



**SOROPTIMIST**  
Best for Women

# Soropti-Scoop

*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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Soroptimist International of Sequim

**Celebrating 70+ Years of Service**

July, 2019

## Officers 2019 - 2020

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**“Small gestures can  
have a big impact.  
Create where  
it matters.”  
~Anonymous**

## Message from the President

It's July. In Sequim, that means Lavender Festival time! Held the third weekend in July, the festival attracts visitors from all over the US and beyond. I found it interesting that there are over 450 lavender varieties. Also, not all lavender plants have that distinctive aroma that we immediately recognize, and some lavender plants aren't purple. Lavender has many properties, making it a benefit in everything from reducing anxiety, to flavoring food, to decorating our homes.

Lavender is a plant that naturally thrives in sunny, dry climates like Sequim's. There are dozens of lavender farms spread across the Sequim-Dungeness Valley, all of which produce more lavender than any other region in the contiguous United States. Sequim is known as the Lavender Capital of North America.

During Lavender Weekend many farms are open for tours. Some of the farms have booths where vendors sell their products. Most farms offer food, beverages and/or entertainment. Our club will have a booth at Lost Mountain Lavender Farm—this will be our second year of partnering with Port Townsend Winery. In addition to wine and lavender lemonade, this year we will also be selling lavender homemade baked goods—see page 10.

It's July. It is a time when some clubs go dark. Although our club doesn't have regular meetings again until September, we don't exactly go dark. Proof of this can be found—not only in the aforementioned—but also in the various articles in this edition of the newsletter.

It's July—the beginning of a new Soroptimist year. The transition began at the Installation Dinner the end of last month. The theme this year is Discovering Our Inner Treasures—DO IT! The Installation Committee did a fabulous job projecting the theme. I thank all of them—chair Jan Chapman, Amanda Beitzel, Colleen Blazier, Elaine Churchill, Missy Church-Smith, Linda Klinefelter, Jane Manzer and past-member Kate Creasey for making the installation so fun and meaningful—and also Mary Fasching and Sara Ellen Peterson who literally stepped in to serve our club. Special thanks to Jean Hordyk for officiating the ceremony. She used pearls as a symbol of inner treasure, giving each board member a handmade strand—Jean is a Soroptimist jewel.

It's July. It is a time of relaxing, contemplating and planning. Lavender reminds me of Soroptimists—and no, it's not because it is my favorite color. Just like lavender, Soroptimists come from a variety of backgrounds, and when we use our properties (talents/treasures) we benefit others in countless ways. Like Sequim itself, our club is naturally sunny and happy—not a wet blanket among us as we spread our good works throughout the community. It is a perfect climate for growth.

I look forward to the year ahead, Discovering Our Inner Treasures (DO IT) together!

Happy Summer!

~President Kathy

**Discovering Our Inner Treasures (DO IT!)**



## EDITOR'S NOTE

As you know, I have been the editor of the *Soropti-Scoop* for many years. I will continue to put together the club's monthly newsletter—because it is cathartic for me. However, since I will be writing a President's message, I will not be writing an editor's article. Instead, I have asked the past-presidents to write **articles about something meaningful they garnered**. This helps us learn different perspectives. Several of those presidents were nudged into the president's position—I know, because I was the nudger. I am grateful for their willingness to share their experiences. ~kp

### This month we hear from Rose Jaeger, President 2009-2010



What I remember most about my tenure is how everything always came together. The willingness of the members to step up whenever a need arose.

One time as it was getting close to the Irrigation Festival VIP Luncheon, we needed a chairperson. It was to the point where we were going to drop the event due to a lack of interest.

Nearly at the last minute, a few members volunteered to chair it. More members followed suit to cover the various needs. This is but one example of how the club's membership comes through, time and again.

When a club has a strong mission and membership is invested in it and the projects, miracles can happen. I am proud to be a member and was honored to be the president. My job was much easier knowing that I had members who cared and were willing to do their part.

~Past President, Rose Jaeger



Rose's Theme



Planting Possibilities

**“The most noteworthy thing about gardeners is that they are always optimistic, always enterprising, and never satisfied. They always look forward to doing something better than they have ever done before.” ~Vita Sackville-West**

## CALENDAR

### JULY

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

### AUGUST

- \*27 START Meeting



**\*Evening Meeting**

**“Develop interest in life as you see it; in people, things, literature, music.**

**The world is so rich, simply throbbing with rich treasures, beautiful souls and interesting people. Forget yourself.” ~Henry Miller**



**“Leaders are more powerful role models when they learn than when they teach.”  
~Rosabeth Moss Kantor**

*Celebrate Life!*

**JULY**

- 1 Sharon Jensen
- 2 Janet Wicker
- 5 Kris Osborn
- 5 Kim Renfro
- 6 Athena Dunn
- 7 Jolene Sanborn
- 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 Van Rosendaal
- 29 Cat Xander
- 30 Betty Osborn



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



*“Let us grow together, enjoy together.”  
~Sri Sathya Sai Baba*



**SIS BARBECUE AND  
PENINSULA AREA POT LUCK**  
**SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 10  
3:00 PM**



**JEANI PENN'S HOUSE**  
**90 SUNCATCHER COURT, SEQUIM**  
Please R.S.V.P. 360-460-0131 /penngreys@gmail.com

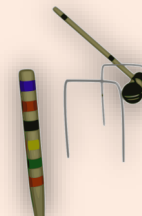
**Jeani: Will provide BBQ Brats, Buns, and Drinks.**

**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)**

**Games: Croquet, Corn Hole, Ring Toss and Bocci Ball.**  
**And a surprise game for the brave. Also, Karaoke.**

**Partners and spouses welcome.**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**S.T.A.R.T Meeting—Potluck**  
**Tuesday, August 27, 2019**  
**at Solana**

**SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER**



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

**D1**

**District 1 Meeting**  
Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort  
Suquamish, WA  
October 25-27, 2019



**NWR Conference**  
Hyatt Regency Lake Washington  
Renton, WA  
April 16-19, 2020

# AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

## 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 is 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!

~Melody Albertson, Awards & Scholarships



Click on the graphics to view/print the Applications.

“Never stop fighting until you arrive at your destined place—that is, the unique you. Have an aim in life, continuously acquire knowledge, work hard, and have perseverance to realize the great life.” ~A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

## TEA With SHE– SOROPTIMIST HELPING AND EMPOWERING

Raise your tea cups! The **Tea With SHE** Committee has two new co-chairs! **Janet Popelka** and **Connie Van Rosendaal** have volunteered to lead this committee for 2019-2020. The next Tea with SHE is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2019. More details to follow.



“Strange how a teapot can represent at the same time the comforts of solitude and the pleasures of company.”  
~Author Unknown



## MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

### ATHENA DUNN

...sponsored by *Caroline Smith*



**Athena** was raised in Washington State, and returned just four years ago after living in North Dakota. She was drawn back home, as her parents retired to Sequim in 2000 and she was offered a position with Sound Community Bank. Her career paths include positions within

the transportation industry, as well as wind farm development, economic development and most recently commercial lending. Volunteer experience focuses on nonprofit boards, fund raising, and a host of leadership positions in various organizations—Lions Club, Relay for Life, Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides, Tri-County Tourism, Napoleon Airport Authority, Napoleon Ambulance, Napoleon City Council, Logan Council Inter Agency, Chrysalis/Dream Catcher Balloon. She describes her strength... *in the organization/coordination area, but passion is for creating memories by spending time with friends and family.*

Her advice: *Invest in your future retirement as early as possible!* Welcome to **Athena**

### WEI LINDSTROM

...sponsored by *Deborah Carlson*



**Wei** moved from Beijing, China to the Olympic Peninsula just two years ago when she married Johnny Lindstrom, a Westport Yacht engineer and they live in Port Angeles. While in Beijing, she enjoyed a 20+ year career as a University Professor of English, with expertise in cross-

cultural communication, translation and interpretation. **Wei** is already an active member of SIS, having volunteered at the 2019 Gala Garden Show!

Her advice: *...as good and soft as water!*  
Welcome to **Wei**

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*“An empowered organization is one in which individuals have the knowledge, skill, desire, and opportunity to personally succeed in a way that leads to collective organizational success.”*  
*~Stephan R. Covey*

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## MEMBERSHIP—COOL STUFF

### GOING WITH THE FLOW



For many years life member **Mayme Faulk** has faithfully made coffee for us—at get-togethers, fundraisers, and last year—at our breakfast meetings. During our June business meeting it was announced she is relinquishing that duty to **Linda Naylor**.

We honored Mayme that morning with a small gift, for her tireless service to our club—especially keeping the java flowing. Many thanks, Mayme! And thanks to Linda Naylor for picking up the mantle. ~kp



Jan Chapman with Mayme Faulk



## Soroptimist International of Sequim Membership Information

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### 2019-20 Membership Committee

Mary Fasching, Co-chair

Missy Church-Smith, Co-chair

[membership@sisequim.org](mailto:membership@sisequim.org)



### MEMBERSHIP DUES AND OTHER EXPENSES

Annual New Member dues	\$165.00
Annual Renewal dues	\$150.00
Breakfast Meetings	\$ 8.00

### ATTENDANCE/COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

#### Members are expected to . . .

- ...attend meetings and special events
- ...participate in fundraising activities/club projects
- ...share in leadership roles
- ...be active members of the New Member Committee during the first year of membership
- ...stay connected to SIS news/activities via the SoroptiScoop Newsletter, e-mail and the Roster
- ...pay annual dues
- ...enjoy camaraderie and fellowship

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### STEPS TO MEMBERSHIP

1. Join us for a meeting or event.
  - a. You may be invited by a current Member
  - b. **OR** contact us directly at: [membership@sisequim.org](mailto:membership@sisequim.org)
2. If you would like to have more information and are considering membership, please share your contact information with **Mary** or **Missy**, Membership co-chairs
  - a. [membership@sisequim.org](mailto:membership@sisequim.org)
  - b. We will be in touch and encourage you to attend 1 or 2 more meetings and/or events so that you can determine if *SI Sequim* is a good fit for you.
3. Be sure to check out our website for activities, newsletter, etc.
  - a. [www.sisequim.org](http://www.sisequim.org)
4. Either you or your Sponsor may request an application for membership.

## WOMEN FOR WOMEN INTERNATIONAL SPONSOREE

Our club sponsors TWO women survivors of war in Afghanistan through Women for Women International. In Afghanistan, there is intense gender discrimination that has been cultivated for generations. Just seeking an education, employment or basic healthcare services can be a life-threatening endeavor for many women. Decades of ongoing violence have left millions of women displaced and widowed, and looking to earn an income to provide for themselves or their family.

Because of safety reasons, we are unable to have photos of either woman or to know many particulars about them. We can know, however, that we are helping two women and two families in this war-torn country. I'm so glad we've continued to budget for this opportunity to have an impact elsewhere in the world.



One of our sponsorees (aka “sisters”), Husna Qadoos, has just finished the first quarter of her year-long training we are sponsoring. This quarter she's getting to know her value as a woman, a mother, an income-earner and as a decision-maker in the household. She learned basic money management and she selected a vocational track—such as tailoring, agriculture, or rug weaving—that she will follow for the rest of the training as she builds new business skills.

The second of our “sisters” is Mahboba Aziaullah, who has just begun her program. In the introduction letter we received, we are told that she is single, never married and has no children. What we do know is that she survived war and has overcome hunger and abuse and our sponsorship will help lead her to a better and happier future.

Currently I am corresponding with both of these women on behalf of all of you, the club, but would gladly share that responsibility with someone else. Please let me know if that's something you'd like to do. You only need to correspond with her a few times in the year of sponsorship and we can collaborate on newsletter articles to keep the club informed as to where they are in their education and training.

~Jane Manzer



**“Give yourself entirely to those around you. Be generous with your blessings. A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal.” ~Steve Maraboli**

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## CONNECTED AT THE HEART LEVEL

When working at the Medical Loan Closet one day, a woman, Janet Gaio, came in to return some items she had borrowed for her mother. Unfortunately, her mother is now in hospice. In the process of talking to her I found out that she had graduated from Sequim High School in 1972 and Soroptimist International of Sequim gave her a \$100 scholarship. She told me that the scholarship was part of what gave her confidence to pursue her education and become a teacher. She had, at many times throughout the years, thought of our little club and was so grateful for the generosity we showed to a young woman starting out in life. Janet was my guest at our June business meeting where she shared her story and expressed her profound gratitude.



Janet Gaio with Jeani Penn

This is another example of how SI of Sequim not only helps people through the Medical Loan Closet but also through our scholarship program.

~Jeani Penn, Co-Chair Medical Loan Closet







Gift to Outgoing Prez Gena



Club Woman of Distinction



Jean Hordyk Officiating the Installation



Kathy Purcell, Kris Osborn, Linda Chapman, Shelle Paulbitski, Jan Chapman, Dave Fickes, Melody Albertson, Cat Xander, Gena Royal (not shown: Caroline Smith)



Passing on the Gavel

More photos <https://www.flickr.com/photos/108582458@N03/albums/72157709344673047>



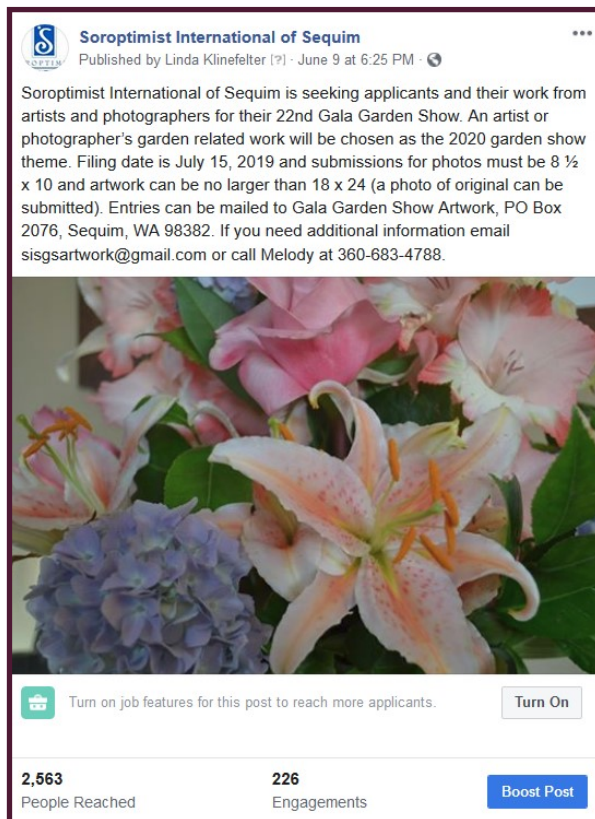
## MULTIPLYING THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS

Facebook often comes up as a subject of interest when members talk to me about the Public Awareness Committee. I hear lots of reasons why members don't do Facebook and I certainly understand—but let me share the recent benefits of Facebook.

As an organization, we know that advertising can be most expensive and I, for one, am always looking for inexpensive ways to educate and inform the public about our organization and fundraising activities. Recently, we put a call out for artists for the 2020 Gala Garden Show. Not only did we place our request on the community page of the *Sequim Gazette* and *Peninsula Daily News*, we also advertised the call for artists on our two Facebook pages—Soroptimist International of Sequim and the Soroptimist Gala Garden Show. The results were amazing! Our Soroptimist International of Sequim page generated 18 individuals sharing our post and a total of 2563 people viewing the page. Our Soroptimist Gala Garden Show page was shared by five individuals, resulting in 378 people viewing the post. That is a total of 2,930 individuals viewing our request for artists to submit their work. This is a very effective way of using the least amount of money but getting a big return.

If after reading the foregoing, you have an interest in developing a Facebook page, we encourage you to search for our page by entering “Soroptimist Gala Garden Show” and “Soroptimist International of Sequim.” Click on “Like” and our posts will show on your page. Then share our posts and your friends will see those posts. In the world of advertising it is an easy and inexpensive way to share activities, awarding of scholarships, our fundraising events and other club related activities. Join in and make it a club affair!

~Linda Klinefelter, Public Awareness Chair



“Every man who knows how to read has it in his power to magnify himself, to multiply the ways in which he exists, to make his life full, significant and interesting.” ~Aldous Huxley



## WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Ladies at Soroptimist International of Sequim,

I am honored to be selected as a recipient of your scholarship. With your support I will be able to focus on my studies without worrying of the financial burden that a university student carries. It was great meeting some of you and I look forward to sharing my accomplishments with you through the next few years. I am so grateful for the generosity your organization has shown me.

Sincerely,  
Shayli Schuman

*Summer*  
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**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

**OLYMPIC CELLARS**  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**  
**Saturday, July 27**

Come and support Soroptimist International of Sequim on Saturday, **July 27** as we work the concert at Olympic Cellars. All concerts at Olympic Cellars benefit local non-profits and this is our night to shine. The band performing is Sway. You will hear music by artists such as Bruno Mars, Usher, Rihanna, Lady Ga Ga, Justin Timberlake, Whitney Houston, Prince and more.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the band starts playing at 7:00. There is seating available with some tables but they are not reserved. It is first come, first served. You can bring your own food and non-alcoholic beverage; wine will be available to purchase. For more information please see their website at <http://www.olympiccellars.com/> and click on Summer Concert Series. Tickets can be purchased on-line or at the door.

~Kathleen DeJong & Susan Mesches



“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart.” ~Elizabeth Andrew

## LAVENDER FESTIVAL PROVIDES SWEET OPPORTUNITY

Once again Soroptimist will be hosting a SIS wine booth at the Lost Mountain Lavender Farm July 19-21. Last year it was only for two days—this year another day was added at the request of Lost Mountain.

Like last year, we will be serving Port Townsend Vineyards Discovery White and Red wine. In addition, we will also be offering lavender white sangria, lavender lemonade, coffee, lavender biscotti, lavender buckwheat scones, and lavender lemon cupcakes. All the baked goods and liquid refreshments will be made by some of the Soroptimist Lavender Festival Committee members.















The volunteer list to help at the farm is full already. A big thanks to our SIS members.

If you have some time, come by the SIS wine tent, try some of the refreshments while you listen to some great music and enjoy the sunshine!

~Pauline Geraci, Lavender Festival Committee



# July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Sharon Jenson 	2 Janet Wicker 	3	4 	5 Kris Olson Kim Renfro 	6 Athena Dunn 
7 Jolene Sanborn 	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	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
28 Jane Manzer 	29 Gena Royal 	30	31			

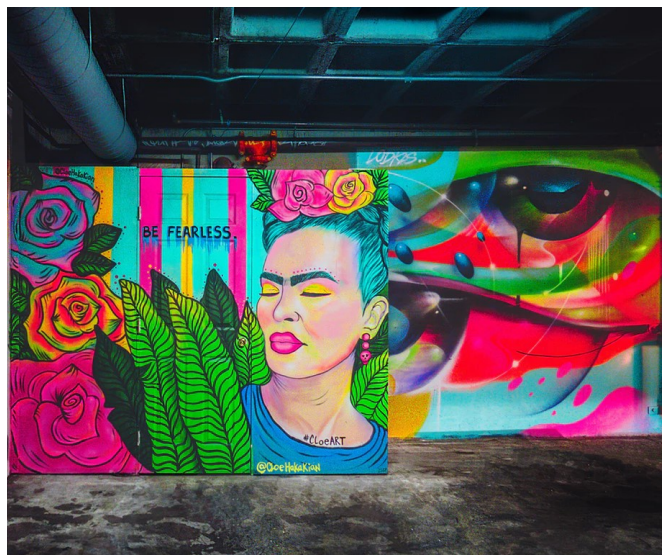


# August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Sara Ellen Peterson	3
4 Janet Popelka Janet Real 	5	6	7	8	9	10 AREA PICNIC <b>SI SEQUIM</b> Picnic/BBQ
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Colleen Blazier 	20	21	22	23 Amanda Beitzel 	24 Connie Van Roosendaal 
25	26	27 S.T.A.R.T. Meeting 	28 Cat Xander 	29	30 Betty Osborn Ann Salmon 	31

**Becoming** by: Ylzm

Be inspired not from without  
or from those you imagined yourself desirous to be,  
but rather be inspired from within,  
from discovering the unique self you truly are,  
the one you and the world never knew,  
the mystery and the wonder the world awaits to see  
and the reason that is truly your reason for being.



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To a Person Making a Difference for Women