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women and men dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls
through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.*

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Celebrating 70 Years of Service

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*“The gratification
comes in the doing,
not in the results.”*

~James Dean

Message from the President

Dear SI/Sequim Members:

We are winding down the year’s activities. I must say what an extraordinary job you all have done. I loved getting to know our new members; they have fit in perfectly with our mission and work ethic.

Paul and I attended the Irrigation Festival Dinner. The Irrigation parade committee is excited that the Sequim Soroptimists are entering a float this year. I can’t wait to “strut our stuff” and let our community know we have been changing lives for 70 years!

Speaking of changing lives I have some facts from the Soroptimist International of the Americas Annual Report.

Live Your Dream Awards: Last year, thanks to our generous donors, funding for the program increased by \$131,152 (7%) and 62 additional women received the award (5%).

1,355 women’s lives were improved

\$1.9 million in education grants was disbursed through the program

20 Soroptimist countries and territories gave awards

Past Live Your Dream Awards recipients report:

94% have earned or are continuing to work toward an educational degree/certification

81% of those who completed their education have secured higher-paying employment

82% of those who completed their education, report an increased standard of living for themselves and their dependents

95% have increased self-esteem

96% are serving as a role model for their dependents

Live Your Dream Online

77,387 total supporters signed up through Liveyourdream.org

13,829 actions taken to improve the lives of women and girls

\$13,176 raised through donations

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“All I ever wanted really, and continue to want out of life, is to give 100 percent to whatever I'm doing and to be committed to whatever I'm doing and then let the results speak for themselves. Also to never take myself or people for granted and always be thankful and grateful to the people who helped me.” ~Jackie Joyner-Kersey

Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

What month is it? The frequent showers may give us a clue. We can see the rain has greened the grass, and daffodils dot the landscape. What a perfect picture.

For some people mid-month becomes taxing and our brains are filled with numbers. After the IRS deadline passes we come back to earth to celebrate Earth Day (4/22).

As the days go by, additional flowers and plants will spring up and add more beauty all around us. Some of those plants will need nurturing to grow to their fullest potential. It's a time to get back to basics—to till the soil where needed.

The Soroptimist Northwestern Region will be getting back to basics at the 99th Annual NWR Conference in Vancouver, WA, April 27–30, 2017. Attendees will share what has worked in their clubs—and what hasn't. It's a chance to plant some new annual seeds of friendship, and nurture the established perennial relationships.

This is the month we elect our club's officers and board members for the upcoming year. Our slate includes some newer members and some long-term members—a good balance. Over the next two months there will be many opportunities to sign-up for committees—you might even want to co-chair one! You may ask why you'd want to do that. My answer comes by way of an example.

At the Gala Garden Show Potluck Celebration I sat at a table with Maureen Gebbia. The 2017 Garden Show was her first, and Maureen co-chaired the raffle with Gloria Robinson—it was also Gloria's first time as a co-chair. I asked Maureen how she liked handling the raffle. Her excited reply surprised me at first. She said she loved it—she enjoys that kind of work!

She shared Gloria was a little apprehensive at the beginning—but Maureen just took her along and showed her how she does it. They went into businesses and 'did the ask' as Deb Carlson says. When they got back into the car after visiting everyone in town, Gloria commented she wished there were more people to visit. She liked it too!

That never would have happened if Gloria and Maureen hadn't signed up to co-chair the raffle. The experience reminded me of who and what we are as Soroptimists. We encourage one another to be our best. We see the best in others even when they don't see it in themselves—we draw it out of one another.

We're wrapping up the 19th Annual Gala Garden Show. What do you get when you add 1 + 9? Another example of a perfect 10!

As April showers nurture our gardens, let us remember to nurture ourselves. What is our passion? Perhaps there is a part of the 2018 Gala Garden Show Core Committee you'd like to co-chair! A sign-up sheet will be at our April business meeting.

It doesn't matter if we are a long time member or a brand new one—we all have something to offer—something to add to the Symphony of Service.

Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



CALENDAR

APRIL

- 7 Board Meeting
- 11 Business Meeting
- *13 Orientation at Solana
- 25 Program Meeting
Women of Haiti
(GOM Mar & Apr)

MAY

- 2 70th Anniversary
Celebration
- 5 Board Meeting
- 9 Business Meeting
Program Meeting
HS Scholarships/
- *30 Ruby & VR Awards
5th Tuesday
Murder Mystery



***Evening Meeting**

“Ask [students] to go to places, to see things for themselves, to actually experience the learning, to play, to inquire.” ~Diana Laufenberg



“We must learn to reawaken and keep ourselves awake, not by mechanical aid, but by an infinite expectation of the dawn.” ~Henry David Thoreau

“Do not train children to learn by force or harshness; but direct them to it by what amuses their minds, so that you may be better able to discover with accuracy the peculiar bent of the genius of each.” ~Plato

Celebrate Life!

APRIL

- 2 Louella Hanson
- 7 Gloria Robinson
- 29 Chris Snow

MAY

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



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Soroptimist Club Grants for Women & Girls Each Year:

Soroptimist awards grants to Soroptimist clubs to help fund projects throughout the organization's 20 countries and territories. By addressing specific local needs, these grants help clubs make a lasting difference in the lives of women and girls in their communities.

\$177,000 granted to 43 Soroptimist projects in six different countries

10,804 women and girls were helped through club grants projects

Other Important Information:

At the end of FY15/16, Soroptimist International of the Americas comprised 20 countries and territories, including Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guam, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Northern Mariana Islands, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, United States, and Venezuela.

1,284 Clubs with 30,230 members

Change in membership from 14/15: up (786)

We truly are a local (our club added 16 new members this year) as well as a global force.

Remember Team Work Makes the Dream Work!
A big thank you to each member.

All my best,
Kathryn Pacelli, President 2016-17



Note the phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

504-0231



“Easter is meant to be
a symbol of hope, renewal,
and new life.”

~Janine di Giovanni

PROGRAMS

Our program meeting for April will focus on Women of Haiti. We will also honor our Girls of the Month since Spring Break prevented contacting them for the April business meeting.

5TH TUESDAY: Keep your calendar open for the 5th Tuesday in May! Whether you are a player or a sideline detective, you will have a great time!

~Gena Royal, Programs Chair



SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER



NWR Conference
Vancouver, WA
Hilton Vancouver
April 27-30, 2017

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

The Awards and Scholarships committee is in full swing advertising for the **Violet Richardson Award** and we already have response! Judy Field and Cindy Rhodes wrote excellent articles for the newspapers and their promo ads were so good I'm planning to plagiarize them forever! The Violet Richardson Award is for a teen female, 14-18, living in the Sequim school district and volunteering in our community.



The recipient of the award receives \$250 cash for herself and \$250 to her charity, usually where she is volunteering. The second place recipient receives \$250 cash. If you know of any young lady that fills these requirements please direct her to SISequim.org for more information and an online application. Judy Field is the contact for the VR Award this year.

Scholarship notebook review will be on **April 26, 5pm at The Gathering Place** in Sunland. A light dinner will be provided, bring your beverage of choice. All members are welcome and encouraged to participate. It's rewarding to read these notebooks and to help select recipients of our "enthusiastically garnered" funds! See you there!

Jeani Penn and Becky Archer are heading up the **Vocational-Technical Award**. This \$2000 cash award goes to a female, 16-18, having graduated from Sequim High School OR living in the Sequim School District and enrolled in a program that will culminate with a license or certificate. Jeani had the great idea of starting our advertising period earlier to capture the attention of seniors before they are out of school for the year with plans to enter a qualified program in the fall. The recipient may use her funds for anything she desires, not just for school. Contact Jeani or Becky if you have any leads! Again, info and application is online at SISequim.org.

Being a member of the Awards and Scholarships committee is one of the most rewarding jobs I've taken in our club. I love, love, love the hands-on working tasks, it's in my blood I guess, but being able to participate in the selection of some of the young recipients of our hard earned money is such a heart-warming pleasure, I highly recommend getting involved in this committee when you have an opportunity.

Thanks to everyone for all you do!!

~Deb Carlson, Awards and Scholarships Chair



TEA WITH "SHE"




Get Your Affairs in Order

Estate planning isn't just about legal issues -- there are practical ones as well. Help your family -- by getting your paperwork in order.

MAY 16th NOON-1 PM
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
100 SOUTH BLAKE AVE, SEQUIM

SPEAKER: Teresa Neudorfer
Elder Law Attorney

TEA WITH "SHE"
SOROPTIMIST HELPING AND EMPOWERING

SOROPTIMIST HELPING & EMPOWERING—SHE Mature Women Project

Some highlights about the event:

- We have an interview setup with KONP for Thursday, May 11 @ 1:05 p.m. Sandy Lawrence and I will do the interview.
- Betty Osborn will work with Membership Committee to coordinate the SIS information table.
- KSQM agreed to do Community Service Announcement.
- Pauline Geraci posted the event on free, local websites.
- Flyers and postcards have been printed
- We will have an ad in the PDN.

~ Janet Popelka





SOROPTIMIST HELPING & EMPOWERING—SHE A.I.M. High - Reach for the Stars -



Soroptimist Program for Elementary & Middle School Girls

Days For Girls, a middle school project, and the last Greywolf Elementary book club will round out the 2016-2017 activities for A.I.M. High.

Gloria Fitzpatrick will lead a discussion with the 4th grade girls using Gene Bradbury's Cloud Climber starting April 11. Of course, Gene will visit with the girls for the last session.

Days For Girls is scheduled for Tuesday afternoons from **3:15 to 4:15 p.m., May 9, 16, 23 and 30**—if we need that many sessions. All depends on how many girls sign-up. We will need a few volunteers to help the girls. Preparations for completing the bags are under way with the following:

Jeanne Martin, Sandy Lawrence, Karen Renk, Shelle Paulbitski, and Laura Rundle washing and ironing fabric

Amanda Beitzel and Sandy Lawrence—cutting out bags

Amanda Beitzel and Paulette Hill—serging edges

Amanda Beitzel, Jan Chapman, Gwyn Wessel, Kris Osborn, Karen Renk and Paulette Hill sewing (more sewers, members or friends, are welcome—contact Amanda Beitzel, amandabzl@olympus.net)

Still need bright colored grosgrain ribbon, if you happen to be at JoAnn Fabrics or Walmart.

Thanks to all who are participating in the A.I.M. High projects.

~Amanda Beitzel, Elaine Churchill, Missy Church-Smith, Kecia Gilliam, Amala Kuster, Co-Chairs A.I.M. High



“Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.”
~Martin Luther King Jr.

MUJERES CONNECTION

“Music touches us emotionally, where words alone can't.” ~Johnny Depp

Dear Soroptimist friends,

Our breakfast in March was a success. Many thanks to those who attended. And now, our Men with Guitars concert is coming up soon.

This is such a fun event, with lots of music from the 60s and 70s and some original compositions as well. We are featuring High Divide (Forrest Gilchrist and Kevin Munro) and also “Bill and Rudy” with Bill Tiderman and Rudy Maxion. This will be a fun evening of nostalgia and sing-along as well as some new tunes. Save the date...April 29. Hope to see you there!

Cheers, Judith Pasco
Board Chair, Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation

PS At the moment we do not need any hard glasses cases. We have enough for a good couple of years. Thanks for keeping us so well supplied! **We need 58 toothbrushes to complete the 100 for our July trip.** Thanks again!



MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

DUKE, Lynne



When Lynne Duke retired she knew she wanted to live in a beautiful, peaceful area. She learned about Sequim from a long-time friend who had worked as a commercial pilot and decided Sequim must be pretty special if someone who had flown around the world wanted to live here.

Retiring in August, 2015, Lynne purchased her home and moved here with two cats and two German Shepherds. One of her dogs having passed, she recently acquired a puppy who's keeping her busy.

Lynne had a very successful career with the Los Angeles County Probation Department, starting as a Deputy Probation Officer and rising to the position of a Director. This, in the largest agency of its kind in the world. She worked with both juvenile and adult offenders, was one of the Department's drug experts and managed various juvenile facilities throughout the County.

Volunteering in a variety of capacities during her life, as a youth, Lynne worked with the "Head Start" program, the Probation Dept. (before she was hired), but her favorite volunteer assignment was working as a docent at the Los Angeles Zoo. Lynne loves animals and was required to complete several months of formal zoology study in order to instruct zoo visitors. Although she enjoyed interacting with the school children, one of her best memories was going for a walk around the zoo before it opened and sipping coffee with lions relaxing nearby. It was an experience not to be missed. She enjoyed the camaraderie among the docents and wound up going to Kenya and Tanzania with some of them. It was a great trip she wouldn't mind replicating with some Soroptimists who like to travel!

PACELLI, Paul



Paul and Kathryn Pacelli moved to Sequim 12 years ago, from San Diego, wanting a smaller town and more relaxed pace. They have three boys and two girls between them, six grandchildren and a cat named Savannah (who is a Diva).

Now retired, Paul spent his career as an IT Specialist having worked for the Makah Clinic and Wellness Center for 11 years and Computer Science Corp. and County of San Diego for 25 years. He has always been involved in community and church affairs and very much enjoys volunteering. Looking forward to working with Soroptimist, Paul finds volunteering emotionally satisfying and feels he always receives more out of service to others than they receive from him.

Paul has superior computer skills in the areas of spreadsheets, data mining and trouble shooting. He is also a good organizer; however his computer expertise does not include web sites.

A fish breeder and grower of tropical plants, Paul loves nostalgia memorabilia, old cars and is restoring a '57 Karmann Ghia.

The Membership Committee is pleased to welcome our newest members, David Fickes and Chuck Rundle.

Orientation of new members will be held on **April 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Solana.**

~Elaine Bradford, Membership Committee

"A good team, like a good show, comes into being when the separate individuals working together create, in essence, another separate higher entity—the team—the show—which is better than any of those individuals can ever be on their own." ~Gary David Goldberg

2017 GALA GARDEN SHOW NEWS

We want to thank the awesome membership and Core Committee for another great Gala Garden Show. This is a TOTAL membership participation event—and you did not disappoint. We had happy vendors, happy attendees, happy speakers and jubilant members. JOB WELL DONE, EVERYONE!

A few things to mention

- Please bring any garden show signs you have to the meeting on the 11th.
- If you borrowed a t-shirt, please bring it to the meeting.
- If you have expenses, please mail, or scan & email, a check request form to Jan Chapman.
- We should have a full financial report by mid/end of April, after we receive the bills from The Gazette and UPS Store.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to mention the CORE COMMITTEE for the 2018 Gala Garden Show—our 20th! It is important that the committee be fully staffed before we break for summer, as some of the tasks get under way during the summer months.

I am really excited to share that Kathy Purcell and Su Howat have stepped forward to take on the co-chairmanship of the next garden show. If they reach out to you to be on the Core Committee, please consider doing so. We had several members sign up for various committees at the potluck. The sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting April business meeting.

~Jan Chapman and Elaine Churchill,
2017 Gala Garden Show Co-Chairs



“He will therefore have to use what knowledge he can achieve, not to shape the results as the craftsman shapes his handiwork, but rather to cultivate a growth by providing the appropriate environment, in the manner in which the gardener does this for his plants.” ~*Friedrich August von Hayek*

MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

Our committee met to discuss any necessary changes in our structure. We are looking for a member willing to work on our committee to do maintenance and repair on our equipment. This would mainly involve checking equipment over and possibly tightening and/or adjusting brakes, etc.

We are persevering and are so very thankful for the time, effort, and passion that our SIS sister Sally Sue Barry has given to the loan closet over the years. She will be greatly missed. We will be working on a memorial plaque to be placed in the Medical Loan Closet.

~Gena Royal, MLC Co-Chair





19th

Gala
Garden
Show



**Sally Sue Barry
1939 - 2017**



Sally Sue was a Sequim native, born at Sequim Prairie Hospital in 1939. She was a lifetime member of Soroptimist International of Sequim for 40 years. She was active in her community, her church, and her Soroptimist Club.

Sally Sue's memorial service is being held today at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and she will be in the hearts of her Soroptimist Sisters working here at the Garden Show. For many years she greeted the patrons of the show with a smile; directing folks to various vendor booths, gardening classes, or sharing the Café menu.

We will miss her guidance, her wit and her love for our Club.




**It takes a Core of
Dedicated Women to Lead the
Gala Garden Show
Thanks, to the Core Committee
and to all our members**

**See the Slides from the presentation at:
http://sisequim.org/2017_GGS.pdf**



WHO AM I? TEN FUN FACTS

Past President Jane Manzer



1. Went to a 2-room school house for 1st and 2nd grades (no kindergarten), one of 2 girls in class of 6.
2. I was a baton twirler/majorette from age 8, taught baton in high school.
3. Rode the train from Idaho to Nebraska by myself at age 11.
4. My first job, other than babysitting, was “sitting” an ambulance phone.
5. I was the Statue of Liberty in a talent show. (there’s more to this)
6. Sometimes got rides home from high school on snowmobiles and there was a huge snowstorm on the day of my first prom on April 28th!
7. I always loved horses and had to settle for riding friends’ or cousins’ horses, so I bought my own Arabian when I was 23.
8. My neighbor and I served lunch at my house to astronaut Wally Shirra. (there’s more to this)
9. Our oldest son was born in Sun Valley, ID on Christmas Day. (the only non-orthopaedic patient)
10. Eclectic work history with 3 federal agencies, Sequim School District, 3 departments of Clallam County, a career counselor, a social service agency, attorneys, real estate appraisers, and self-employment as a real estate salesperson then broker.

Member Missy Church-Smith



1. Born in the town where *Rob & Laura Petrie* lived.
2. Survived Catholic schools and uniforms from Kindergarten through high school.
3. Had 18 addresses in 6 states, as an adult.
4. Was an avid scuba diver for 20+ years; did a shark dive in the Bahamas.
5. Raced and cruised sailboats for 30+ years.
6. Have always loved to work out—running, aerobics, biking, swimming.
7. Was a teacher/counselor/advisor—elementary, middle and high school.
8. As an adjunct at University of South Florida, taught education/methods courses for graduate students.
9. Learned to drive a stick-shift on a brand new Porsche 911 - yikes!
10. Have had 2 incredible dogs - Oliver the Old English Sheepdog described by a psychic friend as a person trapped in a dog's body—and Kita the Wonder Dog—a blonde Lab who moved with us to Sequim in 2006!

“We are like pieces in a jigsaw puzzle. We are all unique, and have our own special place in the puzzle of the universe. Without each of us, the puzzle is incomplete.” ~*Rod Williams*

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Invitations—May 2 Event

The Public Awareness committee has been working feverishly on our celebration event. To adhere to the guidelines of the Washington State Liquor board as it pertains to serving liquor (wine), our event must be by invitation only. The committee has comprised a wonderful list of invitees; however, we feel members might help us expand our list. We are asking members to extend an invitation to individuals who could potentially play a role with us in the future. It could be someone who you feel might want to be a member or a sponsor and/or donor. We will have extra invitations available for members to hand out at our upcoming April meetings.

~Linda Klinefelter, Public Awareness Co-Chair



EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Soroptimists,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$1,000 for the Kathleen Sutton Fund. With amazing donations like these we were able to help 99 women last year, over half from Jefferson and Clallam Counties. Thank you again. This donation will help so many more women.

Allison Morrison
KSF Board of Directors



Dear Soroptimists,

I wanted to thank you formally for the generosity you shared with me through the Live Your Dream Award to support me in "Living My Dream." The award actually allowed me to commit to this academic adventure. I am so excited and ready to complete my mission!



Thank you! Thank you! I commit to using this encouragement and support well, and give it back as I move forward.

With Gratitude and appreciation!
Terry Barrett

PS The mug bearing the message "Dream Chaser" is a daily reminder of the good in action! Thank you.

Dear Soroptimist International of Sequim,

Thank you so much for supporting our agency this year with your donation of \$600. We are exceedingly grateful for the outpouring of generosity we received from our friends.

By funding our work, you are reaching some of the most disadvantaged residents of our community and making a real difference in their lives. We are gratified that you recognize the work we do with one hundred staff members working out of our Port Angeles and Sequim offices, supporting a current client base of approximately 3,000. Peninsula Behavioral Health is the largest nonprofit agency on the Peninsula and has been Clallam County's primary resource for mental health services for the past forty years.

Again, thank you very much for your generous donation and enduring support of our agency.

Warm regards,
Rebekah Miller, Development Coordinator



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

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Louella Hanson 	3	4	5	6	7 BOARD MEETING Gloria Fitzpatrick 	8
9	10	11 Business Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 	17	18	19	20	21	22 
23	24	25 Program Meeting	26	27	28 NWR Conference 	29 Chris Snow NWR Conference  
30 NWR Conference 						

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 70th Anniversary Celebration 	3 Judy Field 	4 Jeanne Martin 	5 BOARD MEETING	6
7	8 Marti Campbell 	9 Business Meeting	10 Sandy Reed 	11	12	13 VIP Luncheon and Irrigation Festival Parade 
14 	15	16	17	18 Pauline Geraci 	19	20
21	22	23 Linda Klinefelter Program Meeting HS Scholarships Ruby & VR Awards 	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 5th Tuesday Murder Mystery Dinner	31 Chuck Rundle 			

My Way To Relax

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The birds sing,
Bugs cling,
Butterflies flutter,
Water drips from a gutter.

A beautiful day,
Here I stay,
Bathing in the sun,
I start to hum.

Making a song
With spring,
The grass clings
To me.

I stand up,
Brush myself off
And cough.
My eyes caught the beauty of spring.



Photo by Cindy Rhodes



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