



SOROPTIMIST®

Investing in Dreams

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



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KATHY

Happy February! Can spring be too far away?

The Studium Generale presentation on January 29 was nothing short of wonderful. Sgt. Marlies Dick kept the audience captive with her program on Human Trafficking. There was interest from “navigators” at the high school as well as from other members of the community. Marlies is willing to come back to Port Angeles—next time for two days—so she can work with specific groups and reach out to more people. And there may well be an opportunity to work with the high school on issues facing girls.

February may be a short month, but there are lots of things happening! Emily Dexter from the Port Angeles Food Bank will be our program speaker, which will tie in with an announcement from “Tuna Tim” about this year’s protein drive in March. And our “Students of the Semester” will be recognized at our business meeting on February 19.

The Red, Set, Go luncheon is on February 27. Tickets are available for \$100/person. If you are interested in attending as a Jet Set member, please let me know.

And last—but certainly not least—the area meeting is on Saturday, February 28. It is hosted by the Noon Club and will be held at the Elks. An invitation has been sent to all members. Just a reminder that our club will be hosting the event next year.

Thanks for all you do!

President Kathy

Let your light shine bright so it helps lead others out of the dark. Anonymous



Be the Light!

Upcoming Programs

- Feb 12 Program: Emily Dexter, Executive Director at Port Angeles Food Bank, 7:00 am, Zoom only
- Feb 19 Business Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 am; Students of the Semester, 7:45 am
- Feb 26 Social Meeting, TBD
- March 12 Program: Live Your Dream Breakfast, 7:00 am, St Andrews
- March 19 Business Meeting, 7:00 am at St Andrews and Zoom
- March 26 Social Meeting, TBD

Happy Birthday

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



Sylvia Orth	February 4
Anna Shields	February 24
Linda Sudela	March 14
Helen Fox	May 1
Robin Trent	May 6
Karen Lavender-Peterson	May 8

Upcoming Events & Happenings

Chamber of Commerce January Lunch

February 11, 2026

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Topic: Olympic Medical Center Updates

Sponsored by: Field Arts & Events Hall

Upstairs at Red Lion Hotel

221 N Lincoln St

Port Angeles

Area Meeting

February 28, 2026

9:30 am - 2:30 pm

(Check-in begins at 9:00 am)

Hosted by Noon Club

\$35 (make checks payable to SIPAJS, send to Wende by Feb 9)

Elks Naval Lodge

131 E First St, Port Angeles

Northwestern Region Conference

April 23-26, 2026

Grouse Mountain Lodge

Montana

49th Biennial Convention

July 22-25, 2026

Incheon, Korea

Registration opens early 2026

SI Olympic Area Meeting 2026

The SI Olympic Area Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at the Elks Naval Lodge, 131 E First Street in Port Angeles from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Check-in will begin at 9:00 am.

We are invited to meet & share a “Recipe for Success.” The registration fee is \$35. Please make check payable to SIPA Jet Set or give your cash to Wende at 231 Hancock Avenue. Wende will complete the registration form for all attending and send one check from our club to their club. Please let Wende know if you will be attending by February 9 so she can complete the registration form and submit it by the February 10 deadline.

Included will be AM Coffee/Tea/Baked Goods/Fruit and Lunch on site. The lunch menu is salad and baked potato bar, chili.

We are welcome to bring a raffle item to add fun factor! All proceeds will benefit Operation Uplift - a local breast cancer support organization. Raffle tickets provided.

Recipe for Success

Ingredients:

1 cup of Ideas

1/2 cup of Imagination

2 cups of Teamwork

1 tablespoon of Goodwill

2 lbs of Leadership

2 teaspoons of Trust

1 lb of Vision

Simmer all ingredients in a large Pot of Luck

Human Trafficking Presentation



Sergeant Marlies Dick, RCMP
E-Division Major Crime Unit
Behavioral Sciences group

Sgt. Marlies Dick of the RCMP graciously agreed to speak at the Studium Generale on Human Trafficking. Her presentation on human trafficking awareness was informative, impactful, and deeply engaging. We are pleased that Sgt. Dick has agreed to return in the future to present a two-day session on this critical topic. Her biography follows:

With over 20 years of dedicated policing experience, Sergeant Marlies Dick has honed her expertise in safeguarding vulnerable individuals. Beginning her career in patrol, she transitioned to the Integrated First Nation policing unit, where she diligently served the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nations alongside the West Vancouver Municipal police.

During her tenure at the North Vancouver Detachment, Marlies specialized in combating sex crimes and child abuse for five years before assuming leadership of the Youth Intervention Unit for an additional two years. Her commitment to excellence propelled her to her current role as the Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of the Provincial Counter Exploitation Unit.

In her current capacity, Marlies spearheads efforts to raise awareness, deliver training, and offer support to frontline officers investigating human trafficking, as well to partner agencies and community groups with a particular emphasis on exploited youth vulnerable to Human Sex Trafficking.

Marlies's presentations are characterized by their candid, unfiltered nature, offering invaluable insights into identifying warning signs, recognizing indicators, and implementing effective strategies for law enforcement and public sector professionals working with youth and vulnerable adults.

Inspirational Women

Minnie Petersen – The Packer



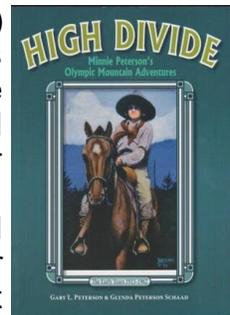
Minnie Peterson 1960
Forks, Washington

Born in Forks, Washington State in 1897, on a ranch along the Hoko River near Lake Ozette. From an early age, she learned how to work the ranch livestock, horse riding and handling, and to care for the land.

In 1915, she married Oscar Peterson Sr., who was also a child of Swedish emigrant parents. Her published biography, *High Divide*, recounts how Minnie and her husband rode a motorcycle from Forks, Washington to San Francisco, California on their honeymoon. Upon returning to Forks, Minnie embarked on her lifelong career as a packer when her husband asked if she would help with the pack horses during hunting season. She often would take to leading trails of horses through the Peninsula wilderness for days, with her four small children. She and husband Oscar bought a string of pack horses and led trips for the Sierra Club, scientists and other individuals including President John F. Kennedy. Minnie continued running the couple's ranch after her husband's death in 1962. She continued her packing trips until 1978, when her last trip was at the age of 80.

Minnie's great-granddaughter, Anna Matsche, is guiding trips on the Hoh River a century later, and assisted Minnie with a float trip of 40 Boy Scouts down the river, wherein details of the trip and Minnie's "Pioneer Spirit" are referenced in a news article.

Stories written about Minnie Peterson in the Seattle Times, (Olympic) Peninsula Magazine, the Western Horseman and other publications tell how she often ignored warnings of bears. During one notable camping trip, Peterson camped near two concerned hikers, who had been advised a bear was in the area and they were concerned for their safety. Peterson offered to sleep by the door to ward off any intruders. Later that night, a bear showed at the camp. The story published in *Peninsula Daily News Magazine* recounts the tale of how the bear came up to the camp, then Minnie Peterson chased it off until it changed its mind and ran straight at her. Peterson quoted before the bear turned away for the second time, she felt it brush her leg.



Minnie's grandson, Gary Peterson, and his wife Charlotte, live on her homestead. They run a quaint retail store named Peak 6, containing many books, tributes, photographs and history of Minnie Peterson "the Packer". The store itself sits at the front of the 280-acres once owned by Minnie. Minnie often bought land at a good price, leaving her heirs in 1992 with 450 acres of land.

Dessert of the Month 2026

January	Jean Hordyk
February	Anna Shields
March	Deb West
April	Helen Fox
May	Patty Rosand
June	Ruth Thomson
July	Leslie Mraz
August	Mary Galvin
September	Kathy Estes
October	Jill Oakes
November	Marsha Robin/Gloria Godfrey
December	Stephanie Kinnaman

Chris Anderson is the winner of the 2026 Dessert of the Month. Bakers/Cooks, please contact her at 360-775-9662 to set up a time for delivery of the dessert.

Committees 2025-26

Economic/Social Development & Health

October Programs
Ruth Thomson

Education

November Programs
Wende Porterfield
Gwen Porterfield
Joan Putnam

Environment

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

Federation/International Goodwill

June Programs
Jean Hordyk

Finance

February Programs
Deb West
Anna Shields
Wende Porterfield - ex officio

Laws & Resolutions

May Programs
Deb West
Anna Shields

ROAR/SOLT

April Programs
Jill Oakes - Chair
Sylvia Orth
Traci Taylor

Social

December Programs
Helen Fox
Traci Taylor
Mary Galvin
Sylvia Orth
Patty Rosand

Youth

September Programs
Helen Fox
Sylvia Orth

Ways & Means

***Each committee will choose a member to serve on Ways & Means*
Helen Fox
Patty Rosand
Ruth Thomson
Mary Galvin

Facebook - Patty Rosand

Newsletter - Wende Porterfield

Website -

Publicity -

Instagram -

Programs:

September—Youth
October—Economic/Social Dev/Health
November—Education
December—Social
January—All Club Members
February—Finance
March—Environment
April—ROAR/SOLT
May—Laws & Resolutions
June—Federation/International Goodwill
July—All Club Members

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



Questions? Donations? Email:
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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.



**Program Schedule
2025-26**

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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Assistant Treasurer

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Director—Past President

Jean Hordyk
Director—Past President

Sylvia Orth
Director