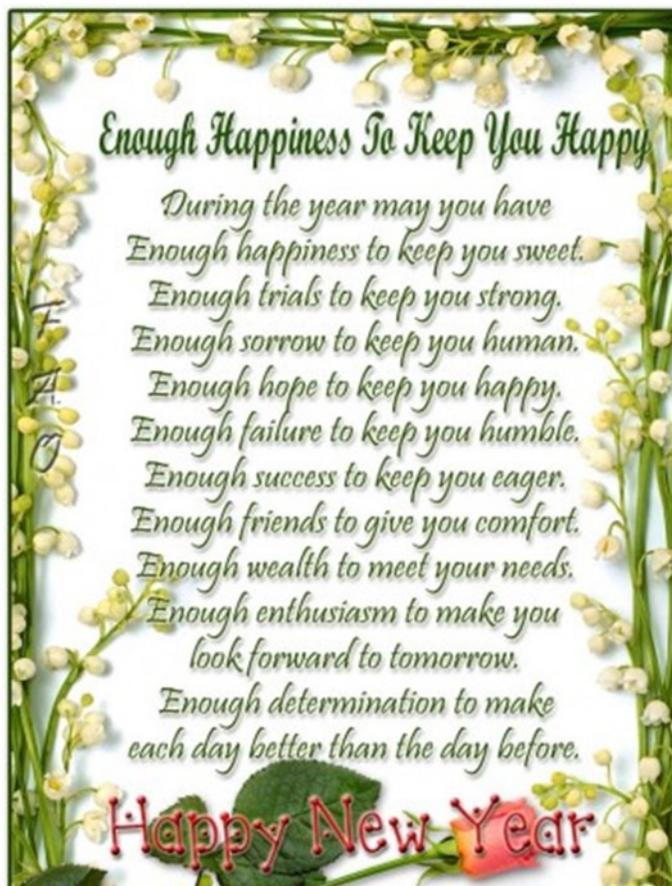


Message from the President

Dear Soroptimist Sisters:

Now that the mad rush of the holidays is over for most of us, we can breathe a sigh of relief. I look forward to a more leisurely pace as I reflect on last year and look forward to a clean slate in 2017.

My New Years resolution prayer is “Dear God, my prayer for 2017 is a fat bank account and a thin body. Please don't mix these up like you did last year.”



Seriously this is my prayer for all of us!
Blessings,
Kathryn Pacelli, President 2016-17



Officers 2016 - 2017

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Kathryn Pacelli

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Gena Royal

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Kathy Cunha

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Gloria Fitzpatrick

Director: 1 year

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Director: 1 year

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“What makes
your heart flutter?
Do only that. There is
not enough time
for anything else.”
~Richard P. Feynman

Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

The Christmas trees, Hanukah bushes, angels and dreidels are put away—the noise-makers are silent. Memories of merry times spent with family and friends are still fresh in our minds. The holiday glow is still shining in and through us. It is a new year—2017 is here. If you add those numbers, 2+0+1+7, the total is 10—it's bound to be a year filled with perfect 10s.

I was thinking about numbers. I know, some of you are probably wondering why numbers, when I am a word person. Well, some numbers have homonyms that are words: one—*won*; two—*to, too*; four—*for, fore*; eight—*ate*; nine—*nein*. Numbers—and words about numbers—are interesting. For example, when we go to the deli or DMV and there's a line, we take a number and wait for it to be called. When our number is up, we go forward and place our order, or renew our driver's license. If someone in the mafia were to say our number is up, we would move backward—and quickly. A word or phrase can have a number of meanings. How *kind* we are reflects the *kind* of person we are. We can *peer* into a peer group and see their values. We can take a *rest* and see what the *rest* decide. We can *train* our minds to keep our *train* of thought focused and create a picture perfect result.

Speaking of picture perfect, there are paint by number kits that assure a perfect picture. Some members, like President-elect Gena Royal, don't need paint by number kits; Gena creates from an inner inspiration. Other members, like knitter Joan Miller, use numbers to count stitches, and they need to choose the right needle number. Musicians, like President Kathryn Pacelli, recognize the significance of numbers when reading music.

Numbers are helpful in other areas—like measuring the booth spaces at the recent Gala Gift Show and upcoming Gala Garden Show. Our membership *number* has been steadily increasing. The income and expense *numbers* from one year are used for determining the budget for the next year.

It's January, 2017—the beginning of a new calendar year. Although this is not the beginning of a Soroptimist year, soon the club will be ramping up for it. Next month a Nominating Committee will be formed and will be seeking members to run for board positions. Like the captain and crew who invite passengers *on board*, the Nominating Committee will invite members *on board*.

Have you ever considered being on the board? It's not a lotto, but you'd have a lot of fun—and it would be rewarding. Before you say *nein* to being asked *for* a board position, know it is not *too* hard. You could be the *fore* of the group. Past members *ate* it up, and together we all *won*.

Is your number up? Will you be called to be on the board? If so, don't worry—there may not be paint by number kits, but there are guidelines and resources. If you accept, you'll get a chance to help decide on the *meat* of our club and you'll have a *license* to help *drive* us to success. You'll be one of the 10 who lead our club through a year of perfect 10s. As we put our 10 digits together in a welcoming applaud of the new year, we recognize the number of ways our participation adds to our Symphony of Service.

Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



“Every phenomenon of nature was a word—the sign, symbol and pledge of a new, mysterious, inexpressible but all the more intimate union, participation and community of divine energies and ideas.” ~Johann Georg Hamann

CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 6 Board Meeting
- 10 Business Meeting
- 24 Program Meeting
- 27 Deadline for articles for the *Gazette Tab*
- *31 5th Tuesday Chinese New Year Party

FEBRUARY

- 10 Board Meeting
- 14 Business Meeting (GOM Jan & Feb)
- 28 Program Meeting



***Evening Meeting**

**“When you have mastered numbers, you will in fact no longer be reading numbers, any more than you read words when reading books. You will be reading meanings.”
~W. E. B. Du Bois**

**2+0+1+7=10
A perfect 10
We're #1 /WON**

**“Words are intermediary between thought and things. We express ourselves really not through words, which are only signs, but through what they signify.”
~George Edward Woodberry**

Celebrate Life!

JANUARY

- 6 Rose Jaeger
- 10 Kate Creasey
- 17 Kathy Cunha

FEBRUARY

- 2 Becky Archer
- 2 Cindy Rhodes
- 11 Missy Church-Smith
- 12 Su Howat
- 17 Joan Miller
- 22 Jan Chapman
- 25 Maureen Gebbia



Note the phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET
504-0231



*"I celebrate myself, and sing myself,
 and what I assume you shall assume,
 for every atom belonging to me as
 good belongs to you."
 ~Walt Whitman*

5th TUESDAY A CHINESE NEW YEAR

January 31, 2017 / 6 p.m. / place TBA

January 5th Tuesday will be a Chinese New Year's party!
 January 31st, 6 p.m. Bring your favorite beverage and a snack
 to share. Still looking for a venue, so if you would like to be
 invaded by a wild and crazy group of ladies or have any
 suggestions for a location, please let me know .

Gong Hey Fat Choy

~Gena Royal, Programs Chair



SAVE THE DATE

Peninsula Area Meeting

February 25, 2017

Forks, WA

Some clubs are considering going out to Forks
 on Friday night, so stay tuned!

SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER



Peninsula Area Meeting
 February 25, 2017
 SI of the Olympic Rain Forest



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

GIRLS OF THE MONTH



GIRLS OF THE MONTH

Mikaela Dodson and Danica Miller

“New Year's Day. A fresh start. A new chapter in life waiting to be written. New questions to be asked, embraced, and loved. Answers to be discovered and then lived in this transformative year of delight and self-discovery. Today carve out a quiet interlude for yourself in which to dream, pen in hand. Only dreams give birth to change.” ~*Sarah Ban Breathnach*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Committee wishes everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Save the dates: March 18 & 19, 2017—The Gala Garden Show is just around the corner and all members participate in this, our largest fundraiser of the year.

We hope that new members have contacted their preferred committees and have signed up to be a part of those great projects.

Elaine Bradford, Membership Committee



NEW MLC CONTACT CARDS

We have business cards for the closet now that members can use to give out to people who may be interested. I'll bring them to our next meeting.

Kate Creasey, MLC Co-Chair



A.I.M. High - Reach for the Stars - Elementary & Middle School Committee

A.I.M. High will have three events at Greywolf this coming school year:

- ⇒ The 4th grade book club will read Cloud Climber by Gene Bradbury, led by Gloria Fitzpatrick.
- ⇒ The 5th grade will read Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo, led by Sandy Lawrence.
- ⇒ For five weeks starting in late January, Gene Bradbury will teach a Writer's Workshop to the 4th & 5th grade girls. Gene has experience teaching this course. He will be offering his knowledge, as well as all the materials for the course. We are very lucky to have a local author who has experience and talent teaching children.

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



2017 GALA GARDEN SHOW NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! 2017 marks the 19th year that our club has put on the Gala Garden show. . . . a wonderful accomplishment Ladies! And now we get down to “business” and hit the ground running in our preparations for the third weekend in March.



Don't forget, the Core Committee will meet Monday, January 9th, at 8:15 at the Gathering Place in Sunland. We will be contacting some of the committees prior to the meeting regarding specific questions/information we may need.

A reminder: Newspaper articles are due to Kathy Purcell by **January 27, 2017.**

Our grateful thanks to all who are working hard in the planning process!

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



END OF YEAR PARTY

There were only 24 people there including 1 guest (Karen's sister). Sunland provided us with a special breakfast.

We played 3 games: “Do you know these obscure Christmas facts?”—a memory game, and “Which answer is a lie” We did “Happy Dollars” and Kathryn lamented that she only had 6 more months in her Presidency.

~Elaine Bradford



“The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.”
~*Oprah Winfrey*



THE POWER OF SOCKS

Healthy Families asked for a Sock Tree again this year—warm, cozy socks being a year-round, ongoing need for their clients. Our club discussed, and decided once again, to fund this worthy project and wrote a \$500 check for the purchase of socks. The sales were scoured, outlet stores visited, donations came in. We had lots and lots and lots of socks!

Beverly Hoffman provided information as to age and gender of all of the Holiday Joy families so we were sure to have gender and sizes covered. Jane Manzer undid all of the packages and individually tied ribbons to each pair of socks, color-coded as to gender and size with a wall chart for the moms to refer to, (only Jane would think of this clever idea!) and we hung them on the tree. A giant, live, FREE tree was cut fresh from a friend's property and delivered to the newly acquired building across the alley from the Healthy Families office, the warm office. The new building did not have heat yet and it was freezing in there!

Elaine Bradford and I delivered the big bags of socks and set up the tree, then hung socks and hung socks and hung socks! Our toes and hands were frostbitten by the time we were done! Family Day arrived and all of the moms and kids were invited to select socks. I stopped by a couple of weeks later delivering twin beds donated by Colleen Blazier—the sock tree still had socks on it so the families in need can keep plucking warmth—and a little Soroptimist love—from the tree for another cold month, just in time for this one! And, due to good sale shopping, \$267 was returned to the club treasurer from the original \$500. Money available to sock shop next year!

~Deb Carlson, Sock Tree Coordinator



"I love everything about the holidays: the decorations, the parties, and spending time with friends and family. What I love most is that feeling of giving back. Every bit counts." ~**Brad Goreski**



HOLIDAY JOY—MORE THAN A BANDAID

This 10th year of Holiday Joy provided Christmas presents to over 42 families and 135 victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse—all clients of Healthy Families of Clallam County. This massive effort simply would not be possible without the help of the Soroptimists (and also the Sunland Sunshiners).

One part of Holiday Joy is Family Day where we have mothers and children come to the agency where we have set up a Christmas paradise—to tables of gifts. Children “shop” for their mothers and wrap their gifts, and moms get to choose presents for their children. We cheat a bit and have the presents they requested on view when it’s their turn. This year the Soroptimists who helped at Family Day— Colleen Blazier, Elaine Bradford, Missy Church-Smith, Kathleen De Jong, and Jane Manzer—were touched by a mother-son who came to our area from a southern state. The little boy had written Santa a letter stating he had been good and only wanted hope for Christmas. Up until Family Day, his only toy was a broken cell phone. Laura Rundle sponsored this family, and the gifts were pitch-perfect for them. (Sunshiners had extra money and bought him a bike, too.) The mother kept saying, “I can’t believe this. I just can’t believe this. I can breathe now.”

The second part of Holiday Joy was finding sponsors for the remaining families. Enter the Soroptimists!!!! Fifteen families were sponsored by 12 groups of Soroptimists. (Can you even imagine how this lifts the load from my shoulders?!?!?) As I received the gifts, I was struck with the loving ways the gifts were wrapped. I have the privilege of passing out the gifts, and I cannot tell you how many times I cried because of the responses of the moms who wept when they saw their gifts. I’m a pretty good hugger, but I was out-hugged by most all of them as we stood in silence and held each other in a sense of connection. The twelve groups were extremely generous with the hours shopping, as well as money spent!!!!



Each year at Family Day, I say a few words and this year I talked about our recognition that our gifts at Christmas are a Band-Aid—something held in disdain in talking in politic terms (It’s just a Band-Aid!). But we delved into the beauty of a Band-Aid: it usually involves another person to help wrestle the wrapper and adhesive; it stops the immediate bleeding; it prevents infection and helps to jump-start healing; etc.

We also realized that in each of our lives, progress comes from a series of Band-Aids applied that help us move forward in some way. We all have had “ouchies” and when someone has stepped to our aid, we remember that moment when Light seemed possible. To the organization of Soroptimists, I commend you for having generous hearts who join hearts with hurting moms and innocent children. I stand in awe of all of you!



~Beverly Hoffman for Holiday Joy

“The manner of giving is worth more than the gift.” ~*Pierre Corneille*



THE GIFT WE GET WHEN GIVING

December was not so merry and I was having a hard time feeling the spirit. Husband was sick. I got sick and was down for about 10 days. Many of my friends were sick. Plans with the family for the holidays were “up in the air.” Enter the *Soropti-Scoop* containing a wish list for a girl at the Boys & Girls Club. Since I hadn’t partnered with anyone to sponsor a family through Healthy Families this year, I asked Deborah Carlson if she’d want to help me fulfill this girl’s wishes. And of course Deb, with her huge, giving heart, said yes. By December 23rd, I’d found the perfect RECIPE FOR GETTING IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT:



1. Go shopping with a friend and super shopper—on senior discount day of course :>)
2. Dig deep in the Christmas supplies and discover you have wrapping paper in the girl’s favorite color—blue.
3. Have your husband help you seal up the box because the new coat and clothing are packed so tightly they’re going to spring out when she opens it.
4. Deliver the gift to the Boys & Girls Club—and find that the girl is actually there at the time you arrive.
5. Relish her profuse thanks and excitement that they’d just gotten a tree she could put the gift under.
6. Watch her hug that big box as if it were a stuffed animal.
7. Delight in her huge smile, bright eyes, and more thank yous as she skips off to show her friends and to look for a bag in which to carry the box home.

Warmed my heart and proved the quote that “Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have.”

~Jane Manzer



“The essential elements of giving are power and love—activity and affection—and the consciousness of the race testifies that in the high and appropriate exercise of these is a blessedness greater than any other.” ~*Mark Hopkins*

ANTI-TRAFFICKING EVENT—Save the Date!

Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 12:15 p.m.
Speaker: Kathleen Morris and the WARM program.
Peninsula College Little Theatre



Kathleen Morris has worked with survivors of human trafficking for nine years. She is the Senior Program Manager of the International Rescue Committee in Seattle and leads it’s anti-trafficking program known as the Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network (WARN). WARN is a coalition of non-governmental organizations providing comprehensive services to survivors of human trafficking in Washington State. Kathleen oversees survivor services and outreach provided by WARN, leads collaborative anti-trafficking efforts as co-chair of the Washington Advisory Committee on Trafficking along with the US Attorney’s Office and Seattle Police Department, provides technical assistance to professionals and attorneys serving human trafficking survivors, and helps survivors work through a myriad of issues they face. She has provided training throughout Washington State, nationally, and internationally on responding to and serving victims and survivors of human trafficking. Kathleen is dedicated to ensuring that survivors have every opportunity to build the lives they want.

DAY OF SERVICE

What happens when you have eleven Soroptimist join hands to work on a special project? Miracles become a reality. It was such a sight and incredible day to celebrate the success from the fruits of their labor. It seemed like clockwork and everyone jumped right in with a single purpose—to get the garage cleaned out and organized. I watched in amazement as everything inside was moved outside. It was a treasure hunt and I had no idea what was going to happen next.

A few neighbors passed by with words of encouragement while each Soroptimist found the right corner of the driveway for a lifetime of family belongings. Once the boxes were moved and the Soroptitudes (Gena's husband and Maureen's son) started to load their trucks, everything was sorted for the final disposition.

I couldn't have tackled that job alone and it is still an awesome sight. My heartfelt gratitude goes to: Amanda Beitzel (dish packer extraordinaire), Elaine Bradford, Deborah Carlson, Linda Chapman, Elaine Churchill, Missy Church-Smith, Kathleen DeJong, Maureen Gebbia, Amala Kuster (my sounding board), Gena Royal, and Pat Willis (researcher for special treasures). The T.E.A.M. certainly demonstrated that Together Everyone Achieves More.

~Colleen Blazier



"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." ~Maya Angelou



USING THE WHOLE NUMBER

If you have Verizon, you may have seen a notice on your last bill regarding using the area code when placing a call.

**Important Notice For Customers
With A 206, 253, 360 Or 425 Area Code**

On the back page it says that we should begin including the area code whenever we make a call beginning January 28, 2017. If you forget and use just the 7-digit number, the call will go through during this grace period. Starting July 29, 2017 all calls must include the area code.

FOOD BANK PROJECT

Did the ladies of our club read their newsletter? You bet we did! I believe our food bank project proved that our membership reads and enjoys the newsletter. We asked members—through our newsletter—to bring specific items needed for our local food bank to our December 13, 2016, meeting. Not only did our members step up to the plate donating food—they even gave financially. Later that day, I dropped off a large box of needed food items totaling 70 pounds, and provided the food bank with a financial donation of \$310.00. Our contributions were joyfully received by Executive Director, Andra Smith and board President, Steve Rosales. Thank you, ladies—it was a job well done. Keep reading the *Soropti-Scoop!*

~Linda Klinefelter, Public Awareness Co-chair



EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Friends,

Thank you, Thank You, *THANK YOU* for your continued support. We are so pleased to receive your recent gifts totaling \$310 and 70 pounds of food! I am continuously "blown away" by the generosity of our community and the willingness to help our neighbors and friends in need.

Because of your continued support:

2,000 families will receive much-needed food

1,500 families will receive food boxes to help prepare holiday meals

150 children will have food on the weekends



As the end 2016 draws near and we prepare for 2017, please know that your support is making a difference and allows us to continue toward our goal that "No one goes hungry in our community." Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,
Andra Smith
Executive Director

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Style (excerpt from the SIA website)

The most important aspects of Soroptimist style are consistency and clarity. When communicating, the federation, regions and clubs must be consistent in language to cultivate unity throughout the organization. In addition, simplicity is always better. The more commas, clauses, abbreviations and jargon in a sentence, the more difficult it is to understand. The secret of style is that it doesn't matter how intelligent a sentence sounds if readers can't understand it.

Effective communication means constructing messages that inform or persuade a target audience. Use the following "Soroptimist semantics" examples to effectively communicate the Soroptimist mission to Soroptimists, non-Soroptimists, media, and the public.

Jargon and "Buzz" Words

When organizations and companies develop their own internal dictionary of jargon, these words often spill over into materials that are not meant for the eyes and ears of an external audience. For instance:

A non-Soroptimist audience will not understand words such as "federation" and "region" without having some further explanation.

While phrases such as "international goodwill and understanding" and "advocacy, awareness and action" are part of the Soroptimist vernacular, these present more internal information than a person in an "outside" audience needs to know. Do not use these phrases to describe Soroptimist. Instead, use the mission statement.

Use the words "business and professional women" to describe who Soroptimists are. Previously used phrases, such as "executive and professional women," "executive and professional business women" and "executive and business women" do not clearly define Soroptimist's members.

Use the words "international volunteer organization" to describe what Soroptimists do, rather than "international volunteer service organization" or "international volunteer civic organization." Service and civic clubs are considered organizations using old models. Soroptimist has worked hard to carve out an identity as a modern organization and does not want to be considered part of the service club industry.

Federation Names

The word "federation" is not capitalized. It does not appear in the official federation name of Soroptimist International of the Americas, nor is it a proper name.

Internal: Abbreviate federation names (after first reference) with slashes. Abbreviate Soroptimist International of the Americas to SIA.

Example: Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland = SI/GBI

Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific = SI/SWP

Soroptimist International of Europe = SI/E

External: When talking about Soroptimist International of the Americas to an external audience, call it "Soroptimist." If talking about one of the other three federations use its entire name.

Region Names

Capitalize the word "Region" when part of the full region name, such as "The Desert Coast Region recently awarded its region-level Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award."

When used as an adjective, keep it lowercase, such as "The Soroptimists held their region conference at the Marriot Hotel last week."

The word "regional" should never be used in any reference.

Numbers

Spell out numbers less than 10 and use figures for numbers more than 10. Example: seven, eight, nine, 10, 11, 64, 125.

Use figures with times except for "noon" and "midnight" (use "a.m." and "p.m." lowercase to express time of day). Example: 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

Spell out "first" through "ninth." Starting with 10, use figures. Example: first, ninth, 10th, 22nd, 33rd, 41st

Do not use "st," "nd," "rd," or "th" with dates. Examples: "International Women's Day is March 8."

"Very few people really see things unless they've had someone in early life who made them look at things. And name them too. But the looking is primary, the focus." ~Denise Levertov

WHO AM I? TEN FUN FACTS

Assistant Treasurer Kathy Cunha

1. I took calculus and organic chemistry classes in college for fun.
 2. I never wore bell bottoms or go-go boots.
 3. I am pet friendly.
 4. In the 80s I dated a man with an orange phone.
 5. I lived overseas.
 6. I will spend 7-10 days walking across Ireland in 2017.
 7. I learned to ski on a rolling carpet.
 8. I have owned a Prius since 2006.
 9. I learned to paint decorative porcelains in a foreign language.
 10. I thank the good Lord every day for the love and joy my Soropti-sisters bring.
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Member Colleen Blaier

1. I was born in TX.
 2. I loved journalism and was the editor of the Mustangs literary art magazine.
 3. I graduated from Texas Women's University.
 4. My first trip to Sequim was in 1968.
 5. I told friends that I would retire in Sequim (someday).
 6. I was a COSTEP in the US Public Health Service.
 7. I was a health educator for 2,178 elementary school children in Nurnberg, Germany.
 8. It cured my desire for motherhood.
 9. I'm very proud to be a Godmother.
 10. I am very thankful for the Soroptimists that my heart holds close and dear.
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“I have known friendship love, parental love, romantic love, family love and unrequited love in my life time, but the only love that made a difference was self love. You don't need confirmation from the world or another person that you matter. You simply do matter. When you finally believe that truth and live it then you can do amazing things with your life!”
~Shannon L. Alder

January 2017

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| 26 | 27 | 28 Program Meeting | | | | |

To the New Year by W. S. Merwin

With what stillness at last
you appear in the valley
your first sunlight reaching down
to touch the tips of a few
high leaves that do not stir
as though they had not noticed
and did not know you at all
then the voice of a dove calls
from far away in itself
to the hush of the morning

so this is the sound of you
here and now whether or not
anyone hears it this is
where we have come with our age
our knowledge such as it is
and our hopes such as they are
invisible before us
untouched and still possible



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