

Soroptimist International of Port Angeles Jet-Set Jet-Streams

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BECKY

Greetings Club Members!

I was just rereading the very first President's letter I wrote last July. In that letter I mentioned one of my favorite quotes from John F. Kennedy that says, "A rising tide lifts all boats." That has certainly been the case during my year as your President. I have had the privilege of watching all of you "raise the tide" and see firsthand that it does indeed lift us all.

There are so many people to thank for helping me along the way this year. Longtime members with the knowledge and history (and people skills), newer members with their enthusiasm and great ideas, and many others who always stepped forward to help when I asked or when I was lost. I never felt alone and I knew you always had my back. Thank you!

My theme this year was:

"With Heart and Hands – A Patchwork Goal"

Patchwork quilts are made of many colors and fabrics which are a symbol for all the women in Soroptimist who come from different backgrounds, religions, cultures, and belief systems – binding together to better the lives for women and girls.

We have had one heck of a quilting bee this year with many helping hands working to raise money, raise awareness, and educate on behalf of women and girls. I think we made one heck of a patchwork quilt! Thank you sometimes just doesn't seem like enough but it is all I have to offer. I don't think anyone ever anticipates how much you grow as a person when you become the President of such a wonderful organization. I have gained so much more than I have given. So THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for a wonderful year.

I know I leave the club in great hands with our incoming President Judi Hoffman. She will keep us singing, dancing and darn it all if I didn't even wear red lipstick for her! (Something I would not normally do!)



Looking forward..... (Always)
President Becky



Upcoming Programs

July 2	No Meeting
July 9	Japan Trip - Cindy Sofie
July 16	Clallam County Fair - Sheri
July 23	Business Meeting
July 30	SOLT
August	No Meetings

Happy Birthday

The following members have birthdays
this month, next month and the following month:

Mary Galvin	June 1	Tina Smith-O'Hara	August 7
Maggie Roth	June 4	Leslie Mraz	August 15
Judi Hoffman	June 9	Dolores Mangano	August 16
Jean Hordyk	June 27	Billie Moore	August 20
		Marian Mertz	August 25
Patty Rosand	July 2	Lisa Pedrey	August 25
Margie Castle	July 12		
Edie Beck	July 18	Tiffany Sudela-Junker	September 13
		Deb West	September 17



Upcoming Events

July 25, 2015 at 4:00 pm
BBQ/Pot Luck
Sequim Soroptimist Club
More details to come!

Gala Garden Show

Each year, Sequim Soroptimists conduct a "Gala Garden Show" as their primary fundraiser. Part of the Garden Show planning and marketing involves selecting a garden-related image submitted by a local artist or photographer to use as the "logo" on all publicity.

We are now searching for the featured artwork for the 2016 Gala Garden Show. We consider artwork and photographs submitted by hobbyists, as well as "professionals."

This is a great opportunity for adults and teens to have their original artwork / photographs displayed throughout the year. The artist or photographer selected will also be offered a *free vendor booth* at the 2016 Garden Show.

The **attached flyer** describes the **types of art accepted** and also provides a **timeline of the steps and documents involved**.

Deadline for application submission is July 10, 2015

Feel free to provide my contact information to anyone that might be interested.

You can find more information about the contest on the attached flyer and also on the Sequim Soroptimist and the Sequim Garden Show websites listed below. The websites also provide a link to download the required forms and to view images of past Artwork winners.

www.sequimgardenshow.com

www.sisequim.com

Thanks for your assistance.

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Federation Committee

The Federation is one of the most important committees that Soroptimist Jet-Set has in the club! Our “Live Your Dream” award is particularly for the Head of Household woman with dependents who is working toward her higher education degree. The Soroptimist International has set aside money on both the Regional Level and the National Level for the selected Live Your Dream award recipient.

Currently, our club sets aside \$2,000 to be awarded to two worthy applicants selected by the committee. The application process starts July 1 and closes November 15th. The application process is advertised twice in the newspaper, advertised at the community college and also by members of the Soroptimist organization. This year, I hope we can do a little more toward helping the applicants with writing their essays for the application. Also, I think we can get the word out a little better by advertising at the Evergreen Community Housing, Housing Authority, First Step, The Answer For Youth and the Serenity Organization’s Dream Center. It is very rewarding to read through the applications and to try to pick a woman who is working hard toward making a better life for her children.

The “Dream It, Be It” program was also begun by our committee. Although it has recently been moved to the Youth Committee, our Committee worked with the Noon Soroptimist Club to get the program started. We identified agencies to complete a survey to tell us what they felt would be important to help girls work toward career oriented goals. This survey is finished and ready to be evaluated by the Youth Committee.

Also, at the end of the year, our Federation committee solicits nominations for one member from our club who has done an outstanding job being active in our club and in our community to be “Jet-Setter” of the year. After club members make their nominations, the committee decides who the recipient will be. The “Jet-Setter of the Year” is honored with an award during the annual installation ceremony.

We also participate in providing breakfast during our chosen month. Many of our members also belong to other committees.

International Goodwill Status of Women

We worked on 3 projects this year:

President's Appeal

This happens every December 10th. The SIA President picks a project to fund. We sent a check for \$500. This year and last it went to fund club projects set up to educate and train women.

Human Trafficking

This year, we organized a program on The Genesis Project, a drop in shelter offering hope and a new life for girls and women involved in sex trafficking in the South King County area. It was held at the PA Senior Center April 22nd. All five clubs on the Olympic Peninsula sponsored the event. Our collective impact resulted in being able to send off a total of **\$1,261.54** split 60/40 to The Genesis Project (\$763) and to SIA (\$498.54). We had an audience of 48 come to the program at the PA Senior Center on April 22nd, put on by Andrea Krook, new marketing director, from The Genesis Project in the SEATAC area. Our audience was heavy with Soroptimist members, but we did have a smattering of general public and friends/spouses of Soroptimists coming together to learn about human trafficking. We also had the assistant police chief of Port Angeles in attendance.

KIVA

This is a new project. KIVA is a non-profit organization with a mission to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty. Leveraging the internet and a worldwide network of microfinance institutions, Kiva lets individuals lend as little as \$25 to help create opportunity around the world.

It involves 4 steps: 1. Choose a borrower; 2. Make a loan; 3. Get repaid; 4. Repeat!

So far, our club has invested \$211 and pledged financial support to 8 projects of which 7 were fully funded and are in different stages of repayment. We have already reinvested \$50 of loans repaid into 2 new borrowers. As of 6/16/15, we have a total of \$138.17 in outstanding loans, \$61.83 credit available to reinvest, total deposit of \$205, and total lent \$250!! This is a project that just keeps building on itself.

The 8 Borrowers who we have chosen to invest with so far:

Loan Amount	Name	Project	Country	Percent Paid
\$200	Teresita	Stock General Store	Phillippines	13%
\$425	Felicitas	Fertilizer for Farm	Phillippines	28%
\$400	Winny	Farming – Purchasing Poultry	Kenya	14%
\$3,000	Estrellas De Alto Lima Group	Purchase Meat Cutter	Bolivia	72%
\$3,500	Las Foraleza de 5 De Junio	Purchase products to sell in	Ecuador	50%
\$3,300	Amanda	Winterize mail carrier car for Montana	US	30%
\$350	Anecita	Fishing gear for Fishing Business	Phillippines	72%
91%	Amy	Weatherize House air conditioner/sliding door	US	Expired – not enough lenders

International Goodwill Status of Women

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Latest Statistics about Kiva:	
Total amount lent through Kiva:	\$718,559,475
Kiva Users:	2,163,676
Kiva Users who have funded a loan:	1,307,887
Borrowers funded through Kiva:	1,664,285
Number of loans made through Kiva:	900,074
Kiva Field Partners:	295
Countries where Kiva Field Partners are located:	85
Repayment rate:	98.72%
Average loan size:	\$415.82
Average loans made per Kiva lender:	9.95

Economic/Health

The Economic Social and Health Committee did the following project this past year:

Redecorating the Soroptimist Jet Set room at Rose House for the next occupant. A new rocker, lamp desk chair, wall hangings and bedding were a few of the items either purchased or donated by members.

Cash was given to Healthy Families, Port Angeles Food Bank, and Peninsula Behavioral Health.

A scholarship was awarded to a graduating high school senior.

We worked together at bake sales, two rummage sales and a McDonald takeover to raise money for Relay for Life and Red Set Go.

In March we honored six Women of Distinction for their volunteer work behind the scenes.

Education Committee

Scholarships awarded to High School Seniors:

Amount of scholarship money budgeted was one \$1,500 scholarship for academics and one \$1,500 scholarship for vocational. We decided there was a need for 2 vocational scholarships so we divided the \$3,000 three ways making three \$1,000 scholarships. The recipients of these scholarships were Samanta Benoff (vocational), Sarah Carraux (vocational), Lora Rudzinski (academic).

FBLA:

It costs \$800 to send a student to the FBLA conference in the spring. Because our monies were cut to \$500 this year we provided partial payment for a student to attend.

High School Special Needs Class:

We have been providing \$260 for the class to go to Victoria for the day. They can no longer do this and hopefully we can provide the same amount for a local field trip.

Spelling Bee:

There were 51 participants in the all-school bee held at Vern Burton June 2, 2015. We offer to spell down individual classes prior to the all-school bee and this year 7 classes chose to participate. The Friends of the Library help with expenses by providing transportation for District 121 students, trophies and gift bags for the first and second place winners in both the 4-6 and 7-8 spell downs.

Environment Committee

The Girl Scouts planted 400 daffodils and native plants along the trail. The Environment Committee is working with the trail committee and the city for the placement of benches along the trail and to maintain a positive relationship with those who 'walk the trail' from 16th Street to Lower Elwha.

The scholarship recipient for our Environment Committee is majoring in Botany this fall and will be sharing her goals and aspirations with the club at the awards breakfast. Going forward we would like to increase our scholarship and enhance our contact with Feiro Marine Center. Our scholarship will support another young 'Female Design Engineer'. Also, the Audubon 'Girls in Science' Scholarship will continue to support young girls with their 'quest for knowledge'.

The Girl Scout Troop that we have supported with cookie sales over the years participated in a competition with an ROV (robotic oceanic vehicle) this spring, and were the only girls from our area competing. They placed fourth and will be mentoring more girls going forward next year.

Feedback from these two organizations and our interest and involvement has been outstanding.

ONP Committee

This project was started in 1998. It is done at the Senior Center in the “back room” which we reserve. The park brings the receipts from various campgrounds. We open the envelopes, note differences, and recap the dollars into a deposit for each area. We usually work on Thursdays during the “slow” months. When school is out July through August we count on Mondays and Thursdays, with an evening crew to help us out.

We have a five year contract with Olympic National Park and are currently on our third year of this contract. The ladies work around family, vacations, and personal issues. We usually need 5 to 6 ladies to get the job done. Our retired members of our Club generally give their days for this project. We do have an evening crew when there is too much for the day crew to complete. We train with a smile to any ladies able to join us.

From July 2014 through June 2015 the ladies will have worked 1070 hours at \$16.50 per hour raising \$17,655.

Since this is a contract, every member of the Club has a responsibility to meet the contract terms. This is our largest fundraiser for the club and supports the scholarships and projects our club is able to do each year.



Park Ranger Benjamin Kashdan has been hired into a permanent position and will be moving to Forks later this summer.

The counting crew made up a congratulatory “care package” for him to take with him.

Laws and Resolutions Committee

The Laws and Resolutions Committee updated and adopted our By Laws and Strategic Plan to comply with SIA.

A new Addendum E: Financial Procedures was added.

Social Committee

The Social Committee takes care of the following for Jet Set:

We announce birthdays each month at our business meeting and present each birthday girl with a flower of some kind and sing happy birthday to them.

We take care of facilitating the Bunco games as needed. We try to encourage different committees to take a monthsometimes we have a lot of participation and other times not so much..

We are in charge of our Christmas Party with our gift exchange.

Our biggest responsibility is to plan the installation trying to make it fun and affordable for all of our members.

We also take care of some unexpected things that come along during the year. We may have to hostess an event or something such as the Art Feiro Marine Lab celebration. This varies by the year.

Finance Committee

In the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the Finance Committee met several times to prepare minor procedure revisions intended to strengthen internal controls. The changes were adopted by the club in February. The committee also met to prepare the 2015-2016 service and operating expenses budget for submission at the June 2015 board meeting. The committee consisted of Loretta Commet (chair), Jill Oakes, Marsha Robin, Billie Moore and Treasurer Rebecca Westman.

Youth Committee

The year was spent "All About Kids."

December kicked off the Boys N Girls Club Christmas Party at the Boys and Girls Club in Port Angeles.

In FebruaryHeather Schultz National Youth Motivational Speaker did an assembly at Stevens Middle School on "Bullying"and then topped off the evening with a Program on "Making Stronger Women"/Women and Chocolate.....

The Girls Circle Program got off to a great start at Stevens Middle School under the leadership of teacher Nancy Bowman....

Three Girls from Lincoln High School were honored for their participation in school activities, grades and commitment to education. Each were given a gift certificate and acknowledgement at a Soroptimist meeting.....

Careers in the Military for women was presented by Sgt. Tristan Vance of the United States Army....

Teen Court was presented with College Bags with names inscribed on them and a graduation party for the Teen Court kids graduating from high school this year.

The climax of the Youth Committee 2014-2015 year was the Lincoln High School Girls Graduation Luncheon. Eight girls attended with their Principal, Secretary and Para Educator at Downriggers Restaurant. "A good time was had by all."

ROAR/SOLT Committee

The ROAR/SOLT Committee distributed the new directory to each member in September 2014. This directory project was a labor of love and we were excited to get it into the hands of our members. The ROAR/SOLT Committee sent out seven invitations to membership during the 2014-15 year. We "hosted" the campfire at Marsha Robin's in August 2014, co-sponsored a Bunco game with the Environment Committee in September 2014 to raise money for a compostable toilet for the Mujeres de Maiz project, participated in the event at the city swimming pool January 2015 which was a public relations activity for our club, and three SOLT meetings were scheduled this year. The Committee also worked with the Treasurer and reported to the club the options for addressing an increase in club dues beginning 2015-16. As with the other committees, ROAR/SOLT took its turn at providing breakfast items for the month of March.

Committee members for 2014-15 were: Jill Oakes (Chair), Marsha Robin, Nancy Phillips, Rebecca Westman, Cindy Sofie, and Cindy Kelly.

Spelling Bee



Left to Right: Felicia Che, Emily Bundy, James Burkhardt, Mason Reynolds

Winners of the spelling bee on June 2, 2015 were:

4-6 grade	First	James Burkhardt	Roosevelt
4-6 grade	Second	Mason Reynolds	Olympic Christian School
7-8 grade	First	Emily Bundy	Queen of Angels
7-8 grade	Second	Felicia Che	Queen of Angels



Lincoln Girl of the Quarter



Left to Right: Yvonne Boyd (Sarah's mother), Sarah Stewart, Jean Hordyk

Photo Credit: Port Angeles School District

Jean Hordyk, Soroptimist Port Angeles Jet Set representative, announced at the Jet Set's May 28 meeting Sarah Stewart is the organization's Lincoln High School Girl of the Quarter.

Stewart, a soon-to-be graduate of Lincoln on June 11, plans to enroll in the Automotive Technology program at Peninsula College.

Stewart said she's always been interested in cars and how to fix them. "This award reminded me to never give up and that my good behavior and grades have not gone unnoticed."

Baton Anyone??



At the end of our scholarship breakfast, we were entertained with a baton exhibition. Homemade soaps were being sold to help fund future performances for a very talented young lady.



Scholarship Winners



Left to right:

Amber Due
Lora Rudzinski
Mary Dawson
Sarah Carraux

Photo Credit:
Port Angeles
School District

Jet Set Soroptimists Honor Scholarship Winners

Amber Due received an Environmental Scholarship for \$500.

Lora Rudzinski received an Academic Scholarship for \$1,000.

Mary Dawson received an Economic & Social Development/Skills Center Scholarship for \$500.

Sarah Carraux received a Vocational Scholarship for \$1,000.



Presenter Judi



Recipient Mary



Recipient Amber



Presenter Loretta



Recipient Sarah



Recipient Lora

Breakfast Schedule 2014-15

MONTH	COMMITTEE
September	Economic-Health
October	International Goodwill/Status of Women
November	Social
December	Social
January	Environment
February	Youth
March	Roar/Solt
April	Education
May	Federation
June	All members
July	Youth

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Soroptimist International of Port Angeles—Jet Set Board Members 2014-15

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