



SOROPTIMIST®

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



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KATHY

March is upon us! Daylight savings time starts on Sunday, March 8, as we spring ahead awaiting the first day of spring on March 20.

I am glad we will be back to in-person meetings. On March 12, we will host a breakfast for our Live Your Dream winner. We have two ladies to celebrate, but one of them will not be available on that day. We will also have a bag to fill for the Port Angeles Food Bank. This month is the annual Tuna Fish/Protein drive. Please feel free to bring a contribution (money or food) to either of our meetings or to our social on March 26.

The area meeting on February 28 was fun. It's inspiring to hear what the other clubs are doing, to see old friends, and to make new ones. Our club makes a difference in the lives of many. Here's a brief excerpt from my President's Report:

A big success is that our club is alive and well. Some members are more active than others, but we all believe in the Soroptimist mission to support women and girls. We host a Christmas party for the Boys and Girls club in Port Angeles; award scholarships to high school seniors; recognize Girls of the Semester from Crescent High School in Joyce and Lincoln High School, our community's alternative school. We provide funds to our local food bank for women's hygiene products and offer an educational grant to an individual or group. This year, after an engaging program by two extremely well-spoken and energetic high school students, we provided funding for their sports medicine program. We support girls participating with a robotics program at Feiro Marine Lab and the Girls in Science program at the Dungeness River Nature Center. We provide funding worldwide through the KIVA program.

In addition, we provide Live Your Dream Awards, host a Human Trafficking Awareness program, and put on our fabulous Bewitching Tea.

Jet Setters, thank you for all you do for our club, our community and for each other.

President Kathy

"Our lanterns are brighter together." Friends of the Forest



Be the Light!

Upcoming Programs

- 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, Bunco, Details coming
- April 9 Program: TBD, 7:00 am, St Andrews
- April 16 Business Meeting, 7:00 am at St Andrews and Zoom
- April 23 Social, TBD
- April 30 ROAR/SOLT, TBD

Happy Birthday

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



Linda Sudela	March 14
Helen Fox	May 1
Robin Trent	May 6
Karen Lavender-Peterson	May 8
Mary Galvin	June 1
Judi Hoffman	June 9
Traci Boe	June 20
Jean Hordyk	June 27

Upcoming Events & Happenings

Chamber of Commerce Lunch

March 11, 2026

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Topic: State of the City

Nathan West and the City of Port Angeles Team

Sponsored by: First Fed

Field Arts & Events Hall

201 W Front Street

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

Tuna/Protein Drive

March 2026 is the month for the Tuna/Protein Drive. If you have any donations of shelf-stable protein or wish to donate money, you can bring your contributions to our March meetings. You can also take items to the Port Angeles Food Bank at 632 N Oakridge Drive, Port Angeles or mail check donations to Port Angeles Food Bank, PO Box 1885, Port Angeles, 98362. Please indicate Soroptimist International of Jet Set when making these donations so that our club gets credit.

Thank you.



Port Angeles Food Bank Market

Inspirational Women

Submitted by Deb West



Frances Perkins (born **Fannie Coralie Perkins**; April 10, 1880 – May 14, 1965) was an American workers-rights advocate who served as the fourth United States secretary of labor from 1933 to 1945, the longest serving in that position. A member of the Democratic Party, Perkins was the first woman ever to serve in a presidential cabinet. As a loyal supporter of her longtime friend, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, she helped make labor issues important in the emerging New Deal coalition. She advocated for immigrants' rights as well. She was one of two Roosevelt cabinet members to remain in office for his entire presidency (the other being Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes).

Perkins's most important role came in developing a policy for social security in 1935. She also helped form government policy for working with labor unions, although some union leaders distrusted her. Perkins's Labor Department helped to mediate strikes by way of the United States Conciliation Service. She dealt with numerous labor issues during World War II, when skilled labor was vital to the economy and women were moving into jobs formerly held by men.

Perkins was born in Boston. After graduating from Mount Holyoke College, she briefly worked as a teacher and at the Hull House settlement in Chicago. She obtained graduate degrees at Columbia University and became a labor leader and consumer advocate in New York City, where she first met Roosevelt in 1910. Perkins was appointed a commissioner in New York City government and later in the state government. On January 14, 1929, Perkins was appointed the head of New York's Department of Labor, in the role of Industrial Commissioner, by Roosevelt when he was governor of New York. She addressed the early effects of the Great Depression in this role. When Roosevelt was elected president in 1932, Perkins was asked to join his cabinet and she presented him with a list of programs to help workers. She oversaw many New Deal programs during the Depression and labor programs during World War II. The Frances Perkins Building, headquarters of the U.S. Labor Department, is named for her, and she is remembered with a feast day in the Episcopal Church.

Area Meeting, February 28, 2026

Submitted by Deb West

Area Meeting 2026 Summary

Area Meeting 2026 was hosted by the Noon Club and held in the ballroom at the Elks Club. All proceeds from the raffles and donations were given to Operation Uplift.

Elks Club president presented a history of the Elks Club, how it supports local and national charities and encourages community involvement, and why it is named Elk's Naval Lodge.

District 1 Director Sandy Jennings spoke about the upcoming Region Conference and explained the responsibilities of being a delegate, as well as the voting process for District and Region positions.

The keynote speaker was Carleen Bensen, a retired urologist and current commissioner for Olympic Medical Center.

It is always interesting to hear the presidents' reports from our area clubs, including Noon Club, Jet Set, Rain Forest, Greater North Kitsap, Sequim, and Port Orchard. President Kathy did an excellent job reporting on our club's activities and accomplishments.



Jet Setters in attendance: Martha Hurd, Jean Hordyk, Patty Rosand, Deb West, and Kathy Estes.

KIVA

KIVA uses crowdfunded microloans as a force for good, creating a space where people can have one-to-one impact, and together, expand financial access for all.

SIPAJS has been making Kiva micro loans to women around the world for many years. Once the loans are paid back, we reinvest. Here are the latest recipients.



\$400 TO GO

Norma Paulina in Ecuador needs a loan to buy food, vitamins and medicine for her cattle so they can prod...

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\$1,250 TO GO

Socorro Berzabe in Nicaragua needs a loan to buy rice, oil, meat, and chicken, which will allow her to increase her production and improve her income.



\$750 TO GO

Estela Del Carmen in El Salvador needs a loan to buy fertilizers to apply to her crops of corn and vegetables.



\$850 TO GO

Specious in Uganda needs a loan to buy sugar, beans, flour, rice and cooking oil to restock her shop.

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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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.



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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Soroptimist International of Port Angeles—Jet Set Board Members 2025-26

Kathy Estes
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Jill Oakes
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Wende Porterfield
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Patty Rosand
Assistant Treasurer

Helen Fox
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Mary Galvin
Director—Past President

Jean Hordyk
Director—Past President

Sylvia Orth
Director