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through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.*

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**“Until we get
equality in education,
we won’t have
an equal society.”
~Sonia Sotomayor**

Message from the President

I often quote the Soroptimist Mission: “. . . we provide women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.” But that can be a very sterile statement unless you know the faces and stories of those women and girls.

We are blessed by the research talents of Linda Naylor. She has located many of our former scholarship winners so we can ask them where life has taken them since they received our award.

And what we have found out so far is amazing! Many of our scholarship recipients are the ones making a difference in the world. Here are just a few of those whose achievements make us proud and whose successes may make us a little teary-eyed.

Samantha Carpenter Piccio graduated from Sequim High School in 1984. Samantha is a Fulbright Scholar and Georgetown University graduate, with a career rich in community development, economic development, administration, environmental policy work, and public communications. She speaks three languages in addition to English and has years of first-hand work experience abroad. Her graduate-level education is in International Environmental Policy with an emphasis on coastal marine policy. She is an accomplished public speaker and has served as President and in other leadership positions in Toastmasters International.

She told us “I’ve never forgotten the generosity of Soroptimists International in Sequim. I have a daughter myself, and have told her that one of the first steps in my journey to college was a gift from your organization. I thank you all again, and would love to congratulate you on 75 years!”

Fallon Schneider Headings wrote “As a senior at Sequim High School, I remember excitedly selecting the topic of my senior project: global economic inequality. Since graduating from SHS in 2011, life has taken me across 18 countries and five continents pursuing my passion of global development.”

In 2018 she began working at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in the Global Health Division and her work included a trip to Uganda in 2019 for a malaria operation research field visit and participating in the Women Leaders in Global Health Conference in Rwanda that same year. She is currently the Program Coordinator for the Gender Equality division at the Gates Foundation.



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Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's December. It's the month with the most days with the least amount of daylight. This time of year is sometimes referred to as the Season of Light.

Speaking of light . . . a question about light came to mind last week as Blue and I did our morning walk. It was raining—a steady, heavy rain—so heavy we got soaked. After we walked into the house, we were standing on a carpet runner. I grabbed a towel, knelt down and started to rub Blue's back to dry him. I noticed he was licking his legs—like he does after he's had a bath.

Back to our walk . . . the paved path was wet, and it reflected all the nearby lights. There were streetlights and lots of Christmas lights of different sizes, shapes and colors—red, green, gold, blue, white. Seeing these I thought to myself, “look at the way the lights fall on the ground!” My next thought—a question actually—was, “how can light fall?”

When we hear the word fall, we often think of something of substance—something that you can physically hold—something that is affected by gravity. Either that—or Autumn.

The word **light** is quite the character. It can be seen as several different parts of speech. It can be a **Noun**: the natural agent that stimulates sight and makes things visible; an expression in someone's eyes indicating a particular emotion or mood. **Verb**: illuminate; ignite. **Adjective**: having a considerable amount of natural light; not dark.

I see that we are like light. We bring things to light by providing avenues for awareness. We lighten the lives of others through what we do. We have light-hearted fun as we work together on club activities. But is there more to light than mere words in sentences? Is there a deeper meaning of light?

From britannica.com: **light**—electromagnetic radiation that can be detected by the human eye. [**electromagnetic radiation**—in classical physics, the flow of energy at the universal speed of light through free space . . .] Electromagnetic radiation occurs over an extremely wide range of wavelengths, from gamma rays to radio waves. [**gamma ray**—electromagnetic radiation of the shortest wavelength and highest energy.]

Again, I see we are like light. Light occurs over a wide range of wavelengths; our members come from many walks of life. When we focus on our mission, our flow of energy is intensified. Like gamma rays when we work together, we have the shortest wavelength and highest energy.

I think back to the lights on the pavement during my recent walk. If the pavement hadn't been wet, or if I hadn't been looking down, I might not have seen it. We all have a light within us; each is different but, just like the many lights on the pavement, we add to the beauty of life. Sometimes our light is not seen—by others, or even by ourselves.

May we remember to let our light fall and radiate out to the world. Let us see the light around us and in one another and reflect our unity as we continue to move through A Brand New Normal. May the Season of Light shine through us every day.



Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



“Nature is so powerful, so strong. Capturing its essence is not easy—your work becomes a dance with light and the weather. It takes you to a place within yourself.” ~Annie Leibovitz

CALENDAR

December 2021

- 10 Board Meeting
- 14 Business Meeting
- *15 Christmas Party

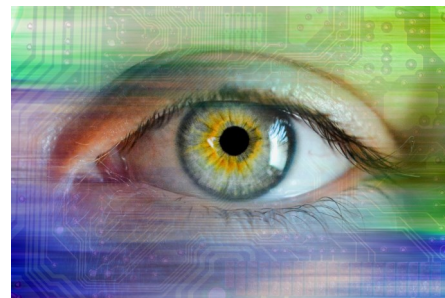
January 2022

- 7 Board Meeting
- 11 Business Meeting
- 25 Program Meeting

*Evening Meeting



“A great attitude does much more than turn on the lights in our worlds; it seems to magically connect us to all sorts of serendipitous opportunities that were somehow absent before the change.”
~Author Unknown



“Light gives of itself freely, filling all available space. It does not seek anything in return; it asks not whether you are friend or foe. It gives of itself and is not thereby diminished.”
~Michael Strassfeld

Celebrate Life!

DECEMBER 2021

Wendy Duede
Dave Fickes
Sandy Lawrence
Elaine Powlesland

JANUARY 2022

Susan Coffee
Kathy Cunha



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



MLC Closed. We will reopen once the infection rate reaches the "Moderate" range.

*"When it all boils down, it's about embracing each other's stories and maybe even finding that synergy to collaborate for the common good."
~Dhani Jones*

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Fallon founded a small social enterprise called Breadfruit Collective in 2020 (www.breadfruitcollective.org). Their mission is to nourish global communities through access to breadfruit, a nutritious and gluten-free food, including offering breadfruit flour right here in the Pacific Northwest.

Claire Henninger graduated cum laude from Western Washington University with a BS in Kinesiology, Sport and Exercise Psychology in June 2021. She was one of five students accepted into WWU's graduate program and will graduate with her MS in June 2023.

Claire is still playing Division II soccer for WWU's nationally ranked women's soccer team. She's also actively involved in campus ministry.

Hillary Smith graduated magna cum laude in 2017 from Whitman College with honors in English and minors in Creative Writing, French, and Music. After college she worked in France for eight months as part of the Teaching Assistant Program where she designed and led lessons in two rural junior high schools to help students hone their English skills.

She's now working in the sustainable cities program at World Resources Institute, a global environmental nonprofit and think tank. One of the highlights of her job was to go to Abu Dhabi in February 2020 to help host several panels at the UN-Habitat's World Urban Forum.

Hillary said: "My Soroptimist scholarship helped make my Whitman education possible, which opened all these doors for me. I will always be grateful for that support from my community. It meant a lot then. And it still does now."

There are so many more wonderful stories in the over 250 scholarships and awards we have given since the first one for \$17.50 in 1948. Please join Linda Naylor, Linda Rotmark, Mayme Faulk, Jane Manzer and others in this fascinating research project to talk to the people, find the stories and see the far-reaching impact of Soroptimist International of Sequim on the world.



President Cat
A Brand New Normal



*"The human species thinks in metaphors and learns through stories."
~Mary Catherine Bateson*

SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER



NWR Conference
Hilton Vancouver
Vancouver WA
April 28 - May 1, 2022

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS GIRLS OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER— Abigail Carlson



We are pleased to announce Abigail Carlson as their September 2021 Girl of the Month. Carlson avidly volunteers as a youth leader at Sequim Community Church, plays piano at Sherwood Retirement and additionally

volunteers at the Sequim Middle School by working in the library and coordinating the library book club. Carlson will be attending Northwest University and majoring in pastoral studies.

OCTOBER— Lilia Fili



We are pleased to announce Lilia Fili as their October 2021 Girl of the Month. Fili is a sport enthusiast and it is very evident with her volunteering activities. She volunteers with Sequim Little League by umpiring, coaching and working at various

events for the organization. The University of Hawaii is her strong choice for college with a major in Hawaiian studies.

NOVEMBER— Lilly Janis



We are pleased to announce the November 2021 Girl of the Month. Recognition is given to Lilly Janis. Janis is a very active member with her school's activities; student body, car washes, bake sales and takeovers. She actively

volunteers at the Sequim Farmers market as well. Her choice of college is the Washington State University with a major in veterinary medicine.

DECEMBER— Madelyn Pickens



Madelyn Pickens became Soroptimist International of Sequim's December Girl of the Month. Madelyn has actively volunteered the last four years in variety of activities.

The Food Bank, Sequim Olympic Theatre Arts and the recent Covid vaccine distribution in Sequim benefited from Madelyn's volunteer efforts. Her choice of college is the University of Washington with a major in physiology and a minor in political science.

“Self-discipline is an act of cultivation. It requires you to connect today's actions to tomorrow's results. There's a season for sowing a season for reaping. Self-discipline helps you know which is which.” ~Gary Ryan Blair

MEMBERSHIP—STAYING CONNECTED

The Secret Pal fun is in full swing! If you're in the program, have you been surprised yet? Are you having fun surprising your SoroptiPal? It's especially fun to be a SoroptiElf during the holiday season! I know firsthand what a pleasure this is!! A great idea from the Membership Committee.

One other thing I wanted to touch on was meeting attendance. I know a lot of members are Zoomed-out – not zoned-out; ZOOMED-out. It's a constant reminder that we are not yet allowed to meet in person. However, with all that said, we are doing a pretty good job of showing up, twice a month . . . seeing everyone's smiling tile on their screen, or listening in on their phone, and conducting our important work. And the need to keep up, showing up for these meetings is only going to get more meaningful and important as the Club begins discussions on how we are going to distribute the amazing gift received from the estate of Judy Gates. So, keep dialing in and logging on, we have important work ahead of us!!



~Jan Chapman



PATHWAYS ELVES PACK PRESENTS

Thank you to all of the generous SIS members who have contributed to our annual service project: Sequim Community Aid's annual Toys for **Sequim Kids Program!** Together Sequim Soroptimist donated 85 items, and we are so proud of the way SIS has rallied around to help make Christmas a little brighter for children in our community.

Here's a glimpse of some of the items Sequim kids will be enjoying on Christmas Day (if you like you can hum "The Twelve Days of Christmas" while you read the list):

13 model kits, 12 games and art activities, 9 preschool books, 5 sport items (including a bike and helmet!) and 4 stuffed animals. For the complete list and more information, check out the Pathways page on the SIS website: <http://sisequim.org/membership-2/pathways/>



~Pam Hursey-King, Pathways Committee



SIS Elf Natasha ties things up with caring

"As long as we know in our hearts what Christmas ought to be, Christmas is." ~Eric Sevareid



SIS Elves Patty and Natasha slayed by the generosity of our members



No trunk-ating of special gifts

MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

The Medical Loan Closet remains closed, except for loaning equipment to people with emergency needs. The infection rate per 100,000 has been at a plateau in the “High Risk” infection category the entire month of November. We will fully re-open as soon as the infection rate drops into the “Moderate Risk” zone. During the month of November, we had **37** items returned and loaned **32** items. We received **\$550** in donations in November.



In hopes of a full re-opening, we had a work party to organize and tidy up our storage units. We also gave our administration area a face lift. Craftsman Joe Lyons cut and installed a new, larger surface on our bookcase which provides a larger work surface. A new donation box was installed and other improvements in the layout were made. Our thanks to Joe for donating his time and skill to improve the administration area. The improvements will give our team a better work area to handle the MLC paperwork.



~Becky Archer and Chris Snow, MLC Co-Chairs

“The problems are solved, not by giving new information, but by arranging what we have known since long.” ~Ludwig Wittgenstein

PROGRAMS

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, and we are still in the planning phase of the program. But here is some information that you might want to know.

Washington’s Task Force Against Trafficking of Persons reports our state is a hotbed for the recruitment, transportation and sale of people for labor. The report indicates several factors make Washington prone to human trafficking:

- International border with Canada
- Abundance of ports
- Vast rural areas
- Dependency on agricultural workers



Seattle is part of a trafficking circuit that can include Honolulu, Las Vegas, New Orleans, Portland, Vancouver (Clark County), Yakima and Canada.

The report also notes that trafficking has occurred in 18 Washington state counties.

- Victims range from "mail-order" brides to sex workers to domestic workers and children.
- Local victims have come as far as Russia, the Philippines, China and Mexico.

Children account for half of the victims of human trafficking. In fact, the average age that a young person becomes involved in sex trafficking is 12 years old.



~Kim Renfro, Programs Chair



HOLIDAY PARTY:

As we all know the holidays have been a challenge for the last couple of years and will continue to be with new variants that arise. But we are having an in-person Holiday Party at **Creekside Haven: Barn**. The Barn is large enough to accommodate a large group of people. You can wear a mask and social distance, if you feel comfortable—otherwise we will miss seeing you.



For those of you attending: this is a potluck and bring your own beverage of choice. We will be having an ugly sweater/mask or hat contest and prizes are available.

We will be **Wednesday, December 15**, starting at **4:30 p.m.** and ending by **6 p.m.**
1195 Taylor Cutoff Rd, Sequim, WA 98382



Happy Holidays!
Kim Renfro



FUNDRAISING

There's so much good news to share:

Members are working on finding sponsors and vendors for our Virtual Garden Show and Garden Show Auction. Many of the people they contact say our causes are so important that Soroptimist can always count on them for support, even in the online sphere where they have no opportunity to sell their products.

Members, neighbors and friends are buying their See's Candies through our Soroptimist Sweet Shoppe. We made \$1000.55 this holiday season. Gerry Sladowski even bought four boxes and donated three of them to make life a little happier for some of those in need.

We are sponsoring 14 families for Holiday Joy—nearly half of the whole program. Gifts include everything from a Christmas tree to a huge play horse farm, along with art supplies, personal care items, lots of clothing and many more of the items the kids describe as their “dream gift.”

But there is one caution:

We have been recognized, appreciated and rewarded by Judy Gates—a woman who was not a member but who truly valued our Garden Show, our community support, and the wheelchair we lent her in July.

Her \$100,000 gift was so large that it almost makes one relax and think that fundraising is not as important now. But it still is vital. In one year, between our scholarships for Professional/Technical, Continuing Education, and High School students, along with the Live Your Dream award, we gave away \$26,000. We need to continue to raise money because we need to continue to give women and girls ways to achieve economic empowerment, and the more women we help—the better our world will be.



~Cat Xander and Patty Lebowitz, Fundraising Co-chairs

VIRTUAL GARDEN SHOW and AUCTION

The Virtual Garden Show is coming along. We are still looking for those brave souls to volunteer to help with the VGS or Auction. I know you are one of them, just email Kim Renfro and let her know you are interested in helping out on the VGS or Auction.

We are looking for people who may know a business that is willing to sponsor the VGS. The more sponsors the more Awards and Scholarships we can give. If you know a business that you have contacted about being a sponsor for the VGS and they are interested, contact Janet Popelka to let her know.

Spread the word:

- Featured Speaker, which will be a free presentation, is Toni Gattone, April 30, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Topic: You Can Garden for Life
- Free Webinars will be given by: Master Gardeners of Clallam County, April 23, 2022, 1:00-2:00 p.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Maybe you have a green thumb and can do a planter to auction off. You can use anything for a planter—well that is what I am told, at least.



Not a gardener? I feel you; I kill everything I plant. So how about some garden tools or items to donate to the auction? Think about it; we will be asking again in the future.

In the meantime, if you do want to donate a planter or garden items to the auction, let Kim Renfro know so that she can put you on her list.



~Kim Renfro, Virtual Garden Show Chair



“The most noteworthy thing about gardeners is that they are always optimistic, always enterprising, and never satisfied. They always look forward to doing something better than they have ever done before.” ~Vita Sackville-West

IMPROVING LIVES THROUGH OUR COMMITTED FUNDS Focus on Peninsula Behavioral Health—PBH

Peninsula Behavioral Health is celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year. Dr. Norm Peterson founded the agency in 1971 with seven staff and a budget of \$100,000. Today they have over 150 staff and a budget of \$13 million. More than 3,000 Clallam County residents seek out PBH in a typical year and over 600 of them are children.

They have gone from one small office in Port Angeles to operating Horizon Center, Arlene Engel Home, three transitional homes, Front Street Clinic, Admin Annex, Clallam County Respite Center, Youth Services Center and a NEW office in Sequim!

In their 2020 Annual Report, PBH thanked SIS for our annual contribution to help single mothers. Here is a photo of Linda Rotmark, SIS, and Rebekah Miller, PBH Development Director, with this year's \$1000 check.



PBH just informed us that this year's SIS's \$1000 will be given to a single mother who is re-enrolling at Peninsula College (PC) this Winter Quarter. She is currently holding down two jobs while taking care of a young son. PBH shared that she had been at PC but had withdrawn for one quarter after she experienced a "horrendous event." She is struggling but committed to moving forward. The \$1000 will allow her to provide a Christmas for her son and get her ready for Winter Quarter.



~Linda Rotmark, Committed Funds Liaison



"Health is the thing that makes you feel that now is the best time of the year." ~Franklin P. Adams

IMPROVING LIVES THROUGH OUR COMMITTED FUNDS Focus on Sequim Education Foundation—SEF

On Thursday, October 21, President Cat Xander and I joined the SEF Board on a zoom call to present the \$1,000 Committed Funds award. Shelle had mailed the check to them the previous week so it would be available at the time of our call.



Inspiring and supporting a lifelong love of learning is the mission of Sequim Education Foundation. I was one of three co-founders of SEF in 2001 when school bonds had failed, and programs were being cut as a result.

One of SEF's programs is Teaching Grants where teachers apply for funds to support programs that are not provided by the School District budget. Laura Gould, Science Teacher, applied for the Future Health Professionals grant. SIS has supported this important program for three prior years.

Future Health Professionals is a state conference where attendees make connections with health professionals and other students to learn about careers they may not have considered. There are workshops, speakers, and competitions among the school teams. In the 2018-2019 school year, 14 girls attended the event, held in Spokane. In the 2019-2020 school year, 10 students attended. Students who attend have reported the conference as a life changing event. The \$1,000 in committed funds is greatly appreciated by SEF, the students who participate and by Sequim Schools.



~Jeanne Martin, Committed Funds Liaison



CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

Members were invited to submit a short holiday quip/reflection/memory. As we share our memories, we draw one another closer, which is in itself a gift.

Memories of Christmas past are many! My favorite was in 1950, when my brothers were born! I was so indignant about their arrival because I really thought when they were born, my Mother could have least given me a sister, instead of two twin boys. I already had a brother and didn't feel I needed two more, but by Christmas, I was warming up to them and under the tree was a package that held two dolls called Pete and Re-Pete. My grandma had sewn clothes for them. Coveralls, shirts, jackets, hats and pajamas! Seventy-one years later, those brothers and that Christmas hold a very special place in my heart.



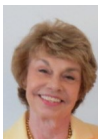
~Linda Klinefelter

Getting a huge blue bike Christmas 1958. We lived on a dead-end street in Bremerton with 25 kids in residence. Everyone had three to five kids in those days! Anyway, the bike was so big and heavy, I couldn't ride it, so I proudly pushed it up and down the street and acted like I was just cooling down from a long ride.



Ah, the '50s!
~Linda Rotmark

Christmas, 1981. Our daughter was two months old and our son was almost three. I vividly remember sitting in front of the fireplace in a rocking chair holding our daughter while our son sat in the little rocking chair that my dad had made for him. Our two dogs, Spike and Addie, rested beside me. We were going to my parents' house for Christmas Eve and to my in-laws for Christmas Day. A very special memory of a happy time in my life.



~Becky Archer

In December, 2018, when Larry Klinefelter was going to be Santa for a business in Port Angeles, I was asked to take photos. Santa Larry picked me up after work that Friday night. During the drive with him I learned why he is such a perfect Santa! He is kind, compassionate, respectful, and he really draws in children—of all ages—and draws out their goodness. I had such fun taking pictures! I saw so many smiles, heard so much laughter. On the way back we stopped at one of his friend's homes to drop something off. What he left was more than a physical gift—he left love. People say something happens each December that touches our heart and brings out our Christmas Spirit. The evening with Santa Larry did it for me. The memory of it still does. Thank you, Santa Larry!



~Kathy Purcell

CHRISTMAS SOS—SPIRIT OF SOROPTIMIST

“It’s that time of year when the world falls in Love, Ev’ry song you hear seems to say Merry Christmas” with memories of our SOS (Spirit of Soroptimist). Many of our dedicated members participated in the Salvation Army **bell ringing** at Safeway (in 2004) when (\$220+) was collected and we also provided a chorus line. The background music came from a CD player, and we sang to our hearts (and customers’) content. Some spirited elves also joined in the singing and one older gent asked Kate Creasey to dance with him. Could it have been the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy?



Peg Rinker is now **decorating the windows** of heaven and had a lot of practice designing beautiful scenes on windows when she lived in Sunland. Peg started window painting at a hospital in Seattle to bring Christmas to the children’s ward.

The **North Olympic Foster Parent’s Association** wanted us to help serve a delicious turkey dinner to the foster children and their families. Many of us roasted turkeys, and Sherry Schubert made the rest. The children were dressed in their Christmas finest as they knew “Santa was coming to town” right after dessert. How sweet it was to see their twinkling eyes. Sherry has passed through the pearly gates but probably still shares the SOS.

In 2012, we participated in **Operation Holiday Stocking**; our SOS knitters made beautiful stockings that I was able to send to our homesick soldiers. Twas the night before Christmas (in Iraq and Afghanistan) where the stocking were hung by a chimney with care. We certainly showed that we cared.

Operation Holiday Stocking all started here in Sequim when a young soldier stationed in Iraq wrote his mother the following e-mail:

“Hey mom, I have a huge favor to ask. I was wondering if you could knit about 230 small stockings for our Christmas celebration. That or send some Christmas decorations over. They don’t have to be elaborate, just simple stockings. I know that all of the soldiers would really appreciate it.”

There’s so much **Holiday Joy** when we can share **See’s Candies**.

Pictures say a thousand words so enjoy the “rest of the story.”



~Colleen Blazier



More photos here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/108582458@N03/51740638015/in/dateposted/>



CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR FOSTER KIDS written by Colleen Blazier

'Twas the night before Thanksgiving, when all through the house
The critters were stirring, even my mouse;
When out at Serenity House my telephone began to clatter,
I sprang from the store to see what was the matter.

Away from the windows I flew like a flash,
Tore open the notebook and learned there was cash;
When, what to my wondering ear did I hear,
But a dinner for 100 was needed—Oh, dear.

I knew at that moment that I must contact the board
To determine if we had resources to feed that hoard;
More rapid than eagles the couriers they came,
And e-mails were flying and some not so tame.

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
We decided on a menu that included pumpkin pie;

With the sleigh full of food, and Sherry Shubert too,
It proved to be a night filled with delicious food and who
did appear in his red suit and beard
But Jolly old Santa and tiny reindeer.

When Soroptimist meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
It takes the board to do the work and never ask why.
As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,
Here came the 237th person asking for another round.

He approached the buffet and laughed like a bowlful of jelly,
With his smiling face you hardly noticed his round little belly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had dishes to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to work,
And cleaned up the kitchen but turned with a jerk,

And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, we found the hot water and hose.
Sherry sprang to her car that was loaded with pans
But the clean up was handled because of so many helpful hands.

And away they all flew like the down of a thistle
The Soroptimist team left everything clean as a whistle.
There was Deb Carlson, Kathy Purcell and Rose Jaeger, 3 dear friends plus Missy Church-Smith,
It was all pulled off without even a hitch.

But as I heard the shouts of delight,
The voice from above said—
Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night.



WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Soroptimist International of Sequim,

The Board and Staff of First Step Family Support Center THANK YOU for your GENEROUS DONATION to our work with children and their families on the North Olympic Peninsula. We are committed to helping children thrive and we know that if we can assist parents in their important role, we can indeed have an impact on the future success of children. Thank you for YOUR GIFT to help build family strengths!

Thank you for your great kindness!
Nita Lynn, Executive Director

What a wonderful and generous donation! Thank you so very much! We will use it well! And thank you for all of your volunteer hours in our closet. What a Gift! Nita



Dear Soroptimists,

Thank you for your generous donation to the McKinney-Vento Program and for your kindness towards the under-privileged students in our community.

The work we are doing is so important to bring vital resources to students in need and the support you have given will create a positive impact in our student's futures. Thank you for contributing toward their success.

Sincerely,
Merrin Packer
Cathy Bourdain
Foundation Specialist



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support as a Friend of the Free Clinic with your most generous donation to the Dungeness Valley Health & Wellness Clinic.

Our services to the community include Basic Urgent Care clinics twice a week; Chronic Healthcare Clinics by appointment 4-5 times per month, lab & x-ray services, dental vouchers, vaccination vouchers and prescription assistance. The clinic also provides Working on Wellness (WOW!) Forums monthly on a variety of health topics. During the pandemic these forums are presented on KSQM 91.5FM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m.

2021 marks the clinic's 20th year of operations. Over the last 20 years the clinic has provided 23,000 patient visits and over \$5.6 million worth of medical and dental services; prescriptions and labs; all free of charge to our patients. Thanks for helping to make this happen—we couldn't do it without you.

Sincerely,
Sara Nichols
Executive Director














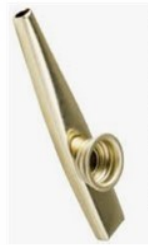


*"The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy."
~Henri Nouwen*

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH Wend/ Dudele Dave Fikes Sandy Lawrence Elaine Powlesland						
5 International Ninja Day 	6 Put On Your Own Shoes Day 	7 National Letter Writing Day 	1 Eat a Red Apple Day 	2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery 	3 Make a Gift Day 	4 Candle Day 
12 National Poinsettia Day 	13 National Horse Day 	14 Business Meeting 	8 National Brownie Day 	9 	10 BOARD MEETING SI President's Appeal 	11 International Mountain Day 
19 National Oatmeal Muffin Day 	20 National Sangria Day 	21 Winter Solstice 	15 Christmas Party 4:30-6:30 p.m. 	16 National Chocolate Covered Anything Day 	17 National Ugly Sweater Day 	18 Bake Cookies Day 
26 Kwanzaa 	27 	28 National Call a Friend Day 	22 Forefather's Day 	23 	24 Christmas Eve 	25 Christmas Day 
29 Still Need To Do List 	30 National Bacon Day 	31 Happy New Year 				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH Susan Coffee Kathy Cunha 						1 Happy New Year!
2	3 Festival of Sleep Day 	4 World Braille Day 	5 National Bird Day 	6 Cuddle Up Day 	7 BOARD MEETING	8 World Typing Day 
9	10 Houseplant Appreciation Day 	11 Business Meeting Human Trafficking Awareness Day 	12 National Hot Tea Day 	13 National Rubber Duckie Day 	14	15 National Hat Day 
16	17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday 	18 National Thesaurus Day 	19	20 Penguin Awareness Day 	21 International Sweatepants Day 	22
23 Handwriting Day 	24 International Day of Education 	25 Program Meeting	26	27 Chocolate Cake Day 	28 National Kazoo Day 	29
30	31 Backwards Day 					

A Time for Joy

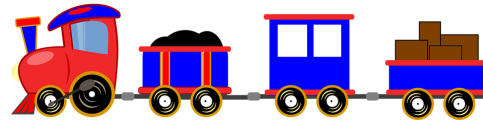
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A time for joy
For the girls and boys
Xmas brings hope
Of all good things.

Decorations and trees
Turn the lights on please
Good friends and family too
Presents and surprises for you.

A day to reflect
A day of respect
For all you have been blessed
Let your joy be expressed.

May this Christmas bring
All special things
May you find happiness and joy
May you even receive a toy.



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