer:** Karen Renk
- Asst. Treasurer:** Kathy Cunha
- Director- 2yr:** Gloria Fitzpatrick
- Director- 2yr (1yr remaining):** Amala Kuster
- Director- 1yr:** Elaine Churchill
- Director- 1yr:** Sandy Hutter
- Past-President:** Jane Manzer

Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at our April 12 business meeting with permission from the nominee.

WANTED Co-Chair for VIP Luncheon

Our club sponsors the VIP Luncheon the day of the Sequim Irrigation Festival Parade. This year, that is on Saturday, May 14. It is usually held at Key Bank in Sequim—right where the parade begins. Jeani Penn is looking for someone to co-chair this with her. The co-chairs organize the event, but members of the club help make it happen. Some food is prepared on Friday evening and the rest is done on Saturday. If you are interested in co-chairing with Jeani, please let her know.

SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER



NWR Conference
Spokane, WA
Davenport Hotel
April 21-24, 2016



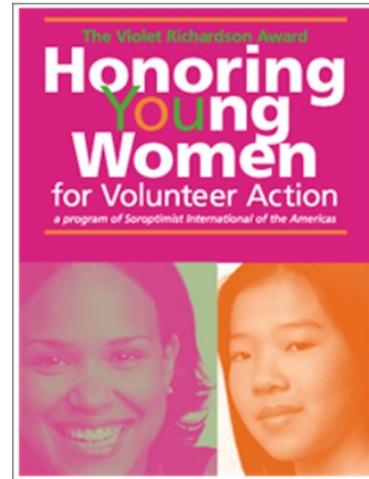
44th Biennial SIA Convention
Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel
Orlando, FL, U.S.A.
July 20-23, 2016

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARD APPLICANTS SOUGHT

The deadline for accepting applications for the Violet Richardson Award has been extended to April 30. Middle School and High School level girls who live in the Sequim School District are eligible for this award which is given in honor of volunteer service in the community. The application is available on the club web site www.sisequim.org.

~Pat Willis, Awards and Scholarships Co-Chair



“Be of service. Whether you make yourself available to a friend or co-worker, or you make time every month to do volunteer work, there is nothing that harvests more of a feeling of empowerment than being of service to someone in need.” ~*Gillian Anderson*

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Mary Budke, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club was very appreciative of the giant bag of personal hygiene items I delivered and the bus pass for one of their girls. Current requests from the Boys & Girls Club include the following:

- toothpaste
- a few hairbrushes
- sunblock



You may take items directly to the Boys & Girls Club, give them to Mary Budke and let her know they're from Soroptimists; also there will be a collection bag at our FIRST meeting each month and I will gladly deliver anything collected that day. I'll also have a separate collection bag for any hotel-sized toiletries to be distributed to organizations in need.

~Gail Watson, Liaison with Boys and Girls Club

GETTING ORIENTATED

March 8, International Women’s Day, was the perfect backdrop for our New Member Orientation. As members arrived, a famous woman’s picture was pinned to their backs. Each had a bingo card which gave a snippet of information to help decide who had whose picture. The member would then write down the name of the club member who was pinned with the description she had on her bingo card. Afterward, we revealed who was who. It was a great way to celebrate the day, and learn the names of our members.



We had a light salad dinner thanks to the membership committee who provided some wonderful salads, breads and desserts. Then there was sharing. This is a very special time of the event where we tell a little bit about where we are from, how we got here, and why we love living here.



A homework sheet driving the new members around the SI Sequim, Northwestern Region and SIA websites was the introduction to all things Soroptimist. At our orientation, we continued, sharing the information in our Roster—with each membership committee member presenting. All in all, it was a great night to meet new friends.



~Sandy Lawrence, Membership Chair



“Ours is a circle of friendships united by ideals.” ~*Juliette G. Low*

PLEASE NOTE: Correction: the correct email for Gena Royal is genaroyal@gmail.com

MLC HAS NEW CO-CHAIR

Kate Creasey has been appointed a co-chair of the Medical Loan Closet. Kate is joining co-chairs Gena Royal and Sally Sue Barry. Kate served on the committee in the past and set up our Vonage answering service. She is currently our Vonage contact.

Kate is stepping into the position left by Su Howat. Su served on the committee and as MLC co-chair for several years and now, with her two jobs, is ready to take a break from this one. Su will remain on the committee, serving clients and filling special duties with our equipment.

Thank you, Su, for your service to the MLC, and to Kate, we appreciate you stepping up.

~The MLC Co-Chairs



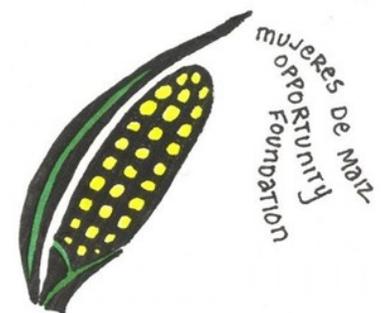
“If you have the opportunity to do amazing things in your life, I strongly encourage you to invite someone to join you.”
~**Simon Sinek**



Dear Soroptimist Sisters,

Many thanks to those of you who attended our 4th annual Mexican Breakfast on March 4, 2016. Amazingly, we served 181 breakfasts! For more information and photos, check out our blog at <http://mujeresdemaizof.blogspot.com/>

I know that Soroptimist International works against sex trafficking. I want to recommend a book that I have just read by Siddharth Kara. It's called *Sex Trafficking: Inside the Business of Modern Slavery*. It's not an easy read, but I strongly believe that we need to have awareness in order to be effective. It is unconscionable that in our modern world, girls and women are still regarded as nothing more than objects to be used and sold. My heart aches for these women whose lives are filled with constant terror and degradation.



The book discusses regional cultural views of women. To the extent that many come from male dominated cultures where women are considered inferior—I see this in Chiapas with the women Mujeres works with. An all too slow, but definite, progress is being made. Some of our scholarship recipients are deciding that marriage is not an option, as they could end up losing the autonomy they are working so hard to gain. We continue to fund workshops on domestic violence. Baby steps. Tradition, sometimes couched in religious beliefs, is hard to change.

Onward and upward,

Judith Pasco
Board Chair, Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation
www.MujeresDeMaizOF.org
mujeres@olyopen.com

“Culture is a little like dropping an Alka-Seltzer into a glass—you don't see it, but somehow it does something.” ~**Hans Magnus Enzensberger**

CLUB HISTORY

Where Are They Now?

In March of 1989, SI Sequim named Sequim High School senior Daniel Heintz “Soroptimist Youth Citizen of the Year,” an award that included a check for \$50. SIA supported women and children, and included boys, until sometime in the 1990s when women and girls became the focus.

Daniel studied art at Brigham Young University and has recently embarked on a world-wide tour as a Classic Nomad, setting off with his camera and a friend to photograph and to interview people on every continent. As they write on their blog www.classicnomads.com, “Throughout our culture-hopping, explorational adventure, we have observed so many different manners of human life, states of childhood, and family formulas throughout history and today.”

Their mission: “When all is said and done, once we’ve gathered our stories, made new friends, and explored diverse cultures, we intend to have amassed an extensive collection of cultural information, world photography, global experiences, and helpful data. It’s our hope to donate this media menagerie to the non-profit organization Catalyze Labs (more specifically, their program titled “My Global Village”) for development into an education and empowerment mobile app.”

Now in Morocco, Daniel is headed back to Europe this week. His own website, www.classicnomad.com, offers some of his wonderful photographs such as this one from time spent recently in Peru:



Daniel and Thomas began their travels last summer and plan to be on the move for two years. They are spending their savings on their “Global Family” project with help from friends and other contributors.

~Pat Willis, Club History



“A nation’s culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people.” ~*Mahatma Gandhi*

COMMUNITY SERVICE CONVERGENCE

Sequim Education Foundation sponsors a Film Festival each year. This year the date will be Friday, April 22 at 7pm, with a \$5 admission donation. The local Sunrise Rotary Club sponsors a \$1,000 award for the best Community Service Film. Kelly Anders and Hannah Patterson—student representatives for the Sequim Education Foundation Board—decided to film the Soroptimist Garden Show as their entry to the Film Festival. Kelly and Hannah were given “Film Maker” badges to wear during their time at the Garden Show.

They were there from setup on Friday to Sunday afternoon, interviewing many of our members about what Soroptimist is, how we raise our funds, and how we provide community service—both through our programs and through our financial support. Kelly and Hannah came prepared with a list of questions, media release forms, a camera, and winning smiles. They asked our members what Soroptimist means to them, why they became a Soroptimist and what programs they actively support.



When they completed their work they said they had filmed about 2 hours of material that will be carefully edited to a 5-minute film. They hope this will provide them with a \$1,000 Rotary award for the best Community Service film. I personally think this is a winning combination—to connect Rotary, Sequim Education Foundation, Soroptimist, and two students. And I encourage you to attend the Film Festival on April 22nd to cheer for Kelly and Hannah’s film.

~Jeanne Martin



Come one, Come all

JET SET SOROPTIMIST SPRING FLING BUNCO PARTY

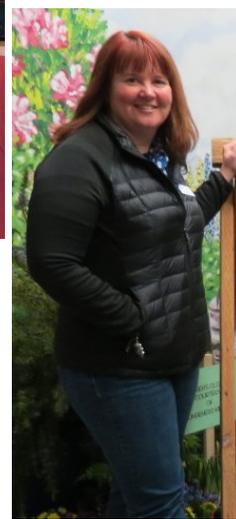
When: April 14th
Where: Port Angeles Elks Club
Time: 7:00 pm
Cost: \$10



Proceeds go to Youth Committee...Girls Circle

Dinner can be purchased at 6-6:45 for \$9 at the Elks

Silent Auction.....Lots of Prizes.....cookies too.....



Gala Garden Show





Thanks, Everyone!

More pictures at:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/108582458@N03/albums/72157666449653800>

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>April is Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month</p>			<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Louella Hanson</p> 
3	4	5	6	<p>7</p> <p>Gloria Robinson</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>BOARD MEETING</p>	9
10	11	<p>12</p> <p>Business Meeting GOM Mar & Apr</p>	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	<p>21</p> <p>NWR Conference Spokane, WA</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>NWR Conference Spokane, WA</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>NWR Conference Spokane, WA</p> 
<p>24</p> <p>NWR Conference Spokane, WA</p> 	25	<p>26</p> <p>Program Meeting</p>	27	28	29	30

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Judy Field 	4 Jeanne Martin 	5	6 BOARD MEETING	7
8 Marti Campbell 	9	10 Sandy Reed Business Meeting 	11	12	13	14 VIP Luncheon
15	16	17	18 Pauline Geraci 	19	20	21
22	23 Linda Klinefelter 	24 Program Meeting HS Scholarship Awards 	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

In April by James Hearst

This I saw on an April day:
Warm rain spilt from a sun-lined cloud,
A sky-flung wave of gold at evening,
And a cock pheasant treading a dusty path
Shy and proud.

And this I found in an April field:
A new white calf in the sun at noon,
A flash of blue in a cool moss bank,
And tips of tulips promising flowers
To a blue-winged loon.

And this I tried to understand
As I scrubbed the rust from my brightening plow:
The movement of seed in furrowed earth,
And a blackbird whistling sweet and clear
From a green-sprayed bough.

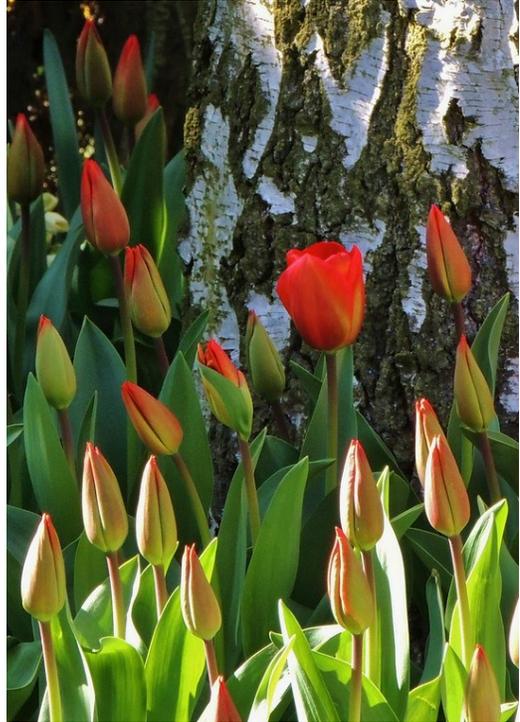


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