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“Anticipation was the
soul of enjoyment.”
~Elizabeth Gaskell

Message from the President

Dear friends,

July 1 marked the official beginning of our 2015-16 Soroptimist International of Sequim year, 68+ years after we were chartered. As I said in my installation presentation, it's a new year with a new budget, new faces on the board, new ideas forming in members' minds, new challenges and needs will present themselves, and new ways of meeting those challenges will come about.

As we recently celebrated Independence Day, we no doubt acknowledged our freedoms and our way of life in the United States—particularly here in Sequim. For all of that I'm extremely grateful. As I was pondering gratitude for freedom, I couldn't help but think how grateful I am for all of you in my Soroptimist club. Although we don't meet corporately in the summer, there are many members hard at work for us. Because every one of you contributes something, I won't name individuals, but I want you to know how much you are appreciated. It's so heartwarming to open the local newspaper and read about numerous good things we've done and to acknowledge the work behind making those articles appear. It's comforting to know we're serving our community in need of medical equipment 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year. It's amazing to realize all of the work that's going on—even now—in preparation for the 2016 Gala Garden Show. It's exciting watching numerous club members working on a several-pronged service project with young girls. The list goes on and gives me great anticipation for what's to come.

We all have lives separate from Soroptimist, but you're no doubt like me in that the Soroptimist mission and the pledge are always in the back of your mind. I hope you're thinking of what you can do individually and what we can do as a club to “live” our pledge. When you read something about a disaster and the ensuing plight of women, when you hear a segment on the radio about what women in another country are facing, or when you read a book that educates you about an issue involving women and girls, please share it with the rest of us and ponder how we could help. Help us reach new heights through dignity of service!

Have a wonderful summer and stay tuned for the “ramp up”!

President Jane



“You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism.” —*Erma Bombeck*

Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

What makes a club strong? Is it unity or diversity? It is both. Our club is comprised of many retired women. However, some members are still in the workforce.

Last month a survey was sent to members via email (Survey Monkey). It centered on the club's meeting time. The majority of those who answered the survey online preferred to change the time from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. A motion to do this was made at our June business meeting. After a second to the motion we took a second look. There was quite a bit of discussion. Deb Carlson said she wouldn't want to jeopardize things with our working members and suggested we split the difference. The initial motion was voted down. A second motion was made to change the club meeting time from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. It passed unanimously.

What a great example of looking at the needs of all the members. It also is an example of how some face-to-face communication is important. Technology can take us only part of the way. It is good to also weigh the human aspect. The mutual respect and ability to compromise are factors that enhance our strength.

Our club has many activities. Some are on-going—like the Medical Loan Closet and See's Candies. Others are only a part of one day—like the Dungeness Health and Wellness Free Clinic Fun Walk and the Family Day (Holiday Joy). The great thing is members get to choose which activities they enjoy and that fit with their lifestyles and schedules. The happiest members are those who meld their Soroptimist life around their personal life.

We are starting a new Soroptimist year. President Jane's theme is **Reaching New Heights Through Dignity of Service**. Many attendees at the recent Installation Dinner wore safari attire (see photos on page 11). Each installed board member was given a stuffed animal. I received a zebra.

The week after the installation I took a trip to Illinois to attend a surprise 40th Wedding Anniversary party for my brother Steve and his wife Wanda. I took the zebra with me. The afternoon I arrived I had lunch with my two sisters. I introduced them to the zebra and said I wanted to come up with a name for her. My sister Helen first suggested Z, but that seemed too short. Then she said Brazzi—but I thought she said **Razzi**. I said that was perfect! Some club members call me Papparazzi—because I am often seen with a camera—so Razzi fit! I'm sure you will see Razzi at upcoming meetings and events.

Earlier this month we celebrated Independence Day. We are independent women and we each have the freedom to decide how we will serve. Our diverse backgrounds create a rich foundation, and this is worth celebrating. When we work together it is like bombs bursting in air—we have collective impact. Through our interdependence we experience liberation and increased strength. Retired or still in the workforce, we are a force to be reckoned with. In unity our success comes easily. I look forward to reaching new heights in the year ahead as we work together with dignity of service.

Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



"The beauty of the universe consists not only of unity in variety, but also of variety in unity."
~Umberto Eco

CALENDAR

JULY

- 18 Open Aire Market
- *25 Potluck Get-together at Jeani Penn's

AUGUST

- 15 Open Aire Market

SUMMER BREAK

See you at Jeani's!

***EVENING MEETING**



*"He who experiences the unity of life sees his own Self in all beings, and all beings in his own Self, and looks on everything with an impartial eye."
~Buddha*



*"So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth."
~Baha'u'llah*

Celebrate Life!

BIRTHDAYS



JULY

- 2 Janet Wicker
- 5 Kris Osborn
- 7 Lani McCarry
- 16 Amala Kuster
- 17 Kathy Purcell
- 28 Jane Manzer
- 29 Gena Royal

AUGUST

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



Note the phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

504-0231



*“Reach high, for stars
lie hidden in your soul.
Dream deep,
for every dream
precedes the goal.”
~Pamela Vaull Starr*

**Come one, come all!
Summer Soroptimist Fun
at the home of Jeani Penn**

July 25th at 5:00 p.m.

We've talked about getting together, now let's DO IT!

Port Angeles and Port Townsend clubs too!

Please bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage, and enjoy the company of our Soroptimist sisters. Jeani (with help from Sequim SI) will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers and drinks.

RSVP to Jeani Penn, penngreys@gmail.com

THANK YOU to each and every one of you who attended or had a part in any aspect of our installation. In addition to thanks for all of the advice, cards, items loaned, and gifts too numerous to mention, I'd like to specifically thank Kathy Purcell, Deborah Carlson, Jan Chapman, Missy Church-Smith, Kathleen DeJong, Kate Creasey, and, from SI Port Angeles Jet Set, my friend Sylvia Orth.

SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER



SI Convention

Istanbul, Turkey

July 9-12, 2015

District Meeting

October 9-11, 2015

Little Creek Casino

Shelton, WA



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

RUBY AWARD RECIPIENT

On June 9 Soroptimist International of Sequim named Beverly Hoffman of Diamond Point as our 2015 Ruby Award winner. In addition to receiving the award, Beverly was given a check for \$500.00 for the Holiday Joy program of Healthy Families of Clallam County.

The Soroptimist Ruby Award honors women who, through their professional or personal efforts, are making extraordinary differences in the lives of women or girls. Their work has had a significant impact in the community and also inspires and encourages other women.

Beverly is one of those women. In 2007 Beverly and Judy Palumbo-Gates approached Healthy Families of Clallam County about sponsoring a family for Christmas. They received generic information—a boy, a teenaged girl, a mom—but nothing that helped them select special presents based on the needs or desires of the individuals. Beverly began Holiday Joy the following year.

To make the program match individuals, the Holiday Joy makes a tremendous effort to get more than 100 families, selected by the personnel of Happy Families, to fill out lists of desirable gifts, sizes, and colors, as well as a dream present, for children and parents.

Central to the program is a Family Day where school-aged children would have a “store” with specific items for their moms (or dads). At the same event moms (or dads) could pick out specific gifts for their children.

Since Holiday Joy began in 2007,

*888 clients and children have been helped

*\$88,854.98 worth of presents have been given.

*over 8500 hours of community support have been donated.

Soroptimist International of Sequim has participated in Holiday Joy since 2009.

~Pat Willis, Awards and Scholarships Chair, and Kathleen DeJong



Kathleen DeJong presents the Ruby Award to Beverly Hoffman



“When a family is free of abuse and oppression, it can be the place where we share our deepest secrets and stand the most exposed, a place where we learn to feel distinct without being “better,” and sacrifice for others without losing ourselves.” ~*Letty Cottin Pogrebin*

AIMING HIGH

My mother read to me from the time I was born. She read all sorts of books to me, and as I grew up I developed a deep love of reading from her. So when Krista Chatters, the Literary Specialist from Greywolf Elementary approached our Soroptimist Club about volunteers to read with fourth and fifth grade girls, I signed up along with about 20 other members. After a background check and a very helpful introduction to the reading program, I was assigned a student to read with twice a week, about 45 minutes per session.



Jeanne Martin with her student Cierra Pate.

I arrive at Greywolf, sign in at the office, get a visitor's badge, and meet my student at her classroom. We walk down the hall to the library, find a couple of chairs, and settle in to read. My student says that she also loves to read. She reads well, but a little faster than she should. She works hard to pronounce new words that we encounter, and I help her with those. After she knows how to pronounce a word we discuss the meaning, and use examples of how the word can be used.

After we have finished a book, my student goes to one of the many computers in the library and takes a short test on the book she has completed. I sit with her while she takes the tests, watching her choose from the multiple-choice responses to gauge her comprehension of the new words in the book as well as the story line. When she has read particularly well, I have a supply of stickers that she can choose one from for a reward for the day (stickers seem to be very popular.).

My total commitment is less than two hours per week, and they are two of the most enjoyable hours in my week. Even though I have no particular teaching skills, the time I spend with my student seems to make a positive difference in her ability to read and comprehend. The students also seem to enjoy having the individual attention that the volunteers provide.

~Jeanne Martin



“What is a teacher? I’ll tell you: it isn’t someone who teaches something, but someone who inspires the student to give of her best in order to discover what she already knows.” ~*Paulo Coelho*

“A child... who has learned from fairy stories to believe that what at first seemed a repulsive, threatening figure can magically change into a most helpful friend is ready to believe that a strange child whom he meets and fears may also be changed from a menace into a desirable companion.”
~*Bruno Bettelheim*



REACHING NEW HEIGHTS THROUGH DIGNITY OF SERVICE

Where did that come from? And what's all this with the giraffe?? Those of you who attended installation have heard the story, but for the rest of you, here it is:

I was my current height in 7th grade—taller than most all the boys and all but one other girl in my junior high class in Montana. AND, my maiden name was GRAFF. So giraffe became a nickname and for me and for other tall family members before me and since. Giraffes have become somewhat of a family mascot.

When I was contemplating a theme, brainstorming with Kathy Purcell and bouncing ideas off her, I knew that I wanted to incorporate giraffes in some way. At the Region Conference in Vancouver, I heard the phrase “reaching new heights” during someone’s presentation and knew that was what I’d been looking for.

The “integrity of service” portion is, of course, part of our pledge. But there was a thank you note written by Beverly Hoffman that pointed to the importance of the integrity of our service to non-members and the general public. What Beverly wrote says it all:

“As I looked through the Soroptimist roster, I see you pledge yourself to ‘the dignity of service’ and the ‘sincerity of friendship’. These two attributes merge and seem to be so powerful that they truly change others. I’ve watched enough of you interact together to have seen this again and again... both within your organization as well as outward to our community.”

Now you have “the rest of the story!”

~President Jane



“Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny.” ~Carl Schurz



MARKETING MEMBERSHIP IN THE SUMMER AIRE

The membership committee could use some more members. If you haven't signed up for a committee, you might think about joining us. We are most active when planning an orientation for new members. However, this summer we are going to have a table at the Open Aire Market in Sequim on the following dates: **July 18, August 15** and **September 19**.

We will be meeting and greeting folks during the day, and handing out \$1 coupons to use toward a 1 pound box of candies from Heather Creek. We could use some help in July and September. Please let me know if you are interested.

While you are out and about this summer, tell women about our club. In a recent survey, members revealed what they are looking for in an organization. Nearly **75%** indicated they sought “friendship and fellowship” and “being with other like-minded women.”

A personal connection to our mission enticed **68%** of women, while **63%** of those surveyed hoped to gain leadership and personal development opportunities. And, **62%** were looking for hands-on opportunities to do volunteer work.

These are probably some of the reasons that you joined. I believe that we provide all those pieces in our club. As with any club these days, though, we can always use fresh ideas and enthusiastic new members.

Please consider joining the membership committee as we work toward recruitment and maintaining the wonderful members we currently have.

Sandy Lawrence, Membership Chair



AIM High ...Reach for the Stars!



...Heart Kids Rag Doll Project

Early in July, the **Boys & Girls Club of Sequim** was the scene of two fun-filled days for ten 4th & 5th grade girls who participated in the **Heart Kids Rag Doll Project!** This outreach activity is designed to promote a sense of community service among the participants, as well as to offer comfort to children in need/crisis, as the finished dolls were donated to **Healthy Families of Clallam County** for distribution to children in their shelters.

The girls completed their dolls by stuffing pre-sewn bodies, drawing faces and sewing on hair. Names such as **Clementine**, **Princess Cutie**, **Friday** and **Bobby (the only boy!)** were written on the back of each doll's head next to a **red heart**. A personal note of encouragement from the **designer** was included with each doll.



- *I am sorry for the trouble you are in, so I hope this doll will help you make it better.*
- *This doll has faith in you.*
- *Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know which one you're going to get.*
- *Do you know which one you got? A special one!*

Daryl Trowbridge from **Healthy Families of Clallam County** supported our community service focus by explaining to the girls how their gifts will provide children in need with a **cuddly friend to love**.

"A beloved doll's voice speaks directly to your soul in a way that cannot be explained in words." ~Gayle Wray

...AIM High Book Club

The **AIM High Book Club** got off to a great start reading **Because of Winn-Dixie** by Kate DiCamillo. Three girls attended our first meeting, facilitated by Elaine Churchill and Sandy Lawrence. We first looked at the front cover and predicted what the story would be about, then talked about our favorite pets. We read the first three chapters together. The girls will read up to Chapter Seven this week on their own. Next week we will talk about what we read, and then create a story map and character map. Hopefully we'll also have time to read some chapters together.



We will meet every Thursday from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the **Boys and Girls Club**. Sandy and I really enjoyed meeting the girls and are looking forward to spending more time with them.



Thank you to the eleven Soroptimists who helped with Heart Kids & AIM High Book Club!

The adults were having as much fun as the girls, if not more.

Amanda Beitzel, Elaine Churchill, Missy Church-Smith



"A book is a garden, an orchard, a storehouse, a party, a company by the way, a counselor, a multitude of counselors."

~Charles Baudelaire



LET'S KEEP ON TRUCKIN'

Last week Su Howatt and Jeani Penn worked diligently to move unwanted medical equipment to the All Safe Storage unit. They found deluxe cruisers that had faulty brakes, canes that couldn't be adjusted for height and other supplies that needed repairs.

I was approached by Dr. and Mrs. Ed Hopfner when they had packed over 50 boxes with supplies and medical journals—it was time to arrange a shipment. Gateway Medical Alliance contacted the trucking company that comes here to pick up everything we have collected. We don't have much flexibility/time to get a cadre together since Gateway sends the request for a truck to be dispatched and Crate Tech provides the day when we can expect them. On Thursday, the driver called from Discovery Bay to let us know approximately when to meet them so I was at least able to narrow the pick-up time to 'early to mid- afternoon.' That's the logistical plan that we work with and when I found the attached "story"; it made all the efforts more rewarding.

This story was sent from one of the children's therapy center directors about a young American boy. Gateway Medical Alliance published this touching article on their webpage.



"His name is Lucas. I did not remember meeting him before. However, he acted like that did not matter as he pulled up his pant legs to show me the camouflaged plastic and nylon braces that fit inside his shoes. Lucas approached me matter-of-factly showing me how he wanted to help. Most of us have no idea what it is like to have a serious physical handicap, but Lucas does. Each time he has outgrown his shoes and braces, he has put them in a box along with the special memories he and his family shared. As we stood in the hall and talked, his mom joined us asking, 'Did Lucas tell you what he wants to do?' It was then I learned he wanted us to have his box of braces for the kids at our center.

"I could end the story here, but I would be leaving out the most important part. As his mom described how he'd decided to give away something so very special to him—something that was with him daily—she related how he had cried. When he packed them in the box, he'd relive the stories and memories. Most importantly, I realized that what Lucas was doing was very rare in this world. He was giving sacrificially and it hurt. I don't think he understood the concepts of *sacrifice*, *donation*, or *giving* in ways adults usually think about them. I think his understanding was better. He understood that someone he'd never met needed something that he could give. Though the items in his box are special to him—even irreplaceable—his desire to help led to his choice to give. May more of us give sacrificially, as Lucas has done."

Thousands of Moroccans have needs like Lucas, but no way to meet them. It was recently reported that fewer than 30% of Moroccans have health insurance. Gateway Medical Alliance ships medical supplies and equipment to fulfill many of these unmet needs. Soroptimist helps to change lives, change families and change communities.

I would like to thank Su Howatt, Jeani Penn, Dr. & Mrs. Ed Hopfner, Crate Tech employees—Alex and Daniel—and my friends Larry and John who made this shipment a reality and dream come true for the recipients.

~Colleen Blazier, for MLC



"The wise man does not lay up his own treasure. The more he gives to others, the more he has for his own." ~Lao Tzu

LUCKY STAR HAS HOT DEALS

Hot is the word of the day or maybe the word of the month. We just set a record for heat for the month of June, but I am talking about the hot deals at Lucky Star. You can purchase anything from a pair of great shorts to a colorful summer blouse, and not burn a hole in your pocket. Lucky Star carries jeans, tops, cocktail dresses, shoes, children's clothing—and even wedding attire. If clothing is not on your list perhaps it is a unique piece of furniture or jewelry! If buying is not on your agenda, then donating what you cleaned out of the winter wardrobe might be. Donations by Soroptimist members benefit our organization. We receive a percentage of the sales on anything donated and sold. If you have clothing to donate, contact me at 360-460-5522 or ljk1551@live.com and I will arrange to pick up. The donation of furniture must receive pre-approval by Kate, owner of Lucky Star with the donor providing transportation. She doesn't always have room and it based on room availability. Happy Shopping or Donating!



~Linda Klinefelter, Lucky Star Chair



“Secondhand pieces have the most soul.” ~Kate Angell

SEE'S SEEN ON DISPLAY

While most of the club members are off on vacations, working in their gardens, or just enjoying the beautiful weather, See's sales at Heather Creek are still going strong. This is due in part to the continued support from Becky and Danielle at Heather Creek—our star saleswomen. Both Becky and Danielle treat See's as if it were making them money. They are patient and courteous with our customers, treating them as though they were purchasing items which would increase the store's profitability. They take special request orders, and follow through until the sale is complete. I couldn't ask for better partners in the retail part of this endeavor. We did present them with a Certificate of Appreciation, which really seemed to be genuinely appreciated. Becky said that no one has ever done that for them before and was very pleased with this recognition.

A new display case was purchased, which I believe has also helped increase the sales of See's items. The candy is more visible to people browsing, and is more eye-appealing than when displayed on the previous shelves. I would like to thank Deb Carlson, for using her creative talent, and precious time, to refurbish the bookcase and make it look so wonderful. After Deb's amazing transformation of an old, ugly shelving unit, the new improved version fits perfectly with the décor of Heather Creek. Also, I would like to thank everyone who has picked up candy from the Federal Way and Lynnwood stores. It would be much harder to control inventory without these pickups—especially having to deal with shipping. Thanks to all the See's committee ladies and non-committee ladies who worked the various sales throughout the year. You have all contributed to the phenomenal success that See's has had. I'm very proud to say that See's has more than doubled its net income from last year!! I am currently working on some new venues to sell See's and am hoping for a great 2015-2016 with See's sales.



~Sandy Hutter, See's Candies



GALA GARDEN SHOW 2016

A few updates regarding the 18th annual Garden Show

We put out the call for a volunteer to take on the role of Vendor Co-Chair and Barbara Thompson responded! Thank you, Barb! The Core Committee is now full and we have a great team in place to guide us to another GREAT show!!



We are still seeking an Art Coordinator for the 2017 Garden Show—if you are so inspired, let us know.

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



WITH GRATITUDE

Dear Soroptimists,

You ladies change the world with the energy you extend to others. It ripples out into our community and blesses people. I know it firsthand because you have extended incredible strength to me and I am changed because of you.

Sometimes I worry about you all because you are so generous with your time and resources that you might not give yourselves enough time and space to refuel. I think it must be the times you gather together that you somehow generate enough energy that you all leave renewed and ready to hit the floor running again.

Soroptimists have been major sponsors of Holiday Joy. I can't imagine organizing this project without your help. I'm especially indebted to Kathleen De Jong who has been my Johnny-on-the-Spot and the intermediary between your organization and me. Others of you have been sponsors and have helped at Family Day...and some of you have done so year after year. Jane Manzer is the classy lady who gave me the idea for Holiday Joy because I watched her organize Christmas House at her church with such integrity and love. I learned from her even when she didn't realize she was teaching me.

You were most generous in awarding the Ruby Award to me. It is really your award because of the hearts each of you have and are willing to share with others. On behalf of Healthy Families, I thank you for the \$500.00 which I've passed on to the agency.

My best wishes as you begin a new year where you will again focus on service. I know we will again join hands and work in our community where there is still much work to do.

Thank you for the award and for inviting me to share breakfast with you.

Sincerely,
Beverly Hoffman



Dear Soroptimists,

Thank you for believing in me and granting me a wonderful scholarship to help me through college.

Rikki Parr

“We learned about gratitude and humility—that so many people had a hand in our success, from the teachers who inspired us to the janitors who kept our school clean... and we were taught to value everyone’s contribution and treat everyone with respect. ~Michelle Obama



AWARD WINNING



Club Women of Distinction Award Recipient Jeanne Martin



President's Award Recipient Kate Creasey



INSTALLATION DINNER



NEW LEADERSHIP



New Board (missing Jeani Penn and Paulette Hil)



Passing of the Gavel to the new President



Stuffed Animals for each board member



Razzi












Gift to Outgoing President Sandy








Giraffe's can't dance—or can they?

More photos at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/108582458@N03/sets/72157654555575222>

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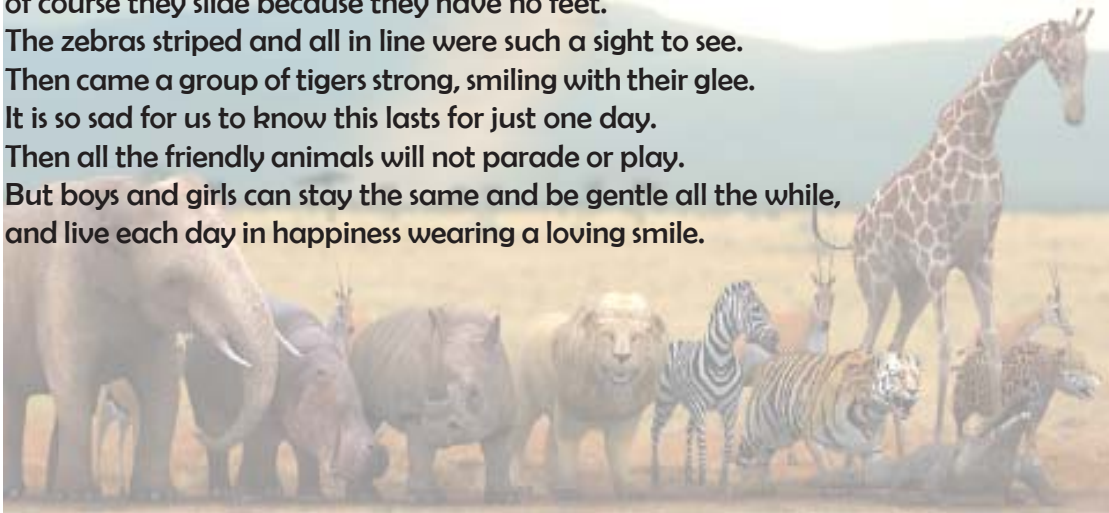
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The Parade by Wayne H. Colegate

The animals left the zoo one day to have a big parade.
The plans for all and rules to follow had previously been made.
The elephants led the grand array trunk to tail they were,
while lions followed in a pride, glistening up their fur.
The monkeys hitched on giraffes, sitting upon their backs,
then the hyenas laughing hard came running in noisy packs.
The snakes they slithered down the crowded street,
of course they slide because they have no feet.
The zebras striped and all in line were such a sight to see.
Then came a group of tigers strong, smiling with their glee.
It is so sad for us to know this lasts for just one day.
Then all the friendly animals will not parade or play.
But boys and girls can stay the same and be gentle all the while,
and live each day in happiness wearing a loving smile.



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throughout the world.*

To A Woman Making A Difference For Women