



SOROPTIMIST®

Investing in Dreams

**Soroptimist International of
Port Angeles Jet Set
Jet-Streams**



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KATHY

Welcome April!

Let's start off this beautiful month with our fundraiser, "100 Women, 100 Dollars, 100 Dreams." It will run from April 15 through May 15. If you haven't had the opportunity to look through the information that was sent out, please take a few minutes to do so now. And if you have any questions, please feel free to ask! This is your opportunity to help us to fulfill our mission to provide women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. With your help, we can help women and girls in our community to live their dreams.

I want to thank those members who agreed to serve on the nominating committee and a huge thank you to those who have said "yes, I would be happy to serve on the board." The slate of officers for the 2025-2026 year will be presented at the business meeting on April 17.

Take some time to get outside and enjoy the sunshine, warmth, sights and sounds of the season!

Thanks for all you do!

President Kathy

All of us, at sometime or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors—in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver.

The World According to Mister Rogers



**LET'S
VISIT**

Upcoming Programs

- Apr 10 Program Meeting - TBD St Andrews, 7:00 am
Apr 17 Business Meeting, St Andrews and Zoom, 7:00 am
Apr 24 Social - TBD
May 8 Program Meeting - TBD St Andrews, 7:00 am
May 15 Business Meeting, St Andrews and Zoom, 7:00 am
May 22 Social - TBD
May 29 ROAR/SOLT

Happy Birthday

The following members have birthdays
this month and the following months:

Jean Schneider	April 11	Mary Galvin	June 1
		Judi Hoffman	June 9
		Traci Boe	June 20
Helen Fox	May 1	Jean Hordyk	June 27
Robin Trent	May 6		
Karen Lavender-Peterson	May 8	Patty Rosand	July 2
		Margie Castle	July 12
		Anne Shaffer	July 25



Upcoming Events & Happenings

**April 24-27, 2025
Northwestern Region Conference
Valley River Inn
Eugene, OR**

Live Your Dream Award

March 13, 2025

From our 2025 Live Your Dream Award Winner

My name is Sandra Christina Schroeder, everyone calls me Tina.

When I was born, I weighed 4lbs. With a body totally grey my mother watched as I was ran out of the room where the doctors began working on me, leaving my mother and father in wonder. The doctors said I was dead on arrival, ingesting the whole Placenta, I was then pronounced dead after about 20 minutes I woke on my own catching my own breath. My parents were told in 2 weeks she will expire my mother said I'm taking her home to be with just her, by the grace of God I am still alive.

I Was 18 months when my parents found out my legs were born backwards I had hip dysplasia I was in a body cast most my childhood I didn't get to do what lots of other kids were doing my dad had to put weights on my legs to make me stronger so I could walk normal I was told by 24, I would never walk again being paralyzed again another miracle .

During my younger childhood 5-8 I had endured some trauma, I had no control over, I was molested by my uncle, and a babysitter. Babysitter went to jail. I never told anyone about my uncle till I was 32, these things were never really talked about.

Both of my parents struggled with addiction. My dad was an alcoholic, my mother drank, used meth once, and then was saved in church. My mom never touched anything after giving her life to Jesus, my dad still struggled until a few years ago.

I was 9 when I first smoked a cigarette, 15 to 16 Marijuana. I was 17 with my first taste of alcohol. 16 to 31 I was using methamphetamine off and, on. From 29 to 31, I was using heroin/opiates every day, I became an IV user my first time at 16. I was at a house party, I seen people in the bedroom doing it with this long pointed clear stick oh man! It was so mesmerizing. I had told everyone if I'm doing any it's going to be that way. My friend said no. I got mad. He said once you start you never stop, I was like yea right! just this once I sat in the chair while my friend helped set it up. I watched them crush it up with water, put it in a soda bottle lid to suck it up, I was told to take a deep breath, with a little poke, once it hit I slid down the wall, my body was hot, my eyes big like moons, my heart pumping, I could hear the sound it was making and it the most amazzing thing I'd heard. I just knew I wanted to feel like this every day, what I didn't know I was falling in love with the devil. Everything I thought bad about myself, all the things



*Award Winner Tina, her son Lyle, her mom Sandy
LYD Award Breakfast March 13, 2025*

Live Your Dream Award (continued)

that happened to me growing up in my adulthood or things I had no answers to were gone, as it eventually destroyed everything in my life.

I was 16 when I was raped by two men, while living in Washougal I was so scared to tell anyone even my parents.

I found out later I was pregnant, I was 6 weeks, I think. I ended up losing the baby in the Port Angeles High School bathroom, the girls whom I made friendships with helped me to the counselor office where I begged them not to tell my parents they or school staff NEVER DID. My parents had no clue, I couldn't tell them as it would have broken their hearts.

I had my first son Taylor, 19 I did my best by staying clean n sober the whole time but after I went right back out, leaving my parents to raise him, eventually giving him to his dad, who kept him from us until cps gave him back, he was 14. I have had him since living in my home as he's learning to build his own life. I had number two at 29 "LYLE" he's a little different he thinks differently than others. I used through my whole pregnancy. I never lost Lyle 'til he was two when I gave him to friends so I could do my own thing. CPS picked Lyle up from a playground because he was left unattended over 45 min. He was in CPS care and foster family for 2-1/2 years.

I was arrested for possession and did 6-month in-patient when I was accepted to drug court and family court and completed both programs. I have held down jobs for over a year and learned things I should have at 16. I got my driver's license 5 years ago and have had my own apartment for 9 years.

I am trying to complete my high school plus program so I can do better at my job by getting more education directed in the recovery community. I am a recovery coach on the REAL TEAM through Reflections Counseling services group/BHASO.

I just received my affiliation through the health department. I've also completed the certified peer Counseling training. I am now a crisis intervention specialist.

I want more in my life to provide better for my family, I want to get my high school diploma and go into social work/criminal justice.

With the money I have won, I want a better car that's going to last a long time.



Live Your Dream Award Thank You






Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Live Your Dream Award Breakfast a success. Your attendance and contributions to the lovely breakfast is appreciated. It means a lot to me to have such great support for this program. Tina and her family felt special and thankful.

*Thanks,
Deb*

Canada Welcome

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A Washington town is rolling out the red carpet for Canadians in the hopes of overcoming growing animosity instigated by Donald Trump. Andrew Johnson explains.

A big show of affection from a small American border town left Canadians near tears during tense times over tariffs and calls to boycott U.S. travel.

A crowd of close to 200 Americans, dressed in red and white, lined the ferry terminal in Port Angeles, Washington on Thursday, welcoming Canadian travellers from Victoria, B.C. They carried signs saying, "We Love Poutine" and "Adopt us as the 11th province" among them, waved Canadian flags, and cheered vehicles and passengers walking off the 90-minute sailing.

 ctvnews.ca



On February 20th Leslie and her husband Jim and Deb along with many others welcomed our Canadian neighbors upon the return of the Coho after a long annual maintenance. The passengers seemed to be very appreciative. Also, we made the Canada news!



Huukan Spring Fling



Fun day at the Spring Fling Fundraiser we did March 21st. We raised \$5,000 for Christmas gifts for needy children. Will leave here April 14th.

See you then,
Ruth



Dessert of the Month 2025

Dessert of the Month



MONTH	NAME
JANUARY	Kathy Estes
FEBRUARY	Jean Hordyk
MARCH	Mary Galvin
APRIL	Helen Fox
MAY	Deb West
JUNE	Ruth Thomson
JULY	Leslie Mraz
AUGUST	Joan Putnam
SEPTEMBER	Margie Castle
OCTOBER	Jill Oakes
NOVEMBER	Marsha Robin
DECEMBER	Wende Porterfield

Chris Anderson is the winner of the 2025 Dessert of the Month. Bakers/Cooks, please contact her at 360-775-9662 to set up a time for delivery of the dessert.

Committees 2024-25

Economic/Social Development & Health

October Programs
Lisa Waldron

Education

November Programs
Margie Castle, Chair
Mary Galvin
Wende Porterfield
Gwen Porterfield
Lisa Waldron

Environment

March Programs
Marsha Robin, Chair
Gloria Godfrey
Gwen Porterfield
Wende Porterfield
Linda Sudela

Federation/International Goodwill

June Programs
Deb West
Marsha Robin
Stephanie Kinnaman

Finance

February Programs
Traci Boe
Jill Oakes
Marsha Robin
Wende Porterfield - ex officio

Laws & Resolutions

May Programs
Traci Boe
Jill Oakes
Marsha Robin
Wende Porterfield - ex officio

ROAR/SOLT

April Programs
Jill Oakes - Chair
Sylvia Orth
Marsha Robin
JoAnn Vickery-Cook

Social

December Programs

Helen Fox - Chair
Traci Boe
Mary Galvin
Martha Hurd
Judi Hoffman
Sylvia Orth
Joan Putnam
Patty Rosand

Youth

September Programs
Martha Hurd
Leslie Mraz
Sylvia Orth
Helen Fox

Ways & Means

***Each committee will choose a member to serve on Ways & Means*
Helen Fox - Co-chair
Patty Rosand - Co-chair
Jill Oakes
Marsha Robin
Joan Putnam
Deb West

Facebook - Patty Rosand

Newsletter - Wende Porterfield

Website - Deb West

Publicity -

Instagram -

Soroptimist Protocol

Proper Soroptimist Custom and Protocol

- Begin and close meetings on time; be on time for meetings.
- Attend regularly.
- Address the presiding officer as president, governor or, if the vice president is presiding, by her title followed by her name, e.g. “Vice President Mary.”
- Address another Soroptimist by her first name.
- Do business with Soroptimists on a business basis, expecting no favors or special treatment.
- Pay your own way, unless you’re invited as a guest or as a speaker.
- Invite Soroptimists and others (as deemed appropriate by the president) to business meetings. Welcome visiting Soroptimists.
- Disagree politely and keep informality within the bounds of fellowship and parliamentary procedure.

Use correct terminology:

- We are Soroptimists — **not** Sorops.
- We are members — **not** sisters or girls.
- We are clubs — **not** chapters.
- We are a federation — **not** national or federal.
- We have a pledge — **not** a creed or motto.
- We attend a club or district **meeting**, region **conference**, federation or international **convention**.
- We elect region officers — **not** regional officers.
- We believe in Soroptimist — **not** “Soroptimism.”

Use correct names:

- Soroptimist International of (name of your club)
- Soroptimist International of the Americas
- Soroptimist International of Europe
- Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland
- Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific
- Soroptimist International Africa Federation
- Soroptimist International

Helping Hands

Little Free Pantries of Port Angeles

Across Port Angeles, there are 5 Little Free Pantries - anyone can get FREE FOOD 24/7 with no paperwork, registration, etc! Please take what you need and give what you can.

2634 S. Francis St - outside Lutheran Family Services office, across the parking lot from the PA Boys and Girls Club



301 E. Lopez Ave - outside Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, across the parking lot from the Port Angeles NOLS Library

1134 E. Park Ave - on the sidewalk outside the Peninsula College CHI Dorms



316 S Cherry St - on the sidewalk at the intersection of 4th and Cherry Streets, near the Port Angeles Food Bank

1140 W 9th St - on the curb at the intersection of 9th and E Streets, near Shane Park



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Clallam County

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Online Meetings

Meetings will be held in person and online for those wishing to join virtually. An email will be sent out with the Zoom Audio/Video Conference Information for each meeting.

Our business meetings will need to have a majority of the club participating either in person or online. The meetings also provide you with needed appropriate social contact to help keep you healthy in mind as well as body.

At a minimum, please participate in the **CONFERENCE CALL**. This is the easiest and most accessible to all and can be accomplished by anyone who has a telephone. **Please know how to MUTE and UN-MUTE your phone** to eliminate background noise. Just call the conference number 2-5 minutes prior to the meeting.

See the most recent email for up-to-date information on logging in to the Zoom meeting by either phone or computer.

If you have internet access on your personal computer, laptop, etc. and would like to participate in the video conference, please set up your device ahead of Thursday's meeting. If you cannot set this up ahead of time - please use the conference call information above, and we will work with everyone to ensure they can get setup for video conferencing in future.

If you log on from your computer, you will need a microphone and audio capabilities (speakers) If you do not have a microphone and/or speakers - just dial the conference number above to get into the audio portion of the meeting. Please login to meeting 10-15 minutes before it is scheduled to start.



Breakfast/Program Schedule 2024-25

MONTH	COMMITTEE
September	Youth
October	Economic/Social Development/Health
November	Education
December	Social for Holiday Party - no meetings
January	All Club Members
February	Finance/Laws & Resolutions
March	Environment
April	ROAR/SOLT
May	Federation/International Goodwill
June	All Club Members
July	All Club Members
August	No Meetings

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Soroptimist International of Port Angeles—Jet Set Board Members 2024-25

Kathy Estes
President

Unfilled
President Elect

Traci Boe
Secretary

Wende Porterfield
Treasurer

Marsha Robin
Assistant Treasurer

Margie Castle
Immediate Past President

Mary Galvin
Director, Former President

Sylvia Orth
Director

Joan Putnam
Director