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through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.*

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**Celebrating 70+ Years of Service**

May 2020

## Message from the President

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**“When we learn how to become resilient, we learn how to embrace the beautifully broad spectrum of the human experience.”**  
~Jaeda Dewalt

It’s May. The number of hours of daylight is increasing. More flowers are blossoming after April’s showers. Spring is in the air.

It’s May. While many people have been thinking about Mother’s Day, I have been thinking about water. Why? Well...May, in Sequim, usually is synonymous with the Irrigation Festival. This is its 125<sup>th</sup> year. The festival itself starts the first Friday in May and culminates the Sunday of the following weekend—which is typically Mother’s Day.

Some folks not from here wonder what the big deal is with irrigation. How could that be a concern in Sequim? They see there is a lot of water around. That is true; however, the water hasn’t always been where it is needed.

I went to the Sequim Irrigation Festival website and found some interesting information about the history of the festival. “The Sequim Irrigation Festival celebrates the work that D.R. “Crazy” Callen and his partners did to design and develop the irrigation ditches that brought water from the Dungeness River to the parched prairie. The first headgate on the Dungeness River was lifted on May 1, 1895. On May 1, 1896 the first celebration took place at Crazy Callen’s farm. This was the start of a tradition that would become the oldest continuing festival in Washington state.” Now we know why the festival happens in May.

I continued reading on the history page [<https://www.irrigationfestival.com/history/>] and noticed the write-up about the First Irrigation Festival shows: *Courtesy of Soroptimist International of Sequim.* No, we weren’t around in 1895. However, we do have a few members who were born and raised here. One of them, Mayme Faulk—a fourth-generation Sequim native—was a designated Grand Pioneer for the 2016 Irrigation Festival.

Education about the importance of irrigation started when D.R. Callen moved to Sequim and convinced a few others that “water is wealth.” Irrigation nourishes the soil, prepares the land to produce healthy crops and provides a place for animals to graze and grow. Water is important—and not just for irrigation.

According to USGS.gov “Water is of major importance to all living things; in some organisms, up to 90% of their body weight comes from water. Up to 60% of the human adult body is water.”

I was thinking that we, as Soroptimists, are a bit like water. The work we do nourishes women and girls, preparing the landscape for education and providing a place for them to grow. Our presence allows them to yield good results.

Just as the water around Sequim is channeled to the areas where it is needed most, we have the opportunity to channel our energy where it is needed most. A new Soroptimist year is on the horizon. We get to choose which committees best channel our interests. In some cases, we might need to dig a ditch—to go deep—to find the best path. This may be especially true due to COVID-19. While some things are unsure, we can be certain of our resiliency as we work together and continue to Discover Our Inner Treasures.



~President Kathy

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



**We  
Are  
Together  
Enhancing  
Resiliency**

## This month we hear from Gena Royal President 2017-2018



I'm sure that those who have shared the office can attest to the fact that being president of SIS is a combination of satisfaction, admiration, appreciation, and occasionally, sheer terror. The year as president-elect is so valuable for adding to the knowledge that is needed as president, but it falls short of the actual experience.

I discovered that being president gave me an amazing perspective on the community service, personal sacrifice, and unconditional support given by our members. I was on a very steep learning curve, having only been a member for a year and a half before I was president, and I would never have been aware of all of the activities and duties without help from our past presidents and active members.

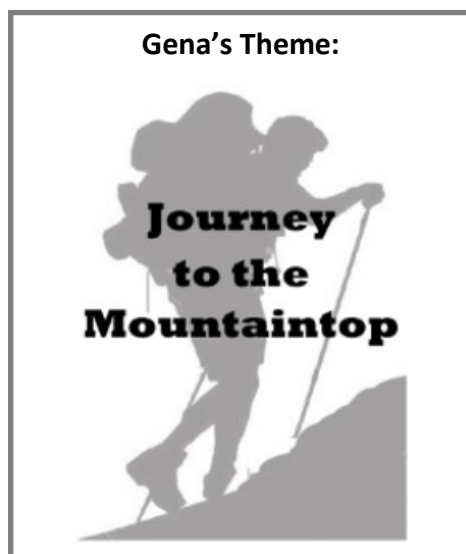
Some of my quotes from my year as president-elect were:

- "Are you saying that I have an actual Program Committee? Awesome!"
- "How do you get all those people to do all that stuff?"
- "I don't need to write it down. I've got it."
- "But I can't remember who gave it to me! I should have written it down."

And then there was the year and a half as president:

- "The deadline for that is WHEN?"
- "The deadline for that WAS WHEN?"
- "Thank you!"
- "When this is finished, things slow down, right?"
- "Thank you!"
- "Sure, I can do this. How do you do this?"
- "Thank you!"
- "I couldn't have done this without you. Thank you!"

The take-away from my time as president has been, appropriately, gratitude, gratitude for the opportunity to serve, for the fantastic support, and for the outreach of SIS!



## CALENDAR

### MAY

- 8 Board Meeting
- 12 Business Meeting Program (TBD)

### JUNE

- 5 Board Meeting
- 9 Business Meeting
- \*26 Installation

All Meetings are via  
GoToMeeting

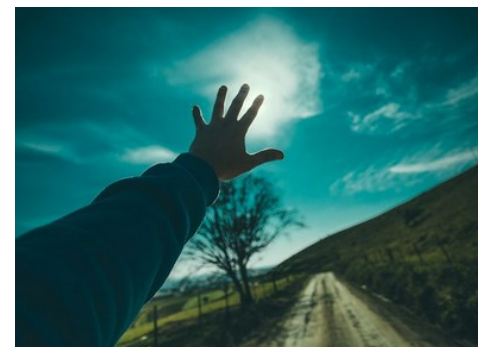


\*Evening Meeting

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"Stop worrying about the potholes in the road and celebrate the journey!"  
~Barbara Hoffman

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"Sometimes, reaching out and taking someone's hand is the beginning of a journey. At other times, it is allowing another to take yours." ~Vera Nazarian

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*Celebrate Life!*

**MAY**

Barbara Brenner  
Marti Campbell  
Judy Field  
Pauline Geraci  
Shirley Huntley  
Linda Klinefelter  
Cynthia Martin  
Jeanne Martin  
Sandy Reed

**JUNE**

Elaine Churchill  
Linda Chapman  
Sharron Empens  
Jess McNeil  
Caroline Smith  
Dorothy Ward



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

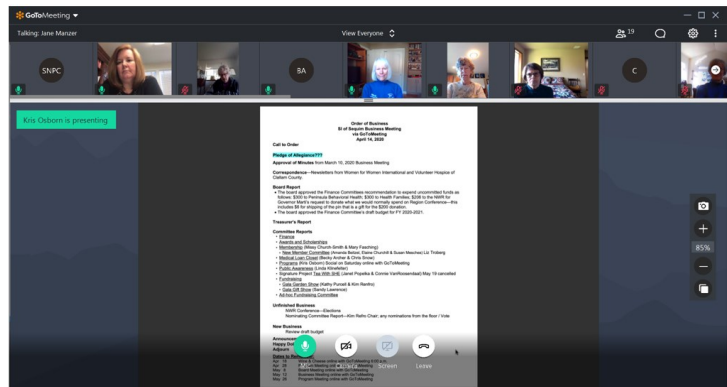


“Children are the anchors that hold a mother to life.” ~*Sophocles*

**MAY BUSINESS MEETING—QUORUM NEEDED!**

We will be having our May 12 Business meeting online via **GoToMeeting**. An email will be sent to you by Monday with instructions.

This is an important meeting as we will be electing the board for 2020-2021 and approving our 2020-2021 budget. We will be voting for these early in the meeting. Please plan to attend and be a part of the process.



**Proposed 2020-2021 Board**

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>President</b>        | Kris Osborn        |
| <b>President-elect</b>  | Cat Xander         |
| <b>Secretary</b>        | Jan Chapman        |
| <b>Treasurer</b>        | Shelle Paulbitski  |
| <b>Asst Treasurer</b>   | Sharon Jensen      |
| <b>2-yr Director</b>    | Gloria Fitzpatrick |
| <b>(1-yr Remaining)</b> |                    |
| <b>2-yr Director</b>    | Kim Renfro         |
| <b>1-yr Director</b>    | Kathy Cunha        |
| <b>1-yr Director</b>    | Elaine Churchill   |
| <b>Past-President</b>   | Kathy Purcell      |

**SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER**



**SIA 46th Biennial Convention**  
Hyatt Regency Bellevue  
Bellevue, WA  
July 22-25, 2020

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

### HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

In early May we normally meet to review the scholarship notebooks and choose who will receive the high school scholarships. Mitzi Sanders, the Career Counselor at Sequim High School, took pictures of the scholarship notebooks just prior to the school closing down. She sent me 10 submissions for girls who would most benefit from our scholarship money. I emailed those, along with a criteria form, to a team of members who volunteered to be judges. There were two clear winners and we'll announce them in the next newsletter. Thank you to the judges.



We are currently seeking applicants for the Vocational Technical Award. This is given to a student enrolled in a non-degree program leading to a certificate or license. Such programs are normally found in vocational technical schools or 2-year community colleges. Applicant **MUST** be enrolled in a vocational or technical school at the time of award. This is a \$1500 award and can be used for tuition or needed supplies. Applications due **August 1**. The Award is given in September.



~Melody Albertson, Awards & Scholarships Chair

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“Scholarship is to be created not by compulsion, but by awakening a pure interest in knowledge.” ~*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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### MEMBERSHIP



...notes from the *Membership Team*

**Dues Renewal Notices** for the 2020-21 FY have been **emailed** to you; if you have not received your invoice, please contact one of us. Deadline for receipt of dues is **June 1, 2020**.

- ◆ Be sure to **confirm or update** your Roster Listing and **return your form** to Missy Church-Smith.
- ◆ Mail your dues check to Missy Church-Smith before June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ◆ **OR** Pay by credit card by contacting Shelle Paulbitski before June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Many thanks! Even though we have been separated physically for many weeks, the camaraderie of our club keeps us connected and optimistic! We look forward to the day when we can again be together.



Warmly,  
**Mary Fasching & Missy Church-Smith**  
**2019-20 SIS Membership Co-chairs**

“The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime.” ~*Babe Ruth*

## DIGNITY FOR WOMEN PROGRAM

The last of our budget, \$960.00, was sent to the Sequim Food Bank earmarked for feminine hygiene products. Andra Smith, Director of the Food Bank, said that the women are thankful and appreciative to SIS for supplying these products for them, and that their budget goes a little farther because of this service.



~Becky Archer, Elaine Churchill  
Co-Chairs for Dignity for Women Program

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*“Every life deserves a certain amount of dignity, no matter how poor or damaged the shell that carries it.” ~Rick Bragg*

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## ROOFTOP GARDEN

Jess McNeil and I were at the **Holiday Inn Express rooftop garden** and it looks good. Jess is going back next week to do some weeding in the side gardens until we can do something when social distancing is not as critical. Jess and I did some deadheading and weeding of anything that did not belong in the pots. We have only one item that may need replacing, but considering everything we repotted or potted, that is an excellent outcome. See photos.



~Linda Klinefelter, HIE Rooftop Garden Committee



*“The greatest gift of the garden is the restoration of the five senses.” ~Hanna Rion*



## FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

At the April and May Finance Committee meetings, we recommended the following expenditures to the board and they were ultimately approved. Our uncommitted funds recommendations were focused on agencies having greater need during this crisis and, in the case of Peninsula Behavioral Health, having a major fundraiser cancelled:



- From Uncommitted Funds, \$300 each to Healthy Families of Clallam County and Peninsula Behavioral Health and \$420 to Women for Women International to renew a sponsorship which wasn't in the budget.
- \$200 for something we can't put in this public newsletter because it's a surprise, but funds will come from monies we had budgeted for the cancelled Region Conference.

We'd like to add our voices in urging members to attend the meeting Tuesday to vote on our "baby", the proposed 2020-2021 budget!

Finance Committee

Jane Manzer, Shelle Paulbitski, Kris Osborn, Kathy Cunha, Janet Real, Janet Popelka, Dave Fickes, and our newest member Shawn Dredla

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*"I believe that we all have a responsibility to give back. No one becomes successful without lots of hard work, support from others, and a little luck. Giving back creates a virtuous cycle that makes everyone more successful." ~Ron Conway*

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## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

In 2018, Polaris worked on 10,949 cases of human trafficking reported to the Polaris-operated U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline. These cases involved 23,078 individual survivors, nearly 5,859 potential traffickers and 1,905 trafficking businesses. Human trafficking is notoriously underreported. Shocking as these numbers are, they are likely only a fraction of the actual problem.



The National Human Trafficking Hotline provides survivors of human trafficking with vital support and options to get help and stay safe. These options could include connecting callers and emergency shelter, transportation, trauma counselors, local law enforcement, or a range of other services and support. The National Hotline has handled 51,919 cases since 2007.



~Linda Klinefelter, Human Trafficking Awareness Chair



**HOTLINE: 1 (888) 373-7888**

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*"Let us not look back in anger or forward in fear, but around in awareness." ~James Thurber*

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Dear friends of Mujeres,

Mexico to date has relatively small numbers of cases of Covid-19, but that number increases daily. Many places in Mexico are woefully unprepared for a pandemic and I have had concerns about the women and girls in the cooperative with which we partner, as well as concerns about the children in our weekly programs. About a month ago I contacted Martha, our former scholarship recipient who received a degree in nursing. She is working in a clinic in an indigenous community. I wrote her telling of the situation here, and told her that I was worried about her as she is a person on the "front line." She responded that they had been apprised of the situation and were taking appropriate measures. Another former scholarship recipient put out a video in Tsotsil, that explains what measures need to be taken in terms of physical distancing, etc. Obviously in these poor communities, many times such measures are impossible to follow.

Carmen, our coordinator in Chiapas, and the coordinator of the cooperative, wrote me the following email which arrived yesterday. My translation of that letter follows:

*"Here everything is a total mess. One doesn't know how long this situation will last. And although the president has a great contingency plan, it's incredible how so many people don't believe that it is a certainty and go around as if nothing is happening.*

*Another thing that is terrible to see is the socio-economic contrast between the people who can make huge purchases and close themselves in their houses, and the other part of the population that although they want to (isolate), they can't. They have to go out to work, and if not, they don't eat. And many others are not seeing that distancing is important, and others are taking advantage of the situation to do things that in other circumstances they would not do. There are those who hoard food and some businesses are making demands.*

*Classes were suspended as of March 13<sup>th</sup>.*

*None of the scholarship girls have gone to school since that date, but they are working from home. Those that have internet are submitting work and receiving evaluations. It is said that everyone will finish this school cycle, and the government created a channel and classes are being given on television. The problem lies where there is no electricity. It is said that workbooks were created and distributed, but in many communities they have not arrived.*

*We also suspended the children's programs. We decided that it was best to be cautious.*

*The municipalities that don't have cases will return to school the 17<sup>th</sup> of May. Those that do have cases are suspended until May 30<sup>th</sup>. In San Cristobal we have few cases, but we fear that that number will increase."*

I wanted you to know what was happening. My travel to Chiapas this year is planned for about two weeks the end of September and first part of October. Fingers crossed planes will be flying by then.

Thank you for caring. Uncertainty is the new norm. We are so grateful to Carmen, who monitors our programs, and keeps tabs on everything for us.

Stay safe and healthy.

Judith Pasco, Board chair of Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation



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**“My hope is that we continue to nurture the places that we love, but that we also look outside our immediate worlds.”**  
**~Annie Leibovitz**

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Article from Women for Women International Spring 2020 Newsletter

As a dedicated supporter of Women for Women International, you're helping women find their strength through education and inspiring their children to do the same. During our social and economic training program, women receive training in a vocational skill to earn an income, learn their rights and how to advocate for them, and better understand the importance of prioritizing health and wellness.



The progress women make in our program is then practiced within their homes, inspiring change within their families, and spilling over into their communities.

Eighty percent of our program participants are **mothers**, and providing a better life for their children is often the driving force behind enrolling in our program.

**Mothers** are uniquely positioned to educate future generations about their rights as women. The women in our program lead by example by challenging harmful traditional practices and gender-based violence, like genital mutilation, and early and forced marriage, and replacing them with ones that encourage equal opportunity.

*“The Women for Women International program has brought about behavioral change. , I now see girls being enrolled in school. We were taught the effects of early child marriage, especially in girls. We now know that our children are not to get married under the age of 18, and this has helped to reduce early marriage in my community.”* ~Furera, program participant in Nigeria

After graduation, women are confident as they look to their future and the futures of their children. They use their stipends to rebuild their lives, take out loans from community savings groups, and use their earned money to make wise investments

*“I took a loan out of the savings group I’m part of to pay for my daughter’s school fees. I know this is a good investment because my daughter is bright and very soon, she will go to university “* ~Mary, program participant in Rwanda

Many of the women we serve have shared that they are proudest when they can provide for their daughters and secure for them a future that includes education and independence.

The incredible women in our programs are working hard every day to rebuild their lives and regain stability for themselves and their families. They find the strength within themselves to move forward with the help of friends like you, so that they may lead the next generation out of conflict and into a peaceful and equal future.

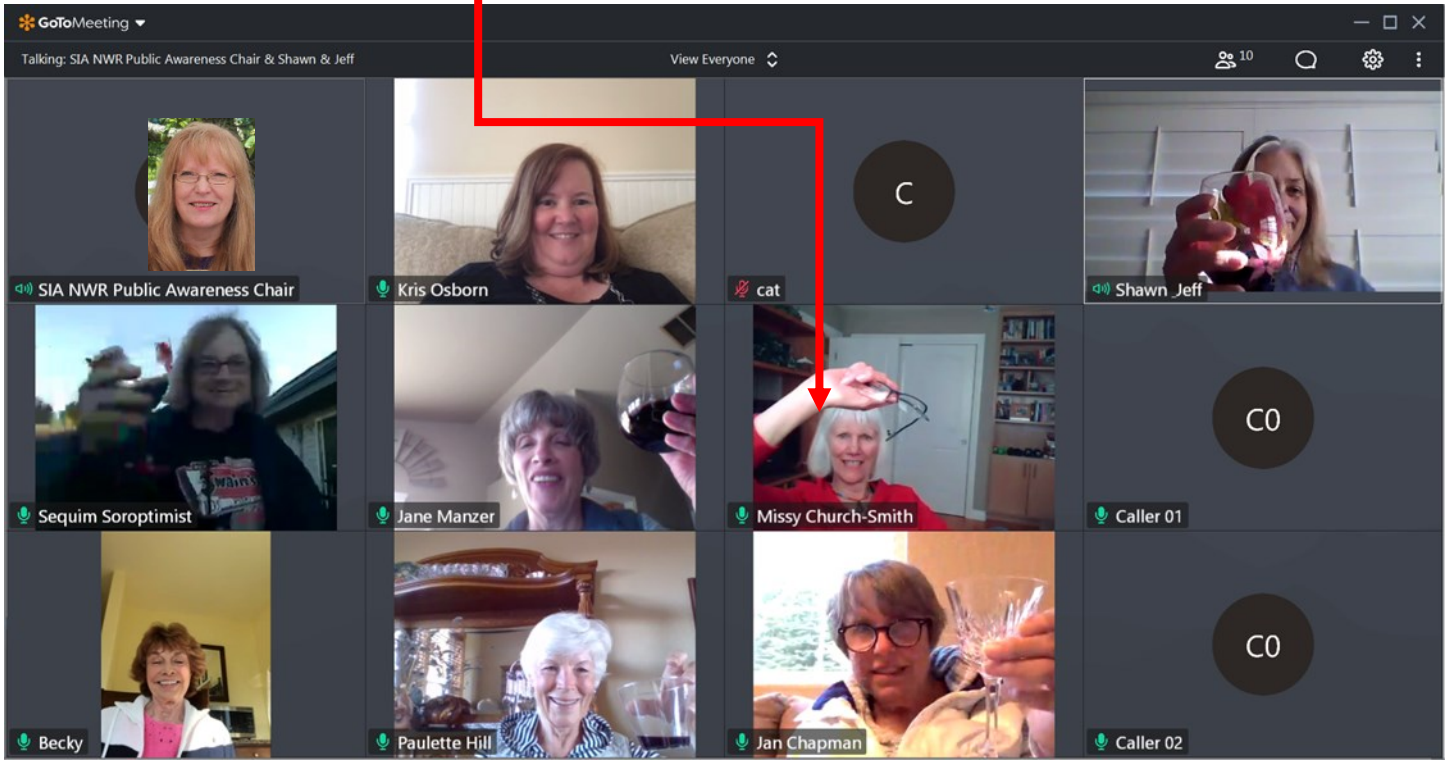
You can read their entire Spring Newsletter here: <http://sisequim.org/news/2019-20/W4W-Spring-Newsletter.pdf>

*“I believe there is a spirit within us, which we nurture based upon our efforts and what we bring to the world. But it doesn’t come from the outside; it comes from the inside.”*  
~Michael Douglas

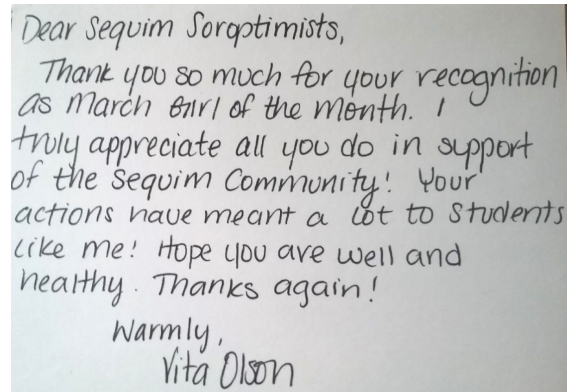
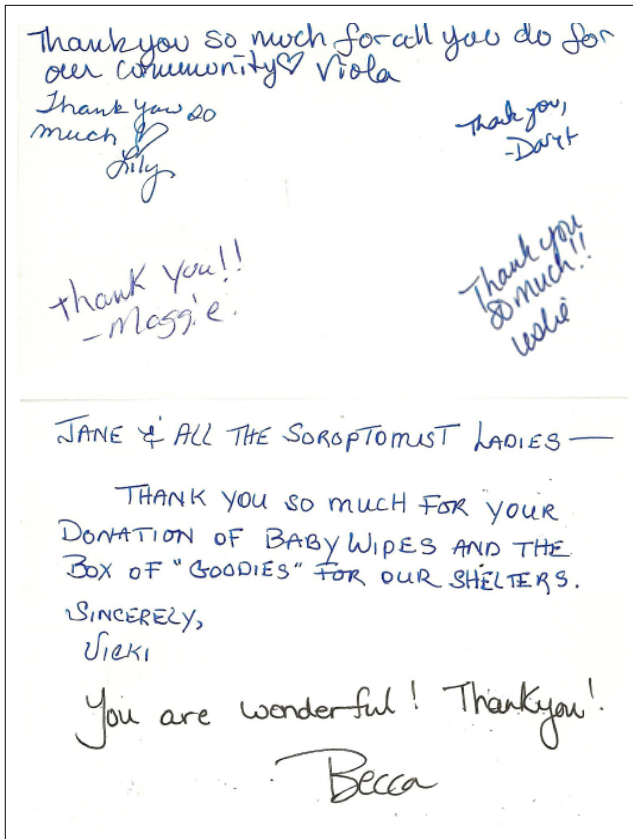


## WINE AND CHEESE GET-TOGETHER

Our club had a **Wine & Cheese Get-together** via GoToMeeting on April 18, 2020. A dozen members logged in. We had some trivia questions which were provided by our Trivia Guru and author, Dave Fickes. We were told to raise our glasses for a photo op. Missy made a spectacle of herself by raising her spectacles. ~kp



## WORDS OF GRATITUDE



**“As my mother says, “You give back, you don’t give up.” You can always choose to help others. If you do, it will change you.”**  
**~Susan Ford**

## TRIBUTES TO THOSE WHO NURTURED US

May brings us **Mothers' Day**. It is a time we celebrate our mothers and other women who have nurtured us. Here are some tributes from members.



### RITA CARD

After raising nine children, my Mom decided to go back to work. She wanted to “get back to her career.” She had worked at the Sunshine Biscuit Company during the war while my Dad was overseas. She applied to some companies, to no avail. She asked my sister to help her fill out the application for her next interview. There was always this big gap in her resume under Job Experience. My sister told her to fill in the gap with “raised nine children, volunteered for the PTA, school and church and made cookies for numerous fundraisers, classroom parties, and the neighborhood kids.”

During the interview for a flower shop, Mom told them that she could only work from 10 to 2, because she had to see the remaining children at home off to school, and she had to be home for them when they returned. And she could not work weekends. And she needed Wednesdays off because that was her volunteer day. She was hired on the spot!



~Elaine Churchill



### PAULINE JOY KRUTILLA PERRYMAN

Thanks, Mama Pauline—I gratefully share your name and your DNA. I miss you and have been thinking about you especially much during this coronavirus pandemic. From you I learned to cook and bake (how about those whole wheat rolls) and sew (masks, isolation gowns and first-responders gowns are the new fashion now). Your loving presence, skill and patience will forever be appreciated. You had to leave too soon, but you will never be forgotten and will be forever loved. xoxo The Impetuous Imp Paulette)



~Paulette Hill



Rick's mom Evelyn on left, my dad Ed, my mom Pauline (Pauline Joy Krutilla Perryman) on the right. This was taken near R's folks' place in Clearwater Beach, FL, sometime pre-1993.



### CARRIE PIFER

She taught me how to sew – patience with the needle and to detail. She taught me to cook – it was about essential staples, yet how they could be enhanced by a proper table setting and napkins and a delicious pie. She gave me an appreciation for the garden - fruit, vegetables, and flowers. This woman gave me love! She is my Grandmother!



~Linda Klinefelter



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Martha Hayes (Martin) (left)  
and BFF Kate 1943

### MARTHA HAYES MARTIN ZIER

My mother was born in 1925, went through the great depression as a child, and went to work in a factory as a young woman to help with the war effort. She met and married my father just before he left for Navy duty, and when he returned safely she gave birth to 3 children in 4 years. She stayed home to raise us when we were younger, but returned to working as a waitress, then a Sears store clerk, then as a staff accountant for Sears until she retired.

She and my father were not a good match but they stayed married until the youngest child graduated from high school; then she left Indiana for California, met her next husband, Frank, and stayed with him until she died. They traveled the country and then took cruises.

What I learned from her is to be kind, be friendly, and be generous. Treat your children well. Don't smoke or gamble, enjoy life, love everyone, have a pet, and work hard at whatever you do.



~Jeanne Martin 

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### BLANCHE REARDON CANNON

My mother Blanche and her sister Nellyebelle supported themselves during the Depression by touring the upper Midwest as the "Reardon Sisters," performing "costume skits" at women's clubs, schools, and parish halls. Trained in voice and piano in Chicago, they hired a staff writer from NBC studios and an accompanist to create musical sketches such as their Dutch boy and girl. As a reviewer said: "In the native dress of the country—wooden shoes and all—the duo made a decided hit in the singing of 'A Little Dutch Mill.' When they showed how to 'Tip-toe through the Tulips,' they were especially vivacious, their accompanying dance steps enlivening the act." Their home-made costumes became my childhood dress-up clothes and the wooden shoes are in my living room.

My mother is the Dutch girl on the right.






~Pat Willis 

**"When you are a mother you are never really alone in your thoughts. You are connected to your child and all those that touch your lives." ~Sophia Loren**

# May 2020

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue                                       | Wed | Thu | Fri                                   | Sat |
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| <b>BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH</b><br>Barbara Brenner<br>Marti Campbell<br>Judy Field<br>Pauline Geraci<br>Shirley Huntley | Linda Klinefelter<br>Cynthia Martin<br>Jeanne Martin<br>Sandy Reed<br> |   |     |     | 1                                     | 2   |
| 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8<br>BOARD MEETING<br>Via GoToMeeting | 9   |
| 10<br>                             | 11  | 12<br>Business Meeting<br>Via GoToMeeting | 13  | 14  | 15                                    | 16  |
| 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22                                    | 23  |
| 24  | 25  | 26<br>Program Meeting<br>Via GoToMeeting  | 27  | 28  | 29                                    | 30  |
| 31  |   |   |     |     |                                       |     |

# June 2020

| Sun   | Mon | Tue                                      | Wed | Thu | Fri                                   | Sat   |
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| <b>BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH</b><br>Elaine Churchill<br>Linda Chapman<br>Sharron Empens<br>Jess McNeil<br>Caroline Smith<br>Dorothy Ward<br> | 1   | 2  | 3   | 4   | 5<br>BOARD MEETING<br>Via GoToMeeting | 6   |
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| 21<br>   | 22  | 23                                       | 24  | 25  | 26<br>INSTALLATION                    | 27  |
| 28  | 29  | 30                                       |     |     |                                       |   |

## **My Mother Kept A Garden ~author Unknown**

My Mother kept a garden,  
A garden of the heart.  
She planted all the good things  
That gave my life its start.  
She turned me to the sunshine  
And encouraged me to dream.  
Fostering and nurturing  
The seeds of self-esteem.  
And when the winds and rain came,  
She protected me enough.  
But not too much because she knew  
I'd need to stand up strong and tough.  
Her constant good example  
Always taught me right from wrong.  
Markers for my pathway  
That will last a lifetime long.  
I am my Mother's garden.  
I am her legacy.  
And I hope today she feels the love  
Reflected back from me.



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To a Person Making a Difference for Women