



# Soropti-Scoop

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

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**“When work,  
commitment,  
and pleasure all  
become one and  
you reach that deep  
well where passion  
lives, nothing is  
impossible.”**  
~Nancy Coey

## Message from the President

### JUNE—We’re Not Done Yet!!

Our official meeting year is winding down but we, as women who serve our community, are not winding down. From my perspective this year, it seems like we keep shifting into a higher gear all the time. We have several opportunities to touch our community during our summer “break” and have laid the groundwork for some exciting happenings leading up to our 70th birthday next May. I guess that’s “Reaching New Heights Through Integrity of Service!”!

If you also feel like we’re shifting into a higher gear, but you’re feeling like you’re about to be run over, please remember that much of what we do is optional. We don’t undertake a service project or a function without assurance that there’s a minimum number of members who want to do it. We have lots of members with lots of interests and talents, so each of us should be able to find our niche and plug into whatever we have time and energy to devote.

No matter what any of you choose to take part in, our members will always find support and encouragement from others. By the same token, you will also always find support and encouragement should illness or family matters limit your involvement. You’ll discover that empathy and understanding abound.

This has been a wonderful year for me and I know I’ve reached new heights, especially in terms of what I always thought I could do for the club. In some respects it’s been more of a challenge than I expected, but in other respects it’s been much more rewarding and fun than I expected. The greatest part is that when I’ve not been at my best, you’ve always been there with smiles and hugs and encouragement. This may sound trite, but saying thanks seems woefully inadequate. Nevertheless, I will go ahead and say thank you from the bottom of my heart, AND, in thanks, I will continue serving SI of Sequim with the same integrity you’ve shown this club and this community.

President Jane



**“Each person has an ideal, a hope, a dream which represents the soul. We must give to it the warmth of love, the light of understanding and the essence of encouragement.” ~Colby Dorr Dam**

## *Letter from the Editor*

Dear Friends,

Location, location, location. It is said these are the three most important things for a business. Last Friday we finished work on a computer and I called the customer to let her know. She said she wasn't able to pick it up that day. I told her that I would be in town on Saturday for Engineering Day at Greywolf Elementary; I would be done by noon. She said she lives near the school so we agreed I would bring the laptop with me and we'd meet up.

I got to Greywolf Elementary a bit early so I called the customer; she said she would come over. While I waited, I noticed there was only one car in the parking lot—mine. Hmm. That was odd. I assisted with Engineering Day last year and it was held at Greywolf. After the customer left I tried to contact Missy Church-Smith, but was unsuccessful. I sent a text message to President Jane. It was then that I thought perhaps the Engineering Day was happening at Helen Haller Elementary instead. I started the car and was about to head there when I received a text message saying simply "Helen Haller"—so I continued on my way.

Even with the side-trip to Greywolf, I got to Helen Haller Elementary before any of the students and parents arrived. I had signed up to take pictures. Helen Haller has expanded into modular rooms called pods—each pod designated by a color that is painted on the outside. I had a list that showed the topic of the sessions and the corresponding pods and room numbers. My intention was to use the list and check off each room after I took some pictures during a session. But the list was not in order by pod.

I decided to check out the rooms; I started with the closest pod—blue. Then I went on to orange—and finally yellow. When I got to the last pod, I walked into a classroom and saw Maureen Gebbia with a teacher. I noticed she had highlighters and I asked if I could borrow them. She was accommodating, so I used the blue, orange and yellow markers to highlight the respective pod color designations on the list—helping me identify the locations more easily.

I went back to the gym where registration was taking place. Kathy Cunha was there and she made a comment about me being in the right place. Ok, so she heard about my side-trip. At 10:00 a.m. the sessions were to begin. My thought was to start at the farthest pod—so I headed over to the yellow classrooms.

Each session was a half hour, with five minutes or so to get to the next class. I made my way from yellow, to orange, to blue—and then to two other areas where there were sessions. By the time I walked into the last room, everyone was leaving. I guess I spent too much time at other locations. But I did get over 400 pictures. Some of them really captured the wonderment and excitement of the students. It was interesting to see the parents and the children interact.

Location, location, location. It's something for us to think about as we move into a new Soroptimist year. Sometimes we start off in one spot. After a while we realize we've spent too much time there and decide to move on. Where do we want to serve? If you haven't signed-up yet for a committee, you have an opportunity to do that at our meeting on Tuesday. You too can be caught with the look of wonderment and excitement when you get involved at the committee level. What speaks to your heart? Locate your passion and let it shine. Try a new adventure. When we do this we reach new heights through dignity of service.

Light and Love,  
Kathy Purcell, Editor



**"The greatest journey of discovery that the human can take is not through the universe or to the remotest location on earth, it is the voyage through the human mind."** ~**Steven Magee**

## **CALENDAR**

### **JUNE**

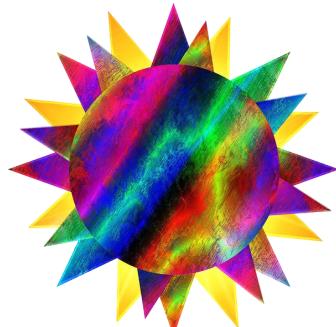
- 10 Board Meeting
- 14 Business Meeting
- \*17 Installation

### **\*EVENING MEETING**

### **Summer Hiatus**



**"So much of difference between a triumph and a flop is determined by choice of venue."**  
~**Anatoly Belilovsky**



**"The only difference between you and the star is that you shine below, and the other shines above: wherever you are located, you are a star!"**  
~**Michael Bassey Johnson**

# Celebrate Life!

## JUNE

- 1 Vicki McCormack
- 3 Dorothy Ward
- 13 Elaine Churchill
- 19 Linda Chapman
- 27 Barb Thompson

## JULY

- 2 Janet Wicker
- 5 Kris Osborn
- 16 Amala Ann Kuster
- 17 Kathy Purcell
- 28 Jane Manzer
- 29 Gena Royal



Note the phone number for our  
**MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET**

**504-0231**



Suggested changes to the  
ByLaws and Standing Rules  
will be available online soon.  
**Watch your Inbox for a link.**



# A Symphony of Service

## Soroptimist International of Sequim

invites you to join us for the 2016-2017

### Installation of Officers and Board

**Friday, June 17, 2016**

**5:30 p.m. Social / 6:30 p.m. Dinner**

Sunland Golf & Country Club, 109 Hilltop Drive, Sequim

**\$25.00 per dinner**

RSVP by **June 12, 2016** (spouses/guests welcome)

Please Specify Quantity each

### **Chicken Diane or Vegetarian Entree**

**504-2583 or [install@sisequim.org](mailto:install@sisequim.org)**

**Black and White Attire**

**Mail Payment to: SI Sequim/Installation,**

**PO Box 126, Sequim, WA 98382**



## Slate of Officers and Board Members 2016-2017

**President:** Kathryn Pacelli

**President-Elect:** Gena Royal

**Secretary:** Kathy Purcell

**Treasurer:** Karen Renk

**Asst. Treasurer:** Kathy Cunha

**Director- 2yr:** Gloria Fitzpatrick

**Director- 2yr (1yr remaining):** Amala Kuster

**Director- 1yr:** Elaine Churchill

**Director- 1yr:** Sandy Hutter

**Past-President:** Jane Manzer

## SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER



### **44th Biennial SIA Convention**

Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel  
Orlando, FL, U.S.A.

**July 20-23, 2016**

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

### 2016 SIS High School Scholarship Recipients

Soroptimist International of Sequim awarded \$2,000 college scholarships to two Sequim High School seniors. **Cheyenne Brooke Huffman** received the Ruth Mogan Memorial Scholarship and **Morgan Marin King** the Soroptimist International of Sequim Memorial Scholarship. Recipients are chosen on criteria consisting of academic achievement, community involvement, GPA, goals, and need, as set forth in their scholarship notebooks.



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"Through our great good fortune, in our youth our hearts were touched with fire. It was given to us to learn at the outset that life is a profound and passionate thing." ~*Oliver Wendell Holmes*

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### Violet Richardson Award



**Adrienne Haggerty**, a junior at Sequim High School, has been named Soroptimist International of Sequim Violet Richardson Award winner. Named in honor of the first president of the first Soroptimist Club, founded in 1921, the award is given to a girl who has been outstanding in her volunteer work. This summer will mark the third year Adrienne has served as a counselor at the Junior Grange Camp at Lake Crescent where she helps children "develop self-confidence, leadership skills, accountability, responsibility and respect for self and others." Adrienne notes that "volunteering my time is a way to share my talents and appreciation for the many opportunities I have been given." The award brings with it \$250 for the volunteer and \$250 for the charitable organization she serves.

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"Loving-kindness and compassion are the basis for wise, powerful, sometimes gentle, and sometimes fierce actions that can really make a difference – in our own lives and those of others." ~*Sharon Salzberg*

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### Ruby Award



Soroptimist International of Sequim has named Sara Maloney as a Ruby Award recipient for 2015-2016 for her volunteer work in the Sequim area. Sara started the first "Ready, Set, Go" luncheon for Women's Heart Health and served as its chairman for six years. Working with the OMC Foundation, she raises funds for women's services especially in the Cancer Center. She also serves in both the "Smart Girls" and the "Inspire Her" programs, volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club for which she also raises funds. Sara's passion for helping young girls and women and her tireless efforts to raise funds for programs make her an ideal candidate for this recognition. The award brings with it a \$500 contribution to the Boys and Girls Club.

## A.I.M. HIGH - Reach for the Stars



The last book club at Greywolf ended on a high note with Gene Bradbury, author of Cloud Climber, visiting with the girls for a lively Q & A session. There were five girls and two leaders, Amanda Beitzel & Gloria Fitzpatrick. Gene ended the session by reading the first pages of his sequel to Cloud Climber and asking the girls to help him with the current vernacular spoken by young people—OMG, like, and awesome topped of the list—does that surprise?

The middle school and elementary school committees have joined forces and will be jointly meeting with the middle school counselor the first week in June to plan for next year. We hope to have exciting news to report from both grade levels later and will call the entire committee together sometime before the fall.

~A.I.M. HIGH Committee



“I hope everyone that is reading this is having a really good day. And if you are not, just know that in every new minute that passes you have an opportunity to change that.” ~**Gillian Anderson**

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Mary Budke, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club was very appreciative of the donations club members have made.



Start saving up school supplies for the fall...since there's no regular meeting until September—after school starts—you can drop off your donations at the Boys & Girls Club and let them know it's from Soroptimist.

~Gail Watson, Liaison with Boys and Girls Club



“It is one thing to photograph people. It is another to make others care about them by revealing the core of their humanness.”  
~**Paul Strand**

## MEMBERSHIP

The membership committee will be creating the roster book during the summer, so if you have any changes before August, please let Sandy Lawrence know what they are. If anyone is interested in working on the roster book this summer, please don't be shy. We can use any and all assistance to make that a fun project.

~Sandy Lawrence



If you have made a reservation for breakfast and not attended at any time during the year, you are still responsible for payment of breakfast. Please check with Elaine Churchill to see if you have monies owing.

Have you been thinking you wanted a different photo to be used in the roster book? We read your mind! We will be taking photos at the Business Meeting on June 14 and at the Installation Dinner on June 17. Jane Manzer and Kathy Purcell will be glad to shoot you.

## Irrigation Festival Grand Pioneer—2016

To be a Grand Pioneer you have to have been born in Sequim and still be living here when you are selected by the Pioneer Association . The Honorary Pioneers were not born here but have lived here for over 40 years. The following are the festivities we are supposed to attend:

**February** The Royalty Pageant where the queen & her court are selected.

**March** The Kickoff Dinner which is a fundraiser for the festival to support the Royalty and the float to go to other local festivals.

**May** Crazy Daze Breakfast where the businesses in town compete with skits and comedy to win a prize.

**May** The Pioneer Dinner which is not open to the public unless you have lived in Sequim for 40 years or more.

We were given our portrait, a plaque with a festival pin, our name & year, a festival shirt, a sash with a rosette, several corsages & other gifts.

My children put together a float for the parade which was a replica of the 1<sup>st</sup> Royalty float which I rode on in 1948 as a princess. Their float won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for judge's choice & 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their category.

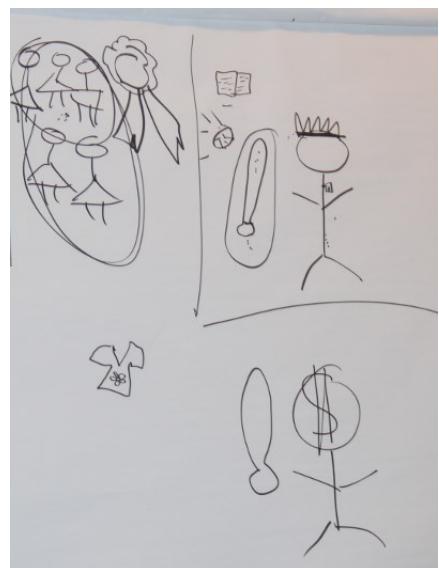
It was the time of my life that I will never forget!

~Mayme Faulk





## 5th TUESDAY Game Night



# S.T.E.A.M. Powered Saturday

Exploring Science ■ Technology ■ Engineering ■ Arts ■ Math

STEAM Powered Saturday was fun...successful...and educational! As noted above, this day focuses on education and exploration – specifically in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. Financial support is provided by Sequim Education Foundation, Sequim Sunrise Rotary and Soroptimist International of Sequim. In addition, 18 of our wonderful Soroptimist Sisters spent the morning at Helen Haller Elementary to provide woman-power. Approximately 225 K-5 students joined in the fun, accompanied by their parents and siblings.

Special thanks to...



... Sally Sue Barry, Elaine Bradford, Elaine Churchill, Missy Church-Smith, Kate Creasey, Sandy Lawrence, Kathryn Pacelli and Shelle Paulbitski for facilitating registration!

... Mayme Faulk and Jane Manzer for directing students & parents to pods and classrooms!

... Kathy Cunha, Maureen Gebbia, Paulette Hill, Jeanne Martin, Janet Popelka, Karen Renk and Gloria Robinson for assisting teachers with lessons!

... Kathy Purcell for capturing smiles and memories on film!



CLUB  
S.T.E.A.M.  
T.E.A.M.





## 2017 GALA GARDEN SHOW

Wonderful News! We have all of our co-chairs for the Core Committee! Thanks to everyone who volunteered for this very important event for SIS.

The deadline for the artwork to be considered is June 15. We will have a Core Committee meeting shortly after that to choose which one will be used for the 2017 Garden Show.

**Please watch your inbox for information about this meeting.**

We are on our way to another successful show thanks to you!

Jan Chapman & Elaine Churchill



**"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 greater life than we know." ~ Jean Houston**

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Dream It, Be It - SISone's for [girls]

2015-2016 CLUBGIVING We support women & girls!

### CHANGE ON WEBSITE

You might have noticed that the website has changed slightly. The place to log into the **Members Only** is now at the bottom left.

The current password is located in your Member Roster book. To enhance surety, that password will change when the new books come out.

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## **EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE**

Dear Soroptimists International of Sequim,

Thank you for your incredible support and dedication to making this year's STEAM Powered Saturday such a great success! The donations of time, money, and materials by your members made a tremendous impact! We are so pleased to partner with organizations such as yours because we know that together we are able to bring high quality programs to Sequim School District. Thank you for being such a strong supporter of SEF and education!

Every year, we evaluate our programs and make adjustments to continue their success and make the biggest impact possible. We began this event three years ago as Exploring Engineering Day because research shows that kids who experience Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) early-on through hands-on learning are the ones who are best equipped to understand STEM concepts as they get older. This year we added an “A” to incorporate the arts and creativity into the event, thereby changing its name to STEAM Powered Saturday!

As so many of you experienced firsthand, we had many more students and their families attend this year! Once again well over 250 students in grades Kindergarten through Fifth grade (and their younger and older siblings!) arrived early on a Saturday morning ready to solve three different engineering challenges and learn more about the design process. One component that makes this event so special is that it is a family event. Parents, grandparents, and siblings come with the elementary student and they experiment and learn together. We also added a STEM Fair in the gym where professionals and the Sequim High School Robotics Team demonstrated activities relating to their profession and talked with students about their career and how they arrived there. This was a wonderful, well received addition to the day that we will build on even more for next year.

Thank you again to the Soroptimists for your incredible support. You truly are an amazing group of women! We feel quite fortunate to be able to partner with you! We are looking forward to working more with you in the future!

All the best,  
Jodi Olson  
President

Caitlin Sundin,  
STEAM Powered Saturday Chair

Dear Sorotpimists,

Just a little note to say very big thank you for honoring me with the Ruby Award. It was lovely to be a part of such a special celebration of girls and women in the community. Please know how much I appreciate all your hard work throughout the year.

With thanks,  
Sara Maloney

Dear Soroptimist of Sequim,

So many thanks for your generous donation of \$500. Your continued support for the programs and projects for the women of Chiapas is appreciated and makes a difference.

With gratitude,  
Martha Rudersdorf, Board Member  
Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation

Dear SI of Sequim,

Thank you for the invitation to your installation.  
Unfortunately I will need to send my regrets. Best  
wishes for a fabulous year. Look forward to seeing you  
at the District 1 Meeting, October 21-23, 2016.

## In Soroptimist Friendship, Renee Recker, District 1 Director

“Equipped with his five senses, man explores the universe around him and calls the adventure Science.” ~*Edwin Powell Hubble*



# June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Vicki McCormack 	2	3 Dorothy Ward 	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 BOARD MEETING	11
12	13 Elaine Churchill 	14 Business Meeting	15	16	17 Installation 	18
19 Linda Chapman  <b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</b> 	20 	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Barb Thompson 	28	29	30		

# July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Janet Wicker 
3	4 	5 Kris Osborn 	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Amala Ann Kuster 
17 Kathy Purcell 	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Boys & Girls Club Summer Lunch Program	26 Boys & Girls Club Summer Lunch Program	27 Boys & Girls Club Summer Lunch Program	28 Jane Manzer Boys & Girls Club Summer Lunch Program 	29 Gena Royal Boys & Girls Club Summer Lunch Program 	30
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## **Planting the Meadow** by Mary Makofske

I leave the formal garden of schedules  
where hours hedge me, clip the errant sprigs  
of thought, and day after day, a boxwood  
topiary hunt chases a green fox  
never caught. No voice calls me to order  
as I enter a dream of meadow, kneel  
to earth and, moving east to west, second  
the motion only of the sun. I plant  
frail seedlings in the unplowed field, trusting  
the wildness hidden in their hearts. Spring light  
sprawls across false indigo and hyssop,  
daisies, flax. Clouds form, dissolve, withhold  
or promise rain. In time, outside of time,  
the unkempt afternoons fill up with flowers.



Photo by Cindy Rhodes



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To a Woman Making a Difference for Women