



# SOROPTIMIST®

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## Investing in Dreams

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



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### *MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DEB*

As we begin a new Soroptimist year, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the members of our Board for their dedicated service and leadership. Throughout a challenging fiscal period, they worked diligently to guide our Club with wisdom, commitment, and perseverance. Each of these Board members has served multiple years and continues to give generously of their time and talents as they serve again in 2026–2027.

A special and heartfelt thank you goes to President Kathy, who took the reins and expertly led our Club over the past two years. Her steady leadership, vision, and unwavering dedication have helped us navigate challenges while keeping our focus on empowering women and girls. We are deeply grateful for her service and the positive impact she has made on our Club.

Once again, our Social Committee did an outstanding job with installation! They brought our new theme to life in such a lovely, creative, and fun way. Thank you for all the thought, time, and hard work you put into making the morning so special. Your enthusiasm and creativity provided us a wonderful celebration and memorable start to our new year. Thank you for all you do!

I also wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to our membership. Thank you for the countless hours you have dedicated over the years, your steadfast support of the Board, and your commitment to our mission. Your willingness to volunteer, serve, and support one another is what makes our Club strong. Together, we continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of women and girls, and I am grateful for all that you do to help carry our mission forward.

Our theme this year is “Bee the Change: Empower Dreams to Take Flight” which reflects Soroptimist's mission of helping women and girls achieve their dreams through education, empowerment, and opportunity. The bee symbolizes teamwork, service, determination, and the powerful impact of many individuals working together for a common purpose. Like bees working together to strengthen the hive, Soroptimist Jet Set members create lasting change by empowering women and girls to achieve their dreams and take flight toward a brighter future.

I look forward to serving as your President and working alongside all of you busy bees. Together, we will continue to “Bee the Change”. Thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm, and willingness to serve. I am excited for all that we will accomplish together in the year ahead.

Every Bee Makes a Difference,  
President Deb



# Upcoming Programs

|         |                                              |
|---------|----------------------------------------------|
| July 9  | Joe DeScala from 4PA, 7:00 am, St Andrews    |
| July 16 | Business, 7:00 am at St Andrews and Zoom     |
| July 25 | Social Bunco, 6:00 pm, Elks Club Butler Room |
| July 30 | ROAR/SOLT, TBD                               |
| August  | No Meetings                                  |

# Happy Birthday

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



Patty Rosand

July 2

Kathy Estes  
Leslie Mraz  
Lisa Waldron

August 11  
August 15  
August 25

Kim McElravey  
JoAnn Vickery-Cook  
Deb West

September 1  
September 8  
September 17

# **Upcoming Events & Happenings**

## **Chamber of Commerce Lunch**

**July 8, 2026**

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Topic: US State Representative Emily Randall**

Red Lion

221 N Lincoln Street

Port Angeles

## **Port Scandalous Bake Sale**

July 11, 2026

Port Scandalous Roller Derby

Doors Open at 5:30 pm

Bout starts at 6:00 pm

The Boys & Girls Club

400 Fir Street

Sequim, WA 98382

## **49th Biennial Convention**

**July 22-25, 2026**

Incheon, Korea

Registration opens early 2026

## PROGRAM MEETING, JUNE 11, 2026

Our June program meeting was presented by Dick Wildman, who introduced us to Odyssey of the Mind (OM), an international creative problem-solving program that equips young people with the skills to become tomorrow's innovators, leaders, and creative thinkers. For nearly 50 years, Odyssey of the Mind has inspired students to develop self-confidence, teamwork, engineering skills, divergent thinking, and performance abilities through hands-on challenges.

To give us a taste of the Odyssey experience, Dick led our club through a fun problem-solving activity. We divided into two teams and were provided with a small paper lunch bag, straws, pipe cleaners, a sheet of paper, popsicle sticks, address labels, and a feather. Our challenge was to design and build the tallest freestanding structure possible using only those materials—and we had just four minutes to complete it!

While neither team managed to create a structure that stood on its own, everyone enthusiastically embraced the challenge. The activity reminded us that success isn't always measured by the final result, but by the creativity, collaboration, and laughter shared along the way.



## INSTALLATION JUNE 25, 2026



We had a very nice installation breakfast on June 25, 2026. Welcome to the new Board!

Pictured from left to right:

Deb West, President; Jill Oakes, Secretary; Wende Porterfield, Treasurer;  
Kathy Estes, Past President; Patty Rosand, Associate Treasurer;  
Helen Fox, Director; Leslie Mraz, Director; Mary Galvin, Director

## PORT SCANDALOUS FUNDRAISER

### **July 11 Bake Sale at Port Scandalous Roller Derby**

We have a wonderful opportunity to support our club while connecting with the community!

Thanks to one of our newest Jet Setters, Trish, whose daughter is a member of the Port Scandalous Roller Derby team, we have been invited to host a bake sale at their event on **Saturday, July 11**. If you are able to contribute, please package your baked goods in individual, grab-and-go bags that are easy for attendees to enjoy during the Roller Derby event.

### **Bake Sale Drop-Off - Friday, July 10, 2026**

**Location:** Boulevard Hair Design, 408 E. Lauridsen Blvd, Port Angeles

**Time:** Between **10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.**

### **Bake Sale Event - Saturday, July 11, 2026**

**Location:** Sequim Boys & Girls Club, 400 Fir Street, Sequim

**Time:** **4:00 pm to set up**, doors open at 5:30 pm, bout starts 6:00 pm

In addition to the bake sale, we will also receive the proceeds from the 50/50 drawing, with all funds benefiting our Soroptimist Jet Set Club. This is a great opportunity not only to raise money for our mission but also to increase awareness of the work we do to empower women and girls in our community.

Thank you for helping us "Bee the Change" 🐝 and making this event a success!

## UPCOMING BUNCO SOCIAL

 SOROPTIMIST  
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Port Angeles Jet Set

**RED,  
WHITE &  
BUNCO!**

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S  
**250<sup>TH</sup>**  
BIRTHDAY!

*Roll in, Laugh Together  
& Have a Star-Spangled Time!*

**THURSDAY,  
JULY 23  
2026**

PORT ANGELES  
NAVAL ELKS LODGE  
★ BUTLER ROOM ★

BUNCO STARTS  
AT 6:00 PM  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
COCKTAIL LOUNGE  
OPENS AT 5:00 PM

★ ★ ★ AN EVENING OF FUN, - FRIENDS & DICE! ★ ★ ★

GREAT PRIZES ★ GOOD TIMES ★  ★ PATRIOTIC FUN FOR ALL! ★

## **Inspirational Women - Bette Midler**

**Submitted By Deb West**

Bette Midler is famous as an American actress, comedian, singer, and author. Throughout her six-decade career Midler has received numerous accolades, including four Golden Globe Awards, three Grammy Awards, three Primetime Emmy Awards, two Tony Awards, and a Kennedy Center Honor, in addition to nominations for two Academy Awards and a British Academy Film Award. She is also the founder of New York Restoration Project (NYRP).



NYRP is a non-profit organization that has planted trees, renovated gardens, restored parks, and transformed open space for communities throughout New York City's five boroughs. It is the only citywide conservancy in New York City that brings private resources to spaces that lack adequate municipal support, with the goal to fortify the city's aging infrastructure and creating a healthier environment for those who live in the most densely populated and least green neighborhoods.

On July 7, 1995, Bette Midler founded the nonprofit with the goal of revitalizing neglected neighborhood parks in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods of New York City. These include Sherman Creek Park, Highbridge Park, Fort Washington Park, and Fort Tryon Park in upper Manhattan; and Roberto Clemente State Park and Bridge Park in the Bronx. The New York City Department of Parks and Recreation initiated a partnership with NYRP in 1995 to assist with cleaning and maintaining Fort Tryon Park.

In May 1999, the city planned to auction 114 community gardens for commercial development. Midler and NYRP founding president, Joseph Pupello, led a coalition of greening organizations to save them. NYRP worked closely with the City of New York and took ownership of fifty-two of the most under-resourced gardens in New York City's most economically challenged communities.

In 2013, Midler won the Jane Jacobs Medal for her work through NYRP. The Rockefeller Foundation Jane Jacobs Medal recognizes New Yorkers who intervene in and use the urban environment to build a more equitable city. Rockefeller Foundation President, Judith Rodin said: "It is completely appropriate for us to honor Ms. Midler's work in light of her work to bring verdant recreational space to so many New Yorkers in so many different communities."

## Beautiful Outdoors



**Why Spend Time Outside?**

- Boosts mood and eases depression
- Lowers stress hormones
- Improves heart health
- Strengthens balance and muscles
- Sharpens memory and focus
- Helps you get better sleep
- Reduces feelings of loneliness
- Supports immune function

Olympic Area Agency on Aging is now Aging & Adult Services of Coastal Washington. Same services, new look.



**Share your garden/nature photos with the Club.**

**Email to [debwest1533@gmail.com](mailto:debwest1533@gmail.com)**

| <b>Dessert of the Month 2026</b> |                                    |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>January</b>                   | <b>Jean Hordyk</b>                 |
| <b>February</b>                  | <b>Anna Shields</b>                |
| <b>March</b>                     | <b>Deb West</b>                    |
| <b>April</b>                     | <b>Helen Fox</b>                   |
| <b>May</b>                       | <b>Patty Rosand</b>                |
| <b>June</b>                      | <b>Ruth Thomson</b>                |
| <b>July</b>                      | <b>Leslie Mraz</b>                 |
| <b>August</b>                    | <b>Mary Galvin</b>                 |
| <b>September</b>                 | <b>Kathy Estes</b>                 |
| <b>October</b>                   | <b>Jill Oakes</b>                  |
| <b>November</b>                  | <b>Marsha Robin/Gloria Godfrey</b> |
| <b>December</b>                  | <b>Stephanie Kinnaman</b>          |

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 2026-27 Under Construction

## Economic/Social Development & Health

*October Programs*

## Education

*November Programs*

## Environment

*March Programs*

## Federation/International Goodwill

*June Programs*

## Finance

*February Programs*

Wende Porterfield - ex officio

Patty Rosand - ex officio

## Laws & Resolutions

*May Programs*

## ROAR/SOLT

*April Programs*

Jill Oakes - Chair

## Social

*December Programs*

## Youth

*September Programs*

## Ways & Means

*\*\*Each committee will choose a member to serve on Ways & Means*

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

# 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 2026-27

| 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 2026-27

**Deb West**  
President

**Unfilled**  
President Elect

**Jill Oakes**  
Secretary

**Wende Porterfield**  
Treasurer

**Patty Rosand**  
Assistant Treasurer

**Kathy Estes**  
Director—Past President

**Mary Galvin**  
Director—Past President

**Helen Fox**  
Director—Past President

**Leslie Mraz**  
Director