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through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.*

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*“One would give
generous alms if one
had the eyes to see
the beauty of a cupped
receiving hand.”
~Johann Wolfgang von
Goethe*

President’s Message

Hello everyone,

November has arrived, bringing with it the familiar signs of the holiday season: delicious food, festive decorations, family gatherings, and gift-giving. But it’s also a time to remember that for many in our community, these joys may be out of reach.

When I was growing up, my family had turkey every Sunday. It was an affordable and nourishing source of protein for our large family, with beans being the staple for our other meals. In a way, you could say we celebrated gratitude every week.

Reading the news this morning, I was struck by the reports of cuts to food assistance programs affecting millions of Americans. It brought about many emotions, especially sadness. But it also filled me with gratitude that my family will be able to enjoy a lovely Thanksgiving dinner together, with plenty to share.

As we enter this season of abundance, I’m reminded of those who may be struggling. I’m heading to the Sequim Food Bank today to drop off a check, and I hope you’ll consider joining me in supporting our community this holiday season. If you’re able, perhaps you could give just a little more, knowing that donations need to stretch further than ever.

Let’s carry a spirit of generosity and compassion with us throughout the holidays and beyond. Thank you for all you do to make a difference in our community.



Warmly,
President Roxann



*“Give yourself entirely to those around you. Be generous with your blessings.
A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal.” ~Steve Maraboli*

Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's November. I don't need to look at a calendar to know it. There's something in the air. I look out the window at the tree to the southeast of the house.

Until recently it was full of leaves—so many that you couldn't tell where one leaf ended and another one began. All the leaves melded together. That tree is the one preferred by Stu, the stray outdoor cat that adopted us in the spring of 2024. When the tree was lush with leaves I couldn't tell if Stu was perched on any of the branches. Now it's easy to see which limb he adorns.

Last weekend I was kneeling at the top of the ramp, just outside our front door, petting Stu, when something caught my eye. It was a single leaf floating down from Stu's tree. It wasn't moving very fast, and it wasn't falling to the ground. It was traveling horizontally. It must have encountered a stream of air that kept it almost in suspended animation. I watched it till it went out of my field of view. I trust it wound up at its destination safely.

A minute later something else caught my eye—a bird flapping its wings in the same area the leaf had been. Then the bird's splayed-out wings stopped moving, but the bird remained steady—the same suspended animation as the leaf. The bird leaned its body slightly and circled around. Was the bird giving relief to its tired wings? Was it practicing a new aerial maneuver? Was it going for a joy ride? Was it trying to determine the flight pattern of the leaf? I turned my gaze to Stu for a moment and when I looked up again, the bird was gone.

Just a little movement within the air drew my eyes to the leaf and the bird. So often it is small things in life that grab our attention.

Sometimes we are a bit like the leaf, seemingly uncertain about what direction to take, but moving forward knowing we will land safely where we belong. Sometimes we are like the bird, allowing ourselves the freedom to coast or to go with the flow, knowing we are supported by those around us.

The tree full of leaves reminds me of our club. When we work as a team we become a cohesive unit; we are individuals but showing up as one entity. There is no I in team, but there is a *me*—if you rearrange the letters we see it: **meta**. I looked up the word *meta* online; Merriam-webster.com shows this definition: "Showing or suggesting an explicit awareness of itself or oneself as a member of its category." Perhaps we are categorically a meta team.

There's something in the air—especially this time of year. It's a time of giving and for forgiving. There is an air of gratitude, of peace, love, caring, and unity. As we move through the holidays let us breathe in all these and offer the same to those around us. In so doing, we show Empowering Through Encouragement.



~Kathy Purcell, Editor



**"One piece of log creates a small fire, adequate to warm you up, add just a few more pieces to blast an immense bonfire, large enough to warm up your entire circle of friends; needless to say that individuality counts but team work dynamites."
~Jin Kwon**

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 4 GGS Core Cmt Mtg
- 8 Board Retreat and Board Meeting
- 11 Business Meeting
- 25 Program Meeting

DECEMBER

- 2 GGS Core Cmt Mtg
- 5 Board Meeting
- 9 Business Meeting
- *16 Holiday Party

***Evening Meeting**

EMPOWERING



Through Encouragement

**"Small gestures can have a big impact. Create where it matters."
~Anonymous**



**"Big things are often just small things that are noticed."
~Ed Kennedy**

Celebrate Life!

NOVEMBER

Mayme Faulk
Shirley Legg

DECEMBER

Denise Bayer
Dave Fickes
Kecia Gilliam
Mark Karjalainen
Virginia Kostanich
Sandy Lawrence
Elaine Powlesland



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



“Complete possession is proved
only by giving. All you are
unable to give possesses you.”
~*Andre Gide*

A REMINDER—2025-2026 MEETING LOCATION

We meet at
Fifth Avenue Senior Independent Living
500 W. Hendrickson, Sequim at 8 a.m.

See you November 11th.



NOVEMBER PROGRAM MEETING

PROJECT LIFESAVER—BRINGING LOVED ONES HOME

For the November Program we will be hearing from **Linda Spreine**, a Volunteer at Sequim PD serving primarily as the Coordinator of the **Project Lifesaver** Program.

Project Lifesaver is a program that uses specialized technology to track missing persons, specifically those with Alzheimer’s, Dementia, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Autism.



SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER

Olympic Peninsula Area Meeting
Port Angeles Jet Set
February 21, 2026



NWR Conference
Grouse Mountain Lodge
Whitefish, MT
April 23-26, 2026



49th Biennial SIA Convention
Incheon, South Korea
July 22-25, 2026

SEPTEMBER GIRL OF THE MONTH (GOM)

KAILAH BLAKE



We are excited to announce September 2025's Girl of the Month, Kailah Blake. An outstanding student, Kailah has left her mark as a member of the 2024 Sequim Irrigation Festival Royalty and as the Student Artist of the Month at Blue Whole Gallery. She demonstrates leadership as president of the robotics club and team designer. With her sights set on a bachelor's degree in applied mathematics and graphic design, Kailah inspires her peers with her passion and dedication.

*"You do not become outstanding by working on your weaknesses
You become outstanding by focusing on your strengths."
~Gordana Biernat*



Kailah showing off her GOM Certificate and her mom there supporting her.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT ON NEW MEMBERS

Our newest member, **Stephanie Soha**, is the daughter of one of our new members last month, Lucinda Soha. She will be inducted at the November business meeting. Stephanie is a delightful young woman who likes to write, enjoys reading, meeting new people and "helping." SI of Sequim looks forward to that for sure! Stephanie is active in Special Olympic Sports and has recently been participating in bowling, bocce and golf. She's pictured after winning a gold medal at a regional bowling tournament in Silverdale on November 1st. Stephanie has worked as a file clerk and a courtesy clerk, and her volunteer experience has included Special Olympics, Inclusion Ministry, and 4-H horse care. By the way, she said she loves horses. The best advice she's received is the Special Olympic Oath: "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." Welcome Stephanie, we look forward to getting to know you.



Stephanie Soha



~Jane Manzer, Membership Co-chair



"Walk with the dreamers, the believers, the courageous, the cheerful, the planners, the doers, the successful people with their heads in the clouds and their feet on the ground. Let their spirit ignite a fire within you to leave this world better than when you found it..." ~Wilferd Peterson

PATHWAYS UPDATE

Glen Varvil has officially ‘graduated’ from Pathways, and we will miss him but continue to look forward to seeing him at meetings. He has joined the Awards and Scholarships committee and the Gala Garden Show team.

Cat Xander shared her passion about the Awards and Scholarship Committee and McKinney-Vento. She handed out a well-written and organized breakdown of Live Your Dream, Professional-Technical Scholarship, Continuing Ed Scholarship, High School Scholarship and Girls of the Month that included the amount of the award, eligibility criteria, use of funds, application process, timeline and judging. If you’re confused at all about scholarships, I can make a copy of it for you, or you can reach out to Cat for a copy.

It’s difficult to determine what Pathways could do to help McKinney-Vento because of the requirements necessary to comply with a Federally-funded program. With the information Cat gave us and the information **Connie Tallman** gained while researching it, we may be able to incorporate it into a project for Pathways.

Another proposed project is with the Sequim Free Clinic. **Suzanne Plemmons** will arrange a time that the Pathways members can tour the Clinic to get a better understanding of what they need and how we can help.

Suzanne shared some delicious cookies that several of us took home.



~Jan Hartig, Pathways Co-chair



“The successful always has a number of projects planned, to which he looks forward. Anyone of them could change the course of his life overnight.” ~ **Mark Caine**

GRATITUDE SHARING

I went on vacation and for that I am grateful, but the greater gratitude lies with those who gathered with me; my best friend, my two daughters and three women who are daughters of my heart.

~Linda Klinefelter



I'm so very grateful for my husband Jim. Through thick and thin he and I have been together, good times and bad, and I just can't imagine being without him. ~Natasha Merkuloff-Nichols



I am so grateful for all the kindness and love given to me by family, friends, and strangers throughout my life. ~Suzanne Plemmons



Be Grateful by Colleen Blazier

Over the past few months, I have learned to be **grateful** for every day. Prior to leaving a cardiology appointment last Tuesday, it was a welcomed surprise to see several Soroptimists at Rainshadow Bakery (in the Sequim Medical building). Shortly thereafter, I headed to the OMC Emergency Room because my heart was in atrial fibrillation. Later that evening, I was transported to the cardiology unit at St. Michael's Hospital where I had my 14th (successful) cardioversion. I was unaware that my heart wasn't pumping properly since September 16 according to a pacemaker report. When I say I have heartfelt **gratefulness** to be alive, it has a profound and special meaning. I am so blessed to have such faithful Soroptimist friends that:

“Make (me) thankful, Lord
For each one meeting here
Whom our hearts hold close and dear.
For this day, Oh Lord above
Now accept our **grateful** love.”



Holiday Joy by Lucinda Soha

This is my first holiday season as a Soroptimist, and I already feel like I've found something special—a sisterhood that shines with kindness, laughter, and purpose. Joining this group has brought a new kind of joy into my life, the kind that comes from giving and belonging all at once.

From the very first meeting, I could feel the energy of women supporting women, sharing ideas, and finding ways to make the world a little better. It's not just talk; it's action. Whether it's helping at community events, organizing fundraisers, or wrapping gifts for families in need, there's a genuine spirit of care that fills the room (and the heart).

As the holidays approach, I see how Soroptimists embody what this season is truly about: generosity, compassion, and connection. We don't just celebrate; we create reasons for others to celebrate too. And in doing so, we discover that joy grows when it's shared.

This Holiday Season, I'm grateful to be in a group of strong, thoughtful women who lift each other up and extend that light into the community. It's a gift!

Wishing all my Soroptimist sisters and friends a season filled with love, laughter, and the deep joy of making a difference.

HAPPY DOLLARS

October 14, 2025

Roxann Harr—is happy because she had a special visit to Lake Wilderness arboretum and reconnected with friends from her past.

Lucinda Soha and **Connie Tallman**—are happy to be members.

Jane Manzer—is happy because she had a great trip with her sister. Also, she attended the SEF fundraiser dinner with Jeanne Martin and Shelle Paulbitski.

Denise Bayer—is happy because she showed her mother and brother Victoria, BC and they had a great time at the Crab Festival.

Cat Xander—is excited to see everyone in person having attended lots of meetings via Zoom.

Pat Willis—is happy to be able to attend the meeting, with Linda Klinefelter driving her over.

Jeanne Martin—is happy for the work Sandy Lawrence put in to getting the year-end accounting together and changing banking to Sound Bank.

Suzanne Plemmons—is happy because she had two visitors—her sister from Portland, and a long-term friend from New Jersey. She also attended a Huskies football game where they won.

Sarah Maloney—is happy about Connie and Lucinda being inducted into the club. Also, Lucinda's daughter wants to join.

Amanda Beitzel—is happy to be back at a meeting.

Linda Klinefelter—is happy to spend time with a friend of 64 years of friendship in the wine country.

Natasha Merkuloff-Nichols—is happy to be celebrating her 41-year anniversary.

October 28, 2025

Jane Manzer—is happy about the new microphone that improves the meeting experience. She is excited about Sher, a community member, who came to the program meeting to check us out. The speakers were very informative and Jane was missing Shawn whose birthday is that day, She's in California with her dad.

Natasha Merkuloff-Nichols—gave happy dollars in penance for leaving the presenter's handouts on her kitchen counter.

Jan Hartig—is happy to be celebrating her 59-year anniversary.

Connie Tallman—is happy to see Stephanie Soha again today.

Lucinda Soha—told us about her friend Melvin, a local Uber driver and a fellow Special Olympics' athlete, who was stabbed recently, but the community is stepping up to help him.

Sandy Lawrence—is happy about fall, her favorite time of year...and she gets to wear her Halloween costume.

Roxann Harr—came away from the District 1 meeting with a reminder we shouldn't judge whether we are giving enough, even a little bit helps.

“At times, my confidence is rock bottom, although I try for it to be sky high, thanks to the people that are always there with me and support me.” ~*Javier Hernandez*

BLAST FROM THE PAST: CELEBRATING MAYME'S 90TH BIRTHDAY



Queen for a 90th BD



BD Car Parade



More Car Signs



Jane's Decor



Ready to Roll even with Ginger

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

October Activity Overview

Our call and equipment volume has settled back into typical norms. During the month, we answered **213** calls and lent **127** items. We received **136** equipment returns or donations and received **\$735** in contributions from our generous community clients.

Public Safety Fair and Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase

Clallam County District 3 Fire Department hosted a Public Safety Fair on October 4th at the Guy Cole Event Center. We had a spacious booth area right next to the main entry door. The MLC booth was manned by **Becky Archer, Patty Lebowitz, Natasha Merkuloff-Nichols, Elaine Powlesland, Virginia Kostanich and Chris Snow.**

On Tuesday, October 7th Linda Klinefelder, Roxann Harr, and Chris Snow manned a table at the Business Showcase. At both events we met a few people who were not aware of the Medical Loan Closet and found that most of the people we spoke with had used our service for themselves or a loved one. Between the two events, we had three ladies who requested additional information about Soroptimist. To the right is a fun picture of Patty at the Safety Fair.



Help! The MLC is Bursting!

Do you, a loved one, or a friend, need a shower chair, bath bench, toilet safety frame, bedside commode, crutches, two-wheel walker, or stand-up walker? We have an excess of these items. Please contact Chris if you would like to check out our excess inventory!



With gratitude,

Susan Coffee, Elaine Powlesland, and Chris Snow
Medical Loan Closet Co-Chairs



“You cannot hold on to anything good. You must be continually giving—and getting. You cannot hold on to your seed. You must sow it—and reap anew. You cannot hold on to riches. You must use them and get other riches in return.”

~Robert Collier

DISTRICT 1 MEETING INSPIRATION—Given by Christy Holy

I felt so honored when District 1 Director Sandy asked me to share an inspiration at today's event. I immediately went to work, surfing the internet for the perfect quote, searching my memory for the perfect story, strategizing how to reflect the theme in the perfect way. Realizing my own need for perfectionism, I started looking up quotes about that. Don't look for perfection, said Salvador Dali, you won't find it.

How about this one from Brene Brown? "Perfectionism," she says is the belief that if we live perfect, look perfect, and act perfect, we can minimize or avoid the pain of blame, judgment, and shame. It's a shield. Perfectionism is a twenty-ton shield that we lug around thinking it will protect us when, in fact, it's the very thing that's keeping us from taking flight."

Or this anonymous quote – "You don't inspire others by being perfect. You inspire them by how you deal with your imperfections." The perfection of imperfection – in Japan they have a word for that – wabi sabi – the appreciation of beauty that is imperfect, impermanent, and incomplete. We need that word, because life is not perfect. The world is far from perfect. Maybe letting our dreams be our story is a matter of embracing our own, individual wabi sabi.

I think about some of the women who inspire me who know the world is all wabi sabi, but they choose to follow their dreams anyway. Like my friend Etchie, who was born in a Japanese internment camp, and she followed her artistic dreams to become a calligrapher for the county and start her own catering business. Like my friend, Ellen, whose social work business was cut short by a stage 4 cancer diagnosis. Four years after being given a year to live, she calls me every day with her latest political inspirations. Like my 97-year-old friend Jan, who, after surviving breast cancer and the death of three husbands, was focused this morning on getting me to help her find a new blue, sparkly phone case, because she thinks her black one is boring. Like my mother who battled sexism to become a minister in a male-dominated arena. Like everyone who has faced domestic violence or sexual abuse but choose to thrive anyway.

Maybe befriending our own resistance – cuddling up to our imperfections – having the courage to take that leap is what makes our dreams possible.

So let us inspire others to enlist their own wabi sabi as we explore our own, taking a hint from the mosquito in this poem by Teddy Macker called

Falling, Flying

The mosquito among the raindrops...
It's equivalent to getting hit, says the scientist,
By a falling school bus. And hit every twenty seconds.
And the mosquito lives.
In fact, she doesn't even try to avoid the drops.
No zigzagging, no ducking. No hiding under eaves.
How does she do it?
No resistance to force.
She hitches a ride on the blow,
A stowaway on that which brings her down.
She becomes 'one with the drop,'
Knowing that to fly again...
She must fall.



“If you have the capacity to soar, SOAR!! Flying like other birds is a bribe fully sponsored by the demonic spirit of limitation.” ~Ikechukwu Izuakor

District 1 Meeting: Camaraderie, Inspiration, and a Renewed Sense of Purpose by President Roxann

In October, Sandy Lawrence, Natasha Merkuloff-Nichols, Christy Holy, and I had the pleasure of attending the 72nd District 1 Meeting in Southcenter. It was three days packed with fun, camaraderie, and valuable learning experiences.

We had the opportunity to connect with members from Port Angeles, Alaska, California, Tukwila, Port Orchard, and more – all incredibly friendly and passionate about Soroptimist. Having attended a couple of SI events previously, the scope of topics discussed was more familiar to me, and I gained even more insight into our organization and the incredible programs we support.

I have to say, I was truly impressed. Not only with the impactful programs and the positive difference we're making in the lives of women and girls, but also with the energy and dedication of our members. I'm an introvert by nature and not particularly comfortable with karaoke or group dancing, but it was so much fun to watch everyone! It's like finding your tribe - a group of like-minded individuals who welcome and support you.

Here are a few key takeaways that I brought home:

Your Voice Matters: Soroptimist Member Experience Survey was only filled out by 11% of the clubs. This survey is important for headquarters to hear about members satisfaction with the federation. The next one will be in 2027.

Member Awareness: We need to ensure that our members are fully aware of the wealth of information and benefits available on the SIA website.

Fundraising Ideas: Some clubs have found great success with dinner shows/plays as fundraisers – perhaps a "Christmas with Santa" event could be a good fit for us?

Membership Advertising: We should explore the possibility of paid advertising to attract new members.

Leadership Opportunities: We need to have readily available information about our leadership roles, especially for new members.

Leadership Training: Remember that SIA offers valuable training resources for new leaders.

LYDA Program Volunteers: We should encourage more members to get involved with the LYDA (Live Your Dream Awards) program, as it directly supports women's education and career goals.

SIA Donations: As a reminder, we should aim to donate 10% of our raised funds to SIA to support their global initiatives.

One of the most impactful reminders for me was that every donation, no matter the size, makes a difference. A gift of \$100 can help someone purchase textbooks, buy gas to attend class, or address other critical needs. Every dollar counts!

Looking ahead, the Region conference will be held April 23rd – 26th in beautiful Whitefish, Montana. I strongly encourage our new members to consider attending. It's an amazing opportunity to learn more about Soroptimist International and connect with friendly, passionate members from across the Northwestern Region. We'll work with you to ensure you can attend all or part of the conference. Please let us know if you're interested!



“With time, many of the facts I learned were forgotten but I never lost the excitement of discovery.” ~Paul Berg

SIS DONATES FOR MCKINNEY-VENTO PROGRAM

We were pleased to present a **\$1,000 check** to **Cathy Bourm** (pictured left), Educational Support Specialist for the Sequim School District. This funding supports students who fall under the **McKinney-Vento Act**. The presentation was made by **President Roxann** (pictured right).

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is a federal law that ensures homeless children and youth have immediate and stable access to education. According to the Act, homeless children and youth are defined as those who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence. The funds will be used in various ways to support the stability of these children and youth while they attend school.



“We can never get a re-creation of community and heal our society without giving our citizens a sense of belonging.”
~Hunter Campbell “Patch” Adams

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE

Dear Cat Xander and Co.,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and the rest of the Soroptimist International team here in Sequim have had a wonderful summer.

I'm sending this letter to show my appreciation and thanks for gifting me a \$2,000 scholarship from the Soroptimist International Organization. Throughout this last summer, I have continued to show my love and dedication for my passions and this community by performing in Ghostlight Productions most recent show, the Lion King Jr. However through committing to that experience, I recognize that I had let both my thanks and the scholarship itself slip out from under my radar, hence why you are receiving this so late in the year.

I am deeply sorry for sending my thanks so late in the year, but know that despite my tardiness, I still have an immense amount of gratitude for allowing me to be a recipient of this award.

I wish you all nothing but the best, thank you once again for the scholarship!

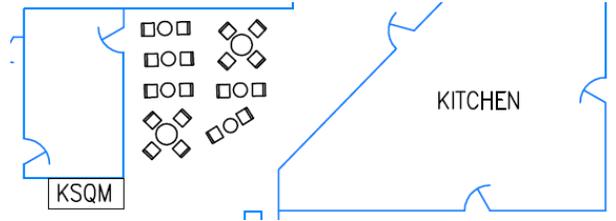
Sincerely,
Sophia H. Treece

SOME 2026 GALA GARDEN SHOW NEWS

The 2026 GGS Core Committee met on November 4, 2025. Here are a few things happening with the planning of the 2026 Gala Garden Show (GGS) this month:

Vendors—

- More than 20 vendors from last year have already sent in their paperwork to secure their booth. Several vendors requested a different booth location than they had last year. To see what vendors have already registered for the show visit: <https://vendors.sequimgardenshow.com/>. Letters will be going out to past vendors next week. If you know of someone who might be interested in being a vendor at the show, please get their contact info to Shawn or Shelle.
- There is space for six vendors in the room that has been used for the café in prior years. The café seating will be on the east side of the office, across from the large window to the kitchen.



Sponsors—

- Letters have gone out to local businesses inviting them to become sponsors.
- 7 Cedars and Cascade Bark are co-sponsoring our Featured Speaker, Ciscoe Morris.
- We encourage members to invite people they know to become sponsors by making a donation, either monetary or in-kind. Perhaps your hairdresser or local coffee spot or restaurant would want to donate a gift certificate. It is important that a pledge form be filled out for each sponsorship. If you click on the link below the graphic it will take you to a PDF of the pledge form which you can view, print and share. Remember we are ALL part of making the Gala Garden Show a success!

PLEDGE FORMS

This is a screenshot of a pledge form for the 2026 Gala Garden Show. It includes a title, date (March 21-22, 2026), and contact information for Sequim Boys & Girls Club. The form lists various sponsorship levels: Diamond (\$2,000-\$5,000), Platinum (\$1,000-\$1,999), Gold (\$500-\$999), Silver (\$250-\$499), and Bronze (\$100-\$249). It also includes a section for 'Sponsor Pledge Amount' with fields for Cash, In-Kind, and Total, and a section for contact information.

Cash Sponsor

This is another screenshot of the same pledge form, showing the 'In-Kind Donation' section. It includes fields for 'Value of donation', 'Description of In-Kind Donation', and 'In-Kind Donation'.

InKind Sponsor

Tickets at Entrance—

- We will be accepting credit card payments at the front counter.
- Entrance fee for one day is \$7. We will be offering a reduced price of \$10 for two days.



~Roxann Harr & Kathy Purcell, GGS Co-chairs

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

FUTURE GGS MEETING DATES:
December 2 / January 6

Note the future dates for upcoming GGS Core Committee Meetings. Please try to work your schedules around these dates. For continuity and effectiveness, it is important to have as many of the core committee members present as we get closer to the show.

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH Mayrme Faulk Shirley Legg						
2	3	4 GGG Core Committee Mtg 1st Security Bank 9 am	5	6	7 BOARD MEETING	8 1 Pathways at The Lodge at Sherwood Village, 600 W. Evergreen Farm Way, 9 a.m.
9	10	11 Business Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Program Meeting	26	27 	28	29
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When Giving Is All We Have by: Alberto Ríos

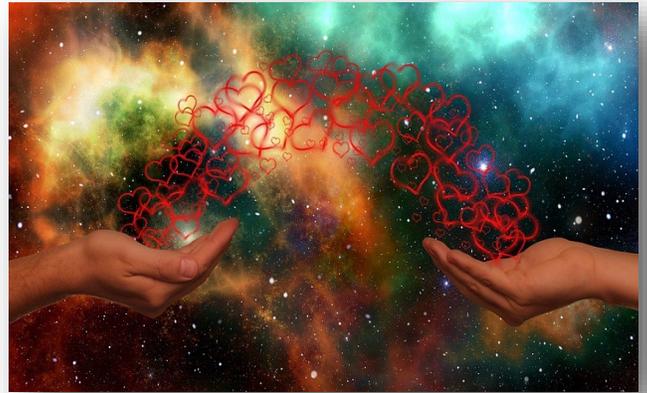
One river gives
Its journey to the next.

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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