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through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.*

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*“Even the smallest
act of caring
for another person is
like a drop of water—
it will make ripples
throughout the
entire pond.”
~**Jessy and Bryan
Matteo***

Message from the President

First, let me thank and congratulate all of our members for an amazing Garden Show! It was superb! And special kudos to chairs Su Howat and Kathy Purcell, what a tremendous job. And you're willing to do it again!

How blessed we are to live in Sequim, “where water is wealth!” This last month, on World Water Day, March 22, 2018, SI President, Mariet Verhoef-Cohen launched the *International Decade for Action: Water for Sustainable Development 2018-2028*. The decade long program aims to further improve cooperation, partnership and capacity development in response to the ambitious 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This is the new President’s Appeal project.

Living in an area that is abundant with green fields and lush forests, it is easy to forget how desperate much of the world is for this simple provision. We turn on a faucet, walk down to the river, or go down the aisle at the grocery store and the water is there for us. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the UN presenting the *Action Plan of the International Decade for Action* said, “As with most development challenges, women and girls suffer disproportionately. For example, women and girls in low-income countries spend some 40 billion hours a year collecting water. That is equivalent to the annual effort of the entire workforce of a country like France. The time spent could be much better invested in earning a livelihood or—in the case of girls—attending school. It is time to change how we value and manage water.” SI of Sequim will be participating in the President’s Appeal again for 2018-2019 to help make a difference for these women and girls.



Onward and upward!
President Gena



*“People usually consider walking on water or in thin air a miracle. But I think the real miracle is not to walk either on water or in thin air, but to walk on earth. Every day we are engaged in a miracle which we don’t even recognize: a blue sky, white clouds, green leaves, the black, curious eyes of a child -- our own two eyes. All is a miracle.” ~**Thich Nhat Hanh***

Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's April—no fooling. That means it is National Humor Month. It's also Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month. Oh, how animals can make us laugh! The cat lies down on the keyboard just as we're trying to write an email. The dog throws his toy in the air, catches it and then runs around the house like a crazy guy. The llama climbs to the top of the mound of dirt, claiming himself the king of the hill. Animals sure can touch something deep inside us. Our pets give us unconditional love and accept us for who we are. Their funniness can cheer us and even heal us. Just look at how many therapy animals there are.

I talk with my sister, Donna, every Saturday morning—7 a.m. my time, 9 a.m. her time. She has a Westie named Kara. Last Saturday Donna told me about something funny her dog does. Kara has a bed in the bedroom that has sides on it. When Kara goes to bed she jumps over the sides and lays down. That makes sense. In the tv-room there is a blanket on the rug for Kara. When she goes up to the blanket, she jumps on it before she lays down—just like she does on her bed in the bedroom.

Awhile back Rob and I were watching an Alaskan show on tv. Our dog, Blue, was laying on his bed. A couple was getting their sled ready and hooking up the sled dogs. Blue heard a bark, stood up in his bed, and stared straight into the tv. There was a close-up of one of the dogs. Blue walked closer to the tv, and then walked around to look at the back of it. We both laughed; it was as if Blue was looking for the actual dog. He backed up and continued to watch the tv as the dogs started to pull the sled.

The cat on the keyboard brings to mind the times a friend grabs our attention and in the process, we decide the write, I mean right, thing to do. The dog reminds me of Soroptimists. The toy is one of our projects that we enthusiastically embrace, having fun along the way. The llama symbolizes all of us celebrating our accomplishments as a club.

When we take on a task, we deal with it based on our experience, similar to Kara jumping on the blanket. We act according to what we know. Just as the blanket is broad, so too are our possibilities. Members have an opportunity to learn of more possibilities at the upcoming Northwestern Region Conference this month. Clubs from our region will impart what works for them. Through idea sharing we will bring back a part of them which can enhance our own club.

Not everything is what it appears to be at first glance. Some members see or hear something that gets their attention. They ask a lot of questions in order to determine what is behind it. They are curious like Blue with the sled dogs. Getting clarification increases knowledge and builds unity. Like the sled dogs, members are happy to pull the load once they are given clear direction.

Animals help us see the goodness and joy in our world. It seems it is cruel to them if we don't open our eyes to see it. May we all recognize, experience and share the goodness and joy around us on our Journey to the Mountaintop.

Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



“May your walls know joy, may every room hold laughter, and every window open to great possibility.” ~Mary Anne Radmacher

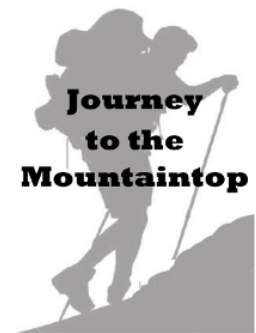
CALENDAR

APRIL

- 5 Finance Cmte Mtg
- 6 Board Meeting
- 10 Business Meeting
- 24 Program Meeting

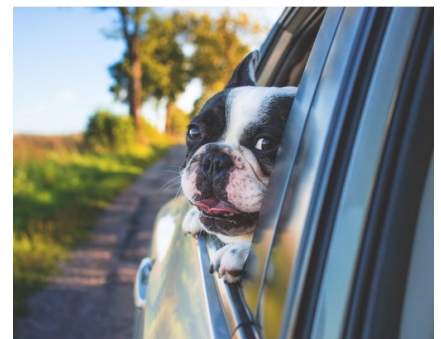
MAY

- 3 Finance Cmte Mtg
- 4 Board Meeting
- 8 Business Meeting
- 22 Program Meeting
- *29 5th Tuesday



***Evening Meeting**

**“You can increase your brain power three to fivefold simply by laughing and having fun before working on a problem.”
~Doug Hall**



**“The kind of humor I like is the thing that makes me laugh for five seconds and think for ten minutes.”
~William Davis**

Celebrate Life!

APRIL

- 7 Gloria Robinson
- 12 Molly McAleer
- 18 Linda Rotmark
- 29 Chris Snow

MAY

- 3 Judy Field
- 4 Jeanne Martin
- 8 Marti Campbell
- 10 Sandy Reed
- 18 Pauline Geraci
- 20 Cynthia Martin
- 23 Linda Klinefelter



Note the phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

504-0231



THANK YOU

The 20th Annual Gala Garden Show was a great success! Many thanks to **ALL OF YOU**—this was definitely a Team Effort!

~Su Howat & Kathy Purcell,
2018 Gala Garden Show Co-chairs

PROGRAM—CELEBRATION

On April 24, 2018, the Program Committee is pleased to welcome Betsy Reed Schultz, Gold Star Mother, Founder and Executive Director of the Captain Joseph House Foundation.

Captain Joseph House will provide a respite for Gold Star Veteran Families on the journey from grieving victim to empowered survivor; from familiar military community to civilian life. Betsy will tell us about the history, present and future of Captain Joseph House Foundation. Captain Joseph House Foundation is located at: 1108 South Oak Street, Port Angeles.

~Elaine Bradford, Programs Chair



 <p>FREE EVENT</p> 	<h2>SAVE THE DATE</h2> <p>May 15, 2018</p> <p>Tea with SHE— Soroptimist Helping and Empowering</p>  <p>SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SEQUIM</p>
<p>Hospice Care - Benefits & Myths Tuesday, May 15th, 12-1:30PM Trinity United Methodist Church, 100 So. Blake Ave. Sequim</p>	
	
<p>PRESENTERS: Assured Hospice & Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County</p> 	

SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER



NWR Conference
Coeur d'Alene, ID
Coeur d'Alene Resort
April 20–22, 2018



45th Biennial SIA Convention
Yokohama, Japan
July 30–August 2, 2018

SCHOLARSHIP NOTEBOOK REVIEW

Our **Scholarship Notebook Night** is **April 30, 6pm at Solana.**

We'll enjoy a light dinner and a glass of something, then get down to the wonderful work of selecting our scholarship winners for this year. If you'd like to join us, please email Deb for a dinner head count.

~Deb Carlson, Awards and Scholarship Chair



TOO MUCH FUN

The Heart Kids Rag Doll Project was held for three days last week. We were small but mighty, loaded with laughs and good cheer. Amanda Beitzel, Elaine Bradford, Jan Chapman, Elaine Churchill and Gloria Fitzpatrick greeted four girls from the middle school who have been involved in our projects in the past. The 8th graders were Lauren, Abigail, and Madelyn—with our third time attendee being 7th grader, Julia. Julia was with us at Greywolf Elementary, when we first did this same project. She had a picture on her phone of the doll she made in fifth grade. One of our biggest giggles—and there were many—was from Gloria, who after about ten times trying to thread a needle, said in frustration, (see below) “I’m going to thread this sucker!!!!” Well, that set the tone for the remainder of our time.

We felt most welcomed at the middle school by both Counselor Allison Hastings, and Principal Vince Riccobene, who took the group picture.

The dolls will go to the Boys and Girls Club for their Care Closet. A big thank you to everyone who helped on this project.

~Amanda Beitzel,
Heart Kids Rag Doll Chair



Monica Dixon, who is creator of and contributor to the Boys and Girls Club's Care Closet, accepts the A.I.M. High Heart Kids Rag Dolls.

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

JESS McNEIL



Our newest member to date is a familiar face...at the *Gala Gift Show*...at the *Gala Garden Show*...anywhere he can lend a helping hand. **Jess McNeil**, a loving member of the Klinefelter Family, is now an official Soroptimist! President Gena performed his induction at this year's Garden Show!

We look forward to enjoying his sunny smile and good nature at meetings as well as special events! Welcome to **Jess**!



JANIE WILLIAMS is also a new member. Although *Janie* has been interested in membership for months, her application was routed through her employer and was received just last week. However, an accompanying letter stated that she has relocated out of the area, so participation in the club is not possible at this time. We wish *Janie* luck and hope to see her again in the future!



“There’s something great about being on location with a bunch of people—there’s a camaraderie and intimacy that builds up over time.” ~*Essie Davis*

MEMBERSHIP NOTES...from Jane & Missy

Spring Updates...by the Numbers!

- 2017-18 New Members ~ 14
- Total SIS Membership ~ 72
- Queuing up for 2018-19 Membership ~ 8
- New Member Mentors ~ 9
- New Member Monthly Gatherings ~ 7
- New Member Orientations ~ 1
- All Member Solana Socials ~ 2



It’s been quite a year...thanks to all of **you**! Your enthusiasm, generous hearts and beautiful smiles have made visitors feel welcomed and valued. It’s no surprise that so many are coming on board! You are our best recruiting tools!

As this year is winding down, we suggest that prospective members be encouraged to attend meetings, events, activities during April and May; however, they can make application and payment in June for the 2018-19FY, saving double payment of dues within a short time period.

Please send us contact information for those who are interested in learning more, and we’ll send information on membership.

Many thanks!
Missy Chruch-Smith & Jane Manzer



“Ultimately, it’s a sense of camaraderie and friendship with local people that is core to my journeys” ~*Tim Cope*

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our club will soon be reviewing the 2018-2019 budget drafted by the Finance committee and approved by the board. Do you ever ask yourself how the finance committee builds the budget?



- Income and expenses related to membership—dues income, meeting expenses, etc.—are a function of numbers without much room for flexibility.
- Expenses of the various committees (and for some projected income) are provided by the chairs, with input from their committee members. President Gena met with all committee chairs to review their projections and then passed on the information to the finance committee for inclusion in the draft budget.
- Developing the proposed budget for Committed Funds starts with the finance committee sending a letter and “Request for Funding” application to organizations who have received committed funds in the past. In addition, an article informing non-profit organizations of the opportunity to apply is placed in the newspaper. All applications and accompanying financial information are shared with the finance committee, along with a Rubric spreadsheet for use in “scoring” how closely aligned an applicant is with the mission and goals of Soroptimist and our club. The club’s treasurer lets the committee know how much will be available and the committee allocates the funds based on the scoring process. The committed funds budget for the upcoming fiscal year is reduced considerably from this fiscal year as the club is no longer purposely spending down reserve funds.

Budget Timeline per Article VII of the SIS Bylaws:

- March—the draft budget is presented to the Board for review and revision.
- April—the reviewed/revised budget is submitted to the Board for approval **and** to the membership for review.
- May—Members will vote to approve at the business meeting. If the budget is not approved at the May meeting, it will be presented at the June business meeting for approval; budget must be approved no later than June 30.

~Shelle Paulbitski, Finance Committee



“Overcome your barriers, intend the best, and be patient. You will enjoy more balance, more growth, more income, and more fun!” ~*Jack Canfield*

THE DIGNITY FOR WOMEN PROGRAM

Our latest project—the Dignity for Women Program, which provides feminine hygiene products and baby supplies for the Sequim Food Bank—has been a blessing! We started the program by stocking the Food Bank shelves with diapers, wipes and several different types of feminine products. Over the last month or so we have learned that diapers are not in as much demand as we thought, but the feminine products are flying out the door. This program has become such a blessing for the homeless and poor women in our community. Some of you heard my reasons for wanting to do this and we are now providing a service that can restore dignity to women who otherwise would not have access to these products during their time of need. The Food Bank is very appreciative of our new program and thanks us. This, ladies and gentlemen, is Soroptimist at its finest! Thank you for supporting such a worthwhile cause.



Jeani Penn, Chair



“Dignity does not consist in possessing honors, but in the consciousness that we deserve them.” ~*Aristotle*

WOMEN FOR WOMEN

We have a new “Sister” in Afghanistan! Qandi Gul Faqir Shah is a widow between the age of 41-50 who the club is supporting over the next year. She is a mother of three boys and three girls and thanks to us is entering a year-long holistic training that will allow her to gain the necessary skills, knowledge and resources to break free from poverty and isolation and begin to rebuild her life. Afghan sisters can currently choose to specialize in one of the following vocational tracks: Animal husbandry, Agriculture, Tailoring, or Handicrafts. I will be corresponding with her and we hope to hear which track she chooses. Qandi will receive a training stipend of around \$10 per month. The data collected from recent graduates of the program in Afghanistan show these significant financial and social improvements from when they began:



Reported average personal earnings per month in USD (not including \$10 stipend): From \$2.94 to \$28.15
Women who practice family planning: 1% to 95%
Women who report participating in household financial decisions: 42% to 99%
Women who share knowledge of rights: 2% to 99%

Women for Women International has been supporting the most marginalized women in Afghanistan since 2002—91% of the participants are illiterate and 87% have no formal education. And here are some staggering statistics: 87% of Afghan women have experienced some form of violence, and nearly 80% of women are forced into early marriage to resolve economic hardship or settle disputes!! I, for one, am so happy our club has been able to use some of our funds to support, in a very tangible way, a couple of these women each year.

~Jane Manzer



To read more about Women for Women International in Afghanistan:
<https://www.womenforwomen.org/what-we-do/countries/afghanistan>

“When you learn something from people, or from a culture, you accept it as a gift, and it is your lifelong commitment to preserve it and build on it.” ~Yo-Yo Ma

FACING THE POSITIVE

We have seen a tremendous amount of negative publicity with Facebook, but I want to share some positive news about this form of social media.

March held our garden show! It’s probably the most advertised event we do for the entire year. This year on the Soroptimist International of Sequim Facebook site, we featured something about the show every day—seven days prior to the event. The results were amazing!

Our posts reached 340 individuals the week prior to the show, which resulted in 762 individuals seeing our Facebook posts. This is an inexpensive and effective form of advertising for an event.

Even if you are not an avid user of Facebook, I encourage you to “like” our Soroptimist International of Sequim Facebook page. When you see that we have posted an event relating to Soroptimist; fundraising, Tea with SHE, upcoming activity or honoring a recipient of an award or scholarship, just re-post by hitting the share button. You will have advertised for us! How easy is that? You will, with the push of a key, become a part of the Public Awareness Team.

Not only are you part of the team, but you will be sharing the work we do and encouraging other women to possibly participate in Soroptimist. If not with us, then possibly with another club. Our message is universal and our actions will be “Best for Women.”

Linda Klinefelter, Public Awareness Co-Chair



GALA GARDEN SHOW REVIEW

The featured artwork for the 20th Annual Gala Garden Show was titled *Friendship Garden*. We saw our own *garden of friendship*—and cooperation, on display at the show and throughout the year of planning it.



It all started with Paulette Hill and Jane Manzer organizing the Featured Artist contest. We had several new members on the core committee: Sara Nicholls headed up Sponsorships, Chris Snow and Sharron Gerardi handled Vendor Registration, Susan Kalmar joined the Speaker Team (with Elaine Bradford and Sandy Lawrence), Mary Fasching and Sylvia Oster took on the Setup (with guidance from Deb Carlson), and Jeanne Martin was Stalker 2—assisting Missy Church-Smith with coordinating/scheduling Volunteers. Judy Field and Paulette Hill made a few wonderful changes in the Café, making things run even smoother. Paulette and Rick Hill of Sequim Fresh again provided some of the food. While the café crew served up good food, we all served up smiles.

Linda Klinefelter got PSAs out to six additional radio stations—ones off the peninsula but which cover our area, and promos started weeks earlier than in the past. We sponsored a Chamber luncheon promoting the show. Many vendors and patrons commented on how much advertising we did. Maureen Gebbia and Gloria Robinson outdid themselves with raffle items galore! There was even a muck cart and composter! The Speaker Series was well-attended. And our keynote speaker, Dan Hinkley, was a huge draw, with standing room only for his talk.



Janet Real made sure our members had flower power t-shirts. Amala Kuster assembled a team to distribute posters, tent cards and flyers. Banners and signs got updated and put up. Vendors were delighted with an early morning coffee cart operated by Deb Carlson with her flower headdress. Linda Chapman, Marti Campbell and other members supported vendors by covering their booths or bringing them food.

The entrance was hopping from the time the doors opened. Based on the money taken in at the door, there were around 300 more paid attendees than last year. Gala Garden Show treasurer, Shelle Paulbitski, made numerous bank runs! Lots of things worked well. However, the increase of patrons brought a few new challenges which we are already starting to address.



We want to thank ALL club members—and especially the Core Committee! The 20th show showed us how we can be *head over heels for gardening* when we garden together in friendship. It really was a group effort! Such a wonderful bunch of women who we're so glad we hooked up with. We enjoyed this so much, we decided to stay on and co-chair the 2019 Gala Garden Show.

~Su Howat & Kathy Purcell, Gala Garden Show Co-Chairs



“May our heart’s garden of awakening bloom with hundreds of flowers.”~*Thich Nhat Hanh*



See photos of member at the 20th Annual Gala Garden Show here:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/108582458@N03/albums/72157689372308910>

See photos of member at the after Gala Garden Show potluck celebration here:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/108582458@N03/albums/72157695121427835>

Head Over Heels About Gardening!



WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Friends,

I am constantly amazed and thankful for what friends like you have helped us accomplish in the 20 years of our opposition to sex trafficking. We have learned much from the experience establishing Villages of Hope in various countries around the world, and we have become wiser. Our eyes have been opened to the true magnitude of the commercial sex industry and how it operates in our own United States of America.

Our experiences and our research have not only made us a leader in the effort to rescue and restore trafficking victims, but have informed our strategies to interrupt the escalating demand for more and younger victims. Your donation will continue to help make it possible for us to continue rapid progress against this monstrous crime.

With appreciation, I have included a copy of *Chosen*. This comprehensive prevention resource will help equip you to recognize the warning signs of sex trafficking and protect the children in your community from being recruited. We hope that it helps open eyes and hearts of those you share it with. The more people who know, the smaller the world becomes for those who buy and sell our children.

With Deepest Gratitude,
Linda Smith
Founder and President
Shared Hope International



“There is no more noble occupation in the world than to assist another human being—to help someone succeed.” ~Alan Loy McGinnis

Dear Soroptimist International of Sequim,

Thank you again for your generous support of \$1,000 to help fund our Drop in Center. You all are truly amazing!

Soroptimist continues to make great things happen! With your gift to First Step, every day you are making a difference in the lives of families throughout our community.

It is an honor to continue to serve our community. On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff and clients, THANK YOU for your support of Clallam County families and children through First Step Family Support Center. We hope that you will continue to keep up on our news and progress and see your donations at work through our website: <https://firststepfamilysupportcenter.org/>



Sincerely,
Priscilla Schaefer, Fiscal Manager
First Step Family Support Center

Dear Ladies,












Thank you for your generous donation for the Future Business Leaders of America Club trip to State.

Sequim High School staff and students wish to express our gratitude for your continued support.










Thank you,
Shawn Langston
Sequim High School Principal



April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 APRIL IS: NATIONAL HUMOR MONTH	3 GO ORANGE for April In support of the ASPCA Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month 	4	5 Finance Committee Mtg	6 BOARD MEETING	7 Gloria Robinson 
8	9	10 Business Meeting	11	12 Molly McAleer 	13	14
15	16	17	18 Linda Rotmark 	19	20	21
22 	23	24 Program Meeting	25	26 100th NWR Conference Coeur d'Alene, ID 	27 100th NWR Conference Coeur d'Alene, ID 	28 100th NWR Conference Coeur d'Alene, ID 
29 Chris Snow 100th NWR Conf Coeur d'Alene, ID  	30					

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Judy Field 	4 BOARD MEETING Jeanne Martin 	5
6	7	8 Business Meeting Marti Campbell 	9	10 Sandy Reed 	11	12
13 	14	15 Tea with SHE Trinity United Methodist Church 12:30 p.m. 	16	17	18 Pauline Geraci 	19
20 Cynthia Martin 	21	22 Program Meeting	23 Linda Klinefelter 	24	25	26
27	28	29 5th Tuesday	30	31		

HUMOUR FOR LEXOPHILES (*Lovers of Words*)

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger; Then it hit me.
Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.
The biggest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.
The butcher backed up into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
To write with a broken pencil is pointless.
When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.
The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
Did you hear about the thief who stole a calendar and got twelve months?
A thief fell and broke his leg in wet cement and became a hardened criminal.
When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.
The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.
The dead batteries were given out free of charge.
If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory.
A dentist and a manicurist fought tooth and nail.
A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
A will is a dead giveaway.
Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
A backward poet writes inverse.
In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.
A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.



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To a Person Making a Difference for Women