



# Soropti-SCOOP

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

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"If everyone is moving  
forward together,  
then success  
takes care of itself."  
~ Henry Ford

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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### 13th Annual SOROPTIMIST GALA Garden Show

lived up to its *star* billing...*and more!*...thanks to *Garden Show Goddesses Jan & Barb ...Wonder Women Committee Chairs*...and *ALL* who participated! Comments among attendees and vendors alike were so positive...lauding the show's organization, customer focus, beautiful layout and attention to detail! Not only did we raise funds for the community, but also raised friends...and perhaps future members!

Your enthusiasm is contagious...your enthusiasm is the catalyst for exciting and worthwhile projects...and your enthusiasm is attracting interest all over the Sequim area! We've had multiple requests for more information about our club - at the Gala Garden Show, through the website, through SIA...and by word of mouth! Membership co-chairs **Amanda & Rose** are *paddling fast* to keep up with requests! I guess when women see the fun we have working together - while making a difference in the community - it's natural to want to be a part of such a wonderful organization! Thanks to you *ALL* for being so visible...and making us look so good! Welcome to our newest SI Sequim members - Lisa, Tracy and Monica - we're glad you're part of the *Family!*

Hmmm...so will things start to wind down now? *Of course not!* Here's what's coming up...

- ...Northwestern Region conference
- ...Scholarship Notebook review
- ...Irrigation Festival VIP Luncheon
- ...Recognition of 2011 High School scholarship winners
- ... Planning for the coming year - officers & board members, committees, budget
- ...Fundraising - the QSC Garage Sale
- ...Installation Dinner

...then *Ahhhh - the arrival of summer!* Of course, there will still be opportunities to get together - to clean the storage units...perhaps share lunch one day...hold committee meetings..."woman" our Lavender Festival booth...and enjoy the wonderful camaraderie of our dynamic club!

*Remember that everything you do makes a difference in someone's life...*

*President Missy*



*Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. ...Leo Buscaglia*

## Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

Planes, trains and automobiles. That seemed to be the theme in the last three weeks of March – at least for me. It started with the Garden Show loco-motive. (Our motive was not loco; it was to raise money for our local programs.) The first train (Soroptimist setup crew) arrived at the destination on Friday night, March 18<sup>th</sup>, and got busy preparing the Boys and Girls Club for our vendors. When the merchants came, they helped us transform the venue into a gardener's paradise for the two-day event.

Our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Garden Show was well attended, keeping Soroptimist members on their toes at the front entrance. A dozen new vendors joined us this year. The most common comment we heard – from vendors and visitors alike – was that it was the best show ever. Kudos to the conductor, engineer, and all the members!

The Wednesday after the Garden Show I took a red-eye flight to Illinois. That was the first episode of my plane experience. My nephew Ryan was getting married on March 26<sup>th</sup>. His parents, my brother Steve and sister-in-law Wanda, picked me up at O'Hare airport Thursday morning. I would be staying with them. Their car was the first of many automobiles that I was in and out of, over the next four days.

Thursday afternoon there was a mini-family reunion; three of my siblings were there. It gave us an opportunity to catch up, reminisce, and even be silly. Steve and Wanda's grandson Lucas stayed overnight. I had a great time playing with him.



Friday evening was the rehearsal, followed by the rehearsal dinner. The wedding was Saturday afternoon, and what a lovely ceremony it was. I'm so glad I was there to share it. Saturday evening there was a reception dinner and dancing.

A friend of Ryan's who had attended the wedding, had a flight out of O'Hare Sunday afternoon. He asked if he could ride along with us to the airport. We were both flying United – he was heading east, while I was heading west. My flight was a full one – every seat was taken. As the plane taxied the pilot announced we were taking off earlier than expected and our ETA into Seattle was about 20 minutes ahead of schedule. That turned out not to be the case.

The second episode of my plane experience was beginning. About an hour and ten minutes before we were to arrive in Seattle, we heard a flight attendant's voice ask, "If there is a doctor on board, please identify yourself." About five people got up and went to the front of the plane. Then we heard the attendant ask if anyone had a glucometer, followed by if anyone had any nitroglycerin. Soon the pilot announced we would be making an emergency stop in Spokane.

Within a few minutes medical personnel were on board to attend to the passenger. Soon we saw a gentleman wearing an oxygen mask stand up. As the medics escorted him down the aisle, everyone clapped. It was a good day.

When the doctors ran to the front of the plane it reminded me of how Soroptimists jump to action when a need arises. One example is when Toni Gore was taken ill while in Arizona on business, and couldn't get back to take care of her Garden Show café duties. Peg Rinker stepped in to help Andrea keep things running smoothly.

Whether we take planes, trains or automobiles, Soroptimists know how to get things done. We may be flying "United", but each of us reflects our individual Power of One.

Light and Love,  
Kathy Purcell, Editor



## CALENDAR

### APRIL

- 8 Board Meeting
- 12 Business Meeting
- 26 Program Meeting

### MAY

- 6 Board Meeting
- 10 Business Meeting
- 14 VIP Luncheon
- 24 Program Meeting:  
High School Scholarships
- \*31 Social

\* EVENING MEETING



**The Power of One**

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**“Truly loving another means letting go of all expectations. It means full acceptance, even celebration of another's personhood.”**  
**~Author Unknown**

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**“He who experiences the unity of life sees his own Self in all beings, and all beings in his own Self, and looks on everything with an impartial eye.”**  
**~ Buddha**

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*Celebrate Life!*



## BIRTHDAYS

### APRIL

- 2 Louella Hanson
- 14 Pamela Caldero
- 16 Lisa Pate-Green

### MAY

- 4 Jeanne Martin
- 5 Linda Stumbaugh
- 8 Marti Campbell
- 10 Sandy Reed
- 14 Marcia Beggs
- 19 Willadee Tallman
- 23 Linda Klinefelter



Note the phone number for our  
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET  
**504-0231**

## SCHOLARSHIP NOTEBOOK REVIEW

Our Scholarship Selection Evening is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 10th, 5pm** (please get there when you can after work). We will meet at the **Sunland Foursome Clubhouse**, where we recently held our Garden Show Wrap-Up potluck.

Pizza (or something similar) and beverages will be served prior to our work session, and donations toward the food cost will be appreciated. We have seven \$1,000 scholarships to award. We will break into seven groups (three person minimum is preferred) to review the pre-sorted student notebooks and select the scholarship recipients. The selection process can be time consuming, so we will want to get started on time.

A total of 20-21 members is ideal to make our review and selection process efficient, so PLEASE email me if you would like to join in this fun and always inspiring process.

I will be pre-sorting the scholarship notebooks into our seven scholarship categories earlier in the day at Sequim High School, and could use the help of two members for that as well.

Thank You All in advance for helping to select our Sequim High School scholarship recipients and for working so hard all year to fund these scholarships!

Cathy Angel, Educational Support Co-Chair



*“If I had a choice of educating my daughters or my sons because of opportunity constraints, I would choose to educate my daughters.” ~ Brigham Young*



MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET  
Soroptimist International of Sequim  
**504-0231**  
(This is a local number)  
600 N Sequim Avenue  
Sequim High School Auditorium  
(By appointment only)

## SOROPTIMIST DATES TO REMEMBER

**2011 Region Conference**  
Vancouver, WA  
April 29 – May 1, 2011



**Soroptimist International Convention**  
Quebec, Canada  
July 10 - July 14, 2011

*“It is necessary to be concerned about the importance of educating a really beautiful human spirit.”  
~Shinichi Suzuki*

## WOMEN IN NETWORKS (WIN) presents: Girl Power

On Saturday, April 16th, 8:45 AM - 1:30 PM (including lunch) at Sequim Middle School Cafeteria, we will be hosting *Girl Power*.

The day will be a full one, with self defense instruction and a presentation on Healthy Relationship – making safe choices, date rape drugs: awareness & prevention, and legal definitions of sexual harassment, rape, and domestic violence. We will also have College Campus safety, study abroad safety and healthy eating habits & fitness.

Our presenters will be:

- **Becca Korby**, Exec. Dir. of Healthy Families of Clallam County;
- Our own SI club member, **Lorraine Shore**, Clallam Co. Sheriff's Dept. of Community Policing Services Coordinator;
- Deputies **Ray Cooper** and **Jeff Finley**, Defensive Tactics Instructors;
- **Rik Napora**, Sequim HS counselor;
- **Kathleen Timperio**, Peninsula College will share her personal story;
- **Erika Vancalcar, M.S. R. D.** Registered Dietician, will talk about healthy eating habits and fitness.

All girl participants can attend for \$5, which includes a cool t-shirt, lunch, emergency whistle & hands-on instruction. Attendance is limited to 50 students.

If you would like to attend and stay for lunch, let me know and I will be sure to buy enough food. I would love to have club members stop in and see how the day goes. Let me know if you think you can make it.

Jean Stratton, WIN chair 2010-11 [jmstratton@olyphen.com](mailto:jmstratton@olyphen.com)



*“I could not, at any age, be content to take my place by the fireside and simply look on. Life was meant to be lived. Curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn his back on life.” ~ Eleanor Roosevelt*

## VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL AWARD

Soroptimist International of Sequim is accepting applications for our annual Vocational/Technical Award. The \$1,000 award is given to a female student enrolled in a non-degree program leading to a certificate or license. Some examples are: Drafting, Real Estate, Building Trades, Automotive Technology, Massage Therapy, etc. To be eligible for this award the applicant must reside in the Sequim School District or be a graduate of Sequim High School. The award funds can be used for tuition, fees, or supplies.

Applications must be received by May 15, 2011. Application packets are available on the Educational Support page of the Soroptimist International of Sequim web site, <http://www.sisequim.org/> or by email to Karen Kilgore, [karenk@olyphen.com](mailto:karenk@olyphen.com). For more information call Karen Kilgore at 477-5718.



## AWARD WINNING FOLLOW-UP

You may remember Britni Gordon, last year's club recipient of the Women's Opportunity Award. Recently Jane Manzer stopped by the Hair School in Port Angeles to see if she could learn any news of Britni. To her happy surprise Britni was there! She was studying for her State Boards. Britni is scheduled to begin work at Envy Hair Techniques on Peabody in Port Angeles later this month. Britni will get us business cards to pass along as soon as she is settled there. Keep this in mind if you need your hair cut/styled. We will have an opportunity to see first-hand what our award money has fostered.



## BACK DOOR UPDATE/CHALLENGE

*Do you like to bowl and win prizes?*

Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> 2:00 to 6:00 PM

Fundraiser for *Healthy Families* at

Laurel Lanes in Port Angeles!

The club paid \$100.00 entry

for a team of 4 or more includes

shoes, 3 games per person and a free drink coupon.

Teams choose themes or costumes to win *best/worst*,  
*cutest/ugliest*.

There will be raffles and prizes all day!

Deadline to register is Saturday, April 23rd.

Grand Prize is a trip to Victoria!

**If you'd like to be on our *SI Sequim Team*,  
contact Kathryn Haapanen 477-6816 after 5:00PM**

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## February Toothbrush Challenge

Thank you so much for all your help in supplying toothbrushes for women and children in our community and in Chiapas, Mexico; the total count was 128 toothbrushes! A special thanks to Dale Simon for all the hard shell eye glass cases as well! The Mujeres de Maize Board Chair, Judith Pasco will take 100 toothbrushes on her trip to Mexico in July 2011.

*Mucho Gracias,*  
**The Back Door Team**



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## SPRING FLING BARE NECESSITIES PIZZA PARTY

*NOFPA* (North Olympic Foster Parents Association) will host the "*Bare Necessities Pizza Party*", a program to help outfit foster kids on the Peninsula through *Kids Kloset*, on **April 14, 2011**

(6:30-8:30PM) at the Sequim Boys & Girls Club.



If you would like to donate clothing (**children's underwear, socks, summer clothing**), please give items to *Pat Brown, Kids Kloset Chair*, at our next business meeting – **Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**. She will deliver all donations to All-Safe Storage for distribution. Thank you so much for **ALL YOU DO** for women and children in our community.

*Pat Brown*, Kids Kloset



## WHAT IS THE VIP LUNCHEON?

When did it start & whose idea was this? Ruby Mantle provided the answers. As memory serves her, Ruby was working at Frontier Realty in 1972 when it all happened – by accident. Floats were parked in front of the Frontier Realty building with their respective entourage, waiting for the parade to begin. It started to rain, so the realty personnel invited the royalty & parade people inside. Ruby sent someone across the street to Edquist's grocery store to purchase food & hot chocolate for the visitors. The realty did this for 2 or 3 years before the Soroptimists took over. Ruby was a member of the club at the time.

In the 1978 festival brochure Soroptimist Pat Wry was listed as chairman of the VIP Luncheon Committee, assisted by Shirley Keller. The 3 Crabs Restaurant provided all of the food – which consisted of hot dogs, potato salad, green salad, bean salad & bread. An hour before the parade the mayor called to say that he had the McChord Air Force base marching band that needed a place to eat. Pat panicked, but when she called the restaurant, they said they would have enough food. This was still at Frontier Realty.

The Royalty Pageant did not start until 1977 & after that may have been when they started to invite the out-of-town people.

In the 1980's when Sherry Phillips headed the committee, we bought some lacy looking trays. We still use those to serve sandwich makings & chips, fruit trays with lots strawberries, veggies trays with dip & homemade cookies. We also provide coffee & punch.

Sometime in the 1990s Frontier Realty remodeled their building, dividing their large space into many small offices; it was then inconvenient to use their place. Key Bank was approached & asked if they would be willing to let us use their building. They said yes. At the time a Soroptimist member was an employee at the bank. We have been doing the VIP Luncheon there ever since.

This year the VIP Luncheon is on **May 14<sup>th</sup>**. We will need about 5 members to set up the food & hostess from 8am to 10am. And we'll need 5 more to hostess & cleanup from 10am till 12pm when the parade starts. You will have an opportunity to volunteer to bake cookies and/or hostess for the event. Sign-up sheets will be at our upcoming meetings.

Mayme Faulk, VIP Luncheon Coordinator

## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS



**DIXON, Monica** ★

We fell in love with Sequim 16 years ago upon moving to WA State, and set our goals on moving here for our post-military retirement two years ago.

We have two college-age sons in Olympia.

I have been in the health promotion industry for 25 years and continue using my PhD. to help people learn how to make lifestyle changes. I present to over 100,000 people a year, from janitors to Generals; have received numerous leadership awards and have been blessed in my second role as a military commander's wife, to be able to help others in multiple ways.

I quilt, especially long-arm, teach cooking classes, canoe and kayak, read, knit, snowshoe and spend every free moment backpacking in the Olympics.

I am very passionate about health, particularly that of children and women and how good health can change their entire life.



**PATE GREEN, Lisa** ★

I have lived in Sequim for four years. I lived in northern California for 25 years. I have one son, who lives in Seattle, and one daughter, and one cocker spaniel.

I was an administrator with a school district for 21 years. I have a Master's in Educational Administration. I was Director of Head Start in Austin, Texas, Director at Battered Women's Center in Alpine Texas; Director at Apply Blossom Festival Chamber of Commerce in Sebastopol, CA; and Director of Chamber of Commerce for the Alpine Texas Centennial Celebration.

I enjoy reading, spirituality, friends, walks, dogs, horses, and my children!

I personally do my best to purchase uncomplicated things - avoiding plastic packaging. I re-cycle and help others to also. My gasoline footprint is small. I try to protect the planet - eating vegan as much as possible.



**RUSSELL, Tracy** ★

I have lived in Sequim for two years. I liked the area and wanted to live in Washington. Prior to my move, I lived in Jackson, CA - Sierra Foothills/Gold Country.

I worked for Amador County, California as the Agency Director of Health & Human Services. I also worked in a variety of California counties as a caseworker, supervisor, program manager, and Assistant Director of Welfare Services.

I enjoy gardening, reading, travel, photography, motorcycle riding, bicycle riding, playing pool and swimming.

I am passionate about obtaining quality medical care for people. I saw many examples through the years of persons who were harmed by sub-standard or indifferent medical care.

*“No member of a crew is praised for the rugged individuality of his rowing.”  
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*



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## **Sex Trafficking....It Could Never Happen to My Family!**

*Unfortunately, it could happen to someone you know or love. Victims come from large cities and small, rural towns located throughout our country. Sex Trafficking is BIG business and it's preying on the vulnerability and innocence of our children. During January's Portland conference an Oregon family shared their frightening story.*

*A Mother's Heartbreak – Janet Kearney*

My youngest daughter had been a model daughter participating in academic pursuits, volleyball for eight years and was well-liked by friends and family. She pushed herself to achieve high grades, a large social network and become a good athlete. Her portfolio was filled with achievements. However, like many young women she wanted a boyfriend and had a difficult time finding one that suited her. In the summer of 2009, while I thought she was very busy by working two jobs to help save money for college and also spending time with friends, she actually began a relationship with a convicted sex offender. Of course, she did not know he was, but he eventually controlled her every move including communicating to me by text messaging, pretending to be her. While I assumed she was having a busy summer of work and friends, she actually was in a dangerous relationship with a young man who had a history of forcing methamphetamines on teenage girls and then using them in sexual activities. His history showed that he eventually introduces them to prostitution. I tried on several occasions to meet him, even waiting for him to show up at a local restaurant and then hearing that he was delayed at work. One of my daughter's friends did meet him and found nothing unusual about him.

Eventually he was caught in an unrelated act and we learned of our daughter's relationship. He had her convinced that if this occurred, they both had to commit suicide. After intervention, she spent months in psychiatric and rehabilitation centers. She was addicted to meth and honestly her brain had deteriorated.

As her mother, I have supported her every step of the way, but still ponder at how this happened to our daughter. I considered myself a model mother and provider. I am concerned now that if this could happen to my family, then it can happen to anyone.

*Shelby met her new boyfriend through the Internet. She soon was under his control. He kept her frightened, threatened, addicted and battered. He convinced her that he loved her. Law enforcement officers have stated that she was within one to two weeks of being whisked away.*

Sandy Reed  
Sex Trafficking Liaison



**“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all” ~ Aristotle**

## THE MOROCCO CONNECTION

A few weeks ago, I was fortunate to meet with our partners from The Gateway Medical Alliance (GMA). Dr. Michael Spiger called to say that he and his wife (Anne) would be visiting the peninsula with friends/colleagues who are from Ireland, but work with the GMA team in Morocco. In the past our excess durable medical equipment/supplies have been shipped to Morocco. Our contact person has been the administrative assistant (Helen Lucas), and Richard Olivares has been the designated driver to pick up all the donations. It was wonderful to hear how the collaboration started and the .... Rest of the story.



In 1952, Dr. Spiger lived with his family in Morocco while his father, an Air Force pilot, was stationed near Rabat. I had been to Rabat in 1973 while assigned to the U.S. Public Health Service so I was familiar with the area. His love for the country and people led him back there on a “spiritual journey” in 1995. He was guided to friends/neighbors he knew from Rabat through Air Force connections and “the Lord heard our prayers”. He actually met with the mayor of Berkane (on the Afghan border) and over tea, he explained why he wanted to help the disadvantaged.

The first container of medical supplies was shipped by an international non-governmental organization (Medical Teams International). Because of the overwhelming feedback they received, the Spigers quickly made plans to begin an effort to send more containers. Dr. Spiger took an early retirement from his medical practice to devote all his time/attention to fund raising and gathering medical supplies. His dream was unfolding as distribution and shipping teams were established in the U.S. and Morocco. Once Richard arrives back at the warehouse, all the supplies and equipment are inventoried, packed and stored, awaiting shipment from a 1,000 square foot space. When a container is completely full, it is put on a ship that eventually lands at the Port of Casablanca. GMA has a goal to triple its container shipping capacity by 2015.



In 2002, Gateway Medical Alliance was formed. As of this past month, 40+ twenty foot containers have been shipped to supply hospitals and clinics. There have been 4 containers of wheelchairs distributed and they have established a wheelchair repair facility in central Morocco. The teams also began rebuilding homes and lives after the 2004 earthquake in Al Hoceima. GMA opened the first of several therapy centers for disabled children in 2004. To complement donations of medical supplies/equipment plus its children’s therapy centers, GMA co-sponsors and organizes short term medical and dental campaigns to rural regions in partnership with Moroccan health care professionals. When a container arrives, it is met with enthusiasm as volunteers work together to unload everything while planning the distribution to the intended facilities and recipients.

A Community Development Project began in 2008 with a team of GMA experienced healthcare and administrative workers throughout a number of provinces in central Morocco. The project involves:

- **Health Education Lessons** aimed at training women about illness prevention and other health issues.
- **Literacy Classes** to help recruit teachers and set up classes for both men and women working through the Ministry of Education.
- **Education** that provides support, training and practical materials to help teachers and directors in rural schools.
- **Parent Education** to encourage greater parental involvement in children’s education, reinforcing what children learn in school to improve their chances for success.
- **Income Generating Activities** that help women adapt their traditional skills to the modern marketplace.
- **Training in Community Transformation** involves partnering with local associations to promote positive changes in their communities.

Gateway Medical Alliance serves as a catalyst to improve the lives of the poor and disadvantaged. Through all their projects they provide health care and medical supplies, bringing further medical training, medical services and cultural exchanges. They support local medical professionals and collaborate with them as they serve their communities, which often takes them to remote regions where medical services have not been available.

As I left the Spigers to enjoy some sights here on the peninsula and smell the lavender, I thought - *They prayed for the opportunity to serve the people in Morocco. The answer to their prayer has been an answer to the prayers of so many underprivileged Moroccan people that see the effect of the Spiger's Labor of Love.*

Dr. Spiger certainly is an example of the Power of One.

~ Colleen Blazier



*“One would give generous alms if one had the eyes to see the beauty of a cupped receiving hand.” ~ Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Our Medical Loan Closet offers a true benefit to the people of Sequim. Every now and then someone acknowledges our good works in a public way. Recently a member of the community, Phyllis Ann Howat, passed away. Her obituary suggested in lieu of flowers, donations could be sent to Soroptimists Medical Loan Closet. We are glad we could be there for Mrs. Howat when she needed us and we are grateful for her kindness. As we made a difference for her, she is helping us make a difference for others.



**FILLING THE TRUCK FROM GATEWAY MEDICAL ALLIANCE**



## SOS for GARAGE SALE

Our QSC **Garage Sale** on Friday and Saturday, **May 20** and **21st**. is also going to be our **Saturday of Service**. It will be held in the barn at Angel Farm. (Thank you, Cathy, for offering this facility.) Steven Rosales from the Boys & Girls Club volunteered to go out to collect large items. If you have anything that you'd like to have picked-up please let Deb Carlson know, so arrangements can be made. We will need workers for the two days. Sign-up sheets will be passed around at our next few meetings.



**SOS HISTORY**...The idea for Soroptimist SOS – Saturday of Service – was born in 2002 when nine clubs in the Phoenix, Arizona area decided to give a few hours of hands-on service to their local communities. The date they chose was the closest Saturday to International Women’s Day, March 8th. In 2003 more than 100 clubs participated worldwide and each year it increases. Although many clubs plan an activity for the same day, it is not mandatory. This year our club’s Saturday of Service will be our Garage Sale. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Boys and Girls Club in Sequim.

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## BUDGET 101

What is a budget and why is it necessary? These questions will be answered at the April Business Meeting. Your current Treasurer Twins and the soon-to-be-elected Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for 2011-2012, met to discuss the budgeting process. Below is a description of that process.

By or during the week of the Business Meeting, budget worksheets will be emailed to the current committee heads. It is their responsibility to meet with their committees (and next year’s committee heads) to determine what they would like to have included in the budget for 2011-2012. Committee heads have until **April 29th** to send their replies.

The Treasurers will meet the last weekend in April to do a preliminary budget based on what was received from the committee heads.

A budget meeting will be set for the first week in May (date TBA). Although any member is welcome, outgoing and incoming board members - as well as committee heads - are encouraged to attend.

After the budget meeting, the Treasurers will update the budget worksheet to present to the Board for review. The Board will look over the updated budget and make final recommendations.

If any of you have an item you want to have considered for next year's budget, please see the committee head who is responsible for that particular area. If you are unsure where to send your thoughts, send it to one of us and we will forward it. Keep in mind the deadline, as we want to include everyone’s needs.

Your Treasurer Twins

“Before beginning, prepare carefully” ~ *Marcus Tullius Cicero*



# Gala FUN!



More photos in the gallery:  
<http://www.lightview.net/gallery/main.php>



# Garden Show

Ladies of SI Sequim:

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making the 2011 Garden Show the best ever. We have had so many positive comments from members of the public, our vendors and each other about this year's show. Our attendance was down a bit, but our enthusiasm and smiles put us over the top. We will take all of the feedback we've received from you and from the vendors into the planning for Garden Show 2012 and see if we can, once again, make this THE gardening event on the peninsula.

Keep a look out for news & information about next year's show; be thinking about where you might want to put your talents to work. That Flower Power train is once again, taking on fuel . . . .

Jan & Barb

# Celebrating!





## A QUESTION OF QUESTIONS

**The April Newsletter Question is:** Do you have an interesting or unusual Easter story or Easter outfit you remember? You are invited to tell us about it.

I recall one Easter when our girls were young and we were living in Alaska that Jim and I decided to hide their Easter baskets outside.

We made bunny tracks in the house out of flour and followed those out the door with bunny prints in the snow. It was such fun!



Sandy R.



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Don was assigned as ROTC instructor at Sewanee Military Academy in Tennessee. SMA was an all-boys high school associated with The University of the South and the Episcopal Church.

Easter, 1985, the cadets all attended a sunrise service on the edge of the Cumberland Plateau. As a member of the faculty, Don was expected to attend, and Linda joined him. The chaplain at the academy, Dick Reece, was a good friend of ours who was frequently at our home. During the service, the elements were passed out by the Headmaster and Fr. Dick.

We were in the back row, behind the cadets, who were kneeling on cushions. As Dick served Don & me the chalice and moved on, Linda, who was not quite 2, piped up with, "More beer, Dick." The cadets who were nearby could barely contain themselves. Dick, Don & I had a hard time, too. Fortunately, the Headmaster was far enough ahead he didn't hear Linda. (He would not have been amused.)

"More beer, Dick," became a family joke.

Sally Sue B.



One year while I was living with friends, their two young grandsons (6 & 8) came to stay for the Easter weekend. Late Saturday afternoon I looked out the front door and saw a bunny rabbit on the walkway leading up to the house. What are the chances of a bunny appearing the day before Easter? I called the boys to come see; I told them it was a scout for the Easter Bunny. They were so excited!



Around 6:00 am Easter morning I was awakened by the giggles of these two balls of energy that couldn't wait to see what the Easter Bunny had brought. There is nothing like the enthusiasm and innocence of a child to bring out that same enthusiasm in us. I treasure my time with them.

Kathy P.



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Growing up in my family meant showing our Afghan hounds. For those unfamiliar with this, it entails driving to a Saturday and Sunday dog show close to every weekend

Easter Sunday was usually in Waterloo, Iowa. Because many of my parents' friends, as well as my mom and dad, didn't want all of us to miss out on all of the candy and eggs, they would spend the night before hiding things throughout the Holiday Inn. My sister and our friends always looked forward to Easter morning.

My parents were sometimes surprised when we found items that they did not hide. Was it the Holiday Inn personnel and/or guests? Or was it the Easter Bunny?

~ Betsy J.








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**"Easter tells us that life is to be interpreted not simply in terms of things but in terms of ideals."**












**~Charles M. Crowe**

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# April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month					1	2 Louella Hanson 
3	4	5	6	7 UN World Health Day 	8 BOARD MEETING	9
10	11	12 Business Meeting (GOM: April & May)	13	14 Pam Caldero 	15	16 Lisa Pate-Green 
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Program Meeting	27	28	29 NWR Conference Vancouver, WA 	30 NWR Conference Vancouver, WA 

# May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 National Book Month 	2	3	4 Jeanne Martin 	5 Linda Stumbaugh 	6 BOARD MEETING	7
8 Marti Campbell Mother's Day  	9	10 Business Meeting Sandy Reed Scholarship Notebook Review 	11	12	13	14 VIP Luncheon Marcia Beggs 
15	16	17	18	19 Willadee Tallman 	20	21 Armed Forces Day  <b>Armed Forces Day</b>
22	23 Linda Klinefelter 	24 Program Meeting High School Scholarships	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day 	31 Social				

## **SPRINGTIME WONDER** by: Marilyn Ferguson

The sky has never looked so blue  
Never a breeze so sweet  
Flowers burst forth in brilliant array  
As Springtime comes to greet.



The trees stand tall in their glory  
Tender leaves cover limbs once bare  
Yards filled with laughing children  
Can you match the splendor there.

There is nothing quite as pleasant  
As a walk in Springtime hours  
The bees even harmonize with life  
As they drift among the flowers.



A golden rainbow after the storm  
Beauty beyond compare  
A taste of heaven here on earth  
With green grass everywhere.

God softly whispers to us  
As gentle rains caress  
The countryside, with drops of life  
In such pure tenderness.

And if you listen close enough  
I'm sure that He'll impart  
The freshness of Spring upon your soul  
And a flower in your heart  
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