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**“The lessons  
I learned as an officer,  
the challenges  
I've faced, and  
the camaraderie  
I've experienced are at  
the core of who I am.”  
~Tammy Duckworth**

**Message from the President**

*I'm always looking for instances of people doing things for and with each other for pleasure, for passion, for camaraderie, from kindness. It's the anthropology of people figuring how to punctuate life with the lyrical. ~Debra Granik*

Well, our first big fundraiser of our Soroptimist year is in the rearview mirror and what a time it was. So much work, so much accomplished and so much fun. The working together part is my favorite. The opportunity to chat and get to know members you haven't had the chance to really speak with before. The teasing, the hugging, the laughing and most of all the passion we share for our mission. As wonderful as our community is, I believe we are helping to make it an even better place to live and work. And based upon comments from Gift Show visitors, we're making our community proud, prompting new arrivals to our town to continue to want to join us. You did that... with your creativity, skill, hard work, inspiration, beautiful smiles and giving nature. Thank you!

Now it's time to rest up, enjoy the holidays and enjoy your family, friends and neighbors.

Don't forget our Holiday Party is:  
The **evening** of Tuesday, December 18th  
Olympic Theater Arts, 414 N. Sequim Ave., Sequim

Featuring *The 12 Days of Christmas* and many other highlights. This is a really fun event so I hope you can attend. To make it even easier, find a group and carpool. Gena will be providing more details.

Holiday blessings to all,  
President Elaine  
*“We Rise by Lifting Others”*



“Rising by lifting others is the noblest of goals. President Elaine has led us by example in that challenge this year. I have appreciated the strength and character she has shown in that endeavor. We are a large and diversified group of strong, compassionate people. We accomplish great things in our spare time. We stretch that time and effort to its maximum. That takes its toll on our relationships, on our health, and even on our club.

My greatest hope is that Elaine's decision to step away from SIS at this time will give her the opportunity to rest and heal in body and soul and that she will always consider us as friends that she can count on for support and love.” ~Gena Royal



## Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's December; we are in the holiday season. What does the holiday season mean? Some say it is a time of peace on earth, good will to men. Some call it the season of Light. It is a season where people often spend more time with family and friends.

What happens when our family is hundreds—or even thousands—of miles away? Some sadness might appear, but it can be mitigated by reaching out to others and recognizing the joy and peace around us. As a person whose family is thousands of miles away I know of what I speak.

I can tell you that an atmosphere of joy and peace was prevalent at our recent Gala Gift Show and I had opportunities to spot it. I'll start with the most prominent one. I had my camera—which I often do—and was walking down an aisle, heading toward the See's Candies booth. I saw a woman who had a look of pure contentment on her face walking in the opposite direction. As I got close to her I stopped and told her that I couldn't help noticing what a look of joy she had. She thanked me and said she was indeed happy. I commented on what she was wearing—a long-sleeved top that had a festive design on it. The top part was blue with some snowflakes; there were a few Christmas trees, snow on the ground, snowmen, a sleigh, reindeer and gifts wrapped and tied neatly with ribbon. The design was carried over to the sleeves. It made me smile. We chatted for a bit, shared a hug and we were on our way—both smiling.

Later I saw the woman in the room with the raffle, Christmas tree, bake sale and accordion player. As she set down her purchases near one of the folding chairs, I went up and asked if I could take a picture of her and the festive blouse. She agreed as long as I didn't publish it anywhere. She walked over to the Christmas tree and I took a picture. Right then one of her daughters walked in and then her second daughter followed. I wound up taking a photo of all three of them! We had a wonderful conversation about family and the holidays. We were all smiling. I thanked them. And I got to share a few more hugs. The next day I sent the photos to them.

A while later I was chatting with another gal. She commented on all the beautiful things that were available at the show. She somewhat sheepishly said she wished she had more money so she could purchase some of them. She said she was at one booth and saw a small mouse that looked like it was carved out of wood. She asked the vendor the price. She thought he said three so she took out three dollars. He then told her it was free. She gave him the three dollars. It is a gift for a friend and she was so happy to have found it. I told her that even if we can't buy something from a vendor, we can give them something that money cannot buy. We can comment on the quality of the product they are selling—especially if it is something they made; or we can tell them what a lovely way they displayed what they have to sell. We shared a hug and went on our way smiling.

It is the holiday season—a time of reliving old memories and for creating new ones. It is a time of coming together in the spirit of joy, love and unity. Some say it is a time when wonderful and magical things happen. Perhaps it is merely that we are more open and aware of the wonder around us. We are in the holiday season, but the holiday season is also within us. Let us choose to carry that with us throughout the year, lighting the way for others, reflecting peace and love to all.

Light and Love,  
Kathy Purcell, Editor



**“When we recall Christmas past, we usually find that the simplest things—not the great occasions—give off the greatest glow of happiness.” ~Bob Hope**

## CALENDAR

### DECEMBER, 2018

- 1 Gala Gift Show
- 7 Board Meeting
- 11 Business Meeting
- \*18 Christmas Party

### JANUARY, 2019

- 4 Board Meeting
- 8 Business Meeting
- 22 Program (TBD)
- 28 Deadline for submission of articles for the *Gazette* (GGS) tab
- 29 5th Tuesday



*We Rise By Lifting Others*

**\*Evening Meeting**

**“Christmas is not a date on a calendar.  
It's more than a state of mind.  
It's a condition of the heart.”  
~Toni Sorenson**



**“I don't think Christmas is necessarily about things. It's about being good to one another, it's about kindness.”  
~Carrie Fisher**

# Celebrate Life!

## DECEMBER, 2018

- 5 Deborah Carlson
- 6 JoAnne Alford
- 8 Wendy Duede
- 11 Jan Durham
- 16 Dave Fickes
- 28 Sandy Lawrence
- 28 Karin Pease
- 28 Elaine Powlesland
- 31 Jenni Dix

## JANUARY, 2019

- 6 Rose Jaeger
- 17 Kathy Cunha



Note the phone number for our  
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

**360-504-0231**



“Christmas, my child, is love in action.  
Every time we love, every time we give.  
It’s Christmas.” ~Dale Evans Rogers

**SiS Christmas Party!!**

Dec 18, 5:30 pm  
Olympic Theatre Arts  
414 N. Sequim Ave

**RSVP to:**  
[genaroyal@gmail.com](mailto:genaroyal@gmail.com)

Please bring a donation  
for the Sequim Food Bank

We will provide  
Soup and Rolls  
Coffee, Tea, Water  
You can bring  
Appetizers &  
Desserts  
\$5 per person

Please bring an  
unwrapped gift of a  
warm hat, gloves, or  
scarf. Tie a candy bar  
or wrapped goodie on  
the gift. We will have  
some fun with these  
and also have a nice  
donation for the Boys  
& Girls Club!

\*Returning from a successful world tour, the SiS  
Dancers will thrill us with an encore performance of  
“The 12 Days of Christmas”

## SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER



Peninsula Area Meeting  
Port Angeles Yacht Club  
Port Angeles, WA  
February 23, 2019 / 10am—3pm



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



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

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

### LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD

LYD. We have four complete and promising Live Your Dream Award applications to pass forward for judging. This year was the maiden voyage of the online application portal and many capable young women had trouble with it, as did I. Because of that, I spent extra time working with a few applicants who were scrambling to bypass the dysfunctional portal and get their materials to me so I could also forward those applications for judging (the deadline was mid- November). Lydia Stanhope, a friend of Deb Carlson's, graciously volunteered to judge SIS LYD applications, along with two other ladies.



~Sharon Jensen, Awards and Scholarships Chair



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“Christmas - that magic blanket that wraps itself about us, that something so intangible that it is like a fragrance. It may weave a spell of nostalgia. Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance —a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved.” ~*Augusta E. Rundel*

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### TEA with SHE—Soroptimist Helping and Empowering



The next **Tea With SHE** event will take place on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. Our presenter will be former SIS member, **Dr. Monic Dixon**. Her topic will be “**Mindy, Body and Women’s Wellness.**” We will be meeting with Monica after the holidays to discuss the subject matter in more detail. I will provide more details in the February newsletter.



~Jan Chapman, Tea With SHE Chair



### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

It has been a quiet month for the membership committee. However, we would like to remind everyone to read the new member bios and check the website, members only section, for roster updates.

~Membership Committee



## MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

### RITA McCABE

...sponsored by Deb Carlson



**Rita** moved from Laguna Woods, CA, to Sequim in April 2018, drawn by the beauty and community focus of the Peninsula! Her career paths included 30 years as Marriage and Family Therapist, and a period of time as a Real Estate Broker. And now, in retirement, she plans to tap into her passions—

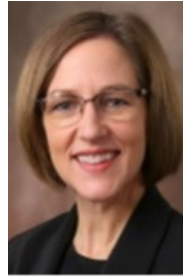
sales, decorating, reading, movies and music!

- ♥ Her advice: **80% is good enough!**
- ♥ Welcome to **Rita!**
- ♥ Committee: **TBA**

“Three phrases that sum up Christmas are:  
Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men, and  
Batteries not Included.”  
~**Author Unknown**

### KARIN PEASE

...sponsored by Jeanne Martin



**Karin** moved to Sequim four years ago from Tacoma in search of the ...*change of pace that Sequim offers...not to mention the climate and geographic landscape!* Life is busy for this recent transplant—she married husband David only a few weeks ago, is the branch manager of Kitsap

Bank’s Sequim office, is a licensed massage therapist, and somehow manages to squeeze in time for volunteering with Hospice, Habitat for Humanity...and many other worthy organizations. Focusing on brain health, **Karin** continues to pursue learning more about mindfulness and the interconnections of body/mind/spirit.

- ♥ Her advice: **Since you get more joy out of giving to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness you are able to give.** ~Eleanor Roosevelt
- ♥ Welcome to **Karin!**
- ♥ Committee: **TBA**

## MEMBERSHIP —COOL STUFF



**Karin Lohrman** and David Pease were married on Saturday October 20, 2018, at Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church with immediate family witnessing their vows and celebrated over dinner at the John Wayne Marina. The pair met unexpectedly in a coffee house in 2016 and were surprised and grateful to find in each other friendship, deep respect and abiding love. They plan on travelling as much as possible and dancing in the kitchen regularly. David is the Catering Sales Manager at The Resort at Port Ludlow and Karin is Branch Manager at Kitsap Bank.



## MEMBERSHIP+ —COOL STUFF

### A Note From Past Member Kate Creasey:

I just wanted to say hi and let you know that even though I have moved on to other things I am still a supporter of Soroptimist of Sequim. I thought I would share my Amazon Smile contributions. The top total is for this year the bottom total the grand total.



You have generated

\$73.99

as of November 03, 2018



Your current charity  
Soroptimist International of Sequim, WA  
has received

\$247.72

as of October 2018

If you are an Amazon.com shopper, check out how you can easily support us through their Amazon Smile Program:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-6073419>



“Christmas is a whisper of peace and a sigh of hope on the lips of love.”  
~*Richelle E. Goodrich*

**H O L I D A Y J O Y H O L I D A Y J O Y**

It's never too late to help out and adopt a family for  
Holiday Joy. For information call or email

**Kathleen DeJong.**



**H O L I D A Y J O Y H O L I D A Y J O Y**

## MUJERES UPDATE

Dear Soroptimist Sisters,

On behalf of the Mujeres de Maiz OF board, we are so grateful for your continuing support these past 13 years!!! We see how educational opportunities broaden the lives of young indigenous women and children and provide them with choices that were not available to them before. We also appreciate the willingness of Soroptimist members to volunteer at our events and give moral support to our endeavors. We are delighted to have a Soroptimist serving on our board. (Kathy Purcell now and Sandy Reed a few years ago.) So in this season of gratitude and counting blessings, we at Mujeres appreciate all of you.

We wish you all a lovely and peaceful holiday season.

Judith Pasco, Board chair

[www.MujeresDeMaizOF.org](http://www.MujeresDeMaizOF.org)

[www.mujeres@olypen.com](mailto:www.mujeres@olypen.com)



Two participants in the Crucero children's program. We fund a total of eight children's programs.

## 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.

### KATHY CUNHA— Board Treasurer



**Kathy Cunha** is a burst of sunshine, the energizer bunny and a human calculator all rolled into one great petite package.

I first met her when she joined Jeanne Martin’s CPA firm. She and her husband, Tony, were taking over our business and personal tax accounts.

She was warm, friendly and very competent. I was thrilled to see that she had joined Soroptimist as our Assistant Treasurer. She was on my board during my Presidency and she was great to work with. She has continued to service Soroptimist’s very complicated accounts as our Treasurer.

She met her husband, Tony, at the University of Washington. They were married in 1985. They have two outstanding children. Jenny is a lawyer and works as a public defender. TJ is a senior computer programmer.

Her first love was and still is, Marine Biology. But, being the practical person she is, she realized that a degree as a CPA would give her higher earning power.

Kathy is very athletic and has ridden her bike 500 miles in an Oregon event as well as other long-distance events both riding and walking. She loves crafting and serving on the board at Soroptimist.

She speaks highly of the women of Soroptimist. She finds their sincerity and willingness to work for a common goal very refreshing. She appreciates the diversity of the club and loves to hear everyone’s story.

“Everyone is so interesting and unique, and our members are a cut above most clubs.” She noted. Kathy is proud to be a member.

So next time you see Kathy, thank her for her continued service and dedication. That is if you can catch her. Put your track shoes on.

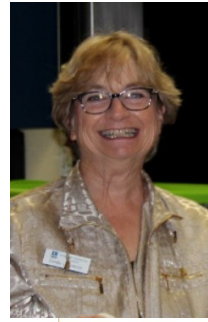
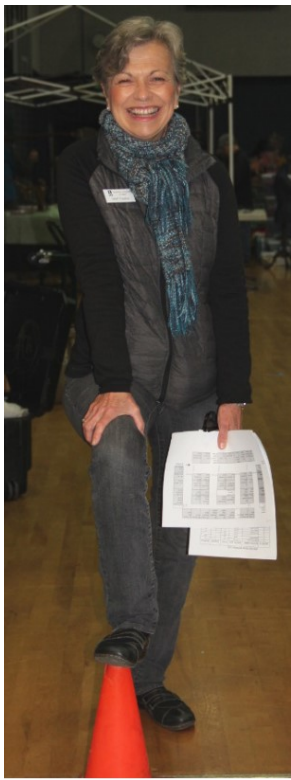
~Kathryn Pacelli, Public Awareness Committee



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“Our many different cultures notwithstanding, there’s something about the holidays that makes the planet communal. Even nations that do not celebrate Christmas can’t help but be caught up in the collective spirit of their neighbors, as twinkling lights dot the landscape and carols fill the air. It’s an inspiring time of the year.” ~**Marlo Thomas**

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Gala  
Gift Show



More pics: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/108582458@N03/albums/72157702975737131>





## GALA GARDEN SHOW UPDATE

The Gala Gift Show was a great success! It sure was an example of how well we work together. December is sort of a hiatus for (most of) us as we spend more time with our families and friends. Behind the scenes there is still activity going on with our Gala Garden Show Core Committee. The most action is with vendors. We have 33 returning and two new vendors registered to date. We have three non-profits that will be attending: Clallam County Master Gardeners, Sequim Prairie Garden Club and TAFY. Whereas two of our favorite Nursery/Landscape vendors will not be returning in 2019, we have two new Landscape vendors that will be coming. Sponsorships have been coming in very slowly. Following up after the first of the year will be important. The deadline for submission of articles to Linda Klinefelter for the Gazette tab is Monday, January 28, 2019.



The next Gala Garden Show Core Committee meeting is Wednesday, **January 16, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.** at the **First Security** community room in Sequim.

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



## WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Elaine and Soroptimists,

We are so fortunate to partner with you in supporting education for women and children in Chiapas. Your \$1,000 gift will go far and the ripple effect will go even further.

Thank you very much,  
Cathy Van Ruhan  
Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation Secretary

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous \$500.00 gift. I'm deeply grateful for your support of Shared Hope International...and for your heart for justice.

Together, we will fight to hold predators accountable for the crime of child sex trafficking.

Your donations make our work possible and keep us on the front lines of the battle to protect young women and children and restore victims' lives.

I'm deeply grateful for you, and the strength you lend our ministry.

Sincerely,  
Linda Smith  
Founder/President



“For centuries men have kept an appointment with Christmas. Christmas means fellowship, feasting, giving and receiving, a time of good cheer, home.”  
~W.J. Ronald Tucker

WOMEN FOR WOMEN

Laurin Paige Faith Jerry Pujangi  
Genevieve Michelle Wishing you peace this holiday season, from our family to yours. Lauris  
Julianne Sun meron Dawn  
April Eva Mary Keshia Doreen  
Norjalu Kristie Abbey



# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Deb Carlson 	6 JoAnne Alford 	7 BOARD MEETINTG	8 Wendy Duede 
9	10	11 Business Meeting Jan Durham 	12	13	14	15
16 Dave Fickes 	17	18 Christmas Party Olympic Theatre Arts 	19	20	21	22
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30	31 Jenni Dix  					

# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 Rose Jaeger 	7	8 Business Meeting	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Gala Garden Show Core Committee Meeting 8:30 First Security Community Room	17 Kathy Cunha 	18	19
20	21	22 Program Meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28 Deadline for submission of Gala Garden Show articles to Linda Kline- felter for the Sequim Gazette tab.	29 5th Tuesday	30	31		

## Special Holidays

*by Joanna Fuchs*

We're thinking of you this time of year,  
Wishing you happiness, joy, and cheer.  
May all your days be warm and bright,  
And your nights enhanced by holiday light.

Enjoy your delectable holiday foods,  
As parties and gifts create holiday moods.  
Favorite people play a meaningful part,  
While treasured rituals warm your heart.

You are special to us in many ways,  
So we wish you Happy Holidays!



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*improving the lives of women and  
girls through programs leading to  
social and economic empowerment.*

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To a Person Making a Difference for Women