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"The gap between understanding and misunderstanding can best be bridged by thought!"

~Ernest Agyemang Yeboah

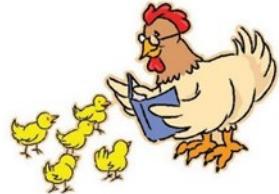
Message from the President

I hope you have all had a blessed holiday season! Special kudos to Elaine Bradford and her magnificent crew for an awesome and exciting Christmas party! What fun!!

Please remember our sister, Sandy Reed, after her serious fall on Christmas Eve. I will keep you posted for any assistance she may need.

Here is a fun story to contemplate. Enjoy....

CHICKEN LOGIC



"Now gather around, children," cackled the wise old hen.

All the chicks knew that Biddy had been around for many, many years and that she was, by far, the wisest and kindest of all the hens in the coop. Any time the rooster would chase them away from their food or give them a peck for being too close, Biddy would let them scurry under her wing for protection. Biddy wasn't afraid of the rooster or his fury. Each time he would charge at her with his shiny golden neck feathers ruffled and his wings flapping, she would ruffle up her own feathers until she looked twice the size she really was. Then she would let out a string of shrieks and cackles that would stop him dead in his tracks. Once in awhile, just because she knew it was good for him to save face, she would lower her head, spread out her wings and run off into the hen house. She looked like a big jet airplane coming in for a landing. Of course, all the chicks knew that she was not really afraid, but the rooster always protected them from danger, so it was best to let him stay at the top of the pecking order.

"Come, come now, it's time for your lesson," she said as the chicks all settled into a circle around the big red hen.

"Today, I'm going to teach you how to get along with Mr. Farmer. He is in charge of all the animals and he decides who sleeps in which stall and who works in the fields and who stays and who goes. He is very particular and you had better know what makes him happy if you know what's good for you." The chicks snapped to attention and listened carefully.

"First of all, he likes the roosters best. When all of you are grown, Mr. Farmer will come here to the coop and separate the hens from the roosters. Then he will take his very favorite roosters to live with him in the great white house."

"Biddy," asked one chick, "how do you know they are his favorites?"

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Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's January—the beginning of a new calendar year. We're seeing some changes happening. The amount of daylight is changing—increasing steadily; exercise routines are changing—or maybe beginning.

It's January—the halfway mark of our Soroptimist year. The club board is lighter on their feet, now that they've been in their jobs for six months. They are exercising their duties more easily. More changes—we have a new member being inducted at our next meeting.

There are still more changes on the horizon. Next month a Nominating Committee will be formed and they will solicit candidates for the 2018-2019 board. If you are called, please consider accepting the nomination. Being on the board is a good way to gain a better understanding of the inner-workings of the club.

Next month we'll receive the Call to the Northwestern Region Conference. This is the 100th year so it is a milestone for our region. It will be held at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene, ID, April 19-22, 2018. Check out the official Call to Conference when it arrives and consider attending. It is a good way to meet members from other clubs in our region and to share information. We will also be electing district and region officers for the next biennium during the NWR Conference.

If a weekend away in April doesn't fit into your schedule, perhaps you are available for our Area Meeting. It will be February 24, 2018 in Port Angeles. More details will be provided as the plans are solidified. This is another opportunity to meet members from other clubs—those closest to us physically.

Attending these meetings reinforces who we are as Soroptimists, reminds us why we joined the organization and shows us what an impact we have. Sometimes we might wonder if our participation really makes a difference. In some ways we can see it does—like when we meet the recipient of our Live Your Dream Award, or talk with the recipients of our other awards and scholarships.

However, sometimes the difference we make is more subtle. One example is an experience I had last month:

A few years ago an elder member of my church passed away. Her adult daughter would attend service from time-to-time. In the past year the daughter has stopped by my office several times to chat—just needing someone to listen. One morning last month I saw her walking across the parking lot heading to my office. I met her at the door, opening it for her, but she didn't step inside.

She looked a bit troubled. She asked if I was still involved with Soroptimist. While I was saying yes, I saw her lift up her wallet. She opened it and started handing me \$20 bills. She said she had seen some unfair treatment of women and she wanted to give money to an organization that helps women—and she knew our club does. I was looking at her face the entire time—not paying attention to the amount she gave me. I expressed my gratitude, and that of our club. She was calm, smiled, said thank you and walked back to her car.

After she left I looked in my hand and saw four \$20 bills—\$80! I was surprised. This woman does not have a lot of extra income, yet she felt compelled to give money to help other women. That was powerful! My being a Soroptimist provided a channel for her to share.

We all make a difference, not just by showing up at Soroptimist meetings, but by showing up in our everyday life with the spirit of Soroptimist. It speaks through us even when we don't say a word. I am grateful to be a member of this organization and to be a light for others along the journey to the mountaintop.

Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor

It is a magnificent feeling to recognize the unity of complex phenomena which appear to be things quite apart from the direct visible truth.” ~Albert Einstein

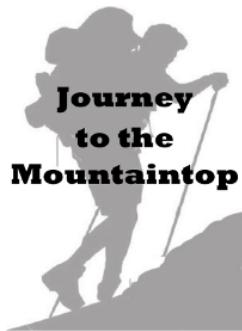
CALENDAR

JANUARY, 2018

- 4 Finance Cmte Mtg
- 5 Board Meeting
- 9 Business Meeting
- 23 Program Meeting
- *30 5th Tuesday

FEBRUARY, 2018

- 6 New Member Meet
- *8 Finance Cmte Mtg
- 9 Board Meeting
- 13 Business Meeting
- *20 Member Social
- 25 Area Meeting
- 27 Program Meeting:
Live Your Dream
Awardee



*Evening Meeting

“So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth.”

~Baha'u'llah



“Each person holds so much power within themselves that needs to be let out. Sometimes they just need a little nudge, a little direction, a little support, a little coaching, and the greatest things can happen.” ~Pete Carroll

Celebrate Life!

JANUARY, 2018

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

FEBRUARY, 2018

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



Note the phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

504-0231



"I love the big fresh starts, the clean slates like birthdays and new years, but I also really like the idea that we can get up every morning and start over."
-Kristin Armstrong

Please add these email addresses to your address book:
president@sisequim.com and
sistreasurer@yahoo.com. This will be a great help in cutting down the numbers of undelivered eblasts from President Gena and Treasurer Kathy Cunha.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce our Program speaker on **January 23, 2018** will be **Judith Pasco**, Co-founder and

Board Chair of Mujeres de Maiz (Women of Corn) Opportunity Foundation in Sequim.

The Foundation is dedicated to partnering with and empowering indigenous women in Chiapas, Mexico, by providing them with access to education. They fund scholarships, literacy programs, children's Saturday enrichment programs, laptops to communities, workshops, eye exams and glasses, and toothbrushes. Their goal is to help break the cycle of poverty, build self-esteem, and create positive role models.



The 5th Tuesday meeting will be a potluck on Tuesday, **January 30th, 5:30pm at Solana Clubhouse** (just hours before the lunar eclipse). Astrologically speaking, during this lunar eclipse there will be an extremely close alignment of the Moon and Ceres. The moon rules women and traditional motherhood, while Ceres rules independent women and modern motherhood. Our theme will be Wonder Women.

~Elaine Bradford, Program Committee Chair



SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER

Area Meeting
Location TBA
February 24, 2018

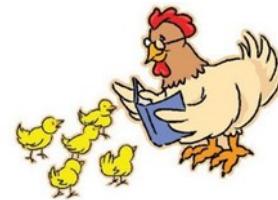


NWR Conference
Coeur d'Alene, ID
Coeur d'Alene Resort
April 20–22, 2018



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

Chicken Logic ~continued from front page



“Why, because only his favorites get to go up to the great white house to live. There, they get their own fine coop and get to have their own food dish and water bowl.” Biddy, of course, had not really seen the special homes Mr. Farmer had for his favorite chickens, but she was sure that it must be very nice, because none of the chickens that went up there ever wanted to come back. “Mr. Farmer will only leave one or two of the roosters behind. They must stay here in this crowded, run-down coop with all of us.”

“But, Biddy,” pleaded one of the chicks, “what about us, we’re not roosters. Tell us about the hens.”

“Yes, Biddy,” peeped another of the hen chicks, “tell us how to make the farmer like us, too.”

“Alright, girls,” Biddy cackled, “this is what happens with the hens. The farmer does not like us to lay all those eggs. He and Mrs. Farmer must really hate hens that become layers. In a few months, you girls will begin laying eggs. There is nothing you can do about it; eggs happen. Every time Mr. Farmer sees an egg, he removes it from the coop. In fact, he sends Mrs. Farmer down every morning to see if anyone has laid an egg and if she finds any, she puts them all in a basket and gets rid of them immediately. If you keep laying eggs regularly, you will be forced to live here in this dirty old coop until you die, or at least until you quit laying. If you do quit, he will take you up to live in the great house. If you get sick and quit laying eggs for a while, the farmer rewards you with a little coop of your own over at the side of the barn. But be careful, if you start feeling better, you will also start laying eggs again, and the farmer will take you out of your own private coop and force you back in here with the rest of us layers. Even if you lay for years, the farmer will forgive you and will take you up to the house to live with him as soon as you stop laying eggs.”

“Wow,” the fluffy chicks exclaimed, “we’re so glad we have you to tell us about the farmer. We could never figure him out on our own.”

“Yes,” sighed Biddy, “sometimes I think I was put here in this coop just to help all of you be successful and happy. I am so pleased to think that I can be of help to you.” All the chicks rushed up to Biddy and hugged her scaly legs and settled under her wings for a nap. And Biddy closed her eyes and drifted off to sleep as well, dreaming of that wonderful day when she too would be too old to lay eggs and Mr. Farmer would take her up to the great white house to live out her life in ease and comfort.

Observations from this story:

1. Sometimes the lesson to be learned is “whom to listen to.”
2. Sometimes it seems that the work we do is not appreciated when it is actually very valuable.
3. Don’t assume that because someone has been giving the same advice for years that it is necessarily correct. Always consult others who have been through the situation before.

Onward and upward,
President Gena



“The problem is not the misunderstanding we have, but the understanding we have missed.

We must come to a certain understanding; to understand understanding,
we need to understand understanding and we must understand with understanding.”

~*Ernest Agyemang Yeboah*

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

GIRLS OF THE MONTH

ADARE McMINN



I volunteer at the Sequim Food Bank, Teddy Bear Tea, fundraiser for Olympic Medical Center; Festival of Trees, fundraiser for Olympic Medical Center; Stair Climb for Cancer. I have received the Elks Student of the Month, Sequim Rotary Student of the Month, Coaches

Award (Varsity Soccer), Second Team All League (Varsity Soccer). I plan to major in science/engineering fields.

“Big thinkers are specialists in creating positive, forward-looking, optimistic pictures in their own minds and in the minds of others.”
~David J. Schwartz

ABBY NORMAN



I am a 2017 Sequim Irrigation Festival princess and have donated close to 300 hours of community service this year. I am also a part of Sequim High School’s Leadership Class, where I serve as the Vice-president of Sequim High School.

For the past two years I have choreographed Sequim High School’s annual operetta and have been recognized both years by the 5th Avenue Theatre for outstanding choreography.

This past football season I served as captain for the varsity cheer squad.

I plan to attend either University of Portland or Willamette University studying Pre-med.

APPRECIATING COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We have all heard the term “the job is not done until the paperwork is done.” On that note, the Public Awareness Committee would like to encourage all committee heads who are associated with a fundraiser or community event that engages or relies on the community to go one step further at the end of their project. A thank you note expressing thanks for the community support via a Letter to the Editor at the *Sequim Gazette* is an excellent marketing tool. This simple act of saying thank you only generates more support with future events.

Linda Klinefelter and Donna Carson
Public Awareness Co-Chairs



“No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude.” ~Alfred North Whitehead

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Finance Committee Report for January, 2018

The annual budget process is about to begin for our club for our fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019. The word “budget” does not usually bring warm thoughts, so if we change the word to “plan” then perhaps we begin to feel better about what we do as Soroptimists. We plan how we will raise the money that we want to give away. And we plan which of the many organizations to support financially. Many of our members provide support for these organizations with their own time and enthusiasm as well.



Our Bylaws require that our budget process progresses monthly as follows:

- 1) In February the Treasurer shall request budget input from each of the Committees and club members.
- 2) In March the Finance Committee and the Treasurer shall submit a draft budget, based on information received from the Committees and Club members, to our Board for review and revisions.
- 3) In April, the Board approves the budget and submits it to the Membership for review
- 4) In May the Membership votes to approve the budget.

Several key words in point number two are “draft”, “review” and “revisions”. These words mean that when the Treasurer provides a draft budget to each of the Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs that their feedback is important, and it begins in February. By the time May arrives and the Board has approved the budget, the Membership does not have the option for “revisions”. The revisions happen in February-April. So as the Finance Committee and the Treasurer ask for your feedback and input, please respond. We sincerely welcome your feedback and input—this is OUR Club and we all have a say in how we raise our funds and how we spend them.

One of the largest components of our budget is Committed Funds. Each year, beginning in January, the Finance Committee sends letters to a number of non-profit organizations to request information from them. In general, we ask them who they serve, where they provide this service, and how efficient they are in providing this assistance to their community. We provide a due date for their response, and then our committee meets to review and score their responses on a rubric. When this is complete, we will recommend, first to the Board and then ultimately to the Membership, how we are allocating our Committed Funds. This is the most rewarding meeting for the Finance Committee because we are giving away the money we have all worked hard to raise. Our Committed Funds budget for the current fiscal year 2017–2018 is \$29,300—a very significant amount! A list of the organizations receiving our Committed Funds is included in your monthly Finance Report.

So when you hear the word “budget” please don’t cringe or shy away—please embrace it as an opportunity to see how we use the funds we raise in very powerful ways by giving to other non-profit organizations that touch so many women and girls in our community.

~Jeanne Martin and Jane Manzer, Finance Co-Chairs



“It is only when you watch the dense mass of thousands of ants, crowded together around the Hill, blackening the ground, that you begin to see the whole beast, and now you observe it thinking, planning, calculating. It is an intelligence, a kind of live computer, with crawling bits for its wits.” ~Lewis Thomas

RAMBLING THRU THE WOODS AT CHRISTMAS

The 2017 SIS Christmas Party at Ramblewood Lodge was such a collaboration of our talented and giving members. Deborah Carlson's tree was awesome, her soups and appetizers were delicious—as were the members' desserts. The decorators were a cheerful and dedicated group, the clean-up crew fast and thorough. Dave Fickes made the music audible (and me too), did some video recording and heavy lifting. Colleen Blazier brought a basket full of reindeer headgear for each and every one. The very smart Jeanne Martin and Dave Fickes won the prizes for the Christmas quiz. Carols were sung and the SIS Players performed their very own rendition of "The 12 Days of Christmas" (which some have suggested should become a yearly tradition). It was a cozy place to get to know one another a little better and just relax, sing, laugh, eat and enjoy ourselves. I think a good time was had and thank you one and all.

~Elaine Bradford, Program Committee Chair



More photos at

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/108582458@N03/sets/72157668202248829>



GALA GARDEN SHOW GEARING UP

December was quiet for the Gala Garden Show Committee as members gathered with family and friends to celebrate the holidays together. In January we start revving up.



- Deadline for submission of articles to Linda Klinefelter for the *Sequim Gazette* insert is **January 29, 2018**.
- **T-shirts** can still be ordered. Janet Real will have a few samples and a sign-up sheet at our next meeting. You can also order by contacting Janet directly.
- Our **Volunteer Coordinators**—Jeanne Martin and Missy Church-Smith are beginning to put together the schedule of workers for the weekend of the show. A sign-up sheet will start showing up at the next meeting.
- A list of **Speaker** topics is now posted on the Gala Garden Show website: <http://sequimgardenshow.com/speakers/speaker-topics/>. And you can read about the speakers on the Meet the Speakers page: <http://sequimgardenshow.com/speakers/meet-the-speakers/>. Thanks to Elaine Bradford for supplying this information.
- Linda Klinefelter has written promos and made arrangements to record them on KSQM radio. These will begin to air in late January.
- Follow-up to **Sponsorship** letters will continue this month.
- There are only seven booth spaces still available inside.
- Our next Core Committee meeting is scheduled for **January 17, 2018**.

Remember, the success of the Gala Garden Show depends on ALL members participating. In the process we have FUN and show the community who we are.

Thank you all for being part of this!

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



WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Soroptimist Friends:

Thank you all so much for your generous donation of \$500 to our "Care Closet"!!

Your gift will be used to purchase cold weather clothing for the kids during these cold winter months. AND—Andrea Alstrup will be helping me to do the shopping this month!

Thanks to all of you for your continued community connection!

Monica Dixon
Sequim Boys & Girls Club



January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3	4	5 BOARD MEETING	6 Rose Jaeger 
7	8	9 Business Meeting	10 Kate Creasey 	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Kathy Cunha 	18	19	20
21	22	23 Program Meeting Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation, Judith Pasco 	24	25	26	27
28	29 Deadline for submission of Garden Show articles to Linda Klinefelter for the <i>Sequim Gazette</i>	30 5th Tuesday Solana Clubhouse 5:30 pm. Theme TBA	31			

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	 American Heart Association <i>life is why™</i>			1	2 Becky Archer Cindy Rhodes 	3
4	5	6 New Member Meet	7	8 Finance Committee Meeting	9 BOARD MEETING	10
11 Missy Church-Snuth 	12 Su Howat 	13 Business Meeting	14 	15 Theresa Alcayaga 	16	17 Joan Miller 
18	19 Presidents' Day 	20 Member Social at Solana	21	22 Jan Chapman 	23	24 AREA MEETING Location TBA
25 Maureen Gabbia 	26	27 Program Meeting Live Your Dream Award Recipient	28			

That's Life By: Danny Joyce

This life is a wonderful gift...accept it, embrace it.
It starts with a new day...wake up and greet it.
Life is a challenge...take it head on, and meet it.
Full of opportunity...use it, don't waste it.

This life is a mystery...unfold it, solve it.
It starts with meaning...wake up and understand it.
Life is a goal...take it head on, and achieve it.
Full of promise...fulfill it, but keep it.

This life is precious...hold it, treasure it.
It starts with hope...wake up and feel it.
Life is a choice...take it head on, and make it.
Full of knowledge...use it, don't abuse it.

This life is adventurous...enjoy it, explore it.
It starts with a duty...wake up and perform it.
Life is love...take it full on, and love it.
Full of beauty...praise it, and behold it.

That life is life...live it, learn and grow
Life is good...be good with all that you know.



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To a Person Making a Difference for Women