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through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.*

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*“We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we’re curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.”
~ Walt Disney*

Message from the President

Greetings Soroptimist Sisters,

I want to thank all who worked so hard to make our installation night a huge success. You all outdid yourselves. The installation committee was headed by the remarkable Kate Creasey. Other members were Amanda Beitzel, Deb Carlson, Jenni Dix, Sandy Lawrence and Kathy Purcell.

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer weather with a few clouds thrown in for variety. For some of us this is vacation time, for others their house is the vacation destination as children and grandchildren arrive to enjoy the beautiful Olympic Peninsula and Grandma and Grandpa.

For the new Soroptimist board this is a time of planning, organizing and learning all about the Soroptimist Organization.

We are very open for new ideas and would love to hear from you. My e-mail address is president.sisequim@aol.com.

This is our 70th year as a club in Sequim. Our first meeting was in the year I was born, 1947. We intend to make this a very special year for our club. Of course we will be digging out our old club photos and archives and making them available to all.

I want to make us more visible in the community. I am asking for ideas. Here are a few:

- We have talked to the *Sequim Gazette* and they will do a feature article about us for our 70th birthday.
- We plan to be in the Irrigation Festival parade this year. If you have ideas, let the Public Awareness Committee know.
- I would like the Soroptimist Singers to visit assisted living facilities and entertain those who can't leave the campus. It doesn't have to be just at Christmas time. If you want to join the Soroptimist Singers e-mail me.

We are expecting six or seven new members in the fall. Our club is growing and it is because you are all such exceptional representatives of the spirit of service that pervades our club.

“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.” — **John Holmes**

I look forward to hearing from you. We are here to serve you and the club.

All my best,
Kathryn Pacelli, President 2016-17



Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's July—the first full month of summer. It started with a holiday—the 4th of July—a day that symbolizes freedom and independence. July is also the first month of a new Soroptimist year. I was thinking about President Kathryn's theme, **A Symphony of Service**, and was wondering how freedom and independence fit in with that. My mind flashed on the installation dinner—more specifically—on the preparation for it.

I was on the installation committee, along with several others (see President's Message). Each of us came with ideas, freely offered—and over time they morphed into something wonderful. But it doesn't end there—we enlisted the help of others in the club and in the community.

For example, the **Ghost Quartet** area had four chairs, with an instrument on each chair; in front of the chairs were music stands, in back of the chairs were screens. The black chair covers were loaned to us by Habitat for Humanity; the instruments either belonged to one of our members or someone they know—likewise with the music stands. The screens, provided by members, were draped with white material (you'd never guess they were sheets). So simple, yet so effective. This is just one example of bringing together independent things and creating something different and wonderful. It also shows our inter-dependence. It takes all of us working together to be successful.

It's summertime. Although we don't come together for regular meetings until September, some committees are already taking time to start their plans for the new year. The Garden Show Core Committee will be choosing the featured artwork for the 2017 show later this month. The Award and Scholarships Committee will be overseeing the review of applications for the Vocational/Technical Award and three Continuing Education Scholarships. The Membership Committee will be working on the roster. The Public Awareness Committee will be streamlining their strategy to promote our 70th Anniversary. Yes, this is our 70th year—we were chartered **May 2, 1947**. Not to be forgotten, the Medical Loan Closet is always on-call.

Most members signed-up for committees at our last few meeting. Some members may have missed the sign-up sheets. We all have the freedom to decide which committees draw our attention and make our heart sing. Like the instruments in a well-orchestrated song, each of us brings her independent ideas into our activities. There will be some solo sections, but even these add to the overall performance. It is in the melding of all of our talents and passions that we present a song with unparalleled collective impact and meaning.

If you haven't yet signed-up for the committees that strike a chord for you, please let President Kathryn know what part you'd like to play in the Symphony of Service.

Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



**"No one can whistle a symphony.
It takes a whole orchestra to play it."
~H.E. Luccock**

CALENDAR

JULY

25–29 School Lunches

AUGUST

1–5 Summer Lunches
13 Pack Backpack
(Kids Kloset)
27 Back to School Fair

Summer Hiatus



**"The best teamwork comes from men who are working independently toward one goal in unison."
~James Cash Penney**



**"When you work you are a flute through whose heart the whispering of the hours turns to music. Which of you would be a reed, dumb and silent, when all else sings together in unison?"
~Khalil Gibran**

Celebrate Life!

JULY

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

AUGUST

- 4 Janet Real
- 4 Janet Popelka
- 19 Colleen Blazier
- 23 Amanda Beitzel
- 30 Betty Osborn
- 30 Ann Salmon



Note the phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

504-0231



“The willingness to share
does not make one charitable;
it makes one free.”

~*Robert Braul*

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Perhaps you’ve seen the photos and articles in local papers about the USDA summer lunch program in full swing at the Boys & Girls Club in both Sequim and Port Angeles. I know for a fact that SI of Port Angeles Jet Set has been helping out in Port Angeles. SI of Sequim is signed up to hand out lunches for 10 weekdays beginning July 25th at four Sequim locations, so, you guessed it—volunteers are needed.

Four volunteers are needed daily **Monday** through **Friday, July 25-29** and **August 1-5**, and the commitment time is **60 to 90 minutes per day. (11:30-12:30 + travel time)**. We have about 10 members who have already indicated some availability during those two weeks—but more will be **GREATLY APPRECIATED**. If this is something you can help with, even just a couple of days out of the 10, please let me know. Let this opportunity feed—yes, pun intended—your volunteer spirit this summer!



~Jane Manzer



“Food is our common ground, a universal experience.” ~*James Beard*

SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER



44th Biennial SIA Convention
Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel
Orlando, FL, U.S.A.
July 20-23, 2016

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District Meeting
Bellevue, WA
Little Creek Casino Bellevue Marriott
October 21-23, 2016



NWR Conference
Vancouver, WA
Hilton Vancouver
April 27-30, 2017

Area Meeting
TBA

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

RUBY AWARD TIMES TWO



Carol Labbe

What do you do when you just can't pick one? Well, you pick two! Soroptimist International of Sequim awarded **Carol Labbe** (see below) and Sara Maloney (see last month's *Soropti-Scoop*) our prestigious Ruby Award for 2015-2016.

Labbe is doing her second round of presidency with the Sequim Guild. In her last eight years of volunteering with the organization, she has been instrumental in raising the membership from 35 members to 101. Labbe and her membership provide necessary funds for Seattle Children's Hospital. Their funding raising efforts provide funds to offset the hospital costs for uncompensated care. To date, the hospital has treated over 985 Clallam County children.



“It is in fact a part of the function of education to help us escape, not from our own time—for we are bound by that—but from the intellectual and emotional limitations of our time.” ~T.S. Eliot

THREE CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Soroptimist International of Sequim is now accepting applications for three **CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS**. Applicants must be female graduates of Sequim High School or have a legal address within the Sequim School District. They also need to have completed one year of college or equivalent and plan to be enrolled in school for the fall of 2016. Applications for these \$2,000 scholarships are available online at www.sisequim.org. Completed applications must be postmarked by **July 15, 2016**.

~Deb Carlson, Awards and Scholarships Chair



“Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.” ~George Washington Carver

 CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION		<small>Soroptimist International of Sequim P.O. Box 126 Sequim, WA 98382, U.S.A. www.sisequim.org</small>
Name: _____	Phone: _____	
Mailing Address: _____		
Email Address: _____		
High School Attended: _____	Year Graduated: _____	
College/University: _____		
Credits Completed: _____		
Total Cost One Year (Tuition, books, housing, etc.): _____		
Personal Reference: _____	Phone: _____	
Reference Email Address: _____		

Attach a current transcript showing GPA (does not need to be an official transcript)		
Using an additional sheet of paper, please address the following:		
1. Your course of study, educational achievements, career goals, your commitment to community.		
2. Your situation that creates financial need and what you are doing to remedy it.		

Signature _____	Date _____	
<small>Return complete & signed application to: SI Sequim, PO Box 126, Sequim, WA 98382 Applications must be postmarked no later than July 15, 2016</small>		
<small>Inspiring the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world.</small>		

AUGUST BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR—Volunteers Needed

SIS is a sponsor for the Sequim School District's fourth-annual Back to School Fair. The event is **Saturday, August 27** at the **Boys & Girls Club**. This is our first year to participate, therefore, we don't know exactly what to expect, but will pass on here and through email some details.



The fair is a collaborative effort by the school district, the Boys & Girls Club, Parenting Matters Foundation and others to bring services and resources at no charge to Sequim families. According to Patsene Dashiell, co-chair of the fair, "The free event features fun family activities, food and other giveaways, interactive exhibits—including a fire truck, school bus and police car—plus backpacks and school supplies for families in need. Information on school district, early childhood resources, health resources and more will be available. Available services include haircuts, car seat checks, vision screening and more."

As a sponsor, we will have a booth to woman with displays about the programs we offer the schools—tutoring, book clubs, Heart Kid dolls, knitting club at the Middle School and others to be determined. It is suggested that we have an interactive activity at the booth and are considering several.

To give you an idea of the need:

Starting at **9:30 to 2:30** volunteers will greet and direct people, fill school supply bags, organize pick up of school supplies, help with food vending and tear down and clean up, etc. It would be appreciated if you stay the entire time, but there will be a shift change at noon.

Please mark your calendars and watch for an e-blast to come later to sign-up.

A.I.M. High Committee



"I saw as a teacher how, if you take that spark of learning that those children have, and you ignite it, you can take a child from any background to a lifetime of creativity and accomplishment." ~Paul Wellstone

MEMBERS HEADING INTO A NEW YEAR

New headshots for the new member roster were taken by Kathy Purcell and Jane Manzer at the last business meeting and at the installation dinner. If you were not there, and want to change the headshot that has been used in the past, please send one to Kathy Purcell by **August 1**. Otherwise, we will use what we have had.

If you need to update your information, please let us know as soon as possible so that it can be reflected in the new edition. Send to Sandy Lawrence, and log into the **SIA website** member directory to add or change any information that is currently in their system. You will need your six digit member number for both the user ID and password.

~Sandy Lawrence

A screenshot of a web page titled "Soroptimist Members Area". The page has a purple header with "IONS CONTACT US" and social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn. Below the header is a "Sign In" form with fields for "Username" and "Password", a "Remember me" checkbox, and a "Sign In" button. There are also links for "Forgot my password or my use name" and "Create a new account".

MLC YEAR IN REVIEW

The SI of Sequim Medical Loan Closet has had an amazing year! With an awesome committee of Becky Archer, Amanda Beitzel, Marti Campbell, Deb Carlson, Kathleen DeLong, Judy Field, Gloria Fitzpatrick, Su Howat, Amala Kuster, Shelle Paulbitski, Janet Real, and Dorothy Ward our community has received hundreds of personal interactions with our caring, efficient Soroptimist members.



During the year, over 540 equipment requests were fulfilled—including 239 requests for major items such as wheelchairs, deluxe cruisers, and knee scooters. Lagging donations, which plagued the first half of the year, skyrocketed thanks to a stellar effort by committee member, Deb Carlson, and we were able to finish the year within our budget.

We will miss committee members Amanda Beitzel, Deb Carlson, and Dorothy Ward as they move on to other endeavors this year. Thank you, ladies, for all your help and faithful service! We also want to thank Su Howat for serving as one of our committee chairs for a large portion of the year.

We look forward to the 2016-17 year and more opportunities to serve our community and represent our club.

MLC Chairs: Sally Sue Barry, Kate Creasey, and Gena Royal



“One of the greatest values of mentors is the ability to see ahead what others cannot see and to help them navigate a course to their destination.” ~John C. Maxwell

MUJERES UPDATE

Hello Soroptimist Sisters,

We are delighted to tell you our good news. First, we just received word about our scholarship recipients for the coming school year in Chiapas. Last year we had 19 girls and women—and ALL of them are continuing! And, there are four new additions. Of these 23, six are at the university level. Four of those have been on scholarship with us since the 6th grade. The fifth is an adult woman in her late 30s who started out nine years ago. She had been raised on a finca, which is almost like being raised in slavery. Children were put to work as soon as they were able—and were not educated. So Mari was illiterate. She started out with adult education to get a primary school certificate (three years), continued to secondary and preparatory (six years) and is now entering university. We are so proud of her dedication and perseverance. And the 6th is a new addition, whom Linda and I will meet in August.

Our Men with Guitars concert was filled to capacity. We heard rave reviews for the rock-n-rollin' evening. If you missed it, keep an eye out for it next year. And if you were there, thank you!

We are looking for more toothbrushes to take down in August. We have 39, and are shooting for 100. Please drop them off with Kathy Purcell at Computer Solutions. Floss is needed, as well. We need them by the end of July.



Thank you all again for your invaluable support.
Cheers, Judith Pasco

SUMMERTIME

What a fun time of year; summer has arrived and school is out for a few months. This is when I start looking for school supplies for the foster children supported by the North Olympic Foster Parent Association. Carol Pope is the director for this project and has been a board member for many years to support our local foster children.

Office Depot has been very generous in the past and will “match” coupons from any of the stores selling needed supplies. I look for bargains and am so pleased to get “more for the buck.” Carol has provided a list of supplies that are in high demand. So if you would like to help with this project, please be on the lookout for:

- ◆ college and wide lined notepaper
- ◆ spiral notebooks
- ◆ ballpoint pens (especially red and blue ink)
- ◆ Erasers
- ◆ pencil sharpeners
- ◆ multi-colored highlighters
- ◆ glue sticks
- ◆ small backpacks for children in first to third grade.
- ◆ If any other supplies are irresistible, we’d love to have them.

Items can be delivered to All Safe Storage at 101 Grant Rd. (behind Applebee’s Restaurant) or I can pick them up. We plan to pack the (back) packs on **August 13** (Saturday) at **10 a.m.** at **All Safe Storage**. We have perfected the packing process and can normally pack over 100 backpacks within an hour. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to: cblaze@olympicwi-fi.com.

Enjoy your summertime.

Colleen Blazier
Chair, Kids Kloset



“We find delight in the beauty and happiness of children that makes the heart too big for the body.” ~ *Ralph Waldo Emerson*



GARDEN SHOW

YES, planning for our **NINETEENTH GALA GARDEN SHOW** has begun! The deadline for submission of artwork to be considered as our featured art for the show is rapidly approaching. If you are on the Core Committee, please keep watch for notice of our first committee meeting near the end of July. The main purpose of this meeting will be to select the artwork, which is always a fun and exciting task!

~Jan Chapman and Elaine Churchill, Gala Garden Show Co-Chairs



See more pics: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/108582458@N03/albums/72157670859075215>





Emcee DEB CALRSON



Club Woman of Distinction SANDY LAWRENCE



President's Award SHELE PAULBITSKI



Officiating Installation AMANDA BEITZEL

2016-17 Officers and Board



Elaine Churchill, Gloria Fitzpatrick, Amala Kuster, Karen Renk, Kathy Purcell, Gena Royal, Kathryn Pacelli. Not pictured: Kathy Cunha, Sandy Hutter and past-President Jane Manzer



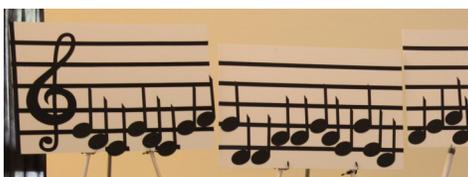
Presidential Pin Exchange



A special Gift of Thanks to outgoing President Jane Manzer from her board



President Kathryn shares her vision for the year ahead



SIS Corner This is a new column! Members are invited to submit an article about how they share and incorporate their work (Soroptimist) with other work they do in the community.

My Life Changing Experience



I grew up in a family with Mom and Dad, four brothers and four sisters, so there was very little money for luxuries such as books. I went to Catholic School K-12, and there was no library to speak of; the only literature I was exposed to were research materials and text books. So during my school years, I hated to read. I mean loathed it with a passion!

When I was 21 years old, a friend gave me a book titled “Cat’s Cradle” by Kurt Vonnegut. I had never before held a novel in my hands. I refused to read it, knowing it was going to be BORING and read like a textbook. He promised me that I would like it, and just give it a try. I broke down and agreed. I just could not believe it! I was so overwhelmed with the story. What a crazy, bizarre book, but I loved it! And so it began, my passion and love of reading. I read every day and could not wait to pick up a book again. It was truly a life-changing experience.



Another life-changing experience happened when I was 42—my husband left me and our two children. I went back to college and received my teaching degree. I loved learning! After graduation, I subbed for a while and it helped me decide I wanted to be a Librarian. The next year I was hired as Librarian for Highlands Elementary School K-5 in Renton. I went back to post graduate school and received my Librarian Endorsement. I loved my job and all the children, and passed my love of reading onto them.

After retirement, I found the Sequim Soroptimists! This organization gives single women, heads of household, and their families hope with financial help when they go back to school and try to better their lives and the lives of their children. This organization is such a positive way to pay back. When we started the A.I.M. High program, I knew that was where I wanted to help. I love doing book clubs with the girls in 4th and 5th grades, and they like having a Soroptimist help them become better readers.



Now I don’t waste time on a book I don’t enjoy. If it hasn’t grabbed me within 50 pages, forget it. There are too many great stories out there to read. I know I won’t have enough time to read them all. But I sure am going to give it a try!

~Elaine Churchill



EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Soroptimist Friends,

I thank all of you for your supportive thoughts, wishes and prayers for Don and me. Don's surgery didn't go quite as planned and we were at Swedish longer than anticipated. Don was scheduled to be transferred to hospice, but passed away on July 6, before the transfer. You all mean so much to me and it helps knowing you're there.

My love to you all,
Sally Sue Barry

June 30, 2016
Hello All of You!

You all never cease to amaze me! We received your generous \$500 check this week just because....It is something to have watched you, all these years, continue to be solid supporters of our agency and the work we do. It is not only the financial support that is important. Many of you have been hands-on with watching out for me, the integrity of our programs, and generally cheerleading for us.

Please know that your support in all ways is never taken for granted and is greatly appreciated. Thank you again!

Becca Korby
Executive Director
Healthy Families of Clallam County

Dear Su (Howat),

Thank you for donating the four gait belts to the Parkinson's class at the Sequim Gym. On Friday I already used one of them. Stability varies among the participants but they all enjoy those classes.

We are doing various exercises to make people move better and more confidently. They enjoy balancing exercises, occasional dancing to 40's music and, above all, no-contact boxing. Results are quite amazing and gratifying.

If you ever feel like observing a class, please contact me at 681-8857 or melveywest@olypen.com. The program coordinator is Alicia Demetropolis at alicia@sequimgym.com. I am sure she, too, will be happy to help you. Should you know people with Parkinson's please let them know about us. I hope you will have time to visit us soon.

Renate Melvey
(Sequim Gym)

*"Before someone's tomorrow has been taken away, cherish those you love, appreciate them today."
~Michelle C. Ustaszski*

SEQUIM GUILD GARAGE SALE

Sequim Guild for Seattle Children's Hospital is going to have a garage sale at Carol Labbe's house. She was one of this year's Ruby Award winners and is President of the Guild.

The garage sale will be from **July 22 through July 24, 2016, 8:00 am. - 4:00 pm.** Carol's address is 81 Timothy Lane. Please go and support this wonderful service to our community



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 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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August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Boys & Girls Club Summer Lunch Program	2 Boys & Girls Club Summer Lunch Program	3 Boys & Girls Club Summer Lunch Program	4 Janet Real Janet Popelka Boys & Girls Club Summer Lunch Program 	5 Boys & Girls Club Summer Lunch Program	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Pack Backpack 
14	15	16	17	18	19 Colleen Blazier 	20
21	22	23 Amanda Beitzel 	24	25	26	27 Back to School Fair
28	29	30 Betty Osborn Ann Salmon 	31			

The Chords Of My Escape

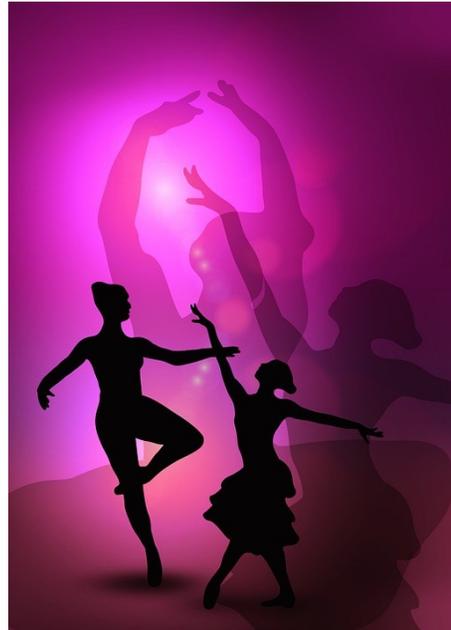
By: Anjanae King

The chords of my escape.
The feeling of a beat.
The vibration of my soul.
It sends me to my peak.

I just love how it makes me feel,
But there's no way the feeling is real.
I can close my eyes and look up to the ceiling.
It's the most pleasurable feeling.

The way it makes me move.
Just gracefully on my feet.
In the chords of my escape.
There are no expectations to meet.

I'm free to be myself.
I can dance, I can sing.
I can twirl around on the floor.
That's how it's supposed to be.



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