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through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.*

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**“A teacher affects
eternity; he can
never tell where
his influence stops.”
~Henry B Adams**

Message from the President

Whee! Budgets, bylaws, nominations.... things are really moving! What an interesting education I'm getting. Those of you who have been president before understand exactly what I'm talking about. I am so thankful for our treasurers and finance committee, bylaws committee, and nominating committee. They are all AWESOME! Thank you all and those members who are helping on the sidelines to support them.

I also want to give a special thank you to Elaine Bradford. The wonderful program meetings she has organized for us have been interesting and educational. Having her take over leading those non-business meetings for me has been invaluable! Thanks, Elaine, you ROCK!

The work of SIS still amazes me. So much effort and sacrifice for so many strangers. It is to be expected that someone would do such things for those they know and love, but for strangers, that is extraordinary.

One of my personal pet projects involves a lady for whom I am a Representative Payee. She is physically and developmentally disabled, about 50 years of age, and functions at about a third-grade level. I knew about her disabilities, but it took years of knowing her and working with her for me to learn how she became disabled. Her developmental disability was from a traumatic birth. The metal rods in her back are from injuries received when her boyfriend threw her from a third story window. The increasingly severe seizures that she experiences daily are from another encounter that ended in her being kicked repeatedly in the head. She has been abused, taken advantage of, and abandoned. She is everything that Soroptimists try so desperately to help. And yet, she does not qualify for any direct assistance from our club. There is nothing that we can do for her, or is there?

She receives assistance with her power bill through the LIHEAP program, a branch of OLYCAP. She is able to supplement her food stamps by going to the Food Bank. She receives counseling from Peninsula Mental Health. She has used the Dungeness Valley Health Clinic. She is at risk for more abuse as her life choices are frequently unwise, but she has been supplied with domestic violence information from Healthy Families.

I'm sure that each of you are aware of recipients of our Committed and Uncommitted Funds and how their lives are made better by our efforts. Never underestimate the extent of our influence. What we do DOES make a difference. We ARE helping women and girls throughout the world and right here in our community!

Thanks again. Onward and upward!
President Gena

Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's March—Women's History Month. Most of us recognize names like Marie Curie, Rosa Parks, Susan B. Anthony, Harriet Tubman, Jane Goodall. These women had a vision; they planted seeds of their passion that grew into fruitful changes in our world.

Speaking of seeds, thought seeds were sown at the Olympic Peninsula Area Meeting held Saturday, February 24, in Port Angeles. The theme was Legacy—each individual's legacy and our club's legacy. What we say and do has an impact on our legacy. District 1 Director Renee Recker provided handouts with questions for the breakout session. There were three parts indicated on the form. One of the items in Part 2 was: "Complete this sentence—I am at my best, doing my best when I have the opportunity to _____." I immediately wrote two words on the line. (Photos from the Area Meeting are here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/108582458@N03/albums/72157664076198347>)

We broke into groups of five or six. One person read off a question and we went around the table giving each person a chance to speak. When we got to the "Complete this sentence" in Part 2, the first comments were—"when I can volunteer; when I can help others." After hearing those, my answer seemed somewhat selfish and I was reluctant to share it. Finally I decided to say what I had written: "be creative" were my hand-written words. When I have the opportunity to be creative, I recognize the creativity in others. I acknowledge it and encourage them. We don't always see our own gifts—often someone else does and can open our eyes to what we have to offer. They provide us with ways to discover our talents.

The very next day I read an article that talked about creativity. In one example a group set up a podium on the streets of New York in front of an orchestra. On the podium was a sign "Conduct Us"—allowing bystanders to conduct some of the most talented young musicians in the world. The musicians responded and altered their tempo and performance according to the conductors.

In another example, two women did something similar. They planted dozens of "pop-up pianos" in parks and on street corners in New York City where passersby stopped to play or listen.

Lots of creativity was happening! The conductors, the orchestra and the pianists showed their creativity. However, none of that could have occurred without the creativity of those who provided the opportunities.

We all have innate creativity. It can be expressed in countless ways. We just need to identify our passions. One opportunity is being on the club's board. Like the first scenario in the article above, our board are the leaders who take on the role as conductors, and the rest of us alter our tempo and performance accordingly.

Nominations are still open for the 2018-2019 board. If you are ready to step into one of those positions, please contact the Nominating Committee.

As we celebrate Women's History Month, let us recognize the seeds of passion of each of our members who have been part of our club's history. Let us celebrate the creativity that has made us who we are along our Journey to the Mountaintop.

Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." ~Harriet Tubman

CALENDAR

MARCH

- 8 Finance Cmte Mtg
- 9 Board Meeting
- 13 Business Meeting
- 17-18 Gala Garden Show
- *27 Potluck Celebration

APRIL

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



***Evening Meeting**

**"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."
~Jane Goodall**



"We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something." ~Marie Curie

Celebrate Life!

MARCH

- 3 Susan Kalmar
- 21 Laura Rundle
- 24 Susan Mesches
- 28 Kathryn Pacelli

APRIL

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



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



“Give me odorous at sunrise
 a garden of beautiful flowers
 where I can walk undisturbed.”
 ~Walt Whitman

PROGRAM—CELEBRATION

Post-Garden Show potluck will be held on **Tuesday, March 27th @ 5:30 p.m., Solana Clubhouse**. It will be garden-themed, so bring a salad. We’ll have a Garden Show slideshow and garden-related quiz. Dressing as your favorite flower, shrub or tree is optional.

~Elaine Bradford, Programs Chair



SPRING IS IN THE AIR



The 20th Annual Gala Garden Show is almost here!

- Posters, tent cards and merchant flyers are scattered around Sequim, Port Angeles and Port Townsend.
- The *Sequim Gazette* insert was published in last Wednesday’s paper. Have you seen it!
- The programs we’ll hand out at the show are printed.
- The Café, Raffle, Vendor and Set-up teams are organized and waiting for Friday.
- The books for Dan Hinkley to sign have arrived!

The Gala Garden Show is a team effort and we appreciate each member’s participation. Together we make it fun and successful.

Thank you all for being part of this year’s journey!
 See you at the show!

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



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

2018 LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD RECIPIENTS NAMED



Rylie Booth Roberts and Shaelee Evans,
2018 Live Your Dream Award Recipients

SI of Sequim is proud to announce the recipients of our **Live Your Dream Award**. The Live Your Dream Award assists women who are the primary source of financial support for their families. This award provides for assistance to improve their education, skills and/or employment.

Shaelee Evans, a single mom, holds a Bachelor's in Applied Business Management and recently opened Goodness Tea House in Sequim. She actively volunteers in the community and many of the products she produces for her tea house are locally sourced.

Rylie Booth Roberts is a busy mom of twin boys and is presently enrolled in Peninsula College. In the spring, Rylie will transfer to Carrington College located in Spokane, where she will continue her education in medical radiology.

“Your dreams are like the market grounds; their locations really matter. If you keep hiding your potentials out of sight, you may be great but unknown! Your influence can travel long distances if only you give them the chances to go where they are needed! Rebrand yourself!” ~Israelmore Ayivor

GIRLS OF THE MONTH

SI of Sequim is proud to recognize Girls of the Month, **Porchia Woods** and **Alexis Moore**.

Porchia actively volunteers with the Humane Society, participated as manager for the boys' varsity basketball team, actively gets involved with various school fundraisers and is in the Running Start Program and will receive her AA degree when she receives her high school diploma. She is actively looking at the University of Nevada–Las Vegas pre-med program with the hopes of becoming a pediatrician.



Porchia Woods

Alexis volunteers with various walk programs; MS Walk, Walk to End Alzheimer's and Fort Discovery Unity of Effort. In addition, she is the recipient of many awards; Scholar Athlete, Scholastic Achievement and National Cheer Association Superior Awards. She is planning to become a physical therapist through Washington State University.



Alexis Moore

~Judy Field, Awards & Scholarships Committee



SCHOLARSHIP NOTEBOOK REVIEW

In April the club will be reading the Sequim High School scholarship notebooks. This is a fun night of food and drink, then we get down to work. All are welcome and enthusiastically encouraged to come! Last year we read 80 notebooks with only eight members—WAY TOO FEW READERS!! These scholarships are how we spend a good chunk of the money we work so hard to raise during the year. Please come and be a part of selecting who receives our awards. Their notebooks are amazing, their stories inspiring. We look forward to seeing you at the Notebook Reading Night!!

~Deb Carlson, Awards and Scholarship Chair






FREE EVENT

Hospice Care - Benefits & Myths
Tuesday, May 15th, 12-1:30PM
 Trinity United Methodist Church,
 100 So. Blake Ave, Sequim



PRESENTERS:
 Assured Hospice & Volunteer Hospice of
 Clallam County



TEA TIME IN MAY

The planning for our May 15th **Tea with SHE** event is well underway. The committee met February 28th and will meet again in April. The one area that the committee will ask for membership help is with **distributing the posters**—there will be more information on that when the date gets closer.

The committee also asks that the membership be thinking about topics we might cover in future events. If you have ideas, please send to Jan Chapman.

~Jan Chapman, Tea With SHE Chair



“I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge. That myth is more potent than history. That dreams are more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs over experience.” ~Robert Fulghum

DREAM IT, BE IT

For our first dip into the Dream It Be It (DIBI) pool, we decided on a one-day event to be held on **Saturday, April 14 from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm**. After a brief planning session, a few of us (Elaine Bradford, Dave Fickes, and Gena Royal), including Tessa and Rachel of the Boys & Girls club broke out the sessions, breaks, and activities for the day.

The Boys & Girls club will take the lead on this with Sorooptimists helping where needed or where we have expertise in the area taught—in addition to helping with some of the supply needs. A one-day event allows a short amount of time for each session.

We will offer our assistance for areas we can (maybe just being an assistant for the mentor). We are all walking in new territory, so changes will no doubt occur for future DIBI events. This will be a good start for our club to begin working toward SIA DIBI goals.

We have a few volunteers already set to help out on April 14, nevertheless, I’ve included the titles of the curriculum sessions. If you would like to help or volunteer during a certain session, please contact Sandy Lawrence.

- Session 1: Discovering Your Dreams
- Session 2: Exploring Careers
- Session 3: Creating Achievable Goals
- Session 4: Rising Above Obstacles
- Session 5: Turning Failure into Success
- Session 6: Balancing Your Stress
- Session 7: Putting Dreams into Action

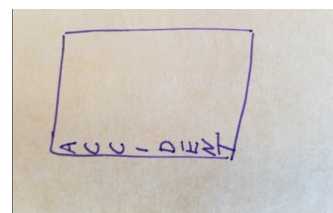


~Sandy Lawrence, DIBI Chair



MEMBERSHIP

The membership committee hosted a third Tuesday **Solana Social** in February, and the eight who were there had great fun playing a couple of games. We started with some word puzzles such as the one to the right (which stumped us to begin with, because we were holding it vertically, which made for some good laughs). Then we moved on to Trivial Pursuit Baby Boomer Edition. We had two teams and simply went through the categories answering (or not) the questions. Attending were Melody Albertson, Becky Archer, Missy Church-Smith, Sharron Empens, Dave Fickes, Jane Manzer, President Gena, and Ann Salmon. Thank you, Dave, for making the venue available for us!



Looking forward, please take note that there will be NO Solana Social in March, as the 3rd Tuesday falls right after the Garden Show and we will be having the post-show potluck the following Tuesday.

Missy Church-Smith and Jane Manzer, Co-chairs of Membership



P.S. THANK YOU members for stepping it up to volunteer for the recent area meeting, STEM day, and for signing up to work the Garden Show. You're an awesome force.

“Words are but the signs of ideas.” ~Samuel Johnson

MEMBERSHIP—COOL STUFF

ART EXPRESSION IN THE COMMUNITY

The new Permanent Art Collection opened recently at the Sequim Civic Center. “Dungeness Wind” has been installed in the City Council Chamber. **Linda Chapman** was so pleased to be one of 18 artists selected for this new art collection. The collection is free to view and open to the public.

Congrats, Linda! lindachapmandesign.com



SIGN LANGUAGE

A little advertising brought in a donation for our Medical Loan Closet. Last Monday I was in Diamond Point at the boat launch. I had been kayaking with my paddle group from the Olympic Peninsula Paddling Club. We had just completed paddling around Protection Island. I had finished loading my boat and I was the last one to leave the parking space. While I was there a woman came by with a black dog that she was walking. She asked me if I was a member of Soroptimist. I replied yes I was. “Did you see the sign on my truck advertising our Garden Show. Come to it—it is one of our signature projects for the year.” She then said she had some medical equipment that she would like to give to us.

I said that would be very nice and I could pick it up right then and take it with me. She and the dog got in the back seat of my pickup truck and we proceeded up the hill to her home. She said that the things were in her neighbor's shed and she would get them. Her husband had recently passed away and she had a shower bench and a walker that she had not given away. We loaded the items in the back of the truck along with my kayak gear and I proceeded back to Sequim. Since I keep a key in the truck I drove to the medical loan closet and put the items there. So it pays to advertise—and we got two very nice items for our medical loan closet.

~submitted by Marti Campbell



STEM SATURDAY

Saturday, February 23rd, found eight SIS members volunteering to help out with the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Day at Greywolf Elementary. SI of Sequim co-sponsored the event with the Sequim Education Foundation (SEF), and, naturally, one of our members attending was Jodi Olsen of SEF. Along with Jodi, Becky Archer, Elaine Churchill, Maureen Gebbia, Jane Manzer, Susan Mensches and Connie Van Roosendaal helped out. Many of us assisted with set-up, then we were either assigned or chose areas in which to work. Susan and Becky helped with Registration, Jodi was a “floater,” and the rest of us helped out in classrooms with particular projects. Here’s a sampling of the projects or experiments: Potato Submarine, Stack the Cat’s Hat, Robo Wheel, and Popsicle Stick Catapult. To the right is a picture of a young girl with a glitzy cast working on her catapult project, following the photograph of a sample project in various stages of completion. Once students finished their project, they tried it out with pennies or poker chips. All had great fun and the morning was over before we knew it!



~Jane Manzer



“Our delight in any particular study, art, or science rises and improves in proportion to the application which we bestow upon it.” ~Joseph Addison

Dear Soroptimist Sisters,

Mujeres has had some wonderful news that I’d like to share with you. You all know the reasoning behind empowering women and girls. Many of them, once they get a helping hand, are unstoppable. Some of you already have heard me talk about Yolanda. She was our very first scholarship recipient in 2006. In the summer of 2005, I sat on a step with her in San Cristobal de las Casas and chatted with her, a shy 15 year-old Maya girl. I asked her what she wanted most, and she said she wanted to study English in university. And so, the following year, we provided her with the means to do it. However, she had to pass an entrance exam, and she failed. Education in the indigenous communities is not up to standard. She emailed me in a panic. No worries, I told her, take a year to do remediation, and try again. And that’s what she did. In university, she found she was the only Maya student. She continued to wear her indigenous clothing, as she is proud of it, and was subject to some harassment and bullying. But she prevailed and graduated in 2013. Her sister graduated that same year, and both girls left the cooperative and formed one based in their community. That cooperative has accomplished amazing goals. They have set up children’s programs, built a playground, run design and weaving workshops and promote gender equity.

This week, while I was perusing Facebook, I saw a post from Yolanda in New York. I knew she had been twice before showing weaving techniques, but this time was a complete surprise. She had been accepted as a delegate to the United Nations Youth Assembly. As far as I can tell, there weren’t that many representing Latin America, and she may have been the only indigenous in attendance. The topics were poverty, renewable energy, sustainable living and climate change. She wrote me that what impacted her most were the number of 16 and 17 year-old attendees, already committed to learning and service. She also realized, she added, that education in Chiapas is very lacking.

A story like this is above and beyond what we ever envisioned and hoped for. Yolanda is an amazing role model for girls in her community and is dedicating her life to education in one form or another. We at Mujeres are so proud of her.

All for now,
Judith Pasco

PS Have a wonderfully successful Gala Garden Show.



FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

A good number of hours have been spent, especially by President Gena, Treasurer Kathy Cunha and Assistant Treasurer Shelle Paulbitski, in preparing a draft budget for fiscal year 2018-19. Many financial factors have been taken into account, all of the committees have provided budget requests, and the finance committee will be presenting a draft budget to the board of directors at their March 9 meeting. Our main sources of income are the Garden Show and the Gift Show, while our main expenses are Awards and Scholarships, Committed Funds (given to other non-profits who have applied for funds from our club), and Uncommitted Funds (which are funds we spend throughout the year based on requests that come to us from various entities in the community or needs our club members may identify). The hard part is deciding how much is going to be allocated in each category. Our intent is to use our hard-earned funds in directions that strike a balance honoring and fulfilling our mission to the benefit of as many people in need as possible.



Aside from working on next year's budget, we are continuing our "normal" business of operating within the 2017-18 budget, particularly making decisions on uncommitted funds requests that have recently come to the club. Once we have enough information about the request to make a decision, the Finance Committee makes a recommendation for any uncommitted fund expenditure to the board of directors. The board of directors may approve, modify, or even disapprove that recommendation. Whatever the board decides is reported to the club during the Secretary's board report.

If you have any questions about the Finance Committee's functions and activities, please don't hesitate to ask any one of us or any of the members of the board of directors.

Jane Manzer, Chair, Finance Committee



“Women are not just waiting to be filled up with resources—they're waiting to put their resources on the table to be able to lead towards a different world” ~Kavita Ramdya

EDUCATING WITH AWARENESS

In the month of March there are twenty-four national March observances, but of those twenty-four, I feel, the most important—or at least near the top—is National Women's History Month. Celebrating this occasion is to celebrate and honor the trials, tribulations, persistence and hard-work of famous women and their contributions. There was Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Mother Teresa, Rosa Parks and in today's world, there are women like Malala Yousafzai and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. All these women, represent something bigger than you and me. These women represent change for both women and men in the most positive way.



In writing this article for the Public Awareness committee, I found myself thinking about who had that positive impact on me. It was my paternal grandmother and my mother! My grandmother taught school in a one-room school house and arrived there each morning in a buckboard. It was her stories of strength and tenacity as a teacher and then becoming the mother to four boys which brought home the message of resilience. Add to that, my mother who was never a quitter and never took “no” for an answer when faced with the impossible, sent the message anything was possible. I believe I would not be where I am today if it wasn't for those two women.

Public Awareness isn't just sharing the good news of our organization and our accomplishments. I feel it is having AWARENESS of whose influence was positive, and the difference it made in your life.

Who, in your world provided a positive impact? Perhaps during Happy Dollars, members might share who were the women in their life that made a difference. Happy National Women's History Month.

Linda Klinefelter, Public Awareness Co-Chair



WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Soroptimists,

Thank you so much for having me, I am incredibly honored to be selected as Girl of the Month for January. I enjoyed meeting you all.

Sincerely,
Alexis Moore

“In a gentle way, you can shake the world.”
~Mahatma Gandhi

Dear Soroptimist International of Sequim Members,

On behalf of the **Sequim Education Foundation**, let me express our sincere appreciation to you for your generous 2018 donation of \$4,000.00. Your contribution enables the **Foundation** to continue its mission of inspiring and supporting students within our community through the **STEAM Powered Saturday Program** and **Teacher Grant Program**.

Since 2001, the **Sequim Education Foundation** has been able to provide Sequim's public school children with grants, activities, and scholarship programs proven to inspire them to achieve excellence. This is all due to the ongoing support of our generous donors and community who share our goal of enriching and enhancing the quality of education for students and educators in the Sequim School District.

Gratefully,
John Bridge, President
Sequim Education Foundation



Members of our club adopted families over the holidays, through Healthy Families of Clallam County. Some of the families sent thank you notes which were forwarded to us. Below are those messages. One shows a drawing of a picture of a shirt with members of the family. We truly are making a difference in our community. The joy we shared at the holidays continues to be a blessing.



My son and I are so grateful for the Christmas gifts. We enjoyed them very much. It makes the holidays nice when you know there are people who care. What all of you do for people is above and beyond amazing!

Again, Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,
Toni and Wyatt

Thank you for sharing with my family this holiday. I'm so very grateful for everything you have done!! Our hearts are filled with Joy!

All our love,
Kendle & Lync

Thank you so much for Brann's gifts—the red coat is his absolute favorite! I couldn't have picked out a better gift. Thank you for your generosity and for making my son's 1st Christmas amazing. He'll never forget it!










I'm very thankful for the running shoes! They've been used a lot and helped my mental state even more.

I hope your holiday was absolutely blessed!
Thank You.
Amy & Brann











Thank you so much for all you did for me and my children for Christmas. It was a huge blessing and really means more than you know.

Happy Holidays.
Charity and Family

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8 Finance Committee Meeting	9 BOARD MEETING	10
11 	12	13 Business Meeting	14	15	16 SET UP FOR 	17 
18 	19	20 	21 Laura Rundle 	22	23	24 Susan Mesches 
25	26	27 POTLUCK Celebration	28 Kathryn Pacelli 	29	30	31

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	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 Member Solana Social	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 
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Planting Your Spring Garden by Geoff Heggadon

For the Garden of your Daily Living

Plant Three Rows of Peas

- 1) Peace of Mind
- 2) Peace of Heart
- 3) Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash

- 1) Squash Gossip
- 2) Squash Indifference
- 3) Squash Grumbling
- 4) Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

- 1) Lettuce Be Faithful
- 2) Lettuce Be Kind
- 3) Lettuce Be Patient
- 4) Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete Without Turnips

- 1) Turnip For Meetings
- 2) Turnip For Service
- 3) Turnip To Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

- 1) Thyme For Each Other
- 2) Thyme For Family
- 3) Thyme For Friends

Water Freely With Patience And Cultivate With Love.
There is Much Fruit In Your Garden Because You Reap
What You Sow. Pass It On!!



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To a Person Making a Difference for Women