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in local communities and throughout the world.*

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I went online today just looking to see how other cultures celebrate New Years. Of course not all cultures do, and some celebrate at different times of the year than we do. But I thought I would share a few different cultural traditions with you.

In Spain, the ritual is to eat 12 grapes at midnight which is meant to secure twelve happy months in the new year. In the Netherlands, the Dutch burn a bonfire of Christmas trees and launch fireworks. The fire is meant to purge the old and the fireworks welcome and celebrate the new. In Greece, they bake a cake called St. Basil's Cake. A silver coin is placed inside the cake. Whoever finds the coin will be especially lucky in the new year.

In Japan, during the month of December "Forget The Year" parties are held to bid farewell to the problems and concerns of the past year and prepare for a new beginning. Misunderstandings and grudges are forgiven and the house is scrubbed. New Year's Day is a day of joy and no work is to be done. In Germany, they open the back door to let the old year out and the front door to let the new year in. In our country, we have parties, shoot off fireworks, countdown to midnight and sing Auld Lang Sine and make New Year's Resolutions.

So, here we are, facing a new year and a new beginning. No matter how you chose to celebrate, or even if you didn't celebrate at all, there is something about the coming of a new year that makes us reflect on the past year and make plans for the new. Quite often we make promises to ourselves to achieve certain things and most of us find ourselves losing the resolution battle far too early in the year.



Making New Year's Resolutions is a lot like having a dream, don't you think? If you have a New Year's Dream, write it down, plan it out, write a story about it and believe in your dream. If you don't have a dream for the new year, set aside some time to think about having one. We all need dreams; they are what motivate us to keep going every day. Maybe you could even start a "Dream Journal". Write down some of the things you've dreamed of accomplishing and make notes on how you will try and make them happen. If you have someone you trust, share your dreams with them; it will give you additional support and encouragement to achieve them.

I am excited as our club looks to the future and dreams of new members who will join us; dreams of endeavors that will allow us to help even more women and girls; dreams of making a difference in our community and around the world. I am proud to be a part of such a visionary group willing not only to dream, but to make dreams come true!

Happy New Year!!
President Kate

Letter from the Editor

Have you ever had a word or phrase come to mind and then just stick around for awhile? Sometimes it might even invite in a friend.

Recently the word “renew” did just that. Looking at the word “renew” I thought, how can you use something new and have it still be new. Doesn't it become old by the nature of its length of life and its being used? How long will a new pair of shoes be new? Won't they wear out?

Right after the first of the year I got together with a group of friends that I hadn't seen for awhile. One of them had moved out of the area and was back in town visiting. It was a potluck, each of us bringing something to share. What we shared was more than mere food for our bodies; we told stories of our holidays – current and past – food for our souls.

We started talking about names. It was interesting that of the seven of us there, four had legally changed our names. Two had decided on a new first name; one had chosen her father's first name as her last name; and another combined names for a new last name.

Name, rename; this stayed with me. It settled in, right next to the word renew. What's in a name? And why were these words sticking in my brain?

At our January board meeting, President Kate handed me a packet of information about “Live Your Dream.” It includes a brochure and a pin. The printed material said the new “Living Their Dream” brochure replaces the old “Making a Difference for Women” AND “Making a Connection” brochures. (Was this like renaming it?)



One of the other sheets in the packet talks about SIA's Live Your Dream Campaign. It is a public awareness and fundraising campaign that clubs can implement locally to raise our profile as well as funds for local women and girl-focused projects. Live Your Dream consists of beautifully designed pin mounted on a matching card



with information about the campaign, the state of the world's women and SIA's mission to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world. The pin and card were designed compliments of SIA's long-time designer, Linda

Joy Goldner. The campaign, which kicks off on March 8 (International Women's Day and Women's History Month in the U.S.), will raise awareness of SIA's mission while encouraging women from all walks of life to follow their dreams.

It is interesting that this campaign is starting during the year that our club's theme is “Dream Big.” President Kate sure had the right idea. I guess things DO happen for a reason...

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Inside myself is a place where I live all alone, and that's where you renew your springs that never dry up. ~ Pearl Buck

CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 6 Board Meeting
- 10 Business Meeting
- 24 Program
WOA & VR Winners
New Member Installation
- 31* Potluck Social @
Kathleen DeJong's

FEBRUARY

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

*EVENING MEETING

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



TARGET TACOMA
Regional Conference
April 28 – 30, 2006

Celebrate Life!

BIRTHDAYS



JANUARY

- 6 Rose Jaeger
- 10 Kate Creasey
- 21 Dovie Carson
- 30 Brenda Dunlap

FEBRUARY

- 20 Judi Chapman

New phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

504-0231



Some people are still unaware that reality contains unparalleled beauties. The fantastic and unexpected, the ever-changing and renewing is nowhere so exemplified as in real life itself.
~ *Berenice Abbott*

Medical Loan Closet - Things Happen for a Reason

When we give, we receive. Jane Manzer experienced the joy of giving when she was on-call last month. And Sally Sue Barry saw how pennies became dollars. Jane tells us her story; Colleen recounts Sally Sue's.

The week before Christmas I was called by a man whose young adult son was coming home from the hospital. This son has cancer and had been hospitalized for some time. When he listed the medical equipment they could use, he hoped that we had a reclining wheelchair. My heart sank because I couldn't remember when, or if, I'd seen one of those at the medical loan closet. I explained to him that if there wasn't one there, I'd leave a note and make a call or two to see if we could find one. In fact, I made the sign up before I left the office, certain that I'd need it.



You can imagine my surprise when I rolled the door up and there was a reclining wheelchair front & center! The dad remarked that it even had a tabletop which the son could use for his computer. As I was filling out the paperwork, the dad was looking around then held up something and asked if he could have it. I knew it was a toilet riser of sorts, but it was an odd-looking one. He explained that it was a left leg extended toilet riser and that's exactly what his son needed! Now that's service! It was certainly the most heartwarming trip I've ever made to the medical loan closet. - jm

Sally Sue Barry shared an experience she had at the Medical Loan Closet at our business meeting earlier this month. As a very seasoned member of the committee, she was accepting returned equipment. The individual mentioned that she still had a dire need for the support arms that fasten to the commode. Sally Sue knew we had several more in the closet and said, "you can keep the ones you borrowed". When asked if a donation was necessary, she replied "just leave a few pennies in the pot". At that point, the individual took out their checkbook and wrote a generous check for \$100.00. Our Medical Loan cup runneth over that day. Thank you for answering the need of this person and the "few pennies" will pay the rent! - cb

What's In A Name?- *continued from page 2*

So what is the reason for the words renew and rename taking up residence in my mind? Maybe the get-together with my friends and the Live Your Dream campaign are part of the rename thing. But why is the word renew still hanging on?

When we send a letter, it often has a line titled RE: which brings our attention to what the letter is concerning. Perhaps the word renew is drawing my attention so I will be aware of the new things each new day offers. Or perhaps it is a reminder to renew my commitment to myself and to the Soroptimist ideals. Perhaps I am being directed to write about this, so we can do this together.



Renew, renew, renew. That and three deep breaths will help us to Dream Big.

With Gratitude & Love (and 3DB's),
Kathy Purcell, Editor

A Sense-sational Party

Our 2006 Christmas Party was a treat for our senses. The tables were beautifully decorated by Janet Wicker, Mayme Faulk and Colleen Blazier. The smell of the food had our mouths watering even before our pallets were delighted with delicious delicacies provided by Kathy Jilg and Cindy Lamberth. Kathy is owner of Café Café in Sequim. You may remember she catered our last Installation Dinner.



Our ears had the pleasure of hearing the wonderful voices of the quartet called Rainshadow Blend. Top that off with hugs from our friends; it was a perfect way to celebrate the holiday.



Kids Kloset gets a Sleigh Full of Gifts

Often when children are placed in a foster home, the only clothing they have is what they are wearing. The Foster Parents Association has a local exchange closet which provides clothing for boys and girls sizes 4 – 16. The clothing is available at no charge to foster children (and foster parents). How is the exchange closet possible? It is because caring people in our community donate clothing.

During Past-President Sandy's term, our club decided to collect clothing four times a year (at the change of the seasons) and donate them to the exchange closet; our name for this project is Kids Kloset.

SI/Sequim members brought clothing for the Kids Kloset to our holiday party. President Kate must have felt a bit like Santa as she loaded her car full of the items that were collected. Our warm wishes came through in the warm clothing we donated. Thank you all for giving.

Congratulations to the winners of the In-House Raffle:



Who's Who in SI/Sequim?

Members who were at the Holiday Party last month received a CD with the long talked about yellow-page type directory titled Meet The Members. If you recall, members were invited to fill out a form telling about themselves. Those who submitted information, are listed in the directory.

The CD has the directory as both a Microsoft Word file as well as a PDF file. The CD also includes a program called OpenOffice.org. OpenOffice.org is a multiplatform and multilingual office suite and an open-source project. It is compatible with all other major office suites, the product is free to download, use, and distribute.

If you haven't had an opportunity to look at the directory yet, take a few minutes to check it out. You'll learn some interesting things about your local Soroptimist sisters.

Kathy Purcell
Co-Chair Membership-Communications/Image



Adopt-A-Family



Dear Soroptimist Sisters,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I want to share the gratitude that the two women we sponsored this Christmas with our Adopt-a-Family project feel for you and the joy our gift gave each woman.

This Christmas our \$750 Adopt-A-Family gift was split between 2 women residing at Rose House in Port Angeles. Both ladies are in difficult transitional life situations that include domestic violence – each having very different backgrounds. As you know, the Rose House provides women in our community a safe haven to protect themselves against physical & emotional abuse related to domestic violence.

What you may not know is that the program also provides a trained counselor to live at Rose House. Her role is to enforce rules and regulations designed to promote a safe and healthy environment for all living there. The counselor can also serve as an objective sounding board to help the women make good choices regarding the future. The Healthy Family of Clallam County staff is very dedicated to their work and they provide a very valuable service to our community.

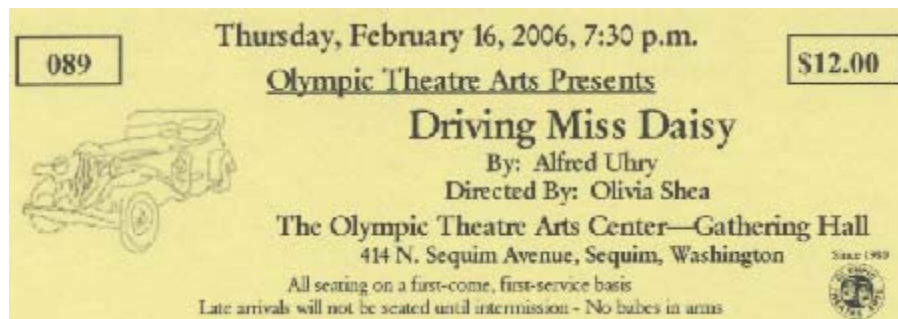
In early December I went shopping with each woman while she selected things for her child and herself. I enjoyed it very much. Both ladies spent much of their money on things for her child. One bought some things that would deepen her relationship with her son: a picture printing device from Radio Shack and some scrapbooking tools from Costco. She told me she had taken more than 1000 pictures of her son during his first year. Her son lives at the Rose House with her; he is 21 months now and all she talks about.

It was clear that both women were very grateful to us for setting aside this gift and sharing it with them this year.

Thank you for all you do to help make gifts like this happen in our community and for allowing me the joy of delivering it in 2005.

All my best,
Megan O'Donnell

Night At The Theatre (NATT)



This year our Night At The Theatre (NATT) is February 16, 2006. The play is Driving Miss Daisy. Tickets for this performance are available only through a member of Soroptimist International of Sequim. It is up to each of us to sell out the house. If you need an extra ticket, or have an extra one, please contact Jane Manzer.

GIRLS OF THE MONTH



December, 2005 - Brittany Langston

In school I am involved in many activities. I am in the National Honor Society and provide several hours of community service through this organization. I am also on Knowledge Bowl, which is sometimes referred to as the "Nerd Herd". I truly love it and can't wait to compete tomorrow. I am a member of the International Club and am the current treasurer. I participated in Link Crew which is a freshman orientation group that schedules several follow up activities to introduce the new students to life at the High School level.



January, 2006 - Cassandra Little

I'm the Public Relations officer for the Future Business Leaders of America and the Secretary of the Rotary based Interact Club. I have been a member of Women In Network for four years and also a member of National Honor Society, International Club and Link Crew. I also assist fellow classmates by participating in Natural Helpers and the Grim Reaper Project.

When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude. ~ G. K. Chesterton



February, 2006 - Anna Boenish

Last year I signed up to become an exchange student, living in New Zealand for ten months. I flew out of Los Angeles ten days after my sixteenth birthday and lived in a small farming town with a population of four hundred people on the South Island. I attended a school with one hundred sixty students from kindergarten to twelfth grade. Since there were only thirty five students in the high school it was easy to get acquainted and become close friends. I learned how to tail and shear sheep, how to play tough rugby, and what it's like to have a little sister. I also learned a lot about adjusting to and appreciating a different culture. I returned home in May and am currently enjoying my final year at Sequim High School. Fortunately for me all my credits from New Zealand transferred so I have been able to maintain my 4.0 gpa.

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. ~ John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Thank You



The Hasting's Trust has once again sent a donation to Soroptimist of Sequim for our Women In Networks (WIN) Program. This year the amount was increased to \$5,000. The number of lives touched by the program makes this generous gift priceless. Thank you, Carol Sanders, for your continued support of this wonderful program!

The Sweet Facts

Total Gross so far this year July-December is \$11434.60 with \$8126.45 in expenses.....the net earnings so far is \$3308.15.

We will not have a “club sale” for Valentine’s Day, but anyone needing candy can go to Pacific Mist Books. Marti will have a good supply. I will be offering Easter flyers to those members who wish to order for Easter. Easter is late this year, April 16th. If Easter candy is available early enough, we'll have it for sale at the Garden Show.

Leah Tuttle



See's Candy
makes an excellent gift,
for *Valentine's Day*
or for **ANY day.**

UPCOMING EVENTS - Mark your Calendars

Social Meeting at Kathleen DeJong's - January 31st

Salad & Dessert Potluck, 6:00pm

Tool Girls - a WIN Luncheon - February 14th

look for more info in the February *Soropti-Scoop*

Night At The Theatre (NATT) - February 16th

see page 5 for more info

SOS - Saturday of Service - March 4, 2006

look for more info in the February *Soropti-Scoop*

Garden Show - March 18 & 19, 2006

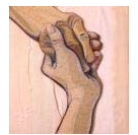
Area Meeting - March 25, 2006

Chocolate Festival - April 22, 2006

look for more info in the February *Soropti-Scoop*

District Meeting - April 28 - 30, 2006

Helping a Helper



When the call went out, our community mobilized to help someone who has given so much of herself to us. Marie Angier has recently been told that she has cancer and will require extensive treatment. She was the chairman of the Sequim Irrigation Festival last year and has been involved in the parade for a number of years. We knew and loved her as a Soroptimist and she was also active in the Rotary Club.

At this point, Kristin Glenn is organizing many of the required activities. The list that was sent via Email has been revised and we are now asking for only two meals a week - Sunday and Tuesday. Please contact Kristin if you can assist (582-0474).

We can even partner to put a meal together. I can do the entree but need help with the salad and vegetable dishes. Our lives certainly are uncertain so let's eat our dessert first!

Colleen Blazier, Program Chair








2006 Garden Show Core Committee

Co-Chairmen:	Gail Frick & Sandy Reed
Advertising/Marketing:	Kathy Purcell
Corporate Sponsors:	Gail Frick & Sandy Reed
Concession Stand:	Nanc Smith
Treasurer:	Leah Tuttle
Vendor Registration:	Phillipa Manley-Piper
Vendor/Volunteer Support:	Colleen Blazier
Set-up/Tear-Down:	Laura Maroney
Distribution:	Kathleen DeJong & Joni McKeta
Raffle:	Peg Rinker & Janet Wicker
Speakers:	Rose Jaeger & Cathy Angel








“It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.”
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

January 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day 	2	3	4	5	6 Rose Jaeger BOARD MEETING 	7
8	9	10 Kate Creasey Business Meeting (GOM Dec, Jan & Feb) 	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (observed)	17	18	19	20	21 Dovie Carson 
22	23	24 Program Meeting (Winners of Women's Opportunity & Violet Richardson Awards Install New Members)	25	26	27	28
29	30 Brenda Dunlap A Season for Non-Violence Starts 	31 SOCIAL— 6:00pm Salad/Dessert Potluck @ Kathleen DeJong's 				Book Blitz Month 

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	13	14 Business Meeting Tool Girls WIN Luncheon Valentine's Day 	15	16 Night At The Theatre (Driving Miss Daisy) 	17	18
19	20 Judi Chapman President's Day  	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Program Meeting				

Here is a New Year Recipe for you to consider and take to heart.....

First, take twelve, finely-aged months, see that they have been thoroughly peeled and cleaned of any lingering bitterness, resentment, envy or spite. Pick off any unpleasant memories that may remain and wash away all feelings of anger and hatred. Make sure that these years are completely cleansed of the past.

Divide these months into parts, 30-31 per month (one month may only have 28). A full batch will keep for a year, so do not attempt to prepare the entire batch at once. Prepare one day at a time, as follows:

Into each day mix these ingredients:

Faith	Patience
Courage	Work
Hope	Devotion
Faithfulness	Liberality
Rest	Prayer
Meditation	



Knead all ingredients together with love, grace and kindness, then place on a well blessed sheet of honor. Bake with joy and optimism!

For the icing, mix a cupful of good humor, a teaspoonful of good spirit, a dash of fun and a pinch of silliness. Spread generously over each new day, then top with a sprinkling of playfulness and garnish with the Resolution of your choice and a smile!

May the Lord bless and keep you. May the Lord turn His Face toward you and give you Peace. May He make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

WISHING YOU A BLESSED NEW YEAR! 2006



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