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Investing in Dreams

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



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KATHY

Hello:

Welcome to September! I hope you had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the August break from club.

As you all know, the Bewitching Tea has been moved up to Saturday, October 19. While that might seem a long way off, it will fly by! If you haven't already reached out to Helen, Patty or me, please let one of us know how you would like to help with this wonderful fundraiser. We already know that Wednesday Addams will be making a guest appearance!!

This is also the month to firm up committee rosters. I will have the sign up sheet available at our program meeting on September 12, but feel free to email or text me before then. Ways and Means is going to be extremely busy, and we will need all available hands helping.

Our board meeting will be held on September 16 at 5 p.m. at St. Andrews. If anyone has questions or concerns for the board, please send them my way.

My one truly "day off" this summer was a solo visit to Victoria. I had fun wandering and shopping and finally made it to the Emily Carr House. It was quiet, peaceful and a wonderful insight into one of Canada's artists. Maybe we can plan a trip to Victoria in the future.

Our September speaker will be Mark Nichols. Thank you for making the arrangements, Margie!

So, my monthly question to those who would like to answer it is: where were you born and where did you grow up?

Coddiwomple – To travel purposefully toward an as-yet-unknown destination.

Trees love to toss and sway; they make such happy noises. Emily Carr

President Kathy



**LET'S
VISIT**

Upcoming Programs

- Sept 12 Program: Mark Nichols, St Andrews, 7:00 am
- Sept 16 Board Meeting, St Andrews Library, 5:00 pm
- Sept 19 Business Meeting, St Andrews and Zoom, 7:00 am
- Sept 26 Social Meeting TBD
- Oct 10 Program Meeting, St Andrews, 7:00 am
- Oct 13 Board Meeting, St Andrews Library, 5:00 pm
- Oct 17 Business Meeting, St Andrews and Zoom, 7:00 am
- Oct 24 Social Meeting, TBD
- Oct 31 ROAR/SOLT, TBD

Happy Birthday

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

Kathy Estes
Leslie Mraz
Lisa Waldron

August 11
August 15
August 25

Lisa Wyatt
Gwen Porterfield
Stephanie Kinnaman

October 6
October 8
October 20

JoAnn Vickery-Cook
Deb West

September 8
September 17

Brenda Connely
Marsha Robin
Ruth Thomson

November 11
November 19
November 27



Upcoming Events & Happenings

**September 27-29
District 4 Meeting
Courtyard by Marriott
Missoula, MT**

**October 11-13
District 3 Meeting
Mirabeau Park Hotel
Spokane, WA**

**October 18-20
District 1 Meeting
Embassy Suites
Lynnwood, WA**

**October 19
Bewitching Tea
Port Angeles Naval Elks Lodge
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**October 25-27
District 2 Meeting
The Heathman Lodge
Vancouver, WA**

**April 24-27, 2025
Northwestern Region Conference
Valley River Inn
Eugene, OR**

Live Your Dream Award

Sara's Extraordinary Story Triumphing Over Abuse and Searching for New Beginnings



Sara grew up in Iraq. Her family sent her to the United States to marry a man she did not know, in hopes that she would have a better, safer life and escape the chaos going on in her country. As it turned out, her marriage proved to be a nightmare, when her husband began physically and mentally abusing her.

Learning to Help Herself

When her children started school, Sara began taking parenting classes that provided resources and information about domestic violence. "I realized that if I wanted to leave, I needed a plan for economic independence, so I enrolled in my local community college."

I lived in this miserable marriage for 10 years. I did not speak any English and had no friends or family I could ask for help.

As a *Live Your Dream Award* recipient, Sara continues her pursuit to become a teacher and improve public schools.

But Sara's husband did not approve of this decision. He ripped up her high school diploma and refused to let her go. "Eventually, I was able to convince him that I would be able to support him with the loan money I would receive for going to school, and he agreed to let me go."

Within two years, Sara completed her associate's degree in pre-elementary special education and graduated with honors. From there, she transferred to a four-year university, and then the abuse escalated. "[One day] my husband drove me to the university to force me to drop my classes, threatening to kill me if I did not. But in the parking lot, I was able to get away from him and call the police. University staff was able to help me find a place for my children and myself in a first step shelter."

Perseverance through Adversity

Sara felt lost and scared, as leaving a marriage is considered unacceptable in her culture. She's still fighting legal issues surrounding her divorce, which she says add a painful layer of emotional and financial struggle, but she is happy that she and her children are surviving and moving forward.

Sara continues to work on her bachelor's degree in elementary special education and will graduate this year. Her dream is to become a teacher and eventually obtain a PhD so that she can help improve her state's public schools.

Education is so important for mothers because they have a major influence on their children's education. This award will help me continue my education and graduate, so that I can provide a good example for my children and give back to my community.

Live Your Dream Poster 2024

READY TO BEGIN *a new life?*

live
YOUR
dream:
education & training awards for women®

The Soroptimist *Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women* program has been helping women around the world since 1972. This program provides cash grants to women who are working to better their lives through **additional** schooling and skills training.



You are eligible to apply if:

- are a woman with primary financial responsibility for yourself and your dependents
- are attending an undergraduate degree program or a vocational skills training program
- have financial need

Scan the QR code to apply or contact:



Soroptimist International of Port Angeles Jet Set

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Club Application Deadline: November 15, 2024

Amount of Club Award: \$1,000

Notes: Live Your Dream Award Recipient "Grants like the Live Your Dream Awards have helped

me fight and survive. I am fortunate and grateful for my opportunity to receive an education."



KIVA - Judy's story

Judy, a tenacious smallholder farmer from Bomet, embodies the spirit of perseverance and dedication in agriculture. Married and with several years of farming experience, Judy has faced numerous challenges but has never wavered in her commitment to farming.

Understanding the pivotal role of quality inputs in farming success, Judy seeks a loan to procure essential items such as fertilizers, farm seeds, and farm chemicals. These resources will boost her farm's productivity and enable her to adopt modern and sustainable farming practices.

Judy's unwavering passion for farming, coupled with her experience and vision for the future, makes her a deserving candidate for support. By supporting Judy, funders will be investing in her farm and in the resilience and prosperity of agriculture in Bomet, empowering a determined woman to achieve her farming goals and contribute significantly to rural development.



A loan of \$400 helps to invest in high-quality fertilizers, top-notch seeds, and farm chemicals.

KIVA - Evaline's story

Evaline, a dedicated smallholder farmer from Litien, embodies the essence of resilience and determination in agriculture. Married and with a few years of farming experience, Evaline has faced the challenges of farming with unwavering resolve, striving to provide for her family and contribute to her community's food security.

Understanding the critical role of quality inputs in farming success, Evaline seeks a loan to procure essential items such as fertilizers, farm seeds, and farm chemicals. These resources will not only enhance her farm's productivity, but will also enable her to adopt modern and sustainable farming practices.

Evaline's passion for farming, combined with her experience and vision for the future, makes her a deserving candidate for support. By supporting Evaline, funders will not only be investing in her farm but also in the resilience and prosperity of agriculture in Litien, empowering a determined woman to achieve her farming goals and contribute to rural development.



A loan of \$525 helps to access high-quality seeds, fertilizers, and agricultural chemicals that will help her to boost her production.

KIVA - Esther's story

In the thriving agricultural town of Kitale, Esther stands out as a dedicated smallholder farmer. Married and devoted to her family, she has been farming for a few years, steadily building her experience and expertise. Esther's commitment to her farm is unwavering, and she dreams of increasing her crop yields to secure a better future for her household.

To achieve this, Esther seeks a loan to purchase modern farming inputs, specifically high-quality seeds and high-nutrient fertilizers. These investments are crucial for boosting her farm's productivity and ensuring healthier, more robust crops. With enhanced crop production, Esther aims to generate higher income, which will not only sustain her family but also contribute to the local economy.

Her determination and proactive approach to improving her farm make Esther a deserving candidate for financial support. By funding her loan, supporters will empower a hardworking farmer to realize her goals, fostering growth and sustainability in Kitale. Esther's story is a testament to resilience and the positive impact of agricultural investment.



A loan of \$250 helps to buy quality farming inputs such as good certified seeds and fertilizers.

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

Graduation Parade 2024



Fair Royalty
working scone
booth with Cindy
Kelly mentoring!

Fun for All!!

Committees 2024-25 (under construction)

Economic/Social Development & Health

October Programs

Education

November Programs

Margie Castle

Wende Porterfield

Gwen Porterfield

Environment

March Programs

Gwen Porterfield

Wende Porterfield

Federation/International Goodwill

June Programs

Finance

February Programs

Laws & Resolutions

May Programs

ROAR/SOLT

April Programs

Social

December Programs

Youth

September Programs

Ways & Means

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

Facebook - Patty Rosand

Newsletter - Wende Porterfield

Website - Deb West

Publicity -

Instagram -

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 2024-25

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 2024-25

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Unfilled
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Assistant Treasurer

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Director

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