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disposal each day is elastic; the passions we feel dilate it, those who inspire us shrink it, and habit fills it." ~Marcel Proust

"The time at our

Message from the President

I hope your summer is proving to be everything you wanted. Myself, I wouldn't mind a little more sun out my way to take my new electric tricycle out riding on the Olympic Discovery Trail with my grandson.

The installation dinner was inspirational. The Installation Committee worked so hard to create a lovely atmosphere, great energy, tasty chocolate treats and brought wisdom and grace to the installation ceremony.



Our resident comedian, Elaine Churchill, really made us laugh; Gena Royal, Deb Carlson and our award winners, Jeani Penn and Elaine Churchill inspired us; Kathy Purcell's year in review touched every emotion from laughter to tears. Again, I'd like to thank Susan Mesches for delivering my speech (I couldn't have done it better myself, really). My personal favorite was the "Happy" dancers. They were so cute, full of joy and their willingness to do this really did make me happy.

I'd like to remind those of you who missed the last few meetings to sign-up for at least one committee. You may e-mail me with your committee choices (Gena has turned over the president@sisequim.org email to me).

You are such an awesome group and I look forward to all the fun we can have and work we can accomplish in the coming year.



President Elaine

"We Rise by Lifting Others"



"Motivation is everything. You can do the work of two people, but you can't be two people. Instead, you have to inspire the next guy down the line and get him to inspire his people." *Lee Iacocca*

Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

What is inspiration and from where does it come? The Oxford dictionary shows this definition: "The process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something, especially to do something creative."

How is it that something that has no impact on us one day, inspires us the next?

One morning this past week I was riding on Hwy 101 heading into town, wondering what I would write about for this edition of the newsletter. Thoughts of President Elaine's theme—*We Rise By Lifting Others*—and her hot air balloon logo came into my mind's eye. Was this to tie into my article?

I drove past Whitefeather Way looking up at the beautiful clear blue sky—the same sky I see every day going to work. Suddenly I couldn't believe my eyes! In the distance I saw a hot air balloon—just above the trees. Was this a sign? As I continued driving, the balloon seemed to be moving closer to the ground, almost below the trees. Passing Simdars Road, for a short time all I could see was the very top of the balloon. I wondered where it would land.

Continuing west I got another surprise! The balloon was moving east on the north side of the highway—heading in my direction. It wasn't landing, but was considerably low to the ground—almost as if it had a fly-by mission.

This prompted me to want to learn more about hot air balloons. I went to the internet to do a bit of investigation. It is interesting how often I find myself doing research on something for my articles. I assume the role of student each time.

While I knew a hot air balloon is a lighter-than-air aircraft, I didn't know the top part that contains the heated air is called an envelope. It is generally made from nylon fabric, and the area closest to the burner flame is made from a fire resistant material. Suspended beneath it is a basket, usually made of wicker, which carries passengers and a source of heat—most often liquid propane. The heated air inside the envelope creates a lift force since it has a lower density than the colder air outside the envelope. The balloon rises.

I was thinking how in some ways our club is like a hot air balloon ride. The heated air in the balloon represents the intensity of our enthusiasm. It is the heat of our passion that moves us forward and upward. What is within is what is important.

The wicker basket cannot go anywhere without the envelope tied to it. And the envelope cannot go anywhere without the liquid propane. And the liquid propane cannot ignite itself. It takes all the components, all working in tandem, to have a hot air balloon take flight. It takes all of us working in unison for our club to soar. Let's keep looking up! We never know when we will receive an inspiration. Wishing you all an inspired summer!

Light and Love, Kathy Purcell, Editor



"Relaxation is good, holidays are necessary, but there is nothing as rewarding and healthy as doing what you love and loving what you do. Our honest toil should inspire and satisfy us." ~Ogwo David Emenike

CALENDAR

JULY

20-21 Lost Mountain Lavender Wine Pouring

28* Summer Potluck at Jeani Penn's

AUGUST

28* S.T.A.R.T. Meeting Potluck @ Solana

Summer Hiatus



*Evening Meeting

"Our chief want is someone who will inspire us to be what we know we could be." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." ~John Quincy Adams

Celebrate Life!

JULY

- 1 Sharon Jensen
- 2 Janet Wicker
- 5 Kris Osborn
- 7 Jolene Sanborn
- 16 Amala Kuster
- 17 Kathy Purcell
- 28 Jane Manzer
- 29 Gena Royal

AUGUST

- 2 Sara Ellen Peterson
- 4 Janet Popelka
- 4 Janet Real
- 19 Colleen Blazier
- 23 Amanda Beitzel
- 24 Connie VanRoosendaal
- 30 Betty Osborn
- 30 Ann Salmon



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



"Freedom is something that you give yourself and no one else can ever take away." ~Angela Bushman



SIS BARBECUE AND POT LUCK

SAVE THE DATE: JULY 28TH 2:00 PM

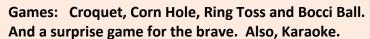


JEANI PENN'S HOUSE 90 SUNCHATCHER COURT, SEQUIM 360-460-0131 /penngreys@gmail.com

Jeani: Will provide BBQ Brats, Buns, and Drinks.

Potluck: There will be a sign-up for potluck dishes.

- Condiments
- Appetizers (First name A J)
- Salads (First name K P)
- Desserts (First name R Z)





Partners and spouses welcome.

SAVE THE DATE

S.T.A.R.T Meeting—Potluck Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at Solana

SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER



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

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District 1 Meeting Four Points Sheraton Des Moines, WA October 19-21, 2018



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

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Advertising for our Continuing Education Scholarships began in June. Applicants must be female graduates of Sequim High School or have a legal address within the Sequim School District. They also need to have completed one year of post-secondary education and will be continuing their education in the fall of this year. There are three Continuing Education Scholarships awarded each year. These awards are for \$2000 and applicants are solicited through the newspapers and Peninsula College. The application can be found here: http://sisequim.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/ContinEdApp.pdf
Applications must be postmarked by **August 15**. ~kp



MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

JOANNE ALFORD

...sponsored by Jeani Penn





JoAnne and her husband John moved to Sequim 14 years ago on the recommendation of friends. A retired corporate secretary, she now puts her talents to good use volunteering at the Raptor Center, Dungeness Court, PFOA (Peninsula Friends of Animals),

the Humane Society...and now Soroptimist! **Jo Anne** enjoys cooking, dancing and singing.

Her advice: *Be honest; have integrity; be happy*. Welcome to **Jo Anne**!

MARILYN BUFFER

...sponsored by Jeani Penn





Marilyn and her partner Mike moved to Sequim 2 years ago seeking small town living, access to salt water, mountains, and of course sunshine! Now retired from Seattle Water Treatment, she enjoys working with the American Legion. Her talents/hobbies

include gardening, cooking, caretaking, creative art, boating, hiking and entertaining...lots to share within the club and community!

Her advice: Think about what you are doing; don't sweat the small stuff.
Welcome to Marilyn!

"Each of us finds his unique vehicle for sharing with others his bit of wisdom." ~ Ram Dass

MARY CORCORAN

...sponsored by Amanda Beitzel



Mary relocated to Sequim less than one year ago and *lucky for us*, moved in next door to Amanda! Her career centers on business management and education; a techie MBA, she holds Microsoft Office Master Certification. Her passion for culture and language led her to spend

several years in other countries helping students learn business English and American business culture. Hoping to be fully retired by August 2018, **Mary** makes time to volunteer through community organizations such as Catholic Community Services, Community Youth Services and Rotary! In addition, she is a licensed foster parent who has cared for more than 20 behavioral special needs children; her youngest son was adopted through the program.

Her advice: Make relationships first in business. Teach your grade school age children what you want them to know as teens.

Welcome to Mary!

JAN DURHAM

...sponsored by Chris Snow





Jan and her husband Randy moved to Sequim just one year ago in search of better weather! Jan worked as a corporate travel agent...and now looks forward to enjoying a slower paced life. Her passions are simple... reading, Jazzercising, helping those in need,

traveling...and spending time with family and grandkids!

Her advice: I have a positive attitude and try to convey that in everything I do.
Welcome to Jan!



MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

SHIRLEY HUNTLEY

...sponsored by Kathryn Pacelli





Shirley moved to Sequim from Albuquerque, New Mexico in 2001. Together she and her husband Roger have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. Her career started in the Technical Library at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico. After rearing her family, she returned to work

at the University of New Mexico Cancer Research and Treatment Center teaching adult health care education; at the end of her career she taught Child Development for the Albuquerque Public Schools. **Shirley** enjoys sewing, crafting, reading and playing cards. Travel is a big part of the Huntley's retirement.

Her advice: *Work together*. Welcome to **Shirley**!

SHARON JENSEN

...sponsored by Missy Church-Smith





Sharon and her husband Bill have lived in Sequim for more than 15 years. They were drawn to this area by opportunities for sailing...fishing...and enjoying interesting people. **Sharon** is a veterinarian (Blue Mountain Animal Clinic), currently

practicing part-time as she eases into retirement. Her talents and passions include education, teaching, advocacy, mentoring young women seeking advancement in science and medicine, animal welfare (current Peninsula Friends of Animals BOD secretary), and elevating people to reach for the stars!

Her advice: **Do not limit your horizon!**

Welcome to Sharon!





Sherry and her husband Gordan have lived in the Sequim area for 4 years, as a result of enjoying life at their vacation home in Brinnon. **Sherry** has been a CPA for 30 years, but still makes time to share

her talents and expertise as a volunteer with youth organizations and non-profit boards. Her hobbies/interests range from community activities and organic gardening to health and family.

Her advice: *Embrace and accept all people. Treat everyone with dignity, respect and equality.*Welcome to **Sherry**!

CAROL PEARSON

...sponsored by Jenni Dix





Carol and her husband Evan moved to Sequim from Colorado just 6 months ago, drawn to this area by its beauty, serenity and friendliness! Carol worked as a special/general education teacher for 35 years...and now offers her time and talents to such organizations as

Catholic Charities, Sequim Visitor Center, Sequim Police Department...and as a volunteer firefighter! Her passions include people, sports, dogs, traveling and music.

Her advice: Do unto others as you would have them do to you. Life is short; live each day like it's your last! Welcome to Carol!

ELAINE POWLESLAND

...sponsored by Missy Church-Smith





Elaine and her partner Charles have lived in the Sequim area for 8+ years, after she retired from her career as a dental hygienist. Elaine enjoys a wide range of hobbies and activities – sports, cooking, reading, art and photography! Lots of talents to share with the club and community!

Her advice: *Be optimistic!* Welcome to Elaine!

GERRY SLADOWSKI

...sponsored by Kathryn Pacelli





Gerry and her husband Alex arrived in Sequim 18 years ago in search of sun. She is still enjoying her career path as a caregiver. Her passions are traveling and cooking, passions shared by many of our members!

Welcome to Gerry!

"Everyone has his own specific vocation or mission in life to carry out a concrete assignment which demands fulfillment. Therein he cannot be replaced, nor can his life be repeated. Thus, everyone's task is as unique as his specific opportunity to implement it." ~Viktor Frankl

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

TINA THOMSON

...sponsored by Jeani Penn



...sponsored by Jan Chapman

JENNIFER WEIR





Tina and her husband Eric moved to Sequim 2 years ago to be closer to family. Following a career in the hospitality industry, it seemed a natural fit to share talent, recipes and skills within their new community...so

they opened a trendy and popular restaurant, *Tedesco's*! Although most of her time is consumed with restaurant management, **Tina** does make time for reading and enjoying her dogs!

Her advice: Starting is the hardest part!

Welcome to **Tina!**



Jennifer is 6th generation of a pioneer family on the Olympic Peninsula. She recently graduated from Washington State University with a degree in environmental sciences and natural resource management - and was a recipient of our club's Continuing Education Scholarship! She and her fiancé

Joshua have owned a local landscape business, *Good Earth Plantings*, since 2007. In spite of a busy work schedule, **Jennifer** finds time to volunteer for various non-profits, and enjoys gardening, photography, traveling, wilderness conservation, and her dogs!

Her advice: *Eat well and avoid going into debt!* Welcome to Jennifer!

KATHI VITO

...sponsored by Amanda Beitzel



Kathi and her husband Rick moved from Colorado to Sequim 10 years ago, drawn by the beauty of the Olympic Peninsula. Now retired from UC Boulder (HR Director, Information Technologies Services department), she enjoys a slower pace of life, with

time to enjoy Murphy, a 1-year old Shi Tzu, and volunteer with such organizations as ASG (American Sewing Guild), YMCA...and now Soroptimist of Sequim! Her talents and passions include sewing, cooking, drawing, painting, crocheting, hiking and biking.

Her advice: **Don't sweat the small stuff.** Always speak politely to an enraged dragon! Welcome to Kathi!

MEMBERSHIP—COOL STUFF

In Kathleen DeJong's own words:

I and my partner won at Sunland; it was a two-day Member/Member tournament. My partner, 85 year old **Nonie Dunphy**, and I won **all around low net** for the women. We were an unlikely pair to win this tournament but Nonie has a good short game and I have a decent fairway game. Nonie has played in this tournament since the 80's and never won. She was over the moon to finally win. It makes me smile every time I think about it.



SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM AT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Elaine is looking for several people to work a day or two for **the week of Aug. 27-31**.





MLC YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2017-18 year has been a very busy one!

During the year our volunteers handled over 2,000 pieces of equipment. These included loans, returns, and donated items as well as giving information to those we were not able to help.

Our busiest month was last November. It seemed to have been brought on by the freezing temperatures and the slippery conditions that came with it! By January and February we were slammed with returns, so apparently everyone recovered and many thank you messages came our way.

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Our committee members this past year included: Becky Archer, Marti Campbell, Kate Creasey, Kathleen DeJong, Sharron Empens, Judy Field, Gloria Fitzgerald, Su Howat, Amala Kuster, Jeani Penn, Janet Real, Gena Royal, Jolene Sanborn, Chris Snow, Connie VanRoosendaal, and Dorothy Ward. What a great crew! Thank you all!

If there are any club members who are no longer on the MLC committee who have keys to the unit, please contact Gena to turn them in so that we don't have to purchase new keys for incoming committee members.

~Gena Royal, MLC Co-Chair



REMINDER: When you shop on **AmazonSmile**, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. To select Soroptimist International of Sequim, go to: www.smile.amazon.com and let your Amazon purchases benefit SI of Sequim.



"Our job is to connect to people, to interact with them in a way that leaves them better than we found them, more able to get where they'd like to go." ~Seth Godin

WHAT'S THE WORD?

What is in a "word?" One of Webster's definitions is "a written or printed character or combination of characters representing a spoken word." I find the foregoing definition can apply when we say Soroptimist.

Just recently, I said, "our Soroptimist organization" and I saw the squint in the eye, the puzzled look in the face, which was followed by the remark "What is Soroptimist?" I said, "What is Soroptimist?" "Do you have a few minutes because I would like to tell you what Soroptimist is?" Five minutes later came the comment, "I had no idea and I think that is wonderful."



There are many in the community who have no idea about our organization. I hope that as a member of Soroptimist International of Sequim when you have the opportunity, you share about the organization. Share what we have been providing for the community for over 71 years. Share what we do for women and girls. Share about our Medical Loan closet, the garden show and gift show. Share about Tea with SHE! Most of all, share that our dollars go back into the community to build on making a better community. Be a part of the public awareness team by sharing the good works of our organization.

~Linda Klinefelter, Public Awareness Co-chair



FOLLOW UP WITH A DREAM RECIPIENT



Harley Davidson was one of our Live Your Dream Award recipients last year. Harley has accomplished much already in her life. Recently she was one of four winners at Peninsula College, receiving a \$200 check! More valuable than the money were the comments made by the professor which included: "Wow. This is one of the best written essays a student has ever written for one of my classes. It's deeply thoughtful and engaging. You really poured your talent into the writing; I'm so honored." To read Harley's essay and the professor's entire comments, visit http://sisequim.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/HARLEY-on-cancer.pdf. Congratulations, Harley!











INSTALLATION DINNER



















More Pictures from Installation: https://www.flickr.com/photos/108582458@N03/albums/72157699085538135

For those who weren't able to attend the Installation Dinner, here is a link to the video of **Year-in-Review** http://sisequim.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/YearInReview2017-18.mp4

NOTES FROM THE GALA GIFT SHOW COMMITEE

Sponsors: We discussed sending a sponsor letter to all the women entrepreneurs in Sequim.

Dollar amounts will be levels from 25-99, 100-149, 150+ Thank you banner for those who sponsor as well as other acknowledgement. (What else will they get for their sponsorship?)

We will want to have them onboard by September.

<u>Marketing:</u> The committee decided to continue advertising through Facebook, our Gala Gift Show website, and the holiday events tabloids.

Bake Sale: Pat would like to have a co-chair.

Vendors: Vendor letters went out to previous vendors and new vendors are being sought. Previous vendors asked that there be some sort of music (caroling) or entertainment around 2 – closing to keep the customers coming in.

Sees: We decided See's will be in the same room with the raffle and the bake sale.

<u>Café:</u> Elaine Churchill and Becky Archer, team extraordinaire, were given the past history of the success of the café. They will plan their menu and update us at our next meeting. (Paulette and Rick Hill will provide two soups for our café.)

We still need some volunteers to work the show. Specifically, we need someone to coordinate the volunteers. If you talk to others during the summer, suggest that they might want to step up to help our core committee.

The next meeting will be at Laura Rundle's house, 40 Plum Tree Lane, Sequim on August 14th at 3:30 p.m.

~Sandy Lawrence, Gala Gift Show Chair



"Life is the art of drawing without an eraser." ~ John W. Gardner

GALA GARDEN SHOW NEWS

July is exciting because it is the month we select the featured artwork for the upcoming Gala Garden Show! **Melody Albertson** and **Sharron Empens** have been busy collecting the entries and preparing a display for the committee to review. Submissions must be postmarked by July 15. The Core Committee meets Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the First Security Bank's community room. We will be viewing and voting on the artwork. Soon after, notifications will go out to all those who participated in the contest. Those who weren't selected will be encouraged to participate next year. We should be seeing the featured artwork on the Gala Garden Show website in August.

Jan Chapman and Su Howat have been busy securing our keynote speaker. We are happy to announce the keynote speaker for the 2019 show will be Jessi Bloom. Jessi is a best-selling author, award-winning ecological landscape designer, and speaker. She owns N.W. Bloom EcoLogical Landscapes, based near Seattle, which is known as an innovator and leader in the field of permaculture, sustainable landscape design, construction and land management. Her work has been recognized by government agencies and industry organizations, and makes headlines in national media. She lives near Seattle with her two sons on their permaculture homestead, which is full of functional gardens and rescue animals.



Fift Show

Jessi Bloom.

Stay tuned. More things are ready to bloom!

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



WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Friends,

Please do not take the delay of this note as an indication that we were not wholly appreciative of your gift. You have been so generous and allowed our therapists who work with kids the ability to purchase supplies.

If you don't already know, PBH is renovating the former St. Vincent de Paul (we've owned it for years) to establish a separate, safe and welcoming building for our Children and Family Services. Last year we served 708 children, and the new programs are expanding all the time.

It's my understanding that Children's therapists are waiting until this fall to use these funds so that the new space looks as well-supplied as possible.

Thanks you for all you do!

Rebekah Miller Peninsula Behavioral Health



Dear Soroptimists:

Your donation to Captain Joseph House Foundation is sincerely appreciated. Please know that the Gold Star Veteran Families of the Fallen, those men and women who have died in combat since 9/11, will have the opportunity to participate in a wonderful 5-night, 6-day week of rest, recreation and family rebuilding. The Captain Joseph House Board of Directors and staff will 'lead from the front' to assure the Family left behind is well cared for during their visit. We believe this opportunity for renewal, building memories and sharing in a family ritual that has been forever changed, will also be one of the most healing steps these Families can take together as they continue their journey in the loss of their loved one. Thank you for your interest and donation to assure that Captain Joseph House is available to all those Families who choose to participate.

Betty Reed Schultz Gold Star Mother Executive Director



Dear Soroptimists,

Thank you for the generous donation of \$300 to Sequim Women's Soccer Booster Club Scholarship Fund. The scholarships are for girls who can't afford to pay for summer camps. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Molly McAleer

Dear Friends:

We have received your contribution of \$100.00. On behalf of the Foundation, I would like to thank you for your caring. Your donation will support home health and hospice care for the medically needy. It will help pay for the special financial, equipment and emotional needs of hospice patients as well as bereavement support for their families. Because of your contribution and others like it, we are able to fulfill our mission and insure that no one in our area will be denied needed home health or hospice care because they cannot afford it. You will be helping real people undergoing real pain and Suffering—bringing peace, comfort and healing into their lives.

The impact of your donation will be especially beneficial because 100% of your dollars will be used for care and assistance.

Thank you for your generosity. Please be aware of both the positive impact your donation will have and how truly it is appreciated.

Sincerely, Jenny Collins Executive Director Assured Hospice



"Never underestimate the valuable and important difference you make in every life you touch. For the impact you make today has a powerful rippling effect on every tomorrow." ~Anonymous

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Janet Wicker	3	Happe of July!	5 Kris Osborn	6	7 Jolene Sanborn
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Amala Kuster	17 Kathy Purcell	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Jane Manzer SI SEQUIM Picnic/BBQ
29 Gena Royal	30	31				

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Lavender

Author Unknown

Streams of colour
In constant motion
Showing shades of beauty hidden
Powered by the wind
As it caresses the river of scent
Gently, softly, lovingly
And moves through the rows
Never stopping, always moving
Following the wind
Lavender tributaries
In a sensual scented sea of colour
Never ending.





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To a Person Making a Difference for Women