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**“Tradition is not
the worship of ashes,
but the preservation
of fire.”
~Gustav Mahler**

Message from the President

Here it is almost Thanksgiving! Every year families have traditions around the holidays. Some give thanks at dinner tables, some just come together to watch all the games, or some do their holiday shopping. What I really want is everyone to remember to give thanks and to share a memory from your childhood with your family. Since the family is all tired of traveling due to three weddings, I will not be with family this year, so I will share a childhood memory with you.

My grandmother was admittedly the worst cook ever! She admitted it—she would rather be doing something else other than cooking. There was more than one time when we came into a house full of smoke because she forgot she had something on the stove! Those were the days before smoke detectors in houses. So on with the story . . . every year my grandmother would bring pumpkin pies to our family Thanksgiving potlucks. Every year my aunts would throw away the remaining pumpkin pies since no one would eat them. The reason no one ate them was that they were horrible—but we didn’t want to hurt my grandmother’s feelings—so we would all take a slice, but never eat them. Yeah, you would say a waste of food; I would say, preservation!

To understand why no one ate the pies you would have to understand that my grandmother grew up during the depression. And of course during the depression they had to make things go further than normal—creative ways of making food go further was developed. So, for my grandmother, a can of pumpkin which was supposed to be for making two pies, all of a sudden made four. Now, I bet you are wondering if those pies were super thin—no they were not! So now you are wondering, how could that be. So being the creative grandmother, she would pick up mincemeat (in the jar) on sale the year before at Christmas time. So, you are starting to get what happened; she would supplement her pumpkin pies with mincemeat on the bottom and pumpkin on top. Yeah, a horrible combination and therefore no one eating her pies.

It wasn’t until my mom, bless her, told my grandmother that she would make the pumpkin pies for the following year. Wow, I had never had such wonderful pumpkin pie, without mincemeat, a novel concept. Of course, it was all eaten; luckily my aunts had made backups. I love pumpkin pie to this day and look forward to the holidays just to get my fill of it. But to this day, when I have pumpkin pie, I think of my grandmother and her creative pumpkin pies.

This holiday season, share a fun memory and have a good laugh.



President Kim
Change is Always Good



Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

Ever notice how sometimes something seemingly small that happens in our life has an impact—as if it was not something small after all? It might even be something we notice in someone else’s life.

At home we have a UPS (Uninterruptable Power Supply) hooked up to our tv. If the electricity goes off, the UPS gracefully shuts down the television. If the power fluctuates, the UPS clicks. Our dog Blue does not like the clicking sound; he gets scared. Last evening there was a lot of wind, and the power was fluctuating. The UPS was clicking, and Blue got scared. At first it happened only once or twice, giving me time to comfort Blue—though he was very cautious and nervous. He decided to go lie down on his bed in the bedroom.

Then suddenly the house went dark—the power was off. By the time Blue came running from the bedroom, the lights were back on. I comforted him but he was more nervous than before. There were a few more brownouts, but things settled after a while. The clicking sounds are something seemingly small to us, but not so to Blue.

The wind was still blowing and making sounds outside, so I turned on the tv. We had some recorded shows, so I played a video of the Late Show with Stephen Colbert. One of his guests was James Taylor. Colbert asked Taylor if he prefers the window or the aisle seat when flying. He replied he chooses the aisle seat. “I don’t mind getting up and letting someone go by. I’d rather be slightly inconvenienced than feel as though I was inconveniencing someone else. It’s not nice.”

James Taylor said he likes doing things for others; it makes him happy. Then he said something that gave me pause. He said when we do something for someone else, we are being selfish in a way because it makes us feel good too. I was thinking about that and perhaps it’s not a bad thing. When there is a mutual feeling of joy, it shows how we are all inter-connected. It shows our humanity and our unity.

My thoughts went to our Secret Pal program. I am one of the two designated drop-off/pick-up locations for Secret Pal gifts. I get to see the smiles on the faces of those dropping off special treasures, as well as the smiles of those who stop by to pick up their packages. I know most are wearing masks, but I can see the smile in their eyes—and hear it in their voices. Some seemingly small gesture by their Secret Pal elicits such heartfelt expression of happiness and appreciation. Then I usually text, email or call the giver to let her know the recipient’s response—and I get to hear her delight also. It is a circle of joy shared.

Speaking of joy . . . the Holiday Joy program with Healthy Families of Clallam County is another avenue where members share joy through something seemingly small. The small groups who are assigned a family have a great time looking for items on each family members’ wish list. There is wonderful collaboration within the groups. For some members the shopping part is great fun! For others the wrapping of the gifts is fun. Holiday Joy brings joy to both the givers and the receivers. These gifts will make the holidays happier for the families.

In the two programs mentioned above we show support for our members and our community. I am so grateful to be part of this club. We may not always notice the impact of what we do, but our seemingly small gestures produce joyful change in others’ lives. And Change is Always Good.



Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



“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

CALENDAR

November

- 4 Board Meeting
- 8 Business Meeting
- 22 Program Meeting
- *29 5th Tuesday

December

- 9 Board Meeting
- 13 Business Meeting
- *20 Holiday Party

*Evening Meeting



“Gratitude is one of the least articulate of the emotions, especially when it is deep.”
~Felix Frankfurter



“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”
~Albert Schweitzer

Celebrate Life!

NOVEMBER

Melody Albertson
Sunni Becker
Mayme Faulk
Shirley Legg
Wei Lindstrom

DECEMBER

Dave Fickes
Sandy Lawrence
Elaine Powlesland



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



“Gratitude is a vaccine, an antitoxin,
and an antiseptic”
~John Henry Jowett

HOLIDAY JOY SPREADS JOY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

We have 25 members of our club, plus three former members, taking part in providing some Holiday Joy for Healthy Families clients this year!!!

If any of you would like to contribute to Healthy Families’ clients this holiday season, but didn’t particularly want to shop for a family, you can still help. Gift cards to Safeway or Walmart for distribution by Beverly Hoffman or Healthy Families are ALWAYS welcome. Give me a call if you’d like to do that and we can coordinate delivery to the Healthy Families office as part of the total Soroptimist service to this agency.



~Jane Manzer, Holiday Joy Chair



“You will find that the mere resolve not to be useless,
and the honest desire to help other people,
will, in the quickest and delicatest ways, improve yourself.”
~John Ruskin

SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER

Olympic Peninsula Area Meeting
TBA
February 25, 2023



NWR Conference
Davenport Hotel
Spokane, WA
April 20-23, 2023



SI Convention
Challenge the Future
Dublin, Ireland
July 27-29, 2023

GIRLS OF THE MONTH COMING AGAIN SOON

You may have noticed that we haven't had a Girl of the Month yet. That's because Mitzi Sanders, the former College Counselor, retired. We are happy to announce there is a new College Counselor on board. She is Sarah Brooks. She has been a counselor at the school and moved into this position this school year. She is in a learning mode now and will be able to identify GOM for us soon.

Sarah confirmed that the high school students will continue to do digital scholarship notebooks. Having them in a digital format makes it much easier for the committee to review them. Each member can read them at home on their own time schedule and keep them online until after the decision is made in case there is a need to consult them again.

The high school scholarship recipients are chosen by members of the Awards & Scholarships committee in late April or early May. Members are welcome to join the review--it's fascinating to learn about the girls, their activities, their families and their dreams!



~Cat Xander, Awards and Scholarships Chair



PATHWAYS CHANGES

President Kim's theme "Change is Always Good" was evidenced in the Pathways Committee this month. As you all know, our joyful Missy has made a major change in her life and is moving to the east coast. That's good news for her—sad news for the rest of us. We'll miss her! However, she didn't leave us 'high and dry' and already recruited Elaine Churchill to assist Amanda as co-chair. She came highly qualified, having been involved with Pathways previously. We welcomed her with open arms before we hugged Missy farewell. (Elaine came prepared with homemade zucchini bread for all of us. I must say that this committee is well fed at meetings!)



This month President Kim came to induct new member Lisa Martinez. She was already a part of the team but missed the induction with the other new members. The agenda for October was to continue to review the Member Roster listing of the officers & board, the club calendar, committees, and past presidents. The term of their commitment is clearly listed in the Member Roster, but President Kim explained the duties involved in each office that makes up the board. She kept it simple and succinct giving an overview of each office so we new members wouldn't be afraid to volunteer for one of the positions in the future.



Missy, Amanda and Elaine took over to explain the purpose of each committee in order to give the new members an idea of what committee they would like to be involved with next year. The zeal with which they researched the Committed Funds recipients to find a project for this year indicates that they'll all be ready to serve on other committees without a problem. In fact, we gathered so much information that it was difficult to choose just one or two recipients for our project. We did, however, narrow it down to First Step, McKinney-Vento and the Kathleen Sutton Fund but decided to delve further into each one before choosing. Stay tuned in November!



~Jan Hartig



MEMBERS—COOL STUFF

Member Jolene Sanborn is in the newspaper again—actually in two newspapers—*Sequim Gazette* and *Senior Sunset Times*! She and fellow artist Julie Senf have colorful paintings on display at the Blue Hole Gallery during the month of November. The theme of the paintings is “Oh Beautiful for Spacious Skies!” Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sundays. Stop by and see the magnificent artistry. ~kp



Above, from left: Julie Senf's "Sunrise Peak at Sunset" and "Cape Flattery Lighthouse" and Jolene Sanborn's "Dungeness River" and "Freedom Farm." Below: Julie Senf, left, and Jolene Sanborn are featured artists at the Blue Whole Gallery this November. November at Blue Whole Gallery.

Blue Whole Gallery exhibit to spotlight Sequim's 'Spacious Skies'



SEQUIM GAZETTE STAFF

Jolene Sanborn and Julie Senf, artists and friends, lead the celebration of the great Olympic Peninsula in beautiful autumn with their colorful paintings with "Oh Beautiful for Spacious Skies!" the new exhibit at Blue Whole Gallery throughout the month of November. A meet-the-artist event is set for 5-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, during the First Friday Art Walk at the gallery, 129 W. Washington St.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sundays. Sanborn was born in Colorado, where she spent her summers in the mountains at a family ranch. Family vacations were spent camping and fishing. She moved to Washington state 45 years ago, and said she spends as much time as she can outside and in the mountains. The views and scenery of the Olympic Peninsula feed her spirit and inspire her painting.

Senf was born in Washington state and lived part of her early childhood in Alaska, but has been living on the Olympic Peninsula for more than 45 years. She has been an avid outdoors person her whole life. She said she loves the peninsula with its grandeur and vistas—that it speaks to her soul, grounds her Christian beliefs and inspires her art. The artists, gallery representatives note, are great friends, having met eight years ago.

"They chose to title their windows 'Oh Beautiful for Spacious Sky' out of their love of the peninsula and their deep concern for the political division in the country they both love so much," gallery representatives note. "One is deeply conservative, the other very liberal. They honor their differences, respect each other's opinions and revel in the values they share... a mutual love of art, life, and our community." For more information, visit bluewholegallery.com.



THE JEFFERSON AND CLALLAM COUNTY SENIORS SUNSET TIMES
OCTOBER 2022 YOUR LOCALLY OWNED GOOD NEWS COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER ISSUE #9 VOLUME 6
ARTISTS JOLENE SANBORN & JULIE SENF CELEBRATE AUTUMN



Jolene Sanborn was born in Colorado, where she spent her summers in the mountains at a family ranch. Family vacations were spent camping and fishing. She moved to Washington 45 years ago and spends as much time as she can outside and in the mountains. The views and scenery of the Peninsula feed her spirit and inspire her creativity and her painting. Julie Senf was born in Washington and lived part of her early childhood in Alaska, but has been living on the Peninsula for over 45 years. She has been an avid outdoors person her whole life. She loves the Peninsula with its grandeur and vistas. It speaks to her soul, grounds her Christian beliefs, and inspires her art. So much diversity is here, in an all-inclusive and beautifully wrapped package she calls "the-Oh". These two ladies have much in common when it comes to what inspires them to paint. They are great friends, having met very liberal. They honor their differences, respect each other's

"I firmly believe that all human beings have access to extraordinary energies and powers. Judging from accounts of mystical experience, heightened creativity, or exceptional performance by athletes and artists, we harbor a greater life than we know."

~Jean Houston

MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

In October, the Medical Loan Closet committee welcomed Patty Lebowitz as our newest volunteer. She will make a fine addition to the current roster of volunteers.

Shirley Legg, Chris Snow, and Cat Xander represented the Closet in the Chamber of Commerce Showcase Event. They were impressed with how many people had used, or knew of, our service. At the event Chris met the CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County. Soon our Closet volunteers will have information for clients to refer them to building services that Habitat for Humanity provides to help keep people in their homes as long as possible.

Early in the month, we had a team building luncheon at Becky's house. We were able to get to know each other a little better; discussed Closet issues and concerns; and considered ideas for the future.

We continued to have a very busy month at the Closet! We received **198** calls during the month of October. We lent **140** items and had **116** items returned. In addition, we were happy to receive donations of two wheelchairs, a transport chair, and a knee scooter. These items are in very short supply. We received **\$550** in donations from our generous community.



~Becky Archer and Chris Snow, MLC Co-chairs



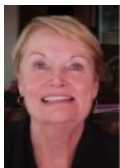
COLLABORATIVE SHOWCASING

The Chamber of Commerce reactivated their Showcase this year for the first time since the pandemic started. This year it was held in the ballroom at the Sunland Golf and Country Club. Our club is a member of the Chamber, so Chris Snow and I staffed a Soroptimist table at Sunland for the event. The theme was “Out on a Limb.” Public Awareness chair Kathy Purcell and Membership chair Shawn Dredla provided table decorations which included two small lighted trees to carry out the theme. One tree had ornaments with pictures of this year’s scholarship recipients and their majors, while the other had ornaments representing our committed funds organizations.

This gave us the opportunity to talk about our scholarships and some of the women and agencies we have supported, highlighting our mission to help women achieve economic empowerment.

Besides the table display, Chris brought one of our stand-up walkers and a knee scooter, along with the new banner highlighting our 50 years of service at the Medical Loan Closet. We talked to a lot of people about the services of the MLC. Many knew about it, and we got lots of compliments from people who had used it, while others hadn’t heard about it and were thrilled to learn of its existence. Shirley Legg also attended as our ‘roaming’ SIS Ambassador. She did a lot of great networking.

The Showcase was a crowded and noisy affair, but eight women signed up to learn more about Soroptimist. We also had three groups, the League of Women Voters, Peninsula College Baccalaureate program, and the Field Hall and Events Center, say they would love to partner with us in some way. Something to consider! It was a fun evening and definitely worth attending next year.



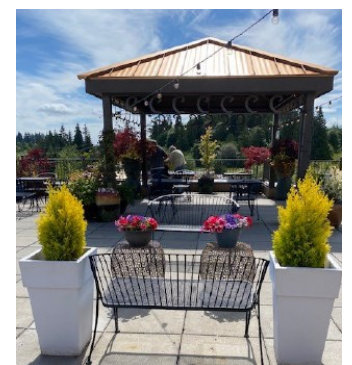
~Cat Xander, for Public Awareness



“In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and comes back to us.” ~*Flora Edwards*

BLOSSOMING THROUGH THE SEASONS

I believe fall is here and winter will soon be upon us. How quickly time flies as it seems like it was only yesterday that it was spring. So, Jan Chapman and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who volunteered to maintain the rooftop garden at Holiday Inn through this past spring and summer. Your commitment and time were valuable contributions. Those efforts were reflected in the comments the hotel received from the guests and visitors. Those comments often came with the question “Who or what is Soroptimist?” because of the sign on the rooftop. Namaste Stayton, who is the hotel manager, indicates she replies, “They are a community organization that serves women and girls.” We would like to think with her short Reply that we have made a positive impression that would lead to empowering a woman and/or girl in the future.



“Where flowers bloom so does hope.” – *Lady Bird Johnson*

Linda Klinefelter and Jan Chapman, Rooftop Garden Co-chairs

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We received our first payment from the program in August 2017 for \$13.38. Since then, we have received donations every quarter, bringing our total donations to \$580.

You might say that is not a lot of money over five years and it's not. But members can generate those donations just by shopping from the comfort of your home. How easy is that? Also share this information with your family and friends so they can participate also.



~Shelle Paulbitski, Treasurer—for the Fundraising and Finance Committees



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Join us at the longest continuously running holiday craft bazaar on the peninsula! The **Greywolf Holiday Bazaar** runs on **Saturday & Sunday, November 21 & 22, 10 am-4 pm** both days. Purchase your See's Candies gifts from our Soroptimist booth to give to all your friends, family and neighbors a sweet holiday.



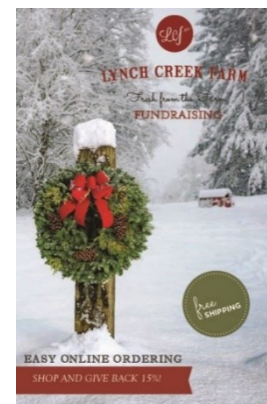
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DISTRICT 1 MEETING REFLECTIONS

Each year in October, the four districts in our Northwestern Region hold a fall business meeting. Our district, District 1, held our meeting October 28-30 in Blaine, Washington at the Semiahmoo Resort.

We started gathering in the early afternoon on Friday. There was lots of chatter in the lobby as friends were getting reacquainted. The hotel was clean, warm and comfortable. A balloon bingo card was included in our registration packet, with target balloons spread out through the hotel. It was a unique way to help us become familiar with our surroundings.

Around 6:00 p.m. members headed to the 3rd floor hospitality suite for some lessons in creating Charcuterie boards. We grazed on cheese, meats, crackers and sliders. A delicious punch rounded out the snacks, while a door prize drawing for a cookbook entitled, "Boards" was given away. We divided into teams of six for a bout of 1980's trivia. It was sure fun finding out how much we didn't know!

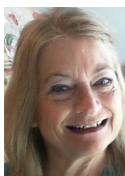
Saturday began with our business session and general workshop, followed by lunch with our keynote speaker and Washington State award winning author, Mary Lou Sanelli. In the afternoon, we attended some workshops focusing on a Day in the Life of Dream It Be It, Motivated Leadership, and Scams and Frauds.

On Saturday night, it is a tradition to buy a table at our Tell and Sell afterhours party. There are raffle tickets and gifts to buy for various club fundraisings. The region sells their pins to benefit the Region's Live Your Dream Award. Our club manned a table of blue and white scarves that had been previously donated to us. We sold \$160.00 worth.

A wonderfully decorated ballroom for a "moon glow" dinner followed. Our Director Becky Taft's theme this year was "Up, Up and Away" with hot air balloons. Our current President of Soroptimist International of the America's, Stephanie Smith, was the evening's speaker (and entertainer).

Sunday morning was breakfast and more business. Last but not least the raffles were drawn and many went home with smiles on their faces. It had been a fabulous meeting.

Next year our District meeting will be held at the Clearwater Casino and Resort at Suquamish, Washington, October 20-22, 2023. See you there!



~Sandy Lawrence, NWR D1 Site Coordinator



My thoughts on a Workshop at the District 1 Meeting

It is difficult to decide what my article about the district meeting should focus on. There were general sessions, various workshops and, of course, the inspiration speakers.

The workshop I attended and wanted to share with you was titled “The Motivated Leader,” presented by Sandy Jennings from SI of Port Orchard.

She began her message telling us that to be a motivation to others, we must first have the courage to show up, to be vulnerable and to be an influencer. Leadership is hard and it is challenging but that doesn’t mean it’s not good, rewarding and fun.

Where do we start? You must believe in yourself—don’t listen to that negative voice in your head that tells you you’re not good enough, talented enough or smart enough. To help maintain focus, she suggested identifying those people who see your potential and let them lift you up when that nasty ticker tape starts running.

What are the traits of a good leader? To motivate others, a good leader must be a team player, let others shine, communicate well and practice the art of listening. A leader shouldn’t be afraid to surround herself with people who are more talented than she because those are the ones who will help her succeed.

As our club evolves, we need new leaders; leaders who are not afraid to make a mistake; leaders who will encourage others to develop their skills and leaders who recognize the importance of others. Our members have always been willing to step in and help others succeed. And we will continue to do so because we are Soroptimists.

If you are interested in moving into a position on the board or would like to chair or co-chair a committee, let President Kim or one of the board members know.

In closing she gave us this quote.

~ The Woman in the Arena ~

It is not the critic who counts; not the woman who points out how the strong woman stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the woman who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends herself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if she fails, at least fails while DARING GREATLY, so that her place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat. ~Theodore Roosevelt



~Shelle Paulbitski, Treasurer



District 1 Conference – First Timer

The District 1 Meeting was held on Oct. 28-30th at the beautiful Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine WA. Being a first timer, I did not know what to expect and was surprised by the whole weekend. As a first timer to the District 1 Meeting, you have privileges that repeat members don't have—like showing your badge and going to the front of the line. Not that I needed to use it, but it was nice to know I could. As a first timer, I was amazed at how receptive Soroptimists are in having new people at their gatherings. I was welcomed by all and if I had a question, people were more than happy to answer.

There were 27 first timers at the District 1 Meeting, out of the 90 attendees. I was surprised at how many of us there were, until I realized that Covid had kept not only myself, but other members away from the meetings. I learned we have 28 clubs in District 1 and got to meet several of the District 1 and Region officers who were in attendance. There were of course speakers on different topics: The Motivated Leader, A Day In the Life of Dream It Be It, How to get a Clear Picture of Soroptimist, and Fraud and Scams. There were also inspirational stories during the meeting. The inspirational stories were why women had joined Soroptimist; it amazed me the strength and courage it took to stand in front of a group of people and tell their story—it was truly inspirational.

For those of you who have not been to a meeting, I encourage you to go. Whether you are a first timer or have gone many times before, you will be lifted up in spirit (Up Up and Away was the theme at this year's District 1 Meeting) and energized to continue your work as a Soroptimist.

The 104th Northwestern Region Conference will be held in Spokane, WA at the historic Davenport Hotel. The Region Conference will be April 20-23, 2023 and room rates will be \$179 per night. You can share a room to keep the cost down and you can carpool. It was fun to find out what everyone thought of the meeting on the car ride home. So I am looking forward to being a first timer at the Northwestern Region Conference as well—who wants to join me?



The District 1 Meeting for October 2023 will be held at the Clearwater Resort, Poulsbo WA. So if the region conference is too far for you, the District 1 Meeting will be much closer.



~Kim Renfro, President



“I set myself challenges every time I work. Ideally, I approach everything as though it's the first time - with a beginner's mind and an amateur's love.” ~Willem Dafoe

AN AWARD WINNING DISTRICT 1 MEETING

SI Sequim received an award certificate at the District 1 meeting. Our award was in four areas: Founder's Pennies, 85% Membership Retention, Live Your Dream Awards, and Big Goal Accelerator projects. We were one of only two clubs to gain kudos for the Big Goal. The Big Goal—by 2031 invest in the dreams of half a million women and girls through access to education—is a major focus of Soroptimist International of the Americas and was an underlying theme of the conference.

SIA has realized that clubs do a lot more than the Live Your Dream Award and the Dream It, Be It programs to give women and girls the access to opportunities and resources for education that will enable them to succeed. They want to hear about those programs and be able to count the people we help as they try to reach the half million goal.

We were one of the first clubs to document our efforts toward the Big Goal. To qualify, Big Goal Accelerator projects or programs have to: work only with women and/or girls who are facing obstacles; provide access to education; ultimately lead to economic empowerment; be a Soroptimist-led hands-on project.

We submitted two of last year's programs: the increase in our Continuing Education and Professional/Technical scholarships, and our work with the McKinney-Vento and Foster Care Liaison in which we identified four girls dealing with homelessness, poverty and violence who would successfully graduate that year. We offered the girls curated shopping trips designed to provide clothing for work or school and arranged, through Jolene Sanford, for them each to receive laptops of their own.

SIA recognizes that other areas clubs put time and effort into—like our Medical Loan Closet and our committed funds—are vitally important to the community. They don't want us to stop those programs, but conference presenters asked members of each club to consider their projects to see if they meet the four standards of the Big Goal, and to consider whether they could be revised or tweaked to do so.



~Cat Xander, Immediate Past President



WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Soroptimist Members,

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 time with my children and focus on my family—by not having 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 in my 2nd year of studying Welding Technologies and am very excited for this career change and chance to better myself at Peninsula College. I have maintained a 3.97 GPA my entire first year enrolled at Peninsula College. I credit this to your kind donations and my strong convictions for building a better future for myself and my family. I have many plans for our future, such as securing property and building my dream home. Now, I am very close to graduating and achieving these plans and goals which continue to be 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 Soroptimist Members,

I am sincerely honored to be the recipient of the second year Continuing Education Soroptimist Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, funding my education. This has positively impacted my whole family in many ways. I am a single mother with twin boys who are in first grade this year. This award allowed me to take away the financial burden of funding nursing school and living expenses that have increased dramatically over the past year. The Soroptimist fund is the reason I am able to spend more time with my children while also fully focusing on how to become the best Registered Nurse I can be taking care of my patients and studies.

I am also grateful to have this resource allowing me to have more time to study with my peers, attend after hours questioning, charting at the hospital—and make it to my son's soccer game at the end of the day, and be there with them during dinner every night. It warms my heart that you have chosen me as your recipient. This is not the first time the organization has given me funding so I want to thank all of you who look at my education and my family in need and see the potential. While completing school at Peninsula College in the nursing program in my last year, I'll be graduating in June. Looking back four years ago, this organization helped me before I was in nursing school and helped me make it to where I am today. I am able to change while in school and positively impact the community and future for my children.

Thank you again for the generosity, the thoughtfulness of helping me fund my education again this coming year with this scholarship.

Sincerely,
Rylie G. Booth

You're the certainty of my uncertainty. Your significance defines the love and connection I have for you and I wanna thank you because you help me grow to become my full self and contribute meaningfully to this world we're both in." ~Jayson Engay

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Soroptimist International Professional-Technical Scholarship Donors,

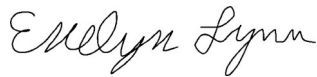
I am writing to express my gratitude to you for making the Soroptimist International of Sequim Professional-Technical Scholarship possible. I was ecstatic to hear of my selection for this honor and am deeply appreciative of your support.

I am going into my sophomore year at Peninsula College and am working towards my Associates in Science-Welding Technology. I found a new passion in welding when I started this program and am excited to learn more in the year to come. I am hoping to work at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard when I graduate and to learn more there as well.

The Scholarship you provided will be of great help to me in paying for the rest of my schooling. and it will allow me to concentrate more of my time on studying.

I would like to thank you again for your generosity and support. I am incredibly thankful for the scholarship and hope that I am able to help others. in the future, as you have helped me.

Sincerely,



Evelyn Lynn

ELEGANT GOURMENT BOOKS ETC. NOW AVAILABLE

SI of Port Angeles (SIPA) has its Elegant Gourmet, Etc. coupon books ready to sell! They began this fundraiser in 1984 being their major fundraiser for 39 years! Over \$613,000 has been raised for the community providing scholarships, awards and projects. Amazingly, the past two Covid affected years, have been their best sales in quite a few years. You can purchase books from a SIPA club member, Angeles Furniture and Jim's Pharmacy. **Still only \$10.** Or you can purchase them from **Sally Pearson** who will be attending our **November 22** Program meeting and she's bringing the coupon books! Just using one coupon can pay for the book. Jane Manzer buys some books and gives them away as gifts. You can also use a coupon from the book to buy a gift for someone. If you're not able to attend the meeting but want to purchase book(s) get your money to President Kim and she'll be sure to get the books for you.












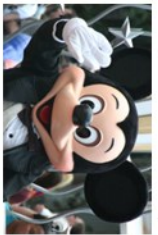








There are participating vendors from both Sequim and Port Angeles. A few popular vendors included again this year are Odyssey Bookstore and Port Book and News in Port Angeles, and Oak Table in Sequim.

Other Sequim Vendors Include:






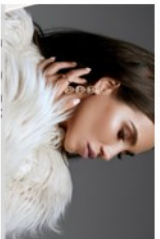
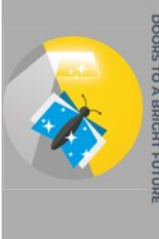





















Alderwood Bistro	Another Hair Place
Bar Hop	Sky Ridge Golf Course
Oak Table	Full Moon Candle Company
Sweet Spot	New Dungeness Nursery
That Takes the Cake	Peninsula Tap Room
We Do Fudge	Sequim Shoe Repair
The Cracked Bean Coffee Company	



November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH Sunni Becker Mayme Faulk Shirley Legg Wei Lindstrom</p>		<p>1 National Cinnamon Day</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3 National Sandwich Day</p> 	<p>4 BOARD MEETING</p>	<p>5 National Bison Day</p> 
<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Business Meeting</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10 National Forget-Me-Not Day</p> 	<p>11 Veterans Day</p> 	<p>12</p>
<p>13 World Kindness Day</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15 National Philanthropy Day</p> 	<p>16 National Burton Day</p> 	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Mickey Mouse's Birthday</p> 	<p>19 National Camp Day</p> 
<p>20</p>	<p>21 National Stuffing Day</p> 	<p>22 Program Meeting</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> 	<p>25 National Maize Day</p> 	<p>26 Small Business Saturday</p> 
<p>27 National Bavarian Cream Pie Day</p> 	<p>28</p> 	<p>29 5th Tuesday</p>	<p>30 National Mason Jar Day</p> 			

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH Dave Fickes Sandy Lawrence Elaine Powlesland						
4 National Cookie Day 	5 International Ninja Day 	6 National Minor's Day 	7 National Illinois Day 	8 National Brownie Day 	9 BOARD MEETING 	10 SI President's Appeal PRESIDENT'S APPEAL OPENING DOORS TO A BRIGHT FUTURE 
11 National App Day 	12 National Poinsettia Day 	13 Business Meeting 	14 Monkey Day 	15 Bill of Rights Day 	16 National Chocolate Covered Anything Day 	17 National Ugly Sweater Day 
18 Chanukah Begins 	19 National Oatmeal Muffin Day 	20 Holiday Party 	21 Winter Solstice 	22 Forefather's Day 	23 National Roots Day 	24 Christmas Eve 
25 Christmas Day 	26 National Candy Cane Day 	27 National Fruitcake Day 	28 National Call a Friend Day 	29 Tick Tock Day 	30 Bacon Day 	31 New Year's Eve 

When Giving Is All We Have by: Alberto Ríos

One river gives
Its journey to the next.

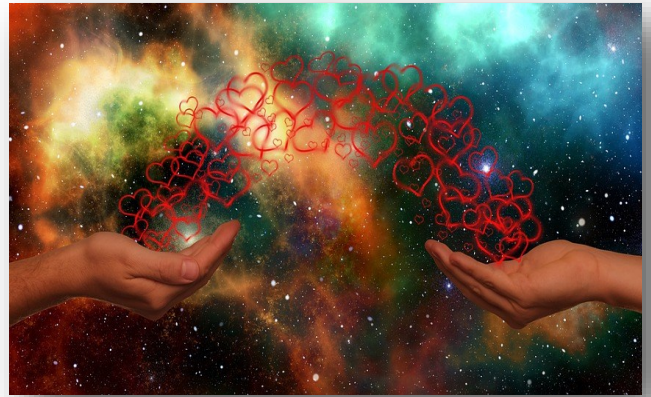
We give because someone gave to us.
We give because nobody gave to us.
We give because giving has changed us.
We give because giving could have changed us.

We have been better for it,
We have been wounded by it—
Giving has many faces: It is loud and quiet,
Big, though small, diamond in wood-nails.

Its story is old, the plot worn and the pages too,
But we read this book, anyway, over and again:
Giving is, first and every time, hand to hand,
Mine to yours, yours to mine.

You gave me blue, and I gave you yellow.
Together we are simple green. You gave me
What you did not have, and I gave you
What I had to give—together, we made

Something greater from the difference.



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