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

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## Message from the President

Wow...September! Not sure how we ended up here so quickly, but here we are at the beginning of another Soroptimist year! True, it doesn't look like a normal start to the year with our virtual S.T.A.R.T. Meeting; but it doesn't change the mission, heart and dedication we all have as Soroptimists to continue the mission for the 2020-2021 year.

Did you see the great job that Janet, Paulette and the Virtual Garden Show committee did with our first webinar with Muriel Nesbitt? Nice Job, ladies! Looking forward to **September 13th** when the **Virtual Garden Show** officially kicks off. The committee has been hard at work to think of Outside the Box options to stay true to the heart of the Garden Show, but play within the virtual world they're limited to.

The first business meeting is fast approaching! **September 8th** at 8am. We have some important things we need to discuss as an organization for the coming year, so would appreciate you reminding your friends within our group that the meeting is coming up. You'll be getting Zoom instructions this week.

Until COVID is under control and we're unlocked as a society, we'll continue our virtual meetings. If you need assistance figuring out how to join us either on your computer, Ipad or phone, feel free to reach out to me and I'll match you with a member (or me!) to assist. I don't want anyone to hesitate to reach out if you need assistance.

2020-2021 Soroptimist year, here we come...Ready or Not! Look forward to seeing you all on September 8th!



President Kris  
**Outside the Box**



**“If you want  
to accomplish the  
goals of your life,  
you have to begin  
with the spirit.”  
~Oprah Winfrey**

**“Keep on beginning and failing. Each time you fail, start all over again,  
and you will grow stronger until you have accomplished a purpose—not  
the one you began with perhaps, but one you'll be glad to remember.”  
~Anne Sullivan**

## Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's September. It is traditionally thought of as back-to-school time—back to the 3 R's—Reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic. When we hear the word school we often think of a physical place—a building where teachers educate the students. The word school can also be used as a verb—an action word. An instructor schools [teaches] those in the class.

I find words very interesting, both written and spoken. I recently watched a YouTube video by Pluto the dog titled **50 words**. Pluto isn't real—well, she is a real dog, but she can't really talk. The words she says are actually her mom speaking. I always get a few lessons from what Pluto says—so much wisdom is imparted.

In this video Pluto talks about the book *Green Eggs and Ham*—a classic Dr. Seuss story. She tells us that the writer made a bet with his boss (Bennett Cerf, the co-founder of Random House) that he could write a book using only 50 words. This was back in 1960 and the bet was for \$50. The boss lost the bet. I was curious how a book could have only 50 words, so I went to check for myself. Well, what I discovered is I misinterpreted what Pluto said. There are more than 50 words in the book, but there are only 50 different words—many words are used multiple times. Ha! [That's something Pluto would say.]

The main character—Sam I Am—asks an unnamed character if he eats green eggs and ham. The reply comes back—no. Sam I Am continues to ask—giving options of where the green eggs and ham could be eaten. Each time the answer is no. Sam I Am doesn't give up—and finally the unnamed character agrees to try them. After he eats the green eggs and ham, he announces that he likes them. He says he will eat green eggs and ham in all the scenarios previously suggested by Sam I Am.

Sam I Am is consistent, persistent, and focused on the goal. This is a great lesson for all of us. The unnamed character shows us not only is it okay to try new things—in trying them, we might discover we like them.

Pluto provides us with some wise thoughts. She says: “You can use small, everyday words and less of them [like in *Green Eggs and Ham*] and let them do the heavy lifting of your thoughts.... Think about your words before banging on the alphabet bar [keyboard].... Fingers move faster than your thinking box [brains].... If you don't want to eat the words, you probably shouldn't even serve them.... Do a little snore and then your fingers will be a little calmer, and your thoughts could have some time to catch up with them.” WOAH!

I feel a bit like I'm back in school with the 3 R's. Pluto's video got me **Reading** about *Green Eggs and Ham*. The *Soropti-Scoop* got me **'riting** about it. The lessons mentioned above bring in the **'rithmetic** because everything adds up to the continuing of learning.

As Soroptimists we are a bit like Sam I Am. We are persistent in our focus on our mission. We take action to empower women and girls through access to education and skills they need. Even if that is not in a physical school building, they are building a future for themselves that allows them to live their dreams. We continue to learn new ways to assist them—Outside the Box.



Light and Love,  
Kathy Purcell, Editor



“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.” ~Nelson Mandela

## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Board Meeting
- 8 Business Meeting
- 22 Program Meeting

### OCTOBER

- 9 Board Meeting
- 13 Business Meeting
- 27 Program Meeting

All Meetings are via  
Zoom



“Reason is the natural order of truth;  
but imagination  
is the organ of meaning.”  
~C.S. Lewis



“Writing is an exploration. You start from nothing and learn as you go.”  
~E. L. Doctorow

*Celebrate Life!*

## SEPTEMBER

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

## OCTOBER

Melody Albertson  
Jeanie Blaurock  
Shawn Dredla  
Linda Naylor  
Shelle Paulbitski

## PROGRAMS

Coming up at the first meeting of the year will be details of the results of your input on SurveyMonkey. We will be discussing those and using the results to shape programs for our Out of the Box year. One promising result: over half the members who responded said one of their top choices was to assess or problem-solve an important issue. That means that we are up for the challenge of figuring out how to do new things in new ways when the old ways may no longer be available.



~Cat Xander, Programs Chair



## PATHWAYS (NEW MEMBER) COMMITTEE

The Pathways Committee is seeking information for a service project this year and would like to start with a list of organizations, clubs, and churches who are collecting and distributing food, etc. to the community. We are going to be in touch with First Step to see if they need baby things.

If you know of an organization that needs food or other items that we could collect and take to them, please let us know. We appreciate your help!



~Amanda Beitzel & Elaine Churchill  
Pathways Co-Chairs

**MEMBER ROSTER**

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**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**  
2020 - 2021

**Outside The Box**  
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SEQUIM

**Member Rosters are available and are being delivered!**

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

**Sequim Soroptimist**

**Medical Loan Closet**

**A Little Help Can Make a Big Difference**

*“You can measure opportunity with the same yardstick that measures the risk involved. They go together.”*  
~Earl Nightingale

## 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

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS—CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Announcing the 2020 Continuing Education Scholarship winner, **Elizabeth Sweet!**

Elizabeth is double majoring in biochemistry and political science at the University of Washington. She hopes to integrate these two fields of study to help bring forth a future where policies are solidly rooted on factual data and geared toward creating a more sustainable and equitable society. Through the NASA Space Grant, Elizabeth has been involved in developing programs to better bring STEM activities to under-served schools. She has also been active as a panelist on topics concerning women's roles and portrayals throughout our culture and politics.

Elizabeth has demonstrated a drive to succeed in her studies and life goals. It is clear that she is passionate about helping those around her and in the community at large. We wish her all the best and hope that our support will offer some sense of stability in these unstable times.



Elizabeth Sweet



~Jennifer Weir, Continuing Education Scholarship Chair



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*“Each person has an ideal, a hope, a dream which represents the soul. We must give to it the warmth of love, the light of understanding and the essence of encouragement.” ~Colby Dorr Dam*

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### DREAM IT, BE IT

In our first Dream It, Be It session we thought about someone we admired and considered the qualities we admire in others. In that we find what quality and traits and values are important to us.

In the second session, we delve deeper into values, beliefs, and standards we consider to be important in our lives and those we admire. Our values differ from one person to another, are shaped by a variety of sources, and can guide us in our development and in making life decisions.

When we think back to whom we admire, we ask, Why. Our values are often influenced by many different factors and knowing our own work values is sometimes hard to separate from our personal values and from those of our family and friends. The messages we receive from all around our area of influence are very important. Thinking about how our own values are alike or different and what about them is important are a couple of exercises during the session.



The session ends with the participants discussing work, careers, and how their values affect whether they are committed, satisfied, effective, and fulfilled in their work. Values can clash with your work, or help you put forth your best effort. Values can help to determine the career path someone will take.

If you are interested in finding a way to offer this program to girls age 14-18 in our community, please send me an email. We'll get a brainstorming meeting together this fall.



~Sandy Lawrence, DIBI Chair





## MEMBERSHIP: FROM RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS TO KEEPING OUR GOLDEN GEMS ACTIVE

For the next three months, I am privileged to offer a brief article about Soroptimist membership. I hope to present some tips and suggestions to make your membership in our club successful.

What do you, and potential members, want when determining whether to join an organization?

Studies have shown—and recent SIA interest surveys agree—that relationships, mission, personal growth, and volunteer opportunities are the top reasons for becoming a club member.

- **Relationships**—Many indicated they sought being around friendly, like-minded women. As hard as it may seem with online meetings, take time for socializing before and after our meetings—Dial in a few minutes early to chat with those waiting. See if there is time for a committee meeting after the same online meeting to keep the enthusiasm flowing. Invite a prospective member to join an online meeting. If possible, introduce them to other members of the club so they have a certain comfort with this distant sort of gathering.
- **Mission**—SIA's signature Dream Programs, the Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award and Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls are life-changing programs. Prospects want to join Soroptimist because of our mission to improve the lives of women and girls.
- **Personal Growth**—Gaining leadership and personal development opportunities through membership is another reason for joining an organization. There are committees and other positions available. Our Northwestern Region provides meetings and conferences for our members to work, learn and play while planning our programs for women and girls.
- **Volunteer Opportunities**—More than half of prospective members surveyed were looking for hands-on opportunities to do volunteer work. In the next few months, physical distancing may keep us from gathering to do our typical Soroptimist club activities this time of year. If you have ideas for ways we can safely volunteer, please share with our board for future conversation and brainstorming.



Stay tuned next month for Volunteering, It's Good For You.  
~Sandy Lawrence, Membership



### MEMBERSHIP—COOL STUFF



From Jane Manzer:  
I stopped by to see  
Pat Willis and take her  
a bouquet of  
flowers,..when  
Colleen Blazier came  
by with a gift for Pat.  
Here are the  
socially-distanced  
selfies I took.



## MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

The Medical Loan Closet is operating smoothly as our six new volunteers have each completed their first week of service at the Loan Closet. In August we loaned **126** pieces of equipment and received **102** items. A total of **161** calls were answered by our volunteers. We also received **\$495** in donations.

We were contacted by the Forks Soroptimist President. In the future if either of our Loan Closets have equipment that is in excess to our needs, we will contact the other. An invitation was made for several of their Loan Closet volunteers to take a tour of our Loan Closet.

We can always use additional volunteers from our club to support the MLC. Please contact Becky Archer or Chris Snow if you would like to discuss volunteering at the MLC.



~Becky Archer and Chris Snow, MLC Co-Chairs

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*“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” ~Bishop Desmond Tutu*

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## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

Many individuals over the past couple of months have seen the hashtag #savethechildren. It has been unfortunate in those past several months, that the idea nothing is being done to prevent the abduction and trafficking of children was spawned. This, however, is far from the truth! There are many international and national organizations battling to eradicate human trafficking—including trafficking of children. On a national level, I encourage our membership to visit [www.childwelfare.gov](http://www.childwelfare.gov) or Google—groups fighting human trafficking. You will find a number of reputable organizations across the US and overseas working to eliminate modern day slavery.



REPORT ABUSE OR  
NEGLECT

FIND HELP WITH A  
PERSONAL SITUATION



~Linda Klinefelter  
Human Trafficking Awareness Chair



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*“A life-long blessing for children is to fill them with warm memories of times together. Happy memories become treasures in the heart to pull out on the tough days of adulthood.” ~Charlotte Davis Kasl*

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## THE 2020 VIRTUAL GARDEN SHOW IS HERE!

The official Virtual Garden Show launched as of September 1! Please follow the Show on our Soroptimist Gala Garden Show Facebook page for DAILY posts.



- Please **LIKE** our posts and **SHARE** on your Facebook page.
- **Part I** (the first two weeks of September) showcases more 2020 Garden Show Vendors. Watch the two videos of our featured vendors: **Mike's Cedar Works** and **Fleurish Lavender of Lost Mountain**. Linda Klinefelter skillfully interviewed **Mike Caldwell** and **Susan Steffes** on site; Janet Popelka added more pictures of Mike's workshop as well as Lost Mountain's shop and lavender fields. To-date, the video of Susan has reached over 2,000 people!
- **Part I** also will highlight our 2020 Garden Show Sponsors. Kathy Purcell created a remarkable video put to music that includes a slide for every sponsor.
- **Part II** (the last two weeks of September) will focus on educating the public about our mission, with videos of our two High School Scholarship Award recipients, **Kjirstin Foresman** and **Sammantha Church**—and a video of **Alexandria Allen**, our Live Your Dream Award recipient. We also will recognize many of the non-profit organizations that receive committed funds. The post will include an invitation to support our mission with donations.
- An **Online Auction** occurs in Part II as well. We are excited to offer 14 spectacular packages which include items such as a garden cart with weed eater, two handmade quilts (one was made by our very own **Kim Renfro**), a Clearwater Casino get-away, Tedesco's \$100 gift certificate and much more! We encourage you and your friends to follow along and bid.
- We will have two educational Zoom webinars with Clallam County Master Gardeners!
  - ◊ **Keith Dekker** will present on **Fall Pruning, The Do's and Don'ts** on Saturday, **September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**
  - ◊ A Clallam County Master Gardener panel will be featured on Saturday, **September 26<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30 a.m.** to offer **Fall and Winter Gardening Tips and Tasks**. The panel includes **Keith Dekker, Muriel Nesbitt** and **Jeanette Stehr-Green**.
  - ◊ We will send you the Zoom invitation by separate email very soon!

During our ramp up, we had a webinar with Master Gardener **Muriel Nesbitt** on **Saving Seeds**. You can see the webinar at: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=347371509786602>.

The dedicated Virtual Garden Show Committee worked extremely hard all summer long meeting virtually every Monday morning to make this happen. It has been a tremendous effort and certainly forced us to go Outside the Box!

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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*“He will therefore have to use what knowledge he can achieve, not to shape the results as the craftsman shapes his handiwork, but rather to cultivate a growth by providing the appropriate environment, in the manner in which the gardener does this for his plants.” ~Friedrich August von Hayek*














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# September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Birds of the Month            Elaine Bradford            Peter Easting            Paul Hines            Gill Watson            Jennifer Weir            Pat Willis</p> 	1	2 World Coconut Day	3	4 BOARD MEETING	5
6	7 	8 Business Meeting	9 International Sudoku Day	10	11	12
13 Grandparents Day	14	15 National Online Learning Day	16	17	18	19 National Dance Day
	21 International Day of Peace	22 Program Meeting	23	24	25 National Cooking Day	26 
27	28 	29 5th Tuesday National Coffee Day	30			



# October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 World Smile Day</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6 BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH Melody Albertson Jeanie Blarrock Shawn Dredia Linda Naylor Shelle Paulbitski</p> 	<p>7 National Inner Beauty Day</p> 	<p>8 National Homemade Cookie Day</p> 	<p>9 BOARD MEETING</p>	<p>10 National Handbag Day</p> 
<p>11 International Day of the Girl Child</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Business Meeting</p>	<p>14 National Dessert Day</p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16 District 1 Meeting</p>	<p>17 District 1 Meeting National Sweetest Day</p> 
<p>18 District 1 Meeting</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 National Youth Confidence Day</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 National Make A Difference Day</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Program Meeting</p>	<p>28 National Chocolate Day</p> 	<p>29 National Cat Day</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Halloween</p> 

## **FROM HERE TO ETERNITY** By: Jacqueline Van Der Wath

Your mind is like quicksilver liquid,  
be it strong or weak and insipid.  
It sets your life's boundaries,  
and causes great quandaries.

Learn to think outside the box,  
and you'll give your mind a detox.  
So, don't hesitate or pause,  
for your dreams can all be yours.

Don't think I mustn't,  
but rather step out and chance it.  
Just tell yourself that you can,  
stand up and say this is who I am.

Visualize the brass ring in sight,  
simply reach out and hold tight.  
You can live the dream you see,  
by simply thinking free.

No matter the brevity or longevity,  
dreams will be from here to eternity.



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