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President's Message

Greetings Jet Setters!

Our Northwestern Region covers the states of Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Montana and the Idaho panhandle, with nearly 3,900 members strong in over 114 clubs. The mission of Northwestern Region is to provide its members with leadership training and education empowering them to promote and implement region identifying projects and to advance human rights and the status of women locally and globally.

SIPA-Jet Set and Venture will host an "open house" event on Thursday, March 27, at Renaissance in Port Angeles from 5:00-7:00 p.m. You are encouraged to drop in for a chair massage, food, drink, and conversation. Now is the time to invite a friend (or more!) to come along with you who may have an interest in membership, or just wants to know what we do.

Just a reminder that Charlotte Bowen, District 1 Director, will join us for the Area Meeting on April 12th that will be held in Forks. Registration will be 9:00-9:30 a.m. and we plan to car pool. We are also planning a couple of activities around Charlotte's visit, so I'll keep you posted. Ideas are welcome!

There are four of us scheduled to attend the Region Conference April 24-27 in Couer d'Alene, Idaho... Anna Shields, Gloria Godfrey, Marsha Robin, and me. I believe we also are scheduled for the hospitality room during the Jazz in the Olympics festival that same weekend. More information to follow....

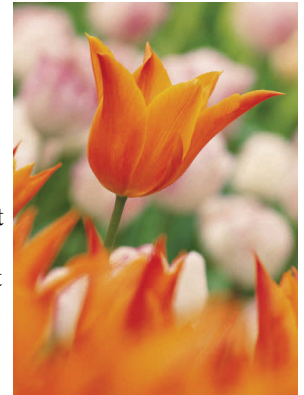
The Rummage Sale is scheduled for May 10 at the Campfire Clubhouse. Proceeds will benefit Relay for Life which will be held the first weekend in June.

The Spelling Bee will be held on May 22 in the City Chambers. If you are available that day, please attend. Kudos to the Education Committee!

As a committee chair, if you cannot attend a board meeting and wish to submit a report, feel free to send another committee member in your absence and/or forward a written report to me.

Thank you for all that you do...you are appreciated!

President Jill



Calendar of Events

March 27	Business Meeting
March 27	SIPA-Jet Set/Venture Open House Renaissance, 5-7 p.m.
April 3	Lower Elwha Detective S. Crouse
April 10	Literacy Program— Christa Chatters & Dena Riccobene
April 12	SIA Area Meeting—Forks
April 17	Technology Levy -Tina Smith-O'Hara
April 24-27	SI Regional Conference-CDA, ID
May 1	Volunteers in Medicine
May 8	Parks and Recreation Department Richard Bonine & Amber Mazingo
May 10	Rummage Sale—Campfire Club House
May 15	SOLT report from Conference
May 22	Business Meeting
May 22	Spelling Bee—City Council Chambers
May 22	Scholarship Night—Port Angeles High School
May 29	Vietnam - Marilyn Santiago

Did you know...

The gift of a Soroptimist membership provides a variety of benefits including personal fulfillment, friendships all over the world, networking, leadership development, and an avenue to serve as a mentor reaching out to women at the beginning of their professional lives.

Soroptimist Jet-Set Highlights

Soroptimist International of Port Angeles-Jet Set "Women of Distinction" Awards

Soroptimist International of Port Angeles-Jet Set honored its Women of Distinction on March 13. The eight women noted below were recognized for making a difference in Soroptimist programs and service areas.

Economic Development, Edna Petersen. She serves on many boards, Child Haven, P.A. Downtown Association Regional Chamber of Commerce and YMCA. She created the "Elegant Gourmet" Coupon Book for Soroptimist of Port Angeles, organized and raised money for the parking lot and roof repair at the Community Players Playhouse and worked on the YMCA Building Committee. She also served as a Council member for the City of Port Angeles. Edna believes it is her responsibility as a member of the community to help and see people reach their goals. Edna owns Necessities and Temp-tations in downtown Port Angeles.

Education, Jane Hughes, a retired teacher and principal. For the past 40 years she has been a dedicated substitute high school teacher in the Port Angeles School District. She was appointed and served two terms on the Board of Trustees for Peninsula College, served over 35 years as a member of the Clallam County Park Board which oversaw the restoration of Camp David Junior and many other projects. Jane is a charter board member of the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center, is active in St. Andrews Episcopal Church and every summer you'll find her at work in the gift shop at Hurricane Ridge, where she also provides local history and insight to National Park visitors.

Environment, Rosemary Moorhead. As an instructor at Peninsula College, Rosemary designed courses in hiking and kayaking to encourage women to appreciate the beautiful natural environment on the Peninsula. In her retirement, she continues to share this love of the outdoors. Rosemary and her husband Bruce donated an easement on 5 acres of



"Women of Distinction," left to right: Front, seated: Edna Peterson, Jane Hughes and Rosemary Moorhead. Back: Judith Morris, Trisha Gormley, Scooter Perlwitz, Lynnette Crouse, and Barbara Townsend.

their land in Port Angeles using the Land Trust. Her hope is for a trail that leads from the mouth of Ennis Creek on the Discovery Trail that leads to the Olympic National Park. She also wants to make sure that there are accessible recreational trails for everyone.

Health, Judith Morris. Judith has always had a passion for health care for all and the desire to eliminate disparities in health care. As the Healthy Communities Coordinator for United Way of Clallam County, she interviewed community stakeholders about what makes for a healthy community. She reported that basic literacy skills and access to basic health care were common threads. She compiled data for our first Community Report Card now used by local service agencies, governments and schools to develop programs and direct funding to areas of greatest needs in Clallam County. Judith spent three years in Zambia where she volunteered for health projects in and around the capital city of Lusaka. Now at home in Port Angeles, she volunteers as clinic receptionist and secretary for the Volunteers In Medicine of the Olympics.

"Women of Distinction" Awards Continued

Human Rights, Trish Gormley. Trish has served as member of the United Way of Clallam County for several years working on many of the committees and now serves as Board President. She is an advisor to the Rainbow Girls and actively involved in her children's schools. She is a very active member of the Port Angeles-Jet Set Venture Club and presently is the secretary of the NW Regional Venture Board. Trish is an asset classification manager at First Federal Saving and Loan.

International Goodwill, Scooter Perlwitz.

Scooter is a founding member and first president of the Global Family Alliance (GFA), a non profit humanitarian organization. GFA arranges six week health respite visits for Chernobyl-impacted children, placing them in carefully screened families, mostly in western Washington. She travels to Belarus to screen potential visiting children, makes dozens of presentations to business, philanthropic organizations and church groups to generate support for the organization and recruit host families. She arranges travel for 50 to 100 children and chaperones each summer, coordinates preparation for the visit and is constantly available to guide host families through the experience while also serving as a host mom. Scooter is an enthusiastic leader and spokesperson for GFA and her family is deeply involved in the work too.

Social Development, Lynnette Crouse. Lynnette is recognized for her dedication and work with the Port Angeles High School Orchestra program. Through hard work and dedication, she brought Anthony Kearns, one of the Irish Tenors, to the Olympic Peninsula. Over \$50,000 was raised over the course of three years and five concerts made it possible for the high school orchestra to perform at Carnegie Hall. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the high school auditorium, she helped change the name to the Port Angeles High School Performing Arts Center. Lynnette helped raise another \$20,000 through the Shamrock Series, which included the Irish Tenors and Irish Rovers. These funds helped replace all the stage curtains and upgraded lighting and sound. She has given much to the arts and has elevated the cultural arts of Port Angeles.

Youth, Barbara Townsend. Barbara has been a volunteer youth leader at Queen of Angeles Catholic Church for over 25 years. She has planned, coordinated, fundraised and chaperoned 15 to 30 youth at a time to World Youth Day that has youth traveling to Denver, Paris, Rome, Cologne and Toronto. She has also organized numerous trips to Tijuana, Mexico to build houses and visit orphanages and nursing homes. She also heads the John Bosco young adult group through St. Vincent de Paul. This group has made numerous trips to Seattle to take food and blankets to the homeless. Barbara has always been an inspiration and "Champion for Youth."



"Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush."

-- Doug Larson

Happy Spring!



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