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Investing in Dreams

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

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Celebrating 75 Years of Service

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*“It is not as much about
who you used to be,
as it is about
who you choose to be.”
~Sanhita Baruah*

Message from the President

As we begin the budget process, it’s time to think about money and what we can do for people. One school of thought is that a scholarship only helps one person, while giving to an organization helps many. Another angle is that school is so expensive, what help is a scholarship of a couple of thousand dollars? Even as a former educator, I have been torn—wondering about the benefits of scholarships.

Reaching out to our former recipients has changed my mind. Some of the responses we have received from scholarship recipients tell us that we not only made a difference in their prospects for education, but that it made a difference in their lives and the lives of many others.

“I have always been extremely grateful for the scholarship I received. I came from a situation where my family had no money or savings for college. My family was on welfare during my high school years, and I had other circumstances going on that made education seemingly out of my reach.”

1992 Today she is a lawyer.

“Thank you so much for reaching out and allowing me the opportunity to thank you very much for the scholarship you awarded me. I am forever grateful for the money awarded to me in scholarships that helped me advance my career and life. Your dedication to helping other young people get themselves established is deeply appreciated.”

1998 Today she is a nationally certified Physician’s Assistant on the Trauma Team in Tacoma.

“The timing of this letter was crazy as my oldest child is in her senior year of high school and I’ve talked to her about scholarships just like yours . . . I sincerely appreciate the kindness and generosity of complete strangers and am so grateful for the positive impact it’s had on me and my life.”

2001 After four kids, today she is back in school to become a dental hygienist.

“I am so incredibly honored that you would reach out to me! I did receive a scholarship from Soroptimist International of Sequim when I was in high school. I did go to Washington State University to pursue veterinary medicine, as I had hoped when I applied for the scholarship.”

She was a WIN awardee in 2005 and received a Continuing Education scholarship in 2012. Today she is a Veterinary Anatomic Pathologist working on her PhD in Entomology.

“Teaching 1st grade has been and is my passion! This year is my seventh year of teaching here in Sonoma County and my 28th year of teaching, overall. I thank the Soroptimist International Organization for awarding me a scholarship in 1990. Your generosity helped move me one step closer to my successful and long career in education.”

1990 Today she is continuing to teach first grade, having inspired over 500 first graders.

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Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's March. Some people—like meteorologists and weather watchers—have been asking if it would come in like a lion and out like a lamb. Sometimes the weather surprises us.

Speaking of weather . . . one morning last week while Blue and I were on our walk, there were patches of fog—some as low as the ground. It was dark and I wore my headlight. As we approached one of the patches, the light illuminated the fog—but it didn't look like a solid veil—I could see individual drops of moisture. It was like a pointillism painting; from afar, the characters in the painting look solid. However, as we get closer to the artwork, we see there are individual points of paint. It's interesting to note how one thing can look different from different positions.

Speaking of things looking different . . . Rob and I adopted our dog Blue several years ago from WAG—Welfare for Animal Guild. It is a local animal rescue organization. They told us Blue is a Labrador/Shepherd mix. He has the webbed feet of a Lab. His hair is short and mostly a tawny color, though some of the hairs have dark brown/black toward the edge. Perhaps this is a Shepherd characteristic. His face has a dark brown/black mask, and he has a deep chest; this made us think of a boxer. His ears are dark brown/black and short. They don't stand up, nor do they flop. They sort of bend out a little, like the Flying Nun's cap. Blue furrows his brow when he is curious or attentive.

Blue comes to work with us, and he likes meeting people. A few customers have said Blue looks just like a previous dog they had; that dog was a boxer. Some customers say he looks like a Labrador while others say he looks like a Malinois; they had one when they were growing up. The other day a first-time customer came into the shop. He saw Blue and started petting him. Blue was attentive and his brow furrowed. The guy said Blue looks like a Shar Pei; he used to have a Shar Pei.

That evening Blue was laying on the couch next to me. He rolled over for belly rubs. As I looked at his face, I thought about how so many people saw Blue as a particular type of breed—many different breeds, based on their experience. It reminded me of the story of the three blind men and the elephant.

Three blind men came across an elephant. The first man happened upon its leg and concluded it was like a tree. The second man bumped into its trunk and concluded it was like a snake. The last blind man felt its tail and concluded it was like a broom.

All three men had the same information in front of them, but each had a different experience related to it. Each of them was correct to some extent. But they didn't get the full picture.

All this reminds me of Soroptimists. We come from different walks of life, with different experiences. When we work together, we're no longer in the fog; we see each individual person as important to the whole. Each of us is the moisture that nurtures the growth of our club. Each of us is a point of color that, when combined, results in successfully living our mission. The closer we look at who we are, the more we see this.

As we start to plan our 2022-2023 year let us see the big picture and our part in it. If the Nominating Committee asks you to be on the board, please consider it. If you are asked to chair/co-chair a committee, please consider it. The picture is never as beautiful as when each of us participates. Whatever surprises come our way, we will weather it together as we continue to move through a Brand New Normal.



Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



“Differences challenge assumptions.”
~Anne Wilson Schaefer

CALENDAR

March 2022

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

April 2022

- 8 Board Meeting
- 12 Business Meeting
GOM March & April
- 26 Program Meeting

*Evening Meeting



**“Our similarities bring us
to a common ground;
our differences allow us
to be fascinated by each other.”**
~ Tom Robbins

half a dozen
six

**“To effectively communicate,
we must realize that we are
all different in the way
we perceive the world
and use this understanding
as a guide to our communication
with others.”** ~Tony Robbins

Celebrate Life!

March

Kathryn Pacelli
Laura Rundle
Anji Scalf
Gerry Sladowski

APRIL

Linda Rotmark
Chris Snow



~~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.

*"The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances; if there is any reaction, both are transformed."
~Carl Gustav Jung*

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"I will be forever grateful to the Sequim Soroptimist Club for awarding me a \$300 scholarship back in 1977. To put in perspective, tuition at the time at Western Washington University was \$206 per quarter. This scholarship, along with money saved from after school, weekend and summer jobs, went a long way in helping me get through my first year debt free."
1977 Today he is retired after teaching for 23 years at Taipei American School in Taiwan.

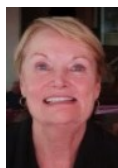
"Living on the "Big Lake" (Lake Superior) brings me back to my Sequim roots. It reminds me of home every day! I am forever grateful for the support of organizations like the Soroptimists that helped me to get to my dream of becoming a teacher. Thank you!"
2010 Today she teaches at Marshall School which has international students and a focus on creating global citizens, outdoor education, small class sizes, and innovation.

"As a first-generation college student, I am deeply grateful for the education and experiences that I have had the privilege to pursue over these past years. The generous scholarship from Soroptimist International of Sequim helped play a part in turning my early passions into a higher education path, and now a fulfilling career."
2011 Today she works for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in the Global Health division and has established the Breadfruit Collective to provide a sustainably sourced nutrient dense food source.

"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."
2013 She works on the communications team in the sustainable cities program at World Resources Institute, a global environmental nonprofit and think tank

"With a scholarship award it isn't just the cash that is important. It is also important that someone besides family thinks you may be college material. It helps a young person's confidence to think a group like the Soroptimists Club thinks that just maybe they could do it . . . I would encourage the Soroptimist Club to continue its scholarship program as it does make a difference. Both the money and the acknowledgement of potential."
1983 He is a retired pharmacist.

This says it all: "I was a scholarship recipient when I graduated in 1993. I still have the award letter."



President Cat
A Brand New Normal



SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER



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

LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS

This year SIS was pleased to award two \$2,000 Live Your Dream Awards, as well as an additional two \$1,000 privately funded awards! This year's citizens' selection committee consisted of Lydia Stanhope, Chair, and included Gena Royal, Deb Carlson, Connie and Pat Schoen.

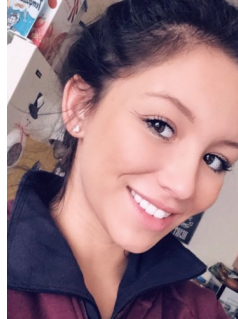
ALICIA LONG



Alicia Long, who lives in Port Angeles and is married [however qualifies as she is the primary income in her household] with one child, is enrolled at Peninsula College in the nursing program. Our citizen selection committee also selected Alicia as our LYDA candidate to be advanced to the Northwest Region. The Live Your

Dream Award offers three levels of cash awards locally, regionally and nationally. Ultimately, a Live Your Dream Awards finalist has the potential to receive up to \$16,000 to help offset tuition costs, purchase books, get transportation, or find reliable childcare so she can worry less about how to pay her bills and focus on reaching her dreams.

RYLIE ROBERTS



Rylie Roberts, who also received one of this year's Continuing Education Scholarships, is in Peninsula College's nursing program. She is a single mother of twin five-year-old boys. Booth said she was inspired to become a nurse as a result of the nursing care she received at Swedish hospital when giving birth to the twins at 17 years old.



RACHEL BLUME



In addition, after reviewing the four applicants this year, committee members Pat and Connie Schoen, graciously funded Rachel Blume (\$1,000), who was our guest at our February programs meeting, and is studying welding at Peninsula College.

BEE WILKINSON



Pat and Connie also gave Bee Wilkinson \$1,000. Bee is a resident of Port Angeles and is enrolled in the Port Townsend School of Massage. Wilkinson is a single mother of two and has always had a desire to assist others in the care of their bodies.

“[It’s] the lens through which your brain views the world that shapes your reality.
And if we can change the lens, not only can we change our happiness,
we can change every single educational and business outcome at the same time.” ~*Shawn Achor*

SCHOLARSHIP NOTEBOOK REVIEW

It's scholarship notebook time!! Seniors at Sequim High School hoping to receive scholarships for college this coming fall have now turned in their scholarship notebooks to Mitzi Sanders, SHS Career/College/Scholarships Program Director. They were submitted digitally again this year, and SIS, as one of the organizations awarding scholarships, will receive those notebooks meeting our criteria digitally for review. We have budgeted two, \$2,000 scholarships to be awarded to deserving young women and our scholarship will be included in the newspaper listing and at the SHS awards ceremony, whether it be virtual or in person.



Notebooks meeting our criteria will be received at the end of March and we will review and submit our choices (and two alternates) within the next month. Members of the Awards & Scholarships Committee will be reviewing these notebooks, but other members interested in doing so are invited to join us. Review and ranking will be done individually by the members, then we will gather online (or in-person if everyone would like) to discuss our choices and eventually agree on which two girls are the most deserving. Before the end of March, the Awards & Scholarship committee will finalize guidelines for reviewing notebooks and a form to aid members in their evaluation and selection

If you'd like to join the A&S Committee in scholarship review, please contact Jane Manzer.



~Jane Manzer, Notebook Review Coordinator



“The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values.” ~William S. Burroughs

PATHWAYS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Pathways members continued their exploration of Soroptimist committees with presentations about the Fundraising Committee by Cat Xander, and the Medical Loan Closet by Becky Archer and Chris Snow. Both presentations gave us glimpses of the work that goes on behind the scenes for some of SIS' most well-known community projects and we all appreciated having the chance to learn more about them.

The upcoming Gala Garden Show and the Online Auction were also major topics of discussion as Pathways members discussed how we can contribute. SIS can expect baked goods, bouquets, and other donations from all of us, as well as some hands-on help with the auction from those of us who are able to be there!



~Pam Hursey-King, Pathways Committee

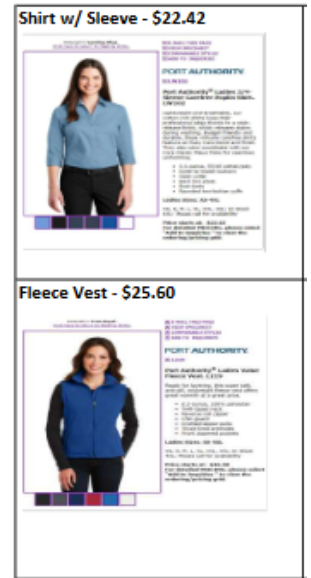


SOROPTI-GEAR AVAILABLE

Our 75th Anniversary is fast approaching. You may want to make sure you have some logo items to wear for the big event. There will be many places to wear your new logo items through the years. If you would like to order a vest, shirt or sweater, contact Sandy Lawrence before **March 25**. And, if you missed out on purchasing a blue scarf with dots on one side and stripes on the other (infinity), there are 10 available at the low, low price of \$4.00. Contact Sandy if you are interested.



~Sandy Lawrence, Soropti-Gear Coordinator



Click graphic to go to the form.

“You need, in your closet, clothes that will—that you can use in many different ways. Clothes that make you feel comfortable, clothes that make you feel ‘you.’” ~Diane von Furstenberg

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 22, 2022, will be a regular Program meeting. Usually, this meeting is a potluck for after the Gala Garden Show, but since the Gala Garden Show will be virtual this year, we will be doing a regular program meeting.

Our guest speaker will be **Wendy Sisk, CEO Peninsula Behavioral Health**, who will be giving us an update on their residential programs; including their project to create permanent housing and an assisted living facility. There will be time for any questions you may have for Wendy.

April and May Program meetings will be volunteering for Committees, to include Chair and Co-Chair positions. Recently a poll went out asking if you were interested in Committees and what functions you are interested in having. It appears that everyone wants to have the following: shredding event, Gala Gift Show and Gala Garden Show. But we will need to have people volunteer for Chair and Co-Chair positions.

We will also be looking for what Committees you would like to be on for the 2022 – 2023 year. Start thinking about what Committee you would like to be on: Finance, Membership, Public Awareness, Medical Loan Closet, Hotel Garden, She, Dream It Be It, Tea with She, Hospitality, Awards & Scholarships.



~Kim Renfro, Programs Chair



“A committee is organic rather than mechanical in its nature: it is not a structure but a plant. It takes root and grows, it flowers, wilts, and dies, scattering the seed from which other committees will bloom in their turn.” ~C. Northcote Parkinson

MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

Although the Medical Loan Closet currently remains closed except for emergency requests, we are hopeful that we will be able to reopen fully in March. Our reopening date is dependent upon the status of the Covid virus count in Clallam County. We anticipate reopening when the virus count falls to the level of 200 cases per 100,000 population in the prior two weeks. To protect our volunteers, we will continue to require anyone picking up or returning equipment to wear a mask and stay in their car until called by the volunteer.



Our diligent volunteers handled **92** calls this month; lent **22** items; and took in **17** returns. We received **\$110** in donations.



~Becky Archer and Chris Snow, MLC Co-Chairs

“Caring has the gift of making the ordinary special.” ~George R. Bach

TEA WITH S.H.E. IS ABACK . . . AFTER A 2-YEAR HIATUS!

We are thrilled to announce Bertha Cooper, BSN as the featured Tea with S.H.E. speaker for two presentations in April on KSQM 91.5 FM.

As much as we love hosting Tea with S.H.E. in person complete with coffee, tea, and cookies, the committee decided to go to the airwaves expanding to a world-wide audience. KSQM graciously agreed to host the two presentations in April which also gives us the opportunity to tout our 75th Anniversary, the Virtual Garden Show, and the Garden Auction. Cat Xander, SIS President, will represent SIS during the programs.

The **April 6** interview at 1 p.m. titled, “I Can’t Wait to be Old ... no one said,” will address positive and realistic expectations for aging women based on Cooper’s book, *Women, We’re Only Old Once*. Cooper will reflect on aging as a life transition, common concerns women experience as we age, and discovering purpose.

The **April 20** interview at 1 p.m. titled, “Old and on Pandemic Hold ... what’s next?” will examine ways aging and old people can meet the challenges of living in the everchanging 2022 Covid world. Cooper, 2020 author of *Old and On Hold: Aging in Place During a Pandemic*, will discuss how Covid and the pandemic have changed the lives of older adults and her thoughts about post-pandemic fears and stressors as we move forward.

Bertha Cooper holds a BSN in nursing from the University of Washington. Her 50 plus-year career as a professional advocate for quality of life and health care of the elderly shapes her rare insight into understanding the aging process. She is a featured opinion columnist in the Sequim Gazette. Pacific Mist, Sequim’s new bookstore on Washington St., has both of Cooper’s books available for purchase.

The Tea with S.H.E. Committee:

Melody Albertson, Mayme Falk, Pauline Geraci, Patty Lebowitz, Janet Popelka, and Pat Willis



IMPROVING LIVES THROUGH OUR COMMITTED FUNDS HEALTHY FAMILIES OF CLALLAM COUNTY

For about 30 of our 75-year history, Soroptimist International of Sequim has supported Healthy Families of Clallam County (HFCC), which serves victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse and neglect.

Becca Korby, Executive Director of HFCC, recently wrote, “I’m proud to call you our partner!” It’s easy to see why we are close partners—our mission closely aligns with theirs. Becca said HFCC’s mission is to empower “children, youth, adults and families to achieve their full potential, improve their physical, mental and emotional health and live free of violence and abuse.”

Some highlights of our partnership over the years:

- Along with the two Port Angeles Soroptimist Clubs, in 1995 SIS helped renovate a century-old home, The Crumb House, to become a safe and supportive transitional home for women and children escaping domestic violence and moving toward a peaceful independence.



- Our annual financial support in part provides educational support and basic needs for clients finding permanent housing.
- In 2012, SIS remodeled and furnished the Child Advocacy Center waiting room, complete with a play kitchen.
- Along with law enforcement personnel, for years SIS attended HFCC’s Domestic Violence Vigils in Sequim.
- SIS embraced HFCC’s Holiday Joy outreach program which is now in its 15th year. This past December, 30 SIS members sponsored 15 families, nearly half of all the families impacted, by buying presents for 15 adults and 31 children with a collective expenditure of about \$7,000!

In addition to our annual support for HFCC, SIS is thrilled this year to partially fund a 6-week financial literacy and empowerment education curriculum developed by the Allstate Foundation that teaches budgeting skills and prioritizes debt reduction. Pre-Covid, HFCC offered this class two to three times a year with each class attended by up to 8 women. Childcare is provided and a meal offered at each class. Becca recently said that with Covid receding, a class is planned for this spring or summer. SIS members have been invited to cook a meal, provide recipes for the meal, and sit in on one or more of the classes!



~Janet Popelka, Liaison to Healthy Families of Clallam County



“I measure the progress of a community by the degree of progress which women have achieved.” ~**B. R. Ambedkar**

VGS and AUCTION April 27th thru May 1, 2022

Mark your calendars, the Virtual Garden Show will be starting in April. Yes, it is amazing how fast the year has gone by so far!

So spread the word, Free (yes I said Free) Webinars via Zoom.

WEBINARS



April 23, 2022 from 1 – 2 pm:

“Container Gardening: Veggies, Berries, and Fruit Trees”

Clallam County Master Gardeners: Judy **English** and **Jeanette Stehr-Green** will discuss the benefits of growing fruits and vegetables in containers.



April 23, 2022 from 2:30 – 3:30 pm:

“Ornamental Container Gardening—One Pot: Three Seasons”

Clallam County Master Gardener **Susan Kalmar**



April 30, 2022 from 1 – 2:30 pm:

“The Lifelong Gardener: Garden with Ease & Joy at Any Age”

Our Featured Speaker: **Toni Gattone**

Featured Speaker Sponsored by: Cascade Bark & Landscape

ONLINE AUCTION

I am excited to see what will be on the Auction this year.

Auction Elite Sponsor is: 7 Cedars



The Online Auction is scheduled for **April 27th 8 am – May 1st 5pm.**

We are still looking for donations for the Auction: planters, baked goods and anything for the garden. If you have a donation, please contact Cat Xander or Kim Renfro.

Attention for those of you doing baked goods and planters: we need to have pictures and planters by April 25th so that we can have them on the Auction website. (Gives you a good excuse to make a batch before the auction!)



~Kim Renfro, VGS Chair



CALORIE FREE EASTER EGGS!

Well no, not calorie free—but they are guilt free! That’s because when you purchase them from the Soroptimist Shoppe—Spring you will be providing a wonderful gift for grandkids, family, and friends.

Easter eggs are the prime draw for this season’s candy offerings. They come in chocolate butter, peanut butter, marshmallow and scotchmallow, and bordeaux and the club makes 50% on every egg sold. For bigger families, the truffles and one or two-pound boxes are perfect for topping off an Easter meal.

Face it, pretty much everyone buys candy for Easter, and you might as well check that item off your list and get a good feeling from helping others. And if you can pass the link on to your friends so they can buy for their families, you will help us earn even money for our wonderful scholarship applicants.

You won’t even be paying extra to provide that help—these candies are the exact same price as if you bought them in a See’s Candies store. Shipping is reasonable and free for over \$70. Do order before March 25th, so they make it to their destination on time even if there is awful weather.

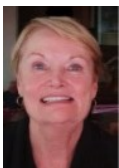
Soroptimist International of Sequim is dedicated to giving women and girls the opportunities and resources to succeed. Help them—and enjoy chocolate at the same time.

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/soroptimisti_soroptimist_shoppe_spring14/candy?h=ShePau3296&c=fb2290

See’s CANDIES

Soroptimist International of Sequim Storefront

Bag 0 Checkout



~Cat Xander, Fundraising Co-chair



“There is nothing better than a friend, unless it is a friend with chocolate.” ~*Linda Grayson*



Peanut Butter Egg
3 oz #9499



Chocolate Butter Egg
3 oz #9500



Bordeaux™ Egg
3 oz #9501

“Chocolate is the first luxury. It has so many things wrapped up in it: Deliciousness in the moment, childhood memories, and that grin-inducing feeling of getting a reward for being good.” ~*Mariska Hargitay*

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS HOW MUCH THIS AWARD MEANS TO ME, AND MY FAMILY. WORKING PART TIME AND MAINTAINING MY 4.0 GPA HAS TAKEN SO

SO MUCH!

MUCH OF MY TIME AWAY FROM MY SON AND HUSBAND. WE WERE ABLE TO GET AWAY FOR A NIGHT TO A HOTEL WITH A POOL AND SPEND MUCH NEEDED QUALITY FAMILY TIME! THE REST OF THE MONEY HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR MY PRECEPTORSHIP NEXT QUARTER. THANK YOU AGAIN FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART! ALICIA LONG ♡

Feb 2022

We, at Sequim Community Aid thank you for your generous donation in October for \$1,000. Our organization is dedicated to serving the Sequim community during those times when some relief is needed in the event of uncertain challenges. We are happy to

be able to ease the burdens and to aid in getting these fine people back on their feet. Your donation will go a long way towards that goal

Sincerely
The Volunteers at
Sequim Community Aid

Dear Friends at Soroptimist International of Sequim,

We hear that Congratulations are in order! Just a year after we celebrated our 50th Anniversary, it's your 75th! This is amazing news, and our community could not be luckier to have you working so hard for its women and girls.

As far back as my records go (almost 10 years) Soroptimist International of Sequim has made contributions to Peninsula Behavioral Health in order to make the lives of our female clients that much better. From art supplies to educational funding, your support has improved the lives of some people who most certainly deserved something special.



We know that the yearly gift to us is just one of many that you bestow upon other community organizations and individuals. Your generosity and support do not go unnoticed.


















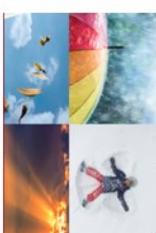


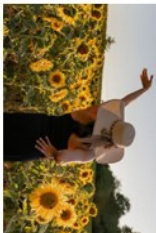


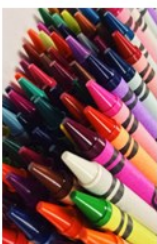
Thank you for your dedication to improving the lives of women and girls . . . and allow us to sing your praises!

Warmly,

Rebekah Miller

Rebekah Miller
Development Director

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH Kathryn Pacelli Laura Rundle Anji Scalf Gerry Sladowski</p>		<p>1 Zero Discrimination Day </p>	<p>2 National Read Across America Day </p>	<p>3 World Wildlife Day </p>	<p>4 BOARD MEETING</p>	<p>5 </p>
<p>6 National Dress Day </p>	<p>7 National Cereal Day </p>	<p>8 Business Meeting International Women's Day </p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 National Landline Telephone Day </p>	<p>11 World Plumbing Day </p>	<p>12 National Girl Scout Day </p>
<p>13 National K9 Veterans Day </p>	<p>14 National Napping Day </p>	<p>15 World Consumer Rights Day </p>	<p>15 National Napping Day </p>	<p>16 National Panda Day </p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 National Let's Laugh Day </p>
<p>20 International Day of Happiness </p>	<p>21 World Poetry Day </p>	<p>22 Program Meeting</p>	<p>23 World Meteorological Day </p>	<p>24 International Day of Achievers </p>	<p>25 International Waffle Day </p>	<p>26 Wear a Hat Day </p>
<p>27 World Theatre Day </p>	<p>28 Respect Your Cat Day </p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 National Crayon Day </p>		

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH Linda Robbark Chris Snow</p>		<p>April is Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month <i>Go Orange for Strainak!</i></p> 				<p>2 National Handmade Day</p> 
<p>3 National Tweed Day</p> 	<p>4 National Vitamin C Day</p> 	<p>5 National Caramel Day</p> 	<p>6 Tea with She</p> 	<p>7 National Beer Day</p> 	<p>8 BOARD MEETING</p>	<p>9 National Unicorn Day</p> 
<p>10 National Sibling Day</p> 	<p>11 National Pet Day</p> 	<p>12 Business Meeting</p>	<p>13 National Scrabble Day</p> 	<p>14 National Dolphin Day</p> 	<p>15 Purple Upi Day</p> 	<p>16 National Orchid Day</p> 
<p>17 Easter</p> 	<p>18 National Columnist Day</p> 	<p>19 National Garlic Day</p> 	<p>20 Tea with She</p> 	<p>21 National High Five Day</p> 	<p>22 National Earth Day</p> 	<p>23 Celebrate Trails Day</p> 
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The Stone in the Road

by John Edward Everett

Uphill, with heavy load,
A farmer's wheels turned 'round.
A stone was in the road,
At which the farmer frowned.

At once, with snap and crack,
The shaft gave way and dropped.
The wagon staggered back,
But struck the stone and stopped.

The stone, frowned on at first,
Now held the wagon fast.
The stone the farmer cursed,
Reclaimed his load at last.

Through life, repeatedly,
The evils help and bless,
And hindrance proves to be
A rock of sure success.



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