

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF ANACORTES
NAMED COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS
Charter Club Members, Legacy and In Memoriam

Scholarship	History
<u>ACADEMIC</u> Verna Munks Scholarship	Verna was president in 1977–78 and received the SIA “Woman of Distinction Award” in 1988–89. She was a very enthusiastic and active member. Her family raised beef cattle at March Point.
<u>ACADEMIC & SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY</u> Susan Woolsey Scholarship	Susan received the SIA “Woman of Distinction Award” in 1995–96. She was a tireless volunteer throughout the community and an advocate for community health and children’s services. The scholarship is funded by her daughter, Annette Woolsey, and other family friends.
<u>BUSINESS</u> Craig & Caryol Mathiesen Scholarship	2024–25 was the first award year of a new legacy business scholarship and will be awarded to college juniors or seniors with proven records of academic achievement. Craig & Caryol Mathiesen are long time friends of Barbara Ballentine, an active member since 2010. In donating to SIA, Craig and Caryol support our club’s mission to financially assist students in the pursuit of higher education. The club in turn thanks the Mathiesens and acknowledges their successful careers in advertising and travel.
<u>HEALTH</u> Thelma Marani Scholarship	Thelma also participated in starting the Home Health Equipment Loan Program by finding storage for the first few pieces of equipment at the Port of Anacortes where she worked. SIA’s Home Health Equipment Loan Program has grown to the point that we serve hundreds of Anacortes residents each year.
<u>MUSIC OR ARTS</u> Verna Wells Scholarship	Verna served as president in 1965–66. She volunteered her music studio for brown–bag meetings, fashion shows and other club activities, and wrote the music for the SIA Grace, which is sung at the opening of every club meeting.
<u>MUSIC, ARTS OR LITERATURE</u> Christine Munch Scholarship	Christine was a club member (2013–18) and a talented watercolor artist. The scholarship is funded by her spouse Jim Munch, sister Vikki Mena, and friends who generously donated in memory of our beloved “sister.”
<u>POST-GRADUATE</u> Marie Hapeman Scholarship	Marie joined the club as a charter member in 1948 when there were only 23 members. She served as president in 1953–54. Marie and Doris Tursi proposed the idea of a Thrift Shop. Marie was also instrumental in the development of the Home Health Equipment Loan Program.
<u>STEM</u> Lottie McGovern Scholarship	Lottie was president of the club in 1956–57. She chronicled the club’s early history and assisted in the start of our Home Health Equipment Loan Program.