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Best for Women

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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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*“Gratitude is when  
memory is stored  
in the heart and  
not in the mind.”  
~ Lionel Hampton*

## Message from the President

I spent a week with writer’s block. Seriously. But it wasn’t because I couldn’t think of anything about which to write. My thoughts were all over the Soroptimist map, but the deadline was looming so the following is my effort to corral some of those thoughts.

Joy. Many aspects of the Region Conference brought me joy. Sharing good times and good food with Sequim friends, getting to know more members from around the region, being able to share some of the time with my sister, hearing about the good things we’re doing in our region and beyond, and enjoying the historic Davenport Hotel in beautiful, downtown Spokane were just a few.

Connections. In case you don’t know this about me, I love connecting people and their passions and I love small world stories just as much. When the two intersect, it’s even better. Thursday night in Spokane, my sister and I visited with friends whose daughter is a freshman in Women’s Studies at the University of Montana—and these friends hoped their daughter could learn more about Soroptimist. Friday morning, I sat down at a table designated for delegates and directly across from me is a delegate from Missoula, a woman who graduated from the U of M with enough credits for a minor in Women’s Studies! When I mentioned the student from Spokane, she shared her business card and offered to take the young woman to lunch and tell her all about Soroptimist.

The other connection came when a Soroptimist from Oak Harbor, whom I’d recently met, brought the Grant of Friendship visitor from Surrey, England over to meet me. The visitor, Maria Walsh, had been an exchange educator at Sequim Middle School over 30 years ago. Since I worked at Sequim Middle School about 25 years ago—and have several Facebook friends who were teachers there—we had great fun recollecting names and getting her back in touch with a couple of the people. One of the teachers I communicated with, aside from remembering Maria and her family, added that he worked at the Davenport Hotel when he was in high school. Small world!

Gratitude. This club has a lot to be grateful for. We have members who have served for over 40 years, members who have been in leadership positions more than once, members who returned to membership after life took them other directions, and members who are committed to leaving a legacy to Soroptimist. And day to day, week to week, month to month, we have members who are doing their part to fulfill our club’s mission. Many hours are spent serving this community, orchestrating fundraisers, tending to the business of the club, and much more. And as you reach higher and higher, to serve more and learn more, you always do it with integrity. For that we are all grateful.

President Jane



*“A mother's happiness is like a beacon, lighting up the future but reflected also on the past in the guise of fond memories.” ~Honoré de Balzac*

## Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

I have been thinking about the word *difference*. What does it mean to *make a difference*? The dictionary says it is “a significant change in or effect on a situation.” As Soroptimists we have many opportunities to make a difference—that is one of the reason many of us have joined Soroptimist.

Last month was the 98<sup>th</sup> Northwestern Region SIA Conference. Eight of our club members attended—including a couple first-timers. Some people might wonder what difference it makes if they go to such meetings. It’s just women getting together to talk about their clubs. Yes, there are workshops—but the topics seem to be the same as in the past. While part of that may be true, just as each one of us is different, so too is what we garner at each meeting. Below are two things that had significant meaning to me.

The keynote speaker was Shabnam Mogharabi, the CEO of SoulPancake. The name SoulPancake is a combination of a word for faith and a word for food. The company was started by Rainn Wilson, an actor in *The Office*, a TV series that ended in 2003. The SoulPancake website states, “We create content, across various platforms, that explores life’s big questions, celebrates humanity, and champions creativity. And we do it with integrity, heart, and humor.” Shabnam showed a few short videos. Then she had us do a couple of exercises.

On the tables that day there were cards with questions on them. For one of the exercises, those seated at the tables paired up. First, one asked the partner a question from the card, then the partner asked the other a question. I was paired with Shelle Paulbitski. The interaction was very intimate; I felt we connected on a deep level. For me, the experience was profound.

I trust we will see SoulPancake exercises incorporated into upcoming meetings. I encourage everyone to checkout their website: <http://soulpancake.com/>. Perhaps there is a SoulPancake Breakfast in our future.

On Sunday morning, SIA Program Manger Nora Blumenstein told us that the staff at Soroptimist International of the Americas headquarters in Pennsylvania chartered their own Soroptimist club. Over my many years as a Soroptimist I have had to contact headquarters a number of times. They have always been very helpful. Now they have a new perspective because they are members themselves. This shows their commitment to Soroptimist and to all of us.

In Math, if we have something and take away part of it, what is left is the difference. According to physics, when our minds observe something, we change that something. It’s called “The Observer Effect.” There were many lessons at the NWR Conference. What I observed had an effect on me—and the takeaways took me away to a new appreciation of our organization and the real difference we make.

Each of us is different, but when we bring our individual talents and passions together, we become stronger. I am grateful to all of you for the difference you make in my life as we reach higher through dignity of service.

Light and Love,  
Kathy Purcell, Editor



“It’s always inspiring to me to meet people who feel that they can make a difference in the world. That’s their motive, that’s their passion...I think that’s what makes your life meaningful, that’s what fills your own heart and that’s what gives you purpose.” ~*Maria Shriver*

## CALENDAR

### MAY

- 6 Board Meeting
- 10 Business Meeting
- 24 Program Meeting  
HS Scholarships,  
Ruby and Violet  
Richardson Awards

### JUNE

- 10 Board Meeting
- 14 Business Meeting
- \*17 Installation

### \*EVENING MEETING



“Each one of us can  
make a difference.  
Together we make change.”  
~*Barbara Mikulski*



“When you encourage others, you in the process are encouraged because you’re making a commitment and difference in that person’s life. Encouragement really does make a difference.” ~*Zig Ziglar*

# Celebrate Life!

## MAY

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

## JUNE

- 1 Vicki McCormack
- 3 Dorothy Ward
- 13 Elaine Churchill
- 19 Linda Chapman
- 27 Barb Thompson



Note the phone number for our  
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

**504-0231**



Suggested changes to the  
ByLaws and Standing Rules  
will be available online soon.  
**Watch your Inbox for a link.**



## A Symphony of Service

### Soroptimist International of Sequim

invites you to join us for the for the 2016-2017

### Installation of Officers and Board

**Friday, June 17, 2016**

**5:30 p.m. Social / 6:30 p.m. Dinner**

Sunland Golf & Country Club, 109 Hilltop Drive, Sequim

**\$25.00** per dinner

RSVP by **June 12, 2016** (spouses/guests welcome)

Please Specify Quantity each

**Chicken Diane or Vegetarian Entree**

504-2583 or [install@sisequim.org](mailto:install@sisequim.org)

**Black and White Attire**

Mail Payment to: **SI Sequim/Installation,**

PO Box 126, Sequim, WA 98382



### 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

### SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER



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

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS



**Morgan King**, Soroptimist Girl-of-the-Month for March, will graduate from Sequim High School with her AA from Peninsula College as well as her high school diploma. She has participated in a leadership class, cheerleading and track as well as the

*Be the Change Club* and the *International Club*. As a junior, she served as an Irrigation Princess, a time when, she said, “I met so many new people and was able to represent my town for a whole year!” Next fall Morgan will attend Seattle Pacific University from which she expects to receive her teaching degree, to be followed by TESLA certification so that she can teach English abroad, probably in Spain. “Overall,” she says, “I have big dreams to accomplish and I am so excited to start my new journey.”



**Madison Morris**, Soroptimist Girl-of-the-Month for April, has been involved in sports during her high school career: volleyball, tennis, and managing the wrestling team at Sequim High School. She has also been an active Volunteer with Habitat

for Humanity and the Boys and Girls Club. Next fall she will attend Oregon State University to study sports marketing with the hope of becoming a well-recognized sports agent. She says, “I love sports and I believe that I will be able to do anything I set my mind to.” Quoting Pablo Picasso, she added, “Our goals can only be reached through a vehicle of a plan, in which we must fervently believe, and upon which we must vigorously act. There is no other route to success.”

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“It is through accomplishment that man makes his contribution and contribution is life’s greatest reward.” ~*John Portman*

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### AWARD WINNING PROGRAM MEETING

At our May 24 program meeting, the Ruby Award and the Violet Richardson Award will be presented—as well as the two High School Scholarships. **Mark your calendars and plan to attend!**

~Pat Willis, Awards and Scholarships Co-Chair



### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Mary Budke, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club was very appreciative of the donations club members have made. President Jane purchased another bus pass for one of their girls. Current requests from the Boys & Girls Club include the following:

- toothpaste
- a few small containers of laundry soap



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



## TEA WITH S.H.E (Soroptimist Helping and Empowering)

Keeping our vision on helping and empowering women, the Mature Women Committee will launch **Tea with S.H.E.** on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from noon to 1 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. Cherie Gray of Edward Jones will present on the topic of “things women need to know about finances, but don’t.” We will finalize plans in September and need additional volunteers to assist in the following areas: planning and providing refreshments; design, printing, and flyer distribution; soliciting gift certificates for door prizes; and day of event crew, including an SIS information table. Pauline Geraci will head the publicity efforts. Next meeting: Wednesday, September 21, at 3 p.m. at Janet Popelka’s home. Let Janet know if you are interesting in volunteering!



~Janet Popelka, SHE—Mature Women



“There is something in the nature of tea that leads us into a world of quiet contemplation of life.” ~*Lin Yutang*

## BIG GOAL SURVEY

If you remember, in December we took business meeting time to go through a series of questions posed by Soroptimist International and our club’s opinions were sent in shortly thereafter. Over 600 clubs worldwide participated and



***“Invest in the dreams of one million women and girls through access to education by 2031”***

was overwhelmingly selected as the BIG GOAL statement to lead Soroptimist into its second century! Additional information will be shared after the International Convention in Orlando, Florida, this coming July—but I wanted you to know that our responses went into formulating the future of Soroptimist and that our responses were with the majority in almost every area. You can take pride in that. So as we set our budget, let’s look forward to investing in the dreams of as many women and girls as we can, and helping them gain access to education.

~President Jane



“What we find is that if you have a goal that is very, very far out, and you approach it in little steps, you start to get there faster. Your mind opens up to the possibilities.” ~*Mae Jemison*

## MLC—A NEW PERSPECTIVE

Working at the Medical Loan Closet has always been rewarding, but recently I was able to see what a wonderful service we provide from the standpoint of a client. With my mother's recent illness, we were in need of several items. A transport chair and bedside commode were not something I wanted to purchase for the short term use we were anticipating, so borrowing those items from the Loan Closet was a real blessing. I know that others in our club have also used the services of the Closet for friends and loved ones, so you know what a relief it can be to come in, pick up equipment that is clean and in good repair, and is loaned with love. It was wonderful to be on the receiving end of such a gracious gift.



Thank you, sisters—those who work with us at the Loan Closet as well as those who support our efforts through the club. Our service truly is a blessing to others, and we couldn't do it without you!

~Gena Royal, MLC Co-Chair



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*“I'm just thankful for everything, all the blessings in my life, trying to stay that way. I think that's the best way to start your day and finish your day. It keeps everything in perspective.” ~Tim Tebow*

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## GALA GARDEN SHOW

A time to look **BACK** and a time to look **FORWARD** . . . .

If you missed the potluck, and the business meeting, we want to thank all of you for your hard work, cheerful smiles, and eager participation in the planning and execution of a super Garden Show!

Looking : **BACK**

- Attendance was up . . . . . 1800!! 600 on Sunday was a record!!
  - Net profit \$27,093 – still have some outstanding expenses, approx. \$350
- Door Prizes were a big hit!

Looking **FORWARD** :

- Elaine & Jan will co-chair the 2017 Garden Show; our 19<sup>th</sup>!
- We are building the CORE COMMITTEE – look for the sign-up sheet at the meetings. We have about half the team we need—please consider signing up!

Solicitation for the 2017 artwork will begin in May. Tell Jane & Paulette of any artist you know who might be interested in submitting a piece for consideration.

Jan Chapman & Elaine Churchill



*“How deeply seated in the human heart is the liking for gardens and gardening.” ~Alexander Smith*

## CONFERENCE NOTES—ROSE JAEGER

Where to start is the tough question. I came away from Spokane with a renewed spirit and all around good vibe. From learning about the Woman to Woman project that our Grant of Friendship visitor does, and I suggested we fund that in our new budget; to learning that our region gave out 128 awards worth \$194, 350; and to the amazing success stories of all the grant recipients; I was very overwhelmed. The guest speaker was amazing. She is the CEO of SoulPancake. I would recommend that everyone take a look at this company. They are doing wonderful things. One of the surprising things that has led to their success is that they focus on the power of service, the effects of gratitude, and “making stuff that matters.” Sounds a little like our club. On top of all that, I was able to visit with club members and other Soroptimist members, which is always rewarding.

# N W R C O N F E R E N C E



More photos at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/108582458@N03/albums/72157668014965746>



## EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Soroptimist International of Sequim,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$100 to the International Rescue Committee Seattle's Anti-Trafficking program received on March 1, 2016. Your donation will help to provide services to victims of human trafficking on their way to recovery and your generosity is very much appreciated.

As you know, our clients have survived against incredible odds and bring resilience, courage and hope as they rebuild their lives. Your help is essential to support victims of human trafficking as they recover and strive toward self-sufficiency.

Once again, thank you very much for your support of the International Rescue Committee in Seattle.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Morris  
Anti-Trafficking Program Manager  
International Rescue Committee



Dear Soroptimists,

Thank you for your donation of \$500 to support our underwater robotics club students as they compete in Louisiana this summer.

In addition to the robotics club where middle and high school students gain ocean engineering and critical thinking skills, Feiro reaches more than 3,200 students annually with learning experiences such as North Olympic Watershed science, studying the marine food web and the health of our waterways, and junior oceanographer and marine tech summer camps.

We are so grateful for your support and connection to Feiro and its mission.

Between interacting with guests, making sure the critters have a great place to live and connecting us to community partners, your involvement is of paramount importance.



Sincerely,  
Melissa Williams, Executive Director.  
Feiro Marine Life Center

Dear Soroptimist International of Sequim:

On behalf of OlyCAP, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$250 for Sequim Senior Nutrition. Your commitment to helping families in need in our community is sincerely appreciated.

OlyCAP's mission is to lead and engage the community to promote self-reliance on behalf of those we serve while embracing innovation and collaboration with the determination and commitment to build a healthier community.

Thank you again for your generous support of our efforts.

Best Wishes,  
Dale Wilson  
Executive Director



Dear Soroptimist Board and Members,

On behalf of the Sequim Education Foundation, let me express our sincere appreciation to you for your generous donation of \$1000. Your contribution will go towards the Engineering Day.



Since 2001, the Sequim Education Foundation has been able to provide Sequim's public school children with grants, activities, and scholarship programs proven to inspire them to achieve excellence. This is all due to the ongoing support of our generous donors and community who share our goal of enriching and enhancing the quality of education for students and educators in the Sequim School District.

Gratefully,  
Jodi Olson  
President, Sequim Education Foundation

**"Expressing gratitude is a natural state of being and reminds us that we are all connected."  
~Valerie Elster**

# 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 For visiting Royalty to our Irrigation Festival Paradae
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				

# June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Vicki McCormack 	2	3 Dorothy Ward 	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 BOARD MEETING	11
12	13 Elaine Churchill 	14 Business Meeting	15	16	17 Installation 	18
19 Linda Chapman  HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 	20 	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Barb Thompson 	28	29	30		

## If I Could Show You A Picture... by Matisha

May you know and feel with great presence and power  
the amazing gift you are to this world.  
May you see yourself through the lens of love,  
in a similar fashion as those who appreciate you are seeing.

If I could show you a picture of who I see when I see you,  
all would be witness to your reunion with that one you are,  
overcoming you—your tears flowing to be  
the brightest jewels adorning your form.

From having known you, I move on with greater awareness,  
with greater love, more of my Self, a fullness,  
a compassion for the aching heart seemingly 'out there.'  
All calling, the song of the little ones for that One.  
The Song of One through all.

May you see with the greatest clarity, the truth of who you are.  
With gratitude I send this to you, to all.



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To a Woman Making a Difference for Women