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Investing in Dreams

Soropti-SCOOP

*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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*“A people without the
knowledge of their
past history, origin and
culture is like a tree
without roots.”
~Marcus Garvey*

Message from the President

Along with some of the other wonderful members from the end of the alphabet: Gail Watson, Janet Wicker, Pat Willis, as well as Mayme Faulk, Jeanie Blaurock and Jane Manzer, we've been researching former members and past happenings.

I've been reading the minutes and the financial records from our club's beginning. It's partly to prepare for the 75th Anniversary, and partly because it's fascinating to know what causes our club has been involved with and how we have spent our money. It's an experience that makes us all really proud of this club.

Some of the big projects we supported in the first twenty years of the club that caught my eye:

STREET SIGNS: Soroptimists paid for the first street signs in Sequim back in 1948. (Of course Mayme says we were just a two street town then!)

CAMP RAMBLEWOOD: The Sequim club was asked to furnish the interior of a building at the State Park to make it into a space for use by the Girl Scouts. They began equipping Camp Ramblewood starting in about 1950 with everything to make the interior useful, including items like doors, cupboards, a hot water tank, drinking fountain, windows, shelving, a stove, lighting, even the kitchen sink. (There was a need for a place for the Girl Scouts—in 1959 an entry in the minutes said there were 14 Girl Scout troops with 143 girls in Sequim that year. Soroptimists sponsored one or two troops a year.)

SENIOR CENTER: We started the Golden Age Club with St. Luke's Episcopal Church in 1957. Soroptimists paid the rent for the group for the first six months. It became the Leisure Club and our club supported them with yearly donations for at least 10 more years.

ERA: Back in January of 1958, club members read and discussed the Equal Rights Amendment. Our two Washington senators opposed it and club members wrote letters urging them to support it. (Washington did not ratify the ERA until 1973.)

EDUCATION: In addition to scholarships for post-secondary education, we paid to send individual children to pre-school, art camp, and for swimming lessons for a disabled youngster. We sent at least 27 girls to Girls State and about 17 students to Business Week over the years.

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Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

While Blue and I were on our walk this morning I was thinking about how I hadn't yet written my article for this edition of the newsletter. My mind was sort of . . . blank—a blank slate, with nothing currently slated to fill it. Could this be writer's block?

Wikipedia shows this about writer's block: **Writer's block** is a condition, primarily associated with writing, in which an author is unable to produce new work or experiences a creative slowdown.

Based on the first part of that definition, it was definitely NOT writer's block. My writing wasn't the problem; the words first are formed with thoughts in my mind—not in writing. I've heard it said, "It's all in your head." Perhaps that is the place to start.

My next thought was it is November. It is the month that brings us the holiday of Thanksgiving in the US. Thanksgiving was traditionally a celebration of the harvest. That has expanded to celebrate gratitude for the past year's blessings.

Then I thought about the Soropti-Scoop and what a blessing it is for me. Each month I get to write an article—dispelling the notion of writer's block. I get to share a reflection, an insight, an awareness that is tied in some way to Soroptimist. Sometimes we forget how interconnected we all are. I thought about all the members who have encouraged me, cheered me on, been there as teammates. Some of those are members of my own club; some are members of other clubs. I am grateful for all these mentors and friends.

The second part of what Wikipedia says about writer's block is something to note—experiences a creative slowdown. This kind of thing happens to us all from-time-to-time. It is often when a lot is happening at the same time—our brains feel an overload. It's time to take a step back. Creativity needs quiet. It needs freedom to gestate and develop. It is a process. Once that environment is attained, the creativity flows unencumbered. It is similar to a garden hose that has collected debris inside. When the faucet is turned on the water comes out slowly. Once the debris is removed, the water flows easily.

November is also the month we turn back the clocks. It is the counterpart of moving our clock ahead in March. It is part of daylight-saving time; we have all heard the terms *spring ahead* and *fall back*. Perhaps this is a reminder to take a step back and review what is happening around us—taking the extra time to acknowledge all the blessings in our lives. Thanksgiving is not just a single day of the year. Giving thanks is an on-going action that yields more good things.

I think about all the good I have harvested from being a Soroptimist. It's not just the friendships, or the knowledge about Soroptimist—it is the personal growth I have experienced because of my interactions with all of you. I have a cornucopia of blessings for which I am grateful.

Each new day is a blank slate. When we meet it with openness, caring, and unity, we fill it with more blessings. We improve the lives of women and girls, giving them opportunities to live their dreams. The joy is matched with gratitude as we continue to move forward in a Brand New Normal.



Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



"The idea is to write it so that people hear it and it slides through the brain and goes straight to the heart." ~*Maya Angelou*

CALENDAR

November

- 5 Board Meeting
- 9 Business Meeting
- 23 Program Meeting
- *30 5th Tuesday

December

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

*Evening Meeting



"A writer needs three things, experience, observation, and imagination, any two of which, at times any one of which, can supply the lack of the others"
~*William Faulkner*



"If something in your writing gives support to people in their lives, that's more than just entertainment—which is what we writers all struggle to do, to touch people."
~*Dean Koontz*

Celebrate Life!

NOVEMBER

Mayme Faulk
Marilyn Hooser
Shirley Legg
Wei Lindstrom
Karen Tyson

DECEMBER

Wendy Duede
Dave Fickes
Sandy Lawrence
Elaine Powlesland



~~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.

"Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow."
~Edward Sandford Martin

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FUNDRAISING: In the early days, the club raised money with dances, Bunco parties, card parties, and rummage sales. It wasn't big money—in 1959 they reported that the club had spent \$ 3687.17 since it was founded! (Our first scholarship in 1948 was for \$17.50)

We opened a thrift store in the 60s called "The Book Nook." It sold "elegant junk," not only donated books, but also jewelry, kitchen items and other gently used items. It was open Fridays for five hours and every member had to do a one hour shift (or pay a sub). We built a small park for the city with a picnic table outside the Book Nook on what is now the parking lot next to the A-1 Auto Parts store on Washington.

In 1963 we began renting baby furniture and medical equipment (the forerunner of our free Medical Loan Closet today).

SOME OFF-THE-WALL THINGS WE DID THAT I CAN'T RESIST SHARING:

We made yearly donations to the Young Mothers Club for their annual Egg Roll, and the "Keep Christ in Christmas" fund for local merchants encouraging them to have religious displays in their windows at Christmas beginning in 1952.

In 1953 we bought the gowns for the Queen and her court at the Irrigation Festival.

Best of all—in April of 1956 they met at a member's home to see COLOR TV!



President Cat
A Brand New Normal



"I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge. That myth is more potent than history. That dreams are more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs over experience." ~Robert Fulghum

SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER



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

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD—Application Deadline November 15, 2021

Do you know anyone who is “ready to begin a new life” through education or skills training? SIS has budgeted for two \$2000 Live Your Dream Awards this year. A woman is eligible to apply if she has *primary financial* responsibility for herself and her dependents. Also, she must be attending an undergraduate degree program or a vocational skills training program, and she must show financial need.



This award gives women the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects. The cash award of \$2,000 may be used to offset any costs associated with the efforts to attain higher education including books, childcare and transportation. The application is available online at www.sisequim.org. Submission deadline is November 15. For more information, contact Linda Rotmark at 360-477-2668.

The Soroptimist Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women program has been helping women around the world since 1972. This program provides cash grants to women who are working to better their lives through additional schooling and skills training.



~Linda Rotmark, Awards and Scholarships Chair



“We call on the dreams of creature and mortal to heal the wounds the worlds divided. From now on we can each create a portal and each of us our own path decide.” ~*The Cromwells*

Kianna Miller, 2021-22 Continuing Education Scholarship Recipient (pronounced K-eye-anna)

Kianna is the embodiment of energy and drive! She graduated from Sequim high school in 2020 and is already at the Junior level at Western Washington University with a 4.0 GPA! She has been accepted into the College of Education with a double major of Elementary Education and Special Education and a minor in Spanish. In her Continuing Education application, Kianna shared that she has always dreamed of being a teacher and that her “perfect life” would be to teach kindergarten in the Sequim School District. Kianna is a cheerleading coach in her “spare time” and expects to babysit, too.

Kianna shared the following update in a recent email:

“My year is going wonderfully; I have a very busy schedule but that’s the way I like it. I’m taking 17 credits this quarter, three special education classes and one Spanish class. They are all going fairly smoothly, and I’m getting to create lesson plans and practice teaching for my SPED classes, which is very exciting. I’m also staying busy with my cheerleading team; we practice three days a week and have games to cheer for a few times a week too. In addition, I’m currently looking into applying for a volunteer position at an alternative humane society in the area, because I’m missing my kitties from home and would love a chance to help out some animals. The pandemic is currently hindering my ability to work in schools with students, but I can’t wait to get back into that soon too.”



Doesn’t she sound amazing? And...aren’t we glad that SIS could financially assist her in reaching her educational goals?

~Linda Rotmark



PATHWAYS COMMITTEE UPDATE

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! We are so proud of the way SIS has rallied around to help make Christmas a little brighter for children in our community.

Sequim Community Aid is seeking any items that a child from infant to 18 years of age might like, not just toys. All items need to be new or like new. A few ideas to consider:

- ⇒ -books
- ⇒ -games (board games, electronic games . . .)
- ⇒ -craft projects
- ⇒ -sports equipment
- ⇒ -bikes (consider going in on a bicycle with a group of friends—Walmart has lots!)

Drop off donations at Amanda Beitzel's house (look in the roster for her address) up to **December 10**.

For all the latest information on our donation drive, check out the Pathways page on the SIS website: <http://sisequim.org/membership-2/pathways/>



~Pam Hursey-King, Pathways Committee

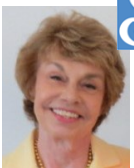


Just a few of the items that have been dropped off at Amanda's house in the last month.

“All I ever wanted really, and continue to want out of life, is to give 100 percent to whatever I'm doing and to be committed to whatever I'm doing and then let the results speak for themselves. Also to never take myself or people for granted and always be thankful and grateful to the people who helped me.” ~Jackie Joyner-Kersee

MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

The Medical Loan Closet remains closed due to the high number of Clallam County COVID infections. The cases are declining but the County remains in the “High Risk” of infection category. We will fully re-open as soon as the infection rate drops into the “Moderate Risk” zone. If you, as an SIS member, have a need for medical equipment for your family or a friend, please call Chris or Becky.



~Becky Archer and Chris Snow, MLC Co-Chairs



NOVEMBER PROGRAM MEETING

Our Program meeting for November will be the Continuing Education Units candidates who won! It would be great to see them, well as many as can attend the meeting and are not in classes.

We will also have the Girl of the Months for September thru December. So, lots of happy faces! Some of the remarks from the CEU candidates.



Junko Harbord:

What this scholarship means to me:

- ◇ One less worry to consider when deciding to spend more time with my family.
- ◇ One less sacrifice my family has to make to make ends meet while I keep up in school.
- ◇ One more reason to keep pursuing my dream.
- ◇ One more avenue of support toward a better life for my family and me.



Jessica Furnish:

“Beyond an incredible financial relief, being a recipient of a scholarship from Soroptimist has been a morale boost knowing that I have a community that is invested in my educational success.”



Nathalie Torres:

“This year’s scholarship means more than just financial support to me. It represents a beacon and a honorary step into my future.”



Elizabeth Sweet:

“This scholarship means so much to me, allowing for some financial relief and added confidence as I enter the second half of my undergraduate career focusing on two majors and looking ahead to graduate school!”



Rylie Booth-Roberts:

“Yes, this scholarship means “life.” I’m able to care for others’ lives and learn to keep them alive with your help financially allowing me to attend school full time All my focus can go to school and learning how to take care of another person. So thank you from the bottom of my heart and my families! Now let’s go save lives!



Julie Haley:

“This scholarship has provided me the opportunity to be a role model in academic success to my teenage daughter. Thank you so much, Soroptimist International of Sequim.”



Brianna Cowan

“My first couple weeks of school have been great! I’m so happy to be back.”



Kianna Miller

“The money has arrived, and I am just so appreciative.”



~Kim Renfro, Programs Chair



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

The October program meeting focusing on domestic violence awareness was exceptionally informative and moving. We were so fortunate to have Becca Korby of Healthy Families of Clallam County joined by Clallam County Sheriff Department's Chief Criminal Deputy Brian King and Sergeant Amy Bundy.

The presentation focused on the Children's Advocacy Center located at Healthy Families, a model center and one of only 16 in the state. Becca Korby gave us a walking video tour of the various rooms—consisting of a child-friendly room for video-recording forensic interviews with law enforcement, a family waiting room, and a multi-disciplinary conference room. SIS had a significant contribution to the child waiting room back in 2012, with construction of a play kitchen and other furnishings and items. Children's Advocacy Centers are required to have a multi-disciplinary team consisting of law enforcement, victim advocacy, prosecution, Child Protective Services, and medical and mental health professionals.

We saw proof of that room's use when, during our meeting, Becca had to vacate the conference room because the FBI was on site and needed the conference room. Chief King and Sergeant Bundy, Clallam County's first female patrol sergeant, gave us tremendous insight into the professionalism and caring they put into their roles in these cases. It's obvious they do exceptional work on behalf of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in our county. As Becca put it, they have "hearts the size of Texas."



~Jane Manzer, DVA Co-Chair



"Awareness is like the sun. When it shines on things, they are transformed." ~*Thich Nhat Hanh*

CLALLAM COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NUMBERS BETWEEN OCT 2020 AND OCT 2021




318

- 318 domestic violence calls for service in entire county (does not include calls such as sexual assault, which may be DV-related)

220

- 220 DV-related calls for service in *unincorporated* Clallam County (includes rape, violation of court order, harassment, malicious mischief)



144

- 144 of those calls resulted in arrests



17-21

- 17-21 The highest percentage of sexual assaults in the county involve 17- to 21-year-olds.



Promoting Domestic Violence Awareness



Click [here](#) to see larger version.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 21

Purple Thursday

show survivors that there is a community of support surrounding them and fighting for them.

* **Wear Purple** *

take a photo and post it with
#Soroptimist100
#PurpleThursday



Purple Thursday








NOVEMBER 30–5th TUESDAY and SI 100th ANNIVERSARY PARTY CELEBRATION

Please come to the celebration at Creekside Haven at 6:30 p.m. Have dinner before you come, but don't have dessert. Come have some fun, desserts and beverages; there should be a variety. However, if you have a special need, you can always "bring your own"—especially "fun" to celebrate with us.

Let's sit around and chat about our "Bright Past" and what our hopes and dreams are for a "Brilliant Future."

More information will be shared at our regular Tuesday meetings.



~Sandy Lawrence



5th Tuesday



BRIGHT PAST
BRILLIANT FUTURE

HOLIDAY JOY ALREADY IN THE WORKS

Thirty-two club members are taking part in sponsoring families for Holiday Joy, and Beverly Hoffman has given each team the information on and wish list of "their" family. Undoubtedly members are shopping for something special for everyone in "their" family and will be wrapping gifts prior to delivery to Healthy Families by December 15th. If any of our members didn't sign up to take part in sponsoring families, but still want to contribute, gift cards for grocery stores, Walmart, or gas cards for local gas stations are always welcome for Healthy Families clients going through crises at this time of the year. Give me a call or send me an e-mail if you'd like to do that and we can make arrangements to meet so I can get your donated card(s) to Beverly Hoffman to use as she or Healthy Families staff deems best.



~Jane Manzer, Holiday Joy Chair



"I like to compare the holiday season with the way a child listens to a favorite story. The pleasure is in the familiar way the story begins, the anticipation of familiar turns it takes, the familiar moments of suspense, and the familiar climax and ending." ~Fred Rogers

HOLIDAY PARTY! (Save the Date)

I heard a rumor there was going to be a P-A-R-T-Y! It has been a while since we have gotten together and mingled, so what about a Holiday Party? Yep, we have the place, and we want to see you there!

Where: Creekside Haven—Barn (as you can see from the picture, lots of room to social distance)

Address: 1195 Taylor Cutoff Rd,
Sequim, WA 98382

Date: Wednesday,
December 15, 2021

Time: 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm (starting early this year so you will be able to find the location without issues of darkness)



Potluck:

Bring one of the following:

appetizers, main course, soup/salad, dessert. Bring your own beverage of choice. (All eating utensils, plates and cups will be supplied.) I heard a rumor from an elf that we have champagne!

Masks are optional! This is considered an outdoor event.

Start thinking about what you will bring for: Your Entry into A Holiday Contest.

- ♦ Wear your Ugly Christmas Sweater, Or Wear your Ugly Christmas Hat, Or even wear an Ugly Mask! Prizes will be given to the Best Christmas Ugly!
- ♦ Bring stories of past Christmas Parties, sing a Holiday song, (you really do not want to hear me sing alone!)
- ♦ It's also a good time to do Secret Person Exchange (just saying)!

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Holiday Party! Any questions, please feel free to contact Kim Renfro.



~Kim Renfro, Holiday Party coordinator



“It is the one season of the year when we can lay aside all gnawing worry, indulge in sentiment without censure, assume the carefree faith of childhood, and just plain “have fun.” Whether they call it Yuletide, Noel, Weinachten, or Christmas, people around the earth thirst for its refreshment as the desert traveller for the oasis.” ~*D.D. Monroe*

IMPROVING LIVES THROUGH OUR COMMITTED FUNDS

Focus on Kathleen Sutton Foundation

Kathleen Sutton Fund, Committed Funds Recipient
(kathleensutton.org)

The Kathleen Sutton Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides transportation reimbursement for women traveling to cancer treatment. The KSF provides transportation reimbursement for women with cancer living in Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap and Mason counties.

The Kathleen Sutton Fund began in 2003 as a small local grass-roots organization by providing assistance with transportation costs for women with breast cancer and living in North Kitsap County. Due to the tremendous support of the community, grants and the annual live/silent auction fundraiser, the Kathleen Sutton Fund has expanded its services to women with any type of cancer and living in Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, and Mason counties! Since its inception, KSF has helped over 1000 women and has distributed over half a MILLION dollars!

SIS just received the KSF Third Quarter Client Advocate Report. In Clallam County, KSF has helped 17 new and returning clients. Year-to-date, KSF reports assisting 114 clients in the four counties with a total of \$93,279. Our \$1000 Committed Funds donation is important and personal as evidenced by the following Kathleen Sutton Foundation client testimonial:

“Thank you for all the funds you’ve helped me with so far, unfortunately, my cancer has returned and I will be traveling to Swedish the rest of the year for treatment. Thank you, as always, for the continued support from Kathleen Sutton Fund. I cannot describe how thankful we are we can travel to Seattle for my treatments. Blessings to you and all and those who run this organization.” ~Roberta from Sequim



~Linda Rotmark, Committed Funds Liaison



Ryan Black, Treasurer
Kathleen Sutton Fund

“The more one does and sees and feels, the more one is able to do, and the more genuine may be one’s appreciation of fundamental things like home, and love, and understanding companionship.” ~Amelia Earhart

SEE'S THE DAY

Here's a simple way to make people happy, support scholarships and local community agencies, and get delicious See's Candies! And you can do it today to have it on hand for Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Soroptimist International of Sequim has a See's Candies online store OPEN NOW where you can buy a variety of See's wonderful candies from the comfort of your home, and have them shipped directly to you or to someone special.

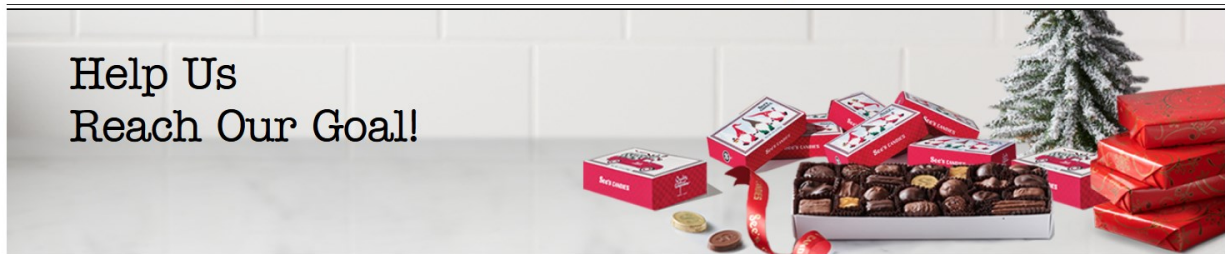
Even though the candy is exactly the same price you would pay at one of their stores, Soroptimist makes a small profit on every box sold. We then turn right around and use those funds locally to provide scholarships and support for community agencies.

We are charging the same amount that you would pay in a store for the candy, but See's does charge postage. For purchases (without tax and shipping) it is \$8.95 for up to \$39.99, \$11.95 for up to \$69.99 and free over \$70. Order by December 3, 2021.

Help yourself to some See's candies, and help the community! Click the graphic below for the Sequim Soroptimist Sweet Shoppe.

See's CANDIES®

Soroptimist International of Sequim Storefront



~Cat Xander and Patty Lebowitz, Fundraising Co-chairs

JUST A FEW EXAMPLES



Christmas Delivery Box
3.5 oz #7468



Milk Chocolates
1 lb #50326



2 layers of chocolate

Assorted Chocolates
2 lb #50319



Assorted Chocolates
1 lb #50318

“There's nothing better than a good friend, except a good friend with chocolate.” ~Linda Grayson

VGS 2022 and AUCTION



We are still recruiting people for the following: Facebook postings, Marketing and Auction. If you are interested (yes, we know you are, you're just shy!) contact Kim Renfro. We do actually have fun and would love to have more members involved.

We have a Speaker!

Toni Gattone—*The Lifelong Gardener: Garden with Ease & Joy at Any Age* (tonigattone.com)
Adaptive Gardening Expert & Resilience Change-Agent.

“I’ve always been passionate about gardening, and for over two decades I’ve explored various avenues and possibilities where I might share my love of gardening in a way that could be of value and service to others. With the hope and intention that it would illuminate my path, I went back to school and became certified as a Master Gardener. However, it wasn’t until I suffered from chronic and severe back pain — and couldn’t work in my garden—that I found my true calling. When I discovered adaptive gardening and realized I was not alone, I understood this was something I was so passionate about, I had found my path to serve others—and opened the door to launching my monthly newsletter, and my blog and [YouTube channel](#).”

Better yet: We have a Sponsor for our Speaker! Cascade Bark/Brady Trucking

We are so excited to have this Speaker and Sponsor!

AUCTION

We will be looking for Gardening items for the Auction. We will be looking for people to do planters again, because they were so FANTASTIC this last auction. We are looking for garden-related items, so keep your eyes out on what might be a **GREAT** garden item to have in the Auction. Maybe check out the adaptive garden tools online and make a basket up with another member.



~Kim Renfro, Virtual Garden Show Chair



“Everything that slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slow circles of nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace.” ~*May Sarton*

DISTRICT 1 MEETING REFLECTIONS

District Meeting . . .

Prior to attending the meeting, each club in District 1 was asked to create an “award” for another club to be presented at the meeting.

We were asked to make an award for presentation to the Tacoma club. Based on the club members virtually attending the 60th anniversary of SI of Canterbury, England, our award to them was called the Sincerity of Friendship Award.

The award we received is the:

Fascinating Fascinators

in recognition of their Tea with SHE programs that are geared toward various activities for women in their community.

The award was accepted by Shelle Paulbitski on behalf of our club. Sadly, there was no one in attendance from SI of Tacoma to accept the award we gave them.



~Shelle Paulbitski



The District 1 Meeting is always in October, a good time to get jazzed up for the new year. The Region Bylaws indicate the meeting is one and one half days of business. Typically, folks arrive on Friday for the full-day Saturday meeting and half-day Sunday. The planning team puts together a Friday-evening, icebreaker event to gather us for some fun, badinage, and camaraderie with members from Alaska and Washington.

This year’s Friday night was a Pajama party. We had dinner, and a bed-time story. Shelle and I participated in a Soroptimist play about our founding members. It was good to finally get together with fellow Soroptimists after the virtual meeting we ended up having last year.

The night was fun and got us excited for the next two days of business meetings and trainings. I invite you all to attend next year’s meeting which will be the last weekend of October. Part of educating women to empower them includes us as well. Take advantage of the opportunities of learning, of social interaction, and of mission-related passion, ideas and projects at our District and Region events.



~Sandy Lawrence



“Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man.”
~Francis Bacon

I am grateful for the opportunity to spend the weekend of October 15-17, 2021 at the 68th District 1 Meeting. Sailing into Our Brilliant Future, celebrating Soroptimist's 100th Anniversary. To attend these conferences is dynamic, inspiring, informative and fun. To be present in a room filled with people who have a passion for the Soroptimist mission and goals is electrifying.

Friday night I arrived just in time to don my pajamas to attend the Pajamas and Pearls Slumber party. We watched members of the various clubs read a play about the 100-year history of Soroptimist International while historic photos were shone on two screens.

Saturday AM opened with a welcome from the Region Board and updates from the Region and District Leadership.

Saturday PM after lunch opened with the keynote speaker Mari Wuellner, Life Coach.

Her topic was From Stress and Struggle to Bright and Brilliant. To break down walls & build up trust so that we can live the life of our dreams.

I attended Gov. Marti's afternoon workshop Putting the Wind Back in your Sails: Coming Back from COVID. It was a collaborative workshop for gathering ideas, thoughts, and strategies to move ourselves and our clubs forward with vision and purpose. Discussions to tackle the struggles and successes that we've faced over the past 18+ months with a growth and mindset to move us forward stronger than ever. Leading us through her foundations three step Process to come back from Covid with Vision, Purpose and Gusto

Define: what does the club want

Design: how to get there

Demand: membership participation

Insights: successes

Second PM workshop: Soroptimist on the Road Again by Karen Hall, NWR Membership Chair

Remember our club's purpose and roadmap

Activities for connections outside of meetings

Connecting at Virtual Meetings

Collaboration with Other Clubs

I have a detailed handout for all of the above

Saturday evening held a raffle ticket purchase for various baskets donated by attending clubs, followed by a roaring 20s Anniversary Dinner Cruise. The attendees dressed in roaring 20s finery. A parade of those who wanted to be in the judged contest for "best dressed."



~Marti Campbell



In generic terms:

The District meeting in October, or for that matter any Soroptimist gathering, is always an opportunity that should not be missed. It's the perfect time for recentering oneself as to why we do what we do in each of our clubs.

To have the ability to interact with other clubs "outside of one's own box" is a highlight. I never cease to be amazed at the creativity that comes forth when women with passion gather to make the world a better place for women and girls.

I brought back new ideas and information that I hope to share in detail when opportunity permits.

Oh, and there is never a dull moment . . . activities, food, drink, old and new friendships are the fare of any Soroptimist gathering as well as updates on the "State the Union" both nationally and internationally.



~Shirley Legg



WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Soroptimist International of Sequim.

I am thrilled and deeply honored to be a recipient of the 21-22 Soroptimist International of Sequim Professional-Technical Scholarship.

I would like to formally thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to continue pursuing my multimedia degree at Peninsula College.

Because of your donation, I will be able to finance reliable childcare for my two young children. It isn't easy to juggle being a busy mom and full-time student, and good childcare has always been vital to my success in both areas.

Sincerely grateful and appreciative for your contribution.

Reagan A. Lausche

Dear Soroptimist International of Sequim,

Thank you so much for awarding me your Soroptimist International of Sequim Professional-Technical scholarship. I am sincerely grateful for the extra funding in helping me achieve my academic goals.

Since I face many hardships in being a fulltime student this award not only helps me with making my goals more easily obtainable but also allows me more freedom to spend with my children and focus on my family by not having me to struggle as much financially. My family is very important to me and being able to spend more quality time with my children because of your help is priceless and I appreciate it so much.

As you may know, I am studying Welding Technologies and am very excited for this career change and chance to better myself at Peninsula College. I have many plans for our future, such as securing property and building my dream home. Now that I am working towards achieving these plans, my goals are much more easily obtained with outside help. With your kind scholarship I am able to focus more on my schooling and not struggle or stress as much financially, which is a huge help.

Thank you again for you kind and generous donation to my family and schooling.

Sincerely,
Rachel Blume

Dear Cat,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$4,000.00 to support the Soroptimist International of Sequim Professional-Technical Scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year. We are so grateful to have your funding for the two students who were awarded this academic year and look forward to working with you in the future.

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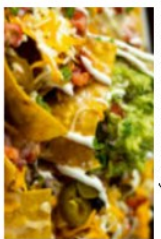








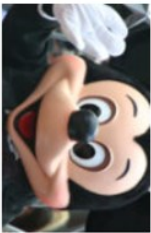









With much gratitude, thank you again!
Cheri Jessup
Foundation Specialist



**“Once you appreciate one of your blessings,
one of your senses, your sense of hearing,
then you begin to respect the sense
of seeing and touching and tasting,
you learn to respect all the senses.”**

~Maya Angelou

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH Mayme Faulk Marilyn Hooser Spiritely Legg Wei Lindstrom Karen Tyson</p>	<p>1 Day of the Dead</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3 National Sandwich Day</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5 BOARD MEETING</p>	<p>6 National Nachos Day</p> 
<p>7</p> 	<p>8 STEM/STEAM Day</p> 	<p>9 Business Meeting</p>	<p>10 Forget Me Not Day</p> 	<p>11 Veterans Day</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13 World Kindness Day</p> 
<p>14 Children's Day</p> 	<p>15 Old Socks Day</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17 National Hiking Day</p> 	<p>18 Mickey Mouse Day</p> 	<p>19 National Camp Day</p> 	<p>20 National Absurdity Day</p> 
<p>21 World Hello Day</p> 	<p>22 Go For A Ride Day</p> 	<p>23 Program Meeting</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> 	<p>26 National Cake Day</p> 	<p>27 Small Business Saturday</p> 
<p>28 Hanukkah</p> 	<p>29 Cyber Monday</p> 	<p>30 5th Tuesday</p>				

December 2021

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

A Writer's Block by Kenechukwu

A moment of clarity
Stifled creativity plaguing my sanity.

Negativity's rhyme scheme
Always alters the atmosphere.
Writer's block obscures a slighted right hemisphere.

The brain's left side is logical, factual
The right side intuitive and creative,
My brain marches—left, right, left, right
All over ink stains and blank spaces.

Navigating these ruts requires emotional dexterity
And my creative muscles have been stiff
So, it's difficult to write with sincerity.

I can't just churn it out while I'm burning out
Maybe I should try, I can be quite cynical
Not all creative blocks are easy to lift
Mine weighs one hundred and seventy odd syllables.



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