

Sound advice



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2026 Holiday Schedule

NEW YEARS DAY HOLIDAY

Thursday, January 1, 2026

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY

Monday, January 19, 2026

PRESIDENTS DAY

Monday, February 16, 2026

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 25, 2026

JUNETEENTH

Friday, June 19, 2026

INDEPENDENCE DAY (observed)

Friday, July 3, 2026

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 7, 2026

VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, November 26, 2026

DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

Friday, November 27, 2026

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24, 2026

Close at 3:00PM

CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 25, 2026

**Look at the donations our
staff and members gathered
for Christmas House!**

Enough for TWO trees!
Thank You!



A New Way to Set New Year's Resolutions

By Rachel Lane, Enrich Contributor



We know the tradition of setting a New Year's resolution and having one big goal for the year. There's a good chance that you've even set some yourself—but how many times have you started a goal in the new year, only to forget about it by February or March?

If you want to be more successful, you might consider a different approach to setting goals. Instead of trying to make yearly resolutions, try making quarterly ones. Though it's possible to commit to changing something about your career, your finances, or yourself for 365 days, it can be much easier to think in increments of 90 days.

Why Quarterly Goals Might Help You

Succeed: The idea is that 90 days is a substantial enough amount of time to make a change but not so long that it's overwhelming. Setting quarterly resolutions also allows you to set significantly more than you'd likely set as yearly resolutions.

For example, you might create goals in three categories: career, relationships, and self. This would allow you to set 12 new intentions over the year, which is quite a bit more than you would set for a New Year's resolution.

The other great thing is that we tend to change a lot over the year, and quarterly goals allow us to easily pursue new passions and directions. For example, you will probably be the same person at the beginning of the second quarter and at the end of the second quarter. However, when looking at the beginning of the year versus the end of it, you're likely to experience more changes.

You might consider coming up with quarterly goals in specific areas, such as personal finance or career growth. For example, instead of limiting your eating out the entire year, you only have to aim to do it for roughly 12 weeks, which is much more realistic.

How to Create Great Goals: You may want to think about what you might write about in your holiday cards or what your boss might say to you at a year-end review to figure out what goals might be a good idea.

You can do this when thinking about where you'd like to be with your finances and career by the end of this upcoming year. Plus, you can always develop goals for the upcoming quarter and don't have to wait for the new year.

-- Editor's Note --

One of the great parts of being a credit union in this community is the opportunity we have to give back to the area we call 'home'.

2026 is going to be a full and exciting year, and there are all types of ways you can be involved:

April 2026: Dawson Place Supply Drive and Fundraiser

June 2026: Everett Animal Shelter Supply Drive and Fundraiser

Visit our website page sncope.com/community/where-we-give to see how to be involved

DID YOU KNOW? You can always bring donations to any of our charities (supplies or financial donations) at any time? Did you find toys on sale after Christmas and want to take advantage for Christmas House? Or did school supply sales inspire you for Dawson Place? Great-bring it in!

Debit Cards

Lost/Stolen: 1-833-933-1681

Outside US: 1-812-647-9794

Disputes/Fraud: 1-866-279-1399
(M-F 5AM-5PM PST, after 5PM, voicemails which will be answered the next business day.)

After Hours Card Services Support:

1-501-246-8497

Visa Credit Cards

425-405-9973 #1

1-844-SnoCope / 1-844-766-2673

After Hours (24/7/365):

1-800-325-3678

CO-OP Shared Branching

www.co-opsharedbranch.org

24-Hour Call Center: 866.692.8669

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2026 Financial Wellness Program Announced

What a year for the Financial Wellness Program! Jeff and I thank all of you that joined us for any, or all, of our sessions, we love seeing who logs in month-after-month. We have the schedule for 2026 ready to go and we're pretty ambitious this coming year. Below are the dates for 2026, you can sign up now, just visit the [SnoCope website](#) and go to [Financial Wellness](#). You can watch via computer, your device or join us at the branch, just call Member Services to RSVP.

January 14—Financial Literacy 101

February 18—PERS Lunch-and-Learn (live at the Snohomish County Complex, not a webinar)

March 18—What the Tax Bill Could Mean for You

April 8—Savvy College Planning

April 22—Home Ownership

May 13—Fraud, Identity Theft and Cybersecurity

May 27—Savvy Generational Planning

June 10—Final Wishes, a Discussion with a Funeral Director and our Operations Manager

June 24—PERS Lunch-and-Learn (live at the Snohomish County Complex, not a webinar)

July 15—Savvy IRA Planning

August 12—Savvy Medicare Planning

September 9—Preparing for Retirement

September 23—Understanding Life Insurance

October 7—Savvy Long-Term Care Planning

October 21—Savvy Social Security Lunch-and-Learn (live at the Snohomish County Complex)

November 18—Tax Planning in Retirement

Resolutions...continued

It's good to be as specific as possible. It's harder to meet a goal if it's something vague, like wanting to save more money. How much money is that? It's much easier to know if you've met your goal if you say that you'd like to save 15% of your income for the first quarter.

Similarly, you may not have enough direction if you simply say that you'd like to advance in your career. However, if you write down that you'd like to reach X more clients or learn a specific new skill pertinent to your job, like Salesforce or Microsoft Excel, you have a greater chance of success.

How to Stay on Track: The best way to stay motivated and meet your goals is to keep them in the forefront of your mind. For example, it could be a picture that reminds you of your goals. If you're close to paying off your mortgage and want to pay it off early, then you could put a photo of your family in front of your house anywhere you need a visual reminder.

It could also be another milestone. If you're trying to learn a new skill for your career field, consider taking an exam six weeks into the quarter to see how you're doing. You could also make marks on your calendar for every day you spend 30 minutes working on that new skill.

One behavioral scientist found that the closer you get to reaching your goals, the harder you push,

and the more likely you are to meet them. That's why it's so important to see your progress. Any benchmarks or charts that you can create will give you an idea of how far you've come and how far you need to go. Once you get over the 50% mark, it will be that much easier to meet your objective.

Finally, the best thing you can do for yourself is to make an "I am" statement because then your goals aren't something that you do, but something that you are.

Final Thoughts: If you've consistently found yourself setting New Year's resolutions and not being able to keep them up over the entire year, you might be more successful if you try quarterly goals. Not only will you be able to set more goals throughout the year, but you'll also be more likely to meet them!

SnoCope with our Personal Finance Program "Enrich" can help if your New Year's resolutions are finance motivated. You'll find courses and topics on all financial matters like: budgeting, setting goals, planning for retirement, saving for college and so much more. Content changes monthly, so new information is always available. It's FREE to use, just visit: sncope.enrich.org, or scan the QR.

