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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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**“Everything you do  
has some effect,  
some impact.”  
~Anonymous**

## Message from the President

As we roll into December and all that it brings, I hope that you and yours are continuing to stay safe. Holiday traditions as we know them are being redefined or postponed to future years. People are thinking twice about activities and festivities. What are you doing differently to stay safe while celebrating the season?

I had an interesting conversation with a SIS member a couple of weeks ago. We were talking about how we might not make as much money in the 2020-2021 season as we have in years past, but we WILL make funds to make a difference in some women and girls’ lives . . . even if it were just one, isn’t this all worth the efforts? Luckily for us we’ve got some awesomely, creative members who are going to make sure we raise enough money to make a difference in more than one life! It would have been “easier” for us all to go dark while this pandemic was running its course, but it seems to me that the need is even greater at this time. Do you agree? If so, can you step up in some way to assist a committee to make a difference?

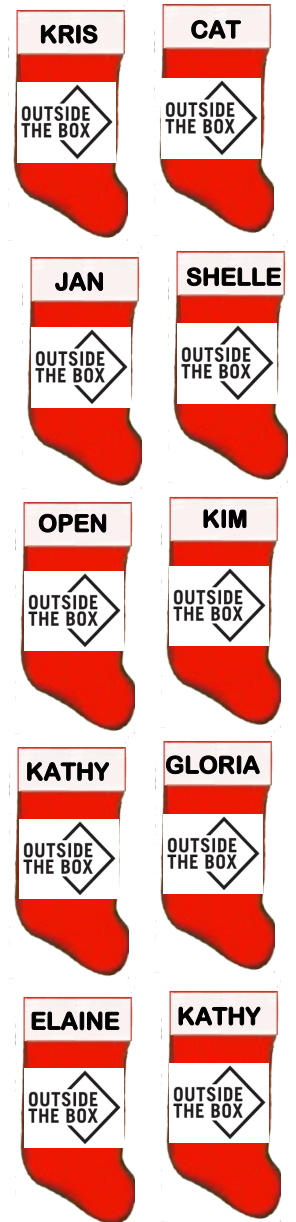
Cat and her elves have been working hard on our Christmas Party! Looking forward to “seeing” you all in your Christmas finery! We have such creative members, so I know there’s going to be some stiff competition for the grand prize that Paulette was nice enough to donate. Thanks, Paulette!

From Rick and me, we wish you and yours a healthy and happy holiday. If you have a need that I can drop on your porch, if you need a friendly ear to listen or want to hop on a Zoom with me for a friendly smile and chat on Christmas please reach out, I’d love to be here for you.

Happy Holidays!



President Kris  
Outside the Box



## Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's December. The holidays are upon us. This time of year is often called the Season of Light. There have been a lot of lights showing up recently. They have been on display, as many businesses and homes have lights—outside and inside.

One morning earlier this week Blue and I were on a walk along the Olympic Discovery Trail near 7 Cedars Casino. If you haven't been by there recently, it is definitely worth a look. All the various trees and bushes are adorned with lights—blue, green, red, yellow—and some are multicolored. It was dark so the lights were very prominent.

On the walk back I looked toward the Casino and the lights seemed to be shimmering. Most of the trees had only one color of lights on them; a few were multi-colored. The all-yellow trees seemed to twinkle the most. At first, I thought it was because there was space in between the individual bulbs in each set of lights. Walking further the glittering stopped. Hmm. A few of the bushes had red only lights on them. The space between each bulb could be seen slightly. In a way the red looked deeper.

It reminded me of back in 2005 when members of the club knitted or crocheted scarves that we sold as a fundraiser. I remember I crocheted a scarf with three skeins of red eyelash yarn. I decided to experiment; I crocheted another scarf with two skeins of red and one skein of black eyelash yarn. The second scarf looked quite different. The red looked richer because of the black—a bit like the red lights on the bush at the casino. It was the dark part that made the red look deeper.

By the time I got back I realized why the lights seemed to twinkle. There was a field between me and where the lights are at the casino. In the field there are some barren bushes and trees without leaves. Because it was dark, I didn't notice them initially. As I walked, I was actually seeing the lights through the thin stark branches. This gave the appearance of the lights twinkling. The branches had gotten in my way, but the result was something lovely.

All of this reminded me of Soroptimist. We are individuals who come together with our separate lights, but our combined impact makes things brighter for everyone. Sometimes we might choose to step back a bit, but—like the space between the lights—we add to the richness of our mission. Even the barren branches have meaning. They make me think of the challenges we meet along the way—especially now with COVID-19. We look through the thin veil and see the true light beyond.

Like the lights, we give from our inner essence—from our hearts. We shine inside and out and illumine the lives of women and girls. We shine our light in so many loving ways. We give because we care. I am so grateful to all of you for being and sharing your light. Wishing you all a blessed and inspiring holiday season. May we continue to shine our lights, as we live the Soroptimist mission while thinking outside the box.



Light and Love,  
Kathy Purcell, Editor



## CALENDAR

### DECEMBER 2020

- 4 Board Meeting
- 8 Business Meeting
- \*15 Christmas Party

### JANUARY 2021

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

**All Meetings are via  
Zoom**

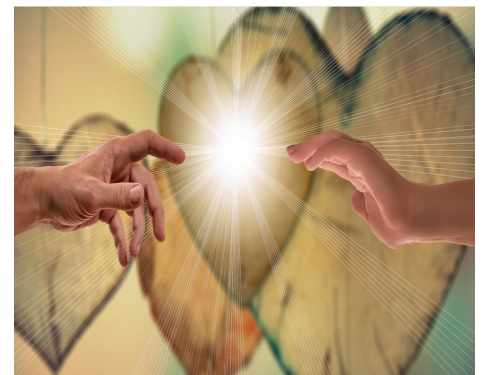


**\*Evening Meeting**

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**“Turn on the light within,  
expand your horizons  
and reach your full potential.”  
~Amit Ray**

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**“See the light. Find the light.  
Embrace the light. Be the light.”  
~Matshona Dhliwayo**

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**“The distance between light and darkness is sight.” ~Matshona Dhliwayo**

*Celebrate Life!*

**DECEMBER 2020**

Janine Bocciardi  
Deb Carlson  
Wendy Duede  
Dave Fickes  
Sandy Lawrence  
Elaine Powlesland  
Pat Zettas

**JANUARY 2021**

Kathy Cunha  
Susan Coffee



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



*“Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas.” ~Peg Bracken*



Plan to attend the online Soroptimist Christmas Party on **December 15th at 5:30 p.m.** It will be interactive and fun! The Christmas committee is asking that you dress up for the party. Choose a category and go all out—you can try to be the most elegant, the most fun, or the Queen of Bling. We are offering an award basket for each category.

There will be music and games and an opportunity to share and win the grand prize!

Show us an ornament, an image, a tradition, interesting Christmas decorations, an outstanding tree or something else that that is special to you at this time of year. You will be entered to win a fabulous basket put together by Paulette and Rick Hill. It has a piece of jewelry from Designs by Paulette, food from Sequim Fresh Catering, and donations from the community.

And in case you are hungry, yummy recipes will be coming your way including the famous White Bean Chili served at our Gala Gift Shows.

We look forward to seeing you there,

Your Christmas committee: Colleen Blazier, Elaine Bradford, Mary Fasching, Paulette Hill, Kathryn Pacelli and Cat Xander

**SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER**



**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

## NOVEMBER GIRL OF THE MONTH

### KALLI WIKER



Soroptimist International of Sequim is proud to announce Kalli Wiker as our November 2020 Girl of the Month. Kalli comes with a litany of volunteer activities which includes the local soup kitchen, Little League concession stand, summer math camps and youth basketball. She also contributes to Link Crew which helps freshmen assimilate into high school, the Haunted Hallways and Rotary Choir Performances. Kalli has been recipient of the Olympic League Scholar Athlete award in varsity volleyball, basketball and tennis and received the Olympic League Volleyball Sportsmanship Award. In her Sophomore year she was the 2A Doubles Tennis State Champion. College of choice for Kalli is George Fox University with majors in biochemistry and pharmacy.

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“Great organizations demand a high level of commitment by the people involved.” ~*Bill Gates*

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## MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER

### JANINE BOCCIARDI



**Janine** left Roseville, CA, nearly six years ago in search of a smaller town, good weather, mountains and water . . . and landed in the perfect spot . . . Sequim! She is currently employed by the University of Hawaii, though hopes to retire very soon. For more than three decades, **Janine** has been a programmer/database developer; her tech skills will be put to good use as she settles into membership!

Volunteer experience includes radio and tv gigs for community cable in Davis, CA, and public television in Sacramento. Talents/skills/passions are diverse—paper crafting, horses, photography and *singing badly at the top of her lungs (sic)*! She also describes herself as crazy about organization...and cites her sock drawer as a *work of art!*

- ♥ Her advice: ...*Never make a promise you can't keep.*
- ♥ Welcome to **Janine**

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## PATHWAYS TO SERVICE

Pathways continues to offer support, guidance, service and orientation to help new members navigate the first year of membership. We are working at First Step, helping to sort clothes for children 0-18 years old. You don't have to be a new member to help. Sandy Lawrence has volunteered and we appreciate her help. *We will be taking a break for December and continue in January.* They will never run out of clothes to sort, there will always be something to do. Please consider volunteering. *Orientation in December will be an explanation of the Membership Committee by Missy. We will continue for the remaining calendar year with articles about each committee. This will give new members an oversight of each committee and an opportunity to decide which committee they would like to join for 2021-22. Each committee head will be asked to write a short article about the functions of their committee.*



Thanks!  
~Amanda Beitzel and Elaine Churchill, Co-chairs of Pathways





## SIS MEMBERSHIP Continues to Grow!

In spite of having to *cope with life in our current upside-down world*, our club continues to attract wonderful new members . . . who share passion for our mission! With our most recent applicants, our current membership stands at 58 . . . soon to be 59, as we have just received another application!

New members are highlighted in the ***SoroptiScoop*** as applications are processed; please take time to read their bios . . . you may find many common interests, passions and talents! And don't forget to go to the ***Members Only/Roster Updates*** page of our website to find updated contact information for both new members and members whose information is incorrect in the printed roster.

We'd also like to recognize and honor those members who have continued to faithfully uphold the mission of SIS and serve the Sequim community for decades.

♥ *Thanks to all of you for making a difference and inspiring us!*

### Life Members

- ♥ *Mayme Faulk*
- ♥ *Marilyn Hooser*
- ♥ *Janet Wicker*



### Golden Girls, 15+ Years of Service

- ♥ *Jeanie Blaurock*
- ♥ *Colleen Blazier*
- ♥ *Shawn Dredla*
- ♥ *Jane Manzer*
- ♥ *Jeanne Martin*
- ♥ *Kathy Purcell*



### Silver Sisters, 10+ Years of Service

- ♥ *Amanda Beitzel*
- ♥ *Marti Campbell*
- ♥ *Deborah Carlson*
- ♥ *Jan Chapman*
- ♥ *Missy Church-Smith*
- ♥ *Wendy Duede*
- ♥ *Linda Klinefelter*
- ♥ *Shelle Paulbitski*



### The Funniest Face by: Anonymous

The funniest face  
looked out at me  
From a silver ball  
On the Christmas Tree!  
At first I thought  
It was Santa's elf,  
But I looked again and  
It was just myself!



**Missy Church-Smith**  
**2020-21 Membership Team**



## MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

In mid-October, we had to suspend donations of equipment as our storage lockers were overflowing once again. In November, we cleared out much of the excess equipment and transferred most of it to Colleen Blazier's storage locker for future donations to Gateway Medical Alliance or to Volunteer Hospice.

Although we were well stocked with most items, wheelchairs were in short supply. We bought four wheelchairs (three regular and one bariatric) in late November. They will be put to good use by the Sequim community. In November, we lent **126** pieces of equipment and received **82** items. A total of **147** calls were answered by our volunteers. We also received donations totaling **\$460**.



~Becky Archer and Chris Snow, MLC Co-Chairs



*“In good times and bad, we know that people give because you meet needs, not because you have needs.” ~Kay Sprinkel Grace*

## SPREADING HOLIDAY JOY

Holiday Joy is a collaboration with Healthy Families of Clallam County, and administered by the Holiday Joy founder, Beverly Hoffman, to provide Christmas gifts for needy families. These families are clients of Healthy Families and may have suffered from domestic violence or other issues or hardships.

The selected families provide a list of gifts they would like to receive and Soroptimists volunteer to sponsor a family and purchase the gifts for them. Members may sponsor a family on their own or organize a group effort and sponsor larger or multiple families.

Sponsors need not be SIS members . . . family, friends and neighbors are welcomed to join the effort. Beverly provides a family gift list, including apparel sizes, to each individual sponsor or group leader. We wrap and tag each gift for each family member. In past years, if the parent agreed, our members were able to meet their sponsored parent and present them with the gifts in person. This year, gifts will be picked up and delivered to the agency by the SIS Holiday Joy Coordinator. We usually begin the process in late October and have until the first week in December to accomplish all the shopping and wrapping.

This holiday season **25** SIS members have sponsored **15** families (**16** parents and **35** children). In addition, one member donated **\$50** to the program, another **\$50** Walmart gift card and some lovely handmade items.

Thank you to our generous members for your support of Holiday Joy. You make a difference in our community!



~Elaine Bradford  
Holiday Joy Coordinator



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

My hopes had been to present a Webinar with Washington Trafficking Prevention in January 2021, but COVID has presented so many challenges and my plan has not come to fruition. I have never been deterred by roadblocks, so I instituted Plan B. Many of us have access to Netflix, Hulu, Apple, Prime and more. So, Plan B sent me on an exploration of documentaries that would lead our membership to become more educated and be aware of the perils, dangers, moneymakers and even murderers in human trafficking. The following is list of documentaries and I ask that you take the time to view one or two. Then in January, as part of the focus by Soroptimist, I hope you will consider a donation to [www.polarisproject.org](http://www.polarisproject.org). The Polaris Project is one of the largest non-profits who are working tirelessly to end human trafficking around the world.

### 5 Human Trafficking Documentaries You Can Watch Online

Even though human trafficking is a multi-billion-dollar industry, most people don't know that much about it. Why is it such a huge issue? Where is it happening? A good documentary can provide the most essential information in an engaging way. Available online, these five human trafficking documentaries cover topics such as sex trafficking, forced labor, and efforts to solve the crisis.



~Linda Klinefelter, Human Trafficking Awareness Chair



#### **Brides and Brothels: The Rohingya Trade (2018)**

**Available on: Youtube | From: Al Jazeera English** After escaping Myanmar's brutal military, hundreds of thousands of Rohingya girls and women seek safety in Bangladesh. However, the refugee camps are anything but safe. This 25-minute documentary from Al Jazeera English, centers on what happens in those camps which shelter almost a million refugees. Facing financial hardships, families sell their female relatives into child marriages. Many also end up in brothels after being promised decent work. The documentary, which is available on Youtube, follows the stories of three girls. It reveals that the risk of trafficking does not go away after people escape a conflict. While the world may believe that the Rohingya women are safe once they leave Myanmar they're entering a new hell.



#### **Ghost Fleet (2019)**

**Available on: Apple TV, Prime Video, FandangoNOW, Xbox | From: Shannon Service and Jeffrey Waldron** With an original premiere at TIFF in 2018, this documentary focuses on the slave trade that powers the world's seafood industry. Following a group of activists, the film pulls back the curtain on Thailand's fishing industry. Being responsible for a huge part of the world's seafood supply is a tall order and there are not enough fishermen. That is where human trafficking comes in. People from Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia, and other places are sold to these fishing fleets for a few hundred dollars. Abused and kept in cages, these enslaved fishermen can go for months or even years without leaving the ships. While many human trafficking documentaries focus on sex slavery, it is important to remember that forced labor also affects millions of people. "Ghost Fleet" brings the situation to light and draws awareness to the commitment of activists. Viewers are also forced to reckon with their own ethics and consumption of seafood that likely came from sources that use slave labor.

#### **Sex Trafficking in America (2019)**

**Available on PBS Frontline | From: PBS (directed by Jezza Neumann)**

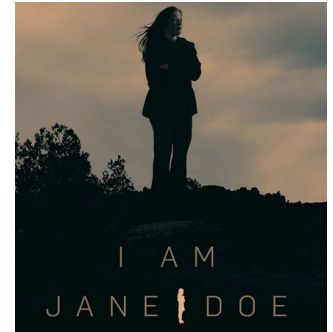
Filmed over three years, this 54-minute documentary from PBS Frontline looks at sex trafficking in the United States. At 16, Kat was kidnapped and trafficked by men she met online. Through her story, the film explores how victims are chosen, groomed, and sold. In the documentary, Kat says that she did not even know something like that was possible in the US. The film also follows a unique police unit based in Phoenix. They are dedicated to fighting sex trafficking through techniques like undercover social media operations. While "Sex Trafficking in America" reveals the trauma of trafficking, it also offers a glimmer of hope. Director Jezza Neumann and producer Lauren Mucciolo seek to let people know that trafficking happens in the United States. Neumann, whose first film was about trafficking in China, became interested in the issue in the US after talking to Kevin Bales, a professor specializing in modern-day slavery. PBS Frontline has been running since 1983 and focuses on hard-hitting topics. Each broadcast is a stand-alone feature-length documentary. "Sex Trafficking in America" is available to watch for free on the PBS Frontline website.



## I Am Jane Doe (2017)

**Available on Netflix | From: Mary Mazzio (director)**

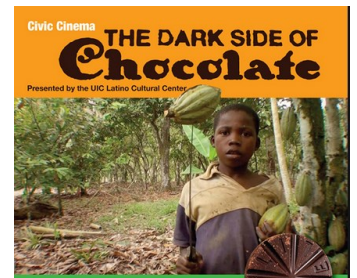
For years, human traffickers sold young girls for sex through Backpage.com, a classified ad website once owned by the Village Voice. In this documentary narrated by Jessica Chastain, the girls' mothers take up the fight and bring legal suits against the website. The mothers face significant pushback from judges, corporations, and outdated laws, including one that allows websites to deny responsibility for ads that sell girls. "I Am Jane Doe" explores the girls' stories, the lawyers involved in the suits, and the members of Congress who get involved. Mary Mazzio is an award-winning filmmaker and producer of this film along with Alec Sokolow. 50% of the film's profits went to nonprofits that focus on child survivors of human trafficking. On Rotten Tomatoes, "I Am Jane Doe" has a 91%. It was screened at a private event with members of Congress. In 2018, Backpage.com posted a notice that the FBI had seized the site. While change is slow, films like "I Am Jane Doe" let the public know what is happening.



## The Dark Side of Chocolate (2010)

**Available on Youtube | From: Miki Mistrati and U Roberto Romano (directors)**

For decades, slavery has fueled the chocolate industry. Places like West Africa depend on child labor for their cocoa production. The filmmakers begin in Germany where the director questions vendors about suppliers. The journey continues to Mali and then the Ivory Coast, where children are enslaved on cocoa plantations. Huge corporations like Nestle use that chocolate, and despite promises to stop, very little changes have been made. Deadlines for complying with new rules kept getting pushed back. In 2010, the filmmakers went to find out what the situation is. Director Miki Mistrati and U Roberto Romano used secret cameras to film much of this documentary. It is available for free on Youtube. In 2012, it was nominated for the Adolf Grimme Award in the Information & Culture category. Have things changed much since this film came out? In June 2019, three of the biggest cocoa producers in the world—Nestle, Mars, and Hershey—could not report that their chocolate was slave-free.



## FUNDRAISING

Get ready for some fun! The Fundraising Committee has picked out software that should make holding an online auction easy and profitable. The software is called Auctria and it costs just \$300 for a year for as many auctions as we want to have.

Auctria was used by SI of Hamilton for their very successful "Evening Wrapped in Chocolate." Kathy Purcell interviewed Mary Lyn from Hamilton about their event. Hamilton also presented at the District 4 Meeting and produced a handout listing all the steps they took to create the event. They were delighted with the customer service from Auctria and the results of their auction which pulled in more money than their previous in-person auctions. To see what their auction looked like, click on this link <https://event.auctria.com/d320c042-527a-45e0-bdeb-08e0ec74f532/>

The Fundraising Committee has generated some ideas for auctions in 2021 and we are open to any and all ideas. Because this year has been hard on businesses and they might not be able to afford to offer donations, we think it will be possible to create some profitable auctions from stuff members may already have around the house.

"Fundraising is the gentle art of teaching  
the joy of giving." ~Hank Rosso

One easy idea is our "One of a Kind Treasure" (AKA Garage) Sale. These are the items sitting in your house that are great for someone else to use. For example, Shelle Paulbitski has a glass coffee table that would love a new home. Janet Popelka has a sturdy wooden office chair that would make a fabulous art project. Look around your house now to see what piece of furniture, crockery, art, or other item you might like to pass on to benefit Soroptimist.

Another more traditional auction idea starts with new items you may have bought or received that you would like to re-gift. (These are the ones that are nice—just not for you at the moment.) Artistic members can combine these treasures into baskets with flair. This auction could also incorporate bigger items, like a weekend stay at Creekside B&B from President Kris, or other services that members might offer. At SI of Hamilton's auction before Halloween, one member sold a makeover of a group of four women as fantastic witches. (Check that out on their auction website!)

We will be forming an auction committee soon. A variety of skills are needed but this should not involve a big-time commitment. New ideas for auctions are welcome! The auction software and directions we have from Hamilton should help make this new type of event easier than decorating for the Gift Show or laying down the tarp for the Garden Show.



~Cat Xander, Fundraising Chair





## PROGRAMS

At the Program meeting this month the speaker was **Shawn Achor** from a TED Talk he did about how the Happiness Advantage. He's a very funny speaker, but he got going pretty fast with his strategies at the end. Here's a summary of his recommendations on how to raise positivity in the present so your brain experiences the happiness advantage that improves intelligence, creativity and energy.



**Write**—three new things you are grateful for each day

**Journal**—one positive experience each day

**Exercise**—each day because it teaches your brain that behavior matters

**Meditate**—daily because it allows your brain to focus on the task at hand

**Do a Random Act of Kindness**—every day by writing an email praising or thanking someone in your support network

Do these for 21 days in a row to establish a new pattern for your brain. The goal of these activities is to have your brain retain a pattern of scanning the world—not for the negative—but for the positive. Based on research, if we do this, we will look at the world more optimistically and more successfully.

[https://www.ted.com/talks/shawn\\_achor\\_the\\_happy\\_secret\\_to\\_better\\_work](https://www.ted.com/talks/shawn_achor_the_happy_secret_to_better_work)



~Cat Xander, Programs Chair



*“Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of traveling.” ~Margaret B. Runbeck*

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## PUBLIC AWARENESS

In the absence of having a Public Awareness chair and myself having to assume some of the duties via proxy, I am going to invite you to read my interpretation of Public Awareness for December.

Here we are in the thick of the virus. We all thought we might be farther along in returning to normal or something close to normal. Yet here we are and no closer!

In the big scheme of things, public awareness for our membership translates to bringing awareness not only to our community, but to bring awareness to our membership. I feel this December, public awareness takes on a different meaning. Are you aware almost 900 families accessed the Food Bank Thanksgiving giveaway? Or that during this holiday season we have families struggling to pay rent? Are you aware that Toys for Tots is short \$20,000 in donations due to COVID? Or did you know our small businesses are grappling to hang on?

This holiday, as part of being aware of our community, I ask that you think about the foregoing. If you are able, consider altering your Christmas purchases and buy local. Donate to Toys for Tots (Marine Toy for Tots, c/o MCL Detachment 897, PO Box 3281, Sequim, WA 98382). Help a family pay rent and make a donation to Sequim Community Aid (PO Box 1591, Sequim, WA 98382) and last but not least, consider a food challenged family and make a donation to the Sequim Food Bank (144 W. Alder Avenue, Sequim, WA 98382). Our awareness could make a change for many of those in our community.

Stay well, stay safe and may your holidays be filled with gratitude.



~Linda Klinefelter, Public Awareness Proxy Chair



*“I believe the world is one big family, and we need to help each other.” ~Jet Li*

## WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Friends,

As Executive Director I would like to personally thank you for your support as a Friend of the Sequim Free Clinic with your most generous donation to the Dungeness Valley Health & Wellness Clinic, a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization.

The clinic was temporarily closed while we navigated the process of implementing safety precautions, but as of May 18th we are open on Monday and Thursday evenings for walk-in services. While we are not able to treat COVID-19 symptoms or do testing, we are able to treat other ailments. Initial screenings are done at the door, masks are required and only four patients are allowed in the waiting room at one time, but our patients can and will be seen. Our amazing volunteers have stepped up to be there for our community.

Our Chronic Care Clinic is up and running and providing services to our regular clients. Our monthly Working on Wellness (WOW!) Forums have been able to continue thanks to KSQM FM. We broadcast our forums live on the second Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. KSQM has generously agreed to allow this to continue at least through the end of the year.

Our current and future success of being the health safety net is only possible through the continued generosity of supporters like you. In our 19 years of operation, the clinic has provided over 22 thousand patient visits and 5.4 million dollars-worth of medical and dental services, prescriptions, lab and x-rays, all free of charge to our patients. We thank you so much for helping to make this happen. We couldn't do it without you! We are happy to answer any questions you may have or give you a tour of the clinic any time. Please don't hesitate to give me a call or an email.

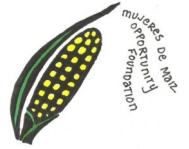
Sincerely,  
Sara Nicholls  
Executive Director



**“Appreciation is the highest form of prayer, for it acknowledges the presence of good wherever you shine the light of your thankful thoughts.” ~Alan Cohen**

Dear Soroptimist Sisters and Brothers,

Once again, Mujeres de Maiz OF is very appreciative of your long-standing and continuing support of our programs for indigenous women and children in Chiapas, Mexico.



You have been with us since our beginning in 2006. And we need to thank you not only for the generous donation, but also for the hands-on support of Soroptimist members at our fundraisers (of which there has only been one this year, due to Covid 19.)

We know this has been a difficult year for you as well. May we all get through this together and emerge energetic and grateful when the pandemic is over.

On behalf of the women and girls in Chiapas, the Mujeres' board and myself, thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,  
Judith Pasco, Board Chair











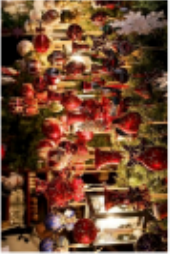


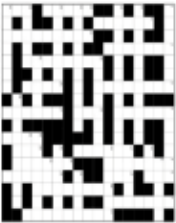







Transportation Assistance for Women with Cancer

Soroptimist International of  
Sequim.  
We are so grateful for your  
continued support!  
Many Blessings






















Thank  
you!

Cheryl Bloom  
Valerie Rotinek  
Becky Bryan  
Margaret Sanders  
Tim from Parrish  
Christy Coar  
Sandra Lee  
Allison Williams  
Nelly Allan

# December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH</b> Janine Bocciardi Deb Carlson Wendy Duede Dave Fickes Sandy Lawrence Elaine Powlesland Pat Zettas 		1 Eat a Red Apple Day 	2	3 National Roof Over Your Head Day 	4 BOARD MEETING	5
6 Put on Your Own Shoes Day 	7 Letter Writing Day 	8 Business Meeting	9	10 SI President's Appeal 	11	12
13 Ice Cream Day 	14 International Monkey Day 	15 Christmas Party 	16 National Chocolate Covered Anything Day 	17	18 Bake Cookie Day 	19
20	21 Crossword Puzzle Day 	22	23	24 National Egg Nog Day 	25 Christmas Day 	26
27 Make Cut Out Snowflake Day 	28 National Card Playing Day 	29 National Hero Day 	30 Bacon Day 	31 New Years Eve 		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH Susan Coffee Kathy Culhna</p> 					<p>1 Happy New Year</p> 	<p>2 National Science Fiction Day</p> 
<p>3 Festival of Sleep Day</p> 	<p>4 Trivia Day</p> 				<p>8 BOARD MEETING</p>	<p>9 National Balloon Ascension Day</p> 
<p>10 National Bittersweet Chocolate Days</p> 	<p>11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day</p> 	<p>12 Business Meeting</p>			<p>15 National Bagel Day</p> 	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18 National Thesaurus Day</p> 				<p>21 National Hugging Day</p> 	<p>23 National Pie Day</p> 
<p>24 National Compliment Day</p> 	<p>25 National Opposite Day</p> 	<p>26 Program Meeting</p> 	<p>20 National Cheese Lover's Day</p> 		<p>22 Celebration of Life Day</p> 	
<p>31 National Backward Day</p> 			<p>27 National Chocolate Cake Day</p> 		<p>29 National Puzzle Day</p> 	<p>30 National Croissant Day</p> 

**When Giving Is All We Have** by Alberto Ríos - 1952

One river gives  
Its journey to the next.

We give because someone gave to us.  
We give because nobody gave to us.

We give because giving has changed us.  
We give because giving could have changed us.

We have been better for it,  
We have been wounded by it.

Giving has many faces: It is loud and quiet,  
Big, though small, diamond in wood-nails.

Its story is old, the plot worn and the pages too,  
But we read this book, anyway, over and again:

Giving is, first and every time, hand to hand,  
Mine to yours, yours to mine.

You gave me blue and I gave you yellow.  
Together we are simple green. You gave me

What you did not have, and I gave you  
What I had to give—together, we made

Something greater from the difference.



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