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*“The most important things are the hardest to say, because words diminish them.”
~Stephen King*

Message from the President

This is a test! If you can follow my line of thinking in this missive, you're either pretty amazing or in trouble—ha! I've had such a message-inspiring month in which I made so many notes that I had a difficult time pulling it all together. But here's **the world** according to me this month:

It's a **busy world**: September saw us start off with full meetings, some trainings at the schools, lots of planning for our upcoming events, a walk/run for the free clinic, and a game night which I've heard was a lot of fun. October will bring even more activities, in addition to our regular meetings—for us individually or as a club: domestic violence awareness events, breast cancer events, district meeting, and the annual fundraiser for Mujeres de Maiz.

Anybody who knows me knows I often come across a **small world story**. This month left me with several: On a hot-air balloon ride, I discovered that one of the four other people in the basket—aside from Fred and me—lives in the same house in Agnew where we lived for 17 years. Then on a flight with my sister, we met two other sets of sisters on the same flight—and one set had just spent several days in Sequim, where one sister will be moving. (Of course I gave her my contact information and told her about the wonderful group of women of SI Sequim.). And finally, at the Dartmouth campus, I invited Emily Carter, 2015 co-valedictorian from Sequim High School, to join us for gelato. Later that evening, I was chatting with Jeanne Martin and she'd just sent a scholarship check to Dartmouth for Emily from Sequim Education Foundation!

For me, September's busy-ness included that trip with my sister to visit my niece and her husband, and to experience the fall colors of New England—particularly in Vermont where some of our ancestors had lived. Spotting a historical society building in one of the towns, we made an appointment to go inside on our last day. We learned a great deal about our family and their lives there, including finding out where some of them actually lived. After spending some time experiencing the landscape of our ancestors and contemplating what their lives were like (in one word—"hard"), we made our way back to our world of cell phones and computers, rental cars, hotels, and airplanes. But before retiring on the night before my flight home, I had a text that my friend who was matron of honor at our wedding is at death's door and soon to be leaving this world. That's a hard reality of this world, and whether you expect it or not, it's still tough. Which brings me to:

What's important in this world? There's a quote from a James Patterson book I read while on vacation, which I think sums it up pretty nicely: "Imagine life is a game in which you are juggling five balls. The balls are called work, family, health, friends, and integrity. And you're keeping all of them in the air. But one day you finally come to understand that work is a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back. The other four balls...are made of glass. If you drop one of these, it will be irrevocably scuffed, nicked, perhaps even shattered."

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Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

Do you have a spare change jar? Lots of people do. Years ago we decided to cash in what we had collected. It was over \$300! I was surprised because most of the coins were pennies.

What is the value of a penny? It is the lowest denomination of coin in the US. It is said it costs more to produce than its face value. For years the US government has tried to eliminate pennies from circulation. What is a penny worth? A penny for your thoughts on it.

At last year's regional conference we learned the importance of one cent from Lisa Shannon, our keynote speaker. She introduced us to the plight of the women in the Congo and shared that conflict minerals are a major cause of violence there. Lisa learned from manufacturing experts that to eliminate the use of conflict minerals it would cost the manufacturer one cent per product. She and her mom loaded up her car with 45,000 pennies—representing the number of conflict mineral related deaths in one month. They drove down the West Coast to industry giants like Apple and Intel—with one offer—they would pay the one cent. Pennies stood up again big business and won. Conflict minerals accountability measures passed. Instead of eliminating pennies, the pennies helped eliminate conflict mineral usage.

Closer to home, we, as Soroptimists, have Founders' Pennies (see article on page 12). Although this started as one penny from each Soroptimist member for each year since Soroptimist started (1921), it is now six cents from each member for every year Soroptimist has been in existence. So for 2015 that is $\$.06 \times 94 = \5.94 per member.

Last year 82% of clubs participated in Founders' Pennies. Our club includes Founders' Pennies in our dues. The pennies are used for Live Your Dream Awards and other Soroptimist programs that empower woman and girls. Just think of the lives we've changed with our individual \$5.95!

The above examples show the somewhat hidden value of the penny. Individually the coins may seem of little worth, but collectively they made lives better and saved some lives too. They proved to be valuable currency. This reminds me of the impact we make when we join together. Our currency is not just pennies, but also our time and talents.

We have more opportunities to commit to spending some of that currency at the district and region levels. Planning for the next biennium is starting. There are district and region offices, as well as committees that need to be filled. Nomination forms and committee volunteer forms will be available at the district meetings and on the Northwestern Region website. When we share our spare currency of talents, we make positive changes as we reach higher through our dignity of service.

Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



“Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.” ~Franklin D. Roosevelt

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 9 Board Meeting
- 9-11 District 1 Meeting
- 13 Business Meeting
(GOM Sept & Oct)
- 27 Program Meeting

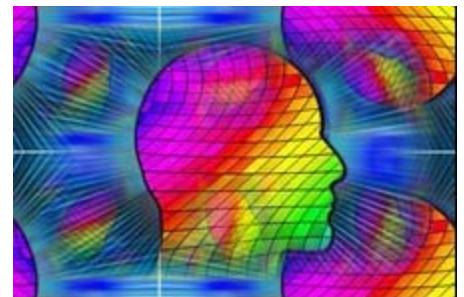
NOVEMBER

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

*EVENING MEETING



“We are told that talent creates its own opportunities. But it sometimes seems that intense desire creates not only its own opportunities, but its own talents.”
~Eric Hoffer



“Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day.” ~Sally Koch

Celebrate Life!

BIRTHDAYS



OCTOBER

- 20 Jeanie Blaurock
- 24 Jeani Penn
- 26 Shelle Paulbitski

NOVEMBER

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



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Then there's the **real world of domestic violence**—October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and as Soroptimists, that's very much a focus for us. SIA has prepared some excellent material to help us in our efforts to create awareness, to help educate ourselves and others, and to aid us in our advocacy and service to victims. If you've never read any of the white papers on many subjects, now is the perfect time to do just that. It will help you—and all of us—“reach new heights through integrity of service.” Here's one on teen dating violence, considered a form of domestic violence:

<http://www.soroptimist.org/whitepapers/teen-dating-violence.html>.

Back to the small world: As I'm writing this on the plane, my seat mates are a woman who is a child forensic interviewer in Ohio and Otto, the assistance dog she handles in that role. They are headed to “court dog” training in Seattle. This woman and dog team, who help child victims of violence in the interview process, can also play an important role in the courtroom. The woman testifies as an expert witness in court and the dog can accompany the children during their testimony. How fortunate I was to be able to sit by them between Baltimore and Seattle!



I'll end this convoluted piece with a picture of **Otto** in the position he assumes when his handler tells him to “visit”. Enjoy!

President Jane



“No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as much as the dog does.” ~**Christopher Morley**

Note the phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

504-0231



“The most important thing in communication is hearing what isn't said.” ~**Peter Drucker**

SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER

D1

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



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

Area Meeting
TBA



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

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL AWARD



Melissa Lashua

Soroptimist International of Sequim recently awarded its annual Professional Technical Award of \$2,000 to Melissa Lashua. Lashua will receive her associates in nursing degree in June 2016 and then plans to receive her BSN through the University of Washington. After years of waitressing, Lashua felt she needed to find a career, which would provide more security and benefits for her 7 year-old daughter and herself. Her interest has always been in nutrition, health and exercise and all her hard work is becoming a realization.

The Professional Technical Award is given to a student enrolled in a non-degree program leading to a certificate or license and is awarded each September. The \$2000 award is used for tuition or needed supplies. For more information on scholarships and awards given by Soroptimist International of Sequim, visit: <http://www.sisequim.org/> and click on “What We Do” and then on “Scholarships and Awards.”

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Soroptimist International of Sequim announces the awarding of three \$2,000 Continuing Education Scholarships. These scholarships are funded exclusively from monies raised by our club, primarily at the Annual Gala Garden Show the third weekend of March. This year’s recipients are:

Katelyn Fritz is pursuing a degree in Forensic Science at Cedarville University with minors in Chemistry and Criminal Justice. She is an officer in the local chapter of the American Chemistry Society and will have an opportunity to intern with the FBI as part of her program. Katelyn looks forward to a career specializing in Ballistics, Graphology or Crime Scene Reconstruction but says that “as long as I am in a lab, I will be happy.”

Moriah Seaton has completed an Associates of Art degree at Peninsula College. She is ready to finish her prerequisites for a Dental Hygiene program. She has worked as a dental assistant for the last seven years. Inspired by the dentists for whom she has worked, when she has a job as a hygienist, she hopes to volunteer at community free clinics.

Amanda Signes plans to complete her Associate in Applied Science degree at Peninsula College in Addiction Studies by first finishing a short-term certificate in addiction counseling and case management. Her long-range career goal is to become a social worker with a focus on young people. She has volunteered in the community for many years with the Salvation Army soup kitchen and Toys for Tots as well a coaching and playing soccer. For the last ten years, she has owned and operated her own cleaning business.

Jennifer Weir received her Associate degree from Peninsula College in June and will enroll at Washington State University’s School of Environmental Science with an additional pre-veterinary track. She has already been involved in wildlife rehabilitation, traveling to Florida with the Turtle Survival Alliance where she worked with biologists and was responsible for capturing turtles, tagging, and recording data. She plans to become a veterinarian.

~Pat Willis, Awards and Scholarships Co-Chair



“Get over the idea that only children should spend their time in study. Be a student so long as you still have something to learn, and this will mean all your life.” ~Henry L. Doherty

LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD

This is the signature program of Soroptimist International and SI Sequim is accepting applications for this Award in the amount of \$2,000. An eligible candidate will provide primary support for herself and her family and be enrolled in or have been accepted to a vocational/skills training or undergraduate degree program. This cash award may be used to offset any costs associated with attaining higher education including books, childcare and transportation.



Do you know of anyone who might be eligible for this award? Eligibility Check List, Application and Reference Form are on the SIS website located under What We Do/Awards & Scholarships. These are writable forms. Deadline is Nov 15th, 2015.

For further information or if you have questions, contact Betty Osborn, (360) 683-2096 or email belroc@olypen.com.

~Betty Osborn, LYD Award Chair

SIGNATURE PROJECT



The *AIM High Team* recently met with *Greywolf* and *Helen Haller Elementary* staff to set up schedules for *tutoring/ mentoring/ book clubbing* to start in mid-October. Thanks to all of you who have already volunteered your time & talent! And for those of you who are still deciding, just let us know *which school* you prefer and how you'd like to work with the girls. No experience necessary, just a desire to make a difference in the life of a young girl!

Elaine  **Helen Haller Coordinator**

There were three of us at the Helen Haller training: Gloria Fitzpatrick, Jane Manzer and Elaine Churchill. There will be training on September 29, 2015 from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in the Helen Haller library. I will be starting an after school Book Club in the next few weeks at Helen Haller for five 4th grade girls. We will be reading *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo.

Amanda & Missy  **Greywolf Coordinators**

Holly Ambro (Greywolf liaison) is in the process of surveying teachers and setting up tutoring schedules; requests to partner with 2014-15 students have been passed on to Holly—she will accommodate those requests as possible. Amanda and Missy will facilitate a 5th grade book club; this year's book is *Charlotte's Web*, by E. B. White. Perhaps one of you would like to organize a 4th grade book club ~ *we'll be glad to help you with planning and implementation!*

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



The Mature Women Project committee met in September (new members always welcome!). The committee plans to survey local agencies providing programs to this population. The purpose of the survey will be to identify unmet needs and define where our efforts might have the greatest impact. Date for the October meeting is yet to be determined.

The next meeting of the:
Mature Women Project Committee
Date: Wednesday, October 21 at 3 p.m.
Place: Janet Popelka's home.

~Janet Popelka



MLC—A FORWARD LOOKING MEMBER

Since becoming a Soroptimist a couple of years ago, I've been intrigued with statements made by members serving on the MLC Committee. Almost every person has said it is one of the most satisfying and fulfilling areas of service they have experienced. I'm still a neophyte on the committee, but I'm looking forward to this coming year.

Janet Real, MLC Committee Member



“When you recover or discover something that nourishes your soul and brings joy, care enough about yourself to make room for it in your life” ~ Jean Shinoda Bolen

10th Annual Día de Muertos Celebration (Day of the Dead)

Mexican Vegetarian Dinner, Music and Auction

Saturday, October 24

Doors open at 5:30 for dinner

and

silent auction

Wine and beer no-host bar

Suggested donation \$25

Sequim Masonic Hall



Our silent auction has over 70 unique items, many hand-crafted from Mexico or other parts of the world...unique gifts for everyone on your holiday list. Our live auction, conducted this year by **Cort and Kia Armstrong**, features a few special hand-picked beauties! We promise an evening of delicious food and great shopping!

This is our most important fundraiser of the year!!! All proceeds go to educational programs and projects of Mujeres de Maiz (Women of Corn) Opportunity Foundation, a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization www.MujeresDeMaizOF.org For further information, call 360-809-0393



FUN WALK



Where there are ducks...there is CJ!



Members of the club show support for the Dungeness Health and Wellness Free Clinic as President Jane presents a check for \$1,000.





**RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER
SOONER THAN YOU THINK
4th Annual Gala Gift Show, December 5th, at the Boys & Girls Club**

The core committee is working hard behind the scenes. Come October, Dorothy Ward and Judy Field, sign-up committee, will be asking for the club members to commit to help. Sign-up sheets will be passed. Please be generous with your time and find a job(s) that fits for you. Jobs both before and during the show will be available. No need to sign-up to make goodies for the Bake Sale, just **bake, bake, bake!** Due to the County Health Department rules there are some ingredients we are not allowed to use. Elaine Churchill will have a list of “do not use” ingredients, most popular items, and members to call for freezer storage. NEW this year are a raffle, door prizes, & live music. See our club website... <http://www.sisequim.org/fundraising/gala-gift-show-3/>

MOST IMPORTANT...each member will receive the event poster for you to email to all of your friends, groups, organizations, casual acquaintances...just EVERYONE. You are our best PR.

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

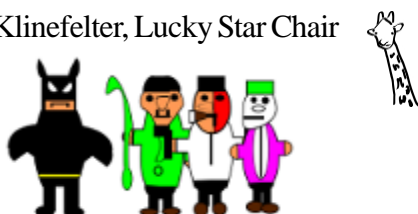


LUCKY COSTUMES

Ghosts and goblins will soon be lurking in the dark, and the witches will fly on their brooms on Halloween night. The moon silhouettes the coyotes’ bark; beware of the monsters that slip in and out of the night shadows. Some monsters will be short and some will be tall, but many went to Lucky Star to find the perfect costume for Halloween celebrations.

Do you have a costume from yesteryear? What is old might be new again. Lucky Star is looking for costumes for that one night a year where ghosts and goblins show their spooky side. If you have the makings for the perfect costume or have a readymade costume for donation, please call me to arrange for pick up and donation. Linda Klinefelter 360-460-5522.

~Linda Klinefelter, Lucky Star Chair



MEMBERSHIP

Membership has gotten off to a great start this Soroptimist year. It has been wonderful having guests at both the business and program meeting in September. I’m hearing that soon we will have a few new members. All new members will be invited to an orientation dinner where a few of our committee members will introduce you to Soroptimist. We’ll have some fun and learn some, too!

If you are interested in working with the membership committee, or being involved in orientation, please contact Sandy Lawrence.

~Sandy Lawrence, Membership Chair



“I hear and I forget. I see and I remember.
I do and I understand.” ~Confucius



GARDEN SHOW FEATURED SPEAKER

The featured speaker for the 18th Annual Gala Garden Show is Marianne Binetti. She is a northwest horticultural expert: Marianne has a degree in horticulture from Washington State University and writes a syndicated gardening column that runs in over a dozen newspapers each week including the *The Tacoma News Tribune* (Sundays) and *The Daily Olympian* (Saturdays). She has also written or co-written 10 gardening books including “Easy Answers for Great Gardens” and her latest book “Edible Gardening for Washington and Oregon” She lectures and gives seminars on a variety topics, appears weekly in the summer on her show “Dig In Seattle” and leads garden tours around the world with her husband Joe. She lives with her family in Enumclaw, near Seattle.



Marianne Binetti.

We thank **7 Cedars Casino** for once again sponsoring our featured speaker.

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



This year’s featured artwork, titled **A Tiny Gazebo** is by **Denise Erickson**.



SPREADING SUNSHINE

Sunshine—we don’t pay much attention to it. If the room is dark we open the blinds and invite in the light—without even a word. If we need a bit of vitamin D we step outside and soak in the rays—again without even a word. Did you know our club has its own Sunshine gal? She’s the one who pens the birthday cards we receive and send out the get well wishes. That person is **Dorothy Ward**. So now that the word is out, share a kind word with the gal who spreads sunshine to us. Thanks, Dorothy!

“But friendship is precious, not only in the shade, but in the sunshine of life, and thanks to a benevolent arrangement the greater part of life is sunshine.” ~*Thomas Jefferson*

5TH TUESDAY GAME NIGHT



A GAME (For those who weren't at GAME NIGHT)



Two members decorated their glasses at Game Night so they would be able to spot their drinks. **Guess which two members!**

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Soroptimists,

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Soroptimists of Sequim. While running a landscaping business in Sequim I got to know many members through the Garden Show and they are now friends. When I announced that I would be retiring from landscaping to attend school—for the first time in my life—I received nothing but support. Transferring across the state to WSU has been a challenge, personally and financially. There have been a number of unexpected expenses associated with getting ready for classes. It was such an amazing relief to come home yesterday after being on campus for a long, 10-hour day and find a letter in the mail box saying I had been awarded this scholarship. It had been a tough day, and even though I was up until midnight working on assignment, I couldn't stop smiling—I still can't!

I hope that you all know what a difference you make in people's lives through your programs. I look forward to the day when I can give back to my community and help the next generation of young women take their next big steps toward their futures.

Thank you so much!
Jennifer Weir

Dear Soroptimist of Sequim members,

Thank you for your support as Friends of the Free Clinic with your recent donation to the Dungeness Valley Health and Wellness Clinic.

Our services to the community include basic urgent care clinics twice a week, daytime clinics for chronic healthcare; diabetes and wellness education; increased referrals; processing prescription assistance program forms; emergency dental care; and eye care vouchers.

In 2014, our 13th year of operation, the clinic provided over 426,240 worth of medical and dental services; prescriptions and labs; all free of charge to our patients,. Thanks for helping make this happen—we couldn't do it with do it without you!

Sincerely,
Audrey G. Gift
President, Board of Directors

FACING UP

Our club Facebook is getting noticed! This post shows it reached 2,000 people! If you have something you think is worth sharing, please send it to our Facebook guru, Barb Thompson, with a copy to President Jane. The more people we reach, the more people learn about who we are and our mission! ~kp

Soroptimist International of Sequim
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Like Reply · September 13 at 8:00pm

Katy Katt Awesome! Well deserved, melissa!
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Write a comment...

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“As the world is getting smaller, it becomes more and more important that we learn each other's dance moves, that we meet each other, we get to know each other, we are able to figure out a way to cross borders, to understand each other, to understand people's hopes and dreams, what makes them laugh and cry.” ~Jehane Noujaim

CARE CLOSET

It's Going to Be a Long, Wet Winter...Can you Help?

Thank you, SI Sequim, for inviting me to share with you last month about our new Care Closet project at our Boys and Girl's Club! It was fun to see you all!

As I shared, too often our kids come to the Club without the basics, such as shoes and coats—and the Closet was an idea to prevent our already overworked staff from running children to the store to purchase daily living needs with our staff's own funds.

The Closet is on-site and contains bins for shoes, socks, hygiene products, coats and sweaters and a "Comfort Bin" for those kids having an especially bad day. As the seasons change, we are in need of your help to stock these bins so our staff can do what they do best—be with the kids! We are in particular need of the following in sizes to fit both boys and girls 5 years through 15 years:

- New or gently used coats and jackets
- New only teddy bears or other stuffed animals and lap quilts
- New or gently used sweat shirts and pants
- New or gently used close-toed shoes or boots
- Soap, shampoo, and hand towels (we have a donation of a year's supply of dental products already!)

PLEASE do NOT contact the Club, as we're trying to keep staff distractions to a minimum, and I'm maintaining an inventory of donations. Therefore, please call me at 360-790-0517 or email at dr.monica@icloud.com and I'll arrange a pickup from you.

Thank you so much for any and all help you can be; our kids will be very grateful!

~Monica Dixon

"Life loves to be taken by the lapel and told: 'I'm with you kid. Let's go.'" ~Maya Angelou

FOUNDERS PENNIES ADD UP

Soroptimist celebrates **Founders Day on October 3**, which acknowledges the day in 1921 when the first club in Alameda County, California, called to order its first business meeting. A long-time Soroptimist tradition linked to Founders Day is Founders Pennies.











The tradition of giving pennies began in 1943. Clubs collected one penny for each member for each year of Soroptimist's existence and used that money to help re-establish clubs in Europe that had disbanded as a result of World War II. 1946 the fund was renamed the Founders Fund. This fund provided international fellowships, scholarships and other awards to improve the status of women. Beginning in the 1960s, Founders Pennies began funding for the Youth Citizenship Awards, and in 1972 for the Women's Opportunity Awards (then called the Training Awards Program).

Founders Pennies are now used to fund the Live Your Dream Awards and other critical SIA programs that improve the lives of women and girls throughout the world. Founders Pennies represent approximately 10% of the funds needed for our programs. Our club collects Founders Pennies with our dues.










Each year, every Soroptimist is offered the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution of six pennies for each year of Soroptimist's existence. These contributions directly fund SIA's annual programs such as the Live Your Dream Awards and Soroptimist Club Grants. ~kp

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH</p>		 <p>OCTOBER NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH</p>		1	2	3
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25	26 Shelle Paulbitski 	27 Program Meeting	28	29	30	31  

November 2015

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15 Monica Ostrom 	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30					

Identity by: Micron

Identity please, security does ask
As you show them your identity pass.
They look at it letting you through
But is that plastic card really you?
That snapshot image of your face
Is not what your identity makes.
Your true Identity is much more complex
Something a mere image never reflects.
The way you care or feel is part of you.
Your inner soul we know keeps you true.
Perhaps you have a real gift,
Or maybe others spirits you lift.
It's the way you laugh and joke,
Or the way you give others hope.
Perhaps it's that you give so much
With word and deed and gentle touch.
Or that you are a great cook.
Identity is not just how you do look.
It's how you act, think—what you find true
That's the identity of being you.



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*improving the lives of women and
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throughout the world.*

To A Woman Making A Difference For Women