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women dedicated to improve the lives of women and girls  
in local communities and throughout the world.

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

## Message from the President

Every single time I sit down to write an article for the newsletter, my first thought is how thankful I am for SI Sequim and all of you who make up this club. How appropriate that I express my thankfulness this month. You’re an amazing group of women and I marvel at your energy, your ideas, and your commitment to helping others. I made note of part of a statement made by Tukwila City Council member De’Sean Quinn when he welcomed Soroptimist to our District Meeting there a couple of years ago and it still resonates with me. He said that “there’s something powerful about people who choose to prioritize other people’s well-being.” I agree with him, and watching that power in action amongst you all is something to behold!

October saw the girl’s book club and tutoring get under way, a domestic violence awareness walk in downtown Sequim that was well-received, eight members traveling to a district meeting, advertisement for the Live Your Dream Awards in print and on the radio, and countless more meetings and planning going on amongst committees and by individuals on their own.

November will see us ramping up on a number of fronts, particularly with regard to the Gala Gift Show. I hope everyone is busy baking some colorful holiday treats that will add pizzazz to the bake sale. It’s a busy time of the year for everyone, so we appreciate anything you do for the club at that time.

I’ll end with a quote by John F Kennedy, written November 5, 1963 as “Proclamation 3560- Thanksgiving Day 1963”, a little more than two weeks before he was assassinated:

“Today we give our thanks, most of all, for the ideals of honor and faith we inherit from our forefathers—for the decency of purpose, steadfastness of resolve and strength of will, for the courage and the humility, which they possessed and which we must seek every day to emulate. As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

And so do Soroptimist International of Sequim, reaching new heights through dignity of service.

President Jane



## Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's November. The district meetings are over. We've said goodbye to Soroptoberfest. We've turned back the clocks and gained an hour. The holiday season begins in three weeks—earlier if we consider the pre-Thanksgiving preparations. Family and friends will come together to share a turkey dinner, pumpkin pie and love. It is a treasured time.

Turning back the clocks brings to mind our October program meeting. Members of our club who attended the District 1 meeting last month gave reports; a few of them can be found on pages 12–15 of this newsletter. We had two first-timers—Gena Royal and Gail Watson. Both joined our club last year, so there was a lot for them to absorb. I think they might still be processing things.

The other part of the program that morning came by way of two members of the Port Angeles Jet-Set club. These women attended the Soroptimist International Convention last July in Turkey. Becky McGindy and President Judi Hoffman arrived with enthusiasm, smiles, books to view, and door prizes. These were items they received from members of other countries during the convention. Each member of our club put her name on a piece of paper that was put into a basket. Later papers were drawn and the names read; the members got to choose a gift.

Becky talked about the dress of the Islam women in Turkey, and made a good point about its value. Many women there like the Muslim attire because when speaking with someone, they know the person is looking at their faces, not at their bodies. Another thing Becky said that stuck with me was, at one meeting there were women from five different countries at her table. There were five different languages, yet they were able to communicate with one another. I found this interesting—but then, we are Soroptimists.

Judi Hoffman emphatically stated she felt the most impressive speaker at the convention in Istanbul was Michael Kaufman. He is an educator, writer, and social animator focused on innovative approaches to engaging men and boys in the promotion of gender equality, ending violence against women, and promoting more positive ideals of manhood. He is the co-founder of the White Ribbon Campaign. Awareness and education are keys to change. White ribbons are worn, much like purple ones for domestic violence awareness and pink ones for breast cancer awareness. I assimilated some of Judi's enthusiasm about the topic and included an article about the White Ribbon Campaign on page 9.

Some people question if there is value in going to area, district, federation and international meetings. The examples above show there is—and not just for the members who are physically there. They become ambassadors, bringing back what they've learned and sharing that with others. As we turn back the clocks in our minds to a meeting we attended, we gain something that is ours, and we can share it—making it a treasured experience for everyone.

I am grateful for all the treasured experiences I've lived—either in person or through the sharing by a friend. We are united in our mission. We are individuals working together as a family of focused women as we reach higher through dignity of service. Thank you all for being part of it!

Light and Love,  
Kathy Purcell, Editor



**“Coming together, sharing together, working together, succeeding together.” ~Author Unknown**

## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

- 6 Board Meeting
- 10 Business Meeting
- 24 Program Meeting

### DECEMBER

- 4 Board Meeting
- 5 GALA GIFT SHOW
- 8 Business Meeting  
(GOM Nov & Dec)
- 22 Holiday Party

### \*EVENING MEETING



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

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**“Gratitude is a vaccine, an antitoxin, and an antiseptic” ~John Henry Jowett**

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# Celebrate Life!

## BIRTHDAYS



### NOVEMBER

- 2 Mayme Faulk
- 6 Kathleen DeJong
- 10 Gwyn Wessell
- 10 Gloria Fitzparick
- 15 Monica Ostrom
- 26 Karen Renk
- 28 Marilyn Hooser

### DECEMBER

- 5 Deborah Carlson
- 11 Kecia Gilliam
- 28 Sandy Lawrence
- 31 Jenni Dix



Note the phone number for our  
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

# 504-0231



“Gratitude helps you to grow and expand; gratitude brings joy and laughter into your life and into the lives of all those around you.”

~Eileen Caddy

## LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD

We are offering TWO, \$2000 awards this year—\$4,000 of our hard-earned money! The application deadline is soon, November 15, 2015. Please, please, please get the word out so that we have plenty of applicants. Offer to help someone with the application if necessary. More information available on our club website and on our Facebook page!



## A Special Word of Thanks

To all of you who expressed words of encouragement and sympathy in person or in writing to me, I thank you. You eased my sorrow at the loss of my friend, Susan. She was the most selfless woman I've ever known, and she will continue to be an inspiration to me. You would have liked her.

~President Jane



## SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER



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

**Area Meeting**  
February 20, 2016  
Greater Bremerton Area



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

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The SIS Board has increased the amount to be given for several of our awards and scholarships. Here is the current list:

### Scholarships

- High School Seniors, two, at \$2,000 each.
- Continuing Education, for women enrolled in post-freshman year higher education, four at \$2,000 each.

### Awards

- **Live Your Dream Award** for women who are financially responsible for their households and are enrolled in post-secondary education, two at \$2,000 each. **Please encourage applications for the November 15th deadline!**
- **Professional/Technical Award** for a woman pursuing post-secondary career education typically leading to a license or certificate, \$2,000.
- **Violet Richardson Award** for young women ages 14-17 engaged in volunteer action within their communities or schools, two awards, each giving \$250 to the young woman and \$250 to her volunteer organization.
- **Ruby Award** for a woman who either through her personal or professional activities works to improve the lives of women and girls, one at \$500 given to the award recipient.



~Pat Willis, Awards and Scholarships Co-Chair



“It is in fact a part of the function of education to help us escape, not from our own time—for we are bound by that—but from the intellectual and emotional limitations of our time.” ~T.S. Eliot

## GIRLS OF THE MONTH

### OCTOBER



Waverly Shreffler

Soroptimist International of Sequim honored two Girls of the Month at their October 13, 2015 meeting. **Waverly Shreffler**, Soroptimist Girl-of-the-Month for September, is a Senior at Sequim High School (SHS) and Associated Student Body (ASB) Executive Secretary this year. Throughout her four years at SHS she has been very involved in ASB, varsity cross-country and track, and clubs including Be The Change and Honor Society. She enjoys volunteering in the community and adventuring in the Olympics. Waverly hopes to attend Colorado College next year and study education.

### NOVEMBER



Kyla Rigg

**Kyla Rigg**, Soroptimist Girl-of-the-Month for October is a senior at Sequim High School and plans to go to a university and study to become a pediatrician. She loves to help people, be involved in her school, and spend time with kids. She expresses these interests in her activities: coaching youth sports, serving in leadership, and participating in sports.

“Youth is, after all, just a moment, but it is the moment, the spark that you always carry in your heart.”

~Raisa Gorbachyova

## MEMBERSHIP—The intangible rewards

What do our members most value from their Soroptimist membership?

- A personal connection to our mission of improving the lives of women and girls
- Numerous friendships they make and the fellowship that is created
- Opportunities to volunteer in their local community
- Engaging with other like-minded women
- Being part of a global organization

We have to wonder why every woman who values friendship and wants to help other woman isn't clamoring at our doorstep, right? We have so much fun enjoying the service we provide, it almost seems selfish if we don't share the opportunity to become a Soroptimist with everyone we meet!

Welcome to our newest members who will be inducted at the Business meeting on Tuesday, November 10.

Vicki McCormack – vicki8586@gmail.com

Joan Miller – paquilter@olypen.com

Gloria Robinson – glojorob@aol.com

Laura Rundle – Laura@nu-west.com

~Sandy Lawrence, Membership Chair



### ROSTER CHANGES

PLEASE, club members, check your contact information in the roster and if it's NOT correct, send an e-mail to Membership Chair Sandy Lawrence asap. Sandy will compile changes and new member contact information for publishing in the next newsletter. I suggest you print out that info or transfer it to your roster right away. Corrections that I am aware of thus far:

BEITZEL, Amanda —address now 193 Fairway Drive

GILLIAM, Kecia —email is kecia.@mastraders.net

KUSTER, Amala —correct cell # is 670-3276

OSBORN, Kris —correct home # is 683-8728

FITZPATRICK, Gloria —email is glojorob@aol.com

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“To educate yourself for the feeling of gratitude means to take nothing for granted, but to always seek out and value the kind that will stand behind the action. Nothing that is done for you is a matter of course. Everything originates in a will for the good, which is directed at you. Train yourself never to put off the word or action for the expression of gratitude.” ~*Albert Schweitzer*

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## CLUB HISTORY



At the Boys and Girls Club in Sequim in 2001, a photographer took this picture of eleven Soroptimists who happened to attend the annual auction. Left to right are Mayme Faulk, Esther Littlejohn, Yolanda Cole, Elaine Carlson, Jennifer Johnson, Sherry Phillips, Ann Salmon, Dee Christianson, Jean Blaurock, Betty Osborn, and Janet Wicker. Janet, who kept the photo, provided the identifications and has given the photograph to the SIS archive.

~Pat Willis, Club History



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**“Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude.” ~Dennis Waitley**

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## MATURE WOMEN PROJECT

The Mature Women Project committee invites more SIS members to join us on Wednesday, November 18, 3 p.m. at Janet Popelka’s home in Sunland. A new idea captured our interest at the October committee meeting—thanks to Pauline Geraci—and we all jumped on board with her. We propose hosting a Women’s Resources Seminar Series that focuses on areas of interest to all women. Topics might include finance issues, insurance options, legal concerns, fall prevention, tips for better sleeping, etc. By hosting three varied seminars each year, we will have the opportunity to reach many women in our community, not only to educate them on important topics, but also to share our Soroptimist vision and story. With SIS Board approval of this idea, future committee meetings will explore the “nuts and bolts” of hosting the educational series including venue, marketing, speakers, and budget.

~Janet Popelka, Mature Women Subcommittee (Signature Project)



## PURPLE UP—A DAY FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Although there was only a small group of us that showed up for the Purple Up event on October 17 we had a great time! Those who were there donned purple sweaters, scarves and jackets and walked down the streets, some with our dogs appropriately wearing a purple scarf.



We hardly were rained on as we stood on opposite corners of Washington Street and Sequim Avenue, holding signs with messages against domestic violence. The community demonstrated their support with horn honking, “thumbs up,” and waves.

During the walk, a man stopped us and said that his daughter was currently in an abusive relationship and he had been unable to convince her to leave it. Armed with handouts, he was given a flier that included testimonials from domestic violence victims—male and female; young and older—who had received the love, support and validation needed to break the chain. Included was contact information for Healthy Families.

Are we going to do it again? You bet! Armed with a better understanding of the City’s permit process and obtaining the requisite liability insurance, the ideas for next year’s event are flowing. What could make it better? YOU! We need to have more members in attendance—the more the merrier but more importantly, the stronger the statement we make to Sequim citizens.

If even just one person benefits from our efforts, we call it a success. And, based on the community’s response, we counted the day in the plus column.

~Shelle Paulbitski for Purple UP



## 2015 DIA DE MUERTOS DINNER & AUCTION

Ten years of Mujeres! The Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation felt like celebrating and celebrate we did at our annual Día de Muertos dinner and auction on Saturday, October 24. We appreciate all of you who attended and also those who attended in spirit!

Board members spoke about what Mujeres means to them. A common thread was that we have all seen the results of our efforts in the women and children with whom we partner in Chiapas. Mujeres has been a labor of love and caring, and we are so grateful for your support.

A hit for the evening was the Mexican squash casserole, made by board member Molly Rivard. We had many requests for it and Molly is delighted to share it. We've posted her recipe on our blog: <http://mujeresdemaizof.blogspot.com/>

Judith Pasco, Board Chair, Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation  
[www.MujeresDeMaizOF.org](http://www.MujeresDeMaizOF.org)  
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Dear Jane and Soroptimist members,

Thank you very much for your on-going support of the programs of the Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation.

Your \$500 gift will ensure educational support for girls and women in Chiapas. We are very grateful.

Cathy Van Ruthan Board Secretary



*"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." ~Author Unknown*

Dear Soroptimists,

Because of your support we were able to make our Fun Walk goal this year. You are awesome!

Patty Lebowitz  
Dungeness Valley Health & Wellness Clinic



## MAD HATTER'S TEA



Dear Soroptimist of Sequim,

Your generous donation to the Mad Hatter's Tea is so appreciated. It is people (organizations) like you who make this community such a great place to live.

Thank you for supporting the on-going battle against breast cancer.

With Gratitude,  
The Mad Hatter's Tea Committee



## COMMUNITY INTERACTION

### A BANNER EVENT FOR TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE



My husband, Ray, and Judy Field’s husband, Fritz, belong to the Knights of Columbus, a men’s charity through the Catholic Church. Every October they have a Tootsie Roll Drive to raise money for: Clallam County Orcas (Special Olympics), Clallam County Mosaic (people with developmental disabilities) and Washington State Special Olympics.

They have a banner but no way to hang it. That’s where we helped. Our club has a stand made of PVC—created by Kate and Tim Creasey years ago—for displaying one of our club's banners. It was a perfect fit for their needs for their drive. Ray loaded it into the vehicle and dropped it off for them to borrow. One charity helping another, which in turn, helped a few more.

~Kathleen DeJong



“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*

### WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN—HOW IT STARTED

On the afternoon of December 6, 1989, a man walked into the École Polytechnique University in Montreal and massacred 14 of his female classmates. His actions traumatized a nation and brought the issue of violence against women to the forefront of our collective consciousness.

Two years later, a handful of men in Toronto decided they had a responsibility to speak out about and work to stop men’s violence against women. As a result, the White Ribbon Campaign in Canada became an annual awareness-raising event, held between November 25 and December 6.

In 1999, the United Nations General Assembly declared November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, with a white ribbon as its iconic symbol.

To learn more visit: <http://www.whiteribbon.ca/>.



### A MEMBER WHOSE TIME HAS COME

This is Mrs. McCutcheon. Do you recognize her? She is appearing in Olympic Theatre Arts presentation of *The Man Who Came To Dinner*. Yes! It is our very own member, **Monica Ostrom**! This is Monica’s first role on stage. It’s not too late to see her! There are three more performances next weekend: Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 15, at 2:30 p.m. Come check it out and experience live theatre.



## 4th Annual Gala Gift Show, December 5, 2015 at the Boys & Girls Club

Dear SIS Members,

As you read this, you are asking yourself how may I help make the fourth Gala Gift Show a huge success. Well, there are many ways to help the show and in turn make a difference in the lives of women and girls.

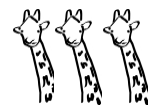
Pitch in and do your part by:

- Volunteering on the sign-up sheets at the next two meetings
- Passing along the publicity, which will be available at the meetings or emailed to you, such as, “save the date” cards and posters
- Talk to friends or just anyone about the show—invite them!
- Loan a boombox...need just one
- Bake, Bake, Bake—remember Jan has a freezer
- Spend as much time as you are able at the show... greeting people or helping fill-in where needed

You are the KEY, you are IMPORTANT, you are NEEDED!

Thanks for your time and talents,

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



### **BAKED GOODS DROP OFF**

Baked goods can be dropped off at  
Kathleen DeJong's house,  
on Thursday, December 3, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. and  
on Friday, December 4, from 8:00–10:00 am.

**Baked good must not require refrigeration.**

**GLUTEN FREE WELCOMED!**

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“The depth and the willingness with which we serve is a direct reflection of our gratitude.”~*Gordon T. Watts*

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## GARDEN SHOW 2016 UPDATE . . .

The Garden Show planning continues with various committees hard at work. Here are some of the ongoing activities:

- Mike’s Cedar Works has donated a cedar rocker for two . . . one of the most popular items in his booth . . . for the SIS Raffle. We are so grateful to our generous vendors!
- Speaking of vendors, we already have 15 vendors signed up, occupying 20 booth spaces!
- A meeting has taken place with Master Gardeners, who are working on the list of speakers for the show, and keynote speaker has been secured.
- We have two positions on the CORE Committee that need to be filled: Sign-Up Sheet Coordinator, and Artwork Coordinator (duties begin May 2016)
- AND we will have a meeting of the CORE Committee on November 17<sup>th</sup>.



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



“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.” ~*Marcel Proust*

### SPICING THINGS UP WITH A LUCKY STAR

The smell of spices, the crackling of dry leaves and the crisp air tell me we are approaching Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is that time of year when folks will cruise the racks at Lucky Star for that special dress or maybe a special Christmas sweater—you know the one! Check your closets and drawers and if you are updating your wardrobe, don’t forget Lucky Star would love your outdated items. Even that sweater Aunt Myrna gave you! If you have anything, give me a call and I will pick up 360-460-5522.

~Linda Klinefelter, Lucky Star Chair



### SEES CANDIES

The test sale at the Boys & Girls Club went extremely well—better than anyone expected! The six young girls sold a whopping 54 boxes of assorted See’s candies, for a grand total of \$856.00 in a two week period. Tessa, our contact person at the club for this project, stated that the girls had a great time and would like to do it again. It was also discussed having other groups of children from the club participate in selling See’s in the near future.

~Sandy Hutter, See’s Candies Chair



## DISTRICT MEETING REPORTS

### MY TRIP TO THE DISTRICT MEETING—A FIRST TIMER'S VIEW

I attended the District 1 Meeting as a first timer last month. I'm a fairly new member, so I'm pretty much a first timer at everything. What an awesome time! I had the opportunity to meet lots of super ladies, learn tons of new stuff about Soroptimist, and run around the hotel in my pajamas.

Saturday night's theme was a pajama party, so my Wonder Woman pjs were right in style. We had several workshop seminars on informative subjects dealing with opportunities, challenges, and successes for women locally and worldwide. I enjoyed meeting some of our neighboring Soroptimists while attending the planning meeting for our next area meeting which will be held February 20th in the Bremerton area. I hope that everyone will have the chance to attend a district meeting some time. I'm sure you will have a wonderful time!

~Gena Royal



**FIRST TIME  
ATTENDEE**

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### DrREAM IT, BE IT—CAREER SUPPORT FOR GIRLS

Several of us attended the session on Dream It, Be It. We learned that this is a Soroptimist International of Americas program for girls who face obstacles to their future success. The program provides girls with access to professional role models, career education, and the resources to live their dream.

Each Soroptimist club is encouraged to participate in this program and may enter into the program at any time, but it is not required. For a club to be considered a participant, their program must include the seven modules developed by SIA. Several clubs in District 1 are fully engaged in the program, but are going about it in different ways, such as a seven week program or a one day program, all incorporating the seven modules.

- Discovering Your Dreams
- Exploring Careers
- Creating Achievable Goals
- Rising Above Obstacles
- Turning Failure into Success
- Balancing Your Stress
- Putting Dreams into Action



We also learned that everyone in Soroptimist must have a background check to work with children. Working with another agency, such as the schools requiring a background check, is acceptable. If not, one must obtain their own. The presidents of the clubs are to keep a record the background checks.

To learn more visit <http://www.soroptimist.org/members/program/career-guidance-girls.htm>.

~Amanda Beitzel



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

At the District 1 Meeting I attended two sessions about Shared Hope International. Linda Smith, a member of the Washington State House of Representatives and state Senate, traveled to Mumbai, India, to see Falkland Road—one of the worst brothel districts in the world. The hopeless faces of desperate women and children enslaved in prostitution compelled Linda to found Shared Hope International.

The presenters for this program were Nick and Jo who run Shared Hope here in Washington. The mission of Shared Hope is to prevent sex trafficking, restore its victims, and bring justice to women and children affected by this devastating crime. The hope is to save the victims and get help from trained professionals, an alert community, just law and policy, knowledgeable service providers, and appropriate shelter options.



In the Seattle area Shared Hope has a shelter in an undisclosed location to aid women aged 18 to 24 years old who have either escaped from sex trafficking or been taken there by law enforcement. The home offers residents affordable housing options while they pursue education or vocational training.

For the full story visit [www.sharedhope.org](http://www.sharedhope.org)

The club also has two copies of RENTING LACY, a story of America's prostituted children, written by Shared Hope International Founder Linda Smith. This and other books about human trafficking are on display for check out at every meeting.

Marti Campbell, Human Trafficking Chair



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## SOROPTIMIST CELEBRATING SUCCESS AWARDS

These annual best practice awards recognize successful club projects that improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment and promote Soroptimist as an organization with that mission. Categories encompass the four pillars supporting the SIA Strategic Plan: program, membership, fundraising and public awareness.



The deadline to submit an entry to your region chair is **July 1**. Regions will select region-level recipients. The first place recipient in each of the pillars will compete for the federation-level awards. Region recipients will be recognized at region conferences. Federation recipients will be recognized at a federation meeting.

~Kathy Purcell



## NORTHWESTERN REGON CONFERENCE

April 21-24, 2016

Davenport Hotel

Spokane, WA



## GRANT OF FRIENDSHIP

Working to develop a spirit of friendship and unity among Soroptimists of all countries, Northwestern Region of Soroptimist International of the Americas started a Grant of Friendship Project in 1990, bringing international Soroptimist guests from other countries and/or Federations to promote and encourage cultural exchanges and foster International Goodwill and Understanding. Each district in the region will have a visitor. They will attend the NWR Conference in April, 2016.

~Kathy Purcell



Sara Nilsson from Lulea, Sweden SI Europe

### Grant of Friendship Visitors by District

District 1 - Sara Nilsson from Lulea, Sweden SI Europe

District 2 - Olufunmilola Buraimoh-Ademuyewo from Lagos, Nigeria SIGBI

District 3 - Maria Marsh from Surrey, England SIGBI









District 4 - Pamela O'Dwyer and Marita O'Kane from Barooga, NSW, Australia,  
and Cobram East Vic Australia SI Cobram Barooga

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*“Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.” ~Henry Van Dyke*

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1 	2	3 Mayme Faulk 	4	5	6 BOARD MEETING Kathleen DeJong 	7
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15 Monica Ostrom 	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30					

# December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 BOARD MEETING Deb Carlson 	5 <i>Gala</i> Gift Show Boys & Girls Club 9am-3 pm 
6	7	8 Business Meeting	9	10	11 Kecia Gilliam 	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b> 	26
27	28 Sandy Lawrence 	29	30	31 Jenni Dix <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016!</b>  		



## **Thanksgiving Delights** *by Joanna Fuchs*

On Thanksgiving Day we're thankful for  
Our blessings all year through,  
For family we dearly love,  
For good friends, old and new.

For sun to light and warm our days,  
For stars that glow at night,  
For trees of green and skies of blue,  
And puffy clouds of white.

We're grateful for our eyes that see  
The beauty all around,  
For arms to hug, and legs to walk,  
And ears to hear each sound.

The list of all we're grateful for  
Would fill a great big book;  
Our thankful hearts find new delights  
Everywhere we look!



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*improving the lives of women and  
girls in local communities and  
throughout the world.*

To A Woman Making A Difference For Women