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*“Life is like riding
a bicycle. To keep
your balance you
must keep moving.”
~Albert Einstein*

Message from the President

Dear friends,

Balance! There’s a lot to be said about that one word, that one concept, and the goal of creating and maintaining balance in our lives. During my weeks in eastern Washington recently, I was thinking about it a lot and striving for balance just during that period of time. On my way home, I thought about it more, so you’re going to get a shortened version of my stream-of-consciousness on the subject.

Balance in our lives is so important—whether it be socially, professionally, energy-wise, food-wise, spiritually, fiscally, or otherwise. Keeping a good balance in just one of those areas in just one day can be difficult, let alone from day-to-day, week-to-week, or month-to-month.

As individual members of our awesome SIS club, we are no doubt all doing this balancing act between our private lives and our club lives. In recognition of how hard that is to do sometimes, and in appreciation for all of you who do it so well, I must say, “Thank you and keep it up!”

Within the club, we will strive to keep balance among fundraising, projects where we serve others, and having fun socially. Each of you can help keep the balance by finding your place on committees, helping out in areas where your passion lies, and in taking part in the different areas of activity throughout the year. That way we share everything and we are on balance within the club too! Balance will help us reach new heights as we serve with dignity.

President Jane



*“So divinely is the world organized
that every one of us,
in our place and time, is in balance
with everything else.”
~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

“Just as your car runs more smoothly and requires less energy to go faster and farther when the wheels are in perfect alignment, you perform better when your thoughts, feelings, emotions, goals, and values are in balance.” ~Brian Tracy

Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's summer—a time for shorts, sunglasses and sunscreen. And maybe sailing—while wearing shorts, sunglasses and sunscreen. Many members have gone away for a while or have had family/friends come here to visit. Several have done both. I met a few of those visitors over Lavender weekend. I think I tapped into the energy of some of our members' grandkids. Their vitality is infectious! Oh, if we could bottle that!

We don't have regular club meetings from mid-June thru August. However, President Jane arranged for a **non-bored board meeting** in July. The mere name of it drew my attention. It is the kind of play on words I enjoy. Jeani Penn graciously offered her home for the get-together—check out the pictures on page 10. You will see Paulette Hill, Jeani Penn and Sandy L with their stuffed animals. I had forgotten to bring Rozzi with me. She's going to be on my 'take to meeting' list in the future.



President Jane gave each of us a binder with useful information—the club Bylaws, Standing Rules, a committee list, and the approved budget to name a few. In the front of the binder was some paper with a decorative border. She mentioned that when we use fun paper we can make our tasks fun—and it's easier to find the notes we make. How cool is that? Fun and functional!

We reviewed the committee list and at least one board member is on each committee. This will certainly help us stay informed so we can be effective leaders. President Jane shared ideas she has for the club; I'm sure those will be brought up at our START meeting later this month.

Speaking of the START meeting, what is it all about? START stands for **Soroptimist Training And Retreat Time**. It also is an indicator of the *starting* of our Sorotimist year. You might say it is a multi-tasker—just like us. It is a *time* for members to come together after the hiatus—to share what's happened over the summer and get caught up. We do a bit of brainstorming and discuss the direction of the club for the year ahead. We *retrain* ourselves to focus on the *Soroptimist* mission. We get reenergized.

I was thinking about the word *retreat*. We are not backing away from anything—unless you look at it as departing from the old year and making room for the new. There are so many possibilities.

You will notice a committee list in this newsletter (see page 11). However, it's not too late for you to sign up. When we sign-up it is a *sign* things are looking *up*. Increased participation increases our collective impact, strengthening us as individuals as well as a club.

The dog days of summer may be waning, but our passion for Soroptimist remains hot. There will be many tales to be told as we unleash the possibilities and reach new heights through dignity of service.

Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



“Rest and self-care are so important. When you take time to replenish your spirit, it allows you to serve others from the overflow. You cannot serve from an empty vessel.” ~Eleanor Brownn

CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 15 Open Aire Market
- *26 START Meeting
at Solana Clubhouse

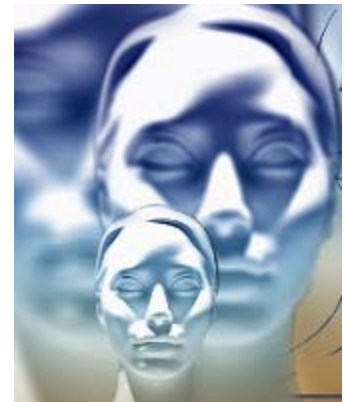
SEPTEMBER

- 4 Board Meeting
- 8 Business Meeting
- 19 Open Aire Market
- 22 Program Meeting

*EVENING MEETING



“The dream was always running ahead of me. To catch up, to live for a moment in unison with it, that was the miracle.” ~Anais Nin



“Clear your mind, replenish your spirit, renew your focused mentality.”
~Author Unknown

Celebrate Life!

BIRTHDAYS



AUGUST

- 4 Janet Popelka
- 4 Janet Real
- 19 Colleen Blazier
- 23 Amanda Beitzel
- 30 Betty Osborn
- 30 Ann Salmon

SEPTEMBER

- 13 Sandy Hutter
- 14 Paulette Hill
- 21 Pat Willis
- 23 Sally Sue Barry
- 27 Gail Watson



Note the phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

504-0231



*“A fantastic model
of collaboration:
thinking partners
who aren't echo chambers.”
~Margaret Heffernan*

S.T.A.R.T. Meeting

(Soroptimist Training and Retreat Time)

Wednesday

August 26, 2015

Solana Clubhouse

135 Solana Parkway, Sequim

5:30 p.m.

**Please bring something light to share to eat
and your beverage of choice.**



*“When it all boils down, it's about embracing each others' stories and
maybe even finding that synergy to collaborate for the common good.”
~Dhani Jones*

SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER

D1

District Meeting
October 9-11, 2015
Little Creek Casino
Shelton, WA



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

Area Meeting
TBA



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

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD FOLLOW-UP



Hi Betty and Kathy,

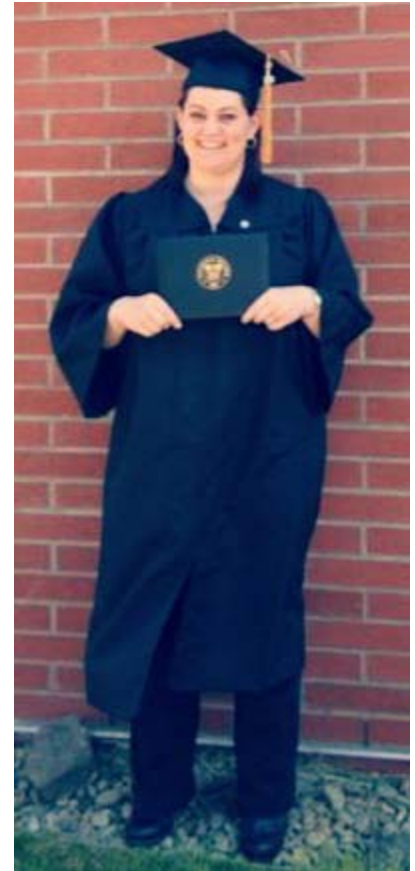
I had mentioned I would update you when I graduated from college and here I am! I graduated from Peninsula College with my Medical Assisting degree a little over a month ago and within two weeks of graduating I accepted a job offer as a Certified Medical Assistant from Olympic Medical Physicians. I now work for Dr. Georgia

Heisterkamp, MD, a general surgeon at the surgery clinic right next to the hospital. Great pay and benefits you can't beat! I have full medical, dental and vision for me and my kid. How awesome is that? Thank you so much for awarding me with such an amazing gift. It was such a proud moment for my parents and children to see me walk at graduation and receive my college degree. I am including some photos of graduation day. Hope all is well with everyone!

Sincerely,

Kim Kasinger

2015 Live Your Dream Award Recipient



Kim Kasinger with her diploma

“Cherish your visions and your dreams as they are the children of your soul, the blueprints of your ultimate achievements.”
~Napoleon Hill



live
YOUR
dream
education & training awards for women

“Brands must empower their community to be change agents in their own right. To that end, they need to take on a mentoring role. This means the brand provides the tools, techniques and strategies for their customers to become more effective marketers in achieving their own goals.”
~Simon Mainwaring



AIM High ...Reach for the Stars!

The **AIM High...Reach for the Stars!** Program continues to grow and impact women and girls in our community throughout the summer, as reported in the July **SoroptiScoop** (**Heart Kids Project** and **Book Club** at the Boys and Girls Club). And now, it's time to continue the planning for the 2015-16 school year!

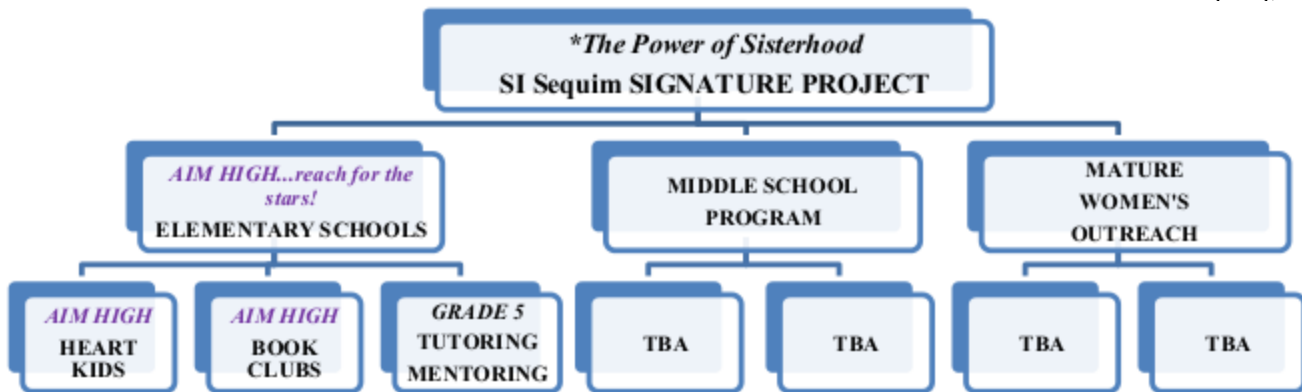
We thought it would be helpful to provide a visual example of how the **AIM High Program**—and future programs—*might* fit under the umbrella of our club's **Signature Project** (*note: the name is yet to be determined...we used *The Power of Sisterhood as a suggestion only until all members have an opportunity to decide on a name*).

Planning for the upcoming year will include forming **Task Forces** to explore opportunities and current activities both at the Middle School level and Mature Women level to determine how/if we can offer support and assistance...as well as review **SIA's Dream It...Be It** for inspiration and possible incorporation of curriculum/activities. (Dates of implementation TBD by Task Forces and membership interest.)

Many of you have expressed interest in working with the elementary school girls again—that is wonderful! After the START meeting, we will confirm your preferred location (Greywolf or Haller) provide 2015-16 school volunteer forms and set up a schedule. **But in the interim, if you would like to be involved in planning future programs, please contact us now.**

Thanks for your interest, enthusiasm and commitment to the women and girls in our community!

Amanda, Elaine & Missy



“Mostly I make lists for projects. This can be daunting. Breaking something big into its constituent parts will help you organize your thoughts, but it can also force you to confront the depth of your ignorance and the hugeness of the task. That’s OK. The project may be the lion, but the list is your whip.” ~Adam Savage

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I write this message on behalf of the North Olympic Foster Parent Association. We have partnered with them for a number of years helping to prepare backpacks for the 200+ children who are currently in foster homes. Carol Pope asked if we were willing to help once again this year. I told her I'd send an e-mail to the Soroptimist members and find out. Within less than two days, I received 12 responses—so this event is Back By Popular Demand.

We will meet at All Safe Storage on **August 22 at 9:30 a.m.** to begin the assembly line process. Carol gets the list of required supplies for each grade level and we come prepared to master the Art of Backpacking. Last year we were finished with 185 packs in less than an hour. It is truly a sight to behold.

The joy on the children's faces is the reward for a job that is done to perfection. At the Back Pack Picnic on August 30 (see the information on the flyer), each child selects their own backpack and it can be a rather laborious decision. Carol had to put a time limit on some of the younger girls as they just couldn't decide on the Cinderella pack or the pink ones. Those decisions can be so hard when you are 7 or 8 years old. They smile so happily and run to show everyone what "I get to take to school" as I heard one of them exclaim.

Life can be shared with such simple pleasures!

If you are interested in providing any school supplies, Carol gave me a list of desired items: pencil holders, rulers, highlighters, 5 & 8 inch scissors, red & blue pens, glue sticks and colored pencils. I hit pay dirt at Office Depot as they had additional supplies for 1 cent if you spent \$5.95 or more. They also honor coupons from any retailers. The scientific calculators and most of the backpacks are procured since they are quite expensive. I have no shame in telling the clerks that the items purchased are for the foster children; they will frequently allow me to get six items for 2 cents (as the limit is normally only three items). Who doesn't like a real bargain? Supplies can be delivered to All Safe Storage on Grant Rd. (behind Applebee's) or I will gladly pick them up.

Thank you for supporting this event and making it such a great success; it definitely brings Dignity to Service.

Blessings in Friendship,
Colleen Blazier



North Olympic Foster Parent Association

Back Pack Picnic 2015

When: **August 30, 2015**
Time: **1pm - 4pm**
Where: **Lincoln Park in Port Angeles**

A-M Please Bring a Delicious Salad
N-Z Please Bring A Yummy Dessert

Come and enjoy this fun filled event!!! There will be BBQ Hamburgers and Hotdogs, Drinks, Clowns, and Snow Cones.
Fun For All Ages!!!!

**** Bring Your Own Lawn Chair ****

Please **R.S.V.P. No Later Than August 24, 2015**
Please Call: Carol Pope @ 360-775-0677
E-mail: carol@allsafe-storage.com

Clowns, FacePainters, & Balloon Twisters

SNOW CONES

“Children are not the people of tomorrow, but are people of today. They have a right to be taken seriously, and to be treated with tenderness and respect. They should be allowed to grow into whoever they were meant to be. ‘The unknown person’ inside each of them is our hope for the future.” ~Janusz Korczak

MUJERES DE MAIZ UPDATE

Dear Soroptimist Friends,

This is the month we received the scholarship information from Chiapas. We are delighted to have 17 girls and women continuing on scholarship with us. Two of those are new girls—one starting 6th grade, and one enrolled in computer courses. One of the most heart-warming scholarships is that of Viki. Viki is about 40 years old, a mother of three. She has been with us on scholarship for four years already. She completed her secondary education (6th grade to 9th) and her preparatory (10th to 12th). She is now entering university with a goal for a degree in computer sciences. She is a dedicated student. She and her daughter, Gabriela, run the children's program in Ocosingo, and it was Viki who proposed the adult literacy program about five years ago. She is also one of the first women to wear glasses full time—ever since we got her to the optician several years ago. What a wonderful role model!

Board member Linda and Mujeres supporter Yvonne are in Chiapas from July 30 until August 11. They will be awarding the new scholarships, making the optician visits with the women, visiting communities and taking lots of pictures. I am delighted they could go because this is the first year in Mujeres' 10 year history that I haven't made the summer trip. I had an accident in June and sustained a head injury—and recovery is very slow. Canceling my reservations was a heart-breaker.

Mujeres made the Best Nonprofits List for 2015 for Great Nonprofits. This is our 4th year in a row.

We were very excited this year to be chosen for the Alternative Gifts International Catalog. It's the 5th time we've been chosen, and we were so honored to be welcomed back after a year break. If any of you like the idea of "alternative gifts" please check out their website at: <http://www.alternativegifts.org/>. Mujeres is Project 14 in the catalog. They do wonderful work.

And lastly, please put our 10th Annual Dia de Muertos Dinner and Auction on your calendar. It will be October 24, at 5:30 at the Masonic Hall.

Thank you once again for your continuing support.

Judith Pasco, Board Chair, Mujeres de Maiz
Opportunity Foundation
www.MujeresDeMaizOF.org

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GIRLS HERO

Promoting Gender Equity through Education

By empowering indigenous women, they in turn help their communities.

Indigenous women in Chiapas, Mexico, experience daily encounters with racism and sexism. Extreme poverty effectively excludes girls from education after the 5th grade, and their life is limited to early marriage, domestic chores and child bearing.

Mujeres De Maiz Opportunity Foundation (MDMOF) believes that educating women opens doors, builds confidence, and gives tools to self-sufficiency. MDMOF makes literacy programs and scholarships available to women and girls. Scholarship recipients must then give back by developing community projects that address the problems of poverty.

\$75 A year of supplementary school for young girls to help them succeed

\$60 Six months of adult literacy training for one woman

ANNIVERSARY CROWDFUND! A 6-month scholarship for one girl **\$520**

“You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.” ~Clay P. Bedford

MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

Ladies...do you know how fantastic “we” are? Well, let me tell you! I have been in San Jose, CA, as a result of my best friend’s husband passing away. We have been trying to find homes for all the medical equipment she has acquired in the past year—wheel chair, walkers, canes, shower chairs, etc. I thought there must be something like our medical loan closet. Wrong...!!! After scouring all of San Jose—and it is definitely big—there is not one agency or organization that takes medical equipment such as what I mentioned for re-purposing. As I searched the internet, phone book and made multiple calls, all I could think was...“wow, we do wonderful things for our community.” Good job ladies!

~Linda Klinefelter



“You’ve got to show your soul otherwise you’re just a piece of equipment.” ~*Sylvester Stallone*

SAVE THE DATES

A FUN WALK

The Dungeness Valley Health and Wellness Clinic, Sequim’s only free health clinic, has invited us Soroptimist Flower Power team) to participate in this year’s annual Fun Walk. Please plan to attend the Wellness Fair and walk with the Flower Power team on Saturday, **September 12, 2015**. We’ll meet at **Trinity United Methodist Church at 8:30 a.m.** The 1 mile or 5 mile walk begins at 9:00 a.m.



Reserve This Date!

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

Friday, October 9, 2015
11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Sunland Golf & Country Club
109 Hilltop Drive - Sequim



A reservation form will be sent out the last week of August!
Tickets are \$30.00 each.

NOTE: For those planning to reserve a table for eight, please plan to provide one creamer/sugar, and eight teacups with saucers for your table.
Individuals are also invited to bring teacups with saucers.

LUCKY STAR BEFORE THE FALL

Yes, it seems too early to be talking about falling leaves, fuzzy sweaters and warm jackets, but fall is just around the corner. This is the time when we are looking at our wardrobes and considering what will keep us warm this winter and what we want to discard. Many of you may have decided you want to update your fall clothing—or those summer activities have led you to purchase that next size down. Keep Lucky Star in mind for those “former” held items. Let me know if you have something and I will arrange to pick up and deliver to Lucky Star.



~Linda Klinefelter, Lucky Star Chair



“Age and size are only numbers. It’s the attitude you bring to clothes that make the difference.”
~*Donna Karan*



2015 Soroptimist Gala Gift Show...a unique shopping experience!

Just a few quick updates on the upcoming *Gala Gift Show*!

- The event is less than four months away, mark your calendars now for **Saturday, December 5th!**
- We are **well over 50% booked**; both the gymnasium and game room at the Boys & Girls Club have been reserved for the 2015 event, allowing c.55 vendor spaces. As of July 25th.
 - 32 are registered/committed
 - 7 are probable
 - 9 have indicated high interest
- Many more have been invited...and we continue to be on the lookout for new faces! Kathy, Amanda & Missy braved the heat and the crowds at the Lavender Festival Street Fair to chat with past and prospective vendors!
- The Gala Gift Show committee will meet in late August or early September, date TBD.
- Check out the Gala Gift Show page on our club website <http://www.sisequim.org/fundraising/gala-gift-show-3/> to see the latest additions!

~Amanda, Missy & Kathy P., Gala Gift Show Co-Chairs



“Productivity is never an accident. It is always the result of a commitment to excellence, intelligent planning, and focused effort.” ~Paul J. Meyer

“The EARTH without ART is just EH.” ~Author Unknown

GARDEN SHOW ARTWORK BEING CHOSEN



The 2016 Gala Garden Show planning is well underway with the initial Garden Show Core Committee Meeting scheduled to take place on August 11th. We are excited to bring the team together to select the all-important artwork to represent our 18th Gala Garden Show! It will be fun to share our selection with the membership during our first business meeting in September.

And please remember, we are still seeking an Artwork Coordinator to handle the solicitation of artwork for the 2017 Garden Show. Cindy has made the process very smooth with all the information provided to carry out this very important task.

~Jan Chapman & Elaine Churchill, 2016 Gala Garden Show Co-Chairs



WITH GRATITUDE

Dear Soroptimists,

Thank you so much for sponsoring the human trafficking awareness event on April 22nd and allowing us to come speak about the work of the Genesis Project. It is by the generosity and support of organizations like yours that we are able to continue spreading awareness and assisting women out of commercial sexual exploitation.

Deepest Thanks,
The Genesis Project

Dear Soroptimists,

Thank you very much for your generous donation of \$2,000 through Soroptimist International of Sequim. It will be an honor to represent this foundation in the fall at Peninsula College.

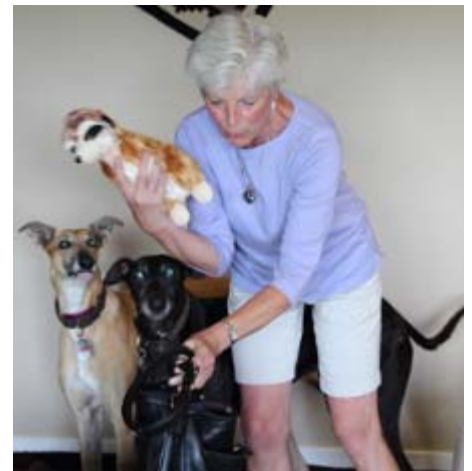
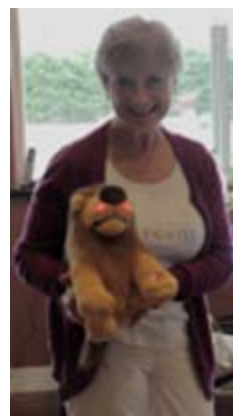
Sincerely,
Sarah Thomas



NOT BORED BOARD MEETING



Board Room



TIGER Lillies



Stay Calm...Hang around dogs

COMMITTEE LIST 2015-2016

A.I.M. High

Co-Chairs: Amanda Beitzel, Elaine Churchill, & Missy Church-Smith

Committee Members:

Kathleen DeJong
Pauline Geraci
Kecia Gilliam
Paulette Hill
Amala Kuster
Sandy Lawrence
Jeanne Martin
Betty Osborn
Janet Popelka
Janet Real
Karen Renk
Gail Watson



Awards and Scholarships

Co-Chairs: Pat Willis & Shelle Paulbitski

Committee Members:

Deborah Carlson
Kecia Gilliam
Amala Kuster
Jane Manzer
Betty Osborn
Monica Ostrom
Anne Salmon
Gail Watson



Finance

Chair: Sandy Hutter

Committee Members:

Becky Archer
Kathy Cunha
Sandy Lawrence
Jeanne Martin
Shelle Paulbitski
Karen Renk



Fundraising

Deborah Carlson

Gala Gift Show—Amanda Beitzel, Missy Church-Smith, Kathy Purcell

Gala garden Show—Jan Chapman, Elaine Churchill

Lucky Star Consignment—Linda Klinefelter

See's Candies—Sandy Hutter



Committee Members:

Colleen Blazier
Jan Chapman
Missy Church-Smith
Linda Klinefelter
Sandy Lawrence
Betty Osborn



Medical Loan Closet

Co-Chairs: Sally Sue Barry, Su Howat, & Jeani Penn

Committee Members:

Becky Archer
Amanda Beitzel
Marti Campbell
Deborah Carlson
Kathleen DeJong
Judy Field
Gloria Fitzpatrick
Amala Kuster
Shelle Paulbitski
Janet Real
Gena Royal
Dorothy Ward



Membership

Chair: Sandy Lawrence

Jan Chapman—Attendance/banner

Kathleen DeJong—Roster

Jeanne Martin—Grant of Friendship Visit

Karen Renk—Roster

Dorothy Ward—Sunshine

Gwen Wessel—Orientation



Program

Chair: Kathryn Pacelli

Committee Members:

Marti Campbell
Jenni Dix
Mayme Faulk
Rose Jaeger
Cindy Rhodes
Janet Wicker

Public Awareness







Co-Chairs: Linda Klinefelter, Kathy Purcell

Committee Members:









Kate Creasey
Kecia Gilliam
Barb Thompson—Facebook



August 2015

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23 Amanda Beitzel 	24	25	26 START Meeting at Solana—5:30 p.m.	27	28	29
30 Betty Osborn Ann Salmon 	31					

September 2015

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6	7	8 Business Meeting	9	10	11	12  Clinic Fun Walk
13 Sandy Hutter 	14 Paulette Hill 	15	16	17	18	19  S·E·Q·U·I·M FARMERS MARKET
20	21 Pat Willis 	22 Program Meeting	23 Sally Sue Barry Fall Begins  	24	25	26
27 Gail Watson 	28	29	30			

August

by J.I. Stuart

Birds fly in formation;
Tree leaves sway from side to side;
Clouds gather in small huddles,
discussing the weather;
Grass shoots shoot up once more,
their roots replenished;
A Phoenix nearby hums his ode;
Tranquility is in place,
after the long bitter wait;
Alive, now, is the world.



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To A Woman Making A Difference For Women