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Best for Women

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

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*“You look out there  
and there’s people  
that, their day  
is changed  
because of your  
contribution to it.”  
~Brad Paisley*

**Message from the President**

Thank you all for the wonderful Soroptimist support over the last couple of crazy months. Things are calming down, my brain is beginning to function normally again, and Stephanie and Baylee are thriving!

Thought for the month:

**BEWARE THE PREY**

The lion was the lord of his realm. He could terrorize every other creature in the jungle. There was no match for his long, razor-sharp claws and his huge, muscular body. Only one thing could bring fear to his heart ... the hunter. The hunter, with his cunning mind and his amazing rifle, was the one enemy the lion avoided.

Many times, the lion dreamed about devouring the hunter. He imagined himself creeping through the jungle, silently approaching the hunter from behind, and then swiftly and efficiently wrapping his giant paws around the hunter’s throat, claws extended, then jerking back, exposing the cords and bones in his neck! Then, with a sigh of satisfaction, images of the crumpled, bleeding body of the hunter would dance through his mind as he mentally devoured his adversary. Of course, this was only a fantasy. The hunter always seemed to anticipate his every move. He would thwart the lion’s advance whenever he would come too close to the hunter’s home, family, or possessions. The lion could do nothing but dream of revenge and take out his frustration on the poor creatures of the jungle.

The lion, through trial and error, had discovered the most effective way of stalking and destroying the jungle animals. As a youngster, he had approached his victims face-on, paralyzing them with a deafening roar, and pouncing on them as they sat motionless before him. Then, as he grew older, he realized that many of the animals, hearing his ferocious snarl and seeing his gleaming white fangs, would bolt and run from him, many of them to the safety of the hunter’s compound, knowing that the lion feared to enter the area.

The lion was not pleased to see that he was often losing the best, most tender game. He decided to change his approach. He found that he could get much closer to his victims if he would sneak up from behind, slowly, silently. And, he discovered that if he attacked and killed the helpless animal without announcing himself, he was almost always successful. He began to postpone his triumphant roar until after the kill. He camouflaged himself among the branches and the shadows. He became successful, so successful in fact, that many of the jungle animals were not even aware that he was killing off their companions, and he always, always avoided the hunter.

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## Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's October—a colorful month. Leaves are turning orange, red and gold. They do a delightful dance as they leave their limbs and flutter with fall's tender touch. They craft a lively design as the wind whips them around in the air. Not all leaves have the same intensity of hue, but in their graceful whirl there is no division of tint. It is pure unified beauty in motion.

Some people think the leaves on the ground are of no value. Not so. Many of us have used these liberated leaves to create pictures and collages. We've added them to flower arrangements or potpourri. They have been templates for special pottery designs, and we've fused them into glass—capturing their beauty in a permanent profile.

What about the value of the exercise raking leaves gives us? Or the fun of running through or rolling in a pile of leaves? Or the sound a leaf makes when our foot meets it. It is not a mere noise—it is the voice of the leaf—imparting a lifetime of stories and wisdom. We may not be able to understand all its words, but we can recognize its beauty and value. The colors of October bring this into our awareness.

October brings us more awareness—as it is Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. On Friday, October 6, members of our club filled a table at the Mad Hatter's Tea. This event was started 20 years ago to raise awareness about breast cancer and to support survivors. Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the "Day of Unity" held in October, 1981, and was conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children.

October brings a Soroptimist Day of Unity of sorts—or rather a weekend of unity—as clubs come together at their respective district meetings. This gives members the opportunity to leave their local neighborhoods and become aware of what's happening with other Soroptimists in their district. Soroptimists come from many walks of life. Some are more intense, like the vibrant colored leaves—while others are a bit less flamboyant. It is our diversity that makes us beautiful. Like the leaves, each of us adds our own individual tint to create a magnificent mosaic. Each of us has a voice—and we don't need to be stepped on for it to be heard.

Recently a long-time member of our club stopped by my office. She mentioned when the dues letters came out she considered not renewing her membership. She wasn't sure what she had to offer. It was her husband who encouraged her, commenting on the significance of what she receives from being a member. This is a woman from whom I have learned so much. She is a vital part of our club—one who continues to show up, participate and share with us. Her voice is important because it imparts wisdom, insight and the history of we are.

Moving forward on our journey to the mountaintop let us stay aware. Let us recognize our unity and leave the world a better place as we improve the lives of women and girls.

Light and Love,  
Kathy Purcell, Editor



**“People leave traces of themselves where they feel most comfortable, most worthwhile.” ~Haruki Murakami**

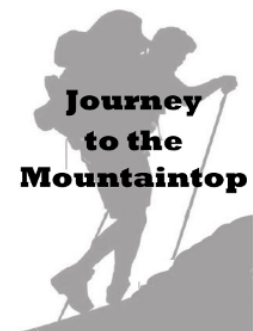
## CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- 4 Finance Cmte Mtg
- 6 Board Meeting
- 10 Business Meeting
- 24 Program Meeting  
5th Tuesday
- \*31 Halloween Party

### NOVEMBER

- \*7 New Member Meet
- \*8 Finance Cmte Mtg
- 10 Board Meeting
- 14 Business Meeting
- \*21 Member Social
- 28 Program Meeting  
NOLS



**\*Evening Meeting**

**“The only limit to your impact is your imagination and commitment.”**

**~Tony Robbins**



**“If everyone would look for that uniqueness then we would have a very colorful world.”**

**~Michael Schenker**

# Celebrate Life!

## OCTOBER

- 11 Melody Albertson
- 20 Jeannie Blaurock
- 24 Jeani Penn
- 26 Shelle Paulbitski

## NOVEMBER

- 2 Mayme Faulk
- 6 Kathleen DeJong
- 9 Donna Carson
- 10 Gloria Fitzpatrick
- 15 Monica Ostrom
- 22 Sylvia Oster
- 28 Marilyn Hooser



Note the phone number for our  
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

**504-0231**



“Without wearing  
any mask we are conscious of,  
we have a special face  
for each friend.”  
~Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

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Hopefully, someday, the hunter will end the lion's reign of terror. Someday, he will torture his last victim, and the hunter's justice will come speeding from the barrel of the gun with an explosive crack that can only mean death to the lion. In the meantime, the jungle creatures need to be very, very cautious. They, the victims, must be wary of the hunter's prey.

We Soroptimists, as advocates for innocent women and girls around the world, must support the hunter, help the hunter, BE the hunter. Abusers and traffickers are well aware of the fact that if we see them face-on for what they really are, we will move heaven and earth to stop them. Instead, the silent, stalking evil hides, attacks, and destroys. Some still deny the existence of these evil practices. But, they are there, in the shadows, hiding their burning eyes and gleaming fangs, waiting to devour the unsuspecting. Beware, beware the Hunter's prey!

Onward and upward,  
President Gena



**Start planning your costumes  
for the 5th Tuesday  
Halloween Meeting  
October 31, 2017 / 5:30 p.m.  
at Solana**

### SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER

**D1**

**District 1 Meeting**  
Ferndale, WA  
Silver Reef Casino & Resort  
October 20–22, 2017



**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

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Hi all, and welcome back! We have a full slate on our Awards and Scholarships committee with all members assigned to their chosen award. Thank you to all who volunteered for this rewarding committee; we'll have a great year ahead and I promise to mix some fun in there somewhere along the way. In October our Girls of the Month start appearing at meetings. Joan Miller, Gail Watson and Linda Rotmark will host the girls and their families; be sure to stop by the reserved tables to congratulate the girls and welcome their families. All of those little extras make their experience extra special and leave a caring, professional impression of Soroptimists in their minds—and we are an impressive group!

Elaine Bradford, Betty Osborne and Sandy Lawrence are working diligently on the Live Your Dream Award. With their innovative advertising we're sure to have numerous applicants to choose from this year.



The Violet Richardson Award is for community service and is aimed at young volunteers 14-17 years old. We are considering a name change for this award to The Community Service Award. As the Violet Richardson Award, it is no longer supported by SIA, strictly by our own club. Shelle Paulbitski and Judy Field came up with the suggestion to change the name to better reflect what the award is for and to appeal to the younger girls. We will in no way diminish Violet Richardson's story and contribution, it will just be presented at the award ceremony and not as the focus of advertising.

Busy year ahead, stay tuned!!



~Deb Carlson, Awards & Scholarships Chair

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*"We are braver and wiser because they existed, those strong women and strong men... We are who we are because they were who they were. It's wise to know where you come from, who called your name." ~Maya Angelou*

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## Soroptimist Helping and Empowering—SHE

Our first **Tea with SHE** seminar is fast approaching—**October 17!** The topic for this program is **"Making Sure Your End-of-Life Wishes Are Met."** The speakers will be **Teresa Neudorfer**, Elder Law Attorney and **Janet Popelka**, SIS member and retired Social Worker.

The goal of the program is to educate us on how to make sure your end of life wishes are carried out. The program will give an in-depth look at Advanced Directives, Powers of Attorney, and quality & dignified end of life care. The event will take place at Trinity United Methodist Church on Blake Avenue in Sequim.

~Jan Chapman



Let's get the word out—you can help! Here is a link to the poster:  
<http://sisequim.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/TwithSHE-poster-10-17.pdf>.

Share it with friends, neighbors, clients.

For more info go to:

<http://sisequim.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Oct17-TwithSHE-Seminar.pdf>



## MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER

### ALBERTSON, Melody



Melody moved to Sequim four months ago from Bellevue, WA, to be near friends and get out of the congestion. She had careers in banking, cruise travel and mortgage lending and has interests in travel, gardening, quilting, skiing and camping.

Melody is a past president of Soroptimist International of Bellevue and volunteered at Children's Hospital, garden club and at Overlake Hospital weekly for 12 years as well. She lives according to the adages, "Make every day count" and "Don't put off till tomorrow."

Preferring hands-on involvement, Melody is eager to get to work.



### OSTER, Sylvia



Sylvia retired from the Insurance industry and moved to our area 10 years ago, happily leaving "big city" traffic. She has a son living in Fairbanks, Alaska who is a member of the Air National Guard and is attending school. She learned about SIS through her membership in Soroptimist of Port Angeles.

Currently selling Avon and Mary Kay products, Sylvia is also a member of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and volunteers as their Public Education Officer. She enjoys meeting new people, making more lady friends, playing golf and is good with computer programs and sales.

The best advice Sylvia has received is to "keep the faith."



## MEMBERSHIP HAPPENINGS

Membership is off to a great start for 2017-18, hosting a new member social, general member social, and an orientation for the nine new members, sponsors and mentors. Thirteen members enjoyed snacks, games, and wonderful conversation at the first Solana Social. Save the third Tuesday of each month—except Fifth Tuesday months—for this social. October will see fewer socials since there is a **Fifth Tuesday** on October 31. This will be a **Halloween Party—see page 3**.

November socials:

### **New Member Meet**

November 7 (4:30-6:30 p.m.)

**Solana Social**—for all members

November 21 (4:30-6:00 p.m.).

Look inside SIS website <[www.sisequim.org](http://www.sisequim.org)> for a wealth of information about SIS.

See your roster for login information for the members' only pages. In particular, you will find Roster Updates.

**COOL THINGS**—WHAT IS IT? An article in the *Soropti-Scoop* about members who are doing great things outside SIS. Please write something about yourself or other members and send to Kathy Purcell, newsletter editor.

Amanda Beitzel, Membership Committee



## MEMBERSHIP—COOL STUFF

Congratulations to member **Linda CollinsChapman**, who has been selected as a Featured Artist by ArtsyShark, an online publication. Follow this link for the article and you'll be amazed by her talent and learn a little about her art too:

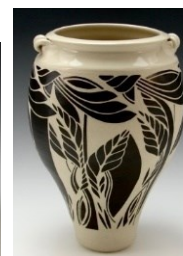
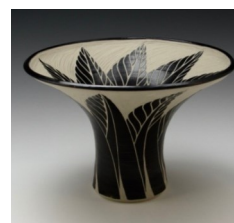
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### ARTSYSHARK

#### FEATURED ARTIST LINDA CHAPMAN

*The striking, intricate patterns on artist Linda Chapman's porcelain vessels are inspired and influenced by the places she has lived. Learn more about this artist and her work by visiting her website.*



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*“There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age.” ~Sophia Loren*

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## FOUNDERS PENNIES ADD UP

Soroptimist celebrates **Founders Day** on **October 3**, which acknowledges the day in 1921 when the first club in Alameda County, California, called to order its first business meeting. A long-time Soroptimist tradition linked to Founders Day is Founders Pennies.

The tradition of giving pennies began in 1943. Clubs collected one penny for each year of Soroptimist's existence and used that money to help re-establish clubs in Europe that had disbanded as a result of World War II. In 1946 the fund was renamed the Founders Fund. This fund provided international fellowships, scholarships and other awards to improve the status of women. Beginning in the 1960s, Founders Pennies began funding for the Youth Citizenship Awards, and in 1972 for the Women's Opportunity Awards (then called the Training Awards Program).

Founders Pennies are now used to fund the Live Your Dream Awards and other critical SIA programs that improve the lives of women and girls throughout the world including Soroptimist Club Grants. Founders Pennies represent approximately 10% of the funds needed for SIA programs.



Each year, every Soroptimist is offered the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution of six pennies for each year of Soroptimist's existence. Our club collects Founders Pennies with our dues. ~kp

## MUJERES UPDATE

Dear Soroptimist Sisters,

We received a number of inquiries asking about the women we work with in Chiapas after the earthquake in Mexico. Thankfully, all are safe. The old, lovely church in Zinacantan was damaged beyond repair—our scholarship recipients in that community attended there. It has been a very scary situation that was made worse by so many very strong aftershocks.

Our annual Dia de Muertos (Day of the Dead) dinner and auction are coming up on Saturday, October 28. We hope to see you there! And if you'd like to volunteer, please contact me at [\(360\) 809-0393](tel:3608090393). Thanks!

As usual, we are grateful for your support.

Judith Pasco  
Board Chair, Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation  
<http://www.mujeresdemaizof.org/>

The past few years we've had a local business loan us about 8 dress forms for our dinner/auction. However, they've gone out of business, and so we need dress forms. **If you know of a source, please let me know. [mujeres@olyphen.com](mailto:mujeres@olyphen.com)**



**12th Annual Día de Muertos Celebration**  
**(Day of the Dead)**  
**Mexican Vegetarian Dinner, Music and Auction**  
**Saturday, October 28**



**Doors open at 5:30**  
**for dinner and**  
**silent auction**  
Wine and beer  
~~no-host~~ bar  
*Suggested donation*  
**\$25**

**Sequim Masonic Hall**  
**700 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
No advance tickets

Our silent auction has over 70 unique items, many hand-crafted from Mexico or other parts of the world...unique gifts for everyone on your holiday list. We promise an evening of delicious food and great shopping!

This is our most important fundraiser of the year!!!  
All proceeds go to educational programs and projects of **Mujeres de Maiz** (Women of Corn) Opportunity Foundation, a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization  
[www.MujeresDeMaizOF.org](http://www.MujeresDeMaizOF.org)  
For further information, call 360-809-0393

“As my mother says, “You give back, you don’t give up.” You can always choose to help others. If you do, it will change you.” ~*Susan Ford*



## PROGRAMS

Domestic Violence Awareness—The Committee is seeking members who have an interest in Domestic Violence Awareness. Please contact Elaine Bradford if this is a subject that you feel passionate about.

The Programs Committee has recommended that SIS team up with one or both of the Port Angeles clubs on Human Trafficking. Elaine Bradford will speak to members of the Noon club about this idea.

Captain Joseph House Foundation will be asked to provide our speaker for the April, 2018 Program meeting. The Christmas Party was discussed and it was thought that carpooling to **Ramblewood** would be an ideal solution to limited parking.

Elaine Bradford, Programs Chair



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*“Walk with the dreamers, the believers, the courageous, the cheerful, the planners, the doers, the successful people with their heads in the clouds and their feet on the ground. Let their spirit ignite a fire within you to leave this world better than when you found it...” ~Wilferd Peterson*

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## NEW MLC MEMBER ON CALL

Welcome to our newest MLC committee member, **Janie Williams**, and congratulations on your first “solo week” run! We are happy to have you join us!

This year’s committee includes Becky Archer, Marti Campbell, Kathleen DeJong, Judy Field, Gloria Fitzpatrick, Su Howat, Amala Kuster, Janet Real, Jolene Sanborn, Chris Snow, Dorothy Ward, Janie Williams, and our maintenance/repair guru, Paul Pacelli. Thank you for all your hard work!

Gena Royal and Kate Creasey, MLC Co-chairs





## ACTION ALERT FROM SIA



Ahh, the new school year. The smell of freshly sharpened pencils evokes fond feelings of returning to school. But for many teenage girls, back to school is a time of increased anxiety.

Back to school means back into the pressure cooker. It means familiar challenges like bullying, sexual violence, peer pressure and feeling lost. These things can have a devastating impact on a young woman's safety and self-esteem.

- 1 in 4 girls in the U.S. drops out of high school. For Hispanic girls, it's almost 1 in 3.
- 35% of adolescent girls say health issues (such as mental health and body image) are a barrier to their education.
- 62% of girls wish they had more adult support and mentorship.

Young women need extra support to build confidence and stay resilient through hard times. So what can we do to help?

Well, the Soroptimist's very own [\*Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls\*](#) helps girls grow up to be strong, successful, happy adults. It provides girls with access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live their dreams.

87% of girls who participated last year reported feeling more prepared to pursue their career goals!

You can help by sending a message to encourage girls participating in [\*Dream It, Be It!\*](#)

Raise a flag for GIRL POWER! Your voice makes a difference.

### Help by Sending a Message of Support!

Inspire girls to overcome to be resilient, let them know they're not alone, or share words of wisdom that have helped you.

[Send a Message>>](#)

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“Each person has an ideal, a hope, a dream which represents the soul. We must give to it the warmth of love, the light of understanding and the essence of encouragement.” ~*Colby Dorr Dam*

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## GIVING TO THE COMMUNITY



President Gena Royal presents a \$3,000 check to Mary Budke, Executive Director of the Sequim Boys and Girls Club. This is a small example of the ongoing support our club provides to assist the programs of the Sequim Boys & Girls Club.

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*“The two words 'information' and 'communication' are often used interchangeably, but they signify quite different things. Information is giving out; communication is getting through.” ~Sydney J. Harris*

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## SHOWCASING SOROPTIMIST

One of my beloved collaborations of foods is the uniting of raspberries with chocolate! The sweet-tart taste of the berries touched with a drizzle of smooth semi-sweet chocolate can make me do a happy dance. The collaborations of special foods can really make my palate jump for joy—but the collaboration of two of our committees at a forthcoming event also makes me joyful. The Public Awareness committee is delighted to collaborate with the Membership committee at an upcoming Sequim-Dungeness Valley Chamber of Commerce event in October. The chamber will present its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Showcase on **October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Sunland Golf and Country Club**. These two committees will have the opportunity to showcase our organization’s activities and civic contributions and sing the merits of joining. We invite you to drop by and show your support.

~Linda Klinefelter, Public Awareness Co-Chair

A colorful poster for the Sequim Business Showcase. At the top, it features the Sequim Chamber of Commerce logo with a lighthouse and the tagline "Everything Under The Sun". Below the logo, it says "11<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Showcase". The event details are "Tuesday, Oct. 24th, 2017 • 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sunland Golf & Country Club". A quote from previous participants says "Touted 'The best networking event in Sequim!' by previous participants." The poster lists sponsors: Diamond Sponsor (Sequim Gazette), Ruby Sponsors (First Federal, The UPS Store), and Sapphire Sponsors (Discovery Memory Care, Evergreen Home Loans, Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County, Sound Community Bank, McCricle Carpet One, The UPS Store). It also features a crown icon and the text "Experience the Crown Jewels of Sequim" and "Where our community businesses will dazzle you with their unique offerings!". The bottom section says "Free Admission" and "Join us at the Business Showcase for an evening of: • Show & Tell • FUN • Food, Drinks & Games for ALL!!!". Contact information at the bottom includes "For more information contact the Chamber at info@sequimchamber.com or call 360-683-6197".

## GALA GIFT SHOW

Two months to go for the Gala Gift Show! Vendors continue to ask for applications daily. As we are a juried show, potential vendors are required to send in photos of their product and their booth display. We are picky! That's what keeps our patrons returning, and increasing (up to 900 last year), every year and assures that our reputation for a "unique shopping experience" stays intact. We don't want to be like all of the other shows! Our vendor registration team of Linda Collins Chapman and Laura Rundle is doing a fabulous and very timely job of replying, sorting, deciding and all of the response that happens after selection. Thank you team!

Our sign up list is filling up fast. We still have two crucial spots that need a leader: **Chair for the Bake Sale**—Obtain all wrapping goods from storage early in the week, an experienced person will go with you to locate. Baked goods (by everyone) are delivered to the wrapping location **Friday** about 10:00 a.m. Chair leads the wrapping team with many experienced ladies on the crew. Wrapping materials are supplied. Bows will be pre-made. Chair (and crew) counts wrapping goods leftover for next year, packs neatly for storage in a plastic bin. Baked goods are transported to B&G by the transport team. Chair leads at selling table. Many ladies work the table. It's completely sold out within two hours. Clean and tear down at 4:00 p.m. No early tear downs by anyone—that keeps all of our vendors there. We must play fair! Bake sale people may leave when sold out but please have a crew return to clean up.

**Tree Decor in Main Gym**—This is the focal point in the gym and it is sort of our trademark. Resting benches sit in the area. Tons of ornaments are available. Gold and black on our white tree. Design your own motif (with decor on hand). There is no heavy lifting. Set up **Friday** night at 4:00 p.m. You will have a crew to help you—your job is to decide the design, or just decorate. Make it elegant. Take down **Sat** at 4:00 p.m., pack decorations.

The show is lots of fun, come for the day, even if you're not working. Wear your name tag. Be friendly. Offer to give the single vendors a bathroom break—they love us for that. Smile. Dress, dress, dress!! A prize this year for a lovely gold, black and white gown! I have a vision, all of our Soroptimist ladies sauntering, elegantly of course, through the Boys and Girls Club in long glitzy gowns, long white gloves, sensible shoes....

Sign-up sheet will be at the **October 10** meeting.

~Deb Carlson, Gala Gift Show Chair



*"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 united bits for its wits." ~Lewis Thomas*



6<sup>th</sup> Annual Soroptimist Gala Gift Show

Gala Gift Show  
Come join us for  
a unique shopping experience!

**Saturday, December 2, 2017**  
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  
Boys & Girls Club  
400 W. Fir Street, Sequim

Over 50 Vendors Offer a Variety of Unique Gift Items  
Light lunch available  
Hearty Winter Soup  
Holiday Baked Goods  
Enjoy at the show or take home  
See's Candies in Holiday Wrap  
Raffle Items  
A Festive Experience!

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Sponsored by Soroptimist International of Sequim  
For more info visit: [www.sisequim.org/gala-gift-show](http://www.sisequim.org/gala-gift-show)  
email: [galagiftshow@gmail.com](mailto:galagiftshow@gmail.com)

## GALA GARDEN SHOW COMMITTEE MAKING THINGS HAPPEN

The Garden Show Core Committee met on October 3 and some exciting things are happening! Below are just a few!



- **MARKETING:** A special poster was designed to highlight Dan Hinkley, our Keynote Speaker. Linda Klinefelter volunteered to distribute these to local nurseries. Linda advised the deadline for submissions for the *Sequim Gazette* tab is **January 15, 2018**.
- **CAFÉ:** Paulette & Rick Hill have once again volunteered to donate some food items for the Café. Thank you, Paulette & Rick! Paulette and Judy Field are starting to plan the menu.
- **SPEAKERS:** Su Howat and the Speaker Co-Chairs—Elaine Bradford, Susan Kalmar and Sandy Lawrence, met with a representative from the Master Gardeners. Some speaker topics discussed were: low maintenance yard, container gardening for four seasons, newcomers guide to gardening on the peninsula.
- **SPONSORS:** Sara Nicholls has mailed out letters to last year's sponsors. **She is looking for members to help make follow-up phone calls mid-October.** We've already received our first of many monetary donations. Be sure to visit the Gala Garden Show website <http://sequimgardenshow.com/> regularly to see who is sponsoring the show.
- **VENDORS:** Sharron Gerardi and Chris Snow have sent out an email on October 1 to last year's vendors inviting them to participate in the 2018 show. These vendors have until October 31 to secure the same booth space they had last year. Invitations will be sent to additional prospective vendors after November 1. (We've already received several registrations!) If you know of any potential vendors, please let Sharron or Chris know.
- **RAFFLE:** Maureen Gebbia advised they will be contacting Over the Fence, Coastal, Sun Bonnet Sue (for quilt). They already have a commitment from Mike of Mike's Cedar Works for an Adirondack Chair. They are planning for another fire pit and two wagons. Maureen brought up the possibility of offering a trip around Protection Island. Many of the attendees at the meeting liked that idea.

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



## EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Soroptimist,

Hello! My name is Alexis Thill and I was the recipient of your \$2000 scholarship award for this year. I wanted to thank you; because of your generosity, I am able to continue my journey to further my education. My education is of the utmost importance to me and with the help of people like yourselves, I am able to achieve my dreams.

I have a long road ahead of me and a bright future as I work to someday attain my doctoral degree. Again, thank you so very much!

Sincerely,  
Alexis Thill










**“An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't.” ~Anatole France**



# October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p>  <p>OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>OCTOBER</p> <p>NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>BOARD MEETING Mad Hatters' Tea</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Business Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Melody Albertson</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Jeannie Blaurock</p> <p>District 1 Meeting</p>  <p>SOROPTIMIST Best for Women®</p>	<p>21</p> <p>District 1 Meeting</p>  <p>SOROPTIMIST Best for Women®</p>
<p>22</p> <p>District 1 Meeting</p>  <p>SOROPTIMIST Best for Women®</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Jeani Penn</p> <p>Program Meeting</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Shelle Paulbitski</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5th Tuesday Halloween Meeting at Solana</p> 				

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			1	2 Mayme Faulk 	3	4
5 	6 Kathleen DeJong 	7	8	9 Donna Carson 	10 Gloria Fitzpatrick BOARD MEETING 	11
12	13	14 Business Meeting	15 Monica Ostrom 	16	17	18
19	20	21 Member Social	22 Sylvia Oster 	23 	24	25
26	27	28 Marilyn Hooser Program Meeting NOLS 	29 Finance Committee Meeting	30		

## Once Upon An Autumn Day by Joseph T. Renaldi

Once upon an autumn day,  
Colorful leaves began to fade  
In the midst of a chilly, frosty air  
As multitude of trees grew steadily bare.

Once upon an autumn day,  
The whispering breeze was here to stay  
Moving aimlessly through the countless trees  
Scattering leaves with the greatest of ease.

Once upon an autumn day,  
The leaves whirled freely in every way,  
Until at last they came to rest  
Finding a haven in which to nest.

Once upon an autumn day,  
The trees were dormant, and the leaves lay  
Waiting for the winter snow to fall  
To quickly obscure them one and all.



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