



# SOROPTIMIST®

## Investing in Dreams

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



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### *MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARGIE*

Hello Ladies:

Wow! What a fantastic weekend (April 26-28). So much to unpack, so much to share. I wish you all could have been there. I learned so much, for instance, there are 25,000 Soroptimists world wide and everyone counts!

We learned about the 7 Forms of Respect. Procedure, punctuality, information, candor, consideration, acknowledgement and attention. Dealing with conflict, context and background help you understand me. We step out of our comfort zone. Remember that questions don't invalidate. We get permission to hear someone's story. We take a pause because not everyone thinks the same. It was a really good talk. I stood in line for the book but they sold out. I just ordered it off of Amazon.

I met so many women of all ages. There were lots of younger women. We learned that empty nesters are a good place to start looking for new members. Still so much more to share.

Saturday (last Saturday at this point, Wende apologizes for not getting the newsletter done before Purse Auction) is the day for the long-awaited purse auction. It is going to be a great time. Everyone has worked together.

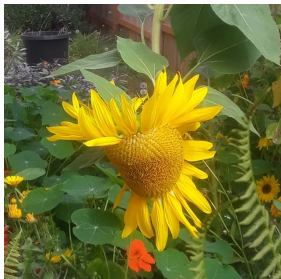
May 9th, 7:00 am, we are going to hear from Deb (not our Deb) who has the wig gallery; medical wigs that are needed for all sorts of reasons.

May 30th will be ROAR/SOLT. Joan and I will share more of what we learned at conference. We both had such a good time and really bonded.

In closing, I am pieces of all the places I have been and the people I have loved. I've been stitched together by song lyrics, book quotes, adventure, late night conversations, moonlight and the smell of coffee. (Brooke Hampton)

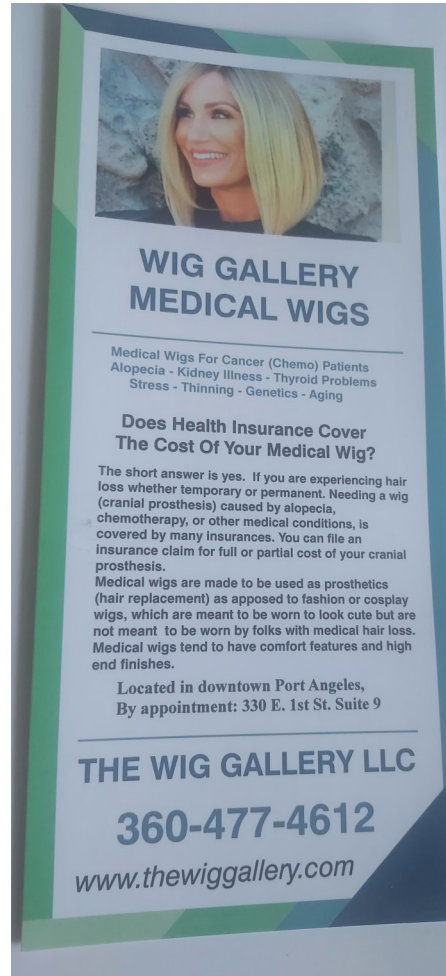
Finally, my dad told me his password is: "Mickey Minnie Goofy Donald Pluto Huey Louie Dewey Dublin" because he was told it had to contain 8 characters and at least one capital.

Inward and upwards,  
President Margie Castle



# Upcoming Programs

- May 9 Deb, The Wig Gallery, St Andrews, 7:00 am
- May 16 Business Meeting, St Andrews, 7:00 am
- May 24 Social Meeting TBD
- May 31 SOLT Meeting
- June 13 Scholarship Winner Breakfast, St. Andrews, 7:00 am
- June 20 Business Meeting, St Andrews, 7:00 am
- June 27 Social



# Happy Birthday

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

Helen Fox	May 1	Patty Rosand	July 2
Robin Trent	May 6	Margie Castle	July 12
Karen Lavender-Peterson	May 8	Anne Shaffer	July 25
Mary Galvin	June 1	Kathy Estes	August 11
Judi Hoffman	June 9	Leslie Mraz	August 15
Traci Boe	June 20	Lisa Waldron	August 25
Jean Hordyk	June 27		
Cynthia Kazlauskas	June 30		



# **Upcoming Events & Happenings**

**July 24-27, 2024  
Soroptimist 48th Biennial Convention  
Hyatt Regency Bellevue**

## 2018 Live Your Dream Winner Chezak Miller



In November 2017, Chezak Miller applied for a Live Your Dream Award:

“My name is Chezak Miller and I am twenty-nine years old. I’ve been recovering from addiction for two and half years. My young life due to drugs and alcohol has been riddled with poverty and hardship, however two and half years ago I made a decision to be responsible for my life and my actions. Since that day on May 18, 2015, my life has opened up and bloomed in a way I have never thought possible. One of the biggest blessings in my new life, is a little girl named Zahra , whom I gave birth to last year. I really believe that my life now has an incredible amount of untapped potential. I have clear outline goals for the future and they include completing cosmetology school and obtaining my esthetician license which is the first step in someday being a small business owner. This award could help me immensely by providing the schooling I need to meet my goals without putting myself in debt.”

Unfortunately, Chezak had no idea how she was going to pay tuition for her final semester of Cosmetology school, due to start at the end of January 2018. Studio 121 School of Cosmetology Owner Susan Withrow told her about the Live Your Dream Award being offered by Soroptimist International of Port Angeles Jet Set. On January 22, just a week before the registration deadline, Chezak received notice of her Jet Set Live Your Dream Award.

Chezak tells us today:

“6 years ago I would never have dreamed where a career in lashes and permanent make-up would take me. I was working at a casino as waitress as a new mom when I decided to take a leap and go to Esthetics school, mostly I just wanted flexibility in my schedule and to not have to work with any toxic people. Now I’m here in 2024 with 5 years of experience and owned a couple of businesses all which have been successful. I can make my child’s sports games and doctor appointments, and, oh and GET MARRIED IN EUROPE in May.

A literal dream come true for me. I am enormously grateful for lashes and Permanent Makeup.”

Chezak is the Owner of NW Beauty Box in downtown Port Angeles.

## **2024 Live Your Dream Winner**

### **Mashayla Edgmon**

My name is Mashayla Edgmon and I am a single mother of two wonderful children, Olivia 6 and Winston 5. I grew up in the beautiful PNW in the small town of Port Angeles WA. This scholarship would be life changing to my children and I. This would help me pay the remaining amount of my tuition to receive my esthetic license and help me pursue my dreams in owning a spa. I grew up in a single mother household which was filled with abuse, addiction, and chaos. It was extremely difficult to have a normal childhood. I saw the way that she was living and knew that I never wanted to live a life like that. At 15 I moved out of my mother's house, while still attending high school and working, I enrolled in the beauty school. I chose to enroll, because since I was young I always dreamt of working in the beauty industry. I loved how I felt knowing I made someone else feel beautiful and seen. Seeing someone light up because you gave them the space to relax and enjoy some self care was an indescribable feeling. I saw that this truly could be a career that I not only could support myself, but that I am passionate about. I wanted to be better than the lifestyle I had witnessed at such a young age. Unfortunately, the school had closed so I was unable to finish the program. Shortly after I graduated high-school, I moved to Tumwater WA where I had a job offer. Not long into working there, I met my children's father who was many years older than I. After a couple weeks of knowing each other, we started to date. Sadly, a few months into the relationship it started to become abusive and controlling. A year and a half into the relationship I found myself pregnant with my daughter. We had ended up moving to NC to be closer to his family. The abuse continued and worsened through both pregnancies and births. I knew something had to change so that my children weren't raised in that kind of environment. In 2018, we moved back to the West Coast so I could be closer to Caylee my dearest friend of 17 years. After moving to Portland, where I had began cosmetology school, again. Unfortunately, Aveda closed March 2019 due to covid. I found the strength in 2020 to leave the 7 year relationship.

Over the years Caylee and I have talked about owning a spa together one day. While living together the past few years, it has been a topic more often. She's been Licensed for 5 years and when she heard that there was a beauty school open here in town, we talked about me enrolling and made the leap in doing so! Since being enrolled in school, I have put together a website that is interactive, helped create a service menu and dove deep into the esthetics industry. I've loved learning everything about the industry and seeing that opening a spa with my best-friend is achievable. I AM the role model to my children. I truly believe it doesn't matter what or where you come from, if you want something bad enough and you believe in yourself, there is nothing that can't be achieved by hard work and perseverance. This is the beginning of the rest of Olivia, Winston, and I's lives. A new chapter in a new book. I'll be able to support myself and them and really take care of my family. I just wanted to say thank you for listening to my story and taking the time to consider me for The Live Your Dream Award. This is my dream.

## 2024 Purse Auction



Run for the Roses Purse Auction  
May 4, 2024

Stay tuned for more!

## Volunteer Fair 2024



Margie Castle, Deb West, Kathy Estes manned our table at the Volunteer Fair this year. Thank you, ladies.

# Goslings at McKinley





# Committees 2023-24

## Economic/Social Development & Health

### *October Programs*

Linda Sudela, Co-Chair  
Marsha Robin, Co-Chair  
Ruth Thomson  
Gloria Godfrey  
Jean Schneider

## Education

### *November Programs*

Karen Lavender-Peterson, Chair  
Wende Porterfield  
Gwen Porterfield

## Environment

### *March Programs*

Marsha Robin, Chair  
Gloria Godfrey  
Ruth Thomson  
Lisa Waldron  
Gwen Porterfield  
Wende Porterfield

## Federation/International Goodwill

### *June Programs*

Deb West, Chair  
Linda Sudela  
Karen Lavender-Peterson  
Sylvia Orth

## Finance

### *February Programs*

Traci Boe, Co-Chair  
Jill Oakes, Co-Chair  
Kathy Estes  
Marsha Robin

## Laws & Resolutions

### *May Programs*

Kathy Estes, Chair  
Jill Oakes  
Marsha Robin

## ROAR/SOLT

### *April Programs*

Jill Oakes, Chair  
Sylvia Orth  
Kathy Estes  
Marsha Robin

## Social

### *December Programs*

Helen Fox, Chair  
Martha Hurd  
Traci Boe  
Judi Hoffman  
Chelsea Aitken  
Patty Rosand  
Sylvia Orth  
Mary Galvin  
Joan Putnam  
Cindy Kazlauskas

## Youth

### *September Programs*

Leslie Mraz, Chair  
Sylvia Orth  
Martha Hurd  
Deb West

## Ways & Means

*\*\*Each committee will choose a member to serve on Ways & Means*

Helen Fox, Co-Chair  
Mary Galvin, Co-Chair  
Ann Agren  
Patty Rosand  
Joan Putnam  
Chelsea Aitken  
Cindy Kazlauskas

Facebook - Patty Rosand

Newsletter - Wende Porterfield

Website - Deb West

Publicity -

Instagram - Chelsea Aitken

## Dessert of the Month 2024

January	Kathy Estes	July	Cindy Kazlauskas
February	Marsha Robin	August	Ruth Thomson
March	Deb West	September	Margie Castle
April	Helen Fox	October	Traci Boe
May	Mary Galvin	November	Kathy Estes
June	Patty Rosand	December	Stephanie Kinnaman

## Highlight of the Week



Zebra Sightings - Real or Imaginary

# 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



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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**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>
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**

**Margie Castle**  
President

**Unfilled**  
President Elect

**Kathy Estes**  
Secretary

**Wende Porterfield**  
Treasurer

**Mary Galvin**  
Past President

**Traci Boe**  
Board Member—Director

**Karen Lavender-Peterson**  
Board Member—Director

**Sylvia Orth**  
Board Member—Director