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*"In helping others, we
shall help ourselves,
for whatever good
we give out
completes the circle
and comes back to us."
~ Flora Edwards*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Ladies,

Just when we thought it was safe to pull those turtlenecks out of storage, WOW! A beautiful Indian summer is upon us. We happen to be entertaining a houseful of family for the unexpected sunny week. What a delightful way to wrap up summer. I hope you will all have a "wrap up" story to share at our first meeting back. Make it a two or three liner, we'll read them aloud and make it last a little longer.

We're starting off the year with a burst of good stuff. First, for those of you who attended the area meeting last year at the Gardiner Community Center, you'll remember the PA ladies speaking about the possibility of Clallam County Juvenile Services starting a program called Girl's Circle. It is aimed at coaching and mentoring young girls in the juvenile system or "at risk". Soroptimists will be instrumental in getting it launched. Thanks to Missy's great people skills and networking last year, the ground was laid for the three clubs, Sequim, PA Jet Set and the Noon Club, to work together on this project.

The county has agreed and the first class starts September 8. They still need some financial help. The three clubs are "planning" to contribute \$500 each for this fiscal year. The PA clubs are in, our club has unanimous board support and we'll vote on the contribution at our first meeting. When you hear all of the details I think you'll be excited and see the promising potential this program has to offer. It's exactly what our mission calls for and what the young women of our county juvenile system need. All of the details will be shared on the 13th.

Calling all Flappers!! Our District 1 Meeting will be at Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine, Oct 14-16. The Saturday night dinner has a Roaring 20's theme so dig out your fringe, girls! Check out soroptimistnwr.org, look at the menus, workshops, etc. and let me know if you'd like to attend, we will do a group mail-in registration. Let's have some fun! **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS SEPT. 23.**

I'm looking forward to seeing all of your smiling, suntanned faces in another week. It's going to be a busy year, new members coming in, new programs, new venue, strong work and old friends.

Remember, **6:50** at the **EIk's**, breakfast starts at 7:00.

President Deb

*"Never, never rest contented with any **circle** of ideas, but always be certain that a wider one is still possible." ~ Pearl Bailey*

Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

What does it mean to be a student? Or to be a teacher? What is a classroom? What is your school of thought about it? I've been thinking of these questions recently. Part of the reason is because schools in Sequim have started their fall session. Another reason is – we have a new treasurer. Why does that bring to mind student and teacher?

Flashback to three years ago... I was embarking on my first term as club treasurer. I was excited about the job and a bit green; but green is a good color if you are in charge of money. I was lucky enough to have CPA Betsy Johnson as my Treasurer Twin. Although I had used QuickBooks and Excel for years, Betsy showed me many aspects of the software that I didn't know. We were such a good team that we made a repeat performance two more times. During our second term things were more colorful, as I became less green and more in the know about the processes. Jeanne Martin was a silent partner and the third leg of the Finance Committee. I learned and grew under Betsy & Jeanne's tutelage. I am so grateful to both of them. They helped me develop more of my untapped potential. What they taught me didn't stop with me.



Fast forward to June, 2011... we have a new club treasurer – Kate Creasey. Kate and I met to go over the treasurer duties and processes. She arrived at my office with notebook in hand – and a list of questions. Most of those were on my list of things to show her, along with a few more. I was excited for Kate and for our club.

In early August after the July bank statements came in, Kate did the financial reports and asked me if I would take a look at them. A part of me wondered if I would even notice if anything was out of place. Over the last three years, I was the one doing the reports and Betsy was the one reviewing them. I felt a sense of responsibility, especially because I was the one giving Kate guidance. At first glance I saw a couple of things, but wasn't sure if I had fully explained them to Kate, so I mentioned them in detail.

Since then Kate has asked several questions and when I've answered them, she picked up on the explanation and asked some good follow-up questions. We learn through our questions as well as thru our answers. So am I Kate's teacher? Or her student? It seems a bit of both.

This leads into another reason for the student, teacher, and classroom questions coming to mind. Registration has begun for next month's Northwestern Region **District 1 Meeting** at Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine, WA. It offers workshops, Tell and Sell, awards, presentations and lots of conversations. There are 40 clubs in our district, each one working to improve the lives of women and girls – but many in different ways. Attending the District 1 Meeting gives members an opportunity to compare notes and share those differences. It is a time when we become both student and teacher as we support and encourage one another. It is a powerful school of thought. And we all know any room with Soroptimists is a room with class.

I thank Betsy, Jeanne, Kate and all of you – my teachers. I look forward to the year ahead, to being a student and a teacher, and to being **fully involved!**

Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor

“Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know.”
~Daniel J. Boorstin

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 9 Board Meeting
- 13 Business Meeting
- 27 Program Meeting

OCTOBER

- 1 Fall Mall
- 7 Board Meeting
- 11 Business Meeting
- 25 Program Meeting

* EVENING MEETING



“fully involved!”

“If you have knowledge, let others light their candles at it.”
~ Margaret Fuller



“The fact that I can plant a seed and it becomes a flower, share a bit of knowledge and it becomes another's, smile at someone and receive a smile in return, are to me continual spiritual exercises.”
~ Leo F. Buscaglia

Celebrate Life!



BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Sherry Schubert
- 23 Sally Sue Barry
- 30 Michelle Barth

OCTOBER

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



“If men liked shopping, they’d call it research.” ~ *Cynthia Nelms*

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



MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET
Soroptimist International of Sequim
504-0231
(This is a loan closet)
600 N Sequim Avenue
Spokane from the Sequim High School building
(By appointment only)

“All motion is cyclic. It circulates to the limits of its possibilities and then returns to its starting point.”
~ *Robert Collier*

3rd Annual Soroptimist Fall Mall

October 1, 2011

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Boys & Girls Club
400 W. Fir Street, Sequim

An Extraordinary Shopping Experience



See a list of the vendors and learn more about the Fall Mall at:
www.sisequim.org/FallMall.html

This is a shopping Extravaganza where you can splurge on yourself or others. **Think Holiday** and **Think Pamper!** This is for you and your family to enjoy! See you there!

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SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER

2011 District 1 Meeting
Blaine, WA
Oct. 14 – 16, 2011

2012 Region Conference
Spokane, WA
April 27 – 29, 2012



Human Trafficking Conference
Portland, OR
Jan. 13 – 15, 2012



Soroptimist International of the Americas Convention
Honolulu, Hawaii
July 18 – 21, 2012

“The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances; if there is any reaction, both are transformed.” ~ *Carl Gustav Jung*

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

SI Sequim recently handed out three \$1,000 Continuing Education Scholarships to Sequim High graduates. The Scholarships are funded from monies raised by the club, primarily through the Annual Gala Garden Show held the third weekend of March.



Sunma Agostine, a 2009 graduate of Sequim High, is now a student at Shoreline Community College. She is pursuing a career in nursing and already has become a certified nurse's aide.

Judges Comments: She presented her goals and needs very well. Sunma transferred from UW to Shoreline to cut expenses. She is a hard worker and very driven.



Christina Bruce, also a 2009 graduate of Sequim High, is a student and athlete at the University of Great Falls in Montana. She is a junior with a double major in Psychology and Health and Human Performance. Upon graduation, Christina would like to join the National Health Service, serving people who otherwise would not receive help.

Judges Comments: She has been an officer of the associated student body and resident assistant. Christina is a good student and athlete.



Turi Anderson, a 2010 Sequim High graduate, attends Concord College in Moorhead, Minn. She is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Spanish. Turi said she had a couple of volunteer opportunities which further convinced her that she's pursuing the right career.

Judges Comments: She was one of our first Adirondack chair artists. Turi is organized and knows what she wants. She is committed and excited about her goals.

~Jane Manzer, Continuing Education Chair

*"The one real object of education is to have a man in the condition of continually asking questions."
~Bishop Mandell Creighton*



1st scheduled event:

**ROPES Challenge Course @ Peninsula College
Wednesday, September 28th (9:00AM-1:00PM)...please join us!**

...remember to "friend us" on the *WIN Program Facebook* page
& check out the *WIN* website (www.winprogram.org) and calendar!

*Thanks in advance for your support!
Cathy, Mitzi & Missy*

POWER PACKED PICNIC

On Sunday, August 28th, Kathy Purcell, Kathryn Haapanen and I had the pleasure of attending a North Olympic Foster Parent Association (NOFPA) picnic with over 100 foster children and parents. To say that a good time was had by all is an understatement. Kathy and I tried taking a few pictures but agreed that a video camera was a better way to catch some of them as they twirled in motion.

I decided to act like a real reporter, so I asked several of the children - "What Do You Like Best About The Picnic?" Here are a few of their answers and no prompting was offered.....



Claire (11 years old) was busy looking at some of the clothing that was neatly stacked for browsing. She said, "I like getting a backpack best of all with all the school supplies. I also like the food."



Breanna (12 years young) was waiting patiently for a clown to make her a balloon. She said, "I didn't expect so much entertainment." When asked to explain entertainment, she said, "all the clowns, so much food and now a balloon that looks like a flower."



Dillon (6 years old) was thrilled with the clown that made the alligator balloon. He said, "I like all of it."



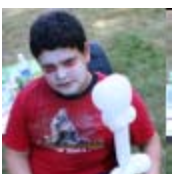
Kiara (6 years old) said, "I like having my face done", as she stood up with an adorable butterfly painted on her face by one of the artistic clowns.



Ryan (4 years old - grandson of Carol Pope the former president of NOFPA), was busy looking for treats and treasures in the hay stack and he liked "lots of things... plus my balloon."



Peaches (the clown) said, "I like the kids best of all and the look on their faces when they get a balloon and/or have their faces painted."



Brandon (10 years old) must have come hungry since his response was, "I like eating burgers, snow cones and other things".

We met a lovely lady using one of the wheelchairs from the Medical Loan Closet. She was at the picnic with her husband and two adorable grandchildren who had both just been given bicycles.



Jacobb (10 years old) said, "I gotta cool bike and had my face painted."

Seaerra (7 years old) with a cute cat painted on her face was so excited with her purple bike and gave me two thumbs up when I asked about her backpack.



Haley (9 years old - Carol's granddaughter) had just received a purple pack and said, "I think the clowns are fun."



Melissa (8 years old) in a checkered blue and white dress picked out a matching backpack. She said, "I like getting my backpack best of all because I get new stuff with it."



So ... from the mouths of babes and children- that's their story and they'd certainly stick to it.

Colleen Blazier
Kids Klostet Liaison

MLC Newbie Perspective...My First Week!

As a recent first-timer on-duty at our **Medical Loan Closet** there were *lots* of new things to learn, like...

- ...the difference between a regular wheelchair and a transfer chair
- ...why some walkers have tennis balls attached
- ...why some canes have multiple “feet”
- ...the difference between a “cruiser” and a “walker”
- ...and so much more!

But the most important thing I learned is how much we assist the citizens of our local community by providing this valuable service! The people I met during the week – clients, relatives of clients, friends of clients, caregivers – all touched my heart. Lots of hugs...lots of smiles...some tears...and always heartfelt thanks to our Soroptimist Club!

Being on duty for a week brings such priceless rewards and satisfaction. If you would like the opportunity to tour the Medical Loan Closet – or better yet, sign up for the committee – contact MLC Co-chairs: Sally Sue Barry and Louella Hanson.

~ Missy Church-Smith



I was a bit nervous about getting started with the MLC but Sally Sue and Louella were very helpful and their system is VERY organized. That makes the process very easy. The way the phone calls come to email also smoothes the process, and it was easy to schedule time with people. I ended up going to the MLC about two times a day, and most everyone was very pleased to be able to borrow equipment. Many gave donations, and all expressed their thanks and gratefulness.

~ Karen Kilgore

This summer I had my first call to duty for the Medical Loan Closet. The week started out a little slow with only a few calls on Saturday, but then Monday came and I found myself quite busy. It was a week of sorrow and joy as I helped people with the equipment they needed. Two sisters brought their mother to the MLC to get her just the right walker. A gentleman checked out a wheel chair for his wife as he grumbled about her weight. It was probably easier for him to focus on that than on the medical condition she suffered with. Some people come and are glad to have someone to tell their story to – whether it’s a current condition or one that has resolved or, perhaps, the loss of a loved one and they are just beginning the healing process. As I said, it was a week of sorrow and joy and I was very proud to be a Soroptimist helping others. I’m looking forward to my next call to duty.

~ Shelle Paulbitski

I was a little apprehensive but my friend Missy, who had been on the week before me and was also a newbie, assured me that after the first day it would be a piece of cake. First I had to get acquainted with the Vonage method. My email address had been entered into their system so I would be notified by email if anyone called our MLC phone number. Now, you also must understand that both Louella and Sally Sue had prepared us newbies with written documentation and also a tour around the MLC.

With documentation in hand I carefully signed on to the Vonage webpage. Sure enough, there were messages in the mailbox. The cool thing is I can listen to the message by pressing play; the message will play on my PC, or I can read text in the email sent to my address by Vonage. I can also play the message, in case Vonage messed up on the translation, from my email inbox. Pretty cool stuff.

Now here is the tricky part. You have to figure out some way to keep all the calls straight. What do they want; when can they meet you; what is their name; what is the name of the person using the equipment; be sure to write down the appointment time; if it’s a donation, give them a receipt; if they return all the equipment they borrowed then take their sheet out of the book, etc.

Once you have met with the client you must delete their message from the online Vonage voicemail so the next person on duty doesn’t think it is an open call. There is no name associated with the message, so you need to make notes of the phone numbers or listen to the message again to make sure you have the correct one.

All in all, it was a nice experience. The people were very grateful for the service, and amazed at all the equipment we have. Louella and Sally Sue were always a phone call away if any help was needed. Thank you, ladies.

As co-chair of the Communication/Image Committee I can’t think of a better way to communicate what Soroptimist is all about.

~ Kathleen DeJong



PROGRAMS PROFILED

Summer is almost over and we will soon be back to our twice-monthly meetings and all of the Soroptimist activities.

As I look back over the summer, I realize that we don't really take the summer off – we just don't have meetings. The Medical Loan Closet continued to meet the needs of the community and Louella and Sally Sue trained the new recruits. Colleen organized Kids Klostet's efforts to fill backpacks with school supplies for the foster children.



And when she wasn't doing that, Colleen was looking for a new home for our See's Candy sales. Amanda was busy generating the interest of potential new members. Jan, Barb and Susan started working on the Gala Garden Show, while Missy and Kathy were busy developing their strategy for marketing the show. Kathleen has been organizing the member roster. Wow – take the summer off? I don't think so!



We had a good turnout at our summer fundraiser – the Silpada Trunk Show. Susan will be presenting her donation to President Deb at the first business meeting. Rumor has it that there may be another trunk show before Christmas.



Susan and I have been working on signing up vendors for the **Fall Mall** and coordinating with Kathy and Kathleen to promote the event, which will be held on **October 1** at the Boys & Girls Club. We will be asking for more members to become *fully involved* with this event. A flyer can be found at: www.sisequim.org. You can easily email the file to your family and friends, or print a flyer and take it to your favorite eatery, hairdresser, etc.

The START potluck was a lot of fun – the weather cooperated, there was plenty of food and drink plus it was a great chance to visit with one another and the potential new members. Everyone there was certainly *fully involved*.

**See's
CANDIES**

Colleen distributed See's Candies catalogs; however, the Christmas catalogs arrived the following week. They will be available at the business meeting, giving us plenty of time to put together our order for the holidays.

I mentioned that there are still a few activities that needed someone to grab the reins and organize. A few of those were filled and I'm happy to say that we now have only two more things that need a leader – the Christmas party and Saturday of Service. These are one-day only events and don't require an ongoing commitment. So, if you are looking for a way to be *fully involved*, consider taking charge of the Christmas party or Saturday of Service.

Well . . . now that summer is almost over we will keep on doing what we do best – being *fully involved* in our club and community!

Shelle Paulbitski, Programs Chair

“When you work you are a flute through whose heart the whispering of the hours turns to music. Which of you would be a reed, dumb and silent, when all else sings together in unison?” ~ *Khalil Gibran*



Member Rosters will be available at the business meeting on September 13th.





MAKING A NEW START...fully involved!

**PROSPECTIVE
NEW
MEMBERS**





Are you ready to ROAR? At the START potluck we met four guests who are interested recruits – Sharon Briggs, Gail Kramer, Jeani Penn, and Kristal Van Selus – and there are several women who are interested in attending meetings in the fall. We're off to a good START! But, we need you to be actively recruiting with friends and acquaintances to assure a successful year. If you choose to be a sponsors consider the guidelines below.

...thanks, the Membership Committee

**STEP #1 - RECRUITMENT
SPONSORSHIP/MENTOR RESPONSIBILITIES
PROSPECTIVE MEMBER:**

- Sit with guest for the first 3 meetings
- Introduce guest to membership
 - Guest will be given packet containing name tag, club brochure & welcome note
- Call evening prior to meeting as a reminder for next 3 meetings
- Offer to pick up and take to meeting or event
- Call if guest misses a meeting
- Make sure guest is aware of the cost associated with the meetings
- Give a New Member Packet to a guest who wishes to join

“When a hundred men stand together, each of them loses his mind and gets another one.” ~ Friedrich Nietzsche

MUJERES DE MAIZ OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION UPDATE

Linda and I had a rewarding and productive visit to the women's cooperative in Chiapas the first half of August. Five new scholarships were awarded bringing this year's total to 17. We had the opportunity to visit one of the Saturday Children's Programs. The 20 children, ages 5 to 12, were presenting a program for their parents and was the end of the first year of the program. They had written original stories and read them to us both in Spanish and in Tsotsil, their Maya language.

Although we had budgeted for glasses, we did not expect the huge turnout this year. 23 women have new glasses! Glasses have never been part of the culture, but the older women have found them invaluable when they do close work such as weaving and embroidery. The younger ones are also wearing them more frequently. We spent four times what we had budgeted!

Please mark your calendars and save Oct. 29 for our annual Dia de Muertos event at the Sequim Prairie Grange: dinner, program and auction. More details next month.

Thanks to all of you....
Judith Pasco, Board Chair
Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation
www.MujeresDeMaizOF.org



Here is one of the primary students reading her story.

“My idea of education is to unsettle the minds of the young and inflame their intellects.” ~Robert Maynard Hutchins

Gala Garden Show Kick-off Meeting

Members of the Garden Show core committee met at Jan Chapman's home September 7 for a productive and tasty morning. Our breakfast meeting covered in depth a short agenda of important items. As most committees are up and running, and have been addressing items as needed, the bulk of our discussion focused on new aspects and changes from previous shows.

Music will be provided by a variety of local area musicians. If you know musicians you think would be a good fit, and willing to donate their time, contact Barb.

The Garden Cafe will be streamlined, organized and managed by Andrea Alstrup, who is working with Sherry Schubert on a few changes to the menu, and will oversee the committee to ensure Sherry has all the assistance and labor needed to produce the large amount of fabulous food our attendees enjoy. Andrea has been dubbed "Kaptain Kitchen". Lorraine Shore and Pat Brown also co-chair this committee, so our Garden Cafe is in good hands.

Changes are being made by Marketing co-chairs Kathy Purcell and Missy Church-Smith, to pare down the advertising budget and use those dollars to the best advantage.

Another challenge is Sequim's new ordinance limiting signage around town. We'll be using our thinking caps to creatively work with this. Also, additional signage to guide our attendees once in the building will be added.

First Federal officially became a Corporate Sponsor delivering a check to President Deb and Rose.

All in all, we had an enthusiastic, thoughtful group and ideas really flew around the room, punctuated as usual by laughter. We are truly off and running now.

Jan Chapman, Barb Thompson & Susan Smith
Co-Chairs, Soroptimist Gala Garden Show



Barb & Jan prepare



Kaptain Kitchen



Checking in

"Help us to be ever faithful gardeners of the spirit, who know that without darkness nothing comes to birth, and without light nothing flowers." ~ May Sarton

SI SEQUIM STARTS WITH A BANNER YEAR

Things have been looking up for the Communication/Image Committee – or rather, they have had us looking up. Did you see our club banner across Washington Street the 4th week in August? My sister and her husband came to Sequim for the first time last month and they saw it. And I didn't even have to point it out.

One of the responsibilities of the Communication/Image Committee is to get the Soroptimist name and our mission out to the community. We have another opportunity to do that at the **Health Fair** sponsored by the Dungeness Valley Health & Wellness Clinic. It will be held Saturday, **September 17th** at United Methodist Church on Blake Avenue in Sequim. Our club will have a free booth to promote our Medical Loan Closet. The Health Fair is presented in combination with the Fun Walk which is the 10th Anniversary Celebration.





A QUESTION OF QUESTIONS

The September Newsletter question is: **What did you do over the summer?** You are invited to share your summer experiences.

WISTFUL WEDDING

The most exciting thing I did this summer was attend my daughter April's wedding. She reserved the Mountain Home Lodge in Leavenworth for the weekend. We arrived Friday afternoon and did some shopping in town and then went to the Lodge.



The views were outstanding! Friday night was dinner, visiting and playing games. April and Bobby had numerous friends in attendance as well as both families. It was a great group of people and we all had fun. Saturday, various groups went shopping, hiking or rock climbing during the day. Then the wedding followed with dinner, dancing and more games. My granddaughter Chloe, 10 yrs, was a hot partner for all the 30+ year olds on the dance floor while Alexa, 8 yrs, was hula hooping, her new birthday present. The new couple wanted to spend time with friends and family on their wedding day. Mission accomplished. The weekend was a grand occasion and everyone had a good time. Rose



“Love is a symbol of eternity. It wipes out all sense of time, destroying all memory of a beginning and all fear of an end.” ~Author Unknown

CANADIAN ADVENTURE, EH?

This summer I completed bike touring in the eastern provinces of Canada. Instead of riding across the country like we did last summer we drove our pickup and towed a small camping trailer through all of the Canadian provinces that border the US. from British Columbia to Quebec. We then parked the rig at Lac Saint Jean in central Quebec and did a 4 day bike tour around the lake of 280 km in the blueberry capital of that province. We were too early for the blueberries but bought and consumed many kg of strawberries. The lake has a marked bike route all the way around which leads through picturesque villages and farmland. The people are French speaking so it is unique in that respect.



From that bike tour we drove to the Gaspesie Peninsula of eastern Quebec, and rode along the south coast past lighthouses and more picture perfect villages.



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We also took a boat tour to the largest gannet colony in N. America to see thousands of gannets on a protected island. the next tour was around Cape Breton Island on the Cabot trail in Nova Scotia for 4 days.



We went through Cape Breton Highlands National Park. That was one of the most challenging day after day rides that I have undertaken, as the hill climbs were 10-12% for 3-5 km.



Right now just arrived in Labrador. We took the ferry with the bicycles from Nova Scotia to Newfoundland, then a bus to get to the west coast road called the Viking trail of 290 km which went through Gros Morne National Park a world heritage park. The scenery both of the mountains and the Gulf of St. Lawrence are beyond superlative beautiful.



This country is very remote and sparsely populated along the west coast. There are a few small fishing settlements. The lobster season is over and the lobster pots are stacked back in the trees along the highway. We got on a ferry this morning to get to Labrador through a tiny part of Quebec. We are going to bike ride the 90 km of paved road out and back, then back on the ferry to Newfoundland and by bus south to the ferry back to Nova Scotia. After a visit to Halifax we will drive south to Maine and begin the 5000+ mile trip back to Sequim.

~ Marti C.



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“Remember what Bilbo used to say: ‘It’s a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don’t keep your feet, there’s no knowing where you might be swept off to.’” ~ J.R.R. Tolkien

A TRIP TO SEQUIM

My two sisters (both older) and their husbands took an Alaskan Cruise late last month that departed from Seattle. Their plan was, on the return to Seattle, to rent a car and drive to Sequim – a place they had never visited. They made hotel reservations for two nights.

On Friday morning about 9:20 my oldest sister Donna called. I was surprised to hear from her so early. She said she was at the airport waiting for a flight home. Before my brain could process what she said, Donna told me that the previous afternoon she had ruptured her Achilles tendon and had to have surgery. She and hubby Gene were heading back to Illinois. She kept apologizing. I felt sad because she had this unexpected medical emergency. I was sad because I wouldn't get to see her and also because she wouldn't get to see the Olympic Peninsula. She said Helen (our other sister) and her husband Russ would still be coming to Sequim.

They arrived at my office about 3:00 pm. After greetings, hugs and meeting Abby (our dog), Russ, Helen and I took a ride. We went north on Sequim Avenue, down Marine Drive and then west into Port Angeles and out to Ediz Hook. All three of us had cameras and we all took pictures. We talked about Donna and Gene and how we wished they could be with us. Helen and I figured out a way – sort of.



When we got back to my office Helen gave me the memory card from her camera. There was a picture of Donna and Gene on it. I cropped them out of the photo and printed each of them on 8 ½ x 11 paper, then mounted those to cardstock.

“For every beauty there is an eye somewhere to see it. For every truth there is an ear somewhere to hear it. For every love there is a heart somewhere to receive it.” ~ *Ivan Panin*

Saturday morning we walked the Sequim Open Air Market; Missy was there and met Russ & Helen. Then we drove up to Hurricane Ridge. It was sunny and clear. We took several pictures with Donna and Gene in them.



Then we drove west to Lake Crescent and Marymere Falls where we got a few more pictures with our silent relatives. Saturday evening we had dinner at Colleen's. Our gracious host had the table already set. We got photos of Donna and Gene at the table.

Helen and Russ enjoyed the magnificence of the mountains and the water. She jokingly accused me of staying quiet about the beauty so I could keep it for myself. We were blessed with sunny summer-like weather, so they saw the best of things. I have to say I felt a bit like I was on vacation while they were here. That was a treat.





Donna had her surgery and is recuperating. After seeing the photos of the Pacific Northwest (and laughing at their pictures being included), Donna and Gene have a new future vacation destination in mind.

~Kathy P.



The October question is: **Do you have any funny Halloween stories? Or Halloween traditions?**
Tell us your SPOOKtacular customs.

September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Sherry Schubert 	3
4	5 Labor Day 	6	7	8	9 BOARD MEETING	10
11	12	13 Business Meeting	14	15	16	17 Fun Walk/Wellness Fair
18	19	20	21	22	23 Sally Sue Barry Autumn Begins 	24
25	26	27 Program Meeting	28	29	30 Michelle Barth 	

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month</p> 					<p>1 Fall Mall</p> 
2	<p>3 Founders Day</p>	4	5	6	7 BOARD MEETING	8
9	10	11 Business Meeting	12	13	<p>14 District 1 Meeting</p> 	<p>15 District 1 Meeting</p> 
<p>16 District 1 Meeting</p> 	17	18	<p>19 Susan Smith</p> 	<p>20 Jeanie Blaurock</p> 	21	22
23	24	25 Program Meeting	<p>26 Shelle Paulbitski</p> 	<p>27 Cathy Angel</p> 	28	<p>29 Mujeres Dinner</p> 
30	<p>31 Happy Halloween</p> 					

On the Hills

by: Elizabeth Coatsworth

“Today I walked on the lion-coloured hills
with only cypresses for company,
until the sunset caught me, turned the brush
to copper
set the clouds
to one great roof of flame
above the earth,
so that I walk through fire, beneath fire,
and all in beauty.
Being alone
I could not be alone, but felt
(closer than flesh) the presence of those
who once had burned in such transfigurations.
My happiness ran through the centuries
in one continual brightness. Looking down,
I saw the earth beneath me like a rose
petaled with mountains,
fragrant with deep peace.”



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