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*A Communiqué by
women and men dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls
through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.*

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**“Always let your
inner light shine.**

**By doing so,
you not only light
a path for yourself,
but also light
a way for others.”
~Donald L. Hicks**

Message from the President

It's October—a colorful month filled with opportunities. The most prominent color is orange; we see it in the pumpkins, jack-o'-lanterns and... Oh, wait! Jack-o'-lanterns ARE pumpkins—only decorated in a Halloween costume of sorts. We also see orange—along with red and gold—in many of the trees, and in the leaves that fall to the ground. Fall is here.

Fall officially began on September 23 with the autumn equinox. This was the moment when the planet's northern hemisphere swapped with the southern hemisphere to become the one furthest from the sun. It was the time when the number of daylight hours and non-daylight hours were equal—light and non-light were in balance.

Speaking of balance, we will have a chance to learn about balance at the Tea With SHE scheduled for October 24 (see page 5). The topic is **Better Balance With Tai Chi**. Tai chi improves balance. It also can boost upper- and lower-body flexibility as well as strength. If cookie baking is one of your strengths, flex your muscles and contact the committee chairs because your assistance is needed.

If you're not able to bake for the Tea With SHE event, you can bake for the **Gala Gift Show Bake Sale**. This is an opportunity to bring out your favorite recipes, not just for cookies—but for pies, bread, jams and more! It's not too early to fire up the oven. Some members have offered the use of their freezers. The Bake Sale is an important part of the Gala Gift Show. See page 10 for other gala opportunities thru which you can gift the club.

Another color for October is **purple**. October is Domestic Violence Awareness (DVA) month and **purple** is the color designated to symbolize DVA. There is a wonderful article on page 7 of this newsletter, written by Jane Manzer, our club's DVA Chair. There is a new Healthy Families office in Sequim and we may be able to assist in getting domestic violence information out to the community. A seemingly small gesture, this can make a big difference in someone's life. Jane is encouraging all of us to wear **PURPLE** to our October 8 business meeting to promote awareness.

Enhancing our awareness, the speaker for our Program meeting on October 22 will be Darrel Trowbridge, Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Victim Advocate. He's with Healthy Families of Clallam County.

October brings the Soroptimist District meetings—often referred to as Soropt-oberfest. It is like our own autumn equinox; we swap ideas and balance our light as an organization. There are seven members of our club scheduled to attend the District 1 Meeting, October 25-27—two of them are first-timers. The weekend provides opportunities for members from other clubs to get together, get to know one another, share ideas, learn best practices and strengthen our bonds.

I was thinking about jack-o'-lanterns and how we are a bit like them. Our trust in one another pokes a hole in any exterior barrier. Our shared mission carves out a design and our enthusiasm spills out allowing our inner light to shine through. It's no mistake that jack-o'-lanterns are orange. The color **orange** represents enthusiasm, fascination, happiness, creativity, determination, attraction, success, encouragement, and stimulation. We exemplify all of these. We will recognize even more of this as we continue Discovering Our Inner Treasures.



~President Kathy

Discovering Our Inner Treasures (DO IT!)



**“The light within us gives power
for good actions.” ~Lailah Gifty Akita**

This month we hear from Jane Manzer, President 2015-2016



I was President in 2015-16, after having served as Treasurer, Secretary, and various committee chair positions since joining in December 2001. Yes, it took me a long time to be convinced that I could do it! As I re-read through newsletters from that year, I was reminded of the many things this dynamic club did that year and how much they helped me.

My theme was “Reaching New Heights through Dignity of Service” with a giraffe incorporated into the graphic. (The story behind that is that I was close to my current height of 5’9” when I was in 7th grade AND my maiden name was Graff.) The installation was a safari-themed “Soropti-fari” and was great fun.

During my recent trip to Spokane to visit my 92-year-old mom, we had lunch at the site of one of that year’s highlights for me—the Soroptimist Northwest Region Conference held at the historic Davenport Hotel* in Spokane. Eight of us attended, thoroughly enjoying the architecture and history of that grand hotel. The keynote speaker was the CEO of Soul Pancake, an inspiring media company I still follow on FaceBook and Instagram. Even the meeting rooms for break-out sessions were beautiful. During a period of free time, we walked down to the Riverfront Park and rode the 1909 Loeff Carrousel, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Three club projects were “born” that year: Tea with SHE, the sock tree for Healthy Families’ Holiday Joy event, and sponsorship of a woman through Women for Women International, the first being a woman in Sudan. We learned of Women for Women International sponsorships from our Grant of Friendship visitor from Sweden, Sara Nilsson, who visited our area before attending the Region Conference in Spokane.

Aside from all that we did, there’s something that meant more to me than anything else and I definitely don’t have to look back on old newsletters to remember it. That’s the incredible support of our club members, for me personally and more importantly for the projects and programs defining our club. If I listed all of the members who were instrumental in the success of that year, this article would be twice as long.

It’s my hope that anyone considering being on the board or even becoming President-elect takes heart in knowing that you’ll have all the support and help you’ll ever need! It was one of the best things I’ve ever done as a community and club member. Truly.

~Jane Manzer 

* www.davenporthotelcollection.com



CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 4 Board Meeting
- 8 Business Meeting
- 15 Program Meeting
- 24 Tea With SHE
- 25-17 D1 Meeting
- *29 5th Tuesday

NOVEMBER

- 8 Board Meeting
- 12 Business Meeting
- 26 Program Meeting



***Evening Meeting**

*“Happiness comes only when we push our brains and hearts to the farthest reaches of which we are capable.”
~Leo Rosten*



*“Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal.”
~Pamela Vaull Starr*

Celebrate Life!

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

- 2 Mayme Faulk
- 6 Kathleen DeJong
- 9 Donna Carson
- 10 Gloria Fitzpatrick
- 21 Joan Plumb
- 28 Marilyn Hooser
- 28 Wei Lindstrom



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



*“If I were a magician,
I’d hand out broken compasses.
It’s all about misdirection.”
~Jarod Kintz*

OCTOBER PROGRAM MEETING

Daryl Trowbridge, Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Victim Advocate will be joining us to do a 30 min talk. He’s with Healthy Families of Clallam County. This is very fitting since October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Thanks!
~Kris Osborn, Programs Chair



5th Tuesday Potluck

October 29, 2019
Solana 5:30 p.m.
Halloween theme

Prizes for Costume
Trivia Quiz



IMPORTANT MEETING VENUE INFO

- ◆ Enter on the **EAST** (to the right of the lobby entrance) & North side of the building.
- ◆ PLEASE carpool from the east end of the QFC parking lot—near FIT 4 LIFE gym at the Dollar Tree end of the parking lot. Parking at the hotel is an issue, especially this time of year. So we are asking that you **carpool**. You can meet at the east end of the QFC parking lot, and come in with a car full.

Thanks!



SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER

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

We are now accepting applications for the **Live Your Dream Award** through the portal on the SIS website. **Janet Real** and **Rita McCabe** are the ladies who will be processing this award. Live Your Dream is a Education and Training award for a mature woman, helping her to enter or re-enter the job market, or to further her skills and training to upgrade her employment status (this used to be called the Women's Opportunity Award). There is a \$1500 scholarship—plus a \$500 addition to this award this year*—which goes to a head of the household who has the financial responsibility for her dependents. If you have a possible candidate, please check the website or get hold of the above ladies, they would love to hear from you.



* Our club was chosen as one of the recipients of a \$500 award from SIA for our achievement last year in the Diamond Campaign (for Membership). They designated the money for one of the Dream programs and we chose to add it to our Live Your Dream Award.



~Melody Albertson, Awards & Scholarships Chair

“Giving women education, work, the ability to control their own income, inherit and own property, benefits the society. If a woman is empowered, her children and her family will be better off. If families prosper, the village prospers, and eventually so does the whole country.” ~Isabel Allende

MEMBERSHIP—MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER

DREDLA, Shawn (Jeff)



Shawn and her husband Jeff recently moved from Riverside, CA to the Sequim area. Jeff is a retired Fire Department Battalion chief, and they have two grown children. Shawn has 30 years of experience as a police officer, and transferred from SI of Corona in southern California, where she held many positions including past-President. She brings with her very special experience in working with survivors of human trafficking. SIS will benefit immensely from the amazing skills and experience she brings to our club.

MEMBERSHIP—THE FRIEND FACTOR

Many years ago I was involved with an exercise group whose success relied heavily on what we called the “Friend Factor.” We would all support and encourage one another to attend as many classes as possible. If someone wasn't in class, we would make sure there wasn't a problem. And through the years, we all became friends. It seems that SIS works in a similar fashion. We all come with different skills and abilities, (from many different places) and become friends through working together using those skills. We also encourage each other to do more than we thought we were capable of, with amazing results. The power of friendship shows in all of our work. The Membership Committee looks forward to working with all of our member “friends” to keep SIS growing and thriving.



*“Within each such social group, a feeling of solidarity prevails, a compelling need to work together and a joy in doing so that represent a high moral value.”
~Christian Lous Lange*



~Mary Fasching, Co-Chair Membership Committee

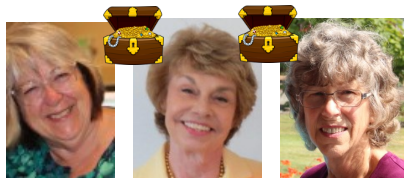


MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET STATS

The Medical Loan Closet keeps humming right along. We received **\$272** in donations, loaned out **111** pieces of equipment and had **43** returns. This all resulted from **179** phone calls during the month, so it was fairly busy. We have a great group of volunteers that keeps the closet running and we never cease to hear how much the community appreciates what we do.



~Jeani Penn, Becky Archer, Chris Snow, MLC Co-Chairs



“Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It’s important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It’s the way in which we ourselves grow and develop.” ~Dorothy Height

CLINIC FUN WALK

At the Fun Walk, it threatened to rain, but we were very lucky and did not get a drop on us. We raised \$105.00 for the Free Clinic. I have noticed that every year there are many SIS members, but many walk or different organizations and churches. All in all, it was a fun event. A former member, Monica Dixon, was there with her wellness smoothies. Mayme and I tasted one, and it wasn’t bad.



~Elaine Churchill, Fun Walk Chair



TEA WITH SHE


Our next Tea With SHE is scheduled for October 24, 2019 at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church—the subject is: Better Balance with Tai Chi, presented by our speaker, Michael Siegel, Physical Therapist and Tai Chi instructor. Mark your calendars now so you don’t miss it!

We’re looking for a couple more cookie bakers; please let us know if you’d like to be one of them.

~Janet Popelka and Connie VanRoosendaal, Tea With SHE Co-Chairs



BETTER BALANCE WITH TAI CHI





WEAR TENNIS SHOES

PRESENTER: MICHAEL SIEGEL
PHYSICAL THERAPIST
AND TAI CHI INSTRUCTOR

Thursday, October 24, 2019
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church
100 S. Blake Ave., Sequim

A FREE EVENT SPONSORED BY
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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

There is so much to learn about a subject that most of us think doesn't exist in our part of the world. I would urge you to become more informed by reading information on the Polaris Project website: <https://polarisproject.org/>. Polaris was founded in 2002. It is named for the North Star, which people held in slavery in the United States used as a guide to navigate their way toward freedom.

Last year nearly 25 percent more cases of human trafficking were reported to the U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH), during the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Since 2007, the National Hotline has identified more than 51,919 cases of human trafficking. This data can help pinpoint the most effective ways to dismantle the systems at the roots of what makes human trafficking possible and profitable. Of the contacts coming from phone calls, texts, chats, web forms and email—more information is coming directly from survivors.

Interestingly, cases of labor trafficking reported to the hotline decreased by 2 percent in 2018. It is believed that the current climate of fear in immigrant and minority communities is likely to be stressing reports. In a given year an estimated two million domestic workers are employed in the U.S. Their limited legal protection leads some domestic workers to become victims of labor exploitation and labor trafficking.

Polaris examined records/reports to determine the scope of the problem. The data showed that of the approximately 8,000 labor trafficking cases identified, the highest number of cases involved people who shared homes with their trafficker. Human trafficking is a form of modern slavery that occurs in every state, even Washington. The NHTH works closely with service providers, law enforcement, and other professionals in Washington to serve victims and survivors of trafficking, respond to human trafficking cases, plus share information and resources.

SAVE THE DATE

WHAT: Human Trafficking 101 Presentation
WHERE: Trinity United Methodist Church (Sequim)
WHEN: January 21, 2020 / 6:30 p.m.



~Colleen Blazier, Human Trafficking Awareness



HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS (HTA) FACTS

In 2018 in Washington:

229 Human Trafficking Cases Reported

Type of Trafficking:

171 Sex Trafficking
20 Labor Trafficking
17 Labor & Sex Trafficking
15 Type of trafficking not specified

207 Calls From Victims and Survivors

26 Top Venues/Industries for Labor Trafficking:

8 Domestic Work
6 Agriculture
4 Sales Crews
4 Begging Rings
4 Restaurants/Food Service

Gender

149 Female
26 Male

Age

120 Adult
45 Minors

Citizenship

33 US Citizens
19 Foreign Nationals



“We all have our own narrative of what human trafficking is supposed to be, but if you do a little research, human trafficking happens, in many different forms and shapes, right in our backyard.” ~*Du Yun*

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

President Kathy, in the context of communication about this article, said “Education is key to awareness” and she’s absolutely right!! So you’re about to be somewhat educated about domestic violence in our county and our community, what’s being done for victims locally, and a little bit about our club’s support of the domestic violence advocacy agency, Healthy Families of Clallam County.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the color associated with it is **purple**. Having worked for the Sheriff’s Office and in Clallam County Superior Court, I came into the club with a unique perspective that made me totally appreciate Soroptimist’s efforts on that front and our club’s support of Healthy Families. For this fiscal year, we budgeted \$750 for Healthy Families and we also take an active part in Holiday Joy, a December event designed to make Christmas a happier time for client families in crisis.

Healthy Families now has an office AND an emergency shelter in the Sequim area. The office has performed an average of **30** direct service hours per week since opening in March, even though the office is open only **26** hours per week. Direct services include safety planning, assistance with protection orders, housing, shelter assistance, transportation assistance, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, etc. The emergency shelter in an undisclosed location has provided **1121** bed nights to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, “full” since opening. This also includes parents with children.

Presently Healthy Families Sequim is developing a distribution list for “tear-off” fliers about their services, with updated Sequim contact information and address. Viola Ware, the Sequim office advocate, was happy to know we have a volunteer force that can help post those fliers. It’s possible there will be other needs we could help them with, and we look forward to this new relationship with the Sequim office. Viola was thrilled at the prospect of us helping, because that will allow her to work directly with clients rather than spending time going around town posting fliers.

Statistics illustrate the need for more awareness, along with the importance of Healthy Families and our local law enforcement agencies in serving and protecting victims. From January through September 2019, there were **312** calls for service in Clallam County for domestic disputes. Of those calls, **251** warranted case reports for domestic violence to be taken; **126** of those case reports were taken by the Clallam County Sheriff and **16** were taken by Sequim Police Department. The balance was taken by Port Angeles Police Department. Most of the crimes were for Assault 4 DV, which is a gross misdemeanor dealt with in District Court, but there have been **13** that were Assault 2 DV, which are felonies filed and adjudicated in Superior Court. A DV classification on an assault charge is also likely to come with enhanced penalties. It’s important to note that males or females may be the perpetrator and the victims may be males or females also. Children in families where there is violence are victims who can be physically injured, emotionally bruised, and they are more likely to repeat the cycle of violence in their adulthood. All of this lends a gravity to the need for potential victims to have awareness of who to contact and where to go for services.

The DV Awareness committee will keep the club posted as to what tangible things we can do or provide for Healthy Families as they carry out their mission. The one thing we can all do, however, is to increase awareness and provide help to potential victims in whatever way you can. And if any of you aren’t on the list of our club’s domestic violence awareness committee members in the roster but would like to be, please let me know.



~Jane Manzer,
Domestic Violence Awareness Chair



“Whenever I found out anything remarkable, I have thought it my duty to put down my discovery on paper, so that all ingenious people might be informed thereof.” ~*Antonie van Leeuwenhoek*

DIGNITY FOR WOMEN

We have purchased products and delivered them to the Food Bank twice since July 1. We have spent \$569.73. This has become such a worthwhile project that I'm asking all our members to please bring diapers to our October 8th meeting. This will be our diaper drive for this year. Please contribute what you can in **Size 3 diapers and larger**. The babies get free diapers from other services in the county, but the larger babies don't.

Remember, October 8th for our Food Bank Diaper Drive. Becky and I thank you!



~Jeani Penn and Becky Archer, Co-Chairs Dignity for Women



FOUNDERS PENNIES ADD UP

Soroptimist celebrates **Founders Day** on **October 3**, which acknowledges the day in 1921 when the first club in Alameda County, California, called to order its first business meeting. A long-time Soroptimist tradition linked to Founders Day is Founders Pennies.

The tradition of giving pennies began in 1943. Clubs collected one penny for each year of Soroptimist's existence and used that money to help re-establish clubs in Europe that had disbanded as a result of World War II. In 1946 the fund was renamed the Founders Fund. This fund provided international fellowships, scholarships and other awards to improve the status of women. Beginning in the 1960s, Founders Pennies began funding for the Youth Citizenship Awards, and in 1972 for the Women's Opportunity Awards (then called the Training Awards Program).

Founders Pennies are now used to fund the Live Your Dream Awards and other critical SIA programs that improve the lives of women and girls throughout the world including Soroptimist Club Grants. Founders Pennies represent approximately 10% of the funds needed for SIA programs.



Each year, every Soroptimist is offered the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution of six pennies for each year of Soroptimist's existence. Our club collects Founders Pennies with our dues. ~kp



Día de Muertos ***(Day of the Dead) Celebration*** **Mexican Vegetarian Dinner and Silent Auction**

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Sequim Masonic Hall
700 South 5th Avenue
Doors open at 5:30
Suggested donation \$20
No advance tickets



Wine and beer no-host bar
For further information go to
www.MujeresDeMaizOF.org
or call (360) 809-0393

Mujeres' most important fundraiser of the year!

Our auction is always unique, featuring items from the women in the cooperative, from other artisans in Chiapas, from other parts of the world, as well as from our local auction donors.

Make your holiday shopping easy! Something for everyone!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

More than 14% of the people in Sequim live below the poverty level. More than half of them are women and the Sequim Soroptimists are doing something important to meet their most intimate needs. It is our Dignity for Women program.

Jeani Penn first heard about the issue when Andra Smith, the Executive Director of the Sequim Food Bank, spoke at a Newcomer's Club meeting. Smith said the Food Bank is always in need of paper supplies: toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, wipes, and women's sanitary napkins and tampons. That's because they must make their funds meet the greatest need of the greatest number of people and that is food.



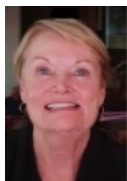
The fact that women don't have the ability to purchase supplies to use during their menstrual cycle was deeply upsetting to Jeani. "The insult of living like this doesn't have to happen. It's unacceptable to know that some women have to use newspaper instead of the sanitary items we all take for granted."

"The thought of women already down and out—barely able to feed their kids. Imagine being on the street with no access to keep clean. No chance for dignity." Jeani is still emotional when talking about the situation but decided she could do something about it.

She brought the issue to the Soroptimist Club, knowing that this is a necessity only women and girls face. Clearly the Soroptimist Mission for empowerment of women and girls encompassed this need. Our support began in 2018-19, and the Sequim Soroptimist International Club donated \$1562.62 worth of supplies to the Food Bank. It takes more than \$150 every month to meet the demand. This year \$1000 has been budgeted with the possibility of more money from the uncommitted funds, but the need is even greater than that.

The name "Dignity for Women" came from a suggestion by Becky Archer, who works with Jeani on this project. "It's a winner because the situation is easy to fix, it's not expensive to fix, there's an outlet to get the products to the women because they have to go to the Food Bank anyway to get food, and there's a clear client base."

Andra Smith loves that the Food Bank now has these products available on a regular basis. "Please tell them we're very thankful," she said tearing up.



~Cat Xander, Public Awareness



PAC focus: We are raising awareness of SIA's mission to improve the lives of women and girls and club work that supports the mission. This is less about promoting one event or project, than about the club's collective efforts to raise awareness throughout the year.

"If your eyes can not cry, then your gut will. The head and heart may be in denial of your human needs, but the gut will always carry the wisdom of your needs met and unmet, and thusly respond." ~Martha Char Love

GALA GIFT SHOW—GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

My Ladies!! Only two months and counting until our 8th annual *Gala Gift Show!* That means only four more opportunities, three by the time you read this, for you to slliiiide into that position that will bring you warm holiday cheer and help our club launch another fantastic event. The **GOLDEN** sign-up sheet will be making the rounds; please choose a spot and join us all for what our faithful, returning attendees routinely call “the best holiday shopping event in town”. Our decor, “Oooh...”, our vendors, “WOW!”, our sumptuous cinnamon rolls and soups, “Oh Myyyy....”, our smiling faces, “Welcome, come in and enjoy!!” WHO can possibly compete???

Monica Dixon, a retired Soroptimist who never really gets very far away, will tempt and lure us all with her delicious cinnamon rolls baked early in the morning of the show. The thigh-thickening aroma wafting around the building really isn’t fair to all of the other shows; she’s kind of our secret weapon.

To date we have registered 41 exhibitors, 42 booths have been sold and we have 10 new exhibitors this year!! The vendors are always happy and keep spreading the word. Our members are diligent and seductive when we scout the festivals around the NW, always on the lookout for something new and enticing to bring to our show. We thank you all for your continued work throughout the year! That is what makes our show great.

BAKE SALE!!! BAAAAAKE SALE!! It’s not too early to start baking, and several members have freezer space. Remember, bake nothing that needs to be refrigerated, no need to pack pretty, the committee does that for you. Gluten-free items are a huge hit, pies, cakes, candies, cookies, sugar free, sugar loaded, it’s all good! Our Bake Sale is a stunning display of beautifully wrapped, lovingly baked, artfully displayed goodies that disappear in a few short hours. More is better. Bake Bake Bake.

Now, our attire. Our theme is **Gold** and **Black Elegance**. The public recognizes we Soroptimists by our lovely, glamorous, glitzy, sequined gowns that we glide about the Boys & Girls Club in. Well, that’s always been my dream, no one has shared my vision yet, but I keep hoping! We do dress elegantly in **Gold** and black, the more glamour, the better. There is a great prize for that first gown though, I promise! Come and spend the day, 9-3, talk with the vendors, offer any assistance they might need, smile at everyone, **SHOP!!** Stay and help clean up!! Camaraderie and libations occur, friendships strengthen, and the club thrives. It takes every one of us and we want you with us!

~Deb Carlson and Sandy Lawrence, Gala Gift Show Co-Chairs



“Baking can be done with a few simple ingredients, so it’s about simplicity and nostalgia—people are reminded of their childhood.”
~Paul Hollywood

Bake, Bake, Bake...



GALA GARDEN SHOW CORE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Things are moving ahead with the 2020 Gala Garden Show! Here are some things including a few from our last Core Committee meeting.

- Melody Albertson showed us an 8 ½ x 11 photo of the artwork matted and framed. She will bring it to the next meeting to share with the members.
- Suggestion to sell note cards with the featured artwork.
- Karin Pease is a new member of the core committee; she will be co-chairing Vendor Support.
 - ◊ We are looking for a second person to co-chair with her.
- Sponsorship letters went out to local businesses and donations have started coming in.
 - ◊ We are looking for a volunteer to head up the follow-up of sponsorships.
- We are looking into doing high impact marketing—digital marketing on the PDN website during the week before the show. They have an average of 200,000 to 250,000 visitors to the digital PDN per week.
 - ◊ Do a survey to determine how the patrons found out about the show; this will help us learn the effectiveness of the high impact marketing in particular.
- Vendor Invitation letters were sent out October 1 and we've started receiving registrations.
- Vendor Support Team will get helium balloons for vendors who are solo in their booths.

The next Gala Garden Show Core Committee meeting is
Wednesday, October 16, at 8:30 a.m. at
the **First Security** community room in Sequim.

We're very excited!

~Kathy Purcell and Kim Renfro, Gala Garden Show Co-Chairs











“In my garden there is a large place for sentiment. My garden of flowers is also my garden of thoughts and dreams. The thoughts grow as freely as the flowers, and the dreams are as beautiful.” ~Abram L. Urban



October 2019

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Theme in Yellow

By Carl Sandburg

I spot the hills
With yellow balls in autumn.
I light the prairie cornfields
Orange and tawny gold clusters
And I am called pumpkins.
On the last of October
When dusk is fallen
Children join hands
And circle round me
Singing ghost songs
And love to the harvest moon;
I am a jack-o'-lantern
With terrible teeth
And the children know
I am fooling.



SOROPTIMIST
Best for Women

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*improving the lives of women and
girls through programs leading to
social and economic empowerment.*

To a Person Making a Difference for Women