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**“Without wearing
any mask we are
conscious of,
we have a special face
for each friend.”
~Oliver Wendell
Holmes, Sr.**

Message from the President

February . . . hearts, love, all things red and relationships being showcased everywhere.

While some see this month and the upcoming holiday as a “holiday created by the card companies,” I see it as a way to remember my single friends. COVID has made being single even more difficult than it used to be and this month just adds fuel to the fire. For those of you in a relationship, can you imagine trying to date right now given the crazy we’re all living in? For those of you who are single, I see your pain and struggle!

I have a challenge for you all. Can you please pick up the phone and call one non-Soroptimist single friend and one single Soroptimist (of course they’re your friend too!) on Valentine’s Day, just to say hi? Give them a laugh and a verbal hug. Let them know they’re special. Take 10 minutes each to give them a bright spot in their day. Don’t know anyone single? Feel free to reach out to me and I’ll send you in the right direction.

Various Ramblings:

SIA Face-to-Face Pause in Meetings & Activities—I appreciate all of your quick action and support in looking at those areas that are affected by the mandate from SIA. I continue to watch this group with pride in my heart as they rally to accomplish our goals given the sandbox we have to play in, even when the sandbox gets moved. We’ll continue to adapt as needed and told, while supporting one another and the community that we love.

Olympic Peninsula Area Meeting—Special thanks goes out to Kathy Purcell and Linda Klinefelter for stepping up to Co-Chair the upcoming Area Meeting on 2/27. “Unmasked Creativity” is the theme and they’ve put a lot of work into making it a great virtual event. I hope you’re all planning on joining us!

Upcoming Elections—SI of Sequim is coming once again upon that time of year to elect new members to the Board of Directors. This is a great time for you to learn more about SIS and there’s no previous experience necessary for the majority of the positions! Linda Rotmark has graciously agreed to Chair the Nomination Committee, so if you’d like to explore what’s available, I’m sure she’d love to talk with you. Also, feel free to reach out to me or President-Elect Cat with any questions you may have . . . we’d be happy to chat!

Wow . . . I’m not sure where this year has gone. Seems like yesterday that I was installed and now we’re looking at beginning the budget process and elections for the upcoming year. I appreciate all of your support to date and hope I have your support to finish the year strong. We still have some goals to achieve . . . are you in?

Stay safe!



President Kris
Outside the Box



**“Just as the wave cannot exist for itself,
but is ever a part of the heaving surface
of the ocean, so must I never live my life
for itself, but always in the experience which is
going on around me.” ~Albert Schweitzer**

Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's February. This is the month Cupid shoots his arrows. Some of those arrows may get diverted due to winter weather. We haven't had snow where I live, but there has been a bit of wind—and that can have an effect on things.

Every morning my dog Blue and I go for an early walk. At the place where we turn around to go back, there are a lot of trees. Several times recently we could hear the limbs creaking from the effects of the wind. It almost sounded like they could break—and some of the limbs are large in diameter.

One night last week it was quite blustery. Remnants of that could be seen on the ground the next morning when we walked. It was dark but I was wearing my headlight. As we got close to the place where we turn around Blue started pulling a bit to the left. I looked over and saw a small branch from one of the trees lying on the ground. I stepped forward toward it; Blue sniffed it up and down several times. I wondered what kind of smells could be on a tree branch. I also wondered if I would have missed it, if not for Blue's gentle pulling.

Speaking of pulling, February is also the month you might feel the pull to attend the Olympic Peninsula Area Meeting. It is Saturday, February 27, and is being hosted by our club! It would be great to have a good showing of our members at the meeting.

February is also the month a Nominating Committee is formed; we will know who is on the committee at our February business meeting. If you feel a pulling toward a board position, please let a member of the Nominating Committee know. Perhaps you have thought about heading up a committee for 2021-2022; you will have opportunities over the next couple of months to step forward for that. Answering that gentle pulling will assure you don't miss anything.

The effects of the wind remind me of the pandemic. It too has an effect on us. SIA's decision that members cannot have face-to-face activities or meetings means readjusting how we do things. We are diverting—or rather rerouting our path to accomplish our goals. We can see the periphery but know our circumference is limited only by our perspective. Our circumspect decisions will turn things around as we move toward a return to a regular form of living. The diameter of our success shows the straight line of caring that runs through the center of all of us and connects us at the heart level. Cupids arrows have reached their target. We can weather things together as we continue to think Outside the Box.



Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



“Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces up, snow is exhilarating; there is no such thing as bad weather just different kinds of good weather. ~*John Ruskin*”

CALENDAR

February

- 5 Board Meeting
- 9 Business Meeting
- 23 Program Meeting
- 27 Area Meeting

March

- 5 Board Meeting
- 9 Business Meeting
- 24 Program Meeting

All Meetings are via
Zoom



“The oak fought the wind
and was broken, the willow bent
when it must and survived.”
~*Robert Jordan*



“When we long for life
without difficulties, remind us that
oaks grow strong in contrary winds
and diamonds are made
under pressure.”
~*Peter Marshall*

Celebrate Life!

FEBRUARY

Becky Archer
Jan Chapman
Missy Church-Smith
Sherry Lacey
Joan Miller

MARCH

Kathryn Pacelli
Laura Rundle
Anji Scalf
Gerry Sladowski



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



*“The idea is, if you put a bunch
of great people together,
good things will happen.”
~Dan O'Donnell*

2021 OLYMPIC PENINSULA AREA MEETING

The 2021 Olympic Peninsula Area Meeting will be held via Zoom on **Saturday, February 27** from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The theme is **“Unmasked Creativity.”**



The clubs in the Olympic Peninsula Area are Gig Harbor, Greater Bremerton, Greater North Kitsap, Olympic Rain Forest (Forks), Port Angeles (Noon), Port Angeles Jet Set, Port Orchard and Sequim.

This year it is being hosted by SI of Sequim, however, representatives from all eight clubs took part in the planning. Although the Area Meeting is via Zoom we have asked clubs to send us a list of their members who plan to attend by **Wednesday evening, February 24, 2021.**

During the meeting District 1 Director Carolynn Kaetterhenry will be doing a presentation and providing us with some thought-provoking ideas along with a fun activity. Each club will give a brief report—this is a great opportunity for members to learn first-hand what other clubs in our area are doing.

This year's service project is similar to our Dignity for Women program. Clubs are encouraged to collect monetary donations to go to their respective food banks for the specific purchase of feminine hygiene products. Women are the first to put the needs of their family and others before their own needs. This is one way we can improve their lives in an area that often can be overlooked.

Since the Area Meeting is being hosted by our club, it would be good to have a lot of our members attend.



~Linda Klinefelter and Kathy Purcell
2021 Area Meeting Co-Chairs

SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER



Olympic Peninsula Area Meeting
Unmasked Creativity
Hosted by SI of Sequim
Via ZOOM
February 27, 2020



NWR Conference
Via Zoom
April 22-25, 2021



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SIA CONVENTION
Virtual!
October 1-2, 2021

GIRLS OF THE MONTH

OLIVIA PRESTON—January



Soroptimist International of Sequim is pleased to present **Olivia Preston** as our choice for January's Girl of the Month. Olivia has been on Honor Roll since the sixth grade, received the State's Daughters of the American Revolution's award, lettered in tennis, and served on the Associated Student Body and Cheer. In addition, she is a student representative for the Sequim School Board and is a volunteer with the Sequim Chamber of Commerce. Her college of choice is Vanderbilt University and she will be majoring in political science. She hopes to become a criminal defense attorney and make positive contributions to the judicial system.

McKENNA HASTINGS—February



McKenna Hastings has been chosen as Soroptimist International of Sequim February's Girl of the Month. McKenna volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club in Sequim and with Healthy Families in Port Angeles. She has varsity lettered in tennis and volleyball and is recognized with a Scholar Athlete Award for maintaining a 3.5 GPA and is a member of Honor Roll. Hastings will be attending Boise State University majoring in health sciences with the goal of becoming a pediatric nurse practitioner. McKenna is the granddaughter of Beverly and Marty Hoffman. Beverly is the coordinator of Holiday Joy for Healthy Families of Clallam County.

"No house should ever be on a hill or on anything. It should be of the hill. Belonging to it. Hill and house should live together each the happier for the other." ~Frank Lloyd Wright

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER

PAM HURSEY-KING



Pam and her husband, Gregg, moved to Sequim six years from Vancouver, WA, when he was offered a position with the city of Port Angeles. As an Occupational Therapist (OT), **Pam** quickly secured employment with **Sequim Health & Rehabilitation** (where she frequently referred clients to the Medical Loan Closet), and currently serves students through **Olympic Education Services District 114**. She is...*passionate about helping kids get the education they need and deserve!* Volunteer experience includes volunteering at her children's schools, the Vancouver Library, ESL Groups and Sequim Botanical Gardens. Talents/skills/passions are diverse - crafts, sewing, knitting, crocheting, reading, history, science, meditation, and mindfulness. She is also a runner...claims she is not fast, but has completed two half-marathons, and is training for one in the fall!

- ♥ Best advice she received: ...*My mother recommended that I become an OT!*
- ♥ Welcome to **Pam**

2020-21 MEMBERSHIP Update



We are delighted to welcome another new member to the SIS Family—**Pam Hursey-King**...though certainly wish we could do so in person! As an Occupational Therapist, **Pam** often referred clients to the Medical Loan Closet...learned about our mission and community outreach...and contacted us to explore membership. Following her induction at the February business meeting, SIA membership will stand at **60**.

A few reminders...



...for updates on new members, contact information, bios and photos be sure to go the Members Only/Roster Changes <https://sequimsi.org/members/roster-changes/>



...Pathways continues to provide orientation materials for new members via e-mail

Thanks to all of you for being so supportive of membership throughout this crazy year!



Missy Church-Smith
2020-21 Membership Team



“By building relations we create a source of love and personal pride and belonging that makes living in a chaotic world easier.” ~*Susan Lieberman*

MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

On January 23, Sorptimist International of the Americas issued an edict to all Soroptimists prohibiting members from meeting face-to-face with each other or with the public. We regret that this announcement closed down the Medical Loan Closet for an indeterminate period of time. Currently, we are waiting for clarification from SIA as to whether we will be able to receive equipment back from clients, outdoors and without the presence of Soroptimist volunteers. We are also hoping to be able to make an arrangement with Volunteer Hospice for equipment transfers to serve the Sequim community during the closure of the MLC.

Although the MLC was open for only part of the month of January, our volunteers were busy. We lent **95** pieces of equipment and received **86** items. A total of **130** calls were answered by our volunteers and the Sequim community generously donated **\$590**.



~Becky Archer and Chris Snow, MLC Co-Chairs





HOW TRAFFICKERS OPERATE

Traffickers often prey on victims with little or no social safety net. They look for victims who are vulnerable because of their lack of social or family support systems, unstable housing, previous traumatic experiences or abuse, immigration status, limited English proficiency, and inability to decipher exploitative situations. Traffickers recognize these factors, along with other risk factors, may make someone more likely to take risks to access opportunities and stability. Youth may also be targeted by traffickers simply because they are young and may be less equipped to make informed and sound decisions when presented with a situation that may lead to trafficking.



Who are Traffickers?

There is no single face of traffickers, they can be any gender, age, or race. To victims, they can be:

- ⇒ “Pimps” or a romantic partner
- ⇒ Employers or other professionals
- ⇒ Community leaders or people of prominence
- ⇒ Family members
- ⇒ Friends or peers
- ⇒ Strangers
- ⇒ Connected by mutual friends.

In some cases, there is no trafficker controlling or benefiting from youth victims, but only the buyer who is committing a crime. Based on federal law, minors (under the age of 18) cannot consent to a commercial sex act, so once this occurs, they are considered a victim of this crime.

Where Are Traffickers Reaching Victims?

Traffickers often go to locations where they can reach vulnerable individuals. Some of these locations include:

SOCIAL MEDIA, ONLINE AND DATING APPS

Targeting youth online has become an increasingly common tactic among traffickers. They will look for vulnerable young people who are receptive to their advances.

POPULAR MEETING PLACES

Locations where youth may frequent such as malls, parks, concerts, community centers, public transit centers, house gatherings, etc.

SCHOOLS

To potentially identify and intersect vulnerable students. Peer-to-peer recruitment may take place in schools. This is when traffickers coerce or force their victims into recruiting their peers with promises of more payment, better status, or less abuse.

GROUP HOMES, DETENTION CENTERS, SHELTERS, AND FOSTER CARE HOMES

Traffickers know that individuals at these locations are experiencing hardship and they can play to those challenges by offering financial or emotional support to gain trust.



PROGRAMS

Coming up February 27th is our **Olympic Peninsula Area Meeting**.


Our **Northwestern Region Conference** was originally scheduled as an in-person meeting April 23-25. It will now be via Zoom; details to come soon.



SIA turns 100 and they are celebrating October 1-3.

The Biennial International Conference will be Seoul, Korea, July 20-22, 2022.



~Cat Xander, Programs Chair 



Together in Motion
47th SOROPTIMIST
Biennial Convention
Seoul, South Korea • July 20-23, 2022

“I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live.” ~George Bernard Shaw

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

In case you were wondering . . . we are still planning on doing the Shredding Event and the Garden Show Auction. Both events will take place in May, depending on restrictions due to the pandemic.


The Shredding Event is scheduled for May 1 to start off Garden Show month. Because it will be a Soroptimist Event and require face-to-face contact, we will postpone it if the SIA mandate forbidding that type of activity is still in force.

Kitsap Bank will sponsor the truck for the Shredding Event and allow us to use their facility again. We are going ahead with the planning with our fingers crossed because Kitsap Bank may withdraw their support if we don't give them a specific date.

For members, this is a quick one-day event that should earn us some cash. We will have four teams again: Traffic, Signage, Donation and Dump. If you worked one of these teams last year, we hope you will agree to do so again. Members will wear their Flower Power T-shirts and Soroptimist masks.

The Garden Show Auction is also still on the schedule—moved to May 12-16th. It will cover the weekend of the keynote speaker, which will allow for lots of cross promotion. The Auction Team will be back in April with flyers and suggested emails for you to send to all your friends and family. The more people who hear about the Auction, the better our chances to make it a success.



~Cat Xander, Fundraising Chair 

2021 Virtual Garden Show Update

One thing we know for certain during a pandemic is to “go with the flow!” And that is exactly what happened with the 2021 Virtual Garden Show (VGS) in late January—when SIA announced that until further notice face-to-face contacts are not allowed. Here is how SIA’s announcement impacted the VGS:

- The Garden Show Auction moved from the third weekend of March, to May 12-16.
- The May 1 Shredding Event moved to a date TBD.
- Jennifer Weir agreed to record a short video on growing primroses in the Pacific Northwest that will post on March 20th.
- Sponsor solicitation letters and pledge forms were reworked with updated information.

Despite the SIA announcement, the VGS team had a remarkably busy January:

- Jolene Sanborn’s “Come Sit With Me” watercolor was honored as the Featured Artwork for the 2021 VGS. Be sure to check out the Sequim Garden Show website (www.sequimgardenshow.com) for Jolene’s bio and the story that inspired her beautiful painting.
- 7 Cedars became the Featured Sponsor for Christina Pfeiffer’s “Month-By-Month Gardening in the Pacific Northwest” scheduled for May 15.
- Clallam County Master Gardeners agreed to present four educational webinars during our May 1 through May 23rd VGS dates:
 - ⇒ May 8: Vegetables and Berries Questions and Answers with Muriel Nesbitt, Audreen Williams, and Jeanette Stehr-Green
 - ⇒ May 16: Pruning Tips for the Home Landscape with Keith Dekker
 - ⇒ May 22: Let’s Talk Tomatoes with Audreen Williams and Jeanette Stehr-Green
 - ⇒ May 23: Gardening Questions and Answers with Muriel Nesbitt, Jeanette Stehr-Green, and Keith Dekker
- The Vendors Committee finalized their price structure for vendor promotion and identified 25 interested businesses.
- The Sequim Gazette and KSQM became In-Kind Sponsors as Linda Klinefelter mapped out a VGS strategic marketing plan.
- All 2020 Sponsors who allowed us to hold their sponsorships last year agreed for us to use their donations in 2021. We received a generous anonymous Platinum donation.
- Kathy Purcell performed her Sequim Garden Show website magic creating a calendar of events, adding two pages to highlight our webinar speakers and topics, and updating all things VGS.
- Elaine Bradford and Sharon Jensen, Facebook Committee Chairs, began putting their creative energies to work on promotion of our committed funds recipients.



Come Sit With Me

So, the Virtual Garden Show will go on! THANK YOU to a tremendous Virtual Garden Show Committee for your diligent, hard work.





















~Janet Popelka and Kathy Purcell, 2021 VGS Co-Chairs























**“By cultivating the beautiful we scatter the seeds of heavenly flowers,
as by doing good we cultivate those that belong to humanity.” ~Vernon Howard**

February 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH Becky Archer Jan Chapman Missy Church-Smith Sherry Lacey Joan Miller</p>	<p>1 National Get Up Day </p>	<p>2 National Ground Hog Day </p>	<p>3 National Women Physicians Day </p>	<p>4 </p>	<p>5 BOARD MEETING</p>	<p>6 National Frozen Yogurt Day </p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8 National Kite Flying Day </p>	<p>9 Business Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 National Inventors' Day</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 National Cheddar Day </p>
<p>14 Valentine's Day </p>	<p>15 PRESIDENTS' DAY </p>	<p>16 National Almond Day </p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 National Drink Wine Day </p>	<p>19 National Caregivers Day </p>	<p>20 National Love Your Pet Day </p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22 National Margarita Day </p>	<p>23 Program Meeting</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 National Clam Chowder Day </p>	<p>26 National Toast Day </p>	<p>27 National Strawberry Day </p>
<p>28 National Floral Design Day </p>						

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH Kathryn Pacelli Laura Rundie Ange Scalf Gerry Sladowski</p>	<p>1 World Compliment Day </p>	<p>2 National Read Across America Day </p>	<p>3 World Wildlife Day </p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 BOARD MEETING </p>	<p>6 National Dress Day </p>
<p>7 National Cereal Day </p>	<p>8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY </p>	<p>9 Business Meeting</p>	<p>10 National Landline Telephone Day </p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 National Girl Scout Day </p>	<p>13 National K9 Veterans Day </p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15 National Napping Day </p>	<p>16 National Panda Day </p>	<p>17 St Patrick's Day </p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 National Let's Laugh Day </p>	<p>20 International Day of Happiness </p>
<p>21 Harmony Day </p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Program Meeting National Puppy Day </p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 International Waffle Day </p>	<p>26 Wear a Hat Day </p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 Respect Your Cat Day </p>	<p>29 National Smoke & Mirrors Day </p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 National Crayon Day </p>			

Flexibility by Lawren

Flexibility is the presence of structure
In the absence of rigidity.
Like the valves in my veins
That keep my blood flowing in the
Right direction.

As limber beings we can sway and bend without snapping.
Even under intense pressure,
We are able to return to normal
When we call upon our inner strength.
Our minds, like muscles,
Must be consistently stretched and tested
To remain pliable.
Allowing us to become more accepting of ourselves and others.



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