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A Communique by
women dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls
in local communities and throughout the world.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is June. Our last club meeting is coming soon but our activities for the summer are not over. We have Lavender Festival and Relay for Life yet to participate in, as well as some other activities that our new President, Colleen, will be announcing as time goes on.

It has been a wonderful year. All of you have made being president a fun and exciting experience. I sincerely appreciate all of those hugs and words of encouragement you have shared with me along the way. It gets said over and over again, and it remains true, I couldn't have done it without you. I had some dreams for our club this year. These included seeing our club grow stronger, to see not just members joining, but members staying because this is a fun club to be a part of and to build enthusiasm for what we do. I feel these dreams have been accomplished.

Yet, you have not heard the last from me. I plan to stick around and continue to impact our community through Soroptimist International of Sequim. I still have dreams yet to accomplish. Through the leadership you are about to install, I hope to accomplish even more in next year than I did this one. Let's all stand together in support of those who have so willingly stepped up to continue leading our club. They are to be commended for their servant's heart, their enthusiasm to dream and their willingness to believe we can make a difference in the lives of women and girls in our community and around the world. Kudos to you all. Next year promises to be even better than ever!

President Kate

I've come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that's as unique as a fingerprint - and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard, and also allowing the energy of the universe to lead you.

~ Oprah Winfrey

Letter from the Editor

Remember when you were in a warehouse store, like Home Depot, and heard a beep, beep, beep? Turning, you saw a forklift backing up – the noise was an announcement to be aware of its presence and to watch for it. Often a forklift moves back, turns slightly and then moves forward again.

In some ways our club is like a forklift, and the *Soropti-Scoop* is like the beep, beep, beep of that forklift. It announces (in an inaudible way) the movements (fundraisers, events, activities) of our club. This is the first year since I've been a member (8+ years), that our club has had a monthly newsletter – well, 11 out of 12 months anyway. The *Soropti-Scoop* chronicles who we are and what we do.

This is our last newsletter for 2005-2006 – a time to take a look back. President Kate's theme of Dream Big has been seen in many ways this year. Our 8th Annual Garden Show brought in over \$19,000 – above our projected goal; fundraisers for Project Independence brought in more than double what we committed to send this year; seven members attended the Regional Conference (Our Target Tacoma blurb in each newsletter kept it in everyone's line of sight.); our Meet the Members Directory (a personal dream of mine) was completed and distributed to members; we had more get-togethers in the evening, where members got to let their hair down and we got to know one another better. These are just a few of the many Dreams we had.

Being able to backup is important for a forklift. Looking up the word backup I found these meanings: help, encouragement, endorsement, support, sponsorship. Wow! That sounds just like a Soroptimist! Part of being a Soroptimist means we encourage one another as individuals, while we work together as a team. We are backup for one another.



Thank you, President Kate, for your inspiration this year, as well as all the many special surprises you gave us – including the gift of your voice in song. I am proud to have served on the board while you were President.

This past year we've had chances to Dream Big. Like the forklift, we may have had a few backups. But now we're moving forward again. Next year we have an opportunity to not only continue to dream, but to Make Dreams Happen.

With Gratitude & Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor

CALENDAR

JUNE

- 9 Board Meeting
- 13 Business Meeting
- 16 Installatioan

JULY

- 14 -16 Lavender Festival



Thank you to everyone who
contributed to the
Soropti-Scoop
in 2005-2006.



Gratitude is not only the greatest of
virtues, but the parent of all others.
~ Cicero

Celebrate Life!

BIRTHDAYS



JUNE

9 Heidi Elston
26 Anne Knight
27 Heidi Ennes

JULY

2 Janet Wicker
4 Dale Simon
17 Kathy Purcell
18 Peg Rinker
20 Philippa Manley
28 Jane Manzer



New phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET
504-0231



COMMITTEES

Join one, join all, and have a ball – or maybe you’ve heard: come one, come all – but any way you want to interpret it – Soroptimist **needs** you!

Soroptimist of Sequim took a quantum leap two years ago when all the committee functions were restructured. During the Soroptimist Regional Conference in Tacoma in April, we heard about several clubs that were still struggling to downsize their 23 committees into seven or eight. We currently have seven committees – that includes the Garden Show. We all participate in our infamous annual fundraiser with the direction of very capable co-chairs.

As we prepare for the new board to be installed, it is time to consider where we want to serve with our value added time next year. We all have some special interest or expertise that is essential for our committee projects to reach the goals. Please think about where you want to apply yourselves and select the area that sparks enthusiasm and commitment.

Our committees are:

- 1) Communication/Image (chair: Pam Caldero)
- 2) Educational Support (chair: Sandy Reed)
- 3) Finance (co-chairs: Brenda Dunlap & Jane Manzer)
- 4) Membership (chair: ? Gail Frick)
- 5) Programs (co-chairs: Kate Creasey and Nanc Smith)
- 6) Women in Networks/ WIN (co-chairs Heidi Elston & Penny Wolf)
- 7) Garden Show Fund Raiser (co-chairs Kathy Purcell & Nanc Smith)

You can see that we already have some very dedicated members who have indicated their desire to chair six of the seven committees. I will be calling on others to help with the other chairmanship position. If you would like to chair a committee, please let me know. I have a few “leads” and I hope you will accept the opportunity to serve in a valued capacity. If you would like more information about the committees and their functions, please review pages 28-29 in our Member Roster.

Blessings in Friendship,
President-Elect Colleen

The things that one most wants to do are the things that are probably most worth doing. ~ *Winifred Holtby*

Bring On the Bands

Oh, doesn't everything look delicious; I've looked forward to this since we left the ferry; Sequim is the best place to visit; you're the only place that really makes us feel so welcomed.

These are only a few comments heard on Saturday at the Soroptimist VIP luncheon. When I asked our two senior committee members how many years the VIP luncheon has been served, they weren't really sure. Mayme Faulk and Janet Wicker have organized and facilitated Soroptimist VIP luncheons for 22 years. That's the longest running committee function the club has ever had. They deserve our heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation for their outstanding efforts for another wonderfully successful luncheon.

I would like to thank everyone for participating and making such delicious cookies and treats. So many people commented about all the delicious, homemade specialties. The members were there early on Saturday morning to get everything out for the early birds and worked diligently through the rush hours. Thank you for taking your time to make this tradition another memorable event. Sherry Schubert even had our Grant of Friendship visitor (Joc Hanby) making cookies that proved to be a delightful experience. The clean up was accomplished with precision.

I would like to especially recognize the Key Bank staff for all the preparation prior to our arrival. We had so much more working space and they were all there to help. Deena Poole, the bank manager, even offered to borrow the popcorn popper to add to the festival atmosphere. Ashley Sims donned the "key" costume to the delight of everyone that saw her. She was really a cool key with the fan in her hat and a place for ice packs along the sides. You couldn't help but catch the Sequim spirit as a good time was had by all.

My heartfelt thank you,
Colleen Blazier



An apple a day...every Princess knows that!



A Family Affair ... Amanda, Heather and Gio Cerutti help prepare trays of food.



Mayme Faulk, Peg Rinker & Heather Cerutti preparing trays of food.



Joc Hanby poses with Louella Hanson at the VIP Luncheon.



Deena Poole and the Key Bank staff that helped make things easier for us.



Colleen Blazier, Marcia Beggs and Janet Wicker listen while Willadee Tallman enthusiastically shares a story.

2005 - 2006 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Tom Southard Memorial Scholarship

Brittany Wilmot, the winner of the Tom Southard Scholarship enjoys competing in sports. This helped Sequim High School win the Nisqually League title three years in a row. She has recruited and encouraged other to be part of the Track & Field team. She spent extra time helping teammates improve and accomplish goals. Participating in Running Start helped her get involved in her passion for science. She was selected from hundreds of students to work with experts on research projects from the Elwha dam removal. She will graduate from Sequim High School and Peninsula College with her Associates of Arts degree. Working on the Elwha dam projects helped her decide to attend Huxley College of the Environment at Washington University. We congratulate Brittany Wilmot.

WIN – Women In Networks

Megan Obregon, winner of our WIN Scholarship, has faced many challenges and through it all, has been able to maintain consistently high grade points and be involved in many extra curricular activities including the WIN program. During her freshman year Megan and her two older sisters spoke at our WIN Kick-Off. The relationship with her family is important to her. Megan plans to major in elementary education and hopes to pass along to young people her passion for learning. We may see Megan again, as she said she would be glad to come back and speak at a WIN event.



Fine Arts Scholarship

Amanda Bell, the winner of our Fine Arts Scholarship is looking toward a career in Graphic design. She seems to recognize her strengths and has remained focused on her goals since grade school. Not leaving her future to chance, she has set goals and worked hard to achieve them. I am sure she will continue to apply this same determination to anything she pursues. Let's congratulate Amanda Bell, our Fine Arts Scholarship winner.

Ruth Morgan Memorial Scholarship

Louise Guatney, the winner of our Ruth Morgan Memorial Scholarship for business, loves music and wants to someday own her own music store. Her desire to combine what she loves with what she will do for a living, reminds me of a quote. "Do what you love for a living and you will never have to work a day in your life." We hope this becomes a reality for Louise Guatney.



Linda Wood Memorial Scholarship

Kayla Baker, winner of our Linda Wood Memorial Scholarship for those who have overcome obstacles in their lives, goes to a young woman who has faced challenges not necessarily unique to her, but daunting nonetheless. She faced those challenges with a positive, 'can do' attitude and held a practical perspective on how to be the person she was meant to be, despite the circumstances life has thrown her way. Reaching out to not only realize her potential, her ultimate goal is to help other young people do the same, by eventually reaching her goal of becoming a child psychologist. Let's congratulate Kayla Baker winner of the Linda Wood Memorial Scholarship.



Academic Scholarship

Emily Columbia, the winner of our Academic Scholarship, has always dreamed of working with children. Her choice of career reflects that desire, as she will pursue a career in elementary education. Learning from her life experiences this young woman has found a renewed passion to teach. Applying the concept of an oyster making a pearl when irritated by a grain of sand, Emily Columbia has used the challenges in her life to produce in her, a beautiful goal for her life. We wish Emily the best as she follows her passion.



Vocational Scholarship

Samantha Walden, the winner of our Vocational Technical Scholarship is looking at a career in either massage therapy or law enforcement – definitely at two end of the spectrum, with lots of other applications in between. Not willing to take life for granted, this senior has also had to endure some tough obstacles in her life. And still she comes out swinging, ready to take on whatever life may throw her way. We wish Samantha Walden, our winner of the Vo-Tech Scholarship, the best for her future endeavors.

Kathro Stevens Medical Scholarship

Sarina Walla, the winner of the Kathro Stevens Memorial Scholarship has played soccer and basketball throughout high school. Sports have taught her about teamwork. Juggling work, sports and school, she says she likes to enjoy life to the fullest. Her grandmother and great-grandmother were in the nursing profession and she plans to follow in their footsteps. Her goal is to enter the nursing program at Eastern Washington University and specialize in pediatrics. We wish Sarina well as she carries on her family tradition.

MAKING HISTORY

This year, for the very first time, Sequim will be having its own Relay For Life. It will be August 12-13, 2006 at the Sequim High School track. Yes, it is going to be in August! That's the first thing that is different from other local Relays. Another thing different is, it will begin at noon on Saturday and end at noon on Sunday.

Like other Relays, there will be the Luminaria Ceremony Saturday night. This is a special time of reflection to honor our cancer survivors and those who have succumbed to the disease. Luminaria bags are available for sale (\$5).

Bridge Builders and Soroptimist of Sequim will be teaming up for the Relay. And all of you are invited to join us. The first lap will be for survivors. The second lap will be for the caregivers. If you or someone you know is a survivor and would like to participate in the walk, please let Kate Creasey or Kathy Purcell know.

This year's theme is "Fighting For A Cure." We'll be putting on our boxing gloves – or rather our thinking caps – so we can come up with a great way to decorate our booth.



Sample Letter to send to friends and family:

Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing. – *Theodore Roosevelt*

Dear Friends:

As you know, I am a member of Soroptimist, an international women's community service organization. As a member, I have volunteered to participate in the Sequim **Relay For Life**. It is sponsored by the American Cancer Society. You are invited to lace up your walking shoes and join the crowd for this 24 hour marathon on August 12th – 13th. The first lap at noon around the track at Sequim High School is the survivors' lap which symbolizes the courage survivors and their families display and sustain in their lives. This is the first time for a **Relay For Life** in Sequim.

We are all touched in one way or another by cancer – either personally or through family or friends. The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer, saving lives from cancer and diminishing suffering through research, education, advocacy and service. If you can't join in the fun, food and music-please help me honor the courageous spirit of those battling cancer.

You don't need to be a track star to be a winner in this race for life. Please make your check payable to: **The American Cancer Society** and mail it to me at: (your address), Sequim, WA 98382.

If you would like to learn more about **Relay For Life** you can visit the American Cancer Society website at: http://www.cancer.org/docroot/gi/gi_1.asp. In 1930, only 20% of those who developed cancer survived.... Today, nearly 53% are cured!

Thank you for helping our friends and loved ones.

Some Past History

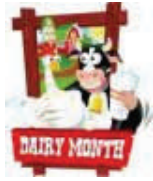







In May 1985, Dr. Gordon Klatt took the first step of his 24-hour marathon around a Tacoma, Washington track – ultimately raising \$27,000 to help the American Cancer Society fight this nation's biggest health concern. A year later, 240 supporters joined the overnight event. Since then, Relay For Life has become the American Cancer Society's single largest activity. Each community's Relay For Life is special, but its greatest power lies in the synergy created by all the Relays taking place worldwide. In 2005, more than 4,400 communities and 16 countries hosted a Relay For Life event, making this the largest fund raising event of any kind.

SHARING FRIENDSHIP









Joc Hanby, our Grant of Friendship visitor from Australia, may think we gave her a lot – after all, we did host her for nearly four days. Joc received a scarf handmade by Dale Simon and a Journal decorated by President Kate. But Joc also gave us something – a chance to learn about her club and her country. And she gave us another reason to get-together; what a wonderful potluck at Nanc Smith's. Thanks to all our members who helped make Joc's stay so meaningful.



June 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dairy Month 				1	2	3
4	5 UN World Environment Day 	6	7	8	9 Board Meeting Heidi Elston 	10
11	12	13 Business Meeting WIN Awards 	14	15	16 Installation Dinner 	17
18 Father's Day 	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Anne Knight 	27 Heidi Ennes 	28	29	30	

July 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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23	24	25	26	27	28 Jane Manzer 	29
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*Soroptimist International of Sequim
invites you to join us for the 2006 – 2007
Installation of Officers and Board & New Members*

Friday, June 16, 2006

5:30 p.m. Social / 6:15 p.m. Buffet Dinner

Pioneer Memorial Park

387 E. Washington St., Sequim

\$15.00

RSVP by June 9, 2006

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