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

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*“Everyone must take
time to sit and watch
the leaves turn.”
~Elizabeth Lawrence*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

During my short vacation, while Missy filled in wonderfully, I reflected on the changing season. The changing colors, clear crisp morning air, and sunny blue skies, always herald in a sense of newness.

I see this in our club as well. We have new members taking on new roles, new programs, changes in old programs, new members, and a different focus. It is amazing all the things we get involved in right out of the starting gate.

We had a Soroptimist table at the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party to support other women going through breast cancer. We just finished the Free Clinic Fun Walk, a booth at the Health Fair and one at the Open Aire Market. Members had a fun time doing crafts for the 5th Tuesday social – we may even see them at the upcoming Party-Party on November 7.

The Garden Show Core Committee already has lots of plans and the art has been selected. Once this club starts the year, we really move ahead quickly. I’m excited about the many opportunities that Missy has lined up for helping women of domestic violence. I look forward to working with all of you as we accomplish much to help the lives of women and girls. Even though it is Fall, all of the exciting changes and new faces make it seem like Spring.

“Autumn is a second Spring, when every leaf is a flower.” ~ Albert Camus

President Rose



“You must take personal responsibility. You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons, or the wind, but you can change yourself. That is something you have charge of.” ~ Jim Rohn

Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

Have you ever looked at something and seen two extremes at the same time? You might call it a visual oxymoron.



A few weeks ago Rob and I – and dog Abby – drove to Mount St. Helens. It was going to be our maiden voyage; we had never been there before. The temperature was in the 60's, with partly cloudy skies. What a picture perfect day for it. This was Abby's first long car ride and she had enough excitement for all of us.

As we got close to Mount St. Helens we saw small stands of Douglas fir trees along the highway. Glancing at them something seemed odd, but I couldn't put my finger on it. After passing many groves, I finally mentioned it to Rob. He had noticed it too. Gazing at the woods they appeared blurry – much like a double exposed photo. The trees were close together and looked very similar to one another. They were all so close – both in proximity and in structure – it was difficult to see where one ended and the next one began. They were melded together visually.



Suddenly my mind went to Soroptimist – not because we are all the same in appearance, but rather, because of the opposite. Soroptimists are a diverse group of women from different walks of life, from different communities and different countries, who come together, work together, succeed together.

Looking at the groves of trees from a distance, there is one united green picture. Getting closer, we see blurry trees, somewhat hard on the eyes; going even closer we see individual trees and their branches. What we see depends on where we stand.

In a way we are a bit like those trees. Together we present a united organization. But if we were all the same, we would be like the blurry trees. It's important that we let our own unique expressions of life spring forth. Diversity creates not only unity, but a beautiful view to see. Up close, as individuals, we reach out to sister Soroptimists and support one another. We have an opportunity to do that – at the District 1 Meeting the last weekend of October. We have a chance to Plant Possibilities to Grow a Better World.

I am grateful to stand side by side with my Soroptimist sisters. When we coalesce, we stay focused and we see the whole picture clearly. We grow as individuals and as an organization as we live the Soroptimist mission of improving the lives of women and girls in our local communities and throughout the world.

With Gratitude and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 9 Board Meeting
- 13 Business Meeting
(GOM Oct & Nov)
- 27 Program Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 6 Board Meeting
- 10 Business Meeting
- 21 Domestic Violence info
handout at Safeway
- 24 Program Meeting

* EVENING MEETING



“The dissenter is every human being at those moments of his life when he resigns momentarily from the herd and thinks for himself.”

~ Archibald Macleish



“We are all something, but none of us are everything.”

~ Blaise Pascal



“Love does not consist of gazing at each other, but in looking together in the same direction.”

~ Antoine de Saint-Exupery

“The creative is the place where no one else has ever been. You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition. What you'll discover will be wonderful. What you'll discover is yourself.”
~ Alan Alda

Celebrate Life!

BIRTHDAYS



OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

- 2 Mayme Faulk
- 6 Kathleen DeJong
- 16 Gail Bush
- 20 Jean Stratton
- 26 Heidi Hansen
- 28 Marilyn Hooser



Note the phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

504-0231



MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET
Societies International of Societies
504-0231
(This is a loan closet)
4002 N. Steadman AVENUE
Access from the Seattle High School Auditorium
(By appointment only)

KIDS KLOSET

Fall has arrived and before we know it, the cold weather will be upon us. Below is a list of some items that would help the foster children. We're not ready for another collection just yet, but when you're out an about you might consider some of these for the Kids Kloset. Bare Necessities are always needed and welcomed.

- Gloves
- Hats
- Jackets
- Pajamas – warm
- Girls Jeans, size 12-15



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- *See the latest products from your favorite Home Party Consultants!*
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Saturday, November 7, 200
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

PIONEER PARK Garden Club Building

Bag Ladies Update

We put out the call for helpers – fabric cutters, sewers, flower makers – and volunteers signed up. Our goal is to have 10 bags made and ready for sale at the Party-Party on November 7. Some of our members have already staked their claim on a bag or two. Those who are sewers, it would be great if you could get the completed bags back to Amanda Beitzel by November 1.



SOROPTIMIST DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

The Leadership Puzzle

A Professional Development Workshop is scheduled for **October 30, 1:00-5:00PM** in Seattle, at the Doubletree Guest Suites/Southcenter. New and tenured leaders will find value in this fast paced, interactive half day workshop that explores the Leadership Puzzle – One Piece at a Time! This is a perfect lead into a wonderful District Meeting!

MENU MADNESS - NOT!

We have an amazing club! When the idea of pre-ordering breakfast was introduced, I wasn't sure how it would be received by our members. But thanks to you, the process is running smoothly! I'm happy to report that most members are e-mailing their selections to me before the meeting...greatly cutting down on serving time. I really appreciate your help! ~ Missy



CONTINUING EDUCATION RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

Soroptimist International of Sequim announces the award of three, \$1,000 Continuing Education Scholarships. These scholarships are funded exclusively from monies raised by the Sequim club, primarily at the Annual Gala Garden Show the third weekend of March. This year's winners, all 2007 Sequim High School graduates, are:

Allison Tjemsland, currently a junior at Yale University. Allison is pursuing double majors in History and International Studies. Her future goals include becoming a volunteer for the Peace Corps after graduation from Yale, followed by further education leading to Masters and Law degrees. Eventually she hopes to pursue a career involving indigenous rights and advocacy either in the United States or Latin America.

Hannah Ohnstad, also a 2009 graduate of Peninsula College, is transferring to the University of Washington Nursing School this fall to pursue a BSN. During her time as a student at Peninsula College, she has also worked as a Certified Nurse Aid. Hannah's goal beyond a Bachelors degree from UW is to further her education to become a Nurse Practitioner.

Jenna Hall, a student at Western Washington University, will be entering that school's Woodring College of Education this fall as a junior. Along with an elementary education major, she is pursuing endorsements in English and reading. Jenna's goal is to take her passion for literature and writing and applying it to the classroom as a middle school language arts teacher.

You're Invited to the 13th Annual WIN/Women In Networks Celebration

Featuring Keynote Speaker:

**State Representative and House Majority Leader
LYNN KESSLER**



Representative Kessler is serving her ninth term representing the 24th District and her eleventh year as Majority Leader. Fueled by her passion for education and women's issues, she has been a long-time supporter of the *WIN Program*.

**Wednesday, October 28, 2009
7:00 – 9:00 PM
Oak Table Café, Sequim
292 W Bell Street, Sequim**



Please join us for a dessert buffet.

There is no charge to attend this event. However, to ensure enough tasty desserts, please R.S.V.P. to: **Mitzi Sanders 582-3631**,
mitzi@sequim.k12.wa.us OR win@sisequim.com

WIN Program at Peninsula College a.k.a. Michelle's Big Birthday Adventure

September 30th...a sunny fall day...perfect for our annual ROPES Course adventure! Mitzi Sanders & 33 Sequim High School girls arrived on the big yellow bus at 9:00 am ready for a day of fun, challenges and camaraderie in the woods of Peninsula College. Our Soroptimist club was well-represented by Michelle Barth (WIN Chair), Gail Bush, Deborah Carlson, Kate Creasey and Missy Church-Smith!



Peninsula College facilitators led the group in icebreaking & trust-building activities. Some of the girls were apprehensive, a little nervous and anxious to learn about the more challenging activities. Others – some of whom were attending for a 2nd, 3rd or even 4th time – welcomed the chance to push their limits yet again! Once everyone appeared to be relatively comfortable in this new environment, we moved on to a new level. Teams of girls walked wire cables strung between trees; balance, focus and assistance from fellow wire-walkers were key in the success of the entire team! We “older girls” decided to sit this one out, as it would probably take us “many hours or even days” to accomplish this task!!



We took a break for lunch. Then we went on to the “high” adventures – climbing a 38’ high tree, stepping onto a platform, jumping to a trapeze bar, and coming back to the ground – YIKES!! OR – climbing to a high wire cable and balancing by holding onto hanging ropes. Most of the girls participated (all events are optional)...AND each was strapped into a safety harness...so there were no injuries...until...



Michelle Barth, celebrating her birthday, decided to push her own limits. She climbed the tree, leaped from the platform, caught the trapeze bar...and then saw blood. Apparently her ring had caught on the bar...cracked and sliced her finger. She was lowered to the ground quickly – and taken off to the emergency room. Two stitches and lots of gauze bandages later, we headed back to Sequim. Michelle was aching, but happy that the injury was minor and that the day had been so successful and “mostly” fun!

Missy Church-Smith, WIN Committee Member



Domestic Violence Campaign Kick-Off

On September 22, 2009 Becca Korby, Executive Director of Healthy Families of Clallam County, kicked off our 2009-10 Domestic Violence Campaign, as she spoke to 30+ SI members and guests about the realities and impact of domestic violence in Sequim and on the Peninsula. The statistics are staggering and shocked many of us out of a "...not in MY backyard" mindset. Becca went on to share her personal experiences, as well as those of her children; her passion springs from knowing all too well the horrors of domestic violence and the long-term effects on all family members.



She educated us...inspired us...and challenged us to be agents of awareness, change and JOY! Now let's become those agents! Please review the Domestic Violence Flier e-mailed to all members and let me know which activities tap into your talents and spirit! We'll form working committees to address each activity and begin sharing our blessings and spreading our joy!

- Missy Church-Smith, Programs Chair

"The world is not a problem; the problem is your unawareness." ~ Bhagwan Shree

"The greatness of a craft consists firstly in how it brings comradeship to men." ~ Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Coffee & Crafts - 5th Tuesday Social

What a fun evening!! Ten Soroptimists gathered at the Calvary Chapel Coffee Shop to share dinner, conversation and craft instruction. Many thanks to **Kate Creasey** for organizing and hosting this activity. She arranged for the beautiful venue, provided kits of materials and great directions that even I (who is missing the "craft gene") could follow! Kate also was the Barista – brewing wonderful espresso & whipping up Italian Sodas...yum! After dinner, we selected our kits and let the creative juices flow; our finished product was a Post-It Note cover. Check out the beautiful and unique designs in the photograph...we carried our creations home with pride!



Thanks to all the Chefs, Crafters & Conversationalists who made this evening so entertaining: Sally Sue Barry, Amanda Beitzel, Gail Bush, Jan Chapman, Kate Creasey, Kathleen DeJong, Nina Jones, Jane Manzer, Willadee Tallman and Missy Church-Smith.

~Missy Church-Smith, Programs Chair



SI SEQUIM FARES WELL AT HEALTH FAIR

The 6th Annual Olympic Peninsula Health Fair was held at Sequim High School on September 19. This is the fourth year our club participated. Although we missed the first two years of the Health Fair we're making up for it.

As four of us were setting up, Sally Sue called me on my cell phone asking what equipment she should bring; we decided on a transport chair. No sooner had I hung up, when a woman from another booth came over. She wanted to know if we had a wheelchair to loan, or could get a wheelchair, for one of the visitors at the fair. I called Sally Sue back and handed my cell phone to the woman.

Our Medical Loan Closet (MLC) is a storage unit (2 units actually) located across the street from the high school. The woman made arrangements for someone to go over to meet Sally Sue, fill out the necessary paper work and pick up a wheelchair. This all happened before the fair was even open! Soroptimist are ever diligent, compassionate and flexible.

Later we saw the recipient of the wheelchair being accompanied by her daughter. Wow! That was a wonderful feeling! And a great example of living our mission of improving the life of women and girls.

Many people who stopped by our booth were familiar with our Medical Loan Closet. One woman said she had just returned a wheelchair the previous week. Hey, maybe that's the one that was loaned out that very morning!

Some people had not heard of our MLC, or even Soroptimist. This gave us an opportunity to share information and educate them about who we are and what we do. We handed out brochures about the Medical Loan Closet and magnets that have the MLC phone number – with BIG numbers. When visitors said they didn't need equipment, I mentioned that the MLC might not be something they needed, but perhaps it would be helpful to someone they know – a family member, friend or neighbor.

We also had a few women who inquired about Soroptimist and possible membership in our club. They received a rack card, a prospective member brochure and welcoming conversation.

Thanks to the members who participated this year: Amanda Beitzel, Kate Creasey, Missy Church-Smith, Kathleen DeJong, Betsy Johnson, Kathy Purcell, and Sandy Reed.

Kathy Purcell, Co-Chair Communication/Image (CI)



MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET
Savannah International of Sequim
504-0231
(This is local number)
600 N Sequim Avenue
Sequim from the Sequim High School Auditorium
(for equipment only)

Need Medical Equipment?
Let Soroptimist International of Sequim's
Medical Loan Closet
help you.
504-0231
(local number)
Medical equipment loaned FREE of charge.
The deductible amounts are graciously accepted to maximize our equipment.

A Little Help Can Make a Big Difference

**“Want of care does us more damage than want of knowledge.”
~ Benjamin Franklin**

SI SEQUIM HAS OPEN AIRE ABOUT THEM

SI Sequim was scheduled to have the free community booth at the Open Aire Market on Saturday, September 26. On Friday President-Elect Missy made a suggestion to offer raffle tickets for a hand-made quilt which was donated by Willadee Tallman. The proceeds will go to Healthy Families of Clallam County/Domestic Violence. Our Board liked the idea.

It was chilly Saturday morning when Mayme and I set up. But it was mostly sunny – an invitation for people to get out and go to the market. We found a creative way of displaying the quilt. It actually was a draw to our booth, perhaps because of the bright fall colors.

We had brochures and magnets for our Medical Loan Closet on the table, as well as prospective new member info. During my time at the booth, I spoke with one potential new member – a vendor at our Garden Show a few years ago. We also had ‘Save the Date’ cards for the Party-Party!

We collected \$39 that day for domestic violence survivors. We will be offering raffle tickets again to the public during the Domestic Violence Awareness handout day at Safeway on November 21. If you would like a chance to own this beautiful quilt, we will also have raffle tickets at our October and November meetings. The winning raffle ticket will be pulled at our Program Meeting on November 24.

Many thanks to: Cathy Angel, Kate Creasey, Kathleen DeJong, Mayme Faulk, Kathy Purcell, Alana Schmicker, Dale Simon and who helped market Soroptimist at the Open Aire Market.

~Kathy Purcell, Co-Chair C/I Committee



FOUNDERS DAY

On October 3, 1921, just after women won the right to vote...before women were offered business opportunities, before they could own property, Soroptimist International was founded in Oakland, California. They chose their name from two Latin words meaning “best for women.”

MEMBERSHIP IS GROWING

SI Sequim is off to a great start for 2009/10! Our club has another new member, Laverne Fryxell. Laverne is a relatively new resident of Sequim, one year this month. She hails from Chicago. Welcome! Look for her bio in next month’s newsletter.

We also have five more interest packets out and we’re hoping that these ladies join also. More networking, more interesting people, more community volunteers, more women helping women. More is better, I always knew it! New member packets are available from Deb Carlson and at each meeting.

Deb Carlson, Membership Chair

MAD HATTER’S TEA PARTY

Fighting for the Cure - taking off the gloves, putting on the Hats...



Kathleen, Kate, President-Elect Missy, Ann Salmon.



President-Elect Missy hand delivers our donation at the Mad Hatter Tea Party

Money raised for the Mad Hatter’s Fund is available for uninsured or underinsured women to pay for their annual Mammograms through Family Planning of Clallam County.

SI SEQUIM GOES THE MILE FOR WELLNESS

Guy Cole Convention Center at Carrie Blake Park was the venue for the 6th Annual Dungeness Valley Health and Wellness Free Clinic Fun Walk, held on Saturday, October 3.

Four members of SI Sequim volunteered to walk the walk. (Our team was sponsored by Computer Solutions.) Although this may seem like a small number, there were many teams of four that day. Our team all wore signs with the SI Logo, tagline and mission – our Badge of Honor.

Entering the building we saw a table with our club's name on it. The table next to us was the Sequim *Gazette*. I spent some time talking with Julie Speelman, who is new to the paper. I told her a little about Soroptimist and suggested she consider checking us out. She expressed an interest and I suspect we will see her at a meeting soon. Julie's dad, Larry, was at the table with her. Interestingly enough, Larry is part of group that meets for breakfast every Tuesday morning at the Mariner's Café. We'll certainly see him there.

We put out Medical Loan Closet brochures and magnets on all the tables. It was another way of educating the community about what we have to offer. Amanda Beitzel brought a transport chair, which we planned to push along the one mile route. That transport chair sure has gotten a workout recently, and a lot of PR.

Our team was asked to be sweepers on the one mile trek – no broom was involved. A sweeper walks the route last and helps anyone who may be stopped due to an injury, etc. Maybe they save the best till last. I'm happy to report we encountered no injuries.

After the walkers returned to the Convention Center, we noticed some question cards on the table with multiple-choice answers. John Beitzel, Immediate Past President of the Clinic Board, went through the questions asking those in attendance to raise their hands when their choice was read. It was interesting to learn some facts about our local health care. Then awards were presented for various things including: most sponsors, most money raised, most members on a team, etc. There were also prizes. Both Ann Salmon and Amanda Beitzel won! Hey, that's 50% of our team! The Free Clinic Walk raised over \$13,000. This money will help supply basic medical care to the uninsured or underinsured in the Sequim-Dungeness Valley.

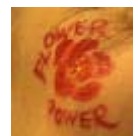
Thanks to Amanda Beitzel, Mayme Faulk and Ann Salmon for joining me on the walk in the park.

~Kathy Purcell, Co-Chair C/I Committee

“Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship.” ~ Buddha



Amanda with her red Flower Power flower. (matchy-matchy)



Registering Invitations to Garden Show Vendors

Your Vendor Registration Team (Kathy & Jenni) planned to get letters out to the vendors on October 1. But to our surprise, the club's web hosting company was experiencing difficulties that day. What are the chances of that happening! By 10:30 that night, after countless attempts, we put to bed the idea of accomplishing that – and then did the same with ourselves. A good night's sleep is a great elixir.

We're happy to report that letters have been sent to all of last year's Garden Show vendors, inviting them to join us as vendors for 2010. Most of these went out via email. Those without internet access received their invitation packets via the US postal system, a.k.a. snail-mail. Vendors are already starting to send in their applications!

Early next month we will be sending invitation packets to prospective new vendors. If you know of anyone selling garden related items who might be interested in being a vendor at the 12th Annual Gala Garden Show, please let Jenni know or send an email to vendors@sequimgardenshow.com.

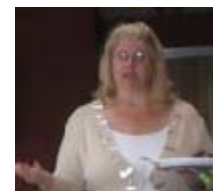
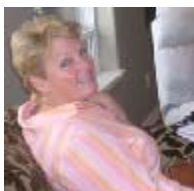
Kathy and Jenni



Planting Possibilities!



The Core Garden Show Committee at work



Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation

Fourth Annual Día de Los Muertos Celebration

Saturday, October 31

Including Dinner and program about Chiapas, Mexico and Silent and Live Auction
Featuring the best and biggest selection yet of weavings, handicrafts, clothing,
ornaments and jewelry from Chiapas...perfect for holiday gift giving

Doors open at 5:30 pm for dinner and silent auction

Suggested donation \$15. No one will be turned away for lack of funds

Sequim Prairie Grange, 290 Macleay Road

For further information call: 683-8979



Act Now!

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Join the Love/Avon Army of Women



Soroptimist is a proud partner of the Love/Avon Army of Women campaign. The campaign's goal is to sign up 1 million women to assist researchers in eradicating breast cancer and improving the quality of women's health.

The Love/Avon Army of Women campaign enables women to directly participate in breast cancer research. As a registered volunteer with the Army of Women, you will receive email updates announcing new research studies looking for volunteers.

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among women. Currently, over 4 million women worldwide are living with breast cancer. In the U.S. alone, nearly 200,000 new cases of breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed this year.

By becoming a member of the Army of Women, you can help researchers learn how to prevent breast cancer and end this devastating disease. The Army of Women needs women of all ages, ethnicities and risk factors—whether you have had breast cancer or not.

Act Now! Join the movement to go beyond the cure. Join the Love/Avon Army of Women. <http://www.armyofwomen.org/>. Watch Dr. Susan Love speak about breast cancer and the Love/Avon Army of Women on the Today Show: <http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/26184891/vp/33120616#33120616>.

To learn more about women and breast cancer, read the Soroptimist white paper on breast cancer and low-income women http://www.soroptimist.org/whitepapers/wp_bcliw.html.

She is Gone

You can shed tears that she is gone
or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back
or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember her and only that she's gone
or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
or you can do what she'd want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. One of our Past International Presidents (PIP) Lynn Dunning lived with this disease for over a decade. PIP Lynn's untimely passing has left a void in the hearts of many. The following excerpt from the Lancashire Telegraph tells only part of her story. The Love goes on...

FROM THE LANCASHIRE TELEGRAPH

Friday 25th September 2009

Darwen headteacher was due to collect woman of year award

A HEADTEACHER who lost her 10-year battle with cancer this week has been named Lancashire Woman of the Year.

Darwen Vale High School headteacher Lynn Dunning was told three days before her death on Tuesday night that she had been chosen for the award.

A former international president of Soroptimist International, she was due be awarded the Barnardo's Lancashire Woman of the Year title at a ceremony in Mitton Fold Hotel, Langho.

The 55-year-old, a former deputy head of Woodhey High School in Ramsbottom, was said to have been "honored and thrilled" when she was told she would receive the prestigious accolade.

"Lynn was always very caring and she was fantastic in the way she could motivate people."

"She had brilliant ideas and turned a school that was failing into a success – all while she was fighting cancer."

During Mrs Dunning's time as president of Soroptimist International, she helped raise more than £1million to help women survivors of war. She also spearheaded a project to help woman and children in Sierra Leone.

Charlotte Sewell, of Barnardo's North West, said: "The Lancashire Woman of the Year award is given to women who work really hard and put every effort into what they believe in.

"Lynn was a headteacher in her working life and beyond that she was international president of the Soroptimists and she put an awful lot of work in and always went above and beyond her duties.

"She was phenomenal in the way she carried on whilst she was battling cancer and she is a inspiration to us all."

Mrs Dunning had been fighting the disease since she took up the headteacher post in the Darwen school from Woodhey High in 1999.

HITTING THE ROAD - In Sequim

A Week in the Life of the New Dungeness Light Station by Deborah Groesbeck



Our home for the week.....isolated, lovely, and very comfy. Three bedrooms, two baths, dining room, living room, kitchen, game area and laundry room in the basement. Built in 1925, it has been updated and restored. The light station is on the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the National Park Service.

*“A fallen lighthouse is more dangerous than a reef.”
~Proverbs*



Did you know the spit is still growing? The light station, originally built about 800 feet from the spit's end, now sits over one-half mile west of the tip. The peninsula continues to grow 15 to 30 feet each year as silt from the New Dungeness River and sand accumulates at the east end.

*“Inside my empty bottle I was constructing a lighthouse while all the others were making ships.”
~ Charles Simic*



Cheap entertainment! This BIG fellow lazed along in the surf on his back for half an hour, drifting down the beach. We also saw submarines transiting the strait on four different days, complete with two Coast Guard escort ships and two submarine tenders providing protection. Even saw a few cruise ships pass by.



Full moon over Dungeness Bay and the end of the spit. It paid to stay up late and get up early for the incredible views and the wildlife. Most days we could view 20-30 seals and pups lying in the sun all day. Mature and young eagles, and up to 43 species of birds were seen on the spit during our week there. There always seemed to be something going on and something to watch.



Chores consisted of giving light station tours to visitors (127 people), watering and mowing the grass, vacuuming and cleaning the light station daily, polishing its brass, and washing windows in the keeper's house. Finally we celebrated our week's work with wine delivered via kayak by a friend.



A QUESTION OF QUESTIONS



The first full month of the Fall Season is October. This month's question is:
“What do you think of when the Fall season arrives? What do you like about Fall?”

I think of all the lovely fall colors and leaves. I love the gorgeous fall days that start out crisp and cool, turn to sunny and warm and end up crisp and cool again.

President Rose

Fall is my favorite time of year - I love the crisp, clean air, hot apple cider and harvesting my garden. If only we could just skip winter and go straight to Spring!



Nina J.

I remember a particular day when I was about 15. We lived in Portland, OR and mom had a new light blue VW bug. We'd been out shopping, (we shared clothes), and drove up to Mt. Tabor where all of the trees were in full color. It was a sunny, windy day, leaves blowing around, gorgeous. We wandered around like a couple of girlfriends, laughing and talking, just enjoying the day. It's always been a favorite memory and she's still my best friend!



Deb C.

The cool nights, I can go to bed @6 and nobody knows & it's dark, the colors and the beginning of different decorations in my windows.



Sherry S.

When I think of the Fall season, I think of family birthdays. My two brothers have September birthdays and my Mom, Step-Dad and Sister-in-law all have October birthdays. Fall is for family birthday celebrations!



Jeanne M.

I have to admit I have conflicting thoughts about fall; I love the colors, looking forward to some of the brilliant reds and golds in trees, but I also dread the shortening days and the knowledge that winter is coming. But there are so many good things that go along with fall – Friday night lights and the sounds of high school football games coming across the field, pears and apples aplenty, and of course getting back into our Soroptimist activities full swing. Fall also brings more memories from my childhood than any other season. I think of hayrides, caramel apples, the first snowfall (which, in Montana, often came in October), raking and playing in the leaves, and even the smell of burning leaves:>)



Jane M.

Autumn meant drinking local unpasteurized apple cider and white powdered sugar mini-donuts after school, jumping in the piles of leaves in the backyard, and the crisp, cool, clear evenings.



Deborah G.

I love the Fall weather!! Beautiful sunny days and colder nights. And the harvest moon - it is spectacular right now!! The garden acts like it's Spring again - some flowers bloom one more time, the lawn springs back to life, the apples are ripe, and the trees put on their colorful show. It is a beautiful time of year.











Jan C

I love the natural light outside in Fall - softer than in summer; flattering to the faces of we who've reached a, uh, venerable age. Love the Fall foliage, and the variety of squashes available. But I need more recipes for them.










Barb T.



October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Breast Cancer Awareness Month Domestic Violence Awareness Month				1	2	3 Fun Walk 
4	5	6	7	8	9 BOARD MEETING Mad Hatters Tea 	10
11	12	13 Business Meeting	14	15 Judy Ogilvie 	16	17
18	19	20 Jeanie Blaurock 	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Cathy Angel Program Meeting— Holiday Joy 	28 WIN Kick-Off Celebration	29	30 DISTRICT MEETING	31 DISTRICT MEETING 

November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings Time 	2 Mayme Faulk 	3	4	5	6 Board Meeting Kathleen DeJong 	7
8	9	10 Business Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16 Gail Bush 	17	18	19	20 Jean Stratton 	21 Domestic Violence Handouts @ Safeway 
22	23	24 Program Meeting	25	26 Heidi Hansen Thanksgiving  	27	28 Marilyn Hoosier 
29	30					

LEAVES

by Elsie Brady



How silently they tumble down
And come to rest upon the ground
To lay a carpet, rich and rare,
Beneath the trees without a care,
Content to sleep, their work well done,
Colors gleaming in the sun.
At other times, they wildly fly
Until they nearly reach the sky.
Twisting, turning through the air
Till all the trees stand stark and bare.
Exhausted, drop to earth below
To wait, like children, for the snow.



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