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through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.*

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**“Growth is never
by mere chance;
it is the result of forces
working together.”
~James Cash Penney**

Message from the President

As this *SoroptiScoop* goes to press (or web), we are in the middle of our budget deliberations amid questions, concerns, and a myriad of details and calculations. Throughout the process, it has become increasingly evident that, although we share the same goals and visions, we have many versions of how to get there! Our challenge in assembling SI Sequim’s budget is to balance those methods of “getting there” to best serve our club, its members, and those who desperately need our help.

As the club’s costs increase and more is required to just exist as a club, the cost of aiding the women and girls we serve also grows. Our spirits lean in different directions as our feet take us down the same path. Some of us are concerned about our outreach covering many, many lives while others would like to see more concentrated efforts toward making a major influence in a smaller number of lives. Some prefer that we stay true to our fundraising goals of using every dollar of our profits to finance our club’s programs while others believe that a small portion should be used to supplement the operation of the club, and if so, at what percent becomes another issue. We are torn between trying to keep dues at a reasonable rate and not wanting to give up any of our mission goals. These are not differences in ideals or selflessness, of responsibility or caring. They are simply individual preferences based on personal experience, passions, and hearts that break for so many different injustices. These are the differences that give us such a wonderfully diverse, caring organization.

I want to thank and commend our Finance Committee on their willingness to attempt a balance in our program goals and our club requirements. I have attended their meetings and have observed first hand the efforts to respect and balance the opinions of all our members, often sacrificing their own preferences to truly represent our entire group.

There may soon come a time when we have to decide, as a club, if we want 100% of our fundraising profit to go into our programs or if we want to use some of that money to cover expenses for the club. We may have to weigh the balance of helping to touch many lives or being the strong tide that helps sweep a few individuals to successful and satisfying lives. These are all good worthwhile decisions and, as long as we work together with grace, there are no wrong conclusions. We ALL have the right heart for this job and we will continue to be a force for good if we persist. Don’t give up, don’t grow weary, don’t forget the mission. Please be patient with the process. Ask questions. Make suggestions. Give and take.

(Be sure to let me or any of the Finance Committee members know if you have questions or observations. We have tried to make the budget as simple and understandable as possible. That said, everyone processes information differently, so ask for explanations of anything that seems mysterious to you. I promise we will listen and respond!)

Finance Committee: Chair: Kris Osborn
Kathy Cunha
Dave Fickes
Jane Manzer
Shelle Paulbitski
Linda Rotmark

~President Gena
“We Rise by Lifting Others”



**“Organizing is a process;
an organization is the result
of that process.” ~Elinor Ostrom**

Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's April—National Welding Month, National Inventor's Month, Keep America Beautiful Month and—on April 22, it is Earth Day. It is also the first full month of spring.

It's April. The month following our Gala Garden Show. This year's event happened just days before spring began. People are now getting down to earth—literally—and planting things, some which they purchased at our recent garden show. Over that weekend I had the opportunity to talk with many vendors. One of them was Jeff Yeager, who does garden art.

He takes old metal objects—that seemingly have no further use—and welds them into unique sculptures. Jeff told me he took welding in high school, and 30 years later discovered a way to use and expand on what he learned. He might use the handles of an old pair of scissors for the eyes of an owl, and the bottom part to make the letter V in the word Love. There is so much love in a garden—garden art can say it too!

The items in his booth were rustic looking; after all it is old metal—though all of it still has character. His business is called Emerald Greens Yardart which I thought was interesting. The name itself is a contrast to the metal—it is the color if you will, in his business. It reminds me of renewal of the earth, repurposing things that would otherwise be discarded and thought to have no additional value. He is keeping America beautiful—repurposing on purpose.

Jeff has a vision that most others don't. I could see that and could understand it. It is similar to how I see words in a way others might not. Like the word *untie*—if we rearrange just two of the letters *it* becomes the word *unite*. Similarly we can rearrange our thoughts. We can choose to untie any *knots* of what we see as differences, and unite in knowing our differences are *not* a liability—but rather, our diversity makes us stronger.

Diversity will be on display at the 101st Northwestern Region Conference in Stevenson, WA, later this month. Members from different walks of life and different generations will come together in Soroptimist spirit—sharing and learning together. It's perhaps no coincidence that April is also National Diversity Month.

We have diversity right here in our club. Members have unlimited ways to reflect their diversity by sharing their ideas and talents. Two ways that immediately come to mind are: 1) being on the club's board of directors and 2) working on a committee—perhaps even co-chairing one. Starting this month sign-up sheets for the 2019-2020 committees will be available. With only five meetings left this year, now is the perfect time to think about where we want to participate next year. There are many opportunities for us to unite in our diversity as we continue to Rise By Lifting Others.

Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



“Don't be indifferent about any random idea that occurs to you, because each and every idea is for a particular purpose. It may not be beneficial to you, but can be what others are craving for.” ~Michael Bassey Johnson

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 5 Board Meeting
- 9 Business Meeting
- 23 Program Meeting
- 25-28 NWR Conference
- *30 5th Tuesday

MAY

- 7 Tea with SHE—Noon
- 10 Board Meeting
- 14 Business Meeting
- 28 Program Meeting
HS Scholarships



We Rise By Lifting Others

***Evening Meeting**

**“The purpose of our lives is to give birth to the best that is within us.”
~Marianne Williamson**



“There's no time like the present to love deeply, claim our power and live our purpose!” ~Kristi Bowman

Celebrate Life!

APRIL

- 18 Linda Rotmark
- 29 Chris Snow

MAY

- 1 Mary Cocoran
- 1 Shirley Huntley
- 3 Judy Field
- 4 Jeanne Martin
- 8 Marti Campbell
- 10 Sandy Reed
- 15 Barbara Brenner
- 18 Pauline Geraci
- 20 Cynthia Martin
- 23 Linda Klinefelter



Note the phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET
360-504-0231



“Behold, my friends, the spring is come;
the earth has gladly received
the embraces of the sun, and we shall
soon see the results of their love!”
~*Sitting Bull*

5th TUESDAY
April 30, 2019
5:30 p.m.
Solana Clubhouse



Potato Bar

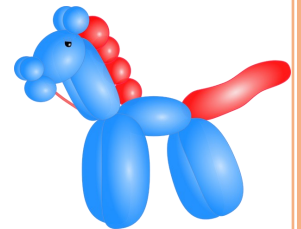
We provide the baked potatoes



Sign-up (at the April 6 or 23 meeting)
to bring your favorite topping!

Since it's Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Month
a representative from Guide Dogs for
the Blind-Sequim Puppy Raisers
will present a short program.

Afterward we will have fun making
balloon animals.



“I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love.
For me they are the role model for being alive.” ~*Gilda Radner*

PROGRAM MEETING

For our April Program meeting we will meet and hear from
Diana Kubis, our Continuing Education award winner.

SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER



NWR Conference
Skamania Lodge
Stevenson, WA
April 25-28, 2019



21st Soroptimist International
Convention
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
July 18-21, 2019

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS Girls of the month

Soroptimist International of Sequim is proud to recognize Girls of the Month Quinn Danielson and Kayla Geulen.

Quinn Danielson



Quinn actively volunteers with maintaining the Olympic Discovery Trail, as a summer library helper and participates as a volunteer for the Santa breakfast. In addition, Quinn has been recognized as Student Athlete of the Month-January 2018 and at

her employment as an outstanding employee at Fifth Avenue. Quinn will attend Peninsula College and then transfer to a four-year with a focus in nursing.

Kayla Geulen



Kayla is very active in Be the Change and has participated in four of their projects along with volunteering at Camaraderie Cellars as part of a fundraiser for the graduating class of 2019 and with Sequim - Dungeness Valley Chamber

of Commerce. Kayla and has been recognized for her talented voice and plans to attend Western Washington University and major in kinesiology with the goal of becoming a physical therapist.

Tea With SHE – Living Well: Ten Tools For A Healthier YOU!

The Tea With SHE Committee met on April 2nd at First Security Bank to finalize the planning for our next event. We also discussed some topics for future events. Our next Tea With SHE program is at Noon, on Tuesday, May 7th, at Trinity United Methodist Church on Blake Ave. Come hear Dr. Monica Dixon, former SIS member, talk about “Living Well: 10 Steps to a Healthier You.”



Thanks.

~Jan Chapman, Tea with SHE Chair



“An essential part of a happy, healthy life is being of service to others.” ~*Susan Patton Thoele*

MLC IS GROWING

We are growing, growing, growing! We needed more space so we decided to get another unit. I believe in Karma, Kismet, the Universe, whatever you want to call it, and it worked its magic again. A few days before I called The Stow Place to see if they had another unit, the unit right next door opened up, and it was still available when we needed it. So we are now in the “big leagues” with two units right next to each other.

The closet’s demands and donations continue to increase with every year. What makes this good news even better is that we have more volunteers to man the closet than ever before.

Donations from our clients have been incredible. If they continue at the pace we’ve been receiving them, the closet will have paid for itself this year, including the purchase of new equipment.

I want, once again, to thank all of our volunteers. Together we provide a service that is not only appreciated but relied upon by the community. I’m sure that all of us on the committee agree that the reward we get from this project can be overwhelming.

~Jeani Penn, Co-Chair, Medical Loan Closet



MEXICAN BREAKFAST FEEDS BODIES AND MINDS

Our 7th annual breakfast is now in the history books. What a grand success it was! We heard lots of kudos from attendees—many commenting on the taste and quality of the meal. Whether a first timer or a return patron, everyone was made to feel welcome, first by board members Cathy Van Ruhan and Judith Pasco—who also served as cashiers. This continued with friendly service by wonderful table servers—board members Beth Fetrow and Kathy Purcell, and Nancy Floyd. Sandy Reed kept the Raven's Brew coffee ready, providing endless refills to attendees. The atmosphere was calm and relaxing, a perfect venue for community sharing—some new friendships were started.

Board member Steve Gilchrist headed up the kitchen with a terrific line-up of kitchen volunteers: board members John Boetsch and Martha Rudersdorf, and Gael Gilchrist, Marilyn Gilchrist, and Ole Hartelius. They kept the breakfasts flowing and no one had to wait long for their delicious meal.

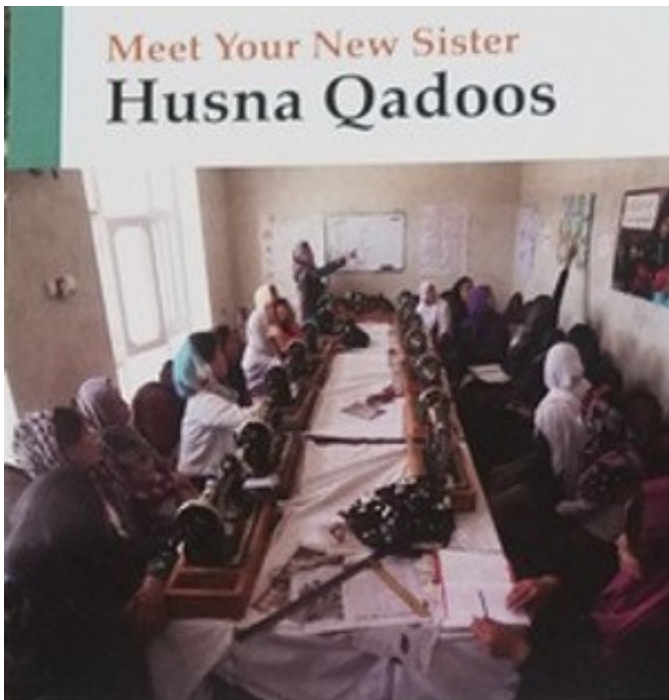
We also had some items for sale—including books—which some folks decided to purchase.

We thank Raven's Brew for the coffee and are grateful to all our supporters for their generosity. All of our great workers stayed to help with clean-up—ending the event united in purpose.

~Kathy Purcell, Board Member, Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation
www.MujeresDeMaizOF.org



Our new Sponsoree through Women for Women International



HUSNA IS ONE OF MANY WOMEN LIVING IN AFGHANISTAN who have survived war and overcome hunger and abuse. Your sponsorship will help lead Husna on a path to a better, brighter and happier future.

- She is 31-40.
- She is married.
- She is the proud mother of 4 boys and 1 girl.
- And she is grateful for your support.



Men with Guitars!

Music of the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s

Saturday, April 20, 2019

Featuring

**Steve Anderson and
BBR!**

**Bill Tideman, Barry Burnett, Rudy Maxion
Olympic Theatre Arts, 414 N. Sequim Ave.**

7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30)

Wine and beer available

\$15 Suggested donation

(no advance tickets)

**All proceeds benefit education programs of
Mujeres de Maiz (Women of Corn)**

Opportunity Foundation

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FEATURING OUR BOARD

We want to acquaint our membership about our board members—especially those who are new to our board. Each month we will be featuring a board member.

KRIS OSBORN—1-Year Director



Kris has been a Director on the SIS Board for two years and is also currently the Finance Committee Chair. She became a Soroptimist in July of 2014 as a way to give back to the community that she loves.

Kris grew up in Sequim where her father had retired from the USAF. While in high school at just 16 years old, she started her career in the financial world as a bank teller at a local bank. Kris was a SIS "Girl of the Month" in 1988. After graduating from Sequim High School that same year, she attended Pacific Lutheran University for two years followed by two years at Cal State East Bay where she graduated with a degree in accounting. Following graduation,

Kris enjoyed 15 years in the San Francisco Bay area working for Wells Fargo, Bank of America and Citibank in various management positions.

Sunny Sequim called her home in 2006 to help care for her father who had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. In the same year, she started KO Business Services which to this day serves 67 small businesses in various office support functions including HR, payroll, bookkeeping, marketing and management consulting. She does not advertise and "word of mouth" brings her new clients.

Kris was married in Las Vegas this past New Year's Eve and is now a stepmom to four adult children. Kris and her husband Rick, a sales manager with Wilder Toyota in Port Angeles, purchased property off Taylor Cutoff Road formerly known as Fox Hollow this past January that keeps them very busy in their spare time. Kris enjoys playing poker and quilting.

"The shape and solutions of the future rely totally on the collective effort of people working together. We are all an integral part of the web of life." ~Jacque Fresco

PUBLIC AWARENESS—RECOGNIZING SOROPTIMIST VALUES

I recently spent some time with my closest and dearest friend, Susie. We have been a part of each other's lives for sixty years. In those years, we have celebrated weddings, births and experienced losses. We have traveled together and made tons of memories in our adventures. Five years ago, a precious and bright gift entered my friend's life...a granddaughter. I have had the pleasure to observe close-up and from afar, as both mother and grandmother instill gifts that all girls should receive in their growing years.

Susie's granddaughter is known as Ariana, but I call her Miss Ariana! On my most recent visit, Miss Ariana's Mom, Kathryn, wanted me to share about Soroptimist. I gave the sixty second elevator speech with a few additional embellishments. I finished the conversation by sharing how her daughter was fortunate to be instilled with the tools that will guide her to be a wonderful young adult and a future member of Soroptimist. I am always recruiting, no matter the age!

What I heard and saw were the constructs of building a solid foundation for a young woman. Mom listens, no matter how big or little the "stuff" happens to be. Mom doesn't focus on if she is pretty or wearing the right clothes, she focuses on the important stuff. What book are you reading? What was the best thing about your day? You did such a wonderful job! You can do this! Let's talk about what you are feeling! Mom is also open to answering questions—even the tough ones, and she is always introducing strong and capable women into Ariana's life. This is where her grandmother comes into the picture! Her grandmother, my friend Susie, is known as Amma and Amma is a force you want in your life. She is kind, compassionate and so very loyal, but can be most outrageous in the best way. I watched these two women interweave their strengths and beliefs into this child and as I observed, I felt this young girl will one day be a great woman. Perhaps, she will become a Soroptimist! Maybe, her Auntie Grams (that's me) will be here when she begins to lead, and I can guide her to become a Soroptimist.

Mom verbalized, it is her job to support and empower her daughter, so she can be all that she can be. I shared those are the goals of Soroptimist! Mom and I agreed, not only will Ariana be a force to be reckoned with, but she will make a great future Soroptimist member. She will be all she can be, because she is flying on the wings of the women who came before her, who are strong, resilient, bold and courageous! I believe there will always be a need for Soroptimist, but I just wish there were more Kathryn's and Amma's who are out supporting and empowering all the Miss Ariana's of the world.

~Linda Klinefelter, Public Awareness Chair



Mom (Kathryn), Auntie Grams (Linda),
Amma (Susie) and Miss Ariana

“Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another.” ~ Gilbert K. Chesterton

2019 GALA GARDEN SHOW IN THE HISTORY BOOKS

What a fabulous Gala Garden Show it was! Over 1400 people came through the door on Saturday. Members working the entrance were slammed—as were those working in the Café. We were **all** ready to sit down and put up our feet by Sunday night. The net result was a financial gain of about \$26,000 and a club gain of member strength. Even though the show has been around for 21 years, we continue to learn new ways to make it better. Reports from committees and club member's suggestions can be found at: <https://1drv.ms/f/s!Av2m1DQm7D7GgfJVTx1vfRZSAWufUg>. We are ever-grateful to every one of you for your part in making it so successful. You got this!

While several members have already signed up for roles next year, Co-Chairs for the overall 2020 Gala Garden Show Core Committee are needed.

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



Photos from the Gala Garden Show: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/108582458@N03/albums/72157707764071685>



Judy Ogilvie, Peg Rinker and Merna Mantle

PEG WEARS HER SIGNATURE HAT

For many years our dear friend and past SIS member, Peg Rinker, lovingly took care of our Gala Garden Show vendors. Manny and Edna—of Manny's Works—asked about her at the recent show. They represent the only vendor who has been with us since the very first show. At the Gala Garden Shows Peg wore a garden hat—and it seemed to get more elaborately decorated over the years. It was Peg's "signature" hat.

After Peg moved away she gave the hat to club member, Kathryn Pacelli. It recently found its way back to Peg—truly its most fitting home. You can see this in the photo of Peg with past club member, Judy Ogilvie, and Peg's long-time Sequim neighbor, Merna Mantle. We will forever remember, not only Peg and her hat, but also the many loving ways Peg showed up in our club, in our community and in our lives. We love you, Peg! ~kp

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Friends,

We are so grateful to you for the designated funds to help us with the new children's center. We anticipate its opening in May and would be thrilled if any members can attend the reception. Your continued support is truly appreciated. And the offer still stands if you would like Wendy, our CEO, and me to meet your group.








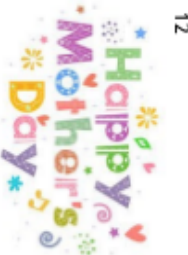




Warmest Regards,
Rebekah Miller
Peninsula Behavioral Health

Dear Soroptimists,

Thank you so much for selecting me for your January Girl of the Month. It is such an honor to be recognized by your group for the volunteer work I have done during my high school years.

Sincerely,
Quinn Danielson

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Mary Cocoran Shirley Huntley 	2	3 Judy Field 	4 Jeanne Martin 
5	6	7 Tea with SHE Trinity United Methodist Church 12:00 p.m. 	8 Marti Campbell 	9	10 BOARD MEETING Sandy Reed 	11 VIP Luncheon 
12 	13	14 Business Meeting	15 Barbara Brenner 	16	17	18 Pauline Geraci 
19	20 Cynthia Martin 	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Program Meeting H. S. Scholarships Linda Klinefelter 	29	30	31	

30 More Reasons by: Ken Ronlowitz

**Ashes don't return to wood.
Daffodils are not simply coming back
to life but are newly born.
They and the world have changed.**

**It was something the voice said:
Stay awake!
I know they will throw dirt on me
if I let my eyes close and sleep.**

**I am married to yards of passion,
folded neatly and stored on a shelf.
I can no longer see patterns in the stars
and this great hinge is folding back again.**

**What is the meaning of a flower?
This field of time widens from a Sunday
that is called Passion and the air fills
with April pollen dusting the house.**

**That which is best cannot be told,
yet, isn't art an attempt at consolation?
I number the days. Each X is a reason
to count the next, and marvel at a season.**



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To a Person Making a Difference for Women