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through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.*

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**“No matter what role
you play in a meeting,
how you show up
in that role
is critical to the
meeting’s success.”
~Emily M. Axelrod**

Message from the President

“There are three constants in life... change, choice and principles.” ~Stephen Covey

It’s September and as a club we are about to experience some changes.

Our first regular meeting (September 11) of the new club year will be held at Sunland Golf & Country Club at the old price of \$12.

As much as we would have liked to have continued at Sunland, a 65% price increase would have brought our meeting cost to \$19-\$20. This presented itself as an immediate challenge for me as your new President because the club’s Standing Rules dictate that the new meeting location is to be published in the Member Roster/Program Schedule and we distribute the roster at the S.T.A.R.T. meeting. My job was to quickly find a new meeting place that would be available for all of the 16 remaining meetings, have sufficient parking, accommodate up to 75 members plus guests, be affordable and available before 7:00 a.m. After extensive research into all the locations available in Sequim, the board and I came to the decision that this would be our best option.

Beginning with the September 25th meeting, we’ll have a new venue and begin meeting at the Guy Cole Event Center at Carrie Blake Park. It’s a lovely spot with the ducks just across the parking lot. The building was renovated last year and has new carpet, a new kitchen, new acoustics, new sound system, projector and screen. Parking is convenient and, since our new Hospitality Committee will be providing our breakfast, the meeting cost will now be only \$6 per person. It’s even more important now to keep Jan Chapman apprised of your attendance since the Hospitality Committee needs to have the correct attendance in order to purchase the proper amount of food. As of this writing, the tentative menu will be: regular & decaf coffee, tea, cut-up fruit, muffins or pastry, yogurt and instant oatmeal packets. Should we find a caterer that can accommodate us within our price range, the future could hold more changes.

The time will be the same, breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and meeting begins at 8:00 a.m. You’ll enter on the north side of the building (right across from the covered area of the park where the ducks reside). I’ll send out a map before the September 25th meeting. It might take a couple of meetings to get the kinks out, but rest assured we’ll put forth our best effort to make the transition as easy as possible. Just come in, take a seat, get yourself a cup of coffee, eat your breakfast, enjoy the meeting and enjoy your fellow Soroptimist. I’m confident that with our ever-positive attitudes, we’ll handle this like everything else we do...with a spirit of cooperation, enthusiasm and grace

President Elaine

“We Rise by Lifting Others”



Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's September and students are starting back to school. They have their pens, colored pencils, notebooks and protractors. They are ready.

It's September. Clubs that went dark over the summer are coming back together. It seems like an oxymoron to say they *go dark*, when summer is the season where days have the most light. Also, although some clubs don't have regular meetings, their boards and committees often meet over the summer to brainstorm and strategize for the year ahead. This is the case with our club.

For example, our Awards & Scholarship Committee has met, and three Continuing Education Scholarships recipients have been chosen; a Vocational Technical Award recipient is in the process of being selected as I write this. The Tea With SHE Committee has things in place for the October tea—see their article on page 5. You can find the poster at: <http://sisequim.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Concerns-of-Living-Alone-26571-flyer.pdf>.

Other committees—like Membership, Programs and Public Awareness have met and divided up tasks among their members. Our two core gala committees—Gift Show and Garden Show have met, and much is in the works with them already. Our Facebook pages are updated regularly, we've had a monthly newsletter and, of course, our Medical Loan Closet Committee is on-call 365 days. That doesn't sound like going dark to me. We've done quite a lot since June. We are ready and excited as we start our regular meetings again.

I was thinking about colored pencils. What if we used them to draw something—perhaps a hot air balloon, the logo for this year's theme. If we use the pencils lightly the colors in the balloon will be faint and a bit difficult to see. If we use the pencils and repeatedly go over each of the segments of the balloon, the colors become more pronounced—more vivid—the colors go dark.

This reminds me of Soroptimists. When we all repeat our mission in our activities, our intensity of unity creates a definite collective impact. We each add our own color, producing vibrant results. We are not full of hot air—our efforts balloon into soaring upshoots. Our passion shines a light that reflects who and what we are. Working together, we improve the lives of women and girls, empowering them to not only dare to dream, but to reach out and live their dreams. In turn we rise by lifting others.

Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



“Leadership is not about a title or a designation. It's about impact, influence and inspiration. Impact involves getting results, influence is about spreading the passion you have for your work, and you have to inspire team-mates and customers.” ~Robin S. Sharma

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Board Meeting
- 11 Business Meeting
- 25 Program Meeting

OCTOBER

- 5 Board Meeting
- 9 Business Meeting
- GOM—Sept/Oct
- 23 Program Meeting
- 30 Tea With SHE
- 30 5th Tuesday



We Rise By Lifting Others

***Evening Meeting**

**“Refuse to be average.
Let your heart soar as high as it will.”
~Aiden Wilson Tozer**



**“Every action we take impacts
the lives of others around us.”
~Arthur Carmazzi**

Celebrate Life!

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Mary Fasching
- 14 Paulette Hill
- 18 Kathi Vito
- 21 Pat Willis
- 23 Jennifer Weir
- 26 Elaine Bradford
- 27 Gail Watson

OCTOBER

- 11 Melody Albertson
- 12 Marilyn Buffer
- 20 Jeanie Blaurock
- 24 Jeani Penn
- 26 Shelle Paulbitski



Note the phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

360-504-0231



“Each meeting occurs at the precise moment for which it was meant. Usually, when it will have the greatest impact on our lives.” ~*Nadia Scrieva*

MEMBERSHIP—IMPORTANT MEETING INFO

As we start our new Soroptimist year, it's a perfect time to review the attendance procedure. So here we go:



- ◆ On FIRST and THIRD Monday of every month, you will receive an email from me reminding you of the upcoming Soroptimist Meeting.
- ◆ You will be asked IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.
- ◆ It is important that you respond to me by NOON on FRIDAY.
- ◆ The cost will be \$6.00 AND REMEMBER, everyone is REQUIRED TO PAY the cost, whether or not you eat... we pay a cleaning fee plus we provide breakfast for invited speakers, your guests as well as scholarship winners, awardees and their families.

In the email you will see a reference to the COUNT ME IN LIST. These are the members who ALWAYS plan to attend, and only need to let me know if they are NOT going to be at the meeting. If you would like to add your name to the COUNT ME IN LIST, just let me know at sequimgarden-er@msn.com.

As we move to our new meeting venue and breakfast offering, the numbers will be very important! So please be timely when responding to the attendance email. Thank you.

Jan Chapman, Membership Committee



SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER

D1



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



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



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

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Awards and Scholarship committee had its first meeting of the 2018-2019 year at Sharon Jensen's house Sunday August 26 (Sharon is the Committee Chair).

All of the award and scholarship categories were reviewed and volunteers signed on for their chosen award category.

GIRL OF THE MONTH

There are eight awards of \$50.00 plus a special recognition certificate granted to the honored girls. Mitzi at Sequim High School chooses the deserving young women. The volunteers who ensure the award process runs smoothly and are Melody Albertson and Gail Watson. Awards will begin in the fall and run through April of 2019.

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. Deb Carlson and Ann Salmon volunteered for this category.



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. Betty Osborn and Sharon Jensen volunteered for this award category.



VoTECH AWARD

One Vocational Technical Award of \$1500.00 is given to a student enrolled in a non-degree program leading to a certificate or license. Jeani Penn and Elaine Powersland volunteered for this category.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARD

Three awards of \$1500.00 are granted to female graduates of Sequim High School who have completed one year of post-secondary education and will be continuing their education in the fall of the award year. Jennifer Weir has volunteered for this category.



HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Two recipients are chosen based on criteria consisting of academic achievement, community involvement, GPA, goals, and need as set forth in their scholarship notebooks. These awards are for \$2000 and are paid directly to the student's choice of institution of learning. These awards will be worked on collaboratively by the entire committee.



Our awards and scholarship committee volunteers this year are few in number but eager in spirit. We could use a few more volunteers for this category if possible. Please contact Sharon Jensen at drj01@earthlink.net if interested.

~Sharon Jensen,
Awards and Scholarships Chair



*“An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't.”
~Anatole France*

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSIPS AWARDED

We had 20 very good applicants this year for our three, \$2,000 scholarships. Many thanks to Susan Mesches and Connie Van Rosendaal for their help in selecting the winners.

Deanna Kubas is in her second year of the two-year Nursing Program at Peninsula College. She is a single parent with a 13 year old son. Deanna is currently a licensed Certified Nursing Assistant and volunteers during the summer months as a respite care provider with Volunteer Hospice. Deanna lives in Sequim and plans to stay and work in the area after graduation.



Claire Henninger was home schooled until grades 11 and 12 when she attended Peninsula College through the Running Start program and graduated with 3.86 GPA. This fall she will be attending Western Washington University in Bellingham with the goal of achieving a B.S. degree in Kinesiology with a minor in Health Sciences. Her long term goal is to become a Physician Assistant-Certified and provide health care in a rural underserved community as a mid-level practitioner.

Danica Denae Miller will begin her second year at Washington State University this fall in Architectural Studies. She hopes to graduate in 2021 with a BA in architecture with an emphasis in construction management and eventually earn a master's degree and architecture license. Her dream is to live in Washington and work for a firm that is invested in helping underprivileged people in the U.S. and around the world.

~Kathleen DeJong, Continuing Education



“The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values.” ~William S. Burroughs

TEA WITH SHE

Our next event is **October 30, 2018** at **Trinity Methodist Church**.

The topic is: **Concerns With Living Alone: SAFETY, SECURITY, SCAMS**. The poster has been finalized and is now available for download on the SHE webpage: <http://sisequim.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Concerns-of-Living-Alone-26571-flyer.pdf> . Feel free to download and share.

~Jan Chapman, Tea With SHE Chair



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Tea with S.H.E.

**Concerns with Living Alone:
SECURITY, SAFETY, SCAMS**

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SEQUIM POLICE DEPT.
& CLALLAM CO. SHERIFFS DEPT.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
12PM - 1:30 PM
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, BLAKE AVE., SEQUIM

Soroptimist Helping & Empowering

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

VICTORIA KELLEY

...sponsored by Kathy Purcell



Victoria moved to Port Townsend 20 years ago in anticipation of retirement; however, she felt a calling from her religious organization to become a Practitioner, which led to the current status she enjoys as a Minister! Having worked in a number of fields with Los Angeles

County—social work, budget analysis, legislative analysis—as well as modeling, she now puts her wide-ranging talents to good use volunteering with homeless shelters, the Humane Society, League of Women Voters, to name a few...and now Soroptimist, as a transfer from the Port Townsend club! **Victoria** enjoys traveling, live theater, reading, swimming and concerts.

Best advice received: *To follow my intuition.*

Her advice: *To live in truth and kindness.*

Welcome to **Victoria!**



JOAN PLUMB

...sponsored by Missy Church-Smith



Joan and her husband Richard moved to Sequim from Covington/Seattle just three months ago, drawn by the peacefulness of the Peninsula! When she retired from a high-stress career as an Air Traffic Controller, **Joan** opened and operated a successful consignment shop for 5 years.

Volunteer venues included the Puget Sound

Blood Bank, as well as a Dress for Success Program at the Seattle YWCA. Her talents/hobbies include baking, cooking, decorating, sailing and working with animals.

Her advice: *Respect yourself as much as you respect others.*

Welcome to **Joan!**

WENDY DUEDE

...sponsored by Kathy Purcell



Wendy returned to Port Townsend from Gig Harbor 23 years ago. She has enjoyed a career in the banking industry for the past 29 years and is currently employed at 1st Security Bank in Port Townsend.

Wendy was very active in Soroptimist International of Port Townsend as former treasurer, secretary and president; it is our

good fortune that she has transferred her enthusiasm and talents to SI Sequim! She and her husband Jim have been married for 14 years. **Wendy** is passionate about community service, family, and travel to Hawaii.

Her advice: *The cemeteries are full of indispensable people—if you are sick, stay home!*

Welcome to **Wendy!**

*“Regardless of differences,
we strive shoulder to shoulder....
Teamwork can be summed up
in five short words:
We believe in each other.”
~Author Unknown*

MEMBERSHIP —COOL STUFF

AREA SPORTS BRIEFS:

Sequim’s Geraci takes gold

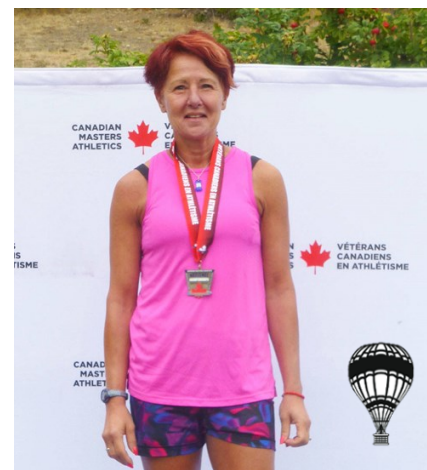
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Sequim’s Geraci golden at track masters event.

SEQUIM — Sequim resident Pauline Geraci racked up three golds and a bronze at the 2018 Canadian Masters Track & Field Championships in Surrey, British Columbia, earlier this month.

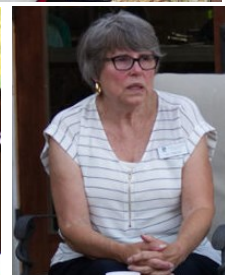
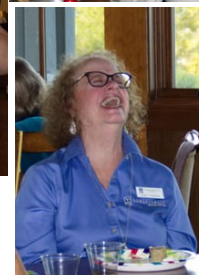
Geraci, competing in the Women’s 55 division, took first in the 10,000-meter run (54 minutes, 48.69 seconds), 5,000-meter race walk (34:33.94) and 1,500-meter race walk (9:50.11). She also took bronze in the shot put (6.89 meters), placing two spots behind Canadian Masters record-holder Monica Pomietlarz (9.64)

Congrats, Pauline!



2018 Canadian Masters Track & Field Championships Pauline Geraci won three gold medals and a bronze at the 2018 Canadian Masters Track & Field Championships.

S.T.A.R.T. MEETING



What a Great S.T.A.R.T.

More photos at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/108582458@N03/albums/72157697594797612>

PUBLIC AWARENESS GOALS

As we gathered to plan for the 2018-19 business year, the Public Awareness Committee developed goals and objectives to enhance, educate and invigorate the membership and community at-large. We are a large committee with a variety of objectives to be reached throughout the year. We are a committee of “wordsmiths” on many levels; websites, photographer, newsletter, articles to the Gazette and PDN and radio. In addition to these lofty goals, we also want to share personal stories of members and experiences.



One of our goals revolves around the word “acquaint.” Webster’s Dictionary indicates it is to “make someone aware of or familiar with.” We feel everyone has a story to tell and getting acquainted with our membership, especially our board, is a project for the coming year. Each month we will showcase our board members sharing a little information about them. As a large organization, we can’t know everything about who serves on the board. This will be a wonderful journey to hear their stories and what brought them to become a part of Soroptimist. We will begin in October showcasing our Past-President, Gena Royal and our President, Elaine Bradford.



In addition to highlighting board members, various members of the PAC will share their firsthand experiences of or perspectives on the importance of public awareness within and around our organization with an article. How and why we serve and support women and girls should be heard from a diversity of voices.

We hope the membership enjoys and gains some insights from our writing projects and, please, we appreciate feedback.

~Linda Klinefelter, Public Awareness Co-Chair



“What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.” ~Zig Ziglar

GALA GARDEN SHOW UPDATE

While the club has been on hiatus, the Gala Garden Show Committee has been busy. We have selected our featured artwork and we have our keynote speaker. The Vendor Registration Team—Elaine Churchill and Chris Snow—have sent out an email to last year’s vendors letting them know the invitations to participate in the 2019 Gala Garden Show will be hitting their inbox October 1. Sample sponsor letters will be provided to members who want to invite and encourage family and friends to be a sponsor. The Café Team—Judy Field and Paulette Hill—will be brainstorming on the menu. Treasurer Shelle Paulbitski is preparing a report of last year’s income and expenses. This will be sent to the Core Committee to review and send back their anticipated figures for the 2019 show. She will then prepare a draft budget for approval. The next Core Committee meeting is scheduled for September 19 at 8:30 a.m. at the First Security community room in Sequim.



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



“Won’t you come into the garden? I would like my roses to see you.” ~Richard Brinsley Sheridan

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Friends,

You inspire us! You enable us to protect children, empower survivors and equip professionals to end child sex trafficking.

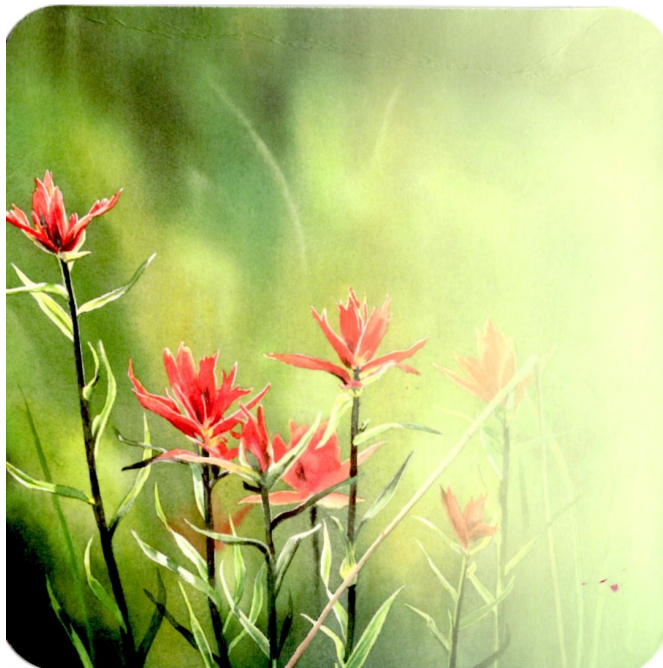
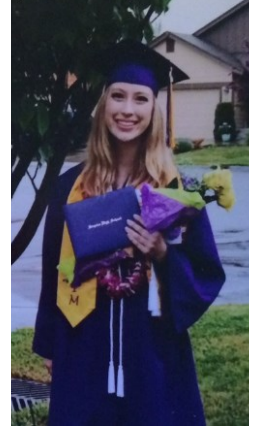
Together we make a difference!
Mitzi Niblack, Volunteer
Shared Hope International



Thank you!

Your generosity and support mean the world to me. I'll be sure to keep in touch throughout the upcoming year!

Much love,
Abby Norman






My dear friends,
Thank you for the lovely
yellow and blue bouquet
you sent out to our house
It meant a lot to me ...
especially adorned with a
Soropti-mister ribbon.
This has been a rough few
weeks but please know that
I've felt your love daily.
Sincerely,
Sandy









“To educate yourself for the feeling of gratitude means to take nothing for granted, but to always seek out and value the kind that will stand behind the action. Nothing that is done for you is a matter of course. Everything originates in a will for the good, which is directed at you. Train yourself never to put off the word or action for the expression of gratitude.”

~Albert Schweitzer

September 2018

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9	10	11 Business Meeting	12	13	14 Paulette Hill 	15
16	17	18 Kathi Vito 	19 Gala Garden Show Core Committee Meeting 8:30 First Security Community Room	20	21 Pat Willis 	22 FALL Begins 
23 Jennifer Weir 	24	25 Program Meeting	26 Elaine Bradford 	27 Gail Watson 	28	29
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October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH</p>	<p>1</p> <p>OCTOBER NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 BOARD MEETING</p>	<p>6</p>
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Taking Flight - by Lynn Anne Brown

Today I can feel my wings spread
As my left and right sides
Come into balance

And in the centre is me
My body
My heart
My mind
My soul
The core of my being

The self
From which these
feathered appendages
Extend

And as I
Bring myself together
In the middle
To bridge knowledge
And inspiration
Experience
And possibility
The hidden
And the foreseen

Joining past
Present
And future
Together
In a dance
Of celebration
I can feel my spirit lighten
Pulling my body up to join it
And I know that soon we will take flight



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To a Person Making a Difference for Women