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in local communities and throughout the world.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As Soroptimist members we have many opportunities to Dream Big! It starts with our local club, then moves to our Area, District, Region, Federation and International.

This year the Olympic Peninsula Area Meeting is sponsored by SI Port Townsend and will be held on March 25. Each of you is personally invited. Reservations are due by March 20. Our Area consists of: Greater North Kitsap, Port Orchard, Vashon/Maury, Port Townsend East Jefferson County, Port Angeles, PA Jet Set, Sequim, Forks and Greater Bremerton are. All are encouraged to attend.

President Kate

Soroptimist of Port Townsend and East Jefferson County



Making the World a Better Place for Women & Children

AN INVITATION TO THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA AREA MEETING

TO: Olympic Peninsula Area Members

DATE: Saturday, March 25, 2006

TIME: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

PLACE: Manresa Castle

7th & Sheridan Streets, Port Townsend

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: State Representative Lynn Kessler

COST: \$27.00 per person (make checks payable to SIPT)

Coffee and Muffins / upon arrival ***** Lunch / Chicken Cordon Bleu

Reservations due by March 20, 2006

Letter from the Editor

Have you ever thought about how the people around you affect you?

Recently a friend told me he doesn't tell jokes much anymore. His family doesn't get his sense of humor. He said he doesn't feel like he can be himself. This is obviously something very important to him. I suggested he think of the people in his life that do get his humor – that do accept him for himself – and spend more time around them.

After that conversation, I was thinking about what makes me feel like myself. As you know, I enjoy writing. Words are a wonderful method of expression. My day-to-day job does not require much of this, so another avenue for written words is needed. Our club newsletter is a perfect venue. Then I started reflecting on what it means to me to be a Soroptimist.

A lot has happened in my life over the eight years that I have been a Soroptimist. Has it been only eight years?

My Soroptimist friends have been there for me thru many challenges: surgery and recuperation; the death of one brother; and the illness of another; changes in my business. Being a Soroptimist is important to me.

Although many children aspire to become president of the United States, it has not been a dream of mine – nor has becoming president of SI/Sequim. However, at the end of my second year, I volunteered to run for club president. 2000 – 2001, what a year that was! I learned a lot about myself – about strengths I didn't know I had. I continue to learn more about myself. Perhaps it is because I am in an environment where people get me – where they accept me.

In one of Shakespeare's famous soliloquies, Hamlet asks, "To be, or not to be?" Perhaps a better question is "To be me, or not to be me?" As a Soroptimist not only do I get to be me, I am encouraged to discover even more about who I am.

Our club is blessed with women who have amazing talents. We match those talents to tasks, thereby using the expertise of our members. But it goes beyond that. Sometimes we don't realize a talent until it is put into use. Getting involved in club activities gives us the opportunity to discover those hidden treasures. There are many club events and projects; members can choose which ones interest them.

In the same soliloquy mentioned above, Hamlet says, "to sleep, perchance to dream." We can choose to awaken and live our dreams. Each of us gets to decide what is most important to us. Each of us gets to choose just how Big we want to Dream.

With Gratitude & Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



What we have once enjoyed we can never lose.
All that we love deeply becomes a part of us.
~ Helen Keller

CALENDAR

MARCH

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

APRIL

- 7 Board Meeting
- 11 Business Meeting
- GOM April & May
- 25 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



MARCH

- 11 Penny Wolf
- 17 Kathy Burrer
- 27 Megan O'Donnell

APRIL

- 2 Louella Hanson
- 14 Pamela Caldero
- 22 Leah Tuttle



New phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET
504-0231



Being powerful is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you are, you aren't.
~ Margaret Thatcher

**SHOWERING LOVE
SOS -Saturday of Service
Community Baby Shower**

When Soroptimists have a function, it doesn't just 'happen' the day of the event. A lot of behind the scenes work goes on first. So it is with the SOS – Saturday of Service, Community Baby Shower.

Kathy Purcell and Nanc Smith designed post cards for members to mail, inviting members of the community to donate to this worthwhile project. Large boxes for collection of the baby items were decorated by Colleen Blazier, Kathy Purcell, Sandy Reed, Nanc Smith and Jane Manzer (all shown in photo except Colleen). A large poster was designed and affixed to the boxes that were distributed by Pam Caldero, Kathy Purcell, Sandy Reed and Nanc Smith to local businesses in town. The items collected were earmarked for Care Net, a local crisis pregnancy center.



Deb Amoroso from Care Net with Kathy and Nanc, showing off some of the items we collected.

For our February 28 program meeting, Colleen Blazier asked Theresa Lotzgasell from Care Net to speak to our club. Theresa spoke with much compassion as she explained what Care Net does. It helped us see the real value of what our SOS – Community Baby Shower offers. Deb Amoroso from Care Net was so grateful for all the items we collected.

Thanks to all of our club members and members of the community who participated.

The Soroptimist Picture

What do you see when you look at a French Impressionist painting? From a distance, the picture looks like many other paintings, with regular brush strokes. But as you get closer to the painting, you see it is individual dots of colors. Each dot adds to the depth and richness of the picture. The Soroptimist organization is like a French Impressionist painting. From a distance it looks like one solid picture, but it is each of us as individuals, that make up that picture. Each member is important.



Attending Area, District, Regional and International meetings helps us see just how important we are to the depth and color of the whole picture. All members are strongly encouraged to attend these meetings. Whether you are giving information or receiving it, the blending of the colors is the same.

2006 WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARD WINNER

Janet Harwell is the winner of our 2006 Women's Opportunity Award.



Janet is a widow with 6 children, 4 still at home. Her husband's death 6 years ago was tragic and her family has

had a lot to overcome. When her husband died, she had finished her AA in Business Management and was on her way toward a BA in Accounting. To make ends meet for her family, she had to quit school to work full-time. Today she works two jobs. She is a shift supervisor at a local fast food restaurant, working nights. Recently she started working at an assisted living community as an Administrative Assistant during the week.

This company offers growth and advancement opportunities, Unfortunately, it doesn't pay her enough to quit working nights. Her new boss recommended she submit her application for our Women's Opportunity Award. Her boss knows that she would like to improve her situation in life for herself and her children.

Janet's boss told her she would have educational opportunities through the company in the coming year. The company would pay for the training, but not always the time lost in wages. There is one training in particular that Janet had asked her boss about. Janet is slated to be enrolled in the spring module of the Bridge Project – Assisted Living through Peninsula College. The company will pay for the training but because it is not a direct requirement of her position, they will not cover time lost. Janet does not qualify for support for lost wage hours through any of the state programs because she receives \$50 too much through her Survivor Benefits.

The class runs about 100 hours, which translates into \$825 in lost wages for her. This class, other than giving her a stronger background in the assisted living industry where she sees great potential for herself, will help Janet to be a stronger team member and it also offers soft skills that will help her at home and at her job. Congratulations, Janet!

Student Host Kailee Green Sorooptimist of Sequim Meeting 2/28/06

Kailee was even earlier than expected so we could introduce her to many of our members. She was early enough to help one of our members setup the microphone for the meeting.



Kailee shared information about herself/family and was so personable. I was delighted that she did not speak with jargon such as "Like a ..." "Like you know..."

At 7:00 am we have guest speakers who don't capture our attention as well as Kailee. She received a warm round of applause.

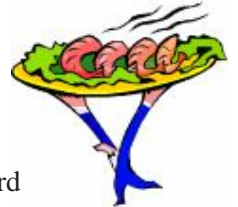
We support the WIN Program so it is always rewarding to interface with high school students.

I think the Student Host is a wonderful program. We ask the students to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and our Sorooptimist grace. I hope they will continue with this next year when I am president of the club.

Colleen Blazier

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

March marches on, and our Garden Show is almost here. The Core Garden Show Committee has been working hard for months. The rest of the Garden Show Committee – that means the rest of the club, is joining the excitement and doing their part. After the Garden Show is over, we will be celebrating with a Progressive Dinner on March 28th. The evening will begin with appetizers at Village Glass, Dale Simon's business. Followed by the main course at Bridge Builders, President Kate's business.



We are still looking for a host for the dessert. You do not have to provide the food, only the location. Please let Colleen Blazier know if you would like to volunteer to host the desserts.

WIN - WOMEN IN NETWORKS REPORT



Tool Girls

By Amanda Cerutti

What do women, lumber, tools and a smiling face have in common? The answer – Tool Girls! That’s right, Tool Girls. “Women In Trades”, was

the theme for the WIN luncheon at Sequim High School on February 14. Forty high school girls were in attendance, while eight women from our surrounding community presented their trades. “Tool Girls” representative, Kim Beuce opened up the day by introducing the women. They were: Faleana Wech from Hines Construction; Erin Adolphson from Future Builders Association; Pam Boyd from NW Inside-Out Painting; Debi Russell from Angeles Millworks; Donna Cox from Barnes Construction; Trisa Comica from “Trisa and Company – Interior Design; Gina Almaden from Renovate Inc.; and Clair Kirkman, Executive Officer from North Peninsula Building Association.

Each woman was an inspiration to everyone in the audience. However, there were a few, who really stood out to the crowd of young girls. Trisa, the interior designer, had me particularly interested. Trisa first got a whiff of the trade when she was growing up. Her father was a general contractor. It wasn’t until later that she decided to become an interior designer. Some of her projects include picking out colors that coordinate with a home’s furniture, style, design and floors. Her job is to get in on the beginning of

the project, with the architect and client, and figure out what they want. “For this kind of job,” she said, “you must work very closely with your clients.”

Another woman that I found very interesting was Pam Boyd, the painter, Her first experience with painting came when her house needed painting. Instead of waiting for someone else to do it, she decided to do it herself! She had a great time doing the painting and it truly was the start of something great for her. “I loved my job,” she said, “mostly because I could be with my kids and still earn money.” When her kids started middle school, she decided to start marketing her talent. One of her local projects was the staining of Toad Hall’s exterior. Several years later, she has painted numerous homes around the Olympic Peninsula. Her business is growing and she is truly enjoying herself!

All the women, who came together for this presentation of their professions, are wonderful role models. It was quite obvious that they were all willing to provide information and mentorship to anyone who was interested. Once the meeting came to a close, lunch was then provided by the “Oak Table Café.” Kim Beuce had a little surprise for the WIN girls – a goody bag was given to each girl who attended. It contained information about the Future Builders Association, a tool belt and tape measure. Overall, it was a great luncheon with, as always, truly amazing women! Thanks to Hartnagels and Angeles Millworks for helping make this happen.

Women Fly

March 17 - 5:30 am at Sequim High School (return at 6:30 pm)



The program this year includes a mock crash site investigation that is being led by a group of National Transportation Safety Board crash site investigators; a mock medical helicopter evacuation led by Northwest Airlink; an aircraft recovery and restoration activity led by a group from Underwater Admiralty; and a pre-flight check activity. Youth participants would be able to do two of these activities in the time we have scheduled.

After the activities we’ll be having a networking lunch, followed by a “strategy session” where small groups will be focused on the issue of how to encourage more young women to pursue careers in aviation and aerospace.

To close the day out, there will be an open period where the youth participants can either talk with the mentors more, tour the Museum, or get on the bus and head home.

Soroptimist members are encouraged to join the WIN girls for this interesting and informative road trip.

WHO'S IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

The actors of Driving Miss Daisy drove right into our hearts at this year's Night at the Theatre. It's amazing how three characters can tell such an in-depth story that covers over two decades. It was a thoroughly enjoyable play.

Our annual Night At The Theatre (NATT) was well attended. It was nice to see some old familiar faces, like Jerry Carlson, and also former member Patricia Carson. And some new faces, like prospective new member Kathleen Hennen. President Kate brought the whole family – well – except for her cats.



Jerry Carlson talking with Peg Rinker

Unlike the previous plays that we've supported, this one did not have an intermission. With no intermission, the goodies were offered after the play. Thanks to Megan O'Donnell, who did a great job of organizing the refreshments. Although some people left when the play was over, the ante-room had plenty of play goers who shared the tasty treats.

Thanks to all our members who baked and to those who helped fill the seats and bring in over \$500 to our General Fund.



Nanc Smith listening as Kathleen Hennen share a story.

NEW FOR 2006 GARDEN SHOW

In the fall of 2002 our Flower Power T-shirt made its debut at the District 1 Meeting. It was designed to show team spirit and to promote our annual Garden Show. At each show since then, Soroptimist members have worn the T-shirts which include the pansy that has become our Garden Show logo. Many people attending the shows have asked if they could purchase one of the Flower Power T-shirts. We have kept the T-shirts for Soroptimist members only.

This year we have an answer for those who want a T-shirt from our Garden Show. Cindy Mangutz, a local artist, and one of our Garden Show vendors, has come up with a graphic for our show. We are excited to announce that Cindy's design will be imprinted on T-shirts and bags and these will be available for sale at our 8th Annual Garden Show.

We encourage you to share this information with your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers. Everyone is going to want one of these!



(Sandy made me do this.)

Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing, it's when you had everything to do, and you've done it.
~ Margaret Thatcher

MARCH IS NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

To address the absence of information about women in America's schools, the National Women's History Project led a movement to have Congress designate a celebration to recognize women's historic achievements. The goal was to ensure that information about the myriad ways women have changed America would be part of our children's education.



Learning about the extraordinary achievements of women helps diminish the tendency to dismiss and trivialize who women are and what they accomplish. In celebrating women's historic achievements, we present an authentic view of history. The knowledge of women's history provides a more expansive vision of what a woman can do. This perspective can encourage girls and women to think larger and bolder and can give boys and men a fuller understanding of the female experience.

In 1980, President Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation calling on the American people to remember the contributions of women. By 1987, fourteen governors had declared March as Women's History Month, and that same year, Congress and the President followed by declaring March as National Women's History Month.

This year's theme, Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams, honors the spirit of possibility and hope set in motion by generations of women in their creation of communities and their encouragement of dreams.

Community comes in many forms, and dreams change, expand, and are sometimes fulfilled. Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams honors women for bringing communities together and restoring hope in the face of impossible odds.

The purpose of women's history is not to idealize women. On the contrary, the stories of women's achievements present an expanded view of the complexity and contradiction of living a full and purposeful life.

How are our children —girls and boys alike —going to understand the importance of women to American culture and history if their education includes little or nothing about the significance of women's contributions?

We know from research and from anecdotal studies that learning the stories of women's success, talent, and accomplishments expands a sense of what is possible for girls and women. Information about women and their successes gives males and females alike a perspective that challenges some of our cultures' most unconscious and archaic assumptions about women.

Thus, women's history becomes a story of inspiration and hope. A story of courage and tenacity. A story of promise, possibility and purpose.

Women's history is our nation's story. It is the story of how women built communities and inspired and nurtured dreams and how they will continue to do so.












Mardi-Gras in Sequim

Sherry Schubert, dressed for Fat Tuesday presents the cake that contains a special prize. Rose Jaeger, the person whose piece of cake had the baby in it, was crowned Queen for the Day.



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 MLC—Peg Rinker	13	14 Business Meeting	15	16	17 Kathy Burrer St. Patrick's Day Women Fly 	18 8th Annual GARDEN SHOW 
19 8th Annual GARDEN SHOW MLC—Sally Sue Barry 	20	21 UN Int'l Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination	22	23	24	25 AREA Meeting 
26 MLC—Sandy Reed	27 Megan O'Donnell 	28 Progressive Dinner 	29	30	31	

April 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month						1 April Fool's Day
2 Daylight Savings Time begins MLC—Kate Creasey 	3	4	5	6	7 BOARD MEETING US World Health Day	8
9 MLC—Jane Manzer	10	11 Business Meeting (GOM—April & May)	12	13	14	15
16 Easter MLC— Laura Maroney 	17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day Chocolate Festival 
23 MLC—Sherry Schubert	24	25 Program Meeting	26	27 NWR Conference begins in Tacoma	28 NWR Conference 	29 NWR Conference
30 NWR Conference MLC—Louella Hanson						

Making Miracles Happen

On Friday March 3rd, Sally Sue Barry responded to a call at the Medical Loan Closet that seemed like a request to turn in equipment without any unusual details. As the truck pulled up in front of unit 31, Sally Sue took a deep breath and tried not to share her anxiety as the electric wheelchair was being unloaded by the 2 ladies. It needed a jump start since the batteries had run down and Sally Sue was trying to make miracles happen inside the closet to accommodate this extremely large piece of equipment in our already over-flowing (crammed) closet. Sally Sue called me as I was meeting with Kate to review Soroptimist programs. I went to the computer to find a Soroptimist form and saw a message from Sally Sue. The third time was a charm. When she called back and she said, HELP!



During the reorganization attempts in the closet, the three determined ladies tried to squeeze in all the supplies so they could at least close the door. I was being warned to be careful opening the closet since I am "on duty" starting Sunday. The woman that borrowed the wheelchair asked what it cost to rent the closet and Sally Sue said she really wasn't sure. They discussed the option of having another (smaller) unit and the generous woman offered to pay the rent for three months. Somehow Larry McHugh, owner of the Stow Place, was brought into the picture and he said he just happened to have an 8X10 unit. Sally Sue had mentioned the possibility of renting another unit several months ago but Larry told me he had a waiting list "as long as my arm". This morning, I called Larry to find out about occupancy and when we might be able to move in. He said we could have it anytime and I can work out the details. Mardi Voris is the kind woman who offered to pay our rent.

Imbert Mathee, Director of Clear Path International, is arranging his schedule to bring his van back to Sequim. He will ship our excess equipment to war-torn countries with the medical teams. Sherry Schubert even has a hospital bed to donate. Who said Miracles Don't Happen?

Colleen Blazier



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