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in local communities and throughout the world.

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**“Continuous effort -
not strength
or intelligence -
is the key to
unlocking our potential.”
~ Winston Churchill**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Soroptimists:

I recently went out into my garden and was able to pick a variety of items. I came in with beans, carrots, cabbage, broccoli, romaine lettuce, sugar snap peas, and some berries. I was reminded of all the potential that a little bit of dirt, plus some seeds creates.

When we plant seeds in the form of Scholarships, or recognizing a Girl of the Month, we may not realize the wealth of potential that it unlocks. That extra bit of encouragement, money, and support goes a long way.

I always think of potential this time of year, as I see the Back to School sales. I remember the excitement of my children and other students as they got ready to embark on another year of education. The new crayons, pencils, backpacks, paper and supplies will lead to so many things.

Some of you have recently assisted the Foster Kids in our area by helping with those supplies, dropping off your donations at Computer Solutions. August 8th was the work party to put the supplies in the backpacks, so they would be ready to hand out at the Foster Parents' upcoming picnic. Our good works will offer the students the best possible start for this school year, helping them realize their potential.

Happiness held is the seed; happiness shared is the flower. Let's provide flowers for the students of tomorrow.

President Rose



**“People underestimate their capacity for change. There is never a right time to do a difficult thing. A leader's job is to help people have vision of their potential.”
~ John Porter**

Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

August brings to mind summer at Grandpa's cottage. There are so many memories from those summers. But the good times are the best ones to remember.

On our way to the cottage we'd always stop at Dairy Queen. I'd get a soft-serve vanilla cone dipped in chocolate. Even now when I see a Dairy Queen, I smile and think of going to the cottage.



I can still smell the musty scent of the upstairs rooms – made into our bedrooms. It was more of an attic with a wall and doorway dividing it into two rooms – one for the boys, the other for the girls. Beds flanked the side walls, with a narrow area to walk in between. We didn't care we were in such close quarters; in fact, it made us closer.

A Grandfather clock had a prominent place in the dining room. I liked to watch the pendulum move back and forth. It was calming.



The front porch was enclosed and screened. A porch swing hung on metal chains from the ceiling. I loved to sit and swing on that. We got in trouble sometimes though, as we pushed off from the wall. Outside in the back there was a big tree – big enough to have its own swing. Yes! We had two choices of places to swing.



I remember a little red wagon. But it wasn't the standard Radio Flyer kind. It looked like a car with a face; the headlights were eyes. My older brother used to pull me and other siblings around in it.

The yard was large and made an excellent place for croquet, which we played often. We'd setup the 'arches' for the balls to go thru, though I don't recall the layout pattern. Most of the family got involved at one time or another. In my memory there was laughter and lots of smiling.

When I was young, we spent many a summer at Grandpa's cottage. We'd always return home right around Labor Day – just in time to prepare for going back to school. Although I enjoyed being at the cottage, I enjoyed going back to school – partly because I liked school, and partly because I wanted to see my friends and learn what they had done over the summer.

Our Soroptimist club has been on sabbatical since mid-June. Soon we will be having our Brainstorming Meeting. It will be a chance for members to catch up and share what they did over the summer. Maybe some of you have been off to your own cottage. Maybe you have shared a chocolate dipped cone with a loved one. If not, give me a call and we'll go get one together. Summer memories can be created any time. The possibilities are already planted.

With Gratitude and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor

“There shall be eternal summer in the grateful heart.” ~Celia Thaxter

CALENDAR

AUGUST

*19 BRAINSTORMING
at Michelle Barth's!

SEPTEMBER

4 Board Meeting
8 Business Meeting
19 Health Fair
22 Program Meeting

* EVENING MEETING



“Love is to the heart what the summer is to the farmer's year - it brings to harvest all the loveliest flowers of the soul.”
~Author Unknown



“We all grow up with the weight of history on us. Our ancestors dwell in the attics of our brains as they do in the spiraling chains of knowledge hidden in every cell of our bodies.”
~Shirley Abbott



Celebrate Life!

BIRTHDAYS

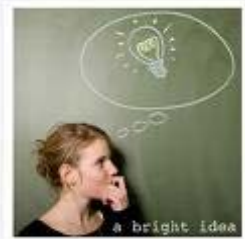


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Note the phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

504-0231



MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET
Sesquialter International of Sequim
504-0231

(Phone loan number)
4000 N. Sequim Junction
Access from the Sequim High School Auditorium
(By reservation only)



“Ideas can be life-changing.
Sometimes all you need to open
the door is just one more good
idea.” ~ **Jim Rohn**



Pot Luck

Brainstorming Meeting POTLUCK

August 19, 2009

5:30 pm

Michelle Barth's
290 Ferndale Rd
Sequim, WA 98382

Ideas

Food

Brains

This year we would like members to think about the following:

- Why did you join Soroptimist?
- Why do you stay in Soroptimist?
- What is your favorite activity in the club?,
- If you could do something else in the club, what would it be?

We will have those present at the meeting tell us their answers to the above questions. If you are unable to attend, I would love it if you could email your answers to me at jaegerrt@olympicwi-fi.com. I think the information we get will be very useful. We will also be discussing some of the ideas we have for next year as well as many ideas you might have. The evening will be potluck and start at 5:30.

~ President Rose

SOROPTIMIST DATES TO REMEMBER

2009 District Meeting
Seattle, WA
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009

2010 NW Region Conference
Anchorage, AK
April 22 – 25, 2010

GARDEN SHOW - Planning the 12th

A dozen years of Planting Possibilities!

The 12th Annual Gala Garden Show is coming March 20 – 21, 2010. You can visit the website, www.sequimgardenshow.com, any time.

An update – including some exciting new things we have planned – will be provided at the Brainstorming Meeting.



Planting Possibilities!

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHPS

SI Sequim awards three \$1,000 Continuing Education Scholarships. We are currently seeking applicants for these scholarships. A press release will be in the *Sequim Gazette* next week, and in the *Peninsula Daily News* as well.

Those eligible are female graduates of Sequim High School or who have a legal address within the Sequim School District, having completed one year of college and enrolled in school for fall of 2009. Applications are available at Henery's Garden Center (Rose), Computer Solutions (Kathy) and Village Glass in Carlsborg (Dale) or call Rose at 681-3507. Deadline for receipt of applications is **August 28th**.

“The aim of education should be to teach us rather how to think, than what to think - rather to improve our minds, so as to enable us to think for ourselves, than to load the memory with thoughts of other men.” ~ Bill Beattie

WIN off to a Great Start for 09-10!

The **Oak Table Restaurant** – the perfect setting for a get-together...the perfect setting to say thank you...the perfect setting to brainstorm And that's exactly what we did on the 14th of July!

Michelle Barth, SI WIN Chair, **Mitzi Sanders**, Sequim High School WIN Chair and the 2008-09 WIN Liaisons enjoyed breakfast and non-stop conversation as we discussed options, planned activities and evaluated topics in preparation for the upcoming year. Many thanks to the following students for their ongoing help & support of this worthwhile program!

- Loretta Creasey
- Kyla Hall
- Margaret Norlund
- Serena Okamoto
- Chase O'Neil
- Teyloure Ring
- Alyssa Stratton



Unfortunately, Margaret & Teyloure were unable to join us...and were missed!

Watch for upcoming information about activities & opportunities for YOU to participate! We look forward to a wonderful and **WINning** year!

Michelle Barth & Missy Church-Smith

EDUCATION UPDATE

Each year we award \$10,000 in scholarships. It is always interesting to know what's been happening with these your women's adventures in learning. Last month we received an update letter from Jennifer Schade, recipient of the 2008 Vocational-Technical Scholarship. Also, in a recent issue of the Sequim Gazette, there was an article about Holly Faulstich who received our 2005 Academic Scholarship. Both of those writings are below. ~kp

Dear Ms. Cathy Angel and Soroptimist International of Sequim,

I just wanted to say thank you once again for awarding me the “2008 Vocational-Technical Scholarship” for the Sequim High School Class of 2008. It was a wonderful surprise to receive such an award, and I am delighted that you wanted to contribute to my future education. I just recently finished my first year at Peninsula College, studying for an Associate of Art's degree in Business Management. I had a fun and very busy year. It was quite a change of pace from my years at Sequim High School, and I enjoyed every bit of it. I have attached a copy of my transcript from this past year as I thought you might be interested in seeing the classes I was enrolled in. By taking such a variety of classes I was really able to get the full “college” experience.

I am still planning to major in Hotel/Motel Management once I finish Peninsula College. I am now looking to transfer to California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, CA. There I am looking forward to my studies and am anticipating the start of an internship at Disneyland, where I will be able to put my skills to “magical” use in one of their resorts. It has long been a dream of mine to work at Disney, and through my college education, with your help, I will finally be able to make that dream come true.

Thank you once again for your generosity and for supporting my education.

Jennifer Schade, Class of 2008

The World is Her Classroom by: Michael Dashiell *Sequim Gazette*, July 29, 2009



Faulstitch, Sequim grad, pursues studies across the globe.

While most students her age are preparing to take on the world one way or another, she is busy trying to save it.

Holly Faulstitch is a Sequim High School graduate, class of 2005, but already her studies and interests

have taken her to Costa Rica, Tasmania and most of the way to the Siberian Arctic.

Now working for the summer at Mount Rainier National Park monitoring forest vegetation in the back country, Faulstitch says she couldn't be happier.

"It's pretty ideal," Faulstitch writes from her living quarters near Mount Rainier. "I can't think of a better way to spend my summer than hiking around the woods at Mount Rainier...and getting paid for it."

Faulstitch made a smooth transition from high school to college, earning a 3.97 grade-point average while at the Western Washington University campus in Bellingham.

A participant in Western's Rainforest Immersion Conservation Action biology research program in Costa Rica in 2007, she also was one of two students selected to participate in the Polaris Project, a field course and research experience in the Siberian Arctic for undergraduates. The project saw students from seven different universities and other climate experts studying the effects of climate change on arctic ecosystems.

Unfortunately, an illness kept her in Moscow and forced a return trip home before she ever saw Siberia.

"It was a bummer because I would have been fine if I had been able to continue to Cherskii (the research station)," Faulstitch writes, "but since it is so remote and has limited medical facilities, it just wasn't safe."

In Bellingham, Faulstitch served as the student representative for the university's Academic Technology committee, volunteered for the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association to improve salmon spawning habitat and helped researchers understand canopy ecosystems in the Quinault Rain Forest.

After backpacking two months in Tasmania, Faulstitch returned to Washington to work as a biological science technician at Mount Rainier National Park. She works for the natural and cultural resources division of the park.

Her job? It's conducting forest vegetation monitoring in the back country to assess forest health and tree mortality. The data collection, she reveals, is part of a long-term study looking at the effect of climate change on forests.

"These projects allow me to meet interesting people, as well as develop better research skills and field methods, which I hope will one day benefit me in my chosen profession," Faulstitch writes.

But choosing a profession...that's another matter. At the moment, Faulstitch writes, she's enjoying work in the field.

"I suppose that might change one day when I decide I would rather be the one designing the project instead doing the 'grunt' work," she writes, "but at this point I am perfectly content to spend my days hiking through the woods and collecting data. I am very interested in forest canopy research and imagine that combining my love of botany, research and rock climbing would be pretty ideal."

Faulstitch takes her studies seriously, too. She was named one of Western's seven Presidential Scholars, an award honoring Western graduates for their exceptional scholarship and service to the university and community.

In 2008, she presented her research on rare plant community biodiversity at the Ecological Society of America in Milwaukee, WI. Her project was so impressive that she was offered a position as a graduate student at a professor's laboratory at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

"My plan is to start researching and applying to grad schools when I finish this job," Faulstitch writes. "I haven't decided whether to work toward a master's or Ph.D., but I am fairly certain that I will be keeping my sights aimed on something involving botany and scientific research. At this point, I'm keeping my options open."

"Learn everything you can, anytime you can, from anyone you can - there will always come a time when you will be grateful you did." ~Sarah Caldwell

PACING THE PACKS

Do you know what happens when you have six Soroptimist together on a Saturday? The answer: They pack the (back) packs! On Saturday (August 8), Sally Sue Barry, Jan Chapman, Kate Creasey, Kathy Purcell, Alana Schmicker and Colleen Blazier met at All Safe Mini Storage and packed over 200 backpacks with school supplies. Carol Pope, Director of The North Olympic Foster Parent Association, was the coach and provided instruction for the assembly line process.

The high school students had the largest packs since they had the longest list of required supplies. This year the foster parents association decided to buy a 16-function calculator for each of the older students. In the past, there were a few calculators distributed as a “Door Prize”. It will certainly seem more like Christmas than going back to school.



Fresh home-made cobbler

The middle school students were next on the agenda. Carol counted out the desired number of packs and once again the Soroptimist members counted the required: pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, 3 ring notebooks, spiral notebooks, notebook paper, dividers, rulers, crayons, highlighters, plastic pouches etc. and zipped them into the packs. You could hear comments like- “Oh look at how cute this one is with the lady bugs. This one is so cool with Spider Man”. The packs came in a variety of sizes, shapes, bright colors that will surely be loved.

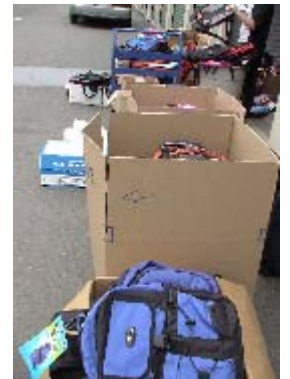


The next grouping of packs was for the 3rd to 5th graders. As the shipping boxes were quickly filled with packs, the Soroptimist took the smaller packs for the 1st and 2nd grade students. The kindergarten students had the smallest packs and even though they weren't “required” to have any supplies, it was decided that they might be disappointed not to find any treasures in their tote. There were plenty of crayons and wide-ruled notebook paper left over so that was tucked inside as a surprise.

We would like to thank all the generous members that donated school supplies. Kathy Purcell was gracious to allow us to take them to Computer Solutions and then they were delivered to All Safe Storage. You can be sure that the supplies will bring smiles to the children as they explore the contents of their new packs.

A good time was had by all! Would you be willing to guess how long this Saturday Day of Service for the Kids Kloset took? The answer: less than 2 – TWO hours. It was a labor of love.

Colleen Blazier, KK Liaison



QUADRENNIAL PROJECT - EXCITING NEW TOOL FOR PROJECT SIERRA

The Soroptimist Chatline is a wonderful way to learn about activities throughout the international organization. Recently a post by Chris Knight, SISWP (SI South West Pacific) Quadrennial Liaison, gave some news about a new YouTube video that is a must-see and a must-share! Below is the email from Chris which includes an update of Project Sierra by Alison Sutherland, SI Quadrennial Project Liaison 2007-11.

Dear SI Chatliners

I thought you might like to read the latest news from our International Liaison Alison Sutherland (SI Chatliner) on the new Youtube video on Project SIerra that will be launched at the International Board meeting (see below).

Alison is now living and working in Sierra Leone and is not able to access the SI Chatline - problems with internet connections and just the sheer volume of her workload, as well as her SI commitments to the project. However, she does send her greetings and is very grateful to the many SI members that are currently supporting our international project in Sierra Leone.

The video is truly inspirational and highlights the advantages of technology in bringing this project to all our members around the world. The DVD and a new brochure will be available very soon from your Federation HQs and/or Federation Liaisons after the International Board. For SISWP Members, please contact me direct on grachris@iprimus.co.au if you would like to receive copies (they should be available within the next 2-3 weeks - hopefully in time for Club Friendship Day October 3rd).

YOUTUBE PROJECT SIERRA Video site
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wJbrQTiMtc>

Chris Knight
SISWP Quadrennial Liaison: Project SIerra A Family and A Future



Dear all

The new Project Sierra film is now on Youtube -
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wJbrQTiMtc>

I hope you like it!

The film will be launched at the SI Board meeting this weekend and DVDs will be sent to Federations for distribution to clubs in August.

There will also be a link to the film direct from the project website and SI website — give those organizing this a few days please.

I hope the film gives even more encouragement to members to support our SI Project for the coming Biennium!

with Soroptimist friendship

Alison Sutherland
SI Quadrennial Project Liaison 2007-11
Project Sierra: a Family and a Future

“If we value independence, if we are disturbed by the growing conformity of knowledge, of values, of attitudes, which our present system induces, then we may wish to set up conditions of learning which make for uniqueness, for self-direction, and for self-initiated learning.” ~ Carl Rogers

HOT OFF THE PRESSES ...

On August 6th I sent an email to Judith Pasco, Board Chair of Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation. This is one of the organizations we have been supporting since it started four years ago.

Judith replied within hours saying she had just returned that morning from Chiapas. Not only that, Judith made the time to write up a review of the trip and included pictures. Wow! What an amazing woman! Why isn't she a Soroptimist yet? Here is Judith's update on the progress in Chiapas. ~kp

CHIAPAS UPDATE

Linda Finch, treasurer, and I were in San Cristobal de las Casas for two weeks.

We are funding a series of workshops (7 in all) proposed by one of the communities, and were able to go and attend one of them. It was on gender equity, and the 25 attendees would then take what they learned back to their own communities. We were very impressed by the way it was run, the range in age of the attendees, and the fact that four men were attending. Each workshop lasts a day and a half and all costs are paid for those attending.



Claudia, Scholarship Recipient

There are now 15 girls and women on scholarship. This includes three adult women who requested help so they could complete primary education, and we were delighted to give it. Each of the seven communities now has a laptop...we carried the last two down this trip. We are experimenting with solar lights so that girls can study and women can sew after dark, whether or not there is electricity. Each community has a solar light and we are awaiting feedback.



Judith giving Tooth Brushing instructions

Fourteen women and girls received eye exams this trip. Eleven of them needed glasses. We were able to take care of the exams and the glasses.

Linda and I attended three days of the women's bi-monthly workshops. I gave a tooth brushing lesson and distributed brushes and toothpaste donated by two local Sequim dentists. There was an all-day computer lesson, a talk on the best ways to sell handicrafts in markets (complete with role-playing), and another talk by a local organization on what the results of the July elections in Mexico could mean for the indigenous.

And just so you know, our fourth annual Dia de Muertos dinner and auction (and boy, do we have some great stuff!!) is on October 31.



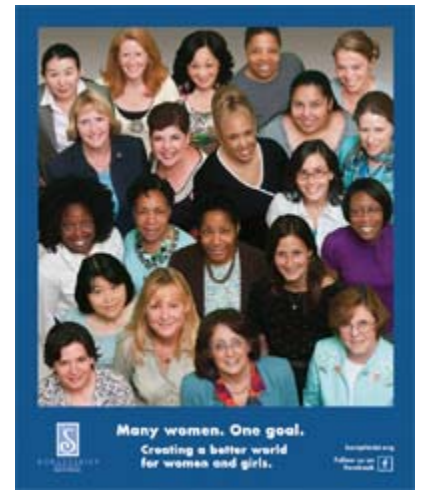
All-Day Computer Seminar

"Education and example are the mothers of leadership" ~ Albert Schweitzer

EXCERPTS FROM THE JULY SOROPTIMIST SUMMARY

The New York Times Magazine Ad

SIA is proud to announce that the **August 23, 2009**, issue of *The New York Times* will contain a full-page ad promoting SIA. This issue of *The Times* will focus on the economic empowerment of women, and will provide the perfect showcase to create awareness about Soroptimist. By promoting Soroptimist, we will increase the impact of SIA programs and attract new members to achieve our mission. This awareness effort will benefit all clubs in the federation—even those outside of North America—as *The Times* is read throughout the world. SIA is asking members and clubs to make a voluntary contribution to support this special awareness effort. Contributing is easy!



- Donate through Soroptimist's online widget <http://www.soroptimist.org/members/index.html>
- Contribute using your secure login at the Soroptimist website <http://www.soroptimist.org/donate/Contribution.html>
- Download the Soroptimist donor form: <http://www.soroptimist.org/pdf/donationform.pdf>

View from Corporate Relations

SIA's newest partner, Love/Avon Army of Women, is excited to announce the launch of the Army of Women Foot Soldier

Program. As a Foot Soldier, you will help in recruiting one



million women of every age and ethnicity to step up, sign up, and take part in breast cancer research. If you are up to the challenge and ready to do more visit: http://www.armyofwomen.org/Foot_Soldiers to read more about the program and to fill out the Foot Soldier application. Help us take the Army of Women to the next level—one million women strong!

Program Updates

Distributing award applications has never been easier! Clubs can email writeable Women's Opportunity and Violet Richardson award applications to prospective applicants and partner organizations. Applicants and their references can complete the writable forms and email them back to the club contact person.

Materials for The Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women (formerly the Making a Difference for Women Award) are updated and ready for clubs to use to launch their 2009-2010 project. Also view the new report about last year's region finalists: <http://www.soroptimist.org/members/program/ProgramDocs/MakingDiffWomenAwards/English/08-09MDWARegionHonoreeBios.pdf>.

Check out updated 2009-2010 program materials <http://www.soroptimist.org/members/program/programresources.html>—forms, resources and tips for administering all the federation programs.

Anne K. Ream (2008 Soroptimist Making a Difference for Women Award recipient) has launched a new website for girls. Girl 360: <http://www.girl360.net/index.php> aims to provide “tweens” with advice, columns, stories about successful women and empowering T-shirt logos.

Soroptimist International of Southern England Region of SIGBI is offering an opportunity for a Soroptimist to visit, share and exchange experiences for a period of three to four weeks between mid-June–mid-July 2010. For more information visit: <http://www.soroptimist.org/members/program/programresources.html#SI>.

Spotlight on Soroptimists

Are you, or a Soroptimist you know, doing something special in your personal, professional or volunteer life? If so, tell us about it in 500 words or less. Your story could be highlighted on the Soroptimist website and in “Spotlight on Soroptimists,” a column coming soon to *Best for Women* magazine. Email your story to SIA's Communications Assistant Laurie Graf laurie@soroptimist.org or mail to 1709 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

“To love what you do and feel that it matters—how could anything be more fun?” ~ **Katherine Graham**

A WHALE OF A MESSAGE

One of the advantages to being on the Soroptifun Chatline is receiving humorous messages that offer wonderful lessons, new insights, and meaning that we can take to heart. Here is one of those, from an email sent “Warmly from Down-Under by Meryl Caldwell-Smith AM, SI Goulburn.Region of NSW.SISWP”. Thank you, Meryl, for caring and sharing! ~kp

Recently, in a large French city, a poster featuring a young, thin and tanned woman appeared in the window of a gym.

It said: **“THIS SUMMER DO YOU WANT TO BE A MERMAID OR A WHALE?”**

A middle aged woman, whose physical characteristics did not match those of the woman on the poster, responded publicly to the question posed by the gym.

To Whom It May Concern:

Whales are always surrounded by friends (dolphins, sea lions, curious humans). They have an active sex life, they get pregnant and have adorable baby whales. They have a wonderful time with dolphins, stuffing themselves with shrimp. They play and swim in the seas, seeing wonderful places like Patagonia, the Barren Sea and the coral reefs of Polynesia. Whales are wonderful singers and have even recorded CDs. They are incredible creatures and virtually have no predators other than humans. They are loved, protected and admired by almost everyone in the world.



Mermaids don't exist. If they did exist, they would be lining up outside the offices of Argentinean psychoanalysts due to identity crisis. Fish or human? They don't have a sex life because they kill men who get close to them, not to mention how could they have sex? Therefore they don't have kids either. Not to mention who wants to get close to a girl who smells like a fish store?



The choice is perfectly clear to me; I want to be a whale.

P.S. We are in an age when media puts into our heads the idea that only skinny people are beautiful, but I prefer to enjoy an ice cream with my kids, a good dinner with a man who makes me shiver and a coffee with my friends. With time we gain weight because we accumulate so much information and wisdom in our heads that when there is no more room it distributes out to the rest of our bodies. So we aren't heavy, we are enormously cultured, educated and happy. Beginning today, when I look at my butt in the mirror I will think, “Good gosh, look how smart I am!”



LETTERS OF GRATITUDE

Six of the high school scholarship recipients sent notes of appreciation. Some bedding and household items were donated to Serenity House for one young mother and her daughter. A very special handwritten thank you came in from the woman and her daughter! ~kp

To Soroptimist International of Sequim,

Thank you so very much for awarding me the 2009 Ruth Mogan Memorial Scholarship. I was very pleasantly surprised to hear I was receiving it. I hope to someday make you all very proud as the next trainer in the NFL .

Than you again!
Ferrol Paulsen

Dear Women of Soroptimist,

Thank you very much for this award. I will use the money towards my tuition at Evergreen State College where I will study theatre and education. This money really helps me and I cannot thank you enough.

Again, thanks so much for helping me!
Maggie McDougal (Fine Arts Scholarship)

Sequim Soroptimist,

Thank you so much for the scholarship!! I really appreciate you selecting me for the Kathro Stevens Memorial Scholarship when I am sure there were many worthy candidates. By giving me this scholarship, you are allowing me to go to my dream college. I cannot wait for the different adventures college will bring. I'm excited about the fact that for the first time ever. I will get to choose what I get to learn! Also thank you so much for the nice reception that you held for us to present the awards; the breakfast was really delicious. Thanks so much for all your support over the years and I really hope that I can keep you up to date with everything I am doing at school during the next four years!

Thank you all so much!
Amanda Tjemsland

Dear Soroptimist International of Sequim,

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship. I appreciate your thoughtfulness very much. Next week, I will be going to UW to start undergraduate research with a Civil Engineering professor. This will continue throughout the summer. Once again, thank you so much for the scholarship. It will really help me as I pursue my dreams.

Sincerely,
Kari Hankins (Tom Southard Scholarship)

Dear Soroptimists,

Again thank you for the scholarship. It will help a lot when I go to school in the fall. I am excited to start this new phase of my life. Your gift will help me make that a positive beginning.

Katelyn Campen (Vocational-Technical Scholarship)

Dear Soroptimist International of Sequim,

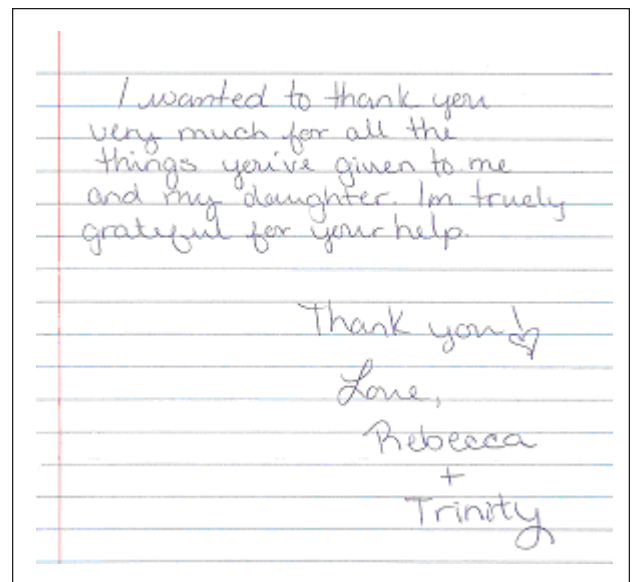
Thank you so much for awarding me the Linda Wood Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000. It will be extremely helpful in achieving my goal in life. I really appreciate all the time and effort you put forth. Thank you again for everything!

Sincerely,
Katie Gallauer



Dear Soroptimists,

Thank you for the support! Our Sequim Family Shelter and Cornerstone Families sincerely appreciates your kindness.

Love,
Pam S
Case Manager
Serenity House



August 2009

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September 2009

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|-----|---|--|---|-----|--------------------|---|
| | | 1 | 2 Sherry Schubert  | 3 | 4 BOARD MEETING | 5 |
| 6 | 7 Nina Jones Labor Day   | 8 Business Meeting | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Health Fair  |
| 20 | 21 | 22 Program Meeting Autumn Begins  | 23 Sally Sue Barry  | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Michelle Barth  | | | |

Late August by John Bohm

“Let me enjoy
this late-summer day of my heart
while the leaves are still green
and I won't look so close
as to see that first tint
of pale yellow slowly creep in.
I will cease endless running
and then look to the sky
ask the sun to embrace me
and then hope she won't tell
of tomorrows less long than today.
Let me spend just this time
in the slow-cooling glow
of warm afternoon light
and I'd think
I will still have the strength
for just one more
last fling of my heart.”



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