



# SOROPTIMIST®

## Investing in Dreams

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



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2023**

### *MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARGIE*

Hello Ladies:

Hello September! My favorite, cooler weather, bright leaves, cozy nights and sunflowers. I have really missed seeing everyone! So I'm glad we are on schedule again.

The big project for now is Dream It, Be It! It's happening September 30th and October 7th. We are partnering with the Noon Club. If you know a girl 14-18 years who could use some career education, let me know and I will get you a flyer. We have flyers out all over. We are hoping for 15 girls. We also need ladies to hang out with the girls on those two Saturdays from 9:30 - 1:30 at the Port Angeles Food Bank Conference Room. Let me know if you are interested.

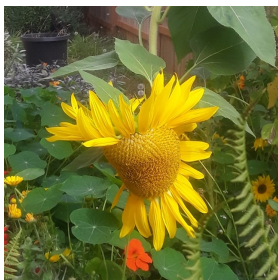
The committees are coming together. We will be getting that list out to you soon. If you haven't signed up yet, it's not too late. Thank you to all of you who have stepped up. Looking forward to a great year working together.

The BeWitching Tea is in the planning stage. October 28th, 1-3 pm, at the Elks. The menu is being revamped. It looks like the price can stay the same. We have Olivia Wray for special music again. So work up the witchy outfit and think of friends who need to be there with you. So fun!

I am wondering if anyone has any ideas for the evening get-together on September 28th. Let me know.

Thank you to Deb for sharing about Dublin. It was nice to see the picture of all the ladies from the Northwest. Also, thank you Deb for the profiles of the new ladies. Welcome to our club!

Our District Meeting is coming up on October 20 - 22 at Clearwater Casino & Resort in Suquamish. I'm hoping some of the new members can attend. It's such a great time. Since it's so close by, let's gather as many members as we can to attend.



In closing,

It's more than ok to . . .  
Ignore the newest trends  
Get items second hand  
Not upgrade your phone  
Drive an older model of car  
Downsize your house  
It's more than ok  
To choose the simple life.



Finally: Rich people have fancy labels on their clothes.  
Happy people have pet hairs on their clothes.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Margie Castle  
President

# Upcoming Programs

- Sept 14      Program: Barbara Carr with the Kathleen Sutton Fund which reimburses transportation costs for women undergoing treatment for cancer, St Andrews, 7:00 am
- Sept 21      Business Meeting, St. Andrews/Zoom, 7:00 am
- Sept 28      Social Meeting, TBA
- Oct 12      Program Meeting, TBA, St Andrews 7:00 am
- Oct 19      Business Meeting, St. Andrews/Zoom, 7:00 am
- Oct 26      Social Meeting, TBA

## Happy Birthday

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

Deb West	September 17	Brenda Connely	November 13
		Marsha Robin	November 19
		Ruth Thomson	November 27
Lisa Wyatt	October 6		
Gwen Porterfield	October 8	Joan Putnam	December 4
Stephanie Kinnaman	October 20		
Gloria Godfrey	October 21		



# **Upcoming Events & Happenings**

**September 29-October 1**

## **District 4 Meeting**

**Hampton Inn  
Great Falls, MT**

**October 13-15, 2023**

## **District 3 Meeting**

**Wildhorse Casino  
Pendleton, OR**

**October 20-22, 2023**

## **District 1 Meeting (ours)**

**Clearwater Casino & Resort  
Suquamish, WA**

**Registration Deadline: September 19, 2023**

**October 27-29, 2023**

## **District 2 Meeting**

**The Mill Casino & Resort  
North Bend, OR**



Joan Putnam

I was born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up in SoCal. I have one daughter and three teenage grandchildren. Career: Director of Barron Veterans Center at San Diego State University and retired after 30 years. I moved to Sequim to be with family.

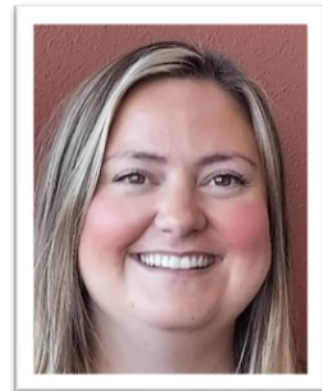
I am looking forward to being part of Jet Set Soroptimist Club to support women and meet new friends.

(Joan found Jet Set when we had a table at the Chamber Volunteer Fair.)

I was born in Sacramento, California and moved to Alaska when I was a teenager. I was able to experience a beautiful natural lifestyle in Alaska and decided Washington would be a great next move. I moved to the beautiful PNW in March of 2019 and fell in love with the beauty Washington offers. I met my fiancé, Phillip shortly after that and decided to relocate to Sunny Sequim in 2022.

I work in hospice as a consultant and love educating people about what hospice truly is. I have been in healthcare for 6 years and love helping people. I got engaged to the love of my life in October 2019 and am getting married in Cancun on November 3, 2023. We have two dogs, Fisher an English Labrador, and Kiska a Siberian Husky. They keep us very busy and love exploring the northwest.

I want to join Soroptimist because I see the value of inspiring and leading young women and being a support to them. I look forward to creating lifelong friendships with the other ladies in the club.



Chelsea Aitken



I was born and raised in Port Angeles, with an older sister, Joy, and a twin brother, Kim. My parents were high school sweethearts and remained married for 51 years, until my dad passed. My mom is my best friend and I enjoy spending time with her.

In 1985 I married my soulmate, John, and we strive to live a harmonious life. Our daughter, Tiffany, blessed us with 2 beautiful granddaughters, Taneisha & JoCy. John and I love to travel and spend weekends on the coast clam digging and beach strolling.

Cindy Kazlauskas

My work history includes 33 years of Medical Records Management and then Director of Business Development, in health care. In two weeks, I start a new career as the Care Coordinator at Assured Hospice.

I joined Soroptimist to hopefully help enrich the lives of girls/young women. My hope is that one day all women feel like they have a purpose. I also look forward to making a bond with the ladies of the club.



Reported by Deb West

# SI Dublin Convention 2023

The Soroptimist International Convention 2023 began with the official opening ceremony speakers who offered a very warm and heartfelt welcome to all attendees:

- ♦ Sue Perry, SI 2023 Convention Chair
- ♦ Flag Ceremony – Deborah Thomas, SI Global Executive Director
- ♦ Maureen Maguire, SI President
- ♦ Catherine Cottridge, President of Federation of SI Great Britain & Ireland
- ♦ Eadaoin Lawlor, President of National Association Republic of Ireland
- ♦ Barbara Carlisle, President Region of Northern Ireland
- ♦ Roderic O’Gorman TD, Minister for Children, Equality, Integration and Youth of Ireland
- ♦ Sharon Fisher, Immediate Past President 2019-2021, declared the convention open



The Keynote Presentation was given by the honorable Mary Robinson, former President and first woman President of Ireland and former UN Commissioner of Human Rights. She began by asking “What if our best times are ahead of us?” and went on to discuss how her Project Dandelion will shift the global narrative around the climate emergency from one of fear to one of hope, and how women will be the ones to do it.

She used the example of a common weed, the Dandelion whose seeds spread gently on the wind, they grow on all continents on the globe, and are very resilient. “Have you ever tried to get rid of the damn thing?” she asked. Project Dandelion is taking root and is being led by women. She began her newest project believing that what is needed is a women-led global climate justice movement, not women-only, but women-led. The climate crisis has disproportionately and for much longer affected the poorest countries and poorest communities. This results in a gender injustice since women are less present at the decision-making table. In some countries, women have fewer rights which includes land rights and they are the ones putting food on the table and making their communities thrive.

Ms. Robinson also pointed out that we need to talk more about climate justice because people are likely to change their behavior when they see the human dimension of a problem. She says we need a more positive approach in the message but also a message of urgency of crisis. The message of Project Dandelion is a very positive one, because the doom and gloom narrative does not energize people and she is worried about the mental health of young people with the current messaging.

“But women leaders will not solve the issue on their own. They will join with scientists and climate activists and with indigenous communities and artists. We want to push the governments and the fossil fuel industry to move much more rapidly. We need to get out of the current narrow vision and move to a climate justice movement,” she concluded.

The first global, women-led campaign for climate justice.



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## New SI Logo



The new Soroptimist International logo was revealed at the 2023 SI Convention in Dublin.



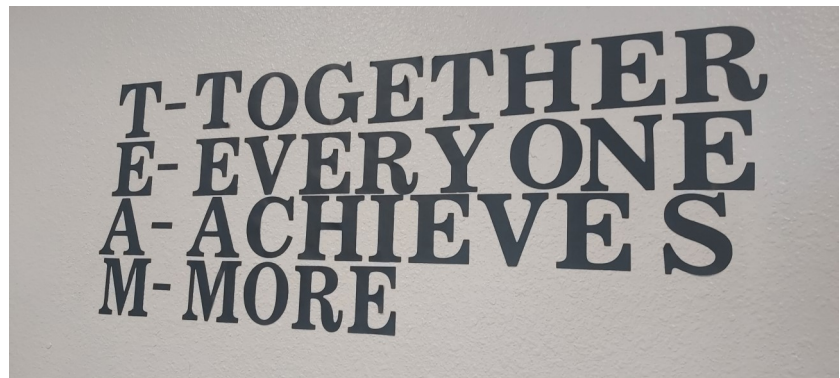
## Pics from Marsha



Scone time at the Clallam County Fair - 'Jamming area': Strawberry, Raspberry and Four Berry.



Elephant Ear anyone?  
Fair time!



Seen on wall at McKinley Paper.  
Good Stuff!



# Committees

## SIPA JET SET COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS JULY 2022

### PROGRAMS OF SERVICE

#### Economic Social Development & Health

Scholarships to selected graduating senior girls from PAHS, Lincoln HS, and Crescent HS from those eligible to apply; Women of Distinction recognition to community women nominated by club members who volunteer behind the scenes; Healthy Families of Clallam County; Rose House "Jet Set" room (Domestic Violence Survivors Program, part of Healthy Families); holiday meals/gifts for Rose House residents, current/former Live Your Dream Award recipients who are domestic violence survivors; Oxford House support as funds allow; Port Angeles Food Bank donation and collection of money and/or tuna (protein) for the Tuna Challenge annually; donation to Peninsula Behavioral Health.

#### Education

Two \$1500 scholarships awarded - Vocational and Jean Fairchild academic; spelling bee for grades 4-6 and 7-8.

#### Environment

Scholarships awarded with environmental focus; support summer programs for Feiro Marine Life Center including ROV (girl focus); support of Girls in Science summer program Dungeness River Audubon; Roctopus maintenance, coastal cleaning of Ediz Hook with community youth; oversee funds earned for Dog Park.

#### Youth

Boys & Girls Club Campaign for Girls; Lincoln/Crescent HS Girl of the Quarter; Lincoln High School lunch for graduating girls; Boys & Girls Club Christmas party annual event.

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## Committees (continued)

### MEMBERSHIP

#### Recruitment, Orientation & Retention (ROAR)/Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training (SOLT)

ROAR is growth and development: (1) ability to retain current members; (2) ability to attract new members; (3) form new clubs. ROAR is the membership committee and maintains club member contact list birthday list, and directory. Invitations are sent to perspective members, name badges and pins are ordered, and various Club, District, Region, and Federation documents are provided to new members. Coordinates with club members to host a "recruitment" opportunity.

The second aspect of this committee is Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training (SOLT). The responsibility of SOLT is:

1. Educate club members as to the heritage, purpose, objects, policies, protocol, and programs of the organization;
2. Provide an orientation presentation to new members;
3. Prepare club members for leadership within the organization and in our own community.

#### Finance

The Finance Committee is in charge of the budgeting and financial procedures. This committee must be familiar with objectives of the organization, adopted bylaws which are an authority for various budget items, financial requirements of the organization, and adopted financial procedures and policies. The Finance Committee submits the proposed budget for the succeeding year at the business meeting in June. This proposed budget is subject to revisions prior to the July business meeting when it is presented to the club members for approval.

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## Committees (continued)

### Laws & Resolutions

The Laws and Resolutions Committee is responsible for reviewing all proposed amendments to the Soroptimist International constitution and to the bylaws of this federation, and for making recommendations to the club. The committee reviews the bylaws annually and prepares any amendments considered necessary. Any changes to the club bylaws requested by the club's Board of Directors will be prepared and presented to the club members for a vote.

**(NOTE: Finance and Laws & Resolutions have been combined into one committee.)**

### Social

Recognizes members' birthdays; organizes installation of officers; plans fun social events for the club during the year; assists with decorating for special meetings such as the scholarship breakfast, Women of Distinction, holidays; schedules programs during the assigned month.

## FUNDRAISER

### Ways & Means Committee

All the fundraisers held each year are coordinated through the Ways & Means Committee. Even though all club members are also members of the Ways & Means Committee, each committee selects one person from their committee as a representative to serve on this committee. The Ways & Means committee will select a chair from among these representatives.

The intention of this committee is "project oversight" to the club's approved fundraisers. The Ways & Means committee will help in the following ways:

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## Committees (continued)

1. Make sure a fundraiser has a chair. (Who is not necessarily a member of the Ways & Means Committee)
2. Make suggestions as needed to help with the fundraiser.
3. Ensure input is received from each committee and member.
4. Make sure tasks assigned to an individual or a committee are completed.

In order for fundraisers to be successful it takes everyone pitching in. This committee coordinates those efforts.

### **FEDERATION/INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL**

This committee oversees the "signature" Federation programs, Live Your Dream Award and Dream It Be It (Girls Circle). There is a process to the selection of the Live Your Dream Award winner which is facilitated by a member of this committee. The Live Your Dream Award is given to a women meeting specific criteria such as "head of household" and seeking higher level education often in the midst of extreme circumstances. Dream It Be It is meant to be a mentoring program for young women, middle/high school age.

This committee also facilitates an annual event focusing on human trafficking awareness, sees that funds are provided for the December 10<sup>th</sup> SI President's Appeal, and seeks nominations at the end of our club year for the Jet Setter of the Year award.

# 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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# 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 2023-24

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 2023-24

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