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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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*“I find that when you  
open the door  
toward openness  
and transparency,  
a lot of people will  
follow you through.”  
~Kirsten Gillibrand*

**Message from the President**

Greetings!

The Journey to the Mountaintop begins!

What an awesome time we had at the SIS Installation Dinner! I am so very thankful to everyone who helped and attended (and wished they could have attended) for your support! I am looking forward to a great year of working with great members.


I hope you are enjoying the summer months off with family and friends. What a great opportunity to rest and refresh before we hit the boards running in the fall. Our S.T.A.R.T. Meeting will be upon us before we know it, and it will be so good to see you all there.

Committees are being assembled, roster books are being updated, and programs are being planned. That doesn't exactly sound like "taking the summer off" does it? But, that's just the way we roll!

As several of you know, our little dog Sofie has been recuperating from a bulging disc in her lower back. Just thinking about it makes my back hurt, but then, so does picking her up and carrying her every time she leaves her kennel to go outside or to eat, etc. She is making progress, but it has been a trial—physically and mentally for both of us. It reminds me of the toll it takes on us as Soroptimists to work so hard in order to help others. The challenge is, as always, to give our very best and to still preserve our health, our sanity, and our relationships. We take care of "business," but we must also take care of ourselves. We can't take off up the side of a mountain without bringing along adequate supplies to provide for our well-being. Take care of yourselves, look out for your partners, help one another along the way. Then we can all reach and enjoy the summit together.

Please know that my door is always open to your suggestions in all that we do. Yes, I know how I'd like the year to go, but I also recognize that my way is not the only way....and possibly not always the best way. I value your input and want to hear from you if you have any comments or questions. We are on this trek together and being out in front can be a little scary at times, but I do get to see the best scenery first!

Please try to join us for the picnic on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Yes, it just happens to be my birthday....and YES, there will be cake! We will be inviting Port Townsend and both Port Angeles clubs to join us for a fun time. Check out the flyer below.

Onward and upward,  
President Gena 

## Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's July—the beginning of a new Soroptimist year; the installation dinner was June 30. What a wonderful evening it was! Attendees wore hiking attire to go along with this year's theme—**Journey to the Mountaintop**.

It was nice to be casual and comfortable—a good way to start the year. As we walked in, we saw signs with inspirational quotes leading into the main room. There was a mountain on top of the table in the lobby, with pine boughs all around it, and some giant (fake) rocks. The focal point in the dining area was a backdrop of a mountain in clouds (hand-painted by incoming President Gena Royal) with a stream below it surrounded by rocks and more pine boughs.

The centerpieces were wooden slabs with a pine bough sticking up like a tree and a candle holder with the theme encasing it. There were also cutouts of boot prints. Wow! There were boots (paper of course) for each of the new board members. And the place cards with names on them were designed to look like a pass to the national park hiking trail. Kate Creasey headed the Installation Committee: Elaine Bradford, Deb Carlson, Missy Church-Smith and Kathy Purcell. What a fabulous job all around!

Add to that the wonderful voice of Stephanie Royal, Gena and Jerry's daughter. Amazing! When she sang everyone listened. What a treat for all of us!

It was an honor, after starting my 20<sup>th</sup> year as a Soroptimist, to officiate the installation ceremony for the first time. I always liked when the person officiating the installation gave little gifts to the board members, so I decided to do it too.

Keeping with the theme: for the **Directors** the gift was tail mix because it's important to keep your strength on the trail; for the **Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer**, who are tasked with maintaining the flow of funds and making sure the accounts are hydrated, the gift was water; for the **Secretary** there was a journal to journal the club's journey; for the **President-elect**, who is tasked with helping keep things moving in the right direction—even when there are switchbacks or obstacles that cause us to veer of the path, the gift was a compass. On the Journey to the Mountaintop there are some things mandated by SIA, and some things that are decided upon by the **President**, the board and the members. For President Gena Royal the gift was first, a copy of the SIA Roadmap to Success and second, a blank one for her to map out the journey for our club.

Gena had mentioned a few times that her husband was referring to her installation as her coronation. So she also received a crown, accompanied by appropriate music. It seemed fitting since she is of the Royal family.

Moments after receiving her President's pin from outgoing President Kathryn Pacelli, President Gena was put to work inducting a new member—Molly McAleer. There's not going to be any moss growing on our new president!

Thinking of the new theme: *Journey to the Mountaintop* I was reminded of the theme during Amanda Beitzel's term as president: *Joy is in the Journey; Love Leads the Way*. Perhaps it was meant as a precursor. As we step forward into this new Soroptimist year let us walk with joy and remember the hope we offer as we improve the lives of women and girls.

Light and Love,  
Kathy Purcell, Editor



“Leaders don't force people to follow—  
they invite them on a journey.”  
~Charles S. Lauer

## CALENDAR

### JULY

\*29 Potluck Get-together  
Jeani Penn's

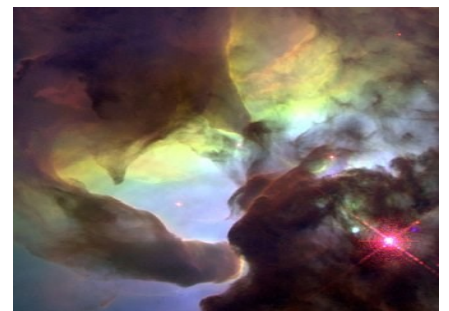
### AUGUST

\*29 S.T.A.R.T. Meeting  
Trinity United  
Methodist

### \*Evening Meeting



“Hope is a memory of the future.  
There must be a great journey ahead.  
I look at life and the universe  
and it's so extravagant  
for the short time we have,  
it must be the beginning.  
I can hardly wait.”  
~Bob Willis



“Success is a journey,  
not a destination.” ~Ben Sweetland

# Celebrate Life!

## JULY

- 2 Janet Wicker
- 5 Kris Osborn
- 7 Jolene Huntington-Sanborn
- 16 Amala Kuster
- 16 Carmen Pitkin
- 17 Kathy Purcell
- 28 Jane Manzer
- 29 Gena Royal

## AUGUST

- 2 Sara Ellen Peterson
- 4 Janet Popelka
- 4 Janet Real
- 15 Nicole Anderson
- 18 Sara Nchols
- 19 Colleen Blazier
- 23 Amanda Beitzel
- 30 Betty Osborn
- 30 Ann Salmon



Note the phone number for our  
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

**504-0231**



# SI SEQUIM Picnic/BBQ

5pm Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup>

Jeani Penn's home



Yard Games



Yogi's not invited,  
but your partner in  
life IS!

It's a salad /dessert potluck with  
Jeani's world famous BBQ Chicken!  
And we still have leftover wine from  
the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bash!



Please RSVP (if you  
haven't already  
responded to Gena) to:  
penngreys@gmail.com

And, it's time to use up all our leftover  
paper products! Bring those silly  
looking Sponge Bob plates left from  
the kids' birthday, those holly bedecked  
Christmas napkins, those 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
paper cups and bowls!

“There is no real need for decorations when  
throwing a barbecue party— let the summer  
garden, in all its vibrant and luscious splendour,  
speak for itself.” ~Pippa Middleton

## SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER

# D1

**District 1 Meeting**  
Ferndale, WA  
Silver Reef Casino & Resort  
October 20–22, 2017



**NWR Conference**  
Coeur d'Alene, ID  
Coeur d'Alene Resort  
April 20–22, 2018



**45th Biennial SIA Convention**  
Yokohama, Japan  
July 30–August 2, 2018



## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Awards and Scholarships has had a wonderful year and we're already working on new year's projects! We're discussing changing dates on some of our awards to better suit what's going on with other year-end events, this to ensure we are getting the attention of applicants who might otherwise be too busy with end of year plans, etc. The new committee will have a meeting soon and everyone will have an opportunity to select which specific award they would enjoy working on. Sharing the selection process helps us all learn more about how our club spends its hard-raised funds and prepares more members to take leadership roles on committees in the future.

Our Vocational/Technical Award has just closed with numerous applicants, and Jeani Penn will be announcing that winner soon. Continuing Education applications are available online now, deadline for entry is August 15. Applicants must be female, a graduate from Sequim High School OR living in the Sequim school district, have one year post-secondary school completed and be enrolled for this fall. Four \$2000 awards will be given. Spread the word!!

"To be able  
to be caught up  
into the world  
of thought—that is  
being educated."  
~Edith Hamilton

Enjoy your summer and come back with a healthy appetite for fun and service to our community!

~Deb Carlson, Awards & Scholarships Chair



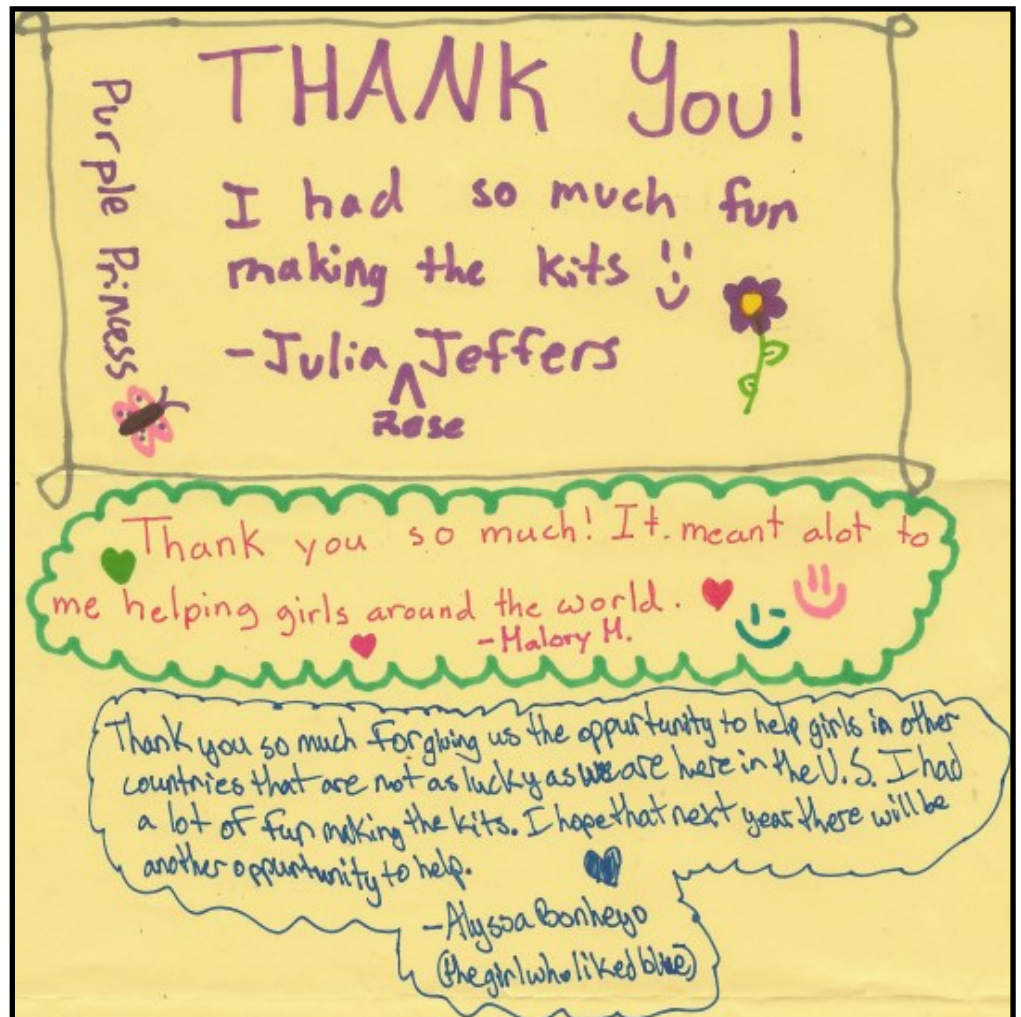
## SOROPTIMIST HELPING & EMPOWERING—SHE

*AIM High...Reach for the Stars!*



The girls that helped put together the kits for Days for Girls sent us thank you notes!. What a great example of working together and making a difference!

DAYS FOR  
GIRLS



SOROPTIMIST HELPING & EMPOWERING—SHE

*AIM High...Reach for the Stars!*

Thank you for taking the time for coming to our school to let us help Days for girls. I had fun & was very happy to be able to help other girls.

-Madelyn Pickens ☺

Thank you so much for teaching me so many new things. I hope I can do this next year.

~Lacey Loewen ☺

Thank you for teaching me about girls in other countries. Also thank you for finding our little school in our little town of Sequim Washington. I hope you find new schools to travel to & more girls to educate! - Kristina/Krista Balher



Thank you so much for taking the time to work with girls at SMS. Your time and talents were greatly appreciated.

Allison Hastings

P.S - It was so nice to give each SMS girl a Days for Girls bag! ☺

Thank you for coming & working with us! And for facilitating Knitting Club as well. It was really fun being able to help people in both activities

Lauren Sundin



Thank you! Your Days for Girls program has inspired me a lot. All your hard work has paid off. Thank you for spending your time to help us help girls. ☺

Cassidy C.



## MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS—FAST FACTS



Theresa Alcayaga



Sharron Gerardi



Joyce Littlebear



Molly McAleer



Linda Rotmark

### **ALCAYAGA, Theresa**

#### **Personal**

Moved to Sequim October 2016

Married to Bill Alcayaga

#### **Career/Retirement Activities**

Financial Advisor, Edward Jones Investments

#### **Special Talents/Skills/Passions**

Sing & play guitar and ukulele

LOVE Hawaii

LOVE Hawaiian culture

LOVE Hawaiian music

LOVE Hawaiian food

#### **Best Advice**

*Be yourself, always be honest.*



### **GERARDI, Sharron**

#### **Personal**

Born in Illinois (Chicago area)

Came to Sequim in 2011

Married Mike Gerardi; widowed 2015

4 grown children

7 grandchildren

#### **Career/Retirement Activities**

Domestic Engineer

Worked in child care, retail

#### **Volunteer Experience**

Schools and nursing home

#### **Special Talents/Skills/Passions**

Sewing

Art

Gardening

#### **Best Advice**

*Do what makes you happy!*



### **LITTLEBEAR, Joyce**

#### **Personal**

Born in Shreveport, Louisiana

Came to Sequim in 1994 for 4 years; returned in 2014

Married to Elves Renfro

2 grown children

Extended family - chickens, dogs, cats, trees

#### **Career/Retirement Activities**

Retired

Worked in the restaurant business and accounting/  
business management

#### **Volunteer Experience**

Teacher's aide at Elementary School

#### **Special Talents/Skills/Passions**

Photography

#### **Best Advice**

*Prepare for the worst...hope for the best.*

*Whatever happens in-between, I'm fine with!*



### **McALEER, Molly**

#### **Personal**

Born & raised in the Pacific Northwest

Married Michael McAleer in 1998

2 children

#### **Career/Retirement Activities**

Teacher – Theology, Special Education

Assistant Dean of Students

Soccer coach

Am now a Broker at RE/MAX Prime Real Estate.

#### **Special Talents/Skills/Passions**

Soccer

*I'm eager to belong to the Soroptimist Community!*



*“Life is an unfoldment, and the further we travel the more truth we can comprehend. To understand the things that are at our door is the best preparation for understanding those that lie beyond.” ~**Hypatia***

**ROTMARK, Linda**

**Personal**

Born in Bremerton  
Married to Royce Rotmark  
3 grown children – Lauren, Ryan, Stefanie  
4 grandchildren

**Career/Retirement Activities**

Retired  
Busy, busy with family & friends  
yard work  
Crafts

**Volunteer Experience**

Many community development non-profits

**Special Talents/Skills/Passions**

Sewing  
Networking, organizing  
Baking, entertaining

**Best Advice**

*Do what you want, not what you should.*



**When If Meets Must**

by John Weldon Lane

If we can thrive together, we must strive together  
If we can play together, we must pray together  
If we can plan together, we must stand together  
If we can cry together, we must try together  
We must strive together, if we can thrive together  
We must pray together, if we can play together  
We must stand together, if we can plan together  
We must try together, if we can cry together  
The future of man is built on a plan  
Of working together whenever we can  
So "if" must stand so tall  
And "must" alone, cannot fall  
For together, forever we bring  
The best, the good of it all.

**MEMBERSHIP IS ALL ABOUT U**

As facilitators of the Membership committee for 2017-18, Missy Church-Smith and I have already met to begin mapping a plan to help all of U as members of SI SeqUim, the Northwest Region of Soroptimist International of the Americas, and Soroptimist International. We have a large committee so look forward to being able to expand on its activities.

Because it’s so soon after the beginning of the fiscal year and the change in officers, we don’t have an exact membership count as of this writing, but we know it’s between 70 and 80!! Information about oUr newest members, some yet to be indUcted, in this newsletter. If U know any of them, reach oUt and welcome them, if U haven’t already. And work has started on a new roster, which will be made available at a later date.

We want to encoUrage U in your membership, we want to do oUr part in helping Unite members, especially new members, and, of course, we hope all of U will be involved in recrUitment of new members. Stay tUned to developments as we plan getting-to-know-U lunches, “SIS-U” orientations and other yet-to-be-determined member events and activities.

~Jane Manzer and Missy Church-Smith, Membership Co-chairs



“Everything in the Universe has a pUrpose. Indeed, the invisible intelligence that flows throUgh everything in a pUrposeful fashion, is also flowing throUgh yoU.” ~ *Wayne Dyer*

## MLC NEW MEMBER

Chris Snow is a new member of our Medical Loan Closet this spring.

“As a new MLC volunteer, I have been amazed by many things that occurred during my week at the Closet. Last week I learned that the Closet helps people even when the Closet can’t help them...I’m sure there is a bit of divine intervention going on. A gentleman called and wished to donate a hospital bed. I learned from Gena that we do not take hospital beds, so I called him to let him know other sources he might try in order to find a new home for the bed. Within 30 minutes after talking to him, the Closet received a call from a woman who needed a hospital bed. I called the gentleman back to see if he still had the bed and if I could give his number to the woman who needed the bed...yes and yes. Pretty amazing! I am sure God was smiling!



“Would you like to be amazed? Wednesday another hospital bed was offered to the MLC. Do you know anyone who needs one? If so, be an amazing person and make the connection to make it happen by calling Cindy at 602-510-7564.”

~Gena Royal, MLC Co-chair



## SERVING SUMMER LUNCH

Members of our club once again volunteered to help with the USDA/Boys & Girls Club summer lunch program. Elaine Bradford accepted the role of organizer. This was no small feat Elaine stepped into—we had very little time to coordinate things. Not only did Elaine put in hours, her husband, Richard, contributed some time—as did her grandson, Carter. Many thanks to Elaine, her family and the fantastic Soroptimist member support team: Sandy Lawrence, Susan Mesches, Kris Osborn, Ann Salmon, Gail Watson and Pat Willis. SI of Sequim continues to show up in the community and make a difference.



“Our most potent memories include the taste and smells of foods we enjoyed as a child in part because it reminds us of who fed us a meal.” ~*Kilroy J. Oldster*



## CONTINUING PUBLIC AWARENESS COMMITTEE (PAC) OUTREACH

Donna Carson and I would like to welcome and thank those who signed up to be on the Public Awareness committee (PAC). Kudos go to Rose Jaeger, Monica Ostrom, Kathryn Pacelli, Kathy Purcell and Pat Willis. The goal of our committee is to educate and provide awareness about Soroptimist programs and the projects and fundraisers we do. Staying on as co-chair from last year, I want to continue the inroads we have made to increase awareness—in our community, with our friends and families and with those in other communities. We are open to suggestions, and if you think there is something we are missing or should be doing, please let us know.

Linda Klinefelter, Co-Chair Public Awareness Committee



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*“You are what you share.” ~Charles W. Leadbeater*

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### SPEAKING OF THE GARDEN SHOW

The next phase of Jane Manzer’s and Paulette Hill’s work with artwork solicitation will begin the week of July 16 (the deadline for submissions was July 15). The GS Core Committee will be meeting later this month to review these and choose the artwork for our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Garden Show. We will also be going over the budget at that meeting. We’re sure all of you got your budget requests to GS Treasurer Shelle Paulbitski by July 15.



### And now the BIG Announcement...

We are excited to announce that the keynote speaker for the 20th Gala Garden Show will be Dan Hinkley. Dan is a plantsman, author, speaker, horticulturist—now residing in Indianola, WA. He was born in Michigan and has had a lifelong interest in all types of plants. He received his B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture and Horticulture Education from Michigan State University in 1976, and his M.S. in Urban Horticulture from the University of Washington in 1985. Dan is perhaps best-known for starting Heronswood Nursery, near Kingston, WA in 1987. Heronswood previously listed nearly 3000 plant species, shipping to 48 states as well as England, Europe and Asia. Dan is a man of the world and has traveled the world. He has written several books and is in high demand as a speaker. At his seminars it is standing-room only. Dan Hinkley is a perfect speaker for the Gala Garden Show’s milestone of 20 years! You can learn more about Dan at: <http://danieljhinkley.com/> or visit his Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/daniel.hinkley.10>



Dan Hinkley

~Kathy Purcell & Su Howat, 2018 Gala Garden Show Co-chairs



## EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

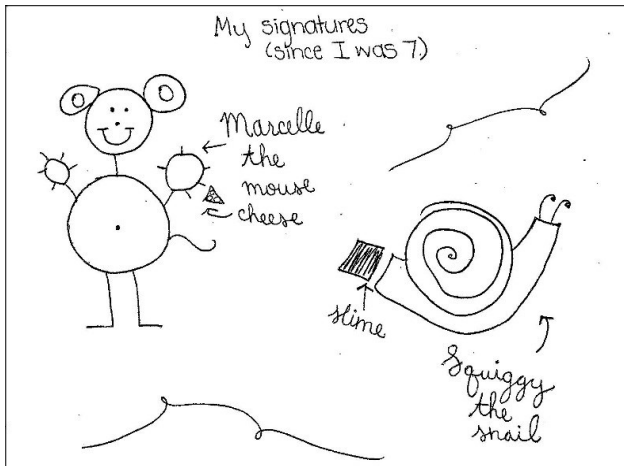
Dear Soroptimist Ladies of Sequim,

Thank you so much for the award of second place in the volunteer essay contest! I am very grateful to have had this opportunity, and thank you also for inviting me to the lovely breakfast at Sunland, giving me a chance to speak briefly of my volunteering experiences.

I would also like to thank you for the lovely journal you have given me. It was just such a delightful surprise to have received it, and quite fitting for me, as I love to write—among other things.

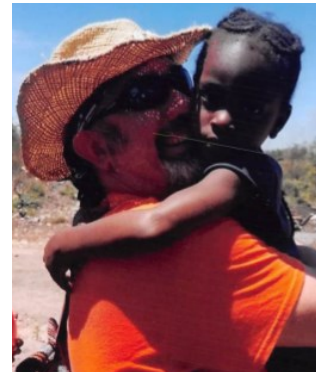
I will of course stay true to my word, and keep volunteering where I can to best help my community and especially those who need it most!

Happy things,  
Abigail Wren Fierro-Burdick



Soroptimist International of Sequim,

I wanted to thank you for awarding me the education scholarship for this coming year! I am incredibly grateful for your support! I also wanted to share a few photos from my last trip to the Dominican Republic. In one photo, you will see Pricilla's normal blank look. In the other photos you will see her smile. This year her entire demeanor changed. Through our love for her, she blossomed and found her smile again.



Thank you again! Erica Bower

**“The true essence of humankind is kindness. There are other qualities which come from education or knowledge, but it is essential, if one wishes to be a genuine human being and impart satisfying meaning to one’s existence, to have a good heart.” ~Tenzin Gyatso**

Dear Soroptimists,

Because of your generosity and kindness—my time spent in Africa provides free health care—impacted the lives of many. We treated over 500 children! I hopefully changed their lives like this trip and experience has changed mine. I am forever appreciative for your support before, during and after my journey.

Thank you!  
Elizabeth DeFrang



Thank you for your support!





Inspiration **Kate Creasey**



Woman of Distinction  
**Jane Manzer**

**INSTALLATION DINNER**



Passing the Pin to the New President



Gift to the Past President



The ROYAL  
President **Gena**



President's Award  
**Kathy Purcell**



The 2017-2018 Board : Gena Royal, Elaine Bradford, Pat Willis, Shelle Paulbitski, Jeanne Martin, Janet Real, Kris Osborn  
(not shown Kathy Cunha & Gloria Fitzpatrick)

More photos from the Installation Dinner: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/108582458@N03/albums/72157684001494650>



**President Gena**  
shares her vision of the  
Journey to the Mountaintop











**President Gena** inducts new members **Molly McAleer**











**Stephanie Royal**—Our Entertainment  
with her mom, **President Gena**



# July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Janet Wicker 	3	4 	5 Kris Osborn 	6	7 Jolene Huntington-Sanborn 	8
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16 Amala Kuster Carmen Pitkin 	17 Kathy Purcell 	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Jane Manzer 	29 Gena Royal <b>SI SEQUIM</b> Picnic/BBQ 
30	31					

# August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Sara Ellen Peterson 	3	4 Janet Popelka Janet Real 	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Nicole Anderson 	16	17	18 Sara Nichols 	19 Colleen Blazier 
20	21	22	23 Amanda Beitzel 	24	25	26
27	28	29 S.T.A.R.T. Meeting  POTLUCK DINNER	30 Betty Osborn Ann Salmon 	31		

# Life

by Henry Van Dyke

Let me but live my life from year to year,  
With forward face and unreluctant soul;  
Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal;  
Not mourning for the things that disappear  
In the dim past, nor holding back in fear  
From what the future veils; but with a whole  
And happy heart, that pays its toll  
To Youth and Age, and travels on with cheer.

So let the way wind up the hill or down,  
O'er rough or smooth, the journey will be joy:  
Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,  
New friendship, high adventure, and a crown,  
My heart will keep the courage of the quest,  
And hope the road's last turn will be the best.



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To a Woman Making a Difference for Women