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

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**Celebrating 77 Years of Service**

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**“Most of us don’t need  
a psychiatric therapist  
as much as a friend  
to be silly with.”  
~Robert Brault**

## President’s Message

As I write this message for October, I find it hard to believe we have entered into fall and are slowly approaching the holidays. Time quickly seems to whiz by like a Nascar race!

I always look forward to October because it means a special celebration of friendships. We should always celebrate friendships but there are events that make friendships even more meaningful. Each October for the past four years—this being the fifth—my best friend, myself and our daughters and their best friends gather for a ladies’ weekend. We endearingly refer to ourselves as Ladies of the Light. Not only do we feel we bring light and love to each other, we celebrate our relationships. Just between my best friend and myself, and my oldest daughter and her best friend, there is 118 years of memories. Some are celebratory and some are sad, but we are always there for each other.

So that brings me to the core of this message! October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Friendships sometimes have sad moments, and the Ladies of the Light are experiencing one of those. We will celebrate the life of one of our members who passed away from ovarian cancer which was the result of breast cancer. It is not that she wasn’t vigilant in her mammograms, quite the contrary. When the cancer was discovered, they recommended BRCA1 testing but her insurance wouldn’t cover the testing, and the breast cancer eventually became ovarian cancer. Many things could have been different if she had had the BRCA1 test, so my message to our female members...be vigilant! Be conscientious and follow through with your mammograms. If you have daughters, encourage them to begin by the time they reach forty or earlier if they have suspicious lumps. Check your health coverage and make sure it covers BRCA1 testing and if not, start advocating for change...Be the Change!

At our program meeting on October 22, 2024, we are fortunate to have Lynn Elmenhurst, RN, BSN. She is a Comprehensive Breast Program RN Coordinator, Radiation Oncology Lead RN and will bring us up to date information on breast cancer diagnosis and treatment. While I will not be with you in person, I will be there in spirit because it is that spirit that supports all of us. Please be sure to attend this meeting in person or via Zoom. There is always new information to be had when it comes to taking care of our girls.



~President Linda



**“Real friends are the ones you can count on no matter what. The ones who go into the forest to find you and bring you home. And real friends never have to tell you that they’re your friends.” ~Morgan Matson**

## Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's October, the month we think of Halloween—a time of scary things—like ghosts and goblins, witches and bats and cauldrons. I have noticed a few bats flying around our property. They are not scary. We live in a rural area and have multiple cameras around that record activity. It's interesting to watch the bats in flight. Sometimes it looks like they are doing a delicate dance in midair. Other times it looks like they are playing an instrument with zest as they quickly zoom through the air—sometimes making quick changes in direction as they do. How do they determine their flight plan? Who writes the music they play?

Before going batty over so many wonderments, I went online. I found some interesting facts about bats. Did you know that the last week in October is Bat Week? There's even a website for it: [www.batweek.org](http://www.batweek.org) states: "Bat Week is an international, annual celebration designed to raise awareness about the need for bat conservation. Bats are amazing creatures that are vital to the health of our natural world and economy. Although we may not always see them, bats are hard at work all around the world each night—eating tons of insects, pollinating flowers, and spreading seeds that grow new plants and trees."

I learned some things about bats from the US Department of Interior website. There are over 1,400 species of bats worldwide. Wow! Not all bats hibernate. Each night, bats can eat their body weight in insects, numbering in the thousands! Wow! This insect-heavy diet helps foresters and farmers protect their crops from pests. Bats are the only flying mammal. While the flying squirrel can only glide for short distances, bats are true fliers. How fast a bat flies depends on the species, but they can reach speeds over 100 miles per hour according to new research. Wow!

Baby bats are called pups, and a group of bats is a colony. About 80 medicines come from plants that rely on bats for their survival. While bats are not blind, studying how bats use echolocation (the location of objects by reflected sound, used by animals such as dolphins and bats) has helped scientists develop navigational aids for the blind. Research on bats has also led to advances in vaccines. Like most mammals, bats have navels—yes, bats have belly buttons—because of the mom's umbilical cord.

Soroptimists are a bit like bats—the flying kind, not the kind at the baseball field. Although it cannot always be seen, we are hard at work locally and around the world, pollinating with our mission. We spread the seeds that allow women and girls access to education, empowering them to grow and reach their full potential. Our flight plan is somewhat flexible though our focus remains the same. Sometimes our passion is more prominent, and we reach a crescendo that cannot be mistaken. Our synergy is akin to echolocation. Those who are new to something aren't doing it blindly—our unity of purpose resonates at our core, providing direction. Imagine what we will scare up as we continue Sowing Seeds for the Future.



~Kathy Purcell, Editor



**"The whole universe appears as a dynamic web of inseparable energy patterns... Thus we are not separated parts of a whole. We are a Whole."**

**~Barbara Brennan**

## CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- 1 GGS Core Committee Meeting—1st Security
- 4 Board Meeting
- 8 Business Meeting  
GOM Sept & Oct
- 18-20 District 1 Meeting
- 22 Program Meeting
- \*29 Fifth Tuesday

### NOVEMBER

- 5 GGS Core Committee Meeting—1st Security
- 8 Board Meeting
- 12 Business Meeting
- 26 GOM Sept & Oct

### \*Evening Meeting



**"When there is an original sound in the world, it makes a hundred echoes."**

**~John G. Shedd**



**"Life is an echo.**

**What you send out comes back.  
What you sow, you reap.  
What you give, you get.  
What you see in others,  
exists in you." ~Zig Ziglar**

*Celebrate Life!*

**OCTOBER**

Jeanne Blaurock  
Debbie Cottrell  
Shawn Dredla  
Shelle Paulbitski

**NOVEMBER**

Mayme Faulk  
Shirley Legg



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



*“Goal-getting matters.  
And writing down the brave acts and  
bold dreams you intend to accomplish  
will provide the spark to get them done.”  
~Robin S. Sharma*

**A REMINDER—2024-2025 MEETING LOCATION**

We now meet at  
**Fifth Avenue Senior Independent Living**  
**500 W. Hendrickson, Sequim at 8 a.m.**  
Stay healthy;  
wearing masks to the meeting are welcomed.  
See you on **September 10<sup>th</sup>**.



**OCTOBER PROGRAM MEETING**

For October, Breast Cancer Month, I've invited speaker Lynn Elmenhurst, RN, BSN, Comprehensive Breast Program RN Coordinator, Radiation Oncology Lead RN from Olympic Medical Cancer Center. She will talk about breast cancer prevention and treatment.

She says this about herself:

I have been an oncology nurse since 1985, and at Olympic Medical Cancer Center since 2010. As the Comprehensive Breast Program RN Coordinator, I help triage any questions patients may have around their diagnosis and treatment. I also provide information about resources that are specifically designed for people who have been diagnosed with breast cancer.



~Roxann Harr, President-Elect



*“Each of us finds his unique vehicle for sharing with others his bit of wisdom.”  
~Ram Dass*

**SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER**



[District 1 Meeting Call](#)  
Embassy Suites  
Lynnwood, WA  
October 18-20, 2024

**Olympic Peninsula Area Meeting**  
TBD  
February 2025



**NWR Conference**  
Valley River Inn  
Eugene, OR  
April 24-27, 2025

# AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

## SEEKING LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD APPLICANTS

Applications are starting to come in for our 2024 Live Your Dream Awards. If you know of a woman who is eligible, please ask her to go to our website and use the link to reach the application portal. To be eligible, a woman must



1. provide the primary financial support for herself and her dependants - in addition to children, dependents can include spouse, partner, siblings or even parents
2. have a financial need
3. be enrolled or be accepted into a vocational/skills training program, high school equivalency or an undergraduate program
4. be motivated to achieve her educational and career goals
5. does not have a graduate degree or is not be enrolled in a graduate program
6. and agree to write the essays herself, without the use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools

This last one, about not using AI is new and not a surprising requirement given what we've seen with the growth of AI. In any event, if you know of someone who may benefit from the LYDA program, please encourage them to apply, or contact me for more information.



~Natasha Merkuloff-Nichols, LYDA Chair



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

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Isabella Diaz** is a new \$1000 recipient of a Continuing Education Scholarship. She is attending WSU and is a Criminal Justice/Criminology major with a 3.83 GPA. She is a member of the police cadets at the school. Her goal is to

change how the public views the police. She wants to help change policies so that the “bad apples” are relieved of their duties, and that the officers with good in their hearts may be able to change how officers are viewed among the people, and purge the profession of prejudice and hate.



**Hannah Wagner** is also a new \$1000 recipient of a Continuing Education Scholarship. A star soccer player, her end goal is to complete her master’s in business and earn a certificate in sports management. She graduated from

Peninsula College with a BS in Applied Management. She is enrolled in the Master of Business Administration program at Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo, British Columbia where she will be working for the next 20 months to earn her degree. She is also playing for VIU’s women’s soccer team.



**Kaitlyn Viada** is another new \$1000 Continuing Education Scholarship recipient. Kaitlyn is attending Eastern Washington University through an online program and working towards a master’s degree in Organizational Leadership.

While she attends school, she is working on the peninsula for the National Park Service focusing on native plant propagation and ecological restoration. Her goal is to motivate others to be passionate about this field in order to nourish a diversity of habitats for other plants, animals, and people.



**Samantha Salazar** is a 4.0 student at Western Connecticut State University in a low residency program. She received a \$2000 Continuing Education Scholarship. Samantha came from Idaho to Sequim to take care of her grandparents and was unable to find a job in Sequim. She enrolled in a Professional Writing MFA program, which includes grant writing, as a way to stay employed no matter what. She is currently working at WorkSource Clallam but is paying off the credit cards for her first year of the MFA program.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Hello from Membership,

Our club has many different committees and outreach programs that we support; one way that we can help prospective members navigate this is our amazing Pathways program. However, a prospective member must attend three meetings prior to joining Soroptimist and working with Pathways; so how do we bridge that gap? It can be daunting to see all that we do and take it all in. The best way that we can help is by attending the meetings and giving the prospective member the Soroptimist welcome. Each and every member here today has been instrumental in forging the path for new members while carrying on the legacy of prior ones. What an opportunity to continue the tradition!

*“The success of every woman should be an inspiration to another. We should raise each other up.”*  
~Serena Williams



~Brandi Larson, Membership Committee

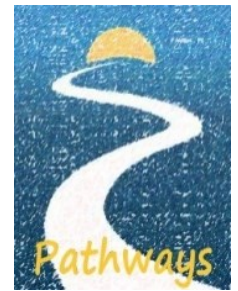


*“If there is nothing new under the sun, at least the sun itself is always new, always re-creating itself out of its own inexhaustible fire.” ~Michael Sims*

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## PATHWAYS COMMITTEE REPORT

This very important committee hasn't started quite yet. Kelli Ward is the only new member at this time, and we'll meet with her soon. However, between this committee and the Membership Committee, we are working fervently to contact several prospective members and are hopeful that we'll have more new members in the next few months. We plan to meet toward the end of October or the beginning of November.



So hang in there with us for more updates.



~Jan Hartig, Pathways Committee Co-chair



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*“Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions.” ~Oliver Wendell Holmes*

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## HAPPY DOLLARS

### September 10, 2024

**Jane Manzer** - Visited with Jan Chapman and Kathleen Dejong and invited members to help at First Step with her.

**Cheryl Easterling** - Likes the new location for our meeting.

**Kris Osborn** - Kudos to the A & S Committee!

**Jeanne Martin** - For all the wonderful things we do.

**Shawn Dredla** - For Sandy and Wendy being here.

### September 24, 2024

**Jane Manzer** - Great speaker.

**Jeanne Martin** - Good presenters from the Prosecutor's office.

**Linda Klinefelter** - Thankful for the speakers and our guests.

**Patty Lebowitz** - Opportunity to spend time with her daughter in Seattle to celebrate her 34th birthday.

Hey Shawn, we have to write an article for The Soropti-Scoop to let the members know what is happening on the 5th Tuesday in October.

Shelle,  
we should tell them the date and time so they can put it on their calendar. The location is important, too!

Date: **October 29**  
Time: **5:00 to 7:30 p.m.**  
Place: **Shelle's House**

And don't forget to tell them we're having a costume contest with prizes!

Right. And we should tell them it will be a potluck. There's a lot more to tell them but the most important thing is for the members is:  
**Mark Your Calendar!**

More information will be coming to an inbox near you!  
It's not too early to think about your costume!

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*“Aging is not lost youth but a new stage of opportunity and strength.” ~Betty Friedan*

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## TEA WITH SHE

The Committee for Tea with She is preparing for our program on **November 20, 2024**, regarding **Aging in Place**. The event will take place at the **Trinity United Methodist Church**, 100 N. Blake, Sequim, from **1:00 to 3:00 pm**. Speakers at this event will focus on resources available to help people remain in their homes as they age. They include:

**Dr. Loraine Lovejoy-Evans**—Physical therapist and author of “No Nursing Home for me.” Strategies to manage pain, improve functional mobility and keep you living independently.

**Dr. Monica Dixon**—Nutritionist speaking on eating healthily to stay healthy.

**Sergeant Dave Campbell** and **Officer Randy Kellas**—“When to Hang up the Keys.”

**Mark Karjalainen**, MIH-CP, Clallam County Fire Dist. 3—Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine

There will be coffee and tea, light refreshments, and a drawing for gift certificates from local vendors who help seniors.



~Christy Holy and Linda Klinefelter, Co-Chairs



## MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET UPDATE

We are excited about a storage unit next to our main storage units that has become available. The closer unit will make it easier for volunteers to move broken or excess equipment from one unit to another. We will be giving up Unit 46 that currently stores equipment that either needs repair or is going to be shipped overseas.

Our call volume was down a bit at the Medical Loan Closet at **158** calls, but the number of items lent and returned was steady at **112** items lent and **128** items returned. We received **\$290** in donations from our generous community.

We purchased five more wheelchairs in September. The purchase was made possible by the Sequim-Dungeness Hospital Guild with their generous grant. To date, we have purchased twelve lightweight wheelchairs. We have **\$348** left from the grant. We will purchase at least two more wheelchairs with the remaining funds. Pictured are the five new chairs that arrived in September.

We invite you to consider becoming a MLC volunteer. It is an extremely rewarding experience! We provide training and continued support as you impact the quality of life of our community members.



Susan Coffee and Chris Snow, MLC Co-chairs

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*“An essential part of a happy, healthy life is being of service to others.” ~Susan Patton Thoele*

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## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM MEETING

Our program meeting for September welcomed representatives from the prosecutor’s office. In the photo: left is Christi Wojinowski, Office Manager/Deputy Coroner and right, Michele Devlin, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

Mark Nichols was to present but became ill and Michelle and Christi stepped in for him and provided us with a most informative presentation on the mental health court and other entities of the prosecutor’s office. ~lk

*“I declare to you that woman must not depend upon the protection of man, but must be taught to protect herself, and there I take my stand.”  
~Susan B. Anthony*

## SHOWCASING OUR CLUB TO THE COMMUNITY

The Public Awareness committee along with a representative from Membership will be attending the Chamber Showcase on October 8th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Sunland Golf Club, 109 Hilltop Drive, Sequim. We will be sharing information on our programs and providing information on membership.



~Linda Klinefeler & Kathy Purcell, Public Awareness Committee Co-chairs

“Some people think they are in community, but they are only in proximity. True community requires commitment and openness. It is a willingness to extend yourself to encounter and know the other.” ~David Spangler

## SCHOLARSHIPS WHEN EDUCATION STARTS

Soroptimist International of Sequim (SIS) is noted for giving scholarships to women and girls and this includes giving scholarships where education starts. President Linda indicated her theme for her presidency is Sowing Seeds for the Future. She strongly feels, building a solid foundation for school begins at the preschool level.



SIS President Linda awarded Kim Rosales, Director of the Boys & Girls Club Preschool Program, funds for two preschool scholarships for the 2024-2025 year.

## PROVIDING FOR WOMEN’S NEEDS

Soroptimist International of Sequim (SIS) presented a \$2,000 check to the Sequim Food Bank. These funds will be used to purchase feminine hygiene products for women and girls and is part of an ongoing Soroptimist International of Sequim program to provide these products to the Sequim Food Bank.



Pictured from left to right Roxann Harr—SIS President-elect, Andra Smith—Executive Director of Sequim Food Bank, Linda Klinefeler—SIS President and Patty Lebowitz—both a board member for Soroptimist and Sequim Food Bank.



# FUNDRAISING MEANS FUN!

Candy is available to ship 11/11

# See's CANDIES®

Bag 0 Checkout

## Soroptimist International of Sequim Storefront

The Yum-Raising Sweet Shop is now open. Order your candies now for the holidays. Send this link to everyone you know to support our club. Here is the direct link for your convenience:

[https://www.yumraising.com/secure/soroptimisti\\_soroptimist\\_international\\_of\\_seq78/Sansan7021/candy](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/soroptimisti_soroptimist_international_of_seq78/Sansan7021/candy)



You can also save and send this QR code which will link to our storefront:

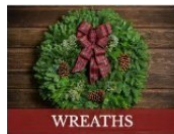
Let the Yum-Raising begin!



We will be selling candies in person at a few places this fall. Please let **Natasha or Sandy** know if you can help out at the Masonic Lodge Falalala Llama Christmas Bazaar on November 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> or Elks Lodge Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, **November 30** both events are from 9-3:00pm.

We are also selling Christmas Wreaths at our store at **Lynch Creek Farms**. Our store is called Wreaths and More. Here is the link to order [lynchcreekfundraising.com/campaigns/399111](http://lynchcreekfundraising.com/campaigns/399111)—then click on the **SHOP** button.

~Natasha Merkuloff-Nichols and Sandy Lawrence



WREATHS



CENTERPIECES



TABLETOP TREES



GARLAND



*“Perhaps the best Yuletide decoration is being wreathed in smiles.” ~Author Unknown*

## SHREDDING EVENT

The month of May seems like a long time in the future, but it's only SEVEN months. Put this date on your calendar NOW! **May 3, 2025** from **9 a.m. to noon**.

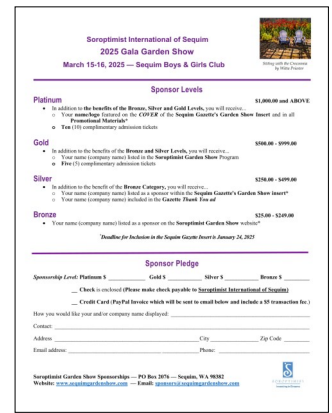


~Jan Hartig, Shredding Event Coordinator



## 2025 GALA GARDEN SHOW (GGS) HAS NEWS!

Members of the GGS Core Committee have been busy, and exciting things are happening as a result! We have two \$1,500 Platinum sponsors who are co-sponsoring our featured speaker, Sue Goetz. Personal communication was part of this coming to fruition. The two co-sponsors are Sofie's Florist and Cascade Bark. The annual sponsorship mailing went out local businesses September 27 and we're already received a few replies; you can see an updated list of sponsors on the GGS website here: <https://sequimgardenshow.com/2025-sponsors/>. Pledge forms were given out at our October core committee meeting, and they will be passed out to the rest of the membership at our upcoming business meeting. Imagine what the sponsorship list page would look like if each member brought in just one sponsor! This is a team effort, and we encourage all members to participate. The pledge form is also available on the GGS website: <https://sequimgardenshow.com/CashPledgeForm2025.pdf>. Share the link with people you know.



We are checking into the feasibility of having cloth or canvas bags printed with the Flower Power logo that we would sell. It will not have a date on it, just the logo—making it more universal over the years.

We plan to order three flutter signs: Parking, Vendor, and Exit which are purported to help in directing traffic. It will be interesting to see how effective they are. These were recommended by CERT, who assisted us with parking last year; they plan to do it again for the 2025 show.

The street banner we've been using is showing its age and it's not certain it would hold up through another GGS season. We are planning to have a new one made; it will have basically the same information, but it will have a cleaner look with lettering that is easy to read from a distance. This maximizes the marketing impact it will have.

The Vendor Team's work has just begun! An initial email went out September 1 to all the vendors who participated last year. All but two said they would be returning. The vendor registration letters and forms were sent out October 1 and some vendors have already sent in their documentation to secure their booths. The vendor list has been divided up between three members of the vendor team—each one being responsible for only certain vendors. This will add an even more personal touch to the relationship between SIS and the vendors.

For the entrance, Shawn will ask New Dungeness Nursery if they would like to do a display for the 2025 show.

The Port Angeles Noon club has decided not to take on the café this year. Roxann has talked with Dominique from Rainshadow Café and she's agreed to provide the food. New member Deb Alwine (who has transferred from the PA Noon club) has volunteered to work with Roxann on the structure of the café.

Virginia Kostanich is heading up the Raffle Committee. She is donating a large custom-built birdhouse with attached planter (\$500), we have a garden cart donated by Colleen Blazier and we have a quilt that was donated by Sunbonnet Sue Quilters. Lots of ideas were shared at the meeting and more will be solidified as we go forward.

Roxann has speakers all set; a list of the topics and bios of the speakers are available on the GGS website. New this year: Lacey Lovell, owner of Sofie's Florist, will be giving a demo on Saturday afternoon. This will be at a time when there won't be a speaker.



Stay tuned for more excitement to come!



~Roxann Harr and Kathy Purcell, GGS Co-chairs

Our next 2025 Gala Garden Show Core Committee Meeting will be **TUESDAY, November 5, 2024 / 9:00 a.m. at 1st Security Bank!**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR REGION

It is October and our Soroptimist District Meeting is always the event to look forward to. This year the D1 Meeting is being held in Lynnwood from Friday, October 18 – Sunday, October 20. Our district will be working on chartering new clubs. There are many areas that do not have support for women and girls as we do in our community. Our District stretches from Alaska through Chehalis and to the east to the Cascade Mountain range. The charity we will support for this year's Meeting is the YWCA. Their shelter needs blankets, sheets, and towels.



There is a new SIA engagement initiative called **UpliftHER**. “Once a quarter, we will focus on an obstacle that women and girls face on their path to formal education and economic empowerment. SIA will share information about the obstacle, along with suggested projects that count towards our Big Goal. For the first quarter (October-December), we will focus on projects that increase education for women or girls who have experienced Intimate Partner Violence.

Intimate partner violence is devastatingly common for women and girls around the globe.

- ◆ Nearly 1 in 3 women will experience it during their lifetime according to the World Health Organization.
- ◆ Financial abuse occurs in 99% of domestic violence cases where abusers control or sabotage their partner's financial resources.

When women and girls are educated, they have the skills to command decent wages and the resources to escape unsafe relationships sooner. Clubs with the capacity to start a new project may wish to partner with a local shelter to provide professional dress clothing for women who have experienced violence and provide training on interview basics, resume writing, and career advancement.

This ensures that women rebuilding their lives can pursue economic empowerment without facing additional barriers like the lack of professional clothing or interview skills. Be sure to report it as a Big Goal Accelerator Project!”

Soroptimist International's website provides resources and position papers and the organization's stance on various issues that affect the lives of women and girls. The latest focuses on widows and the support they need around the world. Especially noted are the new widows in Ukraine.

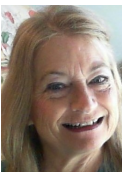


“No group has been affected more by the “sin of omission” than women or girls of all ages when faced with their partner's death, whether elderly and alone, widows of conflict, widows of climate disasters, COVID-19 widows, child widows or young widows with young children to raise as a single parent and sole provider. No woman should lose her children, status, livelihood, or property when her partner dies. Yet millions of widows face persistent loss, abuse, discrimination, disinheritance, and destitution. For many women around the world, the devastating loss of a partner is magnified by a long-term struggle for their basic human rights and dignity.”

Read more about this issue and many more at:

<https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/members-area/si-statements/>

I encourage you to check out any of the 31 white papers on women's issues.



~Sandy Lawrence



## WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Soroptimist Friends,

On behalf of the graduates, volunteers, staff and dogs of Guide Dogs for the Blind, we appreciate your generous gift made in support of our mission. We are very grateful for your recent donation to our Puppy Club Program of \$250.

We acknowledge the caring, generous and visionary people, like you, who make our success possible.

Because of you, we never charge tuition to our students.

Because of you, we provide the best care and training for our puppies and dogs.

Because of you, we change people's lives for the better.

Heartfelt thanks for your continued support. We encourage you to share your passion and commitment to GDB with others so that we can grow our GDB family and continue our commitment to offer services free of charge.

Sincerely,

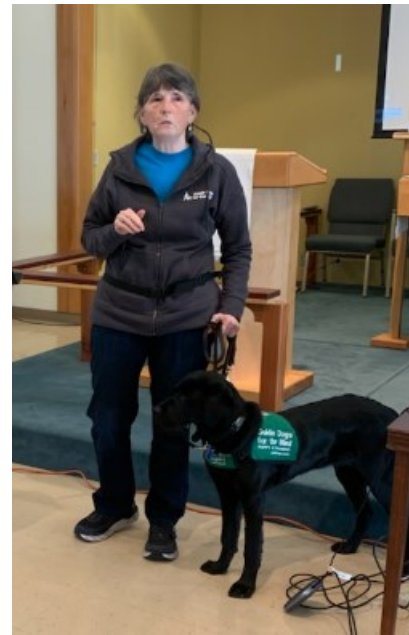
Christine Benninger President and CEO



*You brightened my day... thanks*

*Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Sequim Pappy Raisers! It is much appreciated & will be put to good use*

*Deb Cox, Club Leader*



## SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

Elisia Anderson, Executive Director for First Step (left) is presented with a check for \$2,750 by SIS President-elect, Roxann Harr. Two Thousand of the donation is for their general fund and \$750.00 will sponsor the breakfast for their Community Baby Shower in May 2025. This is a free event celebrating expecting and new families by providing resources and education to help the new baby thrive and grow.

# October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 GGS Core Committee Mtg	2	3	4 BOARD MEETING	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Program Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 5th Tuesday Halloween Potluck Costume Party 5:00-7:30 pm. Shelle's Home 	30	31 		

# November 2024

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24	25	26 Program Meeting	27	28 		

## Theme in Yellow

By Carl Sandburg

I spot the hills  
With yellow balls in autumn.  
I light the prairie cornfields  
Orange and tawny gold clusters  
And I am called pumpkins.  
On the last of October  
When dusk is fallen  
Children join hands  
And circle round me  
Singing ghost songs  
And love to the harvest moon;  
I am a jack-o'-lantern  
With terrible teeth  
And the children know  
I am fooling.



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