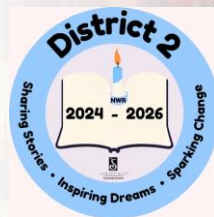


# 71st Meeting of District 2 Soroptimist International of the Americas® Northwestern Region

Director  
**Jeanne Androvich**

Secretary  
**Theresa Hart**



October 25-27, 2024  
The Heathman Lodge  
Vancouver, WA

Soroptimist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# AGENDA

## Friday, October 25, 2024

4:30 – 6:30 pm	<b>Registration</b>	North Foyer
6:30 – 9:00 pm	<b>Special Event: Lodge Pajama Party</b> No Host Bar, Charcuterie	Mezzanine

## Saturday, October 26, 2024

7:30 – 8:30 am	<b>Registration</b>	North Foyer
8:00 – 8:45 am	<b>Special Event: 1<sup>st</sup> Timer's Welcome Breakfast (Invitation)</b>	Hospitality Suite
9:15 – 9:30 am	<b>Opening Ceremonies</b>  March-In of Region & District Leadership Parade of Presidents Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance	Lewis & Clark
9:30 – 10:45 am	<b>Business Meeting</b>  Welcome Recognition Introduction of Guests & Official Visitors Adoption of Official Agenda District Meeting Correspondence Approval of Meeting Minutes Minutes Review Committee Attendance Report #1  <b>Reports</b>  Governor's Report Engagement Report Philanthropy Report Brand Recognition Report Nominating Report	Lewis & Clark

	Announcements	
10:45 – 11:00 am	<b>Break</b>	
11:00 – 12:00 pm	<b>General Session</b> Introduction <b><i>The Leading Edge: Writing the Stories of Becoming Our Best Selves</i></b> Announcements	Lewis & Clark
12:00 – 12:30 pm	<b>Break</b>	
12:30 – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b> Inspiration	Lewis & Clark
1:00 – 1:45 pm	<b>Keynote Speaker Presentation</b> Introduction <b>Susan Tate Ankeny, author of <i>American Flygirl</i></b> Announcements	Lewis & Clark
1:45 – 2:15 pm	<b>Break &amp; Book Signing with Susan Tate Ankeny</b>	Lewis & Clark Foyer
2:15 – 3:15 pm	<b>Workshop Breakout Session 1</b>	
	<b>Workshop #1</b> <b><i>Chartering New Clubs</i></b>	Klickitat/Cowlitz
	<b>Workshop #2</b> <b><i>Engagement</i></b>	Chinook
3:15 – 3:30 pm	<b>Refreshment Break</b>	
3:30 – 4:30 pm	<b>Workshop Breakout Session 2</b>	
	<b>Workshop #3</b> <b><i>Live Your Dream Award</i></b>	Chinook
	<b>Workshop #4</b> <b><i>Soroptimist UpliftHER Initiative</i></b>	Cowlitz
	<b>Workshop #5</b> <b><i>Area Meeting Planning</i></b>	Klickitat

Every club's Area Meeting representative is expected to attend this workshop.

4:30 – 5:00 pm	<b>Break</b>	
5:00 – 5:30 pm	<b>Trading Post Set-Up</b>	Sacajawea
5:30 – 6:30 pm	<b>Trading Post</b> No Host Bar	Sacajawea
6:30 – 9:00 pm	<b>Denim &amp; Plaid BBQ Dinner &amp; Mystery Theater</b>	Lewis & Clark
	Inspiration Recognition Trading Post Drawings Announcements	

**Sunday, October 27, 2024**

7:45 – 8:45 am	<b>Breakfast Buffet</b>	Lewis & Clark
8:45 – 9:00 am	<b>Break</b>	
9:00 – 9:45 am	<b>Sunday Session</b>	Lewis & Clark
	Introductions Inspiration Attendance Report #2 <b>D2 Service Focus: Girls Build</b>	
9:45 – 10:00 am	<b>Break</b>	
10:00 – 12:00 pm	<b>Sunday Session Continued</b>	Lewis & Clark
	<b>Reports &amp; Invitation</b>	
	SIA Impact Report: LYDA, DIBI, BGAP Live Your Dream Report Dream It, Be It Report Imagine Life Without Violence Report Federation Convention Report Invitation to Region Conference	

Director's Report  
Announcements

**Adjournment**

# Jingle & Mingle

Friday November 15, 2024

10am-2pm

Running Y Resort

*Soroptimist International of Klamath Falls*

Join us at our annual  
ladies' luncheon  
fundraiser!



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2024-2026

# PRESENTERS

## **GENERAL SESSION PRESENTERS – *The Leading Edge: Writing the Stories of Becoming Our Best Selves***

Marti Crook, Kathy King, and Martha Falkenstein, Northwestern Region Past Governors

## **WORKSHOP PRESENTERS**

### **Workshop #1 – *Chartering Chat***

Marti Crook, D2 Engagement Representative and Wendy Falkenstein, Northwestern Region Governor

### **Workshop #2 – *Engagement***

Martha Falkenstein, Northwestern Region Past Governor

### **Workshop #3 – *Live Your Dream Award***

Catherine Dorn, Northwestern Region Secretary

### **Workshop #4 – *Soroptimist UpliftHER Initiative***

Wendy Falkenstein, Northwestern Region Governor

### **Workshop #5 – *Area Meeting Planning***

Jeanne Androvich, District 2 Director

## **REPORTS**

### **Governor’s Report**

Wendy Falkenstein, Northwestern Region Governor

### **Engagement Report**

Marti Crook, District 2 Engagement Representative

**Philanthropy Report**

Jaci Margeson, District 2 Engagement Representative

**Brand Recognition Report**

Karen Marshall, Northwestern Region Brand Recognition Chair

**Nominating Report**

Kathy Peccia, District 2 Nominating Representative

**Federation (SIA) Impact Report**

Catherine Dorn, Northwestern Region Secretary

**Live Your Dream Report**

Catherine Dorn, Northwestern Region Secretary

**Dream It, Be It Report**

Katherine Elstun, District 2 Dream It, Be It Representative

**Imagine Life Without Violence Report**

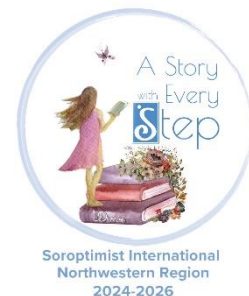
Wendy Falkenstein, Northwestern Region Governor

**Federation (SIA) Convention Report**

Jaci Margeson, SI Portland

**Invitation to Region Conference**

Wendy Falkenstein, Northwestern Region Governor



## Director's Report

Jeanne Androvich, District 2 Director

## Attendance Reports

Cindy Parker, District 2 Registration Chair

## Announcements

Rachael Spoon, District 2 Site Coordinator

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Susan Tate Ankeny, Author of *American Flygirl* and *The Girl and the Bombardier: A True Story of Resistance and Rescue in Nazi Occupied France*

## DISTRICT 2 SERVICE FOCUS: GIRLS BUILD

District 2 Director Jeanne Androvich

## INSPIRATIONS

Jan Haig, SI Southwest Washington

Susan Milano, SI McMinnville

Katherine Von Tersch, SI Klamath Falls



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of our community for over 45 years!



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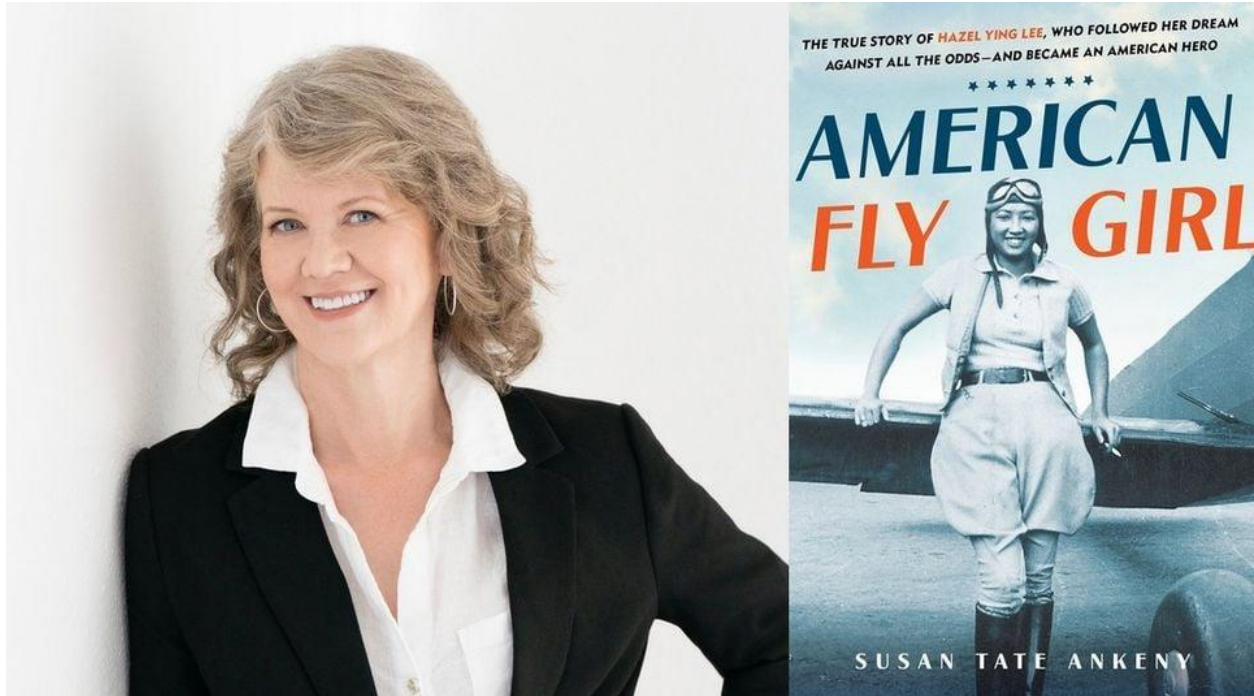


**Save the Date**  
Soroptimist International of Southwest Washington presents  
**3rd Annual Spring Tea**  
“Dream Your Dream”  
Afternoon Tea and Silent Auction Fundraiser  
May 31, 2025  
1:00pm - 3:00pm  
Ridgefield, WA  
Watch for more details and ticket sales  
coming March 2025.  
Follow us at:  
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# Our Keynote Speaker

Susan Tate Ankeny



**Susan Tate Ankeny** left a career in teaching to research and write about her father's escape from Nazi-occupied France, resulting in the 2020 publication of **The Girl and the Bombardier: A True Story of Resistance and Rescue in Nazi-Occupied France**. Susan's newly released book, **American Flygirl**, is the untold account of a spirited fighter and an indomitable hidden figure in American history. She broke through every common belief about women. She challenged every social restriction to endure and to succeed. And against seemingly insurmountable obstacles, Hazel Ying Lee reached for the skies and made her mark as a universal and unsung hero whose time has come.

Susan Tate Ankeny is the great-granddaughter of Oregon pioneers and lives in the Pacific Northwest. She is a member of the Oregon Chapter of the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Historical Society and the Association des Sauveteurs d'Aviateurs Alliés, which finds and memorializes World War II crash sites in France.

# Workshops

Saturday, October 26, 2024

**General Session – 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Lewis & Clark Ballroom**

Title: *The Leading Edge – Writing the Story of Becoming Our Best Selves*

Presented by: The Past Governors of Northwestern Region, also known as the “RitzBitz” - Marti Crook, Kathy King and Martha Falkenstein

Description: This interactive general session is designed to write the story of becoming our best selves by introducing a new tool – Gracious Spaces. Gracious Spaces is designed to help us learn more about ourselves, improve relationships, improve our clubs, and improve interactions in work environments.

**Workshop Breakout Session 1 – 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm**

**Workshop #1**

**Klickitat/Cowlitz**

Title: *Chartering Chat*

Presented by: Marti Crook, D2 Engagement Representative & Northwestern Region Governor Wendy Falkenstein

Description: Locations have been chosen and it’s time to take the next steps. Help us write the story of growing District 2. We will be planning for a bright future, sharing our mission and the passion we have. Let’s write the next chapter of success in growing our membership for District 2.

**Workshop #2**

**Chinook**

Title: *Engagement*

Presented by: Martha Falkenstein, Past Northwestern Region Governor

Description: From the *Engagement* cookbook-learn the recipe for a positive member experience! In this kitchen, you will learn some tips and tricks from the chef’s favorite recipe. It has been on the best seller list for 52 years!! It’s a must attend!

**Workshop Breakout Session 2 – 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

### Workshop #3

### Chinook

Title: *Live Your Dream Award*

Presented by: Catherine Dorn, Northwestern Region Secretary

Description: If you're looking for a refresher for all things *Live Your Dream*, that's what we'll cover. You'll get an overview of the application process, accessing the online system, selection process, and guidelines for celebrating your winners. Bring your questions so we can arm your club for success.

### Workshop #4

### Cowlitz

Title: *Soroptimists UpliftHER Initiative*

Presented by: Wendy Falkenstein, Northwestern Region Governor

Description: Learn about the new Soroptimist engagement initiative. Each quarter the focus will be on an obstacle that women and girls face on their path to formal education and economic empowerment. SIA will share information about the obstacle, along with suggested projects that count towards our Big goal.

### Workshop #5

### Klickitat

Title: *Area Meeting Planning\**

Facilitated by: Jeanne Androvich, D2 Director

Description: Area Meetings will be upon us soon. This workshop is to connect you and the clubs in your area with dates, host responsibilities and dividing up the work to create an Area Meeting you'll never forget.

*\*Every Club's Area Meeting Representative (or alternate) is expected to attend this workshop.*



# Thank you to our Sponsors

We'd like to thank our sponsors for helping to make this event possible. Your contributions are helping to fund the mystery theater event on Saturday night, the Friday night Pajama Party, Saturday's welcome breakfast for first timers, snacks, coffee and tea during the breaks and the no host bars on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Following are the generous sponsors for this year's District 2 meeting:

**Mountain Peak Patrons:** \$500 each

SI Junction City

SI Klamath Falls

SI McMinnville

**Timberline Contributors:** \$250 each

SI Ashland

SI Eugene

SI Southwest Washington

**Alpine Glade Sponsors:** \$200 each

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**Forest Path Hikers:** \$100 each

SI Klamath Falls

Rachael Spoon, State Farm Agent

SI Portland

Anonymous Meeting Supporter



# Lodge Style Pajama Party

Friday, October 25 from 6:30-9pm

Show up in your favorite jammies and chill with other Soroptimist in District 2 from Oregon and Washington on Friday night beginning at 6:30 PM. Join Director Jeanne Androvich and Secretary Theresa Hart upstairs in the mezzanine above the lobby for appetizers and a no host bar.



## What to Wear

Non-revealing, G-rated pajamas; cozy slippers or socks, a fuzzy sweater, or robe...get comfy!

## What will Happen

Play icebreaker games that will help you get to know Soroptimists from across the District Friday night.

## Special Gift

To get a better night's sleep away from home, attendees will receive a sleep mask to decorate...or not! It's up to you.

After a long week of work or other activities, put on your lodge vibe pajamas and come relax with us.



Soroptimist International  
of Junction City



Holiday Wreaths  
for Sale:  
\$40

Contact Stacy Hunts  
to Order  
(541) 953-7241

All proceeds go to supporting head-of-household  
women going back to school.

Soroptimist International of Junction City  
presents

# FIESTA DE Mayo

Grab your friends and enjoy an  
evening of Food, Drinks, Raffle Prizes,  
Auction Items, and lots of fun!

**Where:**  
Paradise Springs Event Center

**When:**  
May 3rd, 2025

**Tickets:**  
\$95

Contact Sandy Downey  
to Purchase Tickets  
(541) 968-3223

## First Timers' Benefits

Is this your first time attending a Soroptimist district meeting? It could be a little overwhelming with all the excitement, new people, and experiences. To help you feel more comfortable, first timers get special benefits.

Join district Director Jeanne Androvich and Secretary Theresa Hart at a special welcome breakfast event **Saturday from 8 to 8:45 am in the Hospitality Suite**. Get to know them and learn about what to expect during this year's district meeting ([Pre-registration needed](#)).

Following are some of the benefits of being a first timer at this meeting:

- When you are a first timer, move to the head of the queue for the restroom, buffet line, to get into workshops, and wherever a line is necessary
- When you register Friday afternoon or Saturday morning, you will receive special lanyard and recognition on your name badge
- A special first timer's welcome breakfast Saturday morning (8-8:45am)

Thank you for agreeing to spend this weekend with Soroptimists in your district.

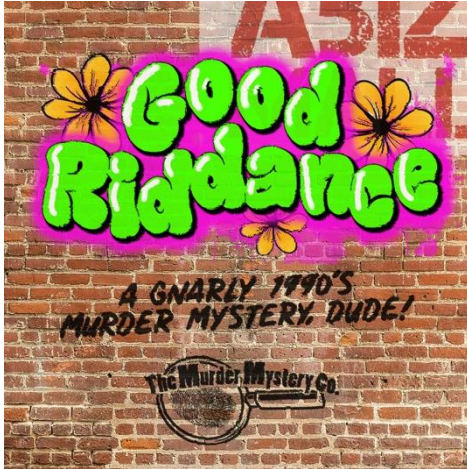


## SI Ashland partnering with Bottle Drop Give to Empower Women and Girls

# Denim and Plaid Barbecue & Mystery Theater Dinner

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-9:30pm

Join us Saturday at 6:30pm for a barbecue dinner in your denim and plaid gear.



Go back in time when grunge was all the rage and help us solve a murder at a mall under construction.

Looking to slip into character? How about becoming a mall rat? Valley girl, anyone? Channel your inner 90s kid and bust out your grungy jeans, plaid shirt and slap bracelets to solve the mystery of the year with three professional actors guiding the experience. Volunteer to play a role and have even more fun. Who knows? You could be the murderer.

## About the Murder Mystery Theater Company

The Murder Mystery Theater is a nationwide company that was born in a Grand Rapids, Michigan living room in 2002, and has become America's premier immersive theater experience. Today, they are the largest theatrical company in the nation, offering over 7,500 shows annually across more than 20 troupes nationwide.

The Murder Mystery Theater Company offers a blend of meticulously crafted scripts, a dedicated network of brilliant directors and actors, and a commitment to delivering unforgettable experiences.

At The Murder Mystery Company, we believe in the power of imagination. Our interactive Clue-style comedies invite every guest to step into a world of intrigue and play their part in a riveting tale of mystery. Whether you're slipping into a flapper dress or a neon jumpsuit, you're not just attending a show; you're stepping into a role in a thrilling narrative crafted just for you.

So don't forget to don your plaid and denim and join us for the evening of the year Saturday night at 6:30pm.

## Sunday Service Focus:

This year's Service Focus beneficiary is Girls Build in Portland, Oregon.



### **Girls Build Mission: Girls.Power.Tools.**

See what happens when you place a tool in a child's hand and give them the skills to use it. Girls Build is a non-profit organization based in Portland, OR inspiring curiosity and confidence in girls through the world of building. Girls Build currently empowers girls in Southern Oregon, Portland, and the Oregon Coast.

### **Girls Build Programs:**

Girls Build offers programming for girls teaching the basics of carpentry, electrical, plumbing, roofing, painting, auto and bike mechanics, sheet metal and more via summer camps (8–15-year-olds) and after-school workshops.

### **Girls Build Impact:**

Growing and growing! From the first year of 60 girls to now close to 500 a summer, Girls Build continues teaching and building confidence! Expanding from Summer Camps to after-school programming at the warehouse, Girls Build will continue educating girls all year long.

3,200+ Girls Learning to Build – Since 2016 Girls Build has taught over 3,200 girls through summer camp and after school programming.

735+ Scholarships Awarded – Because of the generosity of donors Girls Build has been able to award over 735 partial or full scholarships.

125+ Foster Care Kids – Through the foster care program, over 80 foster care kids have attended camp for FREE!

### **Financial Donations:**

\$1,000 is the real cost of sending one child through camp.

\$500 serves the foster care program, providing a full scholarship for one foster child at camp.

\$250 covers the safety gear for 20 girls at summer camp.

\$100 covers the materials for one fine carpentry project for a builder at summer camp.

\$75 covers breakfast and lunch for one camper for a week at camp.

\$50 will buy tools and a tool belt for one camper for a week at camp.

Every donation supports the work of Girls Build and helps provide more scholarships.



## District 2 Meeting Attendance Report

Report Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clubs in District 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Clubs Registered: \_\_\_\_\_  
District 2 Members  
in Attendance \_\_\_\_\_  
District 2 Officers \_\_\_\_\_  
Region Officers \_\_\_\_\_  
Others in Attendance \_\_\_\_\_  
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