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Women Making a Difference for Women*

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Soroptimist Sisters and Friends,

This morning I was enjoying a cup of tea, flipping through a magazine, and basking in the serene beauty of a glorious autumn day when I stumbled upon an article regarding a battered woman. Suddenly a drab pallor fell over the day as I thought of the number of people in our world that are in need. You can't help wondering whether anyone can make a difference. And then I thought of our club, a small group by most organizational standards, but a group that does make a difference, especially for women and girls.

There's a Medical Loan Closet which fits an obvious need in our "graying" community. But more than just loaning out medical equipment to make life easier for those that are struggling, we're also offering a human touch to people at a time that they need it most. Does our presence make a difference to those folks? You bet!

How about the lives we touch when we award scholarships and awards? Yes, again. We are making a difference to each recipient by illustrating that we have faith in them and their goals. Again, it's knowing that someone cares!

Don't forget the people whose holidays are enriched by our programs of Adopt-A-Family and Caring Trees. The WIN Program which helps to expand the horizons of our Sequim High School girls. Through us, they are encouraged to be all that they can be. And, how about all the other local organizations we support through our "committed funds" and "uncommitted funds"?

How about the lives of the women we've improved through our Federation and International programs? Will we make a difference through Project Independence: Women Survivors of War and other programs like it? You bet!

So...let's continue to fight drabness and to spread as much sunshine as we can!

President Sandy

"... When you ask God for a gift,  
Be thankful if he sends,  
Not diamonds, pearls or riches,  
but the love of real true friends."

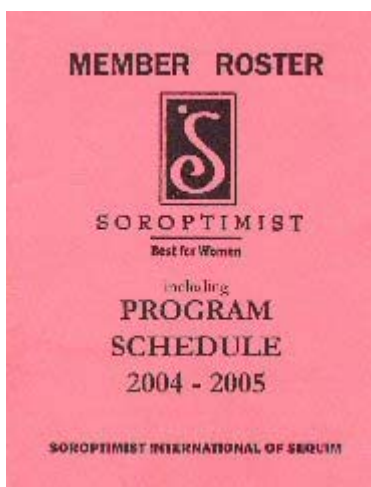
~Helen Steiner Rice

## Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends:

It's a **new** Soroptimist year! We have a **new** club president and a **new** committee structure. Have you noticed the **new** look of the SI/Sequim website <sisequim.com>? If you have been to the Members Only area of the NWR website <soroptimistnwr.com>, you will recognize its influence on the **new** look of our club website. There is also a **new** logo for Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA)!

President Sandy called me just after she returned from the Federation Convention in Calgary telling me about the new SIA logo. She asked me if our club roster books had been printed yet. I had done the layout for the roster book and it had been proofed by Sally Sue Barry, Jeanne Martin and President Sandy – before she left for the convention. (Thank you, Sally Sue, Jeanne and Sandy for being the eyes for this!)



While Sandy was gone, I made all the changes and the layout was ready – but it had not gone to the printer yet. Sandy swore me to secrecy, asking me to put the new SIA logo on the front of our roster book. Although the new logo was announced at the Federation Convention, Sandy wanted to introduce it to the club at our Brainstorming meeting – when she distributed the roster books. And that is exactly what President Sandy did! The new logo received accolade from our members.

Our Brainstorming meeting at the end of August was so motivating! First of all, there were 27 members who attended! Plus Heidi Ennes (who will officially become a member within days of the release of this issue of the *Soropti-Scoop*!) and Jane Manzer's mom was there too! The energy and enthusiasm were high! What a way to start off our Soroptimist year!

With the **new** committee structure, comes some **new** challenges and **new** learning curves – for committee heads as well as our members. As we move through these exciting times and write this year's chapter of our Neverending Story, let's remember the Sincerity of Friendship. And if a challenge seems overwhelming at first, let us recall something from one of our past presidents (that would be me) – let's take three deep breaths (3DB's) together...

Light and Love,  
Kathy Purcell  
Editor

Nurture  
Every  
Woman

"But friendship is precious,  
not only in the shade, but in the sunshine of life;  
and thanks to a benevolent arrangement of things,  
the greater part of life is sunshine."

- Thomas Jefferson

## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

- 8 Board Meeting
- 9 Business Meeting
- 23 Program
- 31 **HOLIDAY PARTY\***

### DECEMBER

- 10 Board Meeting
- 14 Business Meeting
- Girl of the Month

### JANUARY

- 7 Board Meeting
- 11 Business Meeting
- 25 Program

**\*Evening Meeting**

### Newsletter Staff

Kathy Purell  
Brenda Dunlap

The first website for  
SI/Sequim was done  
in the fall of 1999 –  
Five years ago!

## *Celebrate Life!*

### BIRTHDAYS

#### NOVEMBER

- 2 Mayme Faulk
- 18 Myrtle Zaponi
- 28 Marilyn Hooser

#### DECEMBER

- 23 Cindy Bidegary
- 26 Marie Angier

#### JANUARY

- 10 Kate Creasey
- 30 Brenda Dunlap



*You're Invited  
to our Holiday Party  
November 30, 2004*

*6:00 p.m.*

*Sunland Foursome Clubhouse*

*Bring clothing for the Kids Kloset*



### IN HOUSE RAFFLE

You received six tickets (\$5 each) Buy four or all six!

Half the total collected will go to three cash prizes.

The General Fund gets the other half.

**Drawing will be at our Holiday Party, November 30!**

### SEE'S THE OPPORTUNITY

The holidays are a time for giving. Sometimes it's a challenge to find an appropriate gift – especially for employees and customers. We have a gift that works for everyone! And it is a gift that gives back to the community as well. What better way to acknowledge appreciation than with a box of See's chocolates! Some local businesses have been doing this for years. They obviously find that See's suits their needs. Think of all the other local businesses whose holiday stress can be reduced by giving See's boxed chocolates.

How do these businesses learn about this idea? It's up to us to See's the opportunity to educate them. Visit your local real estate office, doctor's office, accountant, client or bank. Tell them about this great gift idea. The funds raised from the sales of See's candy goes back into the community in the form of scholarships and our support of local organizations/programs like First Teacher, the WIN (Women In Networks) Program, Food Bank, Museum and Art Center and more.

The holiday sales of See's chocolates is underway. Orders need to be given to Leah Tuttle by our November 30 meeting. Checks should be made payable to SI of Sequim. Orders should arrive the first full week of December.



*Holiday Fancy*

Dear Soroptimists,  
It will soon be Christmas!!!!  
We are scheduled to host a "Night at the Theater" on **December 2, 2004.**



Here's the scoop.....

### **The Bench. A Christmas Story**

by Larry Larson and Eddie Levi Lee  
Directed by Olivia Shea  
December 2, 2004 @ 7:30pm

### **Plot Summary**

A holiday play, with humor and music about two men meeting in a shopping mall while waiting for their wives to complete their Christmas shopping. The play progresses from the day after Thanksgiving up to Christmas Eve and the two men become part of each other's lives. The meetings between the men are intertwined with entertainment from mall entertainers, encounters with other shoppers and many humorous and touching Christmas Stories. This new play will be a wonderful way to spend a December evening with family, friends and fellow Soroptimists.

### **Intermission Event:**

This year we will be hosting a "Christmas Cookie Table" for our guests. You are invited to bake your favorite candies or cookies (only homemade please). A signup sheet will be sent around in November at both meetings. This is your chance to show your stuff, Ladies.

### **What are your responsibilities?**

In other years, we have **filled** the theater and earned money for our club activities at the same time. This year it sounds like we have a fun event and I hope everyone will work hard to **sell 4 tickets. Let's fill the theater!!!!**

**Tickets must be returned to Leah Tuttle by November 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

## **KID'S KLOSET UPDATE**



Our Kids KLOSET project brings smiles from Mr. & Mrs. Lippert, as well as our own Soroptimist member Sherry Schubert.

The bags are not filled with fall leaves; they are filled with clothes donated to the foster parent's exchange closet. It is another example of the fun we experience when working together.

Thanks to all of you who brought Fall clothing for the Kid's KLOSET. We will be collecting Winter clothing at our Holiday Party on November 30.



Sherry Schubert in between Mr. & Mrs. Lipperts,  
President and Secretary of the Foster Parents Association.



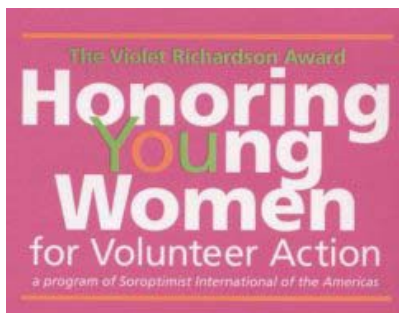
## EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The areas of responsibility under the Educational Support Committee are as listed in the roster: WIN, high school scholarships, continuing education scholarships, Professional Technical Award, Women's Opportunity Award, Violet Richardson Award, Making a Difference for Women Recognition and the Women of Distinction Recognition.

**Penny Wolf** has taken over the leadership of WIN and she coordinates closely with Mitzi Sanders at SHS. A mailing went out in September to all female high school students and there has been good response to the portion of the mailing that the girls were to fill out and return. Two events are currently scheduled: a ROPES Challenge Course day on October 24<sup>th</sup>, and an evening event on November 17<sup>th</sup> with Washington State Supreme Court Justice Susan Owens our guest speaker. More things will be planned as the year goes along.

**Continuing Education Scholarship** award winners were announced last month. This award is for college students in sophomore years and above. Our winners this year were **Tiffany Sande, Rebecca Westman, and Bethany Meyers Weed.** (see sidebar.)

There are two awards currently "open": the **Violet Richardson Award** and the **Women's Opportunity Award.** **Violet Richardson Award** is named after the president of the 1<sup>st</sup> Soroptimist Club, is funded by the SIA Foundation, and is a cash grant awarded to a young woman making the world a better place through her volunteer efforts. The local winner's application goes on to region and possibly beyond. **Dale Simon** is once again taking responsibility for this award. She has community members who will be doing the judging of the applications all ready to go. If you know of any deserving young woman between the ages of 14 and 17, please contact Dale for an application packet. Or applications can be obtained from Mitzi Sanders at Sequim High School or at Cole's Jewelry Store in Sequim.



The **Women's Opportunity Award**, also funded by SIA Foundation, is given to a head of household woman seeking to improve the economic status of her family by gaining additional skills, training and education. **Judy Ogilvie** is the Soroptimist sister responsible for this particular award. Advertising for applications will begin mid-October and the applications will be due by December 1. Again, if you know of someone who may fit that description, can show financial need, and has not yet earned an undergraduate degree, please contact Judy for an application brochure.

As the year progresses, there will be more information forthcoming about the other awards/recognitions/scholarships. We can be so very proud of the opportunities we're providing for people in our community, the families we're helping, and the impact we're having on lives in the Sequim valley.

*The Soroptimist Club of Sequim is pleased to announce the recipients of its three Continuing Education Scholarships.*

**Tiffany Sande** is a 1998 graduate of Sequim High School. After receiving her Paramedic certificate in 2000, she went on to earn an Associate of Applied Sciences in Emergency Medical Services in 2003 from Tacoma Community College. She is one of forty-one students accepted into MEDEX Northwest Physician Assistant Program at the University of Washington. Her expected graduation date will be June, 2006.

**Bethany Weed** received a B.S. in Social Work with a minor in Humanities from Brigham Young University in April of 2003, and graduate Cum Laude. After spending four months working in orphanages in Ecuador, she decided to return to school and work on her Masters in Social Work. After graduation, she hopes to become licensed and certified as a play therapist.

**Rebecca Westman** graduated from Sequim High School and received an Associate of Arts Degree from Peninsula College in June, 2004. She is presently attending Northwest College and is majoring in Elementary Education.

Soroptimist Club of Sequim is part of an international organization committed to serving local, national and international communities. To learn more about Soroptimist of Sequim visit our web page at [www.sisequim.com](http://www.sisequim.com)

## WIN (WOMEN IN NETWORKS) KICK-OFF

Soroptimist International of Sequim is celebrating the 8th year of the Women In Networks (WIN) Program with a Kick-Off on November 17, 2004 at the Oak Table Café in Sequim, 7pm. This event is sponsored by the WIN Program, through Soroptimist International of Sequim and Sequim High School.

This event with a dessert buffet is for WIN members, prospective WIN members, their families and, by invitation, community friends. Space limitation requires RSVP to Mitzi Sanders 683-9063, or PENNY WOLF 683-8168 or email to win@sisequim.com.

Soroptimist International of Sequim is pleased to announce the featured speaker for this event is Justice Susan Owens.

### Justice Susan Owens

On November 7, 2000, Judge Susan Owens was elected the seventh woman to serve on the Washington State Supreme Court. She joined the Court after serving nineteen years as District Court Judge in Western Clallam County, where she was the County's senior elected official with five terms. She also served as the Quileute Tribe's Chief Judge for five years and Chief Judge of the Lower Elwha S'Klallam Tribe for six plus years.

Justice Owens attended college at Duke University. She attended law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, receiving her JD in 1975. She was admitted to the Oregon State Bar in 1975 and the Washington State Bar in 1976.



Justice Susan Owens

Justice Owens was born and raised in Kinston, North Carolina, where she graduated from high school. Her father, the late Frank Owens, was a small town general practitioner and her mother, Hazel is a retired law enforcement officer. She attended college at Duke University. After graduation in 1971, she attended law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, receiving her JD in 1975. She was admitted to the Oregon State Bar in 1975, and the Washington State Bar in 1976.

Justice Owens has been active in the District & Municipal Court Judges' Association for many years. She was President-Elect of DMCJA prior to her election to the Supreme Court. She previously served as Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Board member. She served on the Long Range Planning, Diversity, Conference, and Education committees. In 1990, she was co-founder and Chair of the Rural Courts Committee, and has taught that subject at the Judicial College. She is extremely proud to be a member of that most important judiciary.

Presently, Justice Owens serves on the Rules Committee, she chairs the Court Interpreter Certification Advisory Commission, and she serves on the Board for Court Education.

Justice Owens is passionate about domestic violence issues that impact children and judicial education in that area. She has been a national trainer in that subject. She has trained judges from Anchorage to Albuquerque, and participated in the writing of the Northwest Tribal Judges Domestic Violence Manual. She lectures at the National College of Prosecuting Attorneys' Domestic Violence Conference. She is committed to ongoing efforts in this very important area of law.

Justice Owens loves baseball. Her favorite player is her son Owen Golden, age 17, shortstop and pitcher for the Port Angeles High School Roughriders. (Her favorite daughter is Sunny Golden, age 20.) She also loves the Olympic National Park, Lake Ozette, and everything about the West End of Clallam County.

## MEMBERSHIP = FRIENDSHIP

Or you could say friendship = membership. Each of us was invited to join Soroptimist of Sequim from an invitation from a friend. Who do you know that you would like to offer this opportunity to become a member of Soroptimist of Sequim?

Being a member of Soroptimist has given me an opportunity to meet new woman with diverse backgrounds and network in the community. Being a Soroptimist has also given me the opportunity to meet each of you and work with you to make a difference in our community..

Benefits of Members include Friendship, Leadership, Networking and Mentoring

When I think of mentoring and recruiting the first person that pops in my head is Jeanne Martin. She never misses the opportunity to help women become successful and that includes an invitation to join us for breakfast and learn more about us. Jeanne invites women to join Soroptimist not only for the experience, but because together we can achieve so much more for our community. I look around the diversified group of women and know I have become a better person for being a part of our club and want to give our women the same opportunity

This year I challenge each of you to invite a friend to a meeting and spread the word about Soroptimist of Sequim. We have 7 women who will be joining our group the end of this month and that is only the beginning of the never-ending story. .

Success and fun is contagious.. . . spread the feeling ...

Gail Frick

Membership Chair

P.S. DO YOU NEED A NEW SOROPTIMIST PIN OR NAME TAG? IF SO CONTACT OUR TREASURER CASEY MURPHY.

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## Project Independence, “Women Survivors of War”

Thank you, Colleen for a powerful meeting regarding Soroptimist International’s Quadrennial Program: Project Independence, Women Survivors of War. I was pleased to get such an overwhelming response of “What can we do?” followed by many suggestions. You’ll be hearing more about this project and I promise to provide you with a compilation of members’ ideas soon.

Meanwhile, Marti, owner of Pacific Mist Books, is offering a 20% discount to any member who is interested in reading more on this topic. Below is a list of suggested reading and the discounted prices.

*Nowhere Man* – Aleksandar Hemon – soft cover \$13.00

*Letters From Afghanistan* – Eloise Hanner – soft cover \$14.95

*We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families* – Philip Gourevitch – soft cover \$15.00

*Leave None to Tell the Story* – Alison Des Forges – soft cover \$35.00 (may be harder to obtain)

*Balkan Ghosts* – Robert Kaplan – soft cover \$14.00

President Sandy



Note Cards (\$15 pk/12)  
and Pins (\$5 each)  
are still available.



## SHARE AND SHARE ALIKE

We recently had an opportunity to share our “wealth.” The Medical Loan Closet was bursting at its seams because grateful members of our community frequently return borrowed equipment and add something extra. We also acquired older equipment that wasn’t in high demand like wooden crutches and walker/ wheelchairs that don’t fold.

For almost six months, I have tried to contact various organizations that could utilize this durable medical equipment. Our inventory of wheelchairs had grown to 41 and we had so many walkers there wasn’t a place to store them. Earlier this summer, Louella Hanson was instrumental in organizing a shipment to the Dominican Republic with Doug Hanson (her son) to support the Christ For The Nations mission. I called the Rotary club to ask about their “Amigo Project” and learned about a new humanitarian program.



Sally Sue Barry, Louella Hanson, Gary Gano (owner, Angeles Medical Supply), Sherry Schubert, Imbert Matthee (director of NW Clear Path International)

Clear Path International (CPI) was formed by a group with a wealth of relief-work experience in Vietnam and other parts of Asia in 2000. They originally formed as a landmine and bomb removal organization. CPI collects and ships medical equipment to hospitals in mine-affected countries. Their goal is to strengthen the ability of communities threatened by wartime explosives to treat and heal trauma patients, particularly landmine accident survivors. They have shipped 40 foot containers to Cambodia, Vietnam, Jordan, Columbia and the Philippines. Smaller shipments have gone to Iraq, Guatemala, Ecuador, Uganda and Thailand.

When I contacted Imbert Matthee, Northwest director of CPI from Bainbridge Island, WA., he was very interested in our unused equipment and medical supplies. I asked Gary Gano, owner of Angeles Medical Supply, to check the 8 wheelchairs and other equipment prior to Imbert’s pick up date. Gary was so interested in this project, that he volunteered to bring cases of gloves and other supplies to add to the container. We were all eager to share and share alike; it was a true spirit of community cooperation.

On Friday-October 1, Sally Sue Barry, Louella Hanson, and Sherry Schubert gathered at the Medical Loan Closet to help with the transfer of the equipment. Gary came early to help select walkers and make final repairs on the wheelchairs. He even helped with a real Medical Loan transaction when a woman was asking about the best wheelchair for her husband that recently had a stroke. By the time Imbert arrived, the equipment was ready to load in his van. Several pictures were taken to celebrate and document the event.

We hope to partner with CPI again as we collect equipment that cannot be used here. Gary is eager to donate more medical supplies when Imbert comes again. The CPI is designed to create an in-country capacity that can sustain the victim assistance activities well into the future, independently or with minimal support from the international community. More information about CPI is on their website: [www.clearpathinternational.org](http://www.clearpathinternational.org). This project certainly lends to the Soroptimist programs of Goodwill and Understanding. Soroptimist Disaster Relief Fund, Project Independence: Women Survivors of War.

Colleen Blazier  
Medical Loan Closet Coordinator



## SI Sequim Enhances the Angel Farm Lavender Festival Experience – Women Helping Women!

The 2004 Lavender Festival celebration at Angel Farm from July 16-18<sup>th</sup> was greatly enhanced by the smiling crew of Sequim Soroptimists in their “Flower Power” tee-shirts who welcomed thousands of automobile visitors to the farm and smoothly directed them to the parking area.

The Sequim lavender industry took root in 1995 when a group of local farmers, gardeners, and community visionaries formed a committee to create a Sequim identity for revising our sagging local economy, bringing tourist dollars to our area, and preserving our vanishing farmland. Lavender was selected as our signature crop for its long lasting beauty, versatility, and suitability to our sunny, dry microclimate in the rain shadow of the Olympic Mountains.

With more than 40 lavender farms now in the Sequim Dungeness valley, the Sequim Lavender Festival celebrated its 8th year in 2004, drawing more than 30,000 visitors to our lovely area. Each year the area lavender farms open their farms and share “the lavender experience” and information with their many enthusiastic visitors.

As one of the eight farms on tour during the annual very popular three-day Lavender Festival, Angel Farm utilizes a legion of volunteers to help us run a smooth, inviting, friendly, entertaining and educational event for our visitors. Having infringed on the good nature of family and friends for the past couple of festivals, I approached my sister Soroptimists to see if they might like to take on this huge greeting/traffic control/parking job as a fundraising opportunity in trade for volunteer hours here on Angel Farm. Thank goodness, they enthusiastically accepted!

Sixty hours were volunteered by fifteen SI Sequim Soroptimists, which resulted in a \$500 donation by Angel Farm in the form of cash and lavender products to SI Sequim. The lavender products are sold by the club at district and regional meetings as an additional Soroptimist fundraiser.

During the three-day event, I heard many compliments from visitors from all over the country about the warm greetings and relaxed, smooth flowing entry they enjoyed in entering our farm – thanks to my sister Soroptimists. One of the appeals of our vintage Angel Farm is women farmers working together, and nothing pleased me more than being able to promote another strong female partnership with Soroptimists as part of our festival venue. Women Helping Women at its best!

Looking forward to working together again at the 2005 Lavender Festival. Please note July 15 -17, 2005 on your calendars now.

Many thanks,  
Cathy Angel  
SI Sequim Member & Lavender Farmer



Megan O'Donnell, Cathy Angel and Kathy Purcell at the Angel Farm during the 8th Lavender Festival

## COMMUNICATIONS/IMAGE COMMITTEE

Before we had our first Communications/Image Committee meeting I was nervous. There hasn't been an active Public Relations or Marketing Committee since I have been a member. Communications/Image is a new committee, with no preordained guidelines established by the club. Where does the head of such a committee begin? A small voice inside said: start with what you know.

I know marketing and public relations (PR) need a lot of direction. There are three members on the Communications/Image Committee along with me, so we broke down Marketing/PR into three areas: Press Release, Program Focus Report (PFR), Image Award Book; the first two are actually part of the third. **Kate Creasey** has experience doing press releases so that was an easy match up. **Brenda Dunlap** will handle PFR's and **Anne Knight** will take on the Image Award Book. I will continue doing the *Soropti-Scoop* newsletter, our club <sisequim.com> and Garden Show <sequimgardenshow.com> websites.

As most of you know I am a person who enjoys words. A phrase to describe our Communications/Image Committee members came to mind: Media Mavens. The first definition I found for maven is: "someone who is dazzlingly skilled in any field." How cool is that! We will do our best to show that we fit this description.

All nervousness I originally had about chairing this committee, melted away during our first meeting. Each member came up with great ideas. I asked the members to help promote the use of the NWR website. **Anne** suggested that we write up a step-by-step procedure for logging on. **Brenda** suggested that we write up something that explains about program focus reports. **Kate** volunteered to be the secretary for the committee, taking notes and distributing the "Media Maven Mini Minutes" via email.

Just after I wrote up the log in instructions for the NWR website, I happened to look at the July issue of the *Soroptimist* magazine. Inside I found instructions for logging in to the Members Only area of the SIA website. What great timing!

At our October business meeting, the Communications/Image Committee handed out a packet to each member; the packet included three items. The first is a brochure that tells about our PR philosophy. It explains the importance of the Program Focus Report and how it is a tool for NWR NewsOnline, Soroptimist Celebrating Success, and of course, the Image Award Book. The second is a double sided form with the instructions for logging in to the Members Only area of the NWR website on one side and the instructions for logging in to the SIA website on the other. The third item is a flyer about a contest. You can read more about that in the Internet Coordinator article in this issue of the *Soropti-Scoop*.

As I often send a copy of a proposed publication to Sally Sue Barry to proof, I sent her the PR brochure to review. No surprise, her keen eyes caught an error. But what was a surprise is Sally Sue's comments about the brochure: "It really explains the PR aspect very well. PFRs is a new concept to me, tho I have, of course, heard of it. Now I understand better." It was interesting that after nearly 29 years as a Soroptimist, even Sally Sue could learn from what we put together. It confirmed for me, the value of what our committee is doing.

**Kate** and **Brenda** both have digital cameras, so you will be seeing these shutterbugs in action at club meetings and events. **Kate** has already submitted several press releases which you have probably seen in the newspaper. Any committee that has need of getting something into the newspaper, please contact **Kate Creasey**. **Brenda Dunlap** is in charge of Program Focus Reports; she will be contacting committee heads with sample of PFR's. **Anne Knight** will be contacting members about items for the Image Award Book.

I am proud to be chair of this committee, and I am grateful to the other **Media Mavens** for helping to create the guidelines for this important committee.

Kathy Purcell  
Communications/Image Committee Chair



## A Contest for the Proactive Soroptimist Win A Great Prize

*(A Gift Basket which includes a \$20 gift certificate at Petals)*



**Just for finding a project/fundraiser you think could be good for our club.**

You don't have to invent (or chair) a project/fundraiser – pick one from the NWR website.

### It's a contest with a lot of Pros!

The NWR website **provides** us with **Program Focus Reports**. These **proclaim projects/fundraisers** that have **produced proven** results.

Here's all you need to do:

1. Go to the NWR Website: <soroptimistnwr.com>
2. Login to the "Members Only Area"
3. Click on: "The Library"
4. Click on: "Program Focus Report Online"
5. Then Search – by Club, Date of Entry, Date of Project, Program of Service Area.
6. Find a Program Focus Report (PFR) that explains a project or fundraiser that looks interesting for our club to do.
7. Print out the PFR and get it to the Communications/Image Committee.

Every member who submits a copy of a Program Focus Report will have her name entered into a drawing for the gift basket. The drawing will be held at our February Business meeting. That gives you plenty of time to review the Program Focus Reports and find the one you like best.

Have fun!

The Communications/Image Committee



**SOROPTIMIST**  
Best for Women

### Logging on to the Members-Only Website Soroptimist International of the Americas

1. Go to <www.soroptimist.org>
2. Click on "Members Login" at the top of the blue navigation bar to the left of the screen.
3. Enter your surname (all lower case) in the "Username" field. Surnames must be entered exactly as they appear in SIA's database. Members who are unsure how their surnames are listed in the database should look on their magazine mailing labels or email <sihq@soroptimist.org>
4. Enter the six-digit member identification number in the "Password" field.  
Member numbers can be found on magazine mailing labels.
5. Click "Login."  
Please contact SIA's member services coordinators Maura Straton or Linda Lewis with any questions at <sihq@soroptimist.org> or (215) 893-9000, ext 0

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_



### Logging on to the Members-Only Website Soroptimist Northwestern Region

1. Go to <www.soroptimistnwr.com>
2. Click on "Members Only Area" - the bottom button of the blue navigation bar to the left of the screen.
3. Click on NWR Members Intranet Website.
4. Enter your six-digit identification (member) number in the "User name" field.
5. Enter your SurnameFirstname (Initial Caps for each, no spaces) in the "Password" field. Surnames must be entered exactly as they appear in NWR's database.
6. Click on "Logon".
7. Members who are unsure of their longon details can fill in their email address and click on the "send me my details" button. The info will be emailed to you.

User name: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

## INTERNET COORDINATOR UPDATE

Dear Soroptimist Sisters.

Last year I helped enter older Program Focus Reports (PFR's) into the NWR web database. Some of the projects were quite interesting. Although I had entered PFR's before for our club, a light bulb started to flicker in my brain when I entered reports for other clubs. The PFR's are a valuable tool.

After agreeing to head the clubs's Communications/Image Committee, I looked up information on Soroptimist public relations and image. The Image Award Book is a permanent record of our PR activities. One part of the Image Award Book is Program Focus Reports.

A few weeks ago I was talking with president-elect Megan O'Donnell about the NWR website and how to get more members to access it. Megan mentioned that there are so many good PFR's available and suggested having a contest that would involve members reading some of these. After input from the Communications/Image Committee and President Sandy we came up with a contest that will be a winner for all of us. A flyer about the contest was included in the packet that was handed out to members at our October 11 club meeting. See information about the contest on page 11.

Many of the projects that will have Program Focus Reports will lend themselves to articles for the NWR NewsOnline section of the Region website <[soroptimistnwr.com](http://soroptimistnwr.com)>. Articles submitted to the NWR NewsOnline are viewable by anyone. (And you can include pictures!) This is a good way to share our accomplishments with Soroptimist and non-Soroptimist alike.

By the time this *Soropti-Scoop* is distributed, it will be only a matter of days until the District 1 meeting. Most of you know that I accepted the (newly created) position of District 1 Web Development Team Rep. Educating our members is important. Education makes us more productive; it opens new doors; it shows us opportunities we may not have known. Education helps us learn more about ourselves. I invite each of you to become more educated about Soroptimist. Visit the NWR website <[soroptimistnwr.com](http://soroptimistnwr.com)> often. Updates and new information are added regularly.

Kathy Purcell  
Internet Coordinator

<[www.soroptimistnwr.com](http://www.soroptimistnwr.com)>

“Go often to the house of thy friend, for weeds choke the unused path.”  
-Ralph Waldo Emerson



## Gratutude expressed from people we have helped.

Dear Sally Sue,

To you and your fellow Soroptimist members we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your participation in Evelyn's Memorial Service.

Your personal eulogy and the lovely yellow rose ceremony were greatly appreciated by all. We know it would have meant so much to her.



Again, thank you so much from all the Lehman family!

Chuck and Shirley

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Dear Scholarship Committee:

I am writing this letter to thank-you for awarding me with your scholarship. I truly appreciate your organization's encouragement in furthering my education. Your support for student's like myself is essential to the betterment of our society.

Thank you again from the bottom of my heart and I will continue to update you on my educational progression.

Sincerely,  
Tiffany C. Sande

### Friendship

There's a miracle of Friendship  
that dwells within the heart,  
And you don't know how it happens  
or where it gets its start...  
But the happiness it brings you  
always gives a special lift,  
And you realize that Friendship  
Is God's most perfect gift.  
*-Jean Kyler McManus*

September 27, 2004

My Dear Sister Soroptimists:

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of my departure from the area for a new position with King County as their Director of the Division of Parks & Recreation. It will be an interesting transition from this small town to the big City and Hattie & I will learn how to be "city girls" in no time.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with this incredible organization and will never forget the sound of the Pledge of Allegiance in women's voices – it always gave me patriotic Goosebumps!

I also love that whenever I type Soroptimist, my computer spell-check suggests – 'so optimistic' as the correction!

Please know that Soroptimist's support of the Boys & Girls Club really makes a difference – and that the Club continues to save young people's lives in our community. We recently closed the club for a day and took EVERYONE to the Pacific Science Center in Seattle. Six children from Sequim had never been across the Hood Canal Bridge or seen tall buildings – we opened a big new horizon for those children! Because we're affordable we reach kids who really need support.

I will miss y'all – but will be close enough to visit. Thank you for letting me belong with you.

Sincerely,  
Suzanne R. Little  
Executive Director for One More Day



## *In Loving Memory of Evelyn Lehman*

The best ideas remain only that, unless someone takes action to make them a reality. Evelyn Lehman was that kind of “someone.” She understood the ideals of Soroptimist and was instrumental in the birth of Soroptimist International of Sequim.

Evelyn was a Charter Member. In the early years of the club there were Soroptimist Pot Luck meetings in the basement of Evelyn’s home. It is said home is where the heart is.

It is obvious Evelyn was at home as a Soroptimist. Her heart ever giving, Evelyn was a Soroptimist for more than half of her life. What she gave started as a ripple on the local level, moving through to District, Region, International and beyond. Evelyn’s dedication has inspired us all. She was treasurer of SI/Sequim for many years and we treasure the spirit she shared with our club. Evelyn was truly a woman who made a difference. We will miss her presence, but will always be grateful for the presents she shared. Evelyn, we thank you!



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To A Woman Making A Difference For Women