

# Soropti-Scoop

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"All riches have their origin in mind.
Wealth is in ideas—
not money."
~Robert Collier

#### **Message from the President**

#### BE THANKFUL AND BE GIVING

November is traditionally the month of giving thanks. I feel like we sometimes forget how blessed we are throughout the entire year. We live in an incredible part of the country with not only majestic mountains but magnificent seashores and water. Many of us have an abundance of resources...good food, nice homes, warm clothing, travel, loving and supportive family and friends, just about anything we could need or want.

I know you're aware that there are those in our community who may be less fortunate than we. I also know our members are extremely generous, but perhaps you feel like you want to do more. It doesn't have to be with Soroptimist...maybe you and some neighbors would like to get together and do something as a group.

The best example I can think of right now is our friend Beverly Hoffman. She isn't a Soroptimist member; she's a very creative, kind and caring woman who came up with the concept of Holiday Joy and adopting a needy family for the holidays. Beverly asked her Diamond Point neighbors, friends at Sunland, and Soroptimist if they'd like to join in. As a result, Holiday Joy has been an extremely successful project for Healthy Families of Clallam County and benefitted hundreds of families since its inception.

Helping folks during the holidays is a wonderful thing, but needy families are needy during other times of the year too. Maybe you have a concept you'd like to propose. Let's be open to new ideas and if you are willing to share, I'd love to hear every one of them. One idea can impact so many people in a positive way.

Happy Thanksgiving!

President Elaine

"We Rise by Lifting Others"



"First comes thought, then organization of that thought into ideas and plans; then transformation of those plans into reality. The beginning, as you will observe, is in your imagination." ~Napoleon Hill

#### Letter from the Editor

#### Dear Friends,

Have you ever noticed how sometimes something starts out as one thing but turns into something else? It's November—the month we celebrate Thanksgiving. Last month's jack-o-lanterns are morphing into pumpkin pies. The goblins have gone away, replaced by gobblers—the turkeys that form the feasts for families and friends as the holiday season begins.

Earlier this month we turned back the clocks, giving us an extra hour. I'd like to turn the clocks back a bit to reflect on something from last month's District 1 meeting. President-elect Gena and I were roomies for the weekend. Attendees were encouraged to wear Soropti-gear on Sunday—the last day of the meeting. Gena and I both got up early that morning. I was wearing a vest with the Soroptimist logo. Gena was wearing the blue Soroptimist-logo blouse like many of our club members have. She also wore the button proclaiming our club's 70+ years of service to Sequim. My 70<sup>th</sup> button is in hiding—having gone to that illusive place where single socks go when we do laundry.

Gena and I went down to the area where the breakfast buffet was almost ready. It was right outside the general session meeting room. Only a few people were inside when we walked into the room. We decided to stake our claim on seats at a table near the front. We chatted for a few minutes and then walked out to the buffet. We got into the line that had already started to form. By the time we walked back into the room with our breakfast, all the seats at the table were taken except for two. I was surprised because I hadn't seen any of the other table mates in line. Then I noticed most of them didn't have any food yet.

Conversations started and suddenly I realized Gena and I shouldn't be sitting there. That table was reserved for SI of Sedro-Woolley, a club that was a sponsor of the district meeting. We were interlopers, party-crashers if you will. Apologizing, I fessed up, but several of the sponsorees said it wasn't a problem—there was plenty of room. One of the gals, Hank, commented on the button Gena was wearing and said their club was turning 70 this year.

I said that I had designed the button and offered to redesign it to have their club name on it. They accepted my offer. Hank asked what we did to celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup>. We told of our wine and cheese event where we invited prominent members of the community. We also told of our float in the Irrigation Festival Parade. I said I could send photos from both of those events, which I did after I returned to Sequim. Our faux pas of sitting at the wrong table turned out to be a good thing. It wasn't a mistake.

We attend area meetings, district meetings, region conferences, etc. to share ideas. Sometimes we are the teachers, explaining our experiences; other times we are the students, learning from the experiences of others. It's often a little of both. As Soroptimists we work to improve the lives of women and girls. It's good to remember we do that for one another as well. Many of us joined Soroptimist to empower women, and in the process we have become empowered also. What started out as one thing, turned into something else—something more.

As we are gobblin' up the pumpkin pie this Thanksgiving let us give thanks for all our blessings. Let us give thanks for one another. Let us give thanks for our ability to see the gift seemingly hidden in everyone, and the part we play in that gift being realized. My heartfelt gratitude to all of you.

Light and Love, Kathy Purcell, Editor



"Develop an attitude of gratitude, and give thanks for everything that happens to you, knowing that every step forward is a step toward achieving something bigger and better than your current situation." ~*Brian Tracy* 

#### **CALENDAR**

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 9 Board Meeting
- 13 Business Meeting
- 27 Program Meeting

#### **DECEMBER**

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



\*Evening Meeting

"Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow." ~ Edward Sandford Martin



"When you catch a glimpse of your potential, that's when passion is born." ~ Zig Ziglar

### Celebrate Life!

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 2 Mayme Faulk
- 6 Kathleen DeJong
- 9 Donna Carson
- 10 Gloria Fitzpatrick
- 15 Monica Ostrom
- 21 Joan Plumb

#### **DECEMBER**

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



Note the phone number for our MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

360-504-0231



"When you are grateful fear disappears and abundance appears" ~ Anthony Robbins

### Bake, Bake, Bake...









#### **NOVEMBER'S PROGRAM MEETING**

Jodi Olson from the Sequim Education Foundation (and also a member of SIS) will be our speaker at the November program meeting. Don't miss it!

~Gena Royal, Programs Chair



#### 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

#### **GIRLS OF THE MONTH**

#### **Katie Potter**



Soroptimist International of Sequim is pleased to announce our Girls of the Month, Katie Potter and Elizabeth Sweet. Katie, a senior and member of Honor Society, is planning to attend Azusa Pacific University and major in psychology and music. She is a member of the Sequim High School

Vocal Ensemble and is the student liaison for the Sequim City Council.

#### **Elizabeth Sweet**



Elizabeth is also a senior and a member of Honor Society. She volunteers in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program at Helen Haller Elementary as well as tutors at the elementary school. Elizabeth is applying to several universities, including University

of Washington and wants to major in Biochemistry/chemistry.

#### **NOVEMBER AWARD SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

#### LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD

This award of \$1500.00 is granted to one deserving female head of household with dependents who wishes to further pursue her education.

**DEADLINE: November 15** 



#### YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

There is one award of \$500.00 to a girl 14 - 17 years old who is deeply involved in community service. The award is divided 50% directly to the award winner and 50% to the organization the award winner represents.

**DEADLINE: November 30** 



"Educators don't necessarily have to teach. Instead, they can provide an environment and resources that tease out your natural ability to learn on your own." ~Shimon Schocken

#### TEA with SHE-Soroptimist Helping and Empowering

Our October 30, 2018, TEA WITH SHE event was a huge success! We had 120 in attendance—our largest crowd yet!

Detective Devin McBride, Sequim Police Dept., gave a brief overview on home security and personal safety. He cited local statistics and had some tips and pointers for home security.

Lorraine Shore from the Sheriffs Dept., and former SIS member, did a super job presenting the portion on fraud and scams. Lorraine was joined by Sheriff Bill Benedict, who added many key points on the topic. This was a subject that all were interested in. Their presentations were followed by a lively Q&A session.

The committee will be meeting soon to review this event, and start planning the May program.

~Jan Chapman, Tea With SHE Chair







"Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information on it." ~Samuel Johnson

#### **MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

#### LINDA NAYLOR

...sponsored by Elaine Churchill





Linda and her husband David moved from Bainbridge Island to Sequim 1.5 years ago, drawn by friends, weather and small-town atmosphere! They owned and operated a small business in Alaska for 20 years, with Linda managing the office and bookkeeping functions. However, in retirement, her

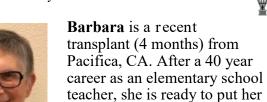
volunteer activities range from local elections, VIMO (Volunteers in Medicine of the Olympics), NAWIC (Women in Construction), to Bainbridge Women's Club! **Linda** enjoys the theater, reading, board games, gardening and the YMCA.

Her advice: Don't be too quick to judge anything or anybody. I always tell my grandchildren to aim high and am extra-proud of my smart granddaughters.

Welcome to **Linda!** Committee: *TBA* 

#### **BARBARA BRENNER**

...sponsored by Elaine Churchill



**Barbara** enjoys baking and arts & crafts.

talents to work in a new capacity

as a volunteer...and Soroptimist!

Her advice: Never give up...go for your dreams!

Welcome to **Barbara!** Committee: **TBA** 



"Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other." ~ Walter Elliot

#### **NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON**

On Tuesday, November 6, the membership committee hosted a New Members luncheon at Solona. It was a casual potluck with the goal of informing new members of some of the club's activities and to give them a chance to ask questions of those seasoned members attending. Some of the topics that were covered were our Gala Garden Show, the Gala Gift Show, scholarship review night, Holiday Joy and the upcoming Area Meeting. It was also a lovely way to mix and mingle and get to know some of our amazing new members.

Current membership is at 81 with two more applications anticipated. Be sure to check the "Roster Updates" on the members only site <a href="http://sequimsi.org/members/roster-changes/">http://sequimsi.org/members/roster-changes/</a>. Password can be found in your roster book on page 38.

~Kathleen DeJong, Membership Committee













"Never, ever underestimate the importance of having fun." ~ *Randy Pausch* 

#### MEMBERSHIP —COOL STUFF

With so many new members joining our club all at once, it's a fortunate task to have to track and note the skills and talents we now have to add to our collective quiver. One lady has really stood out to me and I want to share what I'm seeing.

Awards and Scholarships is a busy, confusing committee to chair. There are many awards on different, often overlapping timelines, many differing applications, criteria, judging processes. The online application process still confuses me, and I chaired the committee for three years!

Our new chair this year, and brand new club member, **Sharon Jenson**, has taken this baby by the horns and is dedicated to learning the intricacies of the job and helping the young women who apply for our awards.

Along with chairing the committee, she and Betty Osborne are handling the Live Your Dream Award. This is often a tough award to find applicants for but Sharon has been knocking on doors, personally visiting places where she feels she may find deserving women who fit the criteria, telling stories of how Soroptimist awards have improved lives, sharing her personal history of how women helped her when she needed it. Many potential applicants have emailed her, questioning whether they qualify, how to proceed, how to use the online portal, etc.

Sharon takes the time to answer each woman in depth and go over all of the qualifications, and there are quite a few, and offer any further assistance they might need. Several have needed personal attention, which Sharon freely attends to in person. One lady was needing help in Forks and Sharon was willing to go to her. There seems to be no limit on her drive and passion for improving the lives of our young women.

So, my heartfelt appreciation to **Sharon Jenson**, and all of our other new members who are jumping in and making Soroptimist a part of their lives. YOU are making a difference in the world.





"Everyone can be great because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve....You only need a heart full of grace.

A soul generated by love. ~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### MEMBERSHIP —COOL STUFF

Lee Zarnikau, daughter of Sequim Soroptimist Amanda Beitzel, recently published a picture book titled *Ellie's Car Kindergarten* that she wrote (under the pen name Lee Zee) and co-illustrated with her daughter, Brooke.

The story is about Sammie, a young girl with the jitters on her first day of kindergarten, and her favorite stuffed animal elephant, Ellie. Sammie takes Ellie everywhere. But stuffed animals can't come to Sammie's kindergarten. Sammie and Ellie are afraid to spend their first day apart until they learn that Ellie gets to go to her *very own* kindergarten in Mama's car. In car kindergarten, Ellie works on counting, writing her letters and sounding out words. Ellie has lunch in the cafeteria, and enjoys art, P.E., music and recess. And, just like in Sammie's kindergarten at school, Ellie even makes some new friends.

Through the power of imagination, *Ellie's Car Kindergarten* gives children a positive way to feel comfortable spending their school day apart from a lovey or special stuffed animal. *Ellie's Car Kindergarten* is also a creative tool parents and educators can use to help children look forward to learning and having fun in kindergarten.

*Ellie's Car Kindergarten* can be ordered from any bookstore and online from Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Visit www.lee-zee.com for more information.





"Precisely one of the most gratifying results of intellectual evolution is the continuous opening up of new and greater prospects." ~Nikola Tesla



#### SHOWCASING SOROPTIMIST

The Public Awareness and Membership committees joined together to showcase our club at the recent Business Showcase sponsored by the Sequim Chamber of Commerce. Sandy Lawrence and Kathy Purcell greeted attendees with smiles and information about who we are and what we do. Many visitors recognized the Soroptimist name because of our Medical Loan Closet and our Gala Gift Show. A couple of women asked how they could become members. This year the theme was nautical. We are a beacon of light in the community and recognized as such. ~kp

#### MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET MIRACLES

When I worked at the Medical Loan Closet a couple of weeks ago, a woman came in with some returns. She had a commode, a transport chair, a cane and a shower seat. We talked for a bit and she told me how one of the rehab places in Sequim (which will remain nameless) had given up on her mother and told her that her mother would never walk again or be on her own.

This woman, who has more courage than I do, said "watch me"!!! To make a long story short, she was so thankful for our closet because she was able to take her mother home and work with her on a daily basis. After only a month, her mother is walking on her own, bathing on her own and taking care of herself. She told me that this couldn't have been accomplished if she hadn't

had access to our closet and all the things it had to offer. She wanted me to extend her grateful thanks to all who keep the closet going and who so respectfully and caringly help the Sequim community. Good job!!!!!

~Jeani Penn, Co-Chair Medical Loan Closet



"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." ~ Saint Augustine

#### 5th TUESDAY GET-TOGETHER

Just over 20 members met for a 5th Tuesday potluck and game night. There were games, story sharing, great food, and Tea with SHE congrats. Good times!

Next social.... Christmas party,

~Gena Royal, Programs Co-Chair









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#### **PUBLIC AWARENESS**

Most of the seasoned members are aware of our involvement every year with the Holiday Joy project through Healthy Families of Clallam County. In fact, Kathleen DeJong is our coordinator for this project and recently sent out an e-mail asking members, interested in adopting a family for the holidays to sign up. If you would like to help a family, contact Kathleen DeJong.

Last year, the Holiday Joy family I adopted was Nitasha and her 9-yr. old son, Carlos, who live in Port Angeles. Because of my 11-yr. old grandson, I felt like I was well-suited for picking out clothes and toys for Carlos. I've found that our Holiday Joy families almost always ask for the basics, seldom anything extravagant, and we're always happy to do whatever we can to make that happen for them at Christmas.

I asked to meet, personally, with Nitasha...I wanted to hear more about her. Our friend and Holiday Joy founder, Beverly Hoffman, arranged the meeting. I was blown away by Nitasha's story. She arrived in Port Angeles in 2016, having escaped an abusive boyfriend in Texas. She was held captive by him, not permitted to leave the house for months and months (and that's just for starters). Since arriving in Washington, with some help from her mother and Healthy Families, she was able to rent an apartment, enroll at Peninsula College (where she was thriving), join a choral group at the college and travel to Ireland with that group for a singing engagement. She and I talked quite a bit about Soroptimist and what our clubs do.

A month or so after my chat with Nitasha, I was driving with a friend who is a member of the Soroptimist Port Angeles Noon club. Coincidentally, she also happened to be the Noon club chair of the Live Your Dream Award committee. I mentioned my earlier conversation with Nitasha and discovered that Nitasha had just been selected as the winner of the LYD award given by the Soroptimist International of Port Angeles Noon Club. I have since been told that Nitasha was also selected to receive an additional award from Soroptimist. Coincidence? Fate? I don't know...call it what you like.

What I <u>do</u> know is that talking to people in the community about Soroptimist can make a positive difference in <u>their</u> lives...it can make a positive difference in <u>our lives</u> too.

~Elaine Bradford, Public Awareness Co-chair



"Hem your blessings with thankfulness so they don't unravel." ~*Author Unknown* 

#### **GALA GIFT SHOW**

A an Apple, An Apple Pie... This is the time of the year when all Sequim Soroptimists warm their houses with ovens at 350 degrees. We all become Martha Stewart and Betty Crocker. It is a fact that many folks come to the Gala Gift Show just for the Gala Bake Sale. Imagine all the parties in the community serving our goodies while they talk about the great things Soroptimist does with their fundraising. Our name will be spoken in many, many households!



On Tuesday, Gala Gift Show posters will be available. Your help is needed to spread the news about this event throughout the community. See the list of local businesses to take them to for posting, then take a handful and distribute. The volunteer sign-up sheet will also be rounding the tables. If you haven't signed up and have questions about what is required for the tasks needed, please ask someone. This is a perfect opportunity to meet members of the club you may not know. We all have such a great time working together.

A few of our members are vendors. Come check out the talent we have in our club. Check out the Raffle. Yes, Soroptimists can buy tickets! Sequim Fresh Catering (Rick/Paulette—also a club member—Hill) is providing the soups for our café. We will be selling See's Candies and Port Townsend Wine by the glass or the bottle.

Plan to work a few hours, shop a few hours, and definitely stay for the clean-up party. Saturday, December 1, 9:00am – 4:00pm.

~Sandy Lawrence, Gala Gift Show Chair



#### **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.

#### **LINDA CHAPMAN** – Board Secretary



Linda is a native of Colorado. Prior to becoming enthralled with clay, her art had been concentrated in 2D and writing. However, when closed out of a drawing class while working towards her BFA, the only class that fit into her schedule was a ceramics class. That was the end. She loved the clay and was hooked.

After receiving her BFA from University of Colorado, Linda founded Linda Chapman Design in 1975. She started her studio practice in Boulder, CO and has practiced her craft in the San Francisco Bay area, and Hanalei, HI. She has lived in Sequim for eight years now, and works out of her Olympic Peninsula studio.

Linda and Ned have been married 48 years and have a son, Colin. They have two kitties: Pat and Annie, both born in Hawaii. She has been a Soroptimist since December of 2015.

When Linda isn't working in her craft, she is a docent and gift show curator at the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center. Her passions include fine art, fine craft, music (all kinds), photography, traveling, gardening, reading and writing, biking and walking.

A fun piece of Linda's past includes teaching competitive high-speed driving skills for the Rocky Mountain Region of the Porsche Club of America and served as Chief Instructor.

#### SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY



President Elaine presents a \$1,000 donation from Soroptimist International of Sequim to Mary Budke, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club.



A \$1,000 donation from Soroptimist International of Sequim was presented to the Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation board President, Judith Pasco by President Elaine Bradford.

#### **GALA GARDEN SHOW UPDATE**

Even while the Gala Gift Show is in the forefront of our minds, the Gala Garden Show Committee has been hard at work. Invitations to last year's vendors went out last month and invitation to new prospective vendors will be sent by next week. We already have 26+ vendors who have secured booths! Last month many members volunteered to follow-up with folks who had received our invitation to be a sponsor for the 2019 show. We thank all those who agreed to do that. Some monetary donations have already come in—\$5430, plus \$3900 in-kind donations. This is a reminder to continue to follow-up with folks on your list.

The next Gala Garden Show Core Committee meeting is Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the First Security community room in Sequim. This will be our last meeting for 2018.

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



"The brave who focus on all things good and all things beautiful and all things true, even in the small, who give thanks for it and discover joy even in the here and now, they are the change agents who bring fullest Light to all the world." ~Ann Voskamp

#### **WORDS OF GRATITUDE**

Dear Soroptimists,

From everyone at the Boys & Girls Clubs: Thank You! Your gift makes a difference for kids in our community.

We are so glad to have the Soroptimists. Thank You!

Janet Gray



Thank You Soroptimist International Sequim,

We are so grateful for your generous gift of \$1,000 towards our cause and the support of our mission.

In September alone we distributed \$7,000 to local women. Your donation will truly make a difference in the lives of women with cancer.



Kathleen Sutton Fund

Dear Ms. Royal,

My name is Sharon. I am the recipient of the bedside table you no longer needed.

My friend Chris brought it over to my house.

The table is so nice to have and is suiting my needs perfectly.

Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness.

Regards, Sharon

"I'm just thankful for everything, all the blessings in my life, trying to stay that way. I think that's the best way to start your day and finish your day. It keeps everything in perspective." ~*Tim Tebow* 

# November 2018

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4 DON'T FIRRET TO FAIL BACK	5	6 Kathleen DeJong	7	8	9 BOARD MEETING Donna Carson	10 Gloria Fitzpatrick
11	12	13 Business Meeting	14 Gala Garden Show Core Committee Meeting 8:30 First Security Community Room	15 Monica Ostrom	16	17
18	19	20	21 Joan Plumb	Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27 Program Meeting	28	29	30	

# December 2018

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30	Jenni Dix  NEW YEARS EVE					

### Best Thanksgiving by Joanna Fuchs

Thanksgiving is here, so our minds have turned To what time has taught us, to what we've learned. We often focus all our thought On shiny things we've shopped and bought. We take our pleasure in material things, Forgetting the pleasure that friendship brings. If a lot of our stuff just vanished today, We'd see the foundation of each happy day Is special relationships, constant and true, And that's when our thoughts go directly to you. We wish you a Thanksgiving you'll never forget, Full of love and joy—your best one yet!





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To a Person Making a Difference for Women