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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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“You get the best out of  
others when you give the  
best of yourself.”  
~ Harvey S. Firestone

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



### Another life adventure...

traveling from Pennsylvania through  
Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia &  
Florida on the back of a  
motorcycle...looking like a *large  
ripe olive* in my safety gear...and  
having lots of time to daydream and  
let my mind wander.

My thoughts ranged from “...how can we air-condition this bike!” to “...what color my next car should be” to “...yikes, that next curve looks pretty sharp!” to “...gee, I miss Sequim and our Soroptimist Club!” And as I flew back home over the Peninsula, I felt a renewed appreciation for the beauty of our area...and the beauty of our members and all you do.

The **Power of One** is more than just a catchphrase...it's a guiding principle. **YOU** make a difference every day...by smiling at an elderly person, by staffing the Medical Loan Closet, by bringing a bit of beauty and compassion to a shelter resident, by mentoring a young woman, by sharing your talents & creativity, by raising funds, by writing a letter in support of women and children, by helping a foster child, by sharing Holiday Joy with families... I could go on and on...your acts of kindness could fill every page of this newsletter! Thank you for caring...thank you for doing...thank you for being you.

President Missy 

“Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility  
to give something back by becoming more.” ~Anthony Robbins

## Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

It's October, a change into a new season – autumn. Have you detected it yet? At the beginning of October it was warmer than normal in Sequim. It didn't seem like autumn at all. I walk every day along a part of the Discovery Way Trail with my dog. Everything is green in the summer and gentle breezes make it a pleasant trek. That was the case – until this week.

The other day when we walked, I noticed the trail was covered with leaves! And they were of many colors, sizes and shapes. It seemed the leaves had turned colors and fallen overnight! Yes, autumn has arrived.



Along with October comes Halloween. It is a time when kids of all ages can use their imaginations to decorate their environment, and/or their appearance. Some wear funny costumes, some don scary attire, while still others portray their favorite super hero, actor, or role model. Some dress as their alter ego – a part they may only allow others (and perhaps even themselves) to see, this one time of year.

October is also the month Soroptimist was founded. Soroptimist celebrates **Founders Day on October 3**, which acknowledges the day in **1921** when the first club in Alameda County, California, called to order its first business meeting. (SI/Sequim was chartered in May, 1947.)

How fitting that our District Meetings are in October. This year our District 1 Meeting is in Marysville, WA, Friday thru Sunday, **October 15 – 17**. Four of our members will be there to represent our club. In addition, three members will go to the pre-conference workshop: **The Rules of Engagement**. This is an interactive workshop where attendees will explore key strategies that attract, engage, retain and motivate members.

Seeing the many colors, sizes and shapes of autumn leaves, reminds me of the diversification of our Soroptimist members. We see it in our local club somewhat, but we see it more when we attend District, Regional, Federation and International meetings. Our colors and sizes are as varied as the starfish on the seashore. Although each face may look different, at the heart, all are Soroptimists. Like the spirit of Halloween, we dress up, show up and give up our treats (time, talent and treasure) to support one another. Our focus on our mission joins us in unity. As we continue to work together to improve the lives of women and girls, locally and throughout the world, we continue to realize at a deeper level, the Power of One.

Light and Love,  
Kathy Purcell, Editor



“So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth.” ~Bahá'u'lláh



## CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- 8 Board Meeting
- 12 Business Meeting  
(GOM Oct & Nov)
- 15-17 DISTRICT MEETING
- 26 Program Meeting

### NOVEMBER

- 5 Board Meeting
- 9 Business Meeting
- 23 Program Meeting
- 27 Fall Mall
- \*30 5th Tuesday  
Human Trafficking

\* EVENING MEETING



**The Power of One**

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“In union there is strength.” ~ *Aesop*

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“You cannot contribute anything to the ideal condition of mind and heart known as Brotherhood, however much you preach, posture, or agree, unless you live it.”  
~*Faith Bald*

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# Celebrate Life!

## BIRTHDAYS



### OCTOBER

- 15 Judy Ogilvie
- 19 Susan Smith
- 20 Jeanie Blaurock
- 26 Shelle Paulbitski
- 27 Cathy Angel

### NOVEMBER

- 2 Mayme Faulk  
Karen Kilgore
- 6 Kathleen DeJong
- 16 Gail Bush
- 20 Jean Stratton
- 21 Laurie Liske
- 28 Marilyn Hooser



Note the phone number for our  
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

# 504-0231



**MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET**  
 Soroptimist International of Sequim  
**504-0231**  
(This is local number)  
 600 N Sequim Avenue  
 Acquired from the Sequim High School Authority  
 (By agreement only)

*“A grandmother pretends she doesn't  
 know who you are on Halloween.”  
 ~Erma Bombeck*

## Healthy Families Update

### SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SEQUIM 2010 Gratitude Award Recipient

**October 20, 2010** Bank of America Plaza  
at the corner of Washington and Sequim Ave.

**Silent Witness Exhibit from 9am - 4pm. Vigil at noon**

with keynote speaker and Gratitude awards given out.

JROTC Color Guard to perform. Table with information and handouts.

Please come and show your support as Our President  
Missy Church-Smith receives this award !!! Thank You

**Save the Date!**

### SOROPTIMIST DATES TO REMEMBER

**2010 District 1 Meeting**  
Tulalip, WA  
Oct. 15 – 17, 2010

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



**Human Trafficking Conference**  
Portland, OR  
Jan. 14 – 16, 2011



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

### Bouquets for Bucks \$130.00!

The Children's activity room is under construction, and the plans are colorful and healthy..... Many donations and helpers are being set in place.

Thanks so much for all your generosity and help!

Meet the Back Door Team: Heidi Elston, Sandy Reed, Kathryn Haapanen





We had a great presentation to our membership **Sept. 28th**, with **Cathy Angel** and **Mitzi Sanders** giving a history of WIN and our club involvement in the program. This is the 14th year of partnership with Sequim High School and we are excited about our new year.


## WIN - BY THE ROPES



On **October 5th**, I boarded the bus at Sequim High School and rode with Mitzi and 31 girls to Peninsula College. Since I had done the ROPES challenge course previously in another location, I chose to be one of the photographers and cheerleaders for the girls. (I am SO afraid of heights).

We got started about 9:30 am and we split the girls into two separate groups, each with a different facilitator. I think when people imagine climbing trees and off belaying, they think of courage and adventure. What I experienced watching the girls is that, yes, but much more. It involves those characteristics, but also engages teamwork, listening, communication, camaraderie, and bridges understanding and friendship. Watching girls who didn't previously know each other empathize with girls who were fearful, and then encourage and support them – lifting up their spirits so the girls could succeed, was heartwarming. Just watching them on the bus to the event, verses the trip back...laughing, talking, reviewing the day, and eating cookies brought by Mitzi Sanders. Some girls were worn out and dozed off from the excitement. It was a fabulous day.

My thanks to Missy for taking photos and getting them up on the website the same day! Our next WIN team meeting will be: Tuesday, **October 19th** at **8:30 am** at the **Oak Table** in Sequim. If you would like to join in on the fun, please let me know: [jmstratton@olypen.com](mailto:jmstratton@olypen.com).

Jean Stratton, WIN Chair 

For a slideshow of pictures from ROPES visit [www.winprogram.org](http://www.winprogram.org)



## MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET - A Foundation in the Community

Six months ago, Sound Community Bank, through its Foundation, gave a very generous grant of \$2,500 to our Club's Medical Loan Closet. We just spent the last of the monies and submitted our grant closure report to the Foundation. We purchased:

- 7 transport chairs (wheelchairs with 4 smaller wheels, lighter weight)
- 3 wheelchairs, larger size
- 5 shower stools and chairs
- 3 stroke poles with grab bars
- 2 bed rails

This took care of the grant money, except for \$1.43!!

With the addition of the new equipment, we were able to “recycle” some of our older items which were getting worn out. Loaning things to different people is hard on the equipment, and some of the items came to us already well used.

We try to pass things on locally to other organizations that can use them, like Hospice or individuals. If we find no place for it in the immediate area, we work with Gateway Medical Alliance, a group of doctors out of the Tacoma area who have a clinic in Morocco. The Alliance makes needed repairs to equipment before shipping it to Morocco. The Alliance can also use “nondurable” items which are received as donations that we are unable to use, such as walking casts or Depends.

The Closet has been very busy this summer. Soon it should be time for the onslaught of knee and hip replacement patients! It does go in cycles.

We thank our committee member, Amanda Beitzel, for spotting the grant opportunity and for helping the Club apply. It is making a real difference in our ability to assist members of our community.

If you'd like to tour our Closet facilities or to check out what we have, call our number, 504-0231, and make an appointment with the member on duty.

~Sally Sue Barry, MLC Co-Chair



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“To give and then not feel that one has given is the very best of all ways of giving.” ~*Max Beerbohm*

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**ROaR** – Recruitment, Orientation, & Retention  
Membership Committee's Orientation Meeting  
(Meeting open to all members)  
October 20, 2010  
5:30 pm  
Amanda Beitzel's home  
RSVP to Andrea Alstrup – 683-5756



**Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation  
Fourth Annual Día de Los Muertos Celebration  
Saturday, October 30**

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, plus local art...items 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**

*Sequim Gazette, Sept. 22, 2010*



**DOLL-ING IT UP**

**SOROPTIMIST STYLE**

Members of the Olympic Peninsula Doll Club, from left, Margery Tipper, treasurer, and Sue Wells, president, present \$200 to Sequim Soroptimist International members Missy Church-Smith, president, and Deborah Carlson, president elect. The doll club raised the funds during its 28th annual doll show on May 23 at Sequim High School. The Soroptimist members said they'll use the money locally to improve the lives of women and girls. The local Soroptimist International has 47 members and can be reached at [info@sisequim.com](mailto:info@sisequim.com), [www.sisequim.com](http://www.sisequim.com), or by writing to SI Sequim, P.O. Box 126, Sequim, WA, 98382. The Olympic Peninsula Doll Club has 24 members and meets once a month. Call Connie Holtz at 582-9982 for more information.  
Sequim Gazette photo by Matthew Nash

*Are you looking for an exciting volunteer opportunity?*



*Do you like working with elementary school students?*

The *Clallam County Family YMCA* offers an in-school Mentor Program called *Building Futures*. Volunteer mentors meet with students for 1 hour/week, for a minimum of 1 year. Mentors play games, tell stories, make crafts, help students with academics & more!

If interested, let me know & I'll put you in touch with the *Building Futures* Coordinator.

 **Missy**

## 2nd Annual Soroptimist FALL MALL

Fall has arrived beautifully and our first Soroptimist fundraising activity of the year is shaping up to match it. The “**Fall Mall**” is happening on **Nov, 27th, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm** at the **Boy’s and Girl’s Club**. To date we have twenty vendors attending with more to come. Sherri Schubert will be catering the “**Harvest Cafe**” featuring two homemade soups and tasty foccacia sandwiches. Her fresh, hot cinnamon rolls will draw people in from all the way downtown if I aim the fans right! Fifty percent of the cafe proceeds will go to our club, thank you Sherri!!

This year’s Fall Mall will last all day, so we’ll need extra helpers. Please watch for the sign-up sheet coming around at the next couple of meetings. We’ll need early set-up and decorators, kitchen helpers throughout the day, and clean up afterwards. Please sign up for a couple of hours if you can and don’t forget to plan extra time for shopping!

Learn more at: <http://www.sisequim.org/FallMall.html>

Our first **5th Tuesday** activity, **Nov. 30th**, from **7 - 8 pm** in the **Sequim High School Auditorium**, will be a **Human Trafficking presentation** by Kathleen Morris, Program Manager for WARN, Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network and International Rescue Committee. We are inviting all of the Soroptimist Clubs on the peninsula, writing a preview article for the newspapers and inviting the public. This promises to be a very informative evening from the folks that are in the trenches dealing with this growing problem everyday. Don’t miss it.

On this same topic, please keep in mind the **NWCAT – Northwestern Conference Against Trafficking** coming **January 14 – 16, 2011** in **Portland, OR**. Award-Winning Actress and Human Trafficking Advocate Daryl Hannah will be participating at the conference. If you are interested in attending, just let Deb or President Missy know.



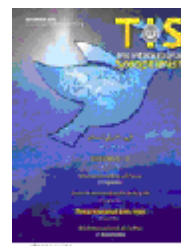
Our **Program Meeting for October** will feature **Darlene Clemens**, a local Port Angeles woman who is inspiring young children to embrace the “power of one” by collecting **Pennies For Peace**. This is a grassroots effort that contributes to the Central Asia Institute, an organization started by Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea*. He believes that “if you educate a girl you educate a village”. Prepare to be uplifted and **bring some pennies!!**



Deb Carlson, Programs Chair



The September issue of The International Soroptimist can be found at: [http://www.soroptimistinternational.org/TIS\\_SEPTEMBER\\_2010\\_for\\_web\\_V3\\_.pdf](http://www.soroptimistinternational.org/TIS_SEPTEMBER_2010_for_web_V3_.pdf). Check it out!



## COMMUNICATION IMAGE

On Saturday, **September 18th** your Communication/Image Committee staffed a Soroptimist information booth at the Wellness Fair and Clinic Fun Walk which was held at the Trinity United Methodist Church near Carrie Blake Park. The purpose of the Fair and Fun Walk was to raise money for the Dungeness Valley Health & Wellness Clinic, a free clinic.

Our Soroptimist booth was adorned with items from our Medical Loan Closet as well as brochures on membership, domestic violence shelters, teen dating bill of rights, etc. Our new photo information board was well received and seemed to draw people to our table to get a peek, just as we had hoped.



Along with our booth there were members from Olympic Medical Center checking blood pressure, balance, personal risk of Colon disease and diabetes, and much more. Registration began at 8:30 and the walks started at 9:00. There were two walking routes; one easy 1-mile around Carrie Blake Park and a 5-mile course, with some hills, on the Discovery Trail with the turnaround at Whitefeather Way. Between 9:30 and 10:30 participants were given a goody bag and T-shirt while they listened to the Sequimarimba Band.

Next year I think we should put together a Soroptimist team for the walk. It's good PR, we get healthy and have fun at the same time.

Kathleen DeJong  
Communication Image Co-Chair



Soroptimist members had an open air about them at the **Open Aire Market** on Saturday, **October 2nd**.

Thank you to those who spent the day sharing information about our club, the organization and our Medical Loan Closet.

### A Small World Story...



Another small world story. My niece is a cross-country runner for Western Washington University, and there was a meet in Yakima recently. My sister sent me this picture of the winners and behold, my niece Mary is on the #2 podium while Alli Cutting, our Violet Richardson runner-up and a high school scholarship winner, is #1! Alli runs for Seattle Pacific University. Now I'll be anxious to find out whether any of them made the connection as I'd told my niece about Alli.

I was happy for Mary that she got second place and then – after about the third time I looked at the picture – was so surprised to realize who was on the #1 level of the podium! They finished 20 seconds apart:>)

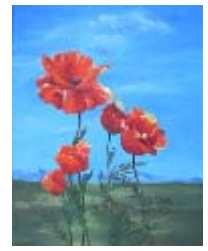
Jane Manzer



## GARDEN SHOW

The **Garden Show Core Committee** met for a breakfast meeting at Jan Chapman's home on Monday, September 27. What an enthusiastic group! With the skills, background and motivation each member brings to the table, our main fundraiser is in good hands, and this year's show just might be the best ever.

For our slogan, we voted among several suggestions, and the winner by a big majority was **"Let's get growing!"** So it's official, and will appear on all our correspondence and advertising from now on.



Let's Get Growing!

As in the past two years, Soroptimist members will have the opportunity to be sponsors at the level of \$100 and will be identified in a manner that clearly differentiates between them and our "regular" sponsors in the community.

We'll keep you all posted as progress is made, and look forward to ALL of us coming together for this wonderful community event.

Jan Chapman & Barbara Thompson  
Co-Chairs, Soroptimist Gala Garden Show



"To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own." ~ *Anne Morrow Lindbergh*



## MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY

...supporting awareness and early detection of breast cancer for women in our community



Our club was well-represented at the **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Mad Hatters Tea Party!**



Spotted at 2 Soroptimist tables...and in the crowd...were:

**Andrea Alstrup, Cathy Angel & her sister Linda, Amanda Beitzel, Deb Carlson & her Mom Ginny, Jan Chapman, Missy Church-Smith, Rose Jaeger, Laurie Liske & her guest Carolyn Nichols, Jane Manzer, Peg Rinker, Dale Simon, Susan Smith, Barb Thompson and Janet Wicker!**

## HITTING THE ROAD

C'est La Vie! by: Jan Chapman



I was one lucky Mother, and grandma, this summer. I was invited to tag along on my daughter Cristy's dream, 40<sup>th</sup> birthday trip to Paris and London. With my husband Gary's encouragement (travel on this scale is NOT his thing), I accepted the invitation. As excited as I was to see all the fabulous sights that I had only read about, I was just as excited at the prospect of being granddaughter Bailey's roommate for sixteen days. She is a smart, fun, very well-read nine-year old. Her inquisitive little mind was well packed with information and knowledge long before we stepped onto the airplane. She turned out to be most helpful to me on this journey.

First stop Paris. I LOVED Paris. We stayed in the 7<sup>th</sup> Arrondissement (section) – home to many of Paris' amazing sights. The architecture is fabulous – a feast for the eyes. Even the apartment buildings – old, ornate, flower boxes on every balcony – you wanted to live there!



We stayed in a small boutique hotel, 4 blocks from the Eiffel Tower. The room that Bailey and I shared had a full view of the Eiffel Tower from our window. It was FANTASTIC!! When Bailey flopped down on the bed, she was so surprised, and disappointed, when her perfect view of the Tower disappeared. One of the best surprises came every night when the Tower turned into an enormous 4<sup>th</sup> of July sparkler with twinkling lights.

On day one we were escorted around by a lovely tour guide who taught us how to navigate the Metro system showed us the Louvre and Notre Dame Cathedral. The Louvre was quite a surprising moment. I had a number of those – visiting places where I had a preconceived idea about what I was about to see, then have it turn out to be so much more than expected. The Louvre was a prime example. It is so much more than “just an art museum”; it's really a palace that has been turned into an art museum. I loved the sculpture garden, touring the apartments, and seeing the Mona Lisa.

Another “surprising moment”, the backside of Notre Dame – it's my favorite view of this magnificent structure. It's so interesting with gargoyles and flying buttresses – very beautiful.

Day two was the Arch de Triumph, the Twilliere Gardens (on the grounds of the Louvre), and just lots and lots of walking and taking in the sights. We averaged about 5 miles a day – it helped to walk off the calories consumed.

Which brings us to the food – lots of fantastic, fabulous food. First and foremost are the pastries – they are everything you've heard about. Le Pasteries (Bakeries) are everywhere. We managed to find one of the finest Paris has to offer on the second day – LADUREE. *~continued on page 11*



My favorite?  
The Millefeuilles  
(A Napoleon)– YUM!



Bailey's favorite? Hot chocolate at  
Angelina's – very thick & creamy.

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Day three was our trip UP the Eiffel Tower, followed by a fancy lunch in the restaurant on the second observation level. Now, this grandma does NOT do heights, so I waited on terra-firma and people-watched (most interesting!) while the kids went to the top. But with the lure of good food, and good wine, I braved the trip up (eyes closed) to the restaurant. And it was well worth it! Once we were seated, I had no problem looking out the window at the awesome view. Lunch was amazing – wild mushroom soup, duck and rum soaked sponge cake with Chantilly cream – or what Cristy called “The Rum Ball.” All very yummy! The Rum Ball and two glasses of wine made the trip down a breeze.

On day four we celebrated Cristy’s birthday in Versailles. We spent the entire day touring the Palace and grounds – amazing does not begin to cover it. It is huge, and beautiful, and another one of those “surprising moments.” I was not prepared for the vast scale of everything. One minute you are walking down this picturesque little street in town, you turn the corner, and there it is . . .



Day five was our last day in Paris and we struck out walking to see sights we hadn’t seen yet. One stop was a return trip to Angelina’s for more of that amazing hot chocolate! That evening we had Cristy’s special birthday dinner at Le Violon d’Ingres – owned by Chef Christian Constant. I have to say that the name meant nothing to me, but Cristy is a foodie and she was very jazzed to be going there. It was the most fantastic dinner I’ve ever had. I was very brave and ordered sweetbreads (someone told me they were a must have in Paris), and they were excellent!

On day six we traveled by train to Amboise in the Loire Valley region south of Paris. We stayed in a really quaint little inn. The big surprise at Amboise was learning that Leonardo daVinci spent the last three years of his life here. We visited his chateau, Clos Luce, and it was a fascinating place. I did not realize that da Vinci was an inventor, as well as an artist. Six years ago, IBM funded the construction of da Vinci’s machines – the “tank” below is one. It was very interesting.



On day seven we toured three of the better known chateaus in the Loire Valley. This day was a challenge for my son-in-law, Bill, but he was a trooper! The most impressive chateau of the three was Chambord. A simple little country home with 423 rooms – imagine keeping this house clean!

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Day eight was a travel day. It started with a 2 hour train ride from Amboise to Paris; followed by a cab ride from one train station to another and then a 2 hour train ride through the “Chunnel” to London and the start of our next great adventure.



In London we stayed in another lovely boutique hotel across the street from Kensington Palace. Once again, the kids mastered the underground system and we were off.



A visit to the Tower of London kicked off our first day. The best part of this day was seeing the crown jewels. They are spectacular – wearing diamonds that big on your head would give one a headache for sure! No pictures allowed, so you’ll have to trust me on this one.

Our second day in London was spent on a Harry Potter tour – this was Bailey’s highlight. The majority of our 8 hours was spent at Oxford where several locations were used in the filming of the Harry Potter movies.

The tour ended at Kings Cross Railway station and the perfect photo op. . .



Our third day in London was full of those “surprising moments.” First, was our tour of Parliament. This was high on Bill’s list, and ended up being one of my favorite sights in London. We had an wonderful tour guide who made it all so interesting – the structure, an old palace, is stunning. The second part of the day we toured Westminster Abbey. Now that was amazing! I was expecting a beautiful, old church, and it was that and so much more. In the evening, we went to high tea at the Ritz Carlton – very fancy!!



After teatime, Bailey & I took a cab back to the hotel, and Cristy & Bill went out on the town. In the morning, Bill asked for his camera, a very prized possession, which he had entrusted to me the night before. In a moment of total panic, I realized I had left it in the cab. The concierge was certain we’d never see it again – with 25,000 cabbies in London, finding the right one was impossible. BUT, our cabbie was a gem!! He found the camera, turned it on and checked out the last photo taken, and remembered Bailey and her grandma,

AND the hotel where he took us. He called, left his cell number and we had a happy reunion with the camera. This all took place after we had been to the theater to see *Phantom of the Opera* – a highlight of the trip for all of us. Bailey & I had never seen it and we loved it – we all loved it!!

All too soon, our sixteen wonderful days came to an end and it was time to head home. It was such an exciting and amazing trip!!. There was never a cross word -even when I lost the camera. Surprisingly some of my college French found its way to the surface 46 years later!! I am forever grateful to Cristy, Bill and Bailey for these wonderful memories.



## A QUESTION OF QUESTIONS

October is time for Halloween. **The October Newsletter Question is:** What is a favorite or interesting costume you've worn or seen?

When I was in middle school I went to a Halloween party as a HUGE pumpkin. I was a jack-o-lantern from the top of my head to my knees. My mother helped me with this LARGE project. We took the "hoops" out of old hoop petticoats and fitted an old sheet that I had dyed orange over the hoops in the shape of a pumpkin. Next I drew on the toothy grin with a black magic marker. Mother commented that if I didn't say a word, no one would be able to guess who I was.....and that was what happened. Nobody figured out it was me!!!




Sandy R. 

This photo isn't from Halloween but from this year's Fur Rondy in Anchorage, Alaska. During Rondy there are some great costumes that people dress up in and this guy has been at the Rondy for years. This guy is a regular at the Fur Rondy and one of many who dress up in costume that represent the "sourdoughs" of Alaska. His vest has a collection of Rondy pins that date back to the 1940's and are extremely valuable collector's items. The Fur Rondy is an annual festival in Anchorage, Alaska and the last weekend has the start of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. It's an awesome two weeks of fun in Anchorage. You can read about the history of the Fur Rondy at: [http://www.furrondy.net/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=205&Itemid=28](http://www.furrondy.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=205&Itemid=28)



I've attached a couple of photos of me at the Rondy this year as well:-)

Lorraine S. 



My favorite costume is one that I made for my husband to wear to a work Halloween party. I cut a business suit and a leisure jacket and pants in half and sewed half of the one to the other. He had a mustache at the time and shaved off half to match his casual side. It was a stitch –no pun intended– and was a hit at the party.

Amanda B. 



One Halloween I dressed as a bunch of grapes – purple ones of course :-). The costume was a hit at the party, but the balloons made it difficult to sit down. By the end of the evening, I was looking for a 'pin' pal.



Kathy P. 











Maggie was about 6 weeks old for her first Halloween and Wade and I dressed her up in a pea pod costume and went out for pizza. She was the hit of the restaurant. :)

Toni G. 












**"If a man harbors any sort of fear,  
it makes him landlord to a ghost."  
~Lloyd Douglas**

# October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month</p> 				<p>1 Mad Hatter Tea Party</p> 	<p>2 Open Aire Market</p> 
<p>3 FOUNDERS DAY</p>	4	5	6	7	<p>8 BOARD MEETING</p>	9
10	11	<p>12 Business Meeting</p>	13	14	<p>15 Judy Ogilvie District 1 Meeting ♪♪ Songs in Your Heart ♥</p> 	<p>16 District 1 Meeting ♪♪ Songs in Your Heart ♥</p>
<p>17 District 1 Meeting ♪♪ Songs in Your Heart ♥</p>	18	<p>19 Susan Smith</p> 	<p>20 Jeanie Blaurock</p> 	21	22	23
24	25	<p>26 Shelle Paulbitski Program Meeting</p> 	<p>27 Cathy Angel</p> 	28	29	<p>30 Mujeres Dinner</p> 
<p>31 Happy Halloween</p> 						

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Mayme Faulk Karen Kilgore 	3	4	5 BOARD MEETING	6 Kathleen DeJong 
7 Daylight Savings Time 	8	9 Business Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Gail Bush 	17	18	19	20 Jean Stratton 
21 Laurie Liske 	22	23 Program Meeting	24	25 Happy Thanksgiving 	26	27 
28 Marilyn Hooser 	29	30 Human Trafficking 7-8 pm Sequim High School Auditorium				

## **Autumn Wind** By: Author Unknown



When autumn wind goes running  
It does some magic things.  
It gives the shadows dancing shoes  
It gives the bright leaves wings  
When autumn wind goes running



It curls the bonfire's tail of smoke  
And shares a little whispered joke  
With cornstalks who delight to prattle  
It turns a seed pod into a rattle  
When autumn wind goes running



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