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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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**Celebrating 70+ Years of Service**

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*“Thinking outside of the box keeps you from suffocating inside of one.”*

*~Matshona Dhlwayo*

## Message from the President

Where has the year gone?!? I can't believe we're in AUGUST already!

I hope this finds you all well. I think of all of our members often and miss all of your smiling faces, longing for the time I'll be able to give each of you a hug. Unfortunately it doesn't seem that's going to happen any time soon. As I write this, WA has been stalled in moving past current phases, thus keeping Clallam County in Phase 2. This means no face to face meetings for us in the foreseeable future. Until we're able to meet face to face, we'll continue to carry on the best we can using "alternative" communication options including GoToMeeting and Zoom meetings. If you're unable to access these meetings, feel free to reach out to me and I'll attempt to assist. Once you get past the scary first time, it's a lot easier to launch or call in.

Your Board of Directors did its annual retreat on 8/8 while social distancing. I'm so fortunate that I have such a strong BOD supporting our "Outside the Box" kind of year. Look for some upcoming communications. This isn't an easy year to step up and lead, so I ask that you all keep that in mind as you support those that are working hard to keep our members safe while they continue to champion our mission.

Thank you to a Soroptimist fairy who will remain nameless who embraced my installation message of touching members who may need a smile. She has delivered some wonderfully crafted gifts to various members who she felt needed a pick-me-up. Won't you too take a few moments out of your day to reach out to a member to check on them or drop off a little something for a porch pickup? I had so much fun and got such a full heart dropping off the face masks to those who hadn't gotten them yet, I really wish you too could feel that fullness in your heart by contributing to someone's smile. Remember the challenge, 2 touches a week. It'll make so much difference!

DAVE IS HOME!! DAVE IS HOME!! I couldn't just yell that once...felt like it needed to be yelled from the rooftops! What an adventure and challenge he's had! I'm so happy for him and Pauline that they're able to start the next chapter of their lives, in their home, together with a new heart for Dave. Dave & Pauline, know that we all were sending you love, support and prayers and will continue to do so for your at home recovery.

Wishing you all a safe August. "See" you soon in a virtual meeting!



President Kris  
**Outside the Box**



*“Each of us is a being in himself and a being in society; each of us needs to understand himself and understand others, take care of others and be taken care of himself.” ~Haniel Long*

## Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's August. This is normally a time when some clubs—including our own—have gone dark. It is a time to relax, reflect and rejuvenate—our own version of the Three R's. Since the summer began, with the windows open at home, I have noticed the birds chirping in the early morning. I sometimes wonder what they are saying. Is there a message they are giving?

Speaking of birds....my sister Donna recently bought a birdhouse as a gift for her next door neighbor who has done a lot for the folks in the neighborhood. Donna liked the birdhouse so much, she purchased one for herself, but in a different color. Once it arrived and she put it up in her backyard, she wondered if any birds would actually use it. Soon she saw two adult wrens flying near the birdhouse, though she didn't see them go inside—at least not at first.

I don't know much about birds, so I looked up wrens online. Most wrens are small and inconspicuous, though they have loud and often complex songs. Wrens have short wings and they often hold their tails upright. It's understandable how someone who knows about wrens would recognize them. Wrens sometimes choose unusual places to build nests. They have been found nesting in old coffee cans, baskets, hats, and shoes. Wrens are bubbly and energetic, just like their songs.

The week after Donna saw the two adult birds, she looked out her window and saw a baby bird on the patio. By the time she got the sliding glass door open and stepped outside, the fledgling was gone. The following day she thought she heard some chirping, so she walked out near the birdhouse. Indeed! She heard multiple chirps! It appeared the adult wrens had a family in the birdhouse. That was exciting! A few days later she went out and got near the birdhouse, but there were no sounds. Donna had provided what they needed to get started and now the family had moved on to some new adventure.

The story above started with Donna doing something nice for a neighbor. That led to her experiencing joy with the wren family, and in her sharing it, I too felt the joy. It shows how interconnected we all are, and how a seemingly small action can make a big difference. We are all doing things for our neighbors—now more than ever.

The birdhouse brought to mind what we do as Soroptimists. We provide resources for women and girls to get the education they need to be empowered and live their dream of a good life.

The wren reminds me of Soroptimists. We are bubbly and energetic. Although we might appear inconspicuous, what we do is often complex, and it all makes a big difference. We might seem small, but like the wren, we have a giant voice. We are loud and persistent singers. Continuing to sing is important—especially now when our regular way of doing things is a bit skewed because of COVID-19. We can be like the wren and build a structure Outside the Box that works for where we are right now.

During our summer hiatus let us remember the Three R's—relax and enjoy the beauty around us—breathe in the peace and tranquility; reflect on what is important to us; rejuvenate our spirits so we are ready to join together again. Perhaps the wren in the story above gave us a message—to sing the Soroptimist song in unison and show our collective impact.



Light and Love,  
Kathy Purcell, Editor



**“When one tugs at a single thing  
in nature, he finds it attached to  
the rest of the world.” ~John Muir**

## CALENDAR

### AUGUST

\*25 S.T.A.R.T. Meeting

### SEPTEMBER

4 Board Meeting  
18 Business Meeting  
22 Program Meeting

**All Meetings are via  
Zoom**

**\*Evening Meeting**



**“Can a mere song change people's  
minds? I doubt that it is so. But a  
song can infiltrate your heart and  
the heart may change your mind.”  
~Elvis Costello**



**“A perfect summer day is when the  
sun is shining, the breeze is blowing,  
the birds are singing, and the lawn  
mower is broken.” ~James Dent**

*Celebrate Life!*

**AUGUST**

Amanda Beitzel  
Colleen Blazier  
Sara Ellen Peterson  
Janet Popelka  
Janet Real  
Cat Xander

**SEPTEMBER**

Elaine Bradford  
Mary Fasching  
Paulette Hill  
Gail Watson  
Jennifer Weir  
Pat Willis

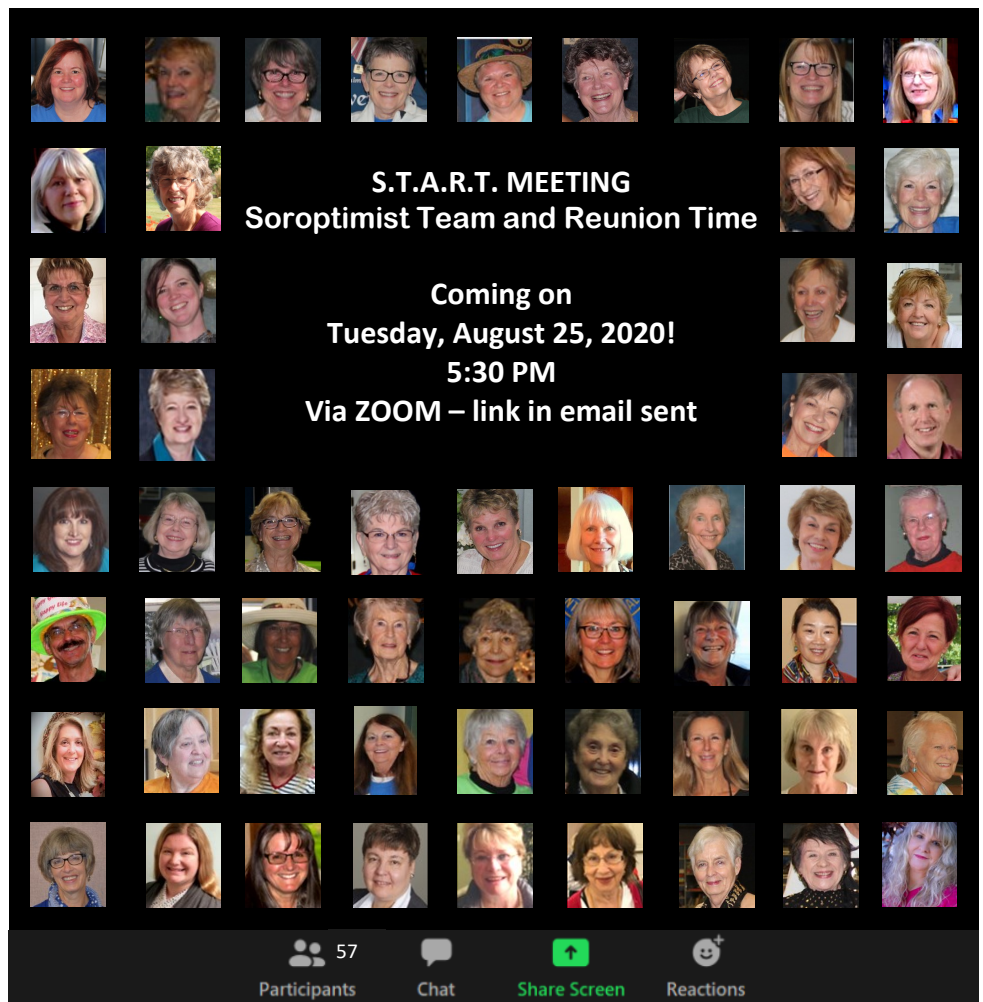


Note the phone number for our  
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

**360-504-0231**



*“Build for your team a feeling  
of oneness, of dependence on one another  
and of strength to be derived by unity.”  
~Vince Lombardi*



*“Contrary to popular belief, there most certainly is an “I” in team.  
It is the same “I” that appears three times in *responsibility*.”  
~Amber Harding*

**SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER**

**D1**

**District 1 Meeting**  
Virtual Info Coming Soon  
October 16-18, 2020

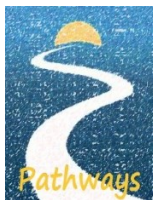


**NWR Conference**  
Davenport Hotel  
Spokane, WA  
April 22-25, 2021



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**SIA CONVENTION**  
100th Anniversary  
Fairmont Hotel  
San Francisco, CA  
October 1-2, 2021



## MEMBERSHIP PATHWAYS FOR NEW MEMBER

Think back to the year you joined Soroptimist...and all the thoughts that swirled around in your head for the first few months!

- *How can I remember all these names?*
- *What's the difference between a business meeting and program meeting?*
- *What happens at board meetings...what do officers do...will I be on the board one day?*
- *Where do I find information on dates, events, activities?*
- *How do I learn about various committees...and how do I join?*
- *What do all the acronyms mean?*
- **YIKES!!**

Being the **NEW KID** can certainly be overwhelming and confusing. To help ease the stress, an innovative trio of members (**Amanda Beitzel, Elaine Churchill and Susan Mesches**) proposed a new 2019-20 committee to offer ongoing support, guidance and orientation for new members as they navigated their first year of membership. Feedback was positive, so this format will continue in the coming year as the **Pathways Committee**.

Following induction, each new member will be supported not only by his/her Mentor, but also by fellow newbies and **Pathways** committee chairs. Seven monthly **contacts** are scheduled to cover such topics as *policies & procedures, the roster, BOD meetings & roles, meeting formats, opportunities for involvement, SI and SIA*. Format of **contacts** will vary, based on current Covid19 restrictions – e-mail communication, Zoom gatherings, face-to-face if possible.

In addition, a group project will be proposed, planned and implemented by these members—again contingent on current restrictions, and interests of new members.

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The membership process starts with **each one of you!** When you invite a friend/acquaintance to attend a meeting, you assume the role of **Sponsor**; here are a few tips to ensure a successful introduction to our club!

### SPONSOR GUIDELINES

- Check in with your guest evening prior to confirm she/he will attend (either on-line or in person once that is possible)
- Day of Meeting:
  - ⇒ On-line
    - ◇ Introduce your guest when you and she/he log on
  - ⇒ In-person meetings
    - ◇ Notify **Jan Chapman** that you will bring a guest
    - ◇ Be sure your guest receives name tag and trifold
    - ◇ You may opt to pay for guest first meeting
    - ◇ Sit with guest and introduce to membership
    - ◇ Review trifold info: costs, steps to join, responsibilities, commitments
- After three meetings/events **or** when guest is ready to join:
  - ⇒ Notify Membership Chair; membership application will be emailed
  - ⇒ When application/dues are received, guest may attend all functions
  - ⇒ Official induction will be scheduled for the next meeting be emailed

**Thanks to ALL of you** for your enthusiasm and support as we continue to grow and thrive!



Pathways 2020-21 Co-chairs  
Amanda Beitzel, Elaine Churchill

**“To effectively communicate, we must realize that we are all different in the way we perceive the world and use this understanding as a guide to our communication with others.”**  
**~Tony Robbins**



## MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

The Medical Loan Closet continued to have a busy month in July! We lent **114** pieces of equipment and **82** items were returned. We received **124** calls and **\$400** in donations from the community. In addition, several pieces of new equipment were contributed to the MLC.

When we reopened the MLC on June 5, we opted to limit appointments to Tuesdays and Fridays until we had an adequate number of volunteers to operate seven days a week. We made this decision because several of our long-time volunteers had to step back at the present time for family considerations. Subsequently, we welcomed six new volunteers and we are serving the community on an expanded schedule (at the discretion of the volunteer). We want to thank all our team of volunteers for their dedication and flexibility.



~Becky Archer and Chris Snow, MLC Co-Chairs

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“One can pay back the loan of gold, but one dies forever in debt to those who are kind.” ~*Malayan Proverb*

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## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

In my endeavors to educate our organization and our community on human trafficking, I am always looking for information that supports our efforts. My quest took me to an organization called Operation Underground Railroad (O.U.R.). It is a 501 (c) 3 that paves the way for permanent eradication of child sex trafficking. Once victims are rescued a comprehensive process involving justice for the perpetrators and recovery and rehabilitation for the survivors begins. In the past six years of their existence, O.U.R. has rescued 3,800 victims and assisted in the arrests of more than 2,100 traffickers around the world. Read more about O.U.R. at [www.ourrescue.org](http://www.ourrescue.org) and learn how former CIA agents, U.S. Special Operations Forces Members and other highly trained volunteers work to eliminate sex trafficking world-wide.



WE EXIST TO RESCUE CHILDREN FROM SEX TRAFFICKING.



~Linda Klinefelter  
Human Trafficking Awareness Chair



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“There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.” ~*Nelson Mandela*

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## UNCONVENTIONAL CONVENTION

I was looking forward to attending the Biennial Convention, conveniently located in Bellevue. Along came COVID, and the convention was moved into my study. I was disappointed to miss meeting members from all over and being inspired by random encounters and conversations, but it was still an interesting experience.

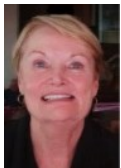
The theme of the convention was “Reaching New Heights.” The new 2021-2031 Big Goal reflects that: to invest in the dreams of half a million women and girls through access to education by 2031.

For Soroptimist International of the Americas, the Dream programs are fundamental to our mission. They not only aid women and girls in getting the necessary education to make their lives better, those programs also attract 25% of new members.

But “Live Your Dream” and “Dream It, Be It” may not be the first programs that pop into your mind when you consider the needs we face here in Sequim, where the average age is 58.

We are not alone, and the SIA Board has made a big change. They have recognized that club work, other than the Dream programs, that is providing access to education leading to social and economic empowerment for women and girls who face obstacles, is important work and needs to be counted. Starting in 2021-22, clubs will be able to report and get credit for their local level work and projects that are not Dream programs but that do support SIA’s next Big Goal leading to our mission of economic empowerment.

The good news about having the convention sessions online is that every member can attend at <https://www.soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/whats-new/46th-biennial-convention/index.html> and hear the presentations. If you have a chance, please think about going online and taking a look at the Convention sessions for yourself. If you only have time to watch one session, I recommend “Member Engagement” presented by Iesha D. Brown, Senior Director of Membership and Leadership Development. Interesting facts, statistics, terms and recommendations for making membership a highly positive experience.



~Cat Xander, President-elect



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“Great creators don’t necessarily have the deepest expertise but rather seek out the broadest perspectives.” ~Adam Grant

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## COMMITTEE SIGN-UPS FOR 2020-2021

### Awards & Scholarships

#### **Chair – TBD**

Marti Campbell  
Kathy Cuhna  
Gloria Fitzpatrick  
Linda Klinefelter  
Jane Manzer  
Janet Real  
Kim Renfro

### Finance

#### **Missy Church-Smith–Chair**

Colleen Blazier  
Shawn Dredla  
Dave Fickes  
Sherry Lacey  
Janet Popelka  
Shelle Paulbitski  
Linda Rotmark

### MLC

#### **Becky Archer, Chris Snow, Co-Chairs**

Melody Albertson  
Marti Campbell  
Susan Coffee  
Judy Field  
Paulette Hill  
Shirley Huntley  
Linda Naylor  
Elaine Powlesland  
Kim Renfro  
Jolene Sanborn  
Gerry Sladowski  
Cat Xander

### SHE

#### **Co-Chairs – TBD**

Janet Popelka

### DIBI

#### **Sandy Lawrence, Chair**

### Tea with SHE

#### **Gloria Fitzpatrick, Chair**

Linda Naylor  
Janet Popelka

### Membership

#### **Missy Church-Smith–Chair**

Becky Archer  
Elaine Bradford  
Jan Chapman  
Sandy Lawrence  
Shelle Paulbitski  
Gail Watson

### Pathways-New Member Committee

#### **Amanda Beitzel & Elaine Churchill– Co-Chairs**

### Public Awareness

#### **Chair – TBD**

Paulette Hill  
Linda Klinefelter (FB)  
Kathryn Pacelli (Newsletter)  
Kathy Purcell  
Cat Xander

### Programs (General/VIP Luncheon/

### Human Trafficking Awareness/

### Domestic Violence Awareness)

#### **Cat Xander, Chair**

Collen Blazier (HTA & DVA)  
Elaine Bradford (Holiday Joy)  
Shawn Dredla (DVA & HTA)  
Mary Fasching  
Mayme Faulk(VIP)  
Linda Klinefelter (HTA Chair)  
Jane Manzer (DVA)  
Kathy Purcell (HTA)  
Janet Wicker

### Hospitality

#### **Kim Renfro—Chair**

Paulette Hill  
Linda Naylor  
Linda Rotmark

### Hotel Garden

#### **Linda Klinefelter, Chair**

Melody Albertson  
Deb Carlson  
Shawn Dredla  
Paulette Hill  
Jess McNeil  
Linda Naylor  
Linda Rotmark

### Shredding Event

#### **Colleen Blazier &**

#### **Cat Xander—Co-Chairs**

Shawn Dredla  
Paulette Hill

### Exploring New Fundraising

### Opportunities

#### **Chair – TBD**

Shawn Dredla  
Kim Renfro  
Cat Xander

### Virtual Garden Show

#### **Janet Popelka, Chair**

Shawn Dredla  
Paulette Hill  
Linda Klinefelter  
Kathy Purcell  
Linda Rotmark  
Chris Snow

### Area Meeting

#### **Linda Klinefelter, Kathy Purcell, Co-Chairs**



## THE VIRTUAL GARDEN SHOW RAMPS UP!

Your hardworking Virtual Garden Show Committee had a busy July:

- ◆ Soroptimist Gala Garden Show Facebook posts began July 15th highlighting 2020 vendors, Committed Fund recipients, and even a Gardening Tip from Jennifer Weir. Please “LIKE” our posts and SHARE on your Facebook page.
- ◆ 437 people now follow our Facebook page—from as far away as the Philippines, the Netherlands, Australia, and India!
- ◆ Our first Zoom webinar was with Muriel Nesbitt, Clallam County Master Gardener, on Saturday, August 22nd. Muriel shared tips on Saving Seeds. Almost 50 people registered—some from California, and a few wrote in OTHER. WOW! So much great information was presented. Surely it will take the viewers time to process it all. What a great first webinar! Watch for a Facebook post soon with the link to watch the recorded session.
- ◆ September webinars will feature Andrew May on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> and a Master Gardener panel sharing Fall Gardening Tips scheduled for Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.
- ◆ An Online Auction of 12 wonderful items including a garden cart, weed eater, lap quilts, restaurant gift certificates and more will be held from September 14<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. Photos of the items will be posted on Facebook at the end of August.
- ◆ A video of past Garden Show Chairs sharing the history of the show and favorite memories was recorded and posted to Facebook and to our website <https://www.facebook.com/113247612110367/videos/1005731689881401>
- ◆ There is also a video interview with Jennifer Weir; so much history, you know she would be a Soroptimist. Watch it at: <https://www.facebook.com/Soroptimist-Gala-Garden-Show-113247612110367/videos/386523712314981>



Even more to come in September!

The Virtual Garden Show Core Committee  
Shawn Dredla, Paulette Hill, Linda Klinefelter, Janet Popelka,  
Kathy Purcell, Linda Rotmark, and Chris Snow









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“If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly, our whole life would change.” ~*Buddha*

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# August 2020

| Sun   | Mon | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----|--|--|--|-----|-----|
|   |     | BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH<br>Amanda Beitzel<br>Colleen Blazier<br>Sara Ellen Peterson<br>Janet Popelka<br>Janet Real<br>Cali Xander |  |  |     | 1   |
| 2<br>National<br>Friendship Day<br> | 3   | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7   | 8   |
| 9   | 10  | 11   | 12   | 13<br>International Left-handers<br>Day<br> | 14  | 15  |
| 16<br>National Tell A Joke Day<br>   | 17  | 18   | 19   | 20   | 21  | 22  |
| 23  | 24  | 25<br>START Meeting<br>Via ZOOM<br>           | 26   | 27<br>National Just Because Day<br>         | 28  | 29  |
| 30  | 31  |  |  |  |     |     |

# September 2020

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|--|---|---|-----|---|---|
|   | <p>Birthdays this Month<br/>           Elaine Bradford<br/>           Mary Faschini<br/>           Paulette Hill<br/>           Gail Watson<br/>           Jennifer Wei<br/>           Pat Willis</p>  | 1<br>Business Meeting   | 2<br>World Coconut Day<br>       | 3   | 4<br>BOARD MEETING  | 5   |
| 6   | 7<br>   | 8<br>Business Meeting   | 9<br>International Sudoku Day<br> | 10  | 11  | 12  |
| 13<br>Grandparents Day<br> | 14   | 15<br>National Online Learning Day<br> | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19<br>National Dance Day<br> |
| 20  | 21<br>International Day of Peace<br>  | 22<br>Program Meeting<br>              | 23  | 24  | 25<br>National Cooking Day<br> | 26  |
| 27  | 28   | 29<br>National Coffee Day<br>          | 30  |     |   |   |

**Wren Messengers of the Sky** by: Kate Rebecca Hopwood

O' hark Wren bird you come to my windowsill  
You're on the lookout  
I watch you watching all around you  
You see what must be done  
What is clear or what's in your way  
Your song you choose to sing  
You will not be frightened or threatened away  
Bold and resilient  
Plumage stands out  
Head held high  
Chest feathered strong  
You will not be weathered by winters throng  
Thank You for visiting and stopping by  
The god and goddess messengers of the sky  
Off little Wren goes to perch with joy in birds eye



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