



SOROPTIMIST

Best for Women

Who We Are...

Soroptimist is a global women's organization whose members volunteer to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. More than 80,000 Soroptimists in about 130 countries and territories support community-based and global projects benefiting women and girls. The organization is particularly concerned with providing women and girls access to education, as this is the most effective path to self-determination.

The first Soroptimist Club was organized in 1921 in Alameda County, California. The 80 founding members chose the name "Soroptimist", a Latin word meaning "Best for Women". Today's Soroptimists continue that original mission: Women at their best helping other women to be their best.

What We Do...

Soroptimists perform a variety of community, national and international service projects ranging from supporting domestic violence shelters, assisting at elder-care centers,

sponsoring service clubs for teenage girls, recognition programs for non-Soroptimist women who help make a difference for other women, efforts to stop human trafficking, domestic violence, and a number of other services particular to their individual communities.

The following Soroptimist identifying projects are awarded annually by SIA, Founder Region and most of our clubs.

Live Your Dream Award -

The Soroptimist program is one of our major projects. The program provides women with cash grants to offset costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education and additional skills training. The ultimate goal of the program is to help women improve their economic status by preparing them to enter or re-enter the workplace. Unlike some other award programs, the Live Your Dream Awards can be used for books, child care, transportation or any other expense that will help a woman reach her educational goal.

Violet Richardson Award -

We are concerned with the special challenges facing today's teenage girls. The organization launched the Violet Richardson Award program in 2000 as a way to recognize girls for their volunteer service to their communities. The program honors girls between the ages of 14 and 17 whose volunteer efforts include: helping disadvantaged girls; fighting drugs, crime and violence; cleaning up the environment; and working to end discrimination and poverty.

The program is named after Violet Richardson Ward, the first president of the first Soroptimist club. She was committed to creating opportunities for girls and young women through her affiliations with Soroptimist, the Girl Scout Council and the American Association of University Women. Her passion for volunteer service, particularly as it affected women and girls, has been an inspiration to Soroptimists throughout the years.

Fellowship -

These are significant grants in aid to women who have reached candidacy and in the final year of their Ph.D. work. This award comes at a time when other financial aid is no longer available and relieves her of undue financial strain so she can achieve her goal. This is Founder Region's identifying project and available to graduate students attending universities in its region.

Ruby Award -

This cash award is given to a non-Soroptimist in recognition of her efforts in the local community to make a difference in the lives of women and youth.

Dream It, Be It!

New Initiative

Career Support for Girls will help girls grow up to be strong, successful, happy adults. Dream It, Be It targets girls in secondary school who face obstacles to their future success.

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN SOROPTIMIST

1. WE ARE INVOLVED
2. WE ARE LOCAL/INTERNATIONAL
3. WE ARE ESTABLISHED
4. WE NETWORK WITH A HEART
5. WE ARE FOCUSED
6. WE ARE ENTHUSIASTIC
7. WE THINK BIG
8. WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE
9. WE LOOK FOR THOSE WHO WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE
10. WE NEED YOU!

Soroptimists are like you. We care about those around us and are willing to work together for important change. We invite you to join us for a meeting very soon. You will gain more than you give and together, we will make a difference!

Soroptimist International of Waikiki
Foundation, Inc.
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Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th
Tuesday at noon at The Pacific Club
1451 Queen Emma Street
Corner of Queen Emma and
Vineyard Boulevard

Guests and visitors are cordially
invited to attend program meetings held on
the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Reservations may be made by
calling Glenda Rother at 356-3613.

Improving the Lives of Women and Girls
Soroptimist International of the Americas
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*Improving the lives
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since 1921

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MISSION:

*To improve the lives of women and girls
through programs leading to social and
economic empowerment.*

*Projects are carefully chosen to address
challenges unique to today's women and youth.

*Soroptimist, a recognized authority on
matters that women value most, uses its
international voice and official status with the
United Nations to advocate on behalf of
women's issues.

*Soroptimist membership provides an
enriching environment for members to
develop friendships and to support each other,
while experiencing the satisfaction of their
collective efforts to improve communities.

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**Enrollment fee: \$45.00
Annual dues: \$160.00 (pro-rated)**

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