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in local communities and throughout the world.

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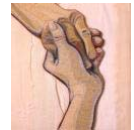


## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Season for Non-Violence is January 30 thru April 4. Soroptimist members are advocates of non-violence. The Institute for Peace and Justice has provided a pledge that they encourage groups to use. It is listed below. The power of each of us as individuals is magnified when we join together as one.

Let us Dream Big and commit our actions to non-violence.

President Kate



### PLEDGE OF NON-VIOLENCE

Making peace must start within ourselves, in our families, and in our community. Each of us, members of Soroptimist International of Sequim, commit ourselves as best we can to become nonviolent and peaceable people.

#### Respect Self and Others

To respect myself, to affirm others and to avoid uncaring criticism, hateful words, physical attacks and self-destructive behavior.

#### Communicate Better

To share my feelings honestly, to look for safe ways to express my anger, and to work at solving problems peacefully.

#### Listen Carefully

To listen carefully to one another, especially those who disagree with me, and to consider others' feelings and needs rather than insist on having my own way.

#### Forgive

To apologize and make amends when I have hurt another, to forgive others, and to keep from holding grudges.

#### Respect Nature

To treat the environment and all living things with respect and care.

#### Recreate Nonviolently

To promote athletic and recreational activities that encourage cooperation and to avoid social activities that make violence look exciting, funny or acceptable.

#### Act Courageously

To challenge violence in all its forms whenever I encounter it, whether at home, at work, in the congregation, or in the community, and to stand with others who are treated unfairly.

*"Eliminating violence, one organization at a time, starting with our own."*

Institute for Peace and Justice

## Letter from the Editor

What comes to mind when you think of February? Valentine's Day? Presidents' Day? This year it might be Super Bowl Sunday, since it was held this month. This year's Super Bowl matched up our own Seattle Seahawks with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Fans from Washington State, as well as other places around the country, made their way to Detroit for the Big Game. Fans from Philadelphia were probably there too. Many years ago, when our country first gained its independence, it was in Philadelphia that the Declaration of Independence was signed. The most notable signature is the one by John Hancock; it is flamboyant and easily recognizable. Perhaps that is why when signing something, someone may ask you to put your "John Hancock" on it.

Ah, yes, Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love. As Soroptimists we might call it the City of Sisterly Love, because Soroptimist International of the America's (our federation) headquarters is in Philadelphia. The historic city of Philadelphia is also the site for the Soroptimist's 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention. Soroptimists from around the world will meet there July 19-22, 2006 for fun, friendship and learning.



If Philadelphia seems like a long way to go for Soroptimist education, you can attend the Regional Conference which will be held in Tacoma this year! The dates are April 28-30, 2006. What an exciting adventure it would be to have half a dozen (or even a dozen!) of us travel to Tacoma for the meeting! Hey, if Seahawks fans can go to Detroit, we can surely get a group to go to Tacoma!

For those of you who aren't available for the April Regional Conference, there's another way to tap into the Soroptimist experience. Our Area Meeting is March 25, 2006 in Port Townsend (for more info see page 3). Can't get much closer than that, unless it's in your own back yard.

I learned at [www.ushistory.org](http://www.ushistory.org), that John Hancock played an instrumental role, sometimes by accident, and other times by design, in coaxing the American Revolution into being. We as Soroptimists can be instrumental in changing lives – starting with our own – by becoming more informed; that is heightened when we attend meetings.

So, as we meet our favorite Valentines, let's remember to keep our hearts and minds open. Like John Hancock, we have a chance to put our signature on the important things in our lives.

With Gratitude & Love,  
Kathy Purcell, Editor

Love cures people, both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it.  
~ Dr. Karl Menninger

## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

- 10 Board Meeting
- 14 Business Meeting  
Valentine's Day
- 16 Night At The Theatre  
7:30 at OTA
- 28 Program Meeting

### MARCH

- 4 Saturday of Service
- 10 Board Meeting
- 14 Business Meeting
- 18-19 GARDEN SHOW
- 28 Progressive Dinner\*

\*EVENING MEETING

Check your schedules, and  
mark your calendars for the  
Regional Conference.



**TARGET TACOMA**  
**Regional Conference**  
**April 28 – 30, 2006**

*Celebrate Life!*

**BIRTHDAYS**



**FEBRUARY**

20 Judi Chapman

**MARCH**

11 Penny Wolf  
17 Kathy Burrer  
27 Megan O'Donnell



New phone number for our  
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

**504-0231**

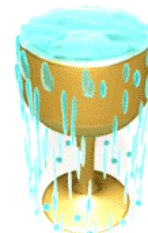


Love is the vital essence that pervades and permeates, from the centre to the circumference, the graduating circles of all thought and action. Love is the talisman of human weal and woe - the open sesame to every soul.  
~ *Elizabeth Cady Stanton*

**Medical Loan Closet - The Ins and Outs**

January has been a banner month for the Medical Loan Closet. There was a lot of equipment that had been lent out for 5-6 months so Louella and Sally Sue began calling individuals. We normally sign out durable medical equipment for 30-90 days. With their all-out effort, they contacted 38 individuals in a two week period.

After this wonderfully successful telethon, they were able to reach all but one person. They also made a permanent "loan" for a person that had an on-going need for something we have more than enough of. We have also had a donatation of several items from the free clinic at the Lutheran Church. Even though the MLC volunteers found themselves coming and going during this period, our Medical Loan Closet now runneth over.



Sandy Reed noted that the closet was bursting at the seams. She has had an extraordinary number of requests during her week on call, so much of the newly returned equipment has gone back out to people "in need". In fact, on Monday she had 6-7 requests for items that have made recovery so much easier for these folks.

Working behind the scene brings fulfillment for the committee members and heartfelt gratitude from members of our community.

-MLC Committee



*You are invited to the*  
***Area Meeting***

March 25, 2006  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Manresa Castle, Port Townsend  
\$30 – \$35

Scheduled Keynote Speaker:

**State Representative Lynn Kessler**

also hear from:

**Governor Linette  
District Director Sue Riney**

Lunch Entrée: Chicken Courdon Bleu

*We have five members who have already committed to go. We'd love to make it more!  
Please let President Kate know if you can join us!*

## 2006 VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARD WINNERS

The Soroptimist Club of Sequim is pleased to announce the winners of our competition for the Violet Richardson Award for 2006. This Award is named in honor of the first President of the first Soroptimist Club started in 1921.



**Kylie Thompson**

The First place Award of \$500.00 went to Kylie Thompson for her outstanding efforts on behalf of Girl Scout Troop #1195 as well as her other volunteer work for Rotary International, Habitat for Humanity and United Way. Kylie received her Award at the Soroptimist Meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Because of Kylie's efforts, Troop #1195 received a check for \$250.00 from Soroptimist International of Sequim. We commend Kylie for her unselfish efforts to improve life in her community and make the world a better place. She is now eligible to compete at the Regional level of Soroptimist International. If she wins our Region's award she will be among the 29 different Regional winners who will compete at the National Level for the Grand prize.



**Amanda Tjemsland**

This year we presented a Runner-up Award to Amanda Tjemsland for \$250.00 for her dedicated efforts on behalf of Girl Scout Troop #108, and the Special Needs students at Helen Haller Elementary School.

We are very proud of all the young ladies who entered this contest. They are dedicated to volunteering their precious time to help make our community and the world a better place.

Dale Simon, Educations Support Committee

*Love doesn't grow on trees like apples in Eden - it's something you have to make. And you must use your imagination too. ~ Joyce Cary*



### An Intimate 5th Tuessday

When the power went off about 4:00 pm on January 31<sup>st</sup>, we weren't sure if the planned evening get-together was going to be possible. Not knowing how long the power would be off, some members made other plans. Cell phones became the surest method of communication.

At 5:20 pm, just as the sun was disappearing behind the mountains, the electricity came back on. It was only a handful of us that met at Kathleen DeJong's, but it made for a wonderfully relaxing, more intimate evening. **Thank you, Kathleen!**

## SOS - Saturday of Service

The SOS - Saturday of Service, idea was born in 2002 when nine clubs in the Phoenix, Arizona area decided to give a few hours of hands-on service to their local communities. The date they chose was the closest Saturday to International Women's Day. Last year more than 100 clubs participated throughout the four Federations of Soroptimist International (SI). This year the designated Saturday is March 4, 2006.

Our Region leaders have come up with the idea to have a community Mother and Baby Shower. While some Soroptimist clubs may be having actual Baby Showers, we have something slightly different in mind. Like other Soroptimist clubs, we want to invite the community to be involved. Letters explaining how you can participate will be handed out to members at our next meeting.



We have made arrangements to have collection boxes at: Greywolf Elementary, Helen Haller, Windermere Central and Safeway & QFC in Sequim. These will be in place on February 22 and will remain until March 4. The items collected will then be delivered to Care Net Pregnancy Centers of Clallam County.

Nanc Smith

### Name Badge With NEW Logo

The new members will soon be sporting name badges with the new SIA logo. Existing members can do so also. The new name badges are available with a magnetic back, at a cost of \$15.40. This includes shipping as long as 4 are ordered at one time. If you are interested in purchasing one of the new name badges, please get your payment to Jane Manzer. And be sure to let her know how you would like to have your name imprinted.



## Chocolate Festival 2006

Since we are no longer “Dreaming of a white Christmas”, I wonder if it’s too early to start dreaming of chocolate flowing freely from ornate fountains or tables lined with samples of truffles, chocolate covered strawberries or raspberry cream cradled in a shell that melts in your mouth.

Soroptimist has been invited once again to participate in the second annual Olympic Chocolate Festival on Saturday – April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Last year 1500+ individuals passed through the doors at The Boys & Girls Club.

Chandra, the northwest regional sales director for See’s candy who joined us for a delicious event, was as surprised as all the rest of us with the tremendous turn out. She brought one of See’s new “signature” candy bars to give away to everyone that presented their dollar token.



This one day event will feature: chocolate tasting, classes, hands-on demonstrations, children’s events, vendor products for purchase, plus chocolate desserts at Olympic Cellars and Lost Mountain Winery.

There will be five awards presented in 5 categories: cakes, cookies, brownies, pie and judging will be done by school trained professional chefs.

This event is a fund raiser for the Sequim-Dungeness Valley Chamber of Commerce. You are invited to look at the fantastic website: <http://olympicchocolate.com>. There are monthly recipes that are guaranteed to be finger licking good!

We will be talking more about the Chocolate Festival in the near future. If you are interested in participating in this event, please let me know.

Colleen Blazier



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Love is a canvas furnished by Nature and embroidered by imagination. ~ *Voltaire*

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## MEET THE NEW MEMBERS



**Dovie Carson**

My husband and I moved here from Augusta, GA in August 2001 at the request of God. Sorry, if that is too heavy sounding, but He did say "Move to Sequim!"

I opened a stationery retail store, The Dove's Nest, the last week of June, 2005. I sell paper! Presently, I have one part-time helper, as well as my family helping.

My early work years were in portrait photography. I loved taking pictures and helping people to accept themselves really. I managed five Bon Marche Studios doing payroll, pictures and painting – loved it!

My mother still inspires me. She has been gone 10 years and I still miss her wisdom.



**Judi Chapman**

I have lived in the area part-time for 2 ½ years, but have been here full-time for five months. Prior to that I lived in Kent, WA. I have been a resident of the Pacific Northwest for sixteen years.

It's just me, but hope to adopt a dog soon. I have two brothers two sisters, two nephews and of course Mom. She will be here for the Garden Show.

I am the Human Resource Manager for the PUD. My entire professional career has been in human resources. I volunteer at Lost Mountain Lavender Farm during the festival and sell plants.

I am continually learning. Knowledge is golden and can bring success to anyone. Listen; read; ask questions; learning is endless. My mantra is – Dream, Believe, Succeed.



**Heidi Elston**

My husband Ralph and I have lived in Sequim for 24 years. I grew up in Northern California. We moved to Ithaca, NY for five years prior to moving here.

I teach Special Ed at Sequim High School 3 days a week and work in our business part-time on teaching days and full-time the rest of the week. I do lab work, preparing histology and PCR cases and office work.

I have taught for about 25+ years at various levels. I have also run a store, worked in assorted restaurants and offices. While in college I did housecleaning and childcare and baked in a coffee house.

I work well with young people. Good at scrounging and setting up programs. I love quilting, knitting and travel.

**CARSON, Dovie (John)**

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The Dove's Nest  
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Birthday: 1/21

**CHAPMAN, Judi**

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**ELSTON, Heidi (Ralph)**

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Birthday: 6/9

*Nobody has ever measured, even poets, how much a heart can hold. ~Zelda Fitzgerald*

Dear Ms. Creasey,

I'm sorry I couldn't stay to chat after breakfast yesterday. I would have enjoyed learning more about Soroptimist since we (Girl Scouts) seem to have so much in common.!

Thank you for allowing Sarah and I to join the festivities. We were honored to be there to support Amanda and Kylie. We're proud of them! And thanks for offering us the opportunity to take cookie orders. Sadly, I couldn't figure out a way to do that in such a way to be fair to all of the active Scouts in attendance.

However, we'd be happy to bring a few Scouts with cookies to sell in late February (after the cookies are delivered to us.) Perhaps at your meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>? Please do not hesitate to let me know how we can be of service to you!

Finally, I am profoundly grateful for the cash award shared with us in honor of Violet Richardson. Through your generosity, we will: provide Girl Scouts program to girls who might not otherwise be able to participate; purchase vests and insignia for our Juniors who bridge to Cadettes at the end of the year; create interest projects and other programs for our Cadettes to keep them motivated and focused as they enter their teen years. We couldn't have done it without you! Many thanks!

Love,  
Diana Stoffer  
(GSUSA Troop 1195  
Service Unit 320)

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Dear Soroptimist Members:

Thank you so much for choosing me as a runner-up for the Violet Richardson Award. The \$250 is going into my vacation funds, for my spring break trip to Paris, France. Also, your meeting at Petals was very nice and breakfast was wonderful. Thank you once again for the great honor.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Tjemsland

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Dear Soroptimist of Sequim:

I would like to thank you for the generous scholarship of \$100 you have provided me. It means a lot to me that you are willing to help me succeed. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,  
Barbara Tyler

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Sincere thanks for the loan of the side-stepper cane for Margaret DeWitt. She is so much safer now. We appreciate the wonderful work your group does. Thanks!

Sincerely,  
Roberta DeWitt



Dear Ladies at Soroptimist of Sequim:

I just wanted to write again to tell you how very much I appreciate the scholarship you granted me to help with nursing school here in Spokane. I also wanted to fill you in on a bit of my life.

I am going into my 2<sup>nd</sup> semester where I will spend most of my time in the ER/OR. I'm excited! I'm enjoying school and

am also looking forward to using my skills in Bangladesh this summer! I am going to a clinic in rural Bangladesh for three months under WMPL (World Mission Prayer League), a mission based in Minnesota. I'm trying to learn the language ahead of time and am getting excited to serve and experience rural medicine. Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,  
Angela Nesse

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Dear Soroptimist Club of Sequim:

Through the generosity of your contributions in 2005 (\$500) to Sequim Community Aid, 486 adults and 304 children were provided with assistance for their rent, utilities, prescriptions, bus tickets or gasoline for work and medical appointments. In December we provided gifts for 373 children with two toys each plus stocking stuffers; warm clothing and blankets were also provided.

On behalf of the recipients, Sequim Community Aid wishes to thank you for your participation in this assistance. We do not accept government funds so this has been achieved only through the combined efforts of the residents of Sequim, of Sequim churches and Sequim organizations.

We thank you sincerely for contributing to this cause.

Very truly yours,  
Nancy C. Lawrence, S.C.A. Treasurer

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Dear Sequim Soroptimists:






Thank you so much for your very generous donation of \$500. The money will be put to good use building homes for people in our community who could not afford a home of their own otherwise.

If your program chairman is ever interested in having our Executive Director come speak at one of your meetings, he would love to do so. Just give a call.










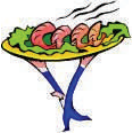
Thanks again so much!  
Kay Glover  
Dungeness Valley Habitat for Humanity

**Love is not singular except in syllable.**  
**~Marvin Taylor**

# February 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Library Lovers Month 			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 BOARD MEETING	11
12 MLC—Peg Rinker	13	14 Business Meeting Tool Girls WIN Luncheon Valentine's Day 	15	16 Night At The Theatre (Driving Miss Daisy) 	17	18
19 MLC—Louella Hanson	20 Judi Chapman Presidents' Day  	21	22	23	24	25
26 MLC—Sally Sue Barry	27	28 Program Meeting				

# March 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Women's History Month 			1	2	3	4 SOS—Saturday of Service Community Baby Shower 
5 MLC—Colleen Blazier	6	7	8 International Women's History Day  UN Day for Women's Rights & Int'l Peace	9	10 BOARD MEETING	11 Penny Wolf 
12	13	14 Business Meeting	15	16	17 Kathy Burrer St. Patrick's Day  	18 8th Annual GARDEN SHOW 
19 8th Annual GARDEN SHOW 	20	21 UN Int'l Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination	22	23	24	25 AREA Meeting 
26	27 Megan O'Donnell 	28 Progressive Dinner 	29	30	31	

## HELLO

Have you ever thought what this word stands for? Read on....

Do you know that a simple “hello” can be a sweet one?

The word **HELLO** means:

**H**=How are you?

**E**= Everything all right?

**L**= Like to hear from you .

**L**= Love to see you soon!

**O**=Obviously, You are my friend..so, HELLO!

It has made me smile every time I say hello since I learned this, so send this message to the people you care about.



*Hello*



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