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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Emerging Butterflies!

The kick-off if you will, of our Soroptimist year is our Brainstorming Meeting. This year we met on August 21<sup>st</sup> at President-Elect Kathleen's home. It started with a Potluck dinner where members shared stories about their summer.

Sherry Schubert showed us an example of what her new business, A Catered Affair, can do. She brought a veggie tray that was creatively displayed like a butterfly (see photo on page 7). I'm excited that Sherry will be our Hospitality Chair this year!

After sharing the delicacies that everyone brought, committee chairs were asked to tell us about their committees. Jane discussed plans to increase membership as well as ways to learn more about our members. Jane and Jan shared their ideas for a blooming 10th Gala Garden Show. President-Elect Kathleen told about some speakers for Program meetings. Probably the most entertaining committee was Communication/Image, chaired by Missy Church-Smith. She is new to the committee and new to the club – Missy was installed at our June Installation/60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

Communication/Image seems to have a finger in most of our activities. Missy created a flow chart that shows how those fingers intertwine with other committees within the club. Some of the ladies who have jobs specified on the chart were not at the meeting. Missy came up with a graphic to represent those members, and had others in attendance play the 'parts' of the missing players. I think most everyone laughed at the improvisational skit.

Three prospective new members were at the Brainstorming Meeting. I don't know if that was a record, but it was music to our ears. One of those ladies, Deborah Groesbeck found us through contacting the NWR Website. How cool is that?!

This is the year of discovering our inner potential (butterflies). One way to help you see your inner butterflies, is to recognize something you've done and acknowledge that. At the Brainstorming Meeting I acknowledged Betty for her fantastic job of turning one volunteer into six! (On Aug 6<sup>th</sup> Betty called to say she had only one person besides herself to work on the Continuing Education Scholarships. Two days later, she had 6 members who had volunteered, 3 of them weren't even on the Educational Support Committee!). All of you are amazing! I love this club! A visual way of noting that achievement was made with placing a butterfly headband on Betty's head (see photo on page 7).

Our members are good about acknowledging one another's accomplishments. This year I'd like to encourage you to do that with the butterfly headband. I will have several of them at our meetings.

We're off to a fantastic start, ladies! Thank you all for being part of it!

Wishing you awakenings!  
President Kathy

## Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

What does it mean to be in school? This question has come to mind for a couple of reasons. Here in Sequim, WA, September means it's time to go back to school. Summer vacation is a memory.

This month, my sister Donna is going back to school, or to work – or both really. About a year and a half ago she retired, after 46 years as a nurse. She has an MSN – that's Master of Science Degree in Nursing, not anything to do with Microsoft. She has a strong background in psychiatric nursing, but she has also been an administrator, having organized the opening of a new wing of a hospital.

Donna spent a little time enjoying her new status (retired), but then started to look for a part-time job. She did some word-of-mouth inquiring and left her resume in several places. Most of those jobs were outside the nursing field, but for part-time work, that was acceptable. Donna lives in Illinois, where I'm originally from, and we talk every Saturday morning. As the Saturdays went by, and she reported no employers responded to her resume, Donna was feeling a bit discouraged.

This past May Donna answered an ad in a Nursing publication and sent an on-line resume. Three months passed. Then on August 15<sup>th</sup> she received a phone message from the Director of Health Services for District U-46 in Elgin, IL. The woman said she had found my sister's resume, and if she was still interested to give her a call. My sister went in for an interview on August 17<sup>th</sup> and received a call on August 21<sup>st</sup> – her birthday – offering her a job.

Donna had to go through fingerprinting and a background check because she will be working with kids. When she accepted the job, Donna wasn't sure what grade level she would be working with; she was hoping it would be elementary school. Well, the school nurse position is in a small high school. The 100 students are kids with behavior disorders. Donna has a lot of psych experience, but hasn't done much with pediatrics. This is stepping outside her normal comfort zone. Her first official day on the job was September 4<sup>th</sup>.

So while Donna is going back to work, she is also going back to school – both to a physical building, as well as to yet unlearned experiences. Donna told me, "It is a little scary because it is not something I've done before, but I hope to learn a lot and get more comfortable as time goes on." This reminds me of our theme, "Awakening the Dream." Donna has pushed outside the caterpillar stage and is discovering one of her butterflies within.



Butterflies appear in many sizes and colors. Being aware of the butterflies around us, gives us examples, encouragement and inspiration for our own discoveries. Let's keep our eyes open for those butterflies.

With Gratitude and Love,  
Kathy Purcell, Editor

## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 7 BOARD MEETING
- 11 Business Meeting
- 15 Olympic Health Fair
- 25 Program Meeting -  
Women Heart Health  
Lexine Funston

### OCTOBER

- 5 BOARD MEETING
- 9 Business Meeting  
(GOM Oct & Nov)
- 23 Program Meeting -  
Deborah Carlson of  
Camp Blaze
- 30 HALLOWEEN PARTY\*  
Pioneer Park

\* EVENING MEETING



### DISTRICT 1 MEETING October 6 - 7, 2007 Princess Lodge Fairbanks, AK



We have a hunger of the mind  
which asks for knowledge of  
all around us, and the more we  
gain, the more is our desire;  
the more we see, the more  
we are capable of seeing.  
~ Maria Mitchell

# Celebrate Life!

## BIRTHDAYS



### SEPTEMBER

- 2 Sherry Schubert
- 7 Nina Jones
- 23 Sally Sue Barry
- 29 Leah Davis

### OCTOBER

- 15 Judy Ogilvie
- 20 Jeannie Blaurock
- 27 Cathy Angel



Note the phone number for our  
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

**504-0231**



## Membership Game

There's a new fun way to get to know our members. Here are some facts about our newest members. Can you tell which fact describes which new member? The answers are found somewhere in this issue of the *Soropti-Scoop*. They also were included in the New Member bios in our last newsletter.

### New members installed in June:

Federal government retiree, works part-time for Adoption Advocates

Relocated here from Florida, career centered on college & high school counseling/teaching

SunLand resident, retired building permit tech & overseas flight attendant

Raised in Spain, lives in Port Angeles but works at Key Bank in Sequim

## Connecting to Your Heart

The topic of our Tuesday, September 25 program meeting will be **Women and Heart Health**. There has been a lot written on this topic and recently it was addressed on the SIA website.

Lexine Funston, nurse practitioner with the Klahhane Clinic in Port Angeles will be our guest speaker. Lexine started working in women's health in 1994 and before that she worked as an intensive care nurse. She has a BS in nursing from McMaster University and received her nurse practitioner diploma from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. She then went on to get her Master of Science in Women's Health from the University of Texas and a Master of Science in Family Practice from Texas Women's University.

This will be a great opportunity to become informed about your heart health and to get answers to questions you may have had on your mind for a long time.



Maria Montessori

## WOMEN WHO DARE

Back in March, Kate Creasey gifted me with a book titled *Women Who Dare*. It is a book of postcards celebrating women – some already passed into history, other still with us – who defied expectations. In this year of **Awakening the Dream**, it seems appropriate to share some of these with you. -kp

Maria Montessori was the first women in modern Italy to gain an M.D. degree. Her work with developmentally disabled children led Montessori (1870 – 1952) to experiment with instructional materials, settings, and techniques, and to create a model for a system of education based on fostering a child's individual creative potential and will to learn. The Montessori School system has now long been established worldwide.

## CONTINUING TO SUPPORT EDUCATION

Soroptimist International of Sequim announces the award of three \$1,000 Continuing Education Scholarships:

**Brittany Wilmot** is a 2006 graduate of Sequim High School, and a student at Western Washington University. Her course of study is Environmental Science. She has been involved in a year long research program through Peninsula College/Olympic National Park studying the eco system of the Elwha watershed. Her career goal is to become an interpretive park ranger on the Olympic Peninsula.

**Cassandra Little** is also a 2006 Sequim High School graduate. She attends Seattle University where her GPA has earned her a place on the President's List and the Dean's List. She is working on a double major in Strategic Communications and Public Affairs, with a career goal of becoming a Public Relations Director for a nonprofit organization.

**Verina Breithaupt** is entering her final year of the nursing program at Peninsula College. Her GPA has earned her Honor Roll status and a place on the Peninsula College President's List during her first year. Her career goals are directed toward pediatrics and rural public health.

Betty Osborn  
Educational Support Chair

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Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it. ~ *Marian Wright Edelman*

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## COMMUNICATING AN IMAGE

Soroptimist of Sequim "womanned" a table at the Labor Day week-end Open Aire Market in Sequim! Once we managed to "adorn" the tent with our banner (...so, how many Soroptimists DOES it take to hang a banner???), moved the wheelchair and cruiser into place, and arranged the beautiful flowers (thanks, Jane!) we were ready to interact with the public. We had many opportunities to spread the word about our Medical Loan Closet and tout all of our programs, as well as recruit a few potential new members...a good day!

Thanks to our wonderful group of volunteers – whose winning smiles charmed all attendees ☺:

Sally Sue Barry  
Colleen Blazier  
Kate Creasey  
Rose Jaeger

Anne Keane  
Jane Manzer  
Jeanne Martin  
Penny Mulcay  
Kathy Purcell

Missy Church-Smith  
Communication/Image Chair



### What I Did Over The Summer

My husband Dave and I flew to Boston and boarded a Holland America Cruise ship. We sailed round trip to Nova Scotia and had a very interesting time. Then we rented a car and drove to Maine to visit my oldest brother and his wife, two cousins and a niece. We had a great time.

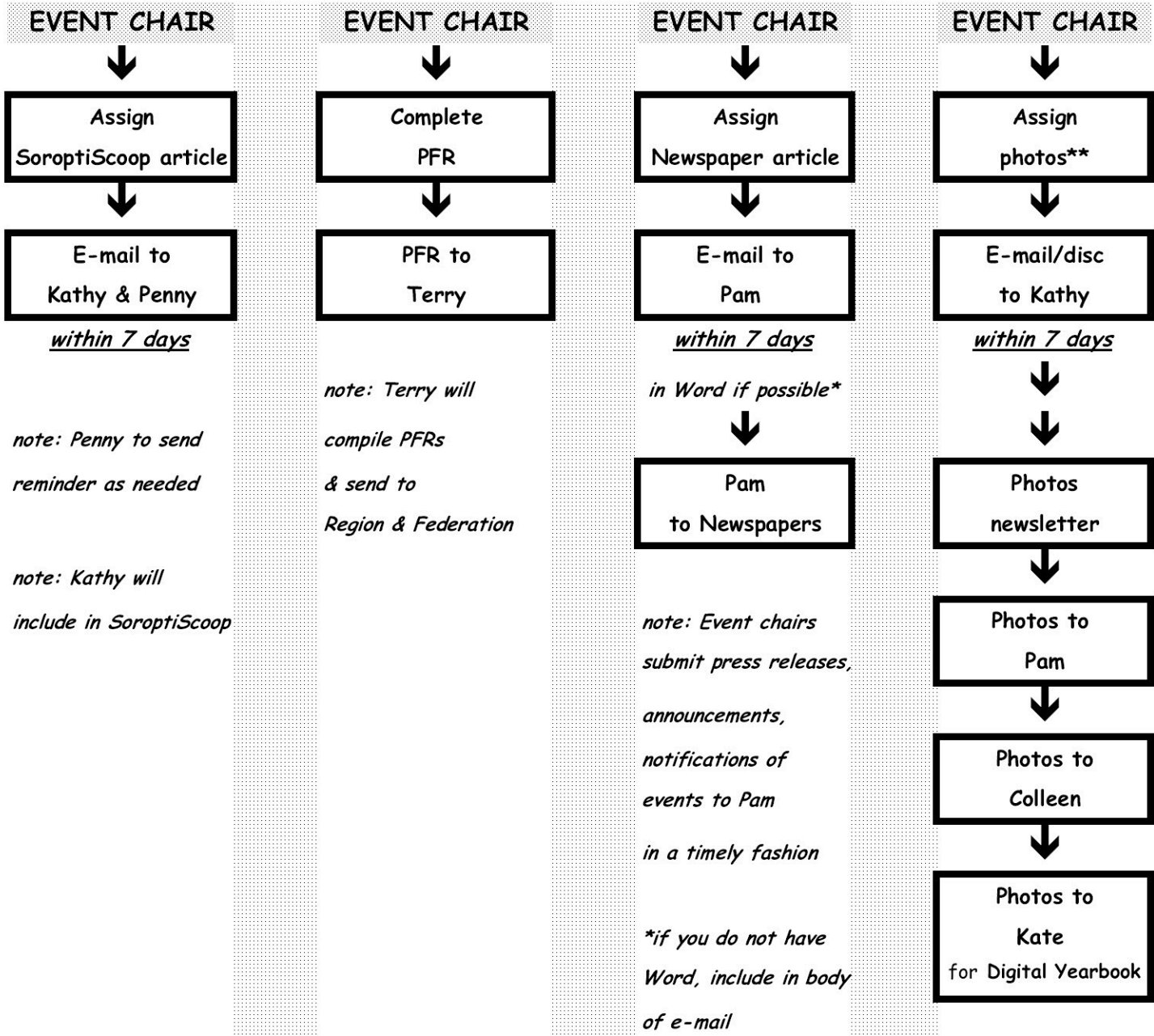
Ann Salmon

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Summer this year was a trip to Florida to see my Mom, a drive through the Frasier Valley in Canada and lots of physical therapy. The Canada visit initially toured the site of the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics (both at Vancouver and Whistler) then on to Lilloouette (hot spot of BC), Hope and Harrison Hot Springs. Beautiful country, lovely weather, stayed in pleasant B & B's; saw salmon jumping upstream near the Othello tunnels in Hope.

Jeanne Martin

# EVENT CHAIR FLOWCHART



**NOTES:**



*Give articles showcasing Soroptimists to Missy...who will forward to Kate for inclusion in Digital Yearbook*

*Articles may be "word-smithed" depending on available printed space and pictures may be cropped.*

**\*\*Secure "Model Release" form (Can be found on Members Only web page); give signed copy to Missy**

**\*PFR is Program Focus Report**

## MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET GIVES CPR TO CPI

Colleen, Louella and Sally Sue recently enjoyed a visit with Marcia Beggs, SISequim life member who moved to Vancouver this past year. Marcia was chair of the Medical Loan Closet for several years and was still receiving calls long after she retired from the committee.

Last week, Imbert Matthee came again from Clear Path International to pick up excess MLC equipment to deliver to areas with extensive land mine damage. This trip we also had equipment & medical supplies which were brought over from P.A. by Dr. & Mrs. Hoffman, excess to Free Clinic. It's so gratifying to know that equipment we can no longer use can help those who do have a need.



New club member Anne Keane has volunteered to join our MLC Committee and has already had a partial MLC orientation. Welcome, Anne!

The MLC Committee was recently able to save \$80 on its Vonage voice mail system by prepaying for a full year. Our thanks to Kate Creasey for alerting us to this savings of 2 months rent.

Sally Sue Barry  
MLC Co-Chair

Approximately every thirty minutes someone, somewhere in the world is injured or killed by an encounter with this deadly debris. In southeast Asia, an accident happens every day, shattering lives, hopes and dreams.

At Clear Path International they serve landmine and bomb accident survivors, their families and their communities.

This assistance takes the form of *direct* medical and social services to survivors and their families as well as equipment support to hospitals.

Clear Path International clears the path to renew dreams. With their newly painted truck, now when they transport equipment, they lovingly display their message of hope wherever they go.



# BRAINSTORMING MEETING



Sherry shows off the butterfly tray, while prospective new member Ellen Morrison tries out the cucumber eye treatment.



An animated Missy goes with the Flow (Chart).

Fun  
Share  
Fly!



Betty bubbles with butterfly (head)band.



President Kathy winging it.



Jane stands by as Jan talks about the blooming Garden Show.



Kathleen tells us what's on the program.



Anne and Mayme look for lessons from prospective new member Deborah Carlson.



## Sharing food, friendship and ideas...



Conversation, camaraderie, and caring.



Prospective new member Deborah Groesbeck with smiling Kate

For more pictures from the Brainstorming Meeting, please visit: [www.sisequim.com/gallery](http://www.sisequim.com/gallery)

## FINDING MEANING IN SERVICE

“If you think you can win, you can win. Faith is necessary for victory.” - William Hazlitt

Faith is exactly what the Sequim Irrigation Festival Royalty and Ditchwalkers had on the weekend of August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007. It would be our first community service project, the Sequim Relay For Life and it would be “in honor” of Marie Angier, the queen’s mother.

In February, after being crowned, we were all asked to think of a community service project that was dear to our heart. I had several ideas but nothing seemed to work out. As we started the parade schedule, Janaye’s mom became weaker and weaker. It was tough trying to get excited about parades when we knew Marie was feeling so awful. And we could all tell that it was taking its toll on Janaye.

In early July, my aunt, who is battling breast cancer, came to visit. She was talking about her team that was gathering together to participate in the relay for Port Orchard. Just like a light bulb turning on, I had my community service project. Once I got the okay from Marie, Tom and Janaye, we were on our way!

Our team theme for the walk was, “Cancer is a Royal Pain.” My mom and I came up with the idea for a booth that looked like a castle. I presented my plan to the royalty and the Irrigation Festival Committee. They loved the idea and promised to sponsor the event. We purchased light-up tiaras, themed buttons, crown suckers and other fine princess paraphernalia.

On the morning of the walk, we worked quickly and built our beautiful castle with draw bridge and moat. It looked like it had come straight out of a fairy-tale book. At noon, we gathered for the opening ceremony. The first lap was reserved for the survivors of cancer. Although we had hoped to see Marie, she was too weak to participate. It was very emotional and amazing to watch. You could actually feel the triumph through the struggle. The second lap was then dedicated to Marie Angier and the entire team linked arms and walked around the track. Together we felt strong. Together, we knew that we could make a difference!

As the day wore on, the wind decided to kick up a little. At one point, our booth lifted up off the ground and slammed back down. It was like a scene out of the Wizard of Oz. Suddenly, a big gust of wind came up and ripped our sides off. We scrambled to fix it and we knew that all was not lost. However, our damage was nothing compared to the “SURVIVORS” tent. When

that big gust hit, it blew the entire tent up into the air, over the fence and into the baseball diamond, some hundred feet away. It was pretty scary! Thank the Lord there was nobody sitting under it, when it decided to blow away.

At 10:00 p.m., a lone bagpiper walked two laps playing, Amazing Grace. All was quiet on the track. All the luminary bags were lit and we honored those who had lost the battle, with several moments of silence. At the very same time, it began to rain. And it seemed to me, as if heaven were weeping. Princess Carolina and I were asked to read 60 names of those who were honored with luminary bags. This was one of the hardest things I have ever had to do but it was an honor. The tears flowed and we hugged each other. The hugs then spilled over for Janaye and the rest of the team.

The night seemed long but it was very peaceful. At noon, on Sunday, the closing ceremony began. They made an announcement that a few awards would be presented. Our Irrigation Festival team won two awards: Best Booth and The People’s Choice Award. Best Booth speaks for itself but The People’s Choice Award is granted for one year and then is passed on to the next year’s winner. We have decided to hang the plaque in the Chamber of Commerce and engrave a sign that will read, “In Memory of Marie Angier.”

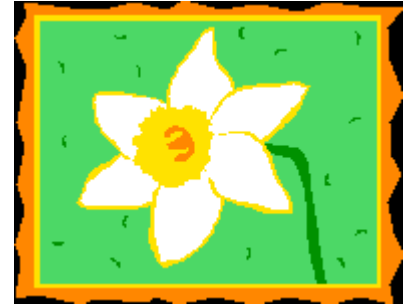
This was more than just a service project to me. It was a “life lesson.” It helped me to see that love, support, hugs, and yes, even tears, helps to heal a hurting human soul. It is my hope that the Irrigation Festival Committee will continue this project year after year, in memory of Marie Angier.

Princess Amanda Cerutti  
Sponsored by SI/Sequim



## 10TH ANNUAL GALA GARDEN SHOW

“In 2008, as we celebrate the TENTH anniversary of the annual Garden Show, we are hoping to make this one better than ever. We know that with the support and hard work of our entire club, the upcoming show will be a huge success. To help make that happen, we are planning to solicit a couple of new major sponsors to add to the ones that have supported us in the past. A major sponsor is one that we ask to contribute \$1,000 in support of the show. We’re hoping to secure at least one “big name” speaker this year, so additional sponsors will help underwrite their fees. A contribution at this level ensures the donor of the following:



- recognition as an Official Sponsor on all printed media advertising the Garden Show as well as radio commercials, our web site, posters, and other forms of advertisement. Your name will also be prominently displayed on a banner as the Official Sponsor of the 2008 Garden Show at the show’s entrance and your name will be highlighted at the entrance of the Garden Walk. After the Garden Show, your business will earn top spot as Official Sponsor in our newspaper advertisements thanking the corporate sponsors.
- We also offer one free booth per Official Sponsor if the product displayed and/or on sale at the booth is garden-related. (Appropriateness will be determined by Garden Show Core Committee.)
- In addition, your business will be provided with ten presale tickets that you may share with employees and/or clients.

We welcome any suggestions for sponsors that you may have. You can submit your ideas to Jane Manzer or Jan Chapman.

Also this year, we are hoping to add to our raffle prizes. In the past the raffle prize has been limited to one or two garden wagons filled with donated garden-related items. This year we’ve been offered a pair of cedar Adirondack chairs contributed and made by Alan Burwell, broker of McHugh REALTORS, one of next year’s major sponsors.

Did you read about SI/Sequim in the *Best for Women Magazine*? Our Gala Garden Show was written up in the Fundraising section for Best Practices. If you haven't read the magazine, pick it up! There are a lot of interesting and informative articles in it. An excerpt of it can be found on the club website, [www.sisequim.com](http://www.sisequim.com)

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*A garden is evidence of faith. It links us with all the misty figures of the past who also planted and were nourished by the fruits of their planting. ~ Gladys Taber*

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Answers: Anne Keane; Missy Church-Smith; Gail Bush; Patrice Varela-Daylo

## COMMITTED TO WIN-NIG

This year the WIN Committee is doing something a bit differently. We've chosen a representative from each of the grade levels and invited them to join the WIN Committee. Grade 9: Fallon Schneider; Grade 10: Lissa Karapostoles; Grade 11: Teyloure Ring; Grade 12: Arielle Yarwood. Amanda Cerutti will continue as our WIN Reporter and will be a part of the committee. These liaisons will be able to give us ideas from the WIN girls' perspective. They can also give support to Mitzi Sanders (our partner at the high school), publicizing the WIN Program and the activities we will sponsor this year.

A WIN Committee meeting was held late last month to collate, fold, stuff, stamp and sort a mailing that was sent to all girls at Sequim High School. The mailing included a basic WIN information sheet and a Student Interest Survey. Girls who choose to participate in the WIN Program will fill out a form and return it to Mitzi. Thank you to all those who helped on the mailing, including Mayme Faulk, Mitzi Sanders and Teyloure Ring.

We have a ROPES Challenge Course set for October 10, 2007. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Mssy at [missyys@msn.com](mailto:missyys@msn.com).

Our WIN Celebration (formerly called the WIN Kick-Off) will be December 4, 2007 at the Oak Table. We are excited to announce that our keynote speaker will be Dr. Bonnie Dunbar, former NASA astronaut! You will hear more about this in the coming months.

The WIN Program is funded largely by the Hastings Trust Fund. Carol Sanders, administrator of that fund, has generously supported WIN since its inception in 1997. On September 25<sup>th</sup> Carol Sanders will be attending our Program Meeting. Please join us that morning as we express our gratitude to Carol.

~kp

It has always seemed strange to me that in our endless discussions about education so little stress is laid on the pleasure of becoming an educated person, the enormous interest it adds to life. To be able to be caught up into the world of thought — that is to be educated.

~ *Edith Hamilton*



Teyloure and Mayme face a smiling Missy while Heidi seals an envelope.



Kathleen folds in the background while Mitzi waits to help with the next batch.



Heidi and Missy face the very focused Mayme and Teyloure.

## MESSAGES OF GRATITUDE FROM THE PUBLIC

Thank you so much for the loan of your equipment (from your Medical Loan Closet). I'm glad you were there to assist us.

Bobbie Dahm

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Dear SI of Sequim:

Enclosed is a small donation to SI as a token of our thanks for the use of several items during my recovery from total knee replacement surgery this past spring. We are most appreciative that your organization makes medical supplies /equipment available to the community. The items we borrowed certainly helped ease/speed the recovery process. It's a wonderful service that Soroptimist of Sequim provides; keep up the good work that you all do.

Most Sincerely,  
Bill & Joan Hartnell

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Dear Soroptimist International of Sequim,

I am very honored to be the recipient of a 2007-2008 Soroptimist Continuing Education Scholarship. I cannot express enough how much I appreciate the financial support this scholarship will provide. I am excited about beginning my final year of nursing school in September. It has been a tremendous amount of work, but I look forward to the opportunity to give back to the community in the future. Thank you for your confidence and willingness to help me achieve my goal!

Thank you,  
Varina Breithaupt (Continuing Education Scholarship)

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Dear Soroptimist,

Thank you so much for the Continuing Education Scholarship. I promise to represent Sequim and Soroptimist to the best of my ability. I greatly appreciate the financial help, and will continue to help the community as you have helped me.

Sincerely,  
Cassandra Little (Continuing Education Scholarship)

Thank you for again sponsoring a Sequim city flower basket. Once again the Sequim High School Horticulture class did an outstanding job making the beautiful baskets, and a special thanks to the City for watering them everyday. Thanks again for your support. Your name is in a basket at the Sequim Chamber Visitor's Center.

Thanks,  
Emily Westcott

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Dear Soroptimist International of Sequim:

It is a great pleasure to be receiving your Continuing Education Scholarship; I am very honored. Thank you! This scholarship will greatly help me continue my schooling, and I can assure you it will be put to good use. Thank you for helping make my dreams possible!

Sincerely,  
Brittany Wilmot (Continuing Education Scholarship)

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Dear Soroptimist Members:

We are a newly licensed foster family. Yesterday we had the opportunity to attend the Foster Parents "Back to School" Picnic at Fairview Grange.

We were gratified and grateful to see your many donations given for foster children and their foster families. It was neat for our bio children to receive a door prize AND a brand new backpack loaded with supplies. The backpacks will come in handy for our frequent library treks, and the supplies will be put to good use in our home-school. We also appreciate the Foster Parent Clothing Closet in Sequim, which has helped us clothe our foster baby in style!

Thank you for helping to make all the children special by your generosity. Having a new member of our family has had its share of stressors, and it was special for our bio children to feel honored for their role in fostering a child.

God Bless You,  
The Henninger Family

*This shows the impact of our donations through our Kids Klokset project. Thank you all for participating! We truly do make a difference! ~kp*

# September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sherry Schubert 	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7 BOARD MEETING Nina Jones 	8 UN Literacy Day
9 Grandparents Day 	10	11 Business Meeting Patriot Day 	12	13 Rosh Hashanah 	14	15 Olympic Health Fair
16	17	18	19	20	21 UN Int'l Day of Peace 	22 Yom Kippur 
23 Sally Sue Barry AUTUMN Begins 	24	25 Program Meeting— Women Heart Health, Lexine Funston	26	27	28 Mad Hatter's Tea 	29 Leah Davis Dungeness Valley Free Clinic Fun Walk 
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# October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Breast Cancer Awareness Month 	1	2	3	4	5 BOARD MEETINTG	6 DISTRICT MEETING
7 DISTRICT MEETING	8	9 Business Meeting—GOM Oct & Nov	10 WIN sponsored R.O.P.E.S. Challenge Course 	11	12	13
14	15 Judy Ogilvie 	16	17	18	19	20 Jeanie Blaurock 
21	22	23 Program Meeting Deborah Carlson Camp Blaze	24	25	26	27 Cathy Angel 
28	29	30 HALLOWEEN PARTY Pioneer Park 	31			

# Laughter

By Hafiz



What is laughter? What is laughter?  
It is God waking up! O it is God waking up!  
It is the sun poking its sweet head out  
From behind a cloud  
You have been carrying too long,  
Veiling your eyes and heart.

It is Light breaking ground for a great Structure  
That is your Real body – called Truth.

It is happiness applauding itself and then taking flight  
To embrace everyone and everything in this world.

Laughter is the polestar  
Held in the sky by our Beloved,  
Who eternally says,

“Yes, dear ones, come this way,  
Come this way toward Me and Love!  
Come with your tender mouths moving  
And your beautiful tongues conducting songs  
And with your movements – your magic movements  
Of hands and feet and glands and cells – Dancing!

Know that to God’s Eye,  
All movement is a Wonderful Language,  
And Music – such exquisite, wild Music!”

O what is laughter, Hafiz?  
What is the precious love and laughter  
Budding in our hearts?

It is the glorious sound  
Of our soul waking up!



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*improving the lives of women and  
girls in local communities and  
throughout the world.*

To A Woman Making A Difference For Women