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through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.*

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**“Our daily
decisions and habits
have a huge impact
upon both our
levels of happiness
and success.”
~Shawn Achor**

Message from the President

This is a bittersweet article for me. My last as President of SIS.

What an interesting year it’s been! Who knew when I made the commitment two years ago (for those who don’t know, when you commit to President-Elect, you’re committing to stepping up to President the next year) that we’d be navigating a pandemic and I’d have so much chaos in my business and personal life? I wouldn’t trade my time as President for anything though.

I’ve been asked many times why I continue with Soroptimist given my crazy life. It would be the “easy” thing to put on the back burner or just write a check instead. It would have been easy to say “I’m sorry, I didn’t know my company was going to go national, so I need to step down from President.” So why didn’t I? The easy answer that I give people is, my heart tells me I need to give back. I had a difficult childhood in which others helped give me a leg up to be successful, so I in turn follow my heart for women and girls to make sure I do what I can to give them a leg up to be successful as well. What’s the point in reaching our goals and aspirations if we look down and we haven’t assisted others to rise along with us?

What’s your “why” for supporting Soroptimist? I think it’s good to stop and reflect on the why every so often and reaffirm our commitment to what brought us to SIS to begin with. Won’t you take a moment to do so?

I’d like to publicly thank you all for your support and understanding in the last year. Our “Outside the Box” year lived up to my theme, that’s for sure! I’ve said on many occasions how proud I am of us as an organization as I’ve watched our members step up in SO very many ways in the last year when it would have been easy to say “we’ll take a break till COVID is over.” Way to go! Big thanks especially go out to Cat and Shelle. The two of them have been my rocks. No matter what I needed—information, someone to correct a mistake, a sounding board, someone to step up and take something off of my plate, someone to vent to or most importantly a friend—they both were there no matter what. Thank you, ladies. Your support meant the world to me!

Here’s what I’d like you to remember from my year as President. When people think of the President position they think of all of the responsibilities and the time commitment (btw, it’s not as much as people think). What they don’t realize is the wonderful support network you have behind you to help you navigate the tasks.

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Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's June. We're coming off of a nearly month-long Virtual Garden Show (VGS) with our first ever online Auction in the middle of it. Technology was an important component in doing these. Many of us spent time learning new aspects of technology over the last year—especially for the VGS and Auction.

The day after the show ended my sister-in-law, Wanda, sent me a Facebook message with a photo of a flowering plant, writing, "This flower in front of our house blooming reminds me of you. It looks like bursting stars." The flowers are purple—my favorite color. I'm not a horticulturist or a gardener. I do know some flowers but wasn't sure what was blooming in the photo. I sent the picture to Linda Klinefelter because I was sure she would know. I received an email reply from her that said, "Yes! Otis a Clematis. Love them." When I read her message, what came to mind was elevators—Otis elevators.

In preparation for this article, I went online to learn about Otis a Clematis. I know some plants/flowers have multiple varieties and different names. I couldn't find anything on Otis a Clematis. [I imagine a lot of you are laughing right now.] I sent a text message to Linda asking if it had a different name. It turns out technology had gotten in the way when Linda sent her original reply to me. She sent it from her cell phone and—as happens sometimes—the device put in character/words that she didn't actually type. It's happened to most of us—it's like the phone takes control, and even when we're watching, it composes a message that we did not intend to send. Armed with this new information, I went back online to do some research.

I learned there are over 200 types of clematis, falling into three groups: spring bloomers, repeat bloomers and summer/fall bloomers. Some people plant from more than one group, so they have color all year round. Though some will bloom in partial shade, to reach their full potential they need sunlight. Clematis prefer moist well-drained soil that's neutral in pH.

Clematis are long-lived perennial vines and are said to have an important role in any flower garden. As they scramble up trellises, climb over arbors and thread themselves through other plants, clematis weave a rich tapestry of color and texture.

Clematis remind me a bit of Soroptimists. We are a long-lived organization—Soroptimist International turns 100 this October, and SI of Sequim will turn 75 next May. What we do takes us into many areas as we thread our way through the community with our good works—from the Live Your Dream Award, to scholarships, to our Medical Loan Closet and more.

Like clematis some of us bloom instinctively, but to reach our full potential we need the light of the combined members. The moist neutral soil we need is the openness within our club and the encouragement of one another.

I was reflecting on the email from Linda—Otis a Clematis . . . perhaps it wasn't a mistake. After all, it was the inspiration for this article. I see we are a bit like Otis elevators—the work we do elevates women and girls. We are elevators, assisting others, and personally rising to new levels in the process. Our vine continues to reach Outside the Box; we will discover A Brand New Normal as we move forward together.



Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



"A man's growth is seen in the successive choirs of his friends."
~Ralph Waldo Emerson

CALENDAR

June

- 4 Board Meeting
- 8 Business Meeting
- *25 Installation

Summer Hiatus



***Evening Meeting**
All Meetings are via
Zoom



"The universe is full of magical things patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper." ~Eden Phillips



"As we grow as unique persons,
we learn to respect
the uniqueness of others."
~Robert H. Schuller

Celebrate Life!

JUNE

Elaine Churchill
Jess McNeil
Caroline Smith

JULY

Sharon Jensen
Jane Manzer
Kris Osborn
Kathy Purcell
Kim Renfro
Jolene Sanborn
Janet Wicker



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



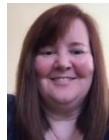
“The greatest challenge of the day is:
how to bring about
a revolution of the heart,
a revolution which has to start
with each one of us?”
~Dorothy Day

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They don't think about the Presidents that have come before them and cut the trails to follow to have a successful term. They don't think about the District, Region, National and International support that we have as an organization that they can pull from to make the duties easier. They don't think of the members that have a strong passion for our mission who will do all they can to make sure the organization's goals will happen, no matter who is President. Yep, what I'm trying to tell you is that if I can be President, so can you. I'd love to talk to you about the position for future years if this has spoken to you. The AWESOME news is Cat and Kim are going to do a wonderful job in their upcoming terms and I can't wait to support them both!

To quote Amanda Beitzel one more time before my term is over “Soroptimist isn't a social organization, it's a service organization” (yes, I'll be sending more happy dollars for use of her trademark!). So I challenge each of you to step up during committee signups to support your WHY that you thought about earlier. I can't wait to see what we accomplish in the coming year as we roar into the 2021-2022 year energized and ready to blow our goals out of the water!

Thanks again for a great year!



Kris
Outside the Box



Soroptimist International of Sequim

invites you to join us for



Installation of Officers and Board for 2021-2022

Friday, June 25, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Our club had the task of choosing two young women to receive scholarships funded by directed donations from two members of the club. Given criteria based on financial need and grade point, we were sent 14 notebooks to review. If we were able to give all 14 a scholarship, we would have! The subcommittee reviewed the digital notebooks independently, sent comments and ranked choices to me, then I compiled a spreadsheet before our Zoom meeting to discuss the candidates and come up with our three top choices and two alternates, should there be a need for them.

The young women receiving \$2,000 Soroptimist International of Sequim scholarships for the academic year 2020-21 are **Chloe (Cas) Morton** and **Audriana Bennett**. Both of these girls attended Running Start, so will be receiving their Associate Degree from Peninsula College AND their high school diploma. Both of these girls also carried a cumulative GPA throughout high school of more than 3.8, even taking AP classes.

This past year has been difficult for most students, and the number of girls compiling a digital scholarship notebook was down from previous years. With that, and despite having financial and personal hardships, these two girls had strong letters of recommendation indicating they both have the focus, commitment, and drive to earn a 4-year degree and perhaps beyond.



Cas has always excelled in STEM subjects and plans to pursue a degree in Chemistry or Mathematics at a state school (at the time of doing her notebook in January, her 1st and 2nd choices were UW and WWU). She has been involved in many school and community activities, works during the summers, and is very musical. One of the club reviewers wrote that “she has demonstrated leadership in academics and sports” and “her notebook was very impressive.”



Audriana is interested in a career in psychiatry and her first two choices for school are UW and Oregon State University. She has worked consistently in restaurants since December 2018, because she has needed to support herself and her family too. One of the club reviewers wrote “she has overcome extreme adversity through perseverance and a high level of maturity.”

We hope these girls can join us at our last meeting of the year.

~Jane Manzer—with a great big thanks to Kris Osborn, Cat Xander, Linda Rotmark, Shirley Legg, Kathy Cunha, Kim Renfro, Janet Real, and Sandy Lawrence for their careful reading of the notebooks and coming up with two fine scholarship winners.

“Originality is the essence of true scholarship. Creativity is the soul of the true scholar.” ~Nnamdi Azikiwe

From Mitzi Sanders, Career Counselor at Sequim High School

Thank you for your continuous support of SHS students and graduates! Even during a global pandemic, the Class of 2021 has earned over \$2.6 million in scholarship awards! This is due to your generosity and compassion. You have made Sequim an amazing place for these kids to grow up! Earning a scholarship is more than financial help with their educational expenses, it’s also the honor of being recognized and celebrated that means the world to them.

Notes from the Membership Team...June 2021



Definitely a *Crazy Outside the Box* kind of year! But our wonderful creative members rallied, regrouped, brainstormed and pushed aside all obstacles . . . nothing, not even COVID, can keep us down! It is pretty amazing that we stayed so connected, positive, productive and optimistic . . . and while living in *Zoom-Land*, managed to fund-raise and friend-raise!

And now looking forward. Membership numbers remain in the 50s—we will welcome four new members at Installation and anticipate additional inquiries in the summer and fall. Some 2020-21 members have opted not to renew for various reasons from health, to travel, to new pursuits, to more time with family. We wish all well and want them to know that they will always be welcome to come back to **SI of Sequim** as a member or guest . . . *once in the family, always in the family!*

In a few weeks, we'll begin work on the **2021-22 Roster**. Personal information is updated as you return your Dues Statement along with you checks; a proof copy will be sent to all members mid-June for approval before it goes to print. Rosters will be distributed in August at the **START** meeting (date TBA).

It has been my privilege to serve as your Membership Chair this year and offer special thanks to our wonderful *Membership Team* for their support, enthusiasm, and laughter!

Love and Admire All of You!

~Missy Church-Smith, Membership Chair



2020-21 Membership Team

Becky Archer, Sunshine Lady
Amanda Beitzel, Pathways
Elaine Bradford, SoroptiScoop Articles
Jan Chapman, Breakfast Meetings/Attendance
Elaine Churchill, Pathways
Sandy Lawrence, SoroptiScoop Articles
Shelle Paulbitski, Finance
Gail Watson

“The first time you meet someone, they’re a new acquaintance, the second time you have a bit of an understanding, and the third time you meet them, you’re old hats.” ~Kathryn Minshew

BEING A MEMBER OF PATHWAYS IS A PICNIC

A small group of the Pathways Committee met for a picnic last month. It was a beautiful day, made all the more so by seeing smiling faces. That was our last event or meeting for our 2020-21 Soroptimist year. The committee will resume in September.



~Amanda Beitzel and Elaine Churchill, Pathways Co-Chairs

MEMBERSHIP—COOL STUFF

LIFE IS A PARADE

Member Amanda Beitzel was the Grand Marshall in the 126th Annual Sequim Irrigation Festival. Here is Amanda riding in the parade.



WINNING FLOWERS

Shawn Dredla was the winning bidder for the lovely hanging basket donated by Sprouting Hope Greenhouse. Here we see it at her home; such a colorful and warm invitation to guests.

ROOFTOP GARDEN

Mary, Mary, quite contrary
How does your garden grow?
With silver bells and cockleshells
And pretty maids all in a row.

“Plants are solar powered air purifiers whose filter never needs replacing.” ~*Khang Kijarro Nguyen*

And how does our club-sponsored garden grow? With the help of our member, Jess McNeil! Jess works at Holiday Inn Express and after his shift on Mondays, he takes the elevator to the roof-top garden and checks out all the containers. He has been whisking pesky little weeds out of the pots and out of the side areas which hold the sedum. Monday or Tuesday you will find him watering! Most recently, he assisted with planting some colorful annuals and with fertilizing all the plants. Jess feels this is his contribution to Soroptimist and hopes it won't be long before we will be meeting there again. Thanks Jess, for all that you do.



~Linda Klinefelter,
Rooftop Garden Chair



MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

The Medical Loan Closet was able to reopen for lending and receiving equipment on May 16!! We were required by Soroptimist International of the Americas to obtain a \$2 million general liability insurance policy prior to being granted permission by SIA to reopen. Thanks to Chris Snow for finding an insurance agency and policy and the Board for approving the purchase of the insurance.



Because of health concerns surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic, the MLC had been accepting only equipment returns and donations with a contactless process since March 15. Although our four storage lockers are currently overloaded with returned equipment, that situation will quickly be reversed now that we have started lending equipment again.

Due to current Covid restrictions and our on-going protocols and procedures, we continue to require individuals to wear masks, maintain social distance, and wait in their car until it is their turn to either borrow or return equipment.

We would like to thank Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County who stepped up and lent equipment to the Sequim community while the Closet was closed.

Although the MLC was open for only two weeks in May, our hardworking volunteers were busy. We lent **41** pieces of equipment and **26** were returned. Our volunteers answered **87** calls after we reopened. The generous Sequim community donated **\$1,600**—including **\$1,285** from Sunrise Rotary.



~Becky Archer and Chris Snow, MLC Co-Chairs

“Every thought, every word, and every action that adds to the positive and the wholesome is a contribution to peace. Each and every one of us is capable of making such a contribution.” ~Aung San Suu Kyi

AN EASY WAY TO SUPPORT MUJERES—JUST SHARE YOUR WORDS

Can you spare a few minutes to help Mujeres de Maiz achieve a 2021 Great NonProfits badge? Great Non-profits—a review site like TripAdvisor—is honoring highly reviewed nonprofits with their 2021 Top-Rated Awards. Check out previous reviews here: <https://greatnonprofits.org/org/mujeres-de-maiz-opportunity-foundation> and then either write a short review on the website.....

OR send a text (SMS) review

1. Tap New Message on your Message app
2. Enter the number (888) 432 - 6659
3. In the message field, enter our 9-digit EIN number (20-4289123)
4. Tap Send
5. Now you will be given three questions: a rating, your role and a space to write comments

Your privacy is protected. Your answers are anonymous and your phone number is never shown publicly.

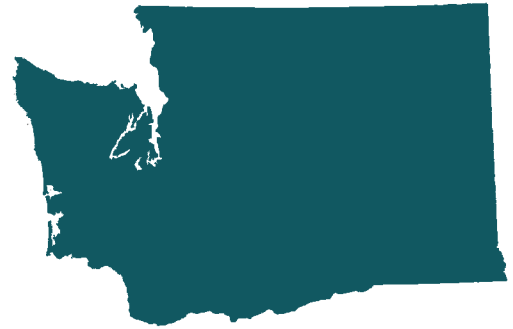
Reviews automatically show up on the nonprofit's profile page. Reviewers are designated mobile users. Thank you so much!

Judith Pasco, Board Chair
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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The history of Human Trafficking in Washington State

Are you familiar with the laws in Washington State around Human Trafficking? In 2003, Washington was the first state to pass a law criminalizing human trafficking (RCW A.40.100) and we have the most stringent law in the country.



In the 1990s three immigrant women came forward and shared stories of coercion, beatings, exploitation and murders all around bride trafficking. Dr. Sutapa Basu, Executive Director of the UW Women's Center, and Emma Catague, a long-standing Seattle community advocate, set out to examine a pattern that was soon to be identified as human trafficking. In 2003, then Representative Velma Veloria sponsored the historic House Bill (HB) 1175. With the support of her colleagues in both Chambers of the State Legislature, Washington set the stage for the local and national anti-trafficking movement by becoming the first State in the nation to criminalize human trafficking. Since then, 49 States have replicated and instituted similar bills, launching a national movement.

Seattle is part of a trafficking circuit that can include Honolulu, Las Vegas, New Orleans, Portland, Vancouver (Clark County), Yakima and Canada. We have several ports, agriculture areas, vast rural areas and we border Canada. Even counties like Clallam are subject to human trafficking. In January of 2020, when Soroptimist International of Sequim presented a human trafficking event, law authorities attending from Clallam County told us they had arrested individuals who were trafficking in Clallam County.

Here is a list of organizations that help the State of Washington in its fight against Human Trafficking.

- The Polaris Project.
- The Campaign to Restore and Rescue Victims of Human Trafficking under the US Dept. of Health and Human Services
- Shared Hope International
- Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network (WARN)
- Seattle Police Department
- Seattle Against Slavery
- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- The Tronie Foundation
- Washington Engage

You, too, can help by being alert to your surroundings and through a donation to an organization that fights trafficking.



~Linda Klinefelter, Human Trafficking Awareness Chair



“There is no wrong way to perform an act of kindness. Because it proves that you don't need much to change the entire world for the better. You can start with the most ordinary ingredients. You can start with the world you've got.” ~Catherine Ryan Hyde

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SOROPTIMIST



Soroptimist International (SI) President Sharon Fisher invites you to the SI 100th Celebration! To learn more about it visit: <https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/members-area/100th-si-birthday-the-big-event/>

Earlybird registration is \$40 until June 14. You can register here: <https://100.soroptimistinternational.org/si100>



June 2021

Thank you for trusting us to oversee the club's fiscal matters this year! Our fabulous committee worked hard, gathered lots of data in order to make recommendations—and even found time to laugh and enjoy each other's company on sometimes multi-hour Zoom meetings! We're especially pleased with the creation of the *Liaison Outreach to Committed Funds* recipients. We believe this plan will not only ensure close relationships with organization representatives, but also keep us *in the loop* about how SIS funds are being used for specific programs/events to promote our mission!

The approved 2021-22 *Budget* has been posted on the Members Only site under Club Forms <https://sequimsi.org/members/club-forms/>

Please take time to access this document and become familiar with it. As we are a non-profit organization, we voted to *spend down* a portion of our funds—and provide additional funding to our community, especially in these uncertain economic times.



Missy Church-Smith, Finance Committee Chair



SIS Finance Committee Members

Colleen Blazier
Shawn Dredla
Dave Fickes
Sherry Lacey
Shirley Legg, *Assistant Treasurer*
Shelle Paulbitski, *Treasurer*
Janet Popelka
Linda Rotmark

**“Don't tell me where your priorities are.
Show me where you spend your money
and I'll tell you what they are.”
~James W. Frick**

ONLINE GARDEN SHOW AUCTION

The very first Soroptimist Online Garden Show Auction was amazing. Our goal was \$10,000 and thanks to the generosity of our donors and bidders, we were **117%** successful! We raised **\$11,962** and at least **\$2,150** of that was donations.

The fiercest bidding of the auction was for **Linda Rotmark's** pies and scones. The pies netted **16** bids that pushed their price up more than double—to **\$220**. Her scones generated **14** bids before they sold for **\$205**. **Jan Chapman's** succulent planter got the most action of all with 18 people vying for it.



People really wanted the flight to Port Townsend. It was valued at \$175 but **12** bids pushed the price to **\$260!** **Elaine Bradford** got Emily Westcott to donate it when we put out a call for high interest items.

It was a Garden Show Auction after all, so we asked members to create planters. **Colleen Balzier, Jan Chapman, Paulette Hill, Linda Klinefelter, Sandy Lawrence, Jane Manzer and Linda Naylor** designed 15 unique and wonderful planters that brought in **\$850**.

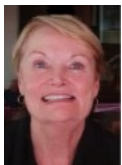
A total of **172** people registered to bid at the auction. Every article and Facebook post that drew those people—and the website itself—made the point that Soroptimist works to make a difference for women, girls and the community. These registrations are great news because they give us the beginnings of a database of people we can contact for future events.

THANKS:

Thanks to the Virtual Garden Show vendor team who talked many of the vendors into donating their products so we could put them up for auction.

The biggest thanks of all to the amazing, outstanding, and hardworking auction team: **Kathy Purcell** and **Kim Renfro** created the attractive and highly functional website using the Auctria program. **Paulette Hill, Linda Naylor, and Jane Manzer** donated, collated, gathered, and photographed the items, as well as organized and distributed them. **Deb Carlson** and her husband produced some wonderful furniture including two potting benches. Their work generated over **\$900** in bids. **Linda Klinefelter** not only got the auction in the newspaper, on Facebook, and on KSQM—she also brought in five wonderful baskets. **Elaine Bradford** made super videos that we used on the auction site to explain why we wanted to raise money, got us on about seven extra Facebook sites AND found us a number of great auction items. **Shirley Legg** donated what might have been the most interesting lot of all: a purse stuffed with five gift cards of unknown denominations and sources, and **Shirley** and **Shelle** got us connected to Stripe so we could process the money.

There were some members who were not on the Auction Committee, but who donated items: **Melody Albertson, Amanda Beitzel, Janine Bocciardi, Shawn Dredla, Mary Fasching, Pauline Geraci, Sharon Jensen, Kris Osborn, Janet Popelka, and Jolene Sanborn.** We thank them for their part in making this a successful event.



~Cat Xander, Online Auction Co-Chairs



"You've got to go out on a limb sometimes because that's where the fruit is." ~Will Rogers

ANOTHER VIRTUAL GARDEN SHOW SUCCESS!

We did it! The 2021 Virtual Garden Show (VGS) which “officially” ran from May 1st through May 23rd is over. THANK YOU to a tremendous team comprised of nearly half of the SI of Sequim membership. You are the best!

Highlights:

- The Show raised over \$9,500 (after expenses) from our fabulous sponsors, vendors, and webinar attendees. And that figure does not include the OVER-THE-TOP Garden Show Auction!
- Jolene Sanborn’s gorgeous watercolor, Come Sit with Me, provided the perfect visual for all promotion and was an important contribution to the Auction.
- The Sponsor and Auction Committees secured over 70 cash and in-kind sponsors!
- We had 18 vendors participate. Fourteen (14) of the vendors donated 15 auction items that sold for \$1,147 (not included in the figure above), with one happy customer making an additional \$50 donation! Shawn Dredla and Kathy Cunha, Vendor Committee Chairs, and their helpers did a terrific job of communicating with our vendors.
- Paulette Hill, Linda Rotmark, and Cat Xander hosted FIVE excellent gardening Zoom webinars, including our Keynote Speaker, Christina Pfeiffer, sponsored by 7 Cedars Casino & Hotel, and four webinars with Clallam County Master Gardeners, our valued partners.
- On the last day of the Auction, Facebook indicated that nearly 15,000 people viewed our posts over a 28-day period! Much of the credit for that exposure is due to the professional videos created by the Facebook committee, led by Elaine Bradford, with Kim Renfro’s able assistance.
- Missy Church-Smith reached out to committed funds recipients to engage them in the Show. The agencies were appreciative of the videos Elaine designed that showcased their important work.
- Kathy Purcell’s mastery of website skills kept the Gala Garden Show website looking great and up to date. She also coordinated the successful Children’s Coloring Contest with First Teacher, one of our committed funds recipients.
- Linda Klinefelter and her team expertly managed all things with publicity, including newspaper press releases, ads and articles, reader board advertising, and radio public service announcements.

We hope we are back to an in-person Gala Garden Show in 2022! Although we now know how to expertly navigate a virtual event, we want to see faces and smiles, smell flowers, touch plants, purchase all things garden-related, and share Soroptimist energy with our community.



Kathy Purcell and Janet Popelka
2021 Virtual Garden Show Co-Chairs



“A plant needs roots in order to grow. With man it is the other way around: only when he grows does he have roots and feels at home in the world.” ~Eric Hoffer



WHO GNOMES BEST?

The winning bid for the garden gnome [donated by Mama Gnomes Best] was \$65. The value stated on the auction site was \$35. Cat was on duty when the winner came to pick-up the gnome. He said he would have paid \$100 for it. Cat challenged him, saying he had that opportunity. He handed her a \$50 bill.
~kp



“Treat a man as he is and he will remain as he is. Treat a man as he can and should be and he will become as he can and should be.” ~Stephen R. Covey

VIRTUAL GARDEN SHOW SPECIAL THANKS

We Soroptimists rose to the “Outside the Box” inspiring challenge that President Kris laid out at her installation in late June 2020. First, the summer Shredding Event, then the first Virtual Garden Show (fall edition) last September, followed by three See’s Candies online events—all following pandemic guidelines during this uncertain time.

We capped off the 2020-2021 year by successfully combining the second Virtual Garden Show and the first Garden Show Online Auction. Together, these two events netted over \$20,000 so that we might continue to make a difference for women, girls and our community.

We’ve put together a video as a thank you to ALL club members for your contributions of time, talent and treasure. We recognize we could not have accomplished the Virtual Garden Show or Online Auction without the Clallam County Master Gardeners and their partnership producing four dynamic, informative gardening Zoom webinars, as well as our 70+ Sponsors and 18 Vendors. We are grateful to all of them. Teamwork made this possible. Here is a link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xk2wgrh8Dh4>

Kudos to ALL!



Kathy Purcell and Janet Popelka
2021 Virtual Garden Show Co-Chairs

“Your intuitive powers increase when you are with plants because your mind is silenced, and you become more aware in the present moment.” ~Sanchita Pandey

SI OF SEQUIM TURNS 75 ON MAY 2, 2022



A memory from our 70th Anniversary . . . what suggestions do you have for celebrating our 75th?

WORDS OF GRATITUDE







5-21-21

Dear Friends, (I call you friends because you have all been so kind to us when we've borrowed or returned items to your closet!)




Thank you so very much for starting and maintaining the Medical Loan Closet. It is such a gift to the community. It has really helped us when we've had surgery and we can't thank you enough for being there for us.

Sincerely,
Joseph & Georgia Chiarella

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH Elaine Churchill Jess McNeil Caroline Smith</p>		<p>1</p>	<p>2 National Running Day</p> 	<p>3 National Repeat Day National Repeat Day</p>	<p>4 BOARD MEETING</p>	<p>5 National Trails Day</p> 
<p>6 National Yo-Yo Day</p> 	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Business Meeting</p>	<p>9 National Donald Duck Day</p> 	<p>10 National Iced Tea Day</p> 	<p>11 National Corn on the Cob Day</p> 	<p>12 National Red Rose Day</p> 
<p>13 National Weed Your Garden Day</p> 	<p>14 National Flag Day</p> 	<p>15 National Smile Power Day</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17 National Mascot Day</p> 	<p>18 National Flip Flop Day</p> 	<p>19 National Watch Day</p> 
<p>20 Father's Day</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22 National Chocolate Eclair Day</p> 	<p>23 National Pink Day</p> 	<p>24 National Pralines Day</p> 	<p>25 Installation</p>	<p>26 National Coconut Day</p> 
<p>27</p>	<p>28 National Logistics Day</p> 	<p>29 National Camera Day</p>	<p>30 Social Media Day</p> 			

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 International Joke Day 	2	3 National Compliment Your Mirror Day 
4 Independence Day 	BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH Sharon Jensen Jane Manzer Kris Osborn Kathy Purcell Kim Renfro Jolene Sandorn Janet Wicker 	6 National Fried Chicken Day 	7 Tell the Truth Day 	8 National Video Game Day 	9 National Sugar Cookie Day 	10 National Kitten Day 
11	12 National Simplicity Day 	13 Cow Appreciation Day 	14 National Tape Measure Day 	15 National Give Something Away Day 	16	17 National Emoji Day 
18 World Listening Day 	19	20 National Lollipop Day 	21	22 National Hammock Day 	23 National Amelia Earhart Day 	24
25 National Wine & Cheese Day 	26 National Coffee Milkshake Day 	27 National Scotch Day 	28 National Milk Chocolate Day 	29 National Lasagna Day 	30 International Day of Friendship 	31 National Mutt Day 

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