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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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Celebrating 70+ Years of Service

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**“You don’t
understand anything
until you learn it
more than one way.”**

~Marvin Minsky

Message from the President

During the last couple of weeks, you may have received an email from me referencing more details on a subject for the benefit of our newer members. I have become painfully aware that I sometimes slip into the mode of “veteran” (I resist the urge to say “old”) member and have skipped explanations needed by our less experienced members. For that, I apologize, however, it does bring to mind the need to accommodate and grant grace to our newbies.

If you have any doubt about how much our new members have to learn, consider all the things we do and what it would be like to have to learn all of it at once. Of course none of us needs to “know it all,” but to a new member, it does seem that way.

Add to that the stress that we sometimes feel to meet a deadline, gather information, or provide the necessary number of volunteers for a project and you have what can appear to be, to a new member, a less than friendly situation, a less than patient contingent, a confusing and mysterious string of acronyms.

I still find myself in that situation occasionally. I know the basic operation of organizations like Soroptimist, but, even after 4 years, I sometimes struggle with the things I feel “everybody” knows, but nobody has shared yet.

We are members of a unique and specialized organization, and to be an active, productive member requires jumping in by faith that others will share the mysterious, wait for us to get up to speed, and catch us if we fall.

As a teacher, my best strategy was always to watch for the glazed expression, to back up to the nod of recognition, and to proceed from that point with additional instruction. To our veteran members, we were all new once. Remember the feeling. To our newbies, practice your glazed expression. We'll try to get the clue!

~President Gena
“We Rise by Lifting Others”



“No matter how one may think himself accomplished, when he sets out to learn a new language, science, or the bicycle, he has entered a new realm as truly as if he were a child newly born into the world.” ~Frances Willard

Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's June. Summer is just around the corner—at least based on the calendar. The number of daylight hours has been increasing. School calendars are no longer filled with upcoming activities as students prepare to depart for the summer.

Memorial Day weekend seems to usher in this new season. We honor and give thanks for those who have served—as well as those who continue to serve our country. Some celebrate with picnics or bar-b-ques—remembering, yet moving forward—taking a *spell* from the everyday life to just *be* relaxed.

Memorial Day—or rather the week following Memorial Day—brings the annual Scripps Spelling Bee. The National Spelling Bee first started in 1925 when nine newspapers joined together to host a spelling bee. The event has been held continuously since, except during World War II years 1943-1945.

The Scripps National Spelling Bee works with teachers and students across the country. Their website states: “Our purpose is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives.”

The 2019 Scripps Spelling Bee is noteworthy because, instead of one winner, this year there were eight! This is unprecedented! In its 92 years, only five previous times have there been more than one winner—and each of those times it was only two. This year's eight winners are from across the country—New Jersey to California. They are middle school students ages 12-14, the majority are 13. Each of the winners received a trophy and \$50,000.

The Spelling Bee reminds me of Soroptimist. Though our awards and scholarships may not be \$50,000 each, what we give does make a difference to the recipients. And it's not just the money. Many who have received awards and scholarships have commented how much it means to them to be acknowledged and supported. Funding and encouragement allow these women to live their dreams—and we are all part of that.

It's June—the end of a Soroptimist year. It is a time when clubs are installing their officers and board for 2019-2020. Club members are signing up for committees. Some clubs soon will be going dark for a couple of months. It is important to have committees established before the summer break. This gives the committees an opportunity to meet during the club hiatus to strategize and organize for the year ahead. Then when the club meetings begin again, everyone is more prepared. This is similar to the spelling bee participants who spend time preparing. There will be a sign-up table again at the business meeting on June 11. If you haven't already signed up, you are encouraged to do so.

Some committees don't take the summer off—such as our Medical Loan Closet. Also, we have two fundraisers happening next month—wine sales at Lost Mountain Lavender Farm during the Lavender Festival, **July 19-21**, and the Olympic Cellars Summer Concert Series, with our club being supported on Saturday, **July 27**. It is thru all of us working together that we are able to Rise by Lifting Others.

Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



“Every phenomenon of nature was a word—the sign, symbol and pledge of a new, mysterious, inexpressible but all the more intimate union, participation and community of divine energies and ideas.” ~*Johann Georg Hamann*

CALENDAR

JUNE

- 7 Board Meeting
- 11 Business Meeting
- *22 Installation of Officers & Board

JULY

- 19-21 Lavender Festival—Lost Mountain Lavender
- *27 Olympic Cellars Summer Concerts Fundraiser



We Rise By Lifting Others

***Evening Meeting**

“If you have the opportunity to do amazing things in your life, I strongly encourage you to invite someone to join you.” ~*Simon Sinek*



“Recognize that every interaction you have is an opportunity to make a positive impact on others.”
~*Shep Hyken*

Celebrate Life!

JUNE

- 3 Dorothy Ward
- 13 Elaine Churchill
- 14 Sharron Empens
- 19 Linda Chapman
- 20 Jess McNeil
- 22 Caroline Smith
- 23 Jodi Olson

JULY

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



Note the phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

360-504-0231



*“Every day is a fresh beginning,
Every morn is the world made new.”
~Sarah Chauncey Woolsey*



Inner Treasures

Soroptimist International of Sequim
invites you to join us for the

Installation of Officers and Board
For 2019-2020

Saturday, June 22, 2019
5:30 p.m. Social / 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Sunland Golf & Country Club
109 Hilltop Avenue, Sequim, WA 98382

\$30.00 per dinner
(spouses/guests welcome)

*Attendees are encouraged to dress to represent
someone they admire—someone who inspires them.*

RSVP by **June 14, 2019**
To: install@sisequim.org

Mail Payment to:
SI Sequim / Installation
PO Box 2076, Sequim, WA 98382

*“The price of anything is the amount of life you exchange for it.”
~Henry David Thoreau*

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY EVENING, **AUGUST 10, 2019**
OLYMPIC PENINSULA AREA POTLUCK PICNIC AT JEANI PENN'S
WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS

SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER



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

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Soroptimist International of Sequim presented our 2019 high school scholarships to **Pahola Garcia Osorio** and **Shayli Schuman**.

Pahola Garcia Osorio



Pahola will begin her college career at Everett Community College with a goal of entering the field of medicine and eventually becoming a doctor. She would like to return to her birth country of Guatemala and serve women and families of rural areas.

She has volunteered in the community at the Sequim Food Bank and is part of the Community Emergency Response Team.

Shayli Schuman.



Shayli will enter Western Washington University and is recognized at admission with distinction and will major in kinesiology. She is a member of Honor Society, Sequim High School Leadership and volunteered for STEM nights at the local elementary schools.

Congratulations to both of these young women.



VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL AWARD

Our **Vo-Tech Award** is currently advertised everywhere. As usual, applicants for this award come in at the last minute, though we know for sure there are viable candidates who have been personally addressed. It's perplexing.

Deadline is **August 1** with our club presentation in September.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The **Continuing Education Scholarship** application was made available on our website at the beginning of May. This was a little earlier than in previous years due to the inquiry of an applicant. The 2019-2020 digital flier has been sent to Peninsula College's financial aid department with a request to post it to the bulletin boards, and printed fliers will be posted around town soon. A press release has been sent to Peninsula Daily News and the Sequim Gazette and are expected to be printed this week. This year's postmark deadline is **August 15**, so the majority of applications are expected to arrive in mid-July.

And then we start all over again!

~Deb Carlson, Awards & Scholarships



Thumbnail of the Vocational-Technical Award application form. The form includes sections for Applicant Information, Academic Information, and a statement of intent. It also contains a signature line and contact information for Soroptimist International of Sequim.

Click on the graphics to view/print the Applications.

Thumbnail of the Continuing Education Scholarship Application form. The form includes fields for Name, Address, Email, and High School. It also contains a section for a statement of intent and a signature line. The form is titled 'CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION'.

TEA With SHE

The next Tea With SHE program is scheduled for mid-October. There will be more information as the date gets closer.



“Come, let us have some tea and continue to talk about happy things.” ~*Chaim Potok*



“Any human anywhere will blossom in a hundred unexpected talents and capacities simply by being given the opportunity to do so.” ~*Doris Lessing*

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

A subcommittee for new members has been formed. This committee will be named by the 2019-20 new members. 2018-19 new members will also be invited and are welcome, if they wish. The facilitators are **Amanda Beitzel, Elaine Churchill, and Susan Mesches**, who will be the liaisons to the Membership Committee.

More than once a new person has said how intimidating and lonely it is to walk into a 7:30 am breakfast meeting of virtual strangers. The purpose of this committee will be to help new members, from the beginning of their membership, to feel engaged and connected in a small group setting. Even though there will be a social aspect, service work based on the Soroptimist mission of empowering women and girls will be the heart of the committee. The new members, with the guidance of the facilitators, will decide on their mission. Some orientation and Q & A about SIS and SIA will be included. This committee will begin after the September business meeting. The facilitators will invite new members to the committee, then committee members will invite new members throughout the year. This committee will be an expectation, not an option.



New members will not be excluded from joining other committees and activities and, of course, they are expected to work on fundraisers. Chairs of committees are encouraged to invite new members to their committees, particularly, if there are positions to be filled.

For years Membership has been struggling with ways to connect new members. We are excited and hopeful that by adding this committee to the other retention ideas, new members will feel less lost....with your help.

Amanda, Elaine, & Susan, Membership Committee



A new list of expectations of new members will be added to the new member brochure:

- ⇒ Yearly dues are required
- ⇒ Participate in fundraisers
- ⇒ Participate in the new member committee
- ⇒ Attend as many meetings and events as possible

PUBLIC AWARENESS RECAP

I have been the Chair for Public Awareness for the past two years and I find another year has zipped by. It seems like the 2018-19 committee met only yesterday, yet it was last August. Here we are ten months later, but I am pleased at our efforts for this past year.

Last August, I had goals for our Public Awareness Committee, and I am pleased to announce we met those goals. We acquainted the membership with interesting and informative articles about those serving on our board. Regularly, we submitted numerous press releases to our local papers, faithfully posted to Facebook and wrote numerous articles sharing how we labored to educate individuals in the community about Soroptimist.

Journalism often challenges our ability to inform and educate, but when we work hard to enlighten through the written word, we can build bridges for all of us. I hope, I have helped build a bridge that connects the community and membership on the merits and good works of Soroptimist.

Happy Summer!

~Linda Klinefelter, Public Awareness Chair



*“I’m only as good as my last word,
my last hook, my last bridge.”
~Kendrick Lamar*



CHECK IT OUT!

A check for **\$26,499.97** from the **Gala Garden Show Committee** was presented to the club at the May 28, 2019 meeting. Great job, everyone!

SHARE THE SMILE

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>

Encourage your family, friends—everyone you know to join **Amazon Smile**—select Soroptimist International of Sequim as their charity of choice, and effortlessly support us as we support the community.



Summer 2019 CONCERT SERIES
 PORT ANGELES WASHINGTON

OLYMPIC CELLARS
 · W I N E R Y ·

Advance Tickets \$13 at BrownPaperTickets.com
\$15 at the door
Season Pass \$75

Doors Open at 6pm
Showtime 7pm

OlympicCellars.com
For More Info

All Concerts Benefit Local Non-Profits

UNDER THE STARS RAIN OR SHINE

SCHEDULE:

- Saturday, July 20**
Fat Chance
 Supporting: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Olympic Peninsula
- Saturday, July 27**
Sway
 Supporting: Soroptimist International of Sequim
- Saturday, August 3**
Shaggy Sweet
 Supporting: Sequim Community Aid
- Saturday, August 10**
Stacy Jones Band
 Supporting: Port Angeles Farmers Market
- Friday, August 16**
Creme Tangerine
 Supporting: Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County
- Saturday, August 17**
Creme Tangerine
 Supporting: Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County
- Saturday, August 24**
No Rules
 Supporting: Olympic Peninsula Humane Society

SUMMR CONCERT
Saturday, July 27

Come listen to some great music....dance...have some libation. Enjoy an evening out! Half of the proceeds from the event will go to Soroptimist International of Sequim. Spread the word! Invite your family, friends, neighbors—everyone you know!










“Working together in concert more smoothly not only helps us move more quickly—it changes the nature of what we can undertake. When we have the confidence that we can orchestrate the group effort required to realize them, we dare bigger dreams.” ~*Justin Rosenstein*

GALAS’ LOCATION MIGHT CHANGE















The 18 month road project on Fir Street in Sequim has begun. This will have an impact on our **Gala Gift Show** in December and our **Gala Garden Show** next March—both which have been held at the Boys & Girls Club on Fir Street. An ad-hoc committee has been formed to look into possible alternative locations for both of these fundraisers.

“It’s not only moving that creates new starting points. Sometimes all it takes is a subtle shift in perspective, an opening of the mind, an intentional pause and reset, or a new route to start to see new options and new possibilities.” ~*Kristin Armstrong*

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Dorothy Ward 	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Business Meeting	12	13 Elaine Churchill 	14 Sharron Empens 	15
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23 Jodi Olson 	24	25	26	27	28	29
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July 2019

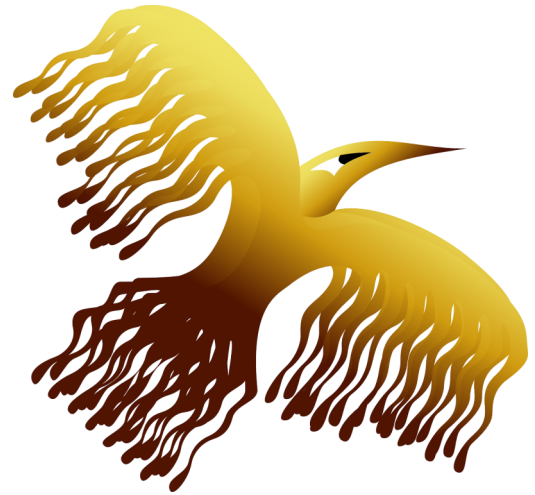
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7 Jolene Sanborn 	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Amala Kuster 	17 Kathy Purcell 	18	19 Lavender Festival Lost Mountain Lavender 	20 Lavender Festival Lost Mountain Lavender 
21 Lavender Festival Lost Mountain Lavender 	22	23	24	25	26	27 Olympic Cellars Winery Fundraiser 
28 Jane Manzer 	29 Gena Royal 	30	31			

Today by Ozioma Ogbaii

Today I feel light and free
As my hair is caressed by the breeze,
Bright, beautiful, magical,
Today has promised and will fulfill.

Today, I rise in glory
Like a Phoenix reborn from ashes,
Beautifully clothed in red satin sashes,
Glorious like Pegasus on Mount Olympus.

Today I rise, I soar in splendour
As the day keeps unveiling all her grandeur.
Let the chains of yesterday break away!
Today is here, I will not cling to yesterday!



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To a Person Making a Difference for Women