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Best for Women

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

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**“Invisible threads
are the strongest ties.”
~Friedrich Nietzsche**

Message from the President

Dear Soroptimist Sisters,

Happy Labor Day to all of us who worked and those of us who are still working!

We had a very successful START meeting. I counted close to 50 members and guests. A fun laugh-filled time was had by all. The food was phenomenal—especially the desserts. Thanks to all who contributed.

On September 13th we will have our first meeting of the year. The board will meet on September 9th to plan our meeting. Just a reminder—we can come to Sunland at 7:00 am to conduct any Soroptimist committee business before we hold our member business meeting.

In keeping with my goal of educating us on all things Soroptimist, I have included an article I found very interesting from our SIA Director of Membership, Nicole Simmons. It is timely as we start our new year.

The Value of Soroptimist Membership *By Nicole Simmons, Membership Director*

Members join and stay involved with Soroptimist for various reasons, so it's important to know what they value.

Why are values significant? Members will decide to continue their membership only if they feel their Soroptimist experience is meeting their expectations for helping to improve the lives of women and girls, and they are receiving value for their time and money.

The good news is we've uncovered what's important to members! Through a survey we discovered the top five qualities members value the most from their Soroptimist membership. Here is how you can use these values to help create a healthy club atmosphere for current members and be attractive to prospects:

Personal connection to the mission

Ensure your club is taking part in our signature Dream Programs, the Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women and Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls. Emphasize how members' support of these life-changing programs affects the lives of the women and girls who benefit from them. Your club can invite a Live Your Dream Award recipient as a speaker to remind the members of how their work makes a difference.

Friendship and fellowship

Have clubs offer opportunities for socializing before and after meetings, so members can mingle and get to know one another. Make sure there are fun times and celebrations to balance out the business side of Soroptimist. Use simple icebreakers and teambuilding activities to get to know each other and make connections. Most important, stress civility and hospitality among all members!

Opportunity to volunteer in local community

In addition to the Dream Programs and the importance of participating and supporting those, clubs can offer other volunteer opportunities as well that address the needs of the local community. This is where clubs can use LiveYourDream.org to supplement **volunteer opportunities** the club might not be undertaking as a whole—like STOP Trafficking and Teen Dating Violence. Explore the **Soroptimist Model Program Kits** to help address issues facing today's women and girls, establish connections, and build relationships in your community.

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Dear Friends,

What comes to mind when we hear the phrase *dog days of summer*? We usually think of hot weather that leaves us uncomfortable. Dictionary.com gives this definition: “a period marked by lethargy, inactivity, or indolence.” We had a few days of hot weather last month, and we have had a few days where we were inactive—at least as a club.

The dog days of summer are gone now and the fall is almost here. Speaking of dogs, a few days ago my dog, Blue, and I were walking on the bridge over the Jimmy Come Lately Creek when suddenly he stopped. He heard a sound and looked down into the water—there was a salmon. Realizing he couldn’t get to it, we continued our walk. When we made the trip back I noticed a sign on the side of the bridge saying: Summer Chum Salmon Recovery Project.

The summer chum salmon runs in the streams of the Hood Canal and Strait of Juan de Fuca region. These stocks typically return from the ocean from mid-August through October to spawn—predominately in September and October.

According to the NOAA Fisheries website, in 1999 summer run chum salmon was listed under the Endangered Species Act—biologists counted only seven spawning adults traveling up the Jimmy Come Lately Creek. This gave rise to the recovery project, and by November of last year spawning adult chum salmon returning to the creek had averaged 4,600 per year. That’s a remarkable improvement.

The summer chum salmon brought to mind our Soroptimist club. There are many types of salmon and they vary in appearance. Salmon are born in fresh water, migrate to the sea, and return to freshwater to reproduce, or spawn.

We have many types of members—with a variety of knowledge, talents and experience. Our club doesn’t meet over the summer—we migrate to see what else is happening in the wide ocean of life. Like the salmon returning to freshwater mid-August, we came back in August at our S.T.A.R.T. Meeting (see photos page 10). Our regular meetings start in September—this is where we share our ideas that spawn action, and reproduce our success.

Our success depends on each of us showing up and participating when and where we can. Each of us makes a difference. We have the freedom to catch an idea, but also to release it if it doesn’t fly with us. Some projects will lure us in, based on where our passion is. The hook is our urge to live the Soroptimist mission. We have opportunities to join together at the club level, and to expand ourselves through attending the District 1 Meeting in Bellevue, WA, next month. We reel in victories when we work in concert—together we create a Symphony of Service.

Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



“Individually, we are one drop.
Together, we are an ocean.”
~*Ryunosuke Satoro*

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 9 Board Meeting
- 13 Business Meeting
- 27 Program Meeting

OCTOBER

- 7 Board Meeting
- 11 Business Meeting
(GOM Sept & Oct)
- 21-23 District 1 Meeting
Bellevue WA
- 25 Program Meeting
Mature Women
Preview

*Evening Meeting



“Just as the wave cannot exist for itself, but is ever a part of the heaving surface of the ocean, so must I never live my life for itself, but always in the experience which is going on around me.”
~*Albert Schweitzer*



“The least movement is of importance to all nature. The entire ocean is affected by a pebble.”
~*Blaise Pascal*

Celebrate Life!

SEPTEMBER

- 13 Sandy Hutter
- 14 Paulette Hill
- 21 Pat Willis
- 23 Sally Sue Barry
- 26 Elaine Bradford
- 27 Gail Watson

OCTOBER

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



Note the phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

504-0231



“You’re like a song
that I heard when
I was a little kid
but forgot I knew
until I heard it again.”
~Maggie Stiefvater

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Being with other like-minded women

Nobody wants to feel alone in the world. When you are with a group of women you can relate to, who share your passions and drive—it just makes life easier and better. Members find life can be more fulfilling when there are like-minded women around who they can celebrate successes with or have support from during a tough time. Members join Soroptimist because they share a passion for improving the lives of women and girls, so keep our mission at the forefront of club activities.

Being part of a global organization

How many of your non-Soroptimist friends get to experience the friendship, learning and sharing with other women from across the globe who share the same passions? Even though we may live far apart and speak other languages, there is still that common bond of being Soroptimist members and sharing the excitement and enthusiasm for bettering the lives of women and girls. Remind members in your club how special that is!

These five values are critical because they are what members have told us is important to them. It’s what they want when they join. It’s what keeps them coming back for more.

Now that you know these values, use them to build stronger relationships in your club. Make note of how each value can add to the vibrancy of your club. Then use them to grow membership AND help retain current members!

I think we do very well in incorporating these ideals. We are a special organization and we have much to be proud of. So let’s rejoice in our successes and strive towards our goals with enthusiasm and friendship.

All my very best,
Kathryn Pacelli, President 2016-17



“The greatest benefit of synergy is born in the diversity of perspectives. The highest value can be found in these variances. Too much of the same does not create change in the same way, does not produce the sweetest fruits for all, and gets old quick.”

~Danielle Marie Crume

SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER

D1

District Meeting
Bellevue, WA
Bellevue Marriott
October 21-23, 2016



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

Area Meeting
TBA

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

This year's Continuing Education (C.E.) Scholarship and Vocational Technical Award selections were difficult, but so rewarding. Each category had eight applicants—a record since I've been in the club. We budgeted for four Continuing Ed awards, and after reading about these winners, you'll want to give more! What outstanding, persevering women! This is the summation from Patrica Willis after the C.E. selections.

Kathryn Landoni is a sophomore, an excellent student, who was a Girl of the Month a year ago, majoring in earth science at Oregon State University. She was awarded many honors during her freshman year.

Cathleen O'Connell has her Associate in Arts degree from Peninsula College and is beginning work on her bachelor's degree in business management there. Cathleen speaks openly about suffering from bipolar disorder which she has learned to manage fully in recent years. An article in the *Sequim Gazette* about Cathleen and her son, Auren, who received his Ph.D. in psychiatric nursing from the University of Washington in June, just as she was graduating from Peninsula, caught the eye of Colleen Blazier who suggested she apply for the SIS scholarship.

Moriah Vogel-Seaton also has her Associate in Arts degree from Peninsula College and is now going to Clark College for dental hygiene, the field in which she has been working. A recipient of this scholarship last year, she has three small children and has received consistently superior grades.

Jennifer Weir first went to school when she realized she could get her GED at Peninsula College where she also received her Associate in Arts degree. She has completed three years in the five-year veterinary program at Washington State University where she is on the honor role. She hopes to work in disaster-related veterinary medicine.

Our **Vocational Technical Award** winner is 32 year old **Anaka Helseth**. After serving in Iraq and Afghanistan as a heavy equipment mechanics contractor, she came to Sequim and earned her EMT certificate and became a volunteer firefighter for Clallam County District 3. As a volunteer in good standing, Fire Fighters are required to respond to 50% of all training drills, be available to go on 911 calls and maintain all skills. Anika has voluntarily been at 90% of everything, acquired additional Rope Rescue Technician and Swift Water Rescue certifications at her own expense to make herself as prepared for hiring as possible. She also teaches fire behavior to newer recruits. She is currently enrolled in the Washington State Fire Academy in North Bend to receive many certifications that put her at nationally trained levels. I can tell you from personal experience, she is working harder than she ever has, or ever will in her life this summer in North Bend, and I have a feeling she's loving every minute! Oh yes, she is also the mother of twin, one year old boys! Go Anaka!!

These women are so inspiring—it was a real pleasure and honor to bestow awards to them.

~Deb Carlson, Chair Awards & Scholarships

Music is the movement of sound to reach the soul for the education of its virtue." ~Plato

"From my early school days, I was brought up with the belief that we have a duty to use our talents, to volunteer and to make a contribution." ~Michael Hintze



LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD

Application for the Live Your Dream Award are now available on our website at: <http://sisequim.org/what-we-do/awards-and-scholarships/>. Deadline for submissions is **November 15**. Members are encouraged to review the application and send it to anyone eligible for the award.



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

ANDERSON, Nicole (Jeff)



At age 17, right after high school graduation, I moved from my hometown in Pennsylvania to the desert state of Arizona. A friend of mine was heading to Tucson and I wanted a change so I tagged along for the ride across the country.

On my first full day in Tucson, I applied for, interviewed and was then offered a job at a privately owned market research firm. I would work at this company for the next 13 years while I attended the University of Arizona, met and married my husband and had my first child, Evan. Over the years, I worked in almost every department and when I graduated college with a Bachelors in Business Administration/Marketing, I became the manager of the Data Processing Department.

After my son's first birthday, my husband, Jeff, and I decided to move to Washington to be closer to his family. I was able to telecommute for the research firm in Arizona until I trained my replacement. For the next five years, I would work in banking, sales, research and retail professions. Then my daughter, Emma, was born and I was able to focus my attention on my family at home.

Currently, my son is ten, my daughter is five and I've been married for twelve years. My family and I enjoy the "blue hole" weather of Sequim, hiking and watching movies together. We reside with a fluffy sixteen-year-old Siamese cat and a brown dog of unknown origin.

BILYARD, Catherine (Gordon)



I grew up in Southeastern Washington eighteen miles out of the little town of Pomeroy. I lived on a wheat farm in the Palouse Hills region of the state. I became a registered nurse graduating from one of the "good old three year" programs where you lived with the nuns, never wore slacks and your

uniform had to touch the floor when you knelt down. I married right after school and my husband and I headed out for his military career. After ten years of moving between Texas and Tacoma he got out and we settled in the desert region of Washington. We had two children, a son and a daughter.

At age thirty-eight I returned to school and obtained my bachelors in nursing from Gonzaga University and then my Masters in Nursing as a Family Nurse Practitioner. I worked a full family practice with hospital privileges and first line emergency room. Needless to say I didn't have time to belong to groups for myself. I was active with my kids in 4-H and was a Camp Fire Leader. When my daughter did Junior Miss I raised money, designed and built floats for three years.

The last three years of medical practice I moved to the "Dark Side" working in an integrated practice in which we got people well with whole person treatment, food, exercise, and supplements. That was the best three years of practice.

I met my husband Gordon in 2005. We married eighteen months later and I got to add his son and daughter to my family. Between us we have six wonderful grandchildren and one on the way. Gordon was a scientist at Battelle in Richland, Washington. He was also a sailor. We bought a sailboat and I began taking classes. We bought a big sailboat and moored it here in Sequim at John Wayne Marina. In 2010 we decided we need to move closer to "our baby."

I sought out a hobby for me and I started quilting. Unfortunately, I had to start working with geometry, another least favorite class in High School. All those little pieces and the math. I found a way to have fun quilting and break all the rules, I am now an art quilter.

Retiring to Sequim has been a fantastic experience....so many wonderful people and so much to do. I am thrilled that my fellow quilter Joan Miller invited me to attend a Soroptimist meeting. She was so right, this is the most positive group of wonderful women. I look forward to getting to know you all better, as soon as sailing season is over.

Their member info is found in
your new Member Roster!

*"Music, once admitted to the soul,
becomes a sort of spirit, and never dies."
~Edward Bulwer-Lytton*

A.I.M. High Goes Back To School

Nine Soroptimist helped with the Back-to-School Fair, Amanda Beitzel, Elaine Bradford, Elaine Churchill, Kathy Cunha, Mayme Faulk, Judy Field, Maureen Gebbia, Sandy Lawrence, and Jane Manzer. We worked in the kitchen, were traffic coordinators, greeters—and several helped with the Soroptimist Table. The parents were very grateful for the school supplies, and the kids were—as kids are—very boisterous and having fun with the activities—games, health screening, haircuts, and much more. It is a very worthwhile event, deserving our support.

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



Tutoring at the Elementary Schools

Greywolf: Training September 28th in the Wolf Den from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.. Only new tutors need to go to the training, or those who wish a refresher course. Everyone will need to fill out the new on-line (<https://sequimvolunteers.hrmplus.net/>) background check before you may tutor. If you do not need to go to training, you will contact Krista Chatters <kchatters@sequimk12.wa.us> to receive assignments. Fifth grade teachers are not accepting tutors at this time.

Hellen Haller: Same as above, except: New tutor training September 20 & 27th from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the school library. Two sessions, Part 1 - reading strategies for accuracy & fluency; Part 2 - comprehension. Returning volunteers need to call or email Betsy Smith for grade level assignments—582-3248 or <bsmith@sequim.k12.wa.us>

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

With school back in session, our club will continue to ask the Boys & Girls Club for specific needs that we might meet. Gail Watson will be liaison for this activity, submitting specific needs each month to the newsletter and collecting donated items at the first monthly meetings. Mary Budke is our contact person at the Boys & Girls Club, and our members can always drop off needed items to her.

For September she has asked for a few \$10 Subway gift cards to help a middle school girl who occasionally needs to provide a meal for herself.

~Gail Watson, Liaison with Boys and Girls Club



Relaying What's Important In Life

This photo is of the Fit4Life Team that participated in the Relay for Life of Sequim for Cancer Walk held Saturday the 13th of August. SI of Sequim members Pauline Geraci, Missy Church-Smith, Amanda Beitzel, and Shelle Paulbitski were part of the team. A total of \$5365 dollars was raised by team Fit4Life Studio. Missy Church-Smith raised \$2255 dollars on her own! She was the top individual fundraiser. Way to go Missy!



“You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have.” ~Cayla Mills

Hello Soroptimist Sisters,

Linda and I just got back from our August visit to Chiapas where we award the new scholarships, visit communities, attend workshops and take care of business. The 100 toothbrushes were much appreciated as always. The photo shows Carmen, our coordinator, distributing the toothbrushes to representatives of 8 communities. The other photo shows one of our new scholarship girls receiving her certificate. Three girls, all beginning 6th grade, were added to the 19 current scholarship recipients.



In our newsletter going out the first of October, there will be much more detailed information about this trip as well as what has transpired in the last year. And we are excited to announce that we have a new website! It's a much more up-to-date and visually appealing. Please check it out. The website address is the same. www.MujeresDeMaizOF.org



The women and girls with whom we partner continue to amaze us. It is indeed a gift to have the opportunity to see their progress and be allowed into their lives. Thanks you again for your support in this endeavor.

Judith Pasco
Board Chair, Mujeres de Maiz
Opportunity Founication



“Educationists should build the capacities of the spirit of inquiry, creativity, entrepreneurial and moral leadership among students and become their role model.” ~Abdul Kalam

2017 GALA GARDEN SHOW

Planning is underway for the BIG event. The following has already taken place:

- Featured artwork selected
- Sponsorship solicitation letters mailed
- Initial vendor contact sent



We ask that the CORE Committee keep an eye out for our next meeting in late Sept.

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



“Deep in their roots, all flowers keep the light.” ~Theodore Roethke

SHOPPING WITH A SMILE

Attention Shoppers!! Remember AMAZON SMILES. This program will donate 0.5% of your purchase to your favorite 501(c)(3) charity; Soroptimist International of Sequim. Whenever you use Amazon for your shopping needs—remember to use <https://smile.amazon.com>. Don't be fooled by shopping at <https://amazon/>. The shopping experience will be exactly the same, however, it will not produce a donation!

Thanks,
Karen Renk, Treasurer



“Life is like dancing. If we have a big floor, many people will dance. Some will get angry when the rhythm changes. But life is changing all the time.” ~Miguel Angel Ruiz

ROSTER CHANGES

If you have any changes to the roster, please email them to roster@sisequim.org. These will appear in the next *Soropti-Scoop*.

- Password for logging into the members' only website...removed the “
- Nicole Anderson's Home Address is: 751 W. Hammond
- Sally Sue Barry's cell phone (PREFERRED) is: 460-3435
- Sandy Hutter's email address is: bearpatch@olypen.com
- Kathryn Pacelli's email address is: president.sisequim@aol.com

SIS Corner This is a new column! Members are invited to submit an article about how they share and incorporate their work (Soroptimist) with other work they do in the community.

As members of Soroptimist we thrive on seeing how our efforts make a difference in the lives of others. To see those we help improve their lives is truly rewarding. We also like to see the results of our influence on others who join our mission and work to improve the lives of women and girls. One area I am proud to have had an influence is with our son Bill. My husband and I raised our son to respect and honor women, and he always has. But after I became a Soroptimist and began sharing with him some of the facts about human trafficking, he took that information to heart. So, it should have been no surprise when he took on providing assistance with the marketing of an event in Sedro Wooley a few years ago. It was raising funds to build a recovery safe house for women survivors of human trafficking. Now in Redmond, Bill continues to watch for opportunities to promote efforts that deal with this issue. This is a post he placed on his facebook page recently:



“This weekend I was introduced to an amazing organization right in our own King County Backyard. REST. They are doing amazing outreach to domestic victims of sex trafficking and I wanted to share. This September they are ready to open an emergency shelter that can house up to 7 women a night— but they need funds to help staff and operate. This is something that the Seattle area desperately needs and doesn't exist today. Take some time to check them out and if you can, think about donating. Also to my Microsoft friends, this group is a 100% matched organization. Double your money! Check them out directly here”—<https://www.iwantrest.com/>

This is just one person—influenced by the information that a Soroptimist member shared—who has taken that information and done something with it. Many of us have stories like this to share. I look forward to hearing from others in our group about how our club has reached beyond our borders to touch the lives of women and girls.

Kate Creasey

“Example is the school of mankind, and they will learn at no other.” ~*Edmund Burke*



CLUB HISTORY

The Sign that Went Missing

From the *Peninsula Evening News* for September 9, 1968.

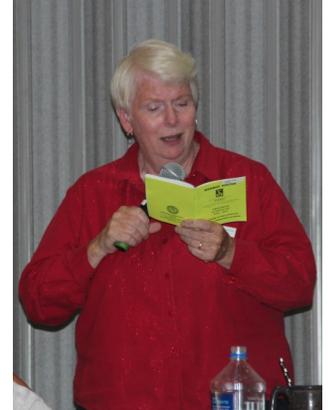
CLUB SIGN HUNG--Soroptimist president Mrs. James (Marjorie) Standard and George Mogan hung two club signs at the east and west entrances into Sequim Friday afternoon. The signs, paid for by profits from luncheons the past two years, announce the time and place of meeting for the Soroptimists, as well as welcoming newcomers.

~Pat Willis, Club History

“All abstract sciences are nothing but the study of relations between signs.” ~*Denis Diderot*



S.T.A.R.T. MEETING—RECONNECTING WITH FRIENDS



COMMITTEE REPORTS



INDUCTING THE NEW & WELCOMING BACK A FORMER MEMBER



GAME TIME



More photos:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/108582458@N03/albums/72157670271983114>

The Benefits and Guidelines to PSAs

Many of us are accustomed to utilizing PSAs (Public Service Announcements) or press releases when it comes to our community events. It is a free form of advertisement! The Public Awareness committee would like to share how you and your committee can make PSAs work to your advantage. First, a PSA must address a community event (Gala Garden Show, Gala Gift Show, AIM, Call for applicants for scholarships, 70th Celebration, etc.). It cannot be used for club events that only benefit club members (S.T.A.R.T. Meeting, Orientation, etc.). If you would like to submit something that can be used on our local radio stations and/or in the paper, use the guideline of asking questions with short upbeat answers, which address “who, what, when and where.” Remember to include the date, time, location (if applicable) and contact. It should be written in the third person and should be submitted to the Public Awareness Committee three weeks before you would like to publish and/or air it. The Public Awareness Committee will then make sure it meets the time allotment for the radio and guidelines for the paper and submit it to the various media outlets.



~Linda Klinefelter, Co-Chair Public Awareness Committee



“If a brand genuinely wants to make a social contribution, it should start with who they are, not what they do. For only when a brand has defined itself and its core values can it identify causes or social responsibility initiatives that are in alignment with its authentic brand story.” ~*Simon Mainwaring*

WHO AM I? TEN FUN FACTS

In last month's *Soropti-Scoop* we re-introduced the Who Am I column. After input from members we're changing the focus slightly. Who we are as a club is who we are as individuals. The column will still give 10 facts about a member, but it will include her name. Also, each month we will feature one board member and one regular member. This month's featured members are **President-elect Gena Royal** and **Kate Creasey**.

President-elect Gena Royal

1. I grew up in Sequim.
2. I am retired.
3. I am an only child.
4. I am married.
5. I have two children.
6. I love to travel.
7. I used to work with children.
8. I love all kinds of arts and crafts.
9. I have six grandchildren.
10. I knew Ruth Mogan



Kate Creasey



1. I've lived in Sequim since I was 6 months old brought here from Kansas by my parents
2. I grew up on an 80 acre farm off of Hooker Road
3. I've lived in my current house for 36 years
4. I have one son, Bill, two grandsons Elias 7 and Jaxon 5 and a lovely daughter in law, Laurie (who buys me clothes!)
5. I homeschooled my son from 7th grade through high school
6. I went back to college as an adult at age 35 to get a degree in Early Childhood Education
7. I have 5 siblings, 3 sisters, 2 brothers
8. My hobbies and pastimes are too numerous to mention, but some are crafts of all kinds, reading, gardening and singing
9. My work outside the home began as a teacher of kindergarten, moved to teaching pre-school and then to working with vulnerable adults
10. I've experienced several "life changing events" that altered the course of my life

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

August 21, 2016

Dear Members of Soroptimist International of Sequim,

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to you all for awarding me the Continuing Education Scholarship for a second year. Last year's scholarship heavily supported books and unexpected classroom costs - there is always something that they forgot to put on the required materials list. This year I know that I must upgrade my computer in order to run a course-required software program. The thought of which has been a point of financial stress all summer. Now, with this scholarship, I can buy that computer without pulling apart the grocery budget this semester. It may sound like a simple thing, but it is of such critical importance for my success this year.

I'd like to share the funny story of the day I was informed of that I had received the scholarship. I was out shopping for last minute school supplies when I heard from a friend that there had been an issue with the application process. She sadly informed me that my application had not been received and that it was too late to re-send it as the awardees had already been chosen. I told her that I was a heartbroken to have been left out. but reminded her that those who had been chosen also needed it and that I would be happy for them. But the news certainly put a damper on my day and broke some hopes I'd had about the semester. I returned home and

began sorting out everything to get ready for the new school year. I checked my email. Imagine my great surprise to open the award letter congratulating me on a second year of receiving the Continuing Education Scholarship! I thought for sure it must have been a mistake. Hadn't I just heard that my application got lost? I was cautious until I could confirm the news and then I was beyond thrilled! I don't know how you do it but these award letters always come on the day that they are most needed and least expected! Thank you.

Personally knowing and working alongside many Soroptimist members during local events in Sequim allowed me to see much of the good that the chapter puts forth into the community. I have also seen that Soroptimists as individuals are those who are openly supportive and invested in their community. I hope someday to join the organization and pay forward the same sort of support which I have received. Currently living in a location which lacks any form of such an organization only sharpens my belief in the good it would do. Please don't ever stop.

Thank you all again so much, your support means the world to me.

Sincerely,
Jennifer R. Weir

"I never teach my pupils; I only attempt to provide the conditions in which they can learn." ~Albert Einstein

August 30, 2016

All,

Your help and participation with our 4th Annual Sequim Back to School Fair was tremendous! Thank you! We counted 850 guests and 450 students served with supplies, though we know there was probably more! We would love to hear back from you if you tracked any numbers at your booth—what they were, and any feedback is welcomed so we can continue to grow and make this event a greater success in future years. Thanks again!

Sincerely,
Nicole Brewer, Program Director
Parenting Matters Foundation & The First Teacher Program



September 2016

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11	12	13 Sandy Hutter Business Meeting 	14 Paulette Hill 	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Pat Willis 	22 Fall Begins 	23 Sally Sue Barry 	24
25	26 Elaine Bradford 	27 Gail Watson Program MEeting 	28	29	30	

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH</p>			 <p>OCTOBER NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH</p>			1
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9	10	11 Business Meeting GOM Sept/Oct	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Jeanie Blaurock 	21 District 1 Meeting Bellevue, WA 	22 District 1 Meeting Bellevue, WA 
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by *Hudson Everett*

It's the end of summer
And I'm so far from home
It's been a long time coming
I've nearly forgotten the feeling
Of butterflies in my stomach
Music nobody else can hear
My hands are shaking
Uncontrollable smiling
No compromise or ambiguity
Just laughter and freedom
And love like all time



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