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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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**“Awareness without  
action is worthless.”**

**~Phil McGraw**

## Message from the President

In addition to our Gala Garden Show happening this month, this is the month of International Women’s Day (IWD). March 8 has been designated the day to celebrate social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women and many social media discussions and events are ongoing between January 1 and March 8 each year. When exploring the variety of events going on, I found this description of IWD on the United Nations site:

*“International Women’s Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.”*

What kinds of events are being held? In the UK, an “I Am Visible” Careers Fair in Nottingham and a Women’s Festival in Derby; in Hong Kong a Gala Women’s Lunch; and in Toronto there are 10 events the first week of March—including a takeover of a women’s climbing gym for a dance party, a special event with Ontario’s Premier Kathleen Wynne as the keynote speaker, and a theater event with stage performances by female actors.

Since joining Soroptimist in December 2001 (yes, I’ll become a “Golden Girl” this year), I’ve become more aware of the lack of education opportunities for women in many parts of the world, the economic disparity, the cultural challenges many women and girls face, the crimes against women around the world, and all that goes along with those situations. But I’ve also become more aware of the victories, the contributions, the bravery, the resolve, and the determination of women all over the world, in the face of all the challenges. I also make note of and like to support women-owned businesses and buy products made by women-owned corporations (like Seattle Chocolates :>)

It’s with that awareness of all of the challenges women face that we of SI Sequim seek to make life better for women and girls in our community—and in other places of the world. Ordinary women doing extraordinary things. We fundraise with vigor, so we can reach more and do more each year. Keep it up, friends—keep educating yourselves on women throughout the world, stay creative in your efforts to raise funds, keep serving with dignity, and keep reaching higher!

President Jane



## Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

How many times have we smiled at someone and gotten a smile in return? A smile is a statement in a universal language. It is an unspoken word that speaks loudly of caring. It creates a connection that everyone understands, no matter what age, no matter how green someone may feel.

Speaking of green, what comes to mind when we hear the word green? Maybe it is Kermit the frog, or maybe it is St. Patrick's Day. No blarney here, it is March—the month in which St. Patrick's Day is celebrated.

Green is also the color of new growth. We've been seeing that a lot here recently as spring is making an early appearance. No surprise, it was predicted by Punxsutawney Phil last month when he didn't see his shadow. He saw his shadow last year, so this is no repeat of Groundhog Day. Beyond a shadow of a doubt, spring is turning up in view.

As our thoughts turn to spring they also turn to our annual Gala Garden Show. It's not only OUR thoughts—after 17 years the thoughts of those in our community are also turning to our Garden Show. It's no secret people plan to attend because they enjoy coming to look, listen and learn. Instead of the three R's it is the 3 L's.

The planning of the 2016 show began almost immediately after the 2015 show ended. Many members have already spent many hours on this show that is ours. It all culminates the third weekend this month. This year we truly usher in the season of spring because Sunday of the show is the first day of spring. Although the preparation and orchestration of the show is work, it is also fun. Soroptimists are great at putting FUN in FUNdraising. Even our new members—who may seem to be green—are springing into action and enhancing the experience for everyone. We'll have even more chances to share smiles and connect with others the weekend of the show.

As we march through the month we will also see some of those green members stepping forward to take on leadership roles on our board and on committees. As one of the Golden Girls (15+ years as a Soroptimist), I smile and welcome the new ideas and energy. Committee sign-up sheets will be available at upcoming meetings. Whether you are green, a Golden Girl, or somewhere in between—look inside yourself and think about what makes you smile and where you'd like to serve.

March also brings International Women's Day. As Soroptimists we work to improve the lives of women and girls every day. What we do matters—a lot! Sometimes speaking about Soroptimist I get a frog in my throat. Getting choked up is temporary. Passion is difficult to reign in. I am grateful to Soroptimist for the many opportunities it offers for me to reach higher through dignity of service. Thinking of you, I smile.

Light and Love,  
Kathy Purcell, Editor



**“The work an unknown good man has done is like a vein of water flowing hidden underground, secretly making the ground green.” ~Thomas Carlyle**

## CALENDAR

### MARCH

- 4 Board Meeting
- 8 Business Meeting
- 19-20 GARDEN SHOW
- \*29 POTLUCK Dinner Celebration

### APRIL

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

### \*EVENING MEETING



**“Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions.”  
~Oliver Wendell Holmes**



**“Start where you are. Distant fields always look greener, but opportunity lies right where you are. Take advantage of every opportunity of service.” ~Robert Collier**

# Celebrate Life!

## MARCH

- 21 Laura Rundle
- 28 Kathryn Pacelli

## APRIL

- 2 Louella Hanson
- 7 Gloria Robinson



Note the phone number for our  
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

**504-0231**



## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

It is **BUDGET TIME**  
Remember to get  
your Committee's  
budget to  
Treasurer Karen.

## Come to the Garden Show Party

**A Potluck**  
**March 29, 2016**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Kathryn Pacelli's Home**



The After the Garden Show Potluck will be at Kathryn Pacelli's home on March 29 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage. The Garden Show Co-Chairs will give a wrap-up report on the Gala Garden Show. There is no need to sign-up—just come, relax, and have some fun social time to celebrate after all our hard work.

Slate of 2016-2017 Officer and Board Members  
to be announced at the March Business Meeting.

## 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

### HELPING WOMEN LIVE THEIR DREAM

The Live Your Dream Award, being the signature program for Soroptimist International, was well represented for the year 2015. Carla Sebastian and Christine Arriola were introduced at our February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting as recipients of \$2,000 awards.



The award is granted to a woman who has primary financial responsibility for her family and is enrolled in or accepted to a vocational skills training program or undergraduate degree program.

Carla Sebastian will complete her studies through Kaplan University for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security. Carla is a single mother juggling parenthood, fulltime job and college studies.

Christine Arriola is pursuing a Bachelor of Applied Science at Peninsula College, and has struggled through multiple medical and financial difficulties, yet maintaining her educational goals and remaining an inspiration to her children.



Education is what we do, and we are pleased to support these amazing women as they strive to improve their lives through education leading to gainful employment and independence.

~Betty Osborn, LYD Chair



### GIRLS OF THE MONTH



Hi, I'm **Kaylen Barber**, a senior at Sequim High School. My main interest and passion is art, and I'm planning on entering a couple of upcoming art shows in the area. In relation to that, my plans for the future so far revolve around a

career as a graphic artist or illustrator after attending a university.

Additionally, I'm interested in areas of social justice, particularly LGBT+ activism. I'm the president of the Gay-Straight Alliance club at SHS, and try to educate my peers and help to bridge a gap between the LGBT+ and straight communities."



**Megan O'Mera** is a senior at Sequim high and is actively involved in our community. She is a hardworking student and enjoys volunteering and golf. She is president of her class and served as last year's Irrigation Festival Queen.

### 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 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](http://www.sisequim.org).

~Pat Willis, Awards and Scholarships Co-Chair



**"Questioning is the door of knowledge."  
~Irish Proverb**



## A.I.M. HIGH...REACH FOR THE STARS

The *AIM High Team* will soon meet with *Greywolf* and *Helen Haller Elementary* staff to begin planning for our *2016 Partnership*. We are in the process of reviewing goals, expectations and activities - focusing on a *Win-Win* format for students and our members.



*Elaine* *Helen Haller Coordinator*

My book club will finish before the end of March. Esperanza Rising, set in the 1930s depression era, is about working in a migrant camp in California. It's been a very *challenging* book with advanced vocabulary for 5th grade, but we are persevering and the girls are really enjoying the story.

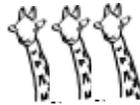


*Amanda* *Greywolf Coordinator*

Gloria Robinson will lead three 5th grade girls in a four week discussion of Cloud Climber by local author, Gene Bradbury. Gene will be invited to meet with the girls for questions and answers on the last day of book club. Many thanks to all the tutors who continue to meet with their girls.

We will keep you posted on progress with schedules and school information.  
Many thanks for your enthusiasm and continuing support!

*The AIM High Team ~ Amanda, Elaine & Missy*



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“It is necessary to be concerned about the importance of educating a really beautiful human spirit.” ~*Shinichi Suzuki*

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## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



Current requests from the Boys & Girls Club include the following:

- 1 student bus pass
- liquid body wash
- deodorant
- shampoo
- toothbrushes

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 1st March meeting 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



## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

### ELAINE BRADFORD



We (my husband Richard and I) came to Sequim in December, 2014 for the perfect weather and have not been disappointed. I'm a retired Public Information and Recruitment Officer from the California Department of Transportation...a job I truly

loved. Originally from the greater Los Angeles area, we have also lived in the Lake Arrowhead and High Desert areas of Southern California before relocating to Northern California for nearly 20 years. We are blessed with 2 grown children, 3 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and a 6-yr. old yellow Labrador Retriever named Max. Although we're in the process of renovating our 1975 ranch-style home in Blyn (major effort), I'm also anxious to contribute to my new community, a community that I've observed this past year as having a huge capacity for giving, a fact that makes me even happier that we chose Sequim as our new home.

I look forward to being a productive member of Soroptimist International of Sequim, getting a lot accomplished, making new friends, and having a whole bunch of fun.

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### LINDA CHAPMAN



I am a Colorado native. I have lived in Sequim for five years. We discovered Sequim while on vacation. Previously we resided in Princeville, Hawaii, and Boulder, Colorado, where we raised our son, Colin. Ned and I have been married 45 years and

have a son—soon to be married. We have two kitties: Pat and Annie, both born in Hawaii. I have been a professional ceramicist for over 40 years. I create sculptural and functional ceramics and have been teaching for many years. I taught competitive high-speed driving skills for Rocky Mountain Region of the Porsche Club of America and served as Chief Instructor. I am a docent and gift show curator at the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center. My passions include fine art, fine craft and music.

I am so happy to be invited to join this group! I so enjoy your company!

### MAUREEN GEBBIA



I have been fortunate to have had two wonderfully successful careers, of which I am proud. I enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1972 and retired as a Chief Petty Officer in 1994. My Navy career took me to Maryland, Florida, Connecticut, Maine, Scotland

and Italy. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Navy and very grateful for the opportunity to serve during some very difficult times, not to mention the wonderful places I was fortunate enough to have been stationed.

After my Navy career, I went back to work for the Navy as a civilian at Fort Meade, Maryland. I worked as an office manager until my final retirement in December 2014. I sold my home and everything in it and moved to Sequim in May 2015 with two suitcases. What a way to retire—fresh start in a new and beautiful place. Now I enjoy exploring new places and trails in the area and ready to spread my wings as a member of Soroptimist International of Sequim with some very awesome ladies.

I have one son and one cat who have also relocated from Maryland to Sequim.

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### SARA ELLEN PETERSON



I have worn several hats in the course of fundraising which I thoroughly enjoy! As my career was in sales, I enjoy people and working with others to achieve a common goal. I support conservation of the natural world. The best piece of advice I

received was from my mother who encouraged her children to be especially kind and generous with those less fortunate.

Inspiration! As a new hire with Qantas Airway in 1970, I was sent to Sydney, Australia. After a month of training and under the auspices of Qantas, I chose to spend a week in Papua New Guinea. It was during this amazing journey visiting a very primitive country that inspired me to explore as many remote regions of the world as soon as possible before “civilization” changed them. My interests include classical and choral music, reading, walking and old movies.

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**Correction:** the correct email for Gena Royal is [genaroyal@gmail.com](mailto:genaroyal@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to three new members; Sara Ellen Peterson, Maureen Gebbia, and Elaine Bradford We have invited nine new members to join our club so far this year. It is very exciting to see the interest in our good works bubbling up.

All of our new members have said they want to work hard. I'll bet they will get the opportunity to test the waters at our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Garden Show. This event portrays how well we all work together for one common good; the education and empowerment of women and girls.

Another opportunity following the Gala Garden Show is the VIP Luncheon. We put out a continental breakfast and a light lunch for the parade royalty. Each city participating brings their queen and princesses inside to put on their gowns and grab a bite to eat before the parade starts. We host the Grand Pioneers, too. This year, our very own Mayme Faulk is a 121<sup>st</sup> Irrigation Festival Grand Pioneer. The planning for this will begin shortly after the Garden Show. In addition to your help working the event, we are looking for a VIP Luncheon Deputy Chair. Jeani Penn, our VIP luncheon Chair has agreed to kick off the planning, but would really love to pass the baton to someone new this year. New members, this is an opportunity for you to represent our "dignity of service" by volunteering to work at this event.

We will be holding a new member orientation on March 8 at the Solana recreation building. If you missed going to an orientation when you joined, send me a note telling me you'd like to attend.

~Sandy Lawrence, Membership Chair



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*"Free yourself from the complexities and drama of your life. Simplify. Look within. Within ourselves we all have the gifts and talents we need to fulfill the purpose we've been blessed with." ~Steve Maraboli*

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## OUR SPONSORED SISTER IN SUDAN

I would like to introduce you to our sponsored sister, Sadia Betty Al-baji. She is a 40 year old woman, married, with one child. Her photo is of a tall, physically strong looking woman. She lives in a village named Girili Boma in the Republic of South Sudan. She joined Women For Women to—in her words—“get knowledge since I didn’t attend to classes before.”

In the last few months, Betty has been in health and wellness classes. Over the next several months, she will continue to learn methods of prevention and treatment of key health issues for herself and her family members. Betty’s class will focus on the concept of health as an essential human right. This is a crucial starting point for women who live in areas where poor nutrition and preventable diseases are a part of everyday life. She will learn basic skills, nutritional information, sanitation and disease prevention.

Many of the women in this program are survivors of great violence, suffering and loss. Women and girls in South Sudan are statistically more likely to die in childbirth than complete primary education. Violence and instability are prevalent in much of the country, forcing nearly a million people to flee their homes and putting women at risk of further violence.

The classes Betty and the other women attend are designed to be their safe haven. This may be the first time they are able to discuss and deal with the trauma that they have been living with. Our sister will learn to recognize stress as a normal reaction to the events she has experienced, develop tools for coping with her symptoms, and be given access to resources for additional help if needed.

Betty will learn about communicable diseases, sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/AIDS, sexual reproductive health, mental health and environmental health. In addition, she will learn about pregnancy, infant care, family planning and hygiene.

I have sent Betty three letters describing our club, our community, our hopes for her education. It’s difficult to word a letter to someone with so little when we have so much, and not sound “other worldly.” Any ideas on topics to tell her about would be appreciated!

~Deb Carlson



Some Sudanese Women

## MLC RETURN APPEARANCES

The MLC Committee met in February at Su Howat's home to discuss the issue of getting our equipment returned after being loaned out. Several great ideas were suggested, but we are starting with trying to contact the clients for a return, and this seems to be working. Deb Carlson did yeoman's duty during her week on duty and made many, many calls. We now have equipment in the closet to loan out to others who need it. Another upside is that grateful clients are making donations when they return the equipment—and we are closer to having enough contributions to cover our yearly expenses. Thanks to all our wonderful MLC members and a special thanks to Deb.



~Sally Sue Barry, MLC Co-Chair



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## MUJERES UPDATE

Dear Soroptimist Sisters,

I spent two weeks in Chiapas the end of January and beginning of February. The 100 toothbrushes that came from you were well-received, as usual. See photo of our coordinator Carmen distributing them. The hard glasses cases were very much needed this time as we had partnered up with Restoring Vision, who sent us 100 pairs of reading glasses of different strengths. The older women were extremely happy with the glasses, because their handiwork and needle-threading becomes increasingly difficult with age. I will be traveling back to Chiapas in August, and so far we have about 20 toothbrushes. Thanks in advance for helping us make the 100 goal again.



We are starting two new programs. One is our 4th Children's Program, and we are very excited about it. It will be run by three of our scholarship recipients. The new program will be located about five hours from San Cristobal, and Linda and I are already making arrangements to get there in the summer. It is the one location where we will have to spend the night when we want to observe the program.

For more information on what I did on my trip, and on the new programs, please go to our website ([www.MujeresDeMaizOF.org](http://www.MujeresDeMaizOF.org)) and click on "our blog", and then on "scholarships" and then on "projects."

Thank you to those who attended our Mexican Breakfast on March 6.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Gala Garden Show!

Happy Spring,  
Judith Pasco, Board Chair, Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation  
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## Velkommen tie Little Norway—Area Meeting—9:00 a.m.

On an exceptionally beautiful Saturday, February 20, 2015, six Sequim Soroptimist sisters attended the Area Meeting. Missy Church-Smith, Sandy Lawrence, Jane Manzer, Kathy Purcell, Gena Royal, and yours truly, Kathryn Pacelli, joined the hosts, SI Greater North Kitsap in the Poulsbo City Hall. The Poulsbo Mayor, Becky Erickson, gave a welcome speech and talked about women in politics.



This meeting was well run, on time and offered great discussion questions for the attendees. Some of the topics were:

Contributions to SIA—several clubs gave 10% but others wanted to keep the monies raised in their local community.

Membership recruiting and retention of current members—I related how successful our “Golden Girls” and “Silver Sisters” recognition program is.

Live Your Dream Award—Suggestions on how to attract quality candidates were discussed. It was suggested that if clubs have a lot of candidates they should share them with a club which has none Dream it, Be it—It was suggested to partner with other local clubs.

Nancy Buechner, our District 1 Director, gave us a report on the district happenings. The president of each club in the district gave a five- minute summary of the club’s events and successes. Our club made the centerpieces (thank you Kate Creasy!).

This was followed by a box lunch and of course the raffle for gift baskets. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

~Kathryn Pacelli, President-elect



View more photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/108582458@N03/sets/72157664362757150/with/24810124049/>

### GRANT FRIENDSHIP VISITOR SARA NILSSON

SI Sequim will be hosting **Sara Nilsson** from **Sweden** sometime between April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup> as she travels among the Northwest Washington Soroptimist Clubs. While she is here we are responsible to house, feed, entertain and transport her as our guest. The Grant of Friendship Program is a Soroptimist exchange as well as a cultural exchange. She is here to learn about us and our area. I am working with our Northwest Region to learn more about which dates she will be with our club and once I have those dates we hope to host a gathering and invite members of other Peninsula clubs to join us for an evening potluck. In addition, I need a volunteer who can house her during her stay. Once we know where her interests are, we can arrange for her to tour our area and participate in specific local activities. She will likely not be with us for a club meeting so we hope as many members as possible can join us for the evening. We usually have the opportunity for a Grant of Friendship visitor every other year so this is an infrequent opportunity to get to know a Soroptimist from another country.



Please contact Jeanne Martin 683-1125 to let me know if you are able to help with the hosting of our visitor or will be able to help with the transportation between clubs.

~Jeanne Martin, Grant of Friendship Chair





## GARDEN SHOW COUNTDOWN

LESS than 2 weeks to go Ladies! Signs have been deployed, posters have been posted, and Flower Power t-shirts are at the ready. A few things to remember as the show nears, AND some tips for the days of the show:



- **Yard Signs**—Magnetic signs—The weeks leading up to the show is our opportunity “spread the word,” “get the word out,” “create a buzz”—in other words— PROMOTE our fabulous Garden Show! If you wish to get one of these signs, please let Elaine or Jan know, they will make sure you get one. Be sure you obtain permission to erect a sign if not on your own property.
- **Pre-Sale Tickets** are now available to purchase for \$5—a nice gift to give someone special. We will have them at the next meeting.
- **Parking**—one of our biggest problems! When you come before show hours, you can park anywhere. By 8:45 on Sat. & 9:45 Sun., you **MUST** move your car away from the Club parking lot. Use Helen Haller, the high school . . . anywhere you can find that is NOT the Boys & Girls Club parking lot!
- During the show members are required to wear a **FLOWER POWER t-shirt**. These shirts identify us as “the ladies in charge” to our vendors and the attending public. We are there not only to woman our post, but to assist where needed. We’d like everyone to wear their name badges.
- And probably MOST important, when you don your Flower Power t-shirt on Sat., be sure to also don **your smiles and enthusiasm**. If you forget, I know it’s only temporary because when you set foot in the door at the Boys & Girls Club on Sat., they seem to envelop you automatically. There is something **magical** about seeing the vast Club transformed into a garden wonderland—and that alone will put a smile on your face. The enthusiasm we will get from each other. I know it’s hard work, but the fun we have together is also **magical!** It’s an opportunity to get to know one another a little bit better; for new members to learn “the ropes,” and for seasoned members to teach “the ropes.”

This is our biggest event of the year! Let’s make it fun, interesting, fun, profitable, and FUN!!!

~Elaine Churchill & Jan Chapman



“Gardening is about enjoying the smell of things growing in the soil, getting dirty without feeling guilty, and generally taking the time to soak up a little peace and serenity.” ~Lindley Karstens

## LUCKY WAY TO MAKE ROOM FOR A NEW WARDROBE

Spring is in the air! Daffodils, hyacinths and tulips are popping up all over. Even my camellia bush is in full glory. The essence of spring suggests some of you might be updating your spring wardrobe. If that is the case and you are downsizing last year's items and bringing in the new, send the old to Lucky Star. Give me a call and I will be happy to pick up your donations.

Just a note to all our **new members**...Lucky Star is a consignment shop in Sequim. Our members often donate their used clothing to this shop, which in turn benefits Soroptimist. If you have something you would like to donate, give me a call.



~Linda Klinefelter, Lucky Star Chair



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## SEE'S CANDIES

While January was a bit slow, after our great holiday sales, February immediately started to go back to normal. Many people in Sequim had a very sweet Valentine's Day based on the amount of chocolate that was sold.



We completely sold out of chocolate and had only a few other See's items, by Friday, February 12th. It would have been nice for the club and the loyal customers we had, if we could have provided additional candy, but getting candy picked up is getting more difficult, and since it was a last minute rush, having a delivery arrive in time was not possible either.

~Sandy Hutter, See's Chair



*"You'll never plough a field by turning it over in your mind." ~Irish Proverb*

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## GALA GIFT SHOW—2016

The other GGS (hint: not "garden") is already gearing up! Yes, that's correct. The **Gala Garden Show** hasn't even happened, and the Gala **Gift Show** has started. Deborah Carlson and Amala Kuster are the 2016 show chairs. Linda Collins Chapman, Laura Rundle and Kathy Purcell have stepped up to work on the vendor committee. We're off to a good start!

In order to keep the Gala Gift Show on the top of everyone's shopping experience, we need your help in acquiring upscale, "new" vendors. Remember, it's a juried show, limiting the number of jewelers, fused glass artists, potters, etc. So as you visit out of town shows, talk us up to interesting vendors and leave a club card or our contact info.



~Deb Carlson and Amala Kuster, 2016 Gala Gift Show Co-Chairs



## EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

Thank you Soroptimists!

You helped make life easier for me. My daughter was able to pick-up some medical equipment at your loan closet. We have returned some, but I still have a walker and shower seat. Soon I'll be able to return these too.

Thanks again!  
Ingrid Lehrer



Dear Betty,

Thank you for your invitation to your Soroptimist breakfast. Sorry I was unable to attend. I am curious who the Live Your Dream Award recipients are. Thanks again for allowing me to get involved in this worthwhile program.

Irene Schmidt  
LYD Judge



Dear Jane, Missy and Crew,

Thank you all so much for your generous donation of winter clothing to our Club's "Care Closet!" The kids so appreciate getting new items when they are often in such need, and your BIG hearts help make that possible!

You guys are the BEST!  
Monica Dixon



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA

*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." ~John F. Kennedy*

*"There are no traffic jams when you go the extra mile." ~Attributed to both Zig Ziglar and Dr. Kenneth McFarland*

### Northwestern Region Conference Service Project

This year our region conference service project will be *Imagine Life Without Violence*. We will focus our attention and fundraising on our own NWR committee and help generate funds for ongoing club grants for projects focused on domestic violence and human trafficking awareness. During Tell and Sell on Friday night attendees will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for twelve (12) fabulous items donated by clubs within our four (4) districts. Individual and club monetary donations will also be accepted for the *Imagine Life Without Violence* fund. For additional information please contact your District Director or District Secretary.



# March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 BOARD MEETING	5
6	7	8 Business Meeting	9	10	11	12
13 	14	15	16	17	18	19 GALA GARDEN SHOW 9:00 am. To 5:00 p.m. 
20 GALA GARDEN SHOW 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 	21 Laura Rundle 	22	23	24	25	26
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## **My Garden Is My Sanctuary**

by: Marie Church

As I look out to my garden  
I feel a sense of pride  
It really is a lovely room  
Except it is outside.

Where lovely things mix and match  
And greenery fills the walls  
The sound of trickling water  
Coming from the gold fish pond.

I love the sight of stones and rocks  
And driftwood and tree ferns too  
The sounds of all my chimes  
I know you would like it too.

With pride I walk around my garden  
And savour each scent and smell  
Colours of yellow, red and gold  
Striped cushion on a bench.

The bird bath has its own domain  
It's placed beside a wooden arch  
Where all the birds come to bathe  
And drink when they are parched.

Ladybirds can hide away  
Sometimes they come out to see  
What's happening around them  
With caterpillars and the bees.

There's not much more that I can say  
Except if you have your own  
It won't take long to build it up  
Seeds will bloom once they are sown.

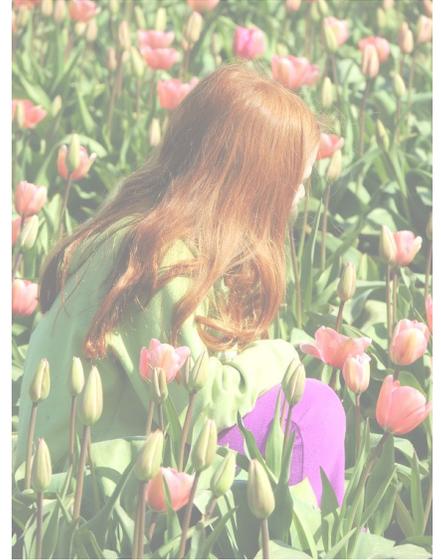


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