

Soroptimist International of Port Angeles Jet-Set Jet-Streams

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BECKY

Greetings Club Members!

I don't know about any of you, but I am still in awe at the work being done by our Woman of Distinction Award winners. It was amazing to hear about all the work that they do without any need or want of recognition for it. Women are a force to be reckoned with!!!

We have started to organize and work on our big fundraiser "Do Not Attend". Several people have stepped forward to help and I sincerely appreciate that. Judi Hoffman is acting as the coordinator for the event and making sure tasks are done. Thank you Judi for stepping forward to do that.

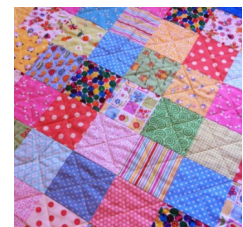
April is going to be a busy month for the club. We have some great speakers lined up and two events happening – Military Careers Event (Youth Committee) and Genesis Project/Human Trafficking Event (International Good Will / Status of Women Committee). Make sure you mark your calendars and plan on attending.

Judi Hoffman and I will be attending the Soroptimist Northwestern Region Conference April 9 – 12th at the Hyatt Regency in Bellevue. Getting together with all four of our region's districts is always fun, but more importantly we learn a lot about what is going on in other districts and it always inspires me to see what great work all of our clubs are doing. If you haven't done so already, please visit the Northwestern Region Website at www.soroptimistnwr.org to check out all the things going on in the region and the four districts in the region. The password to the members section is "best4women". Go check it out! Other great sites to check out are: www.soroptimist.org and www.liveyourdream.org. (Note: Publisher did not import these as hyperlinks.)

It seems Spring has arrived after our mild winter. It is awesome to see so many things blooming already. I, for one, have truly enjoyed the Crocus, Daffodils and especially the Forsythias (one of my favorites) bringing us some color after all of the gray of winter. I know many of you are itching to get gardening! Having recently moved, I am anxious to do a few things in my yard as well.

This has been an exceptionally busy tax season for both Rebecca and me. We both appreciate all the help everyone in the club has given us as we have worked some pretty long hours the past few weeks with not much time for anything else. We have both been overwhelmed and many of you have jumped in to help with the "club" things we have needed help with or have fallen behind in doing. So a big THANK YOU for that.

Looking forward,
President Becky



Upcoming Programs

The following programs have been scheduled for the April meetings.

April 2	Boys & Girls Club Summer Lunch Program—Karen
April 9	Military Opportunities for Women—Sgt Tristan Vance
April 16	Therapeutic Associates, Health Living—Beth Sandoval
April 23	Business Meeting
April 30	ROAR/SOLT

Happy Birthday

The following members have birthdays in
March, April and May:

Linda Sudela	March 14
Laurie Fineout	March 17
Ellen Caldwell	April 14
Cindy Sofie	April 25
Helen Fox	May 1
Jean Fairchild	May 25



Upcoming Events

Tuna Drive
February 25th through April 6th
Please bring cans of tuna or cash to give to the Food Bank.

Region Meeting
April 9-12th
Bellevue, WA



Pictured above:
Danetta Rutten, left, and Cassie White, right.
Recipient of the Girl of the Quarter Award in
February 2015.

Lincoln High School Girl of the Quarter February 2015

Cassie White is a senior at
Lincoln High School. In
February, she was presented with
the Soroptimist International of
Port Angeles—Jet Set Girl of the
Quarter Award.

Cassie is active in her high school
leadership class and is presently
designing a mural for the DSHS
Family Room.

Cassie plans to attend Peninsula
College and major in Business
and Financial Management.

Women of Distinction March 19, 2015

Soroptimist International of Port Angeles Jet Set honored eight 2014-15 Women of Distinction at our Thursday, March 19 meeting. Ruth Thomson started the ceremony by defining the Soroptimists. We are women of all ages, cultures and ethnic groups. We are working moms and single women. Small business owners and corporate executives. Attorneys, teachers and physicians. Soroptimists are leaders across all professional disciplines who also serve as role models for younger women at the beginning of their careers. The common thread that connects all Soroptimists is their desire to make a difference for others through volunteer services. Each year our club highlights the volunteer service of local women in the Port Angeles community. This year's honorees are Kelly Sanders, Marilyn Whidden, Gwen Porterfield, Deb West, Mary Sherwood, Pamela Olson, Conny Duppenthaler and Gloria Garrett.



Pictured from Left to Right: Becky McGinty, Gwen Porterfield, Deb West, Kelly Sanders, Gloria Garrett, Pamela Olson, Mary Sherwood, Marilyn Whidden and Conny Duppenthaler

Kelly Sanders

Nominated and Introduced by Leslie Mraz



Kelly Sanders, a sixth grade teacher at Roosevelt Elementary, helps with many events at the school. She supports the annual trip to NatureBridge, an outdoor science education opportunity for sixth grade students by organizing a rummage sale that brings in a couple of thousand dollars to help students who can't pay. Kelly capitalizes on any event such as orchestra concerts or literacy night where she provides concessions, using the proceeds to help students pay for NatureBridge attendance.

During the winter holidays, Kelly organizes a holiday food, coat and book drive at Roosevelt. She facilitates the organization of the event, seeking donations by staff, students, parents, community members and businesses to provide needed food, clothing, and other items for Roosevelt families in need. Kelly keeps track of the donations and is a cheerleader, of sorts, inspiring various classroom

“teams” to donate needed items. Last Christmas, 8,376 items were brought in with over \$2,000 in the form of cash to spend on turkeys and additional food items for the 60+ families. Kelly also started a Clothes Closet at Roosevelt to be utilized by our families in need.

Marilyn Whidden
Nominated by Jean Hordyk
Introduced by Nancy Phillips



Marilyn Whidden has been an active and dedicated volunteer for the Port Angeles Senior Center for over 15 years. She rarely misses a volunteer shift, assisting members and visitors at the Senior Center Front Office Desk with a great attitude.

Marilyn brings a wonderful skill set to her volunteer work at the Center. She exhibits wonderful people skills honed through many years of serving the public as a local business woman. She is organized, handles front desk registrations, and exhibits a strong fiscal ability. Sharing her knowledge of the community in a patient and helpful manner assists new members and Senior Center guests.

As a Port Angeles native, Marilyn's community connections run deep. Her commitment to volunteering extends past the Center to benefit the entire Port Angeles community. She currently volunteers for the local Chamber of Commerce at the Port Angeles Visitor Center. Additionally, she has volunteered for the Stream Keepers.

Gwen Porterfield
Nominated by Jean Fairchild
Introduced by Wende Porterfield



Gwen Porterfield has been a volunteer since she was 6 years old. She watched her brother as a Patrol Boy and wanted to be one, but girls could not do that in those days. So Gwen found work in the school office where she got to ring the bells for lunch and clean the erasers. She has been volunteering ever since.

At this time, Gwen and her husband of sixty years, Lee Porterfield, volunteer at the Clallam County Historical Society. Gwen became involved there by entering data about artifacts and scanning historical photos for archival use. From March through August each year, Gwen and Lee spend six hours a week sorting, cleaning and preparing items for the Carnegie Museum's annual garage sale. Gwen also volunteers 12 – 25 hours a week at the Museum, keeping it open for visitors.

Gwen spends her free time with family, doing the things she loves, and volunteering to make reading material available for students, especially those who can't afford the materials on their own. She believes "there is no excuse for loneliness or boredom with so many volunteer jobs available."

Deb West
Nominated and Introduced by Marsha Robin



Deb came to the Olympic Peninsula by way of a road trip suggested by her husband's doctor to find a place with less stress and not as remote and out of the way for flights to medical facilities as Billings, Montana proved to be.

Deb was familiar with Relay for Life because of her son's participation in Bakersfield, California, and upon settling on the Peninsula, she got involved with the first event in Clallam County.

Marsha Robin came to know Deb when Deb was mentoring with the "then chair" of Relay for Life. With five years now under her belt as chair, Deb continues to mentor other participants on the Relay for Life committee, schooling them about our community and dealing with the organizational aspects of the event and Relay headquarters. Through it all, Deb has been steadfast and true to the Relay for Life cause. Having lost her husband to cancer, she believes that a good spirit and surrounding yourself by friends and folks "who get it," along with the support of family, is important and necessary.

Mary Sherwood Nominated by Loretta Commet



Mary has volunteered at the Volunteers in Medicine in the Olympics (VIMO) clinic for about nine years. She also volunteers for the Clallam County drug court and family court programs and the local Hospice program.

Mary goes beyond with her incredibly caring nature dealing with VIMO's low income patients. She gives everyone the expected level of care, such as coming in on a Sunday to provide wound care for an ongoing need. She encourages patients to take better care of themselves in such a loving manner no one takes offense. She is unfailingly kind and steady in the face of provocation, as sometimes occurs with patients experiencing a lot of stress. She offers sound advice without making new volunteers or student nurses feel they have asked an unwise question or are in any way inadequate.

Pamelia Olson
Nominated and Introduced by Danetta Rutten



Pam is honorable, dependable and responsible to the people that she serves at Mosaic, a program for the developmentally disabled.

Pam works and volunteers to help train and build independent living skills for people with special needs. Her initiative, ability and devotion to her special friends are in keeping with the highest traditions of care giving.

She has demonstrated exceptional competence and unusual devotion to the many diversified functions that are involved in helping and training the special needs citizens of our community. Her untiring effort and devotion to her clients is immediately felt and envisioned the minute she walks into the room. She has been instrumental in developing the minds and skills of many special people.

Conny Duppenhaler
Nominated by Linda Sudela
Introduced by Marian Mertz



Since 1992 Conny Duppenhaler has spent Tuesday mornings volunteering her librarian skills to record books, articles or paper artifacts headed for the Clallam County Historical Society's bookshelves, vertical files or categorized boxes. She has typed over 3,000 3"x5" cross reference cards, wearing out several typewriters in the process. Those 3,000 cards are her legacy at the Historical Society and provide valuable information for use by researchers.

Conny acquired her librarian skills at Cornell University's agricultural library. She worked in Port Angeles School District libraries starting in 1965, then again in 1976 until her retirement in 1991. Now in her mid-eighties, Conny recently retired from volunteer service at the Historical Society and has cut back on other volunteer activities in the community.

Historical Society Director Kathy Monds Estes praises Conny as very deserving of recognition as a Woman of Distinction. "She was a valued longtime volunteer, Monds Estes said,"faithfully and quietly doing a marvelous job focused heavily on books and archival collections."

Gloria Garrett
Nominated by Jean Hordyk
Introduced by Patty Rosand

Gloria Garrett, a licensed registered nurse, was an Olympic Medical Center (OMC) employee for over 30 years. Since her retirement in 2000, Gloria has volunteered at her church and at OMC. To date, she has donated an impressive 4,000 hours to OMC. In addition to volunteering, Gloria is a per diem employee in the OMC Obstetrics unit, her first love in the nursing field.

She volunteers at the OMC Information Desk at the east entrance of the hospital near the Cardiac Care Unit. Gloria welcomes you with her contagious smile and directs visitors to their destination, often walking or escorting them. "You will not meet a more loving and compassionate woman," Jean Hordyk, who nominated her for the Women of Distinction award, said. "When Gloria is not volunteering, she continues to help someone in need, whether it's a co-volunteer who needs a house sitter or dog sitter or a caregiver who needs respite or cook a meal for a friend in need."



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

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

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(former club President)

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