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



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KATHY

May days are here! The scent of lilacs is heady, irises are blooming, and the sound of lawn mowers (unless they are electric) lets us know the grass is growing. Sitting on the deck—either with a cup of tea or a glass of wine—is a favorite pastime right now.

As we move to the end of our club year, there are still a few things to finish up. Many thanks to the people who read scholarship notebooks and chose the winners. The young ladies will be honored at the Scholarship Awards night on May 20.

The high school Family Navigators will be our speakers on May 14. They joined us at one of our socials and are excited to come tell us about their work. Official voting for next year's board will be part of our business meeting on May 21. And I hope everyone is excited for another Bunco party on May 28!

Installation day, place and time will be announced soon. And start thinking about Jet Setter of the Year nominees.

Thank you for providing items for the Food Bank each month. We will be collecting pet food this month.

Thank you for your service to our club and the community.

President Kathy

“One advantage of talking to yourself is that you know at least someone is listening.” Franklin P. Jones

(Actually, I'm not sure that's the case with me.)



Be the Light!

Upcoming Programs

- May 14 Program: Port Angeles School District Family Navigator Team, 7:00 am, St Andrews
- May 21 Business Meeting, 7:00 am at St Andrews and Zoom
- May 28 Bunco
- June 11 Program, 7:00 am, St Andrews
- June 18 Business Meeting, 7:00 am at St Andrews and Zoom
- June 25 Social, TBD

Happy Birthday

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



Helen Fox	May 1
Robin Trent	May 6
Karen Lavender-Peterson	May 8
Mary Galvin	June 1
Judi Hoffman	June 9
Traci Taylor	June 20
Jean Hordyk	June 27
Patty Rosand	July 2

Upcoming Events & Happenings

Chamber of Commerce Lunch

May 13, 2026

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Topic: Mark Nichols - How the 2026 changes in laws affect
prosecution efforts in Clallam County**

Sponsored by: Kiwanis Club of Port Angeles

Red Lion

221 N Lincoln Street

Port Angeles

49th Biennial Convention

July 22-25, 2026

Incheon, Korea

Registration opens early 2026

VOLUNTEER FAIR

BY DEB WEST

Once again, Jet Setters participated in the Chamber of Commerce Volunteer Fair. It was wonderful to connect with so many local nonprofit organizations and be reminded of what a generous and community-minded place we live in. Our table sparked interest from several attendees who wanted to learn more about Soroptimist, and we were pleased to have some who left their contact information to learn more about membership opportunities. While attendance was lighter than in previous years, it was still a valuable opportunity to share our mission of helping women and girls achieve their dreams through education and economic empowerment.

A special thank you to Patty, Jill, Jean, Anna, and our newest member, Trish, for representing Jet Set with enthusiasm and dedication. Your efforts help expand awareness of our work and strengthen our presence in the community.



Inspirational Women

Submitted By Deb West

Mary Anning: The unsung hero of fossil discovery

By Marie-Claire Eylott

A pioneering paleontologist and avid fossil collector, Mary Anning's discoveries have contributed significantly to modern-day science. But until recently, she was relatively unknown. Mary Anning was born in 1799 in Lyme Regis, which is now part of what's known as the Jurassic Coast. Discoveries of fossils in this area are still being made to this day.



While Mary was growing up, George III was king, the war between the British and Napoleon's French army was raging on and Jane Austen had written *Sense and Sensibility*.

Mary's father, Richard, was a cabinetmaker and amateur fossil collector. By the time she was five or six, Mary was his fossil-collecting sidekick – an otherwise unfathomable activity for Georgian girls. Richard taught his daughter how to look for and clean the fossils they found on the beach, and he often displayed and sold them from his shop. Like many women and girls in Lyme Regis at the time, Mary had little formal education, but she was able to read and taught herself geology and anatomy.

Richard died suddenly in 1810 from tuberculosis and previous injuries. Joseph took up a post as apprentice upholsterer and their mother, Molly, encouraged Mary to help pay off the family's debts by selling her finds.

During the Napoleonic Wars, people were encouraged to holiday near home rather than abroad, so tourists flocked to seaside towns such as Lyme Regis. Around this time fossil hunting was also gaining traction. This pastime was perfect for fashionable Georgians seeking to add to their cabinets of curiosities.

In December 1823, Mary was the first to discover the complete skeleton of a *Plesiosaurus* which means 'near to reptile'. So strange was the specimen and so quickly had the news spread that soon there were rumors that the fossil was a fake. Georges Cuvier reviewed sketches and disputed the find. He thought it was either a fake, an error or a composite – two individuals put together. A special meeting was scheduled at the Geological Society of London, though Mary was not invited. Cuvier was sent further illustrations by researchers and assured it was indeed real.

Despite her growing reputation for finding and identifying fossils, the scientific community was hesitant to recognize Mary's work. Male scientists – who frequently bought the fossils Mary would uncover, clean, prepare and identify – often didn't credit her discoveries in their scientific papers, even when writing about her groundbreaking ichthyosaur find.

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Even the Geological Society of London refused to admit her – they didn't allow women to become Fellows until 1908. In December 1828, Mary uncovered a strange jumble of bones, this time with a long tail and wings. Once again, news of her discovery travelled fast. Scientists from London to Paris theorized on this “unknown species of that most rare and curious of all reptiles”.

What she'd found were the first remains attributed to a *Dimorphodon*. It was the first pterosaur ever discovered outside Germany. Pterosaurs had wings and were believed to be the largest ever flying animals.

Mary died from breast cancer in 1847. She was only 47 years old and still in financial strain despite a lifetime of extraordinary scientific discoveries. Although her pioneering work was generally overlooked at the time, her contributions to paleoethology are widely celebrated today.

In 2022, a statue was unveiled of Mary and her dog in Lyme Regis after a campaign by 11-year-old Evie Swire who was determined to see her hero recognized. Other recognitions to honor Mary and her discoveries include special edition Royal Mail stamps and a commemorative 50p coin.

In 2018, The Anning Rooms were opened at the Natural History Museum in a once disused area near Hinze Hall. Facilities include a restaurant, study and over 150 objects and specimens. Much like they did two centuries ago, her fossils continue to captivate people from around the world.

Mary's legacy lives on along the rugged Jurassic Coast – now a UNESCO World Heritage Site – where scientists, amateurs and adventurous children alike gather year-round to hunt for the next big find.



A specimen of *Ichthyosaurus anningae* that was discovered by Mary Anning.

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

Kathy Estes
President

Deb West
President Elect

Jill Oakes
Secretary

Wende Porterfield
Treasurer

Patty Rosand
Assistant Treasurer

Helen Fox
Director—Past President

Mary Galvin
Director—Past President

Jean Hordyk
Director—Past President

Sylvia Orth
Director