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SOROPTIMIST VISION

Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

SOROPTIMIST MISSION

Soroptimist improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

SOROPTIMIST CORE VALUES

Soroptimist International of the Americas is committed to:

- **GENDER EQUALITY:** Women and girls live free from discrimination
- **EMPOWERMENT:** Women and girls are free to act in their own best interest.
- **EDUCATION:** Women and girls deserve to lead full and productive lives through access to education.
- **DIVERSITY & FELLOWSHIP:** Women from varied backgrounds and perspectives work together to improve the lives of women and girls.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Janet Payton
2016-17 SIR President

What a wonderful rain filled winter. The rainy days may be getting old and starting to wear on some of us who prefer the sunshine but with just one look at the green hills and in my yard where the flowers are so very happy, I will be thankful for the rain.

Ghandi said: "Every worthwhile accomplishment big or little has its stages of drudgery and triumph, a beginning, a struggle and a victory". It is like our club, the long hard work of the Valentine Dessert Auction is behind us. The victory and triumph of another successful event is ours to celebrate.

Everyone has worked so hard to see the wonderful event that came together at the convention center for our Valentine Dessert Auction. I know all of my guests were very impressed. I hope yours were, too.

I have heard we may have a couple of new members which is always a plus. And I am sure when we get done with all the financial postings it will be a great success.

The drudgery and struggles of finding a location and funding for our Live Your Dream: Dream it, Be It Conference is over! In just a couple of short weeks all the hard work and preparation will give us another victory and satisfaction of another fun filled day for the young ladies.

This is an all hands on deck event with many jobs to be filled. If this is your 10th time or your first time, it will be well worth a Saturday to see why Soroptimist International of Riverside puts our resources and efforts into this event.

All of you or most of you have seen the agenda for Luisa Hammer, our law student being sent by SI Erlangen, Germany, to participate in the international exchange program with SI Riverside. Luisa will be in Riverside from March 22nd to April 5th. This gives her the opportunity to attend our Live Your Dream Conference. I hope all of you have a chance to meet her and get to know her a little. I get the pleasure of having her stay with me for some of the time she is in Riverside.

And since the women of SI Riverside have little time to rest, we are also planning a great Salute to Service Luncheon to be held on April 25th. This is another event to celebrate our efforts and see our victories at work.

Janet Payton
SI Riverside President



MARCH 2017



- 7 **BOARD MEETING**
12:00 PM, Pacific Premier Bank, Raincross Room, 8th Floor, 3403 Tenth Street, Riverside
- 8 **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**
- 10 **NATIONAL WOMEN AND GIRLS HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY**
- 14 **BUSINESS MEETING**
12:00 PM, Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa Avenue, Riverside
- 21 **INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION**
- 25 **LIVE YOUR DREAM CONFERENCE**
Riverside Convention Center

APRIL 2017



- 4 **BOARD MEETING**
12:00 PM, Pacific Premier Bank, Raincross Room, 8th Floor, 3403 Tenth Street, Riverside
- 7 **WORLD HEALTH DAY**
- 11 **BUSINESS MEETING**
12:00 PM, Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa Avenue, Riverside
- 12 **EQUAL PAY DAY**
- 22 **INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY**
- 25 **SALUTE TO SERVICE AWARDS LUNCHEON**
- 29 **ERLANGEN, GERMANY BARBERSHOP QUARTET CONCERT**

DATES TO REMEMBER



April 25, 2017
SALUTE TO SERVICE AWARDS LUNCHEON
Tamale Factory
3663 Main Street, Riverside

June 1-3, 2017
GOLDEN WEST REGION SPRING CONFERENCE
Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort
Phoenix, Arizona
October 2017

DISTRICT 1 FALL MEETING
Hosted by SI Chino Hills
July 2019
21st SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Soroptimist International of Riverside, a club in District 1 of the Golden West Region of Soroptimist International of the Americas, meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the Riverside Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa Avenue (corner of Spruce and Iowa), from noon until approximately 1:15 PM. Please arrive a little early so that we may begin promptly at noon. The 2nd Tuesday is a Business Meeting and the 4th Tuesday is a Program Meeting.

Lunches are approximately \$16/each and can be paid on a yearly, quarterly or per meeting basis. For questions, please contact the SI Riverside Assistant Treasurer.

**MARCH 8, 2017
INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY**



The campaign theme for this year's International Women's Day is:

#BeBoldForChange

Call on the masses or call on yourself to help forge a better working world - a more gender inclusive world.

International Women's Day as a vehicle for change, is it possible? Last year, organizations and individuals around the world supported the **#PledgeForParity** campaign and committed to help women and girls achieve their

ambitions; challenge conscious and unconscious bias; call for gender-balanced leadership; value women and men's contributions equally; and create inclusive flexible cultures. From awareness raising to concrete action, organizations rallied their people to pledge support to help forge gender parity on International Women's Day and beyond.

But the World Economic Forum predicts the gender gap won't close entirely until 2186. This is too long to wait. Around the world, International Women's Day can be an important catalyst and vehicle for driving greater change for women and moving closer to gender parity.

What if the world truly stepped up to take bold action?

Will you **#BeBoldForChange** on International Women's Day 2017 and beyond by taking groundbreaking action that truly drives the greatest change for women.

Each one of us - with women, men and non-binary people joining forces - can be a leader within our own spheres of influence by taking bold pragmatic action to accelerate gender parity. Through purposeful collaboration, we can help women advance and unleash the limitless potential offered to economies the world over.

We have urgent work to do.

Are you ready to
#BeBoldForChange
this International Women's Day
2017 and beyond?



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL: WHERE WE STAND

WOMEN AND ACCESS TO EDUCATION



Soroptimist International recognizes that access to education for girls and women at all ages is a fundamental human right and is vital for development, economic growth and poverty reduction. Much progress has been made in improving girls' enrollment in primary schools. However we still live in a world where many girls and young women face insurmountable barriers in completing their education, where educational outcomes for girls and young women are often lacking and where many mature women lack basic skills in reading and writing or access to continuing education opportunities. Discrimination, gender stereotypes, economic and time poverty and violence at schools, among others, all create environments which keep girls and women from achieving their fullest potential.

Soroptimist International urges governments of all countries to:

- Fulfill existing obligations in international treaties and agreements relating to equal access to education.

- Prioritize quality education for women and girls throughout their lifespan as a necessary foundation for the achievement of all development goals, particularly in relation to the Millennium Development Goals and the Post-2015 Agenda.
- Uphold international agreements to ensure that girls and women are not at risk of violence, assault or abuse on their way to and from educational facilities, and ensure that domestic policies and justice systems are designed to protect women and girls in educational settings.
- Pledge to work towards policies and programs with a life-course approach to education, recognizing and understanding that access to learning is a human right at all ages and that women and girls have different learning needs at different times in their lives.
- Work with local partners to improve facilities so that women and girls are afforded education that is accessible, acceptable, available and of good quality.
- Collect sex-disaggregated data on enrollment, retention and completion, as well as sex-disaggregated data on educational outcomes to ensure that women and girls are afforded quality education.

Soroptimist International will continue to:

- Raise awareness specifically about the importance of education for women and girls.
- Provide scholarships and funding for those most in

need of primary, secondary and tertiary schooling.

- Create or ensure girl-friendly physical environments in schools, such as proper sanitation facilities, clean water in schools, safe transport to and from school, provision of school supplies and provision of school meals.
- Provide non-formal educational opportunities for girls and young women to assist in the transition from school to work or adulthood.
- Equip young women with the vocational skills and tools necessary to secure stable employment.
- Implement "second chance" programs providing education and training for mature women.
- Train female teachers to achieve gender equity in teaching staff.
- Develop and implement programs which increase access to educational opportunities in science, technology, engineering and maths for women and girls and opportunities in traditionally female dominated fields such as nursing and teaching for men and boys.
- Run projects which work to ensure seamless access to formal education for girls and young women, particularly in the face of natural disasters, conflict and forced migration.



FEBRUARY 9, 2017 VALENTINE DESSERT AUCTION AND BATTLE OF THE BAKERS



VALENTINE DESSERT AUCTION SWEET SUCCESS



THANK YOU, THANK YOU TO: Carolyn, Janet, Glenda, Judy, Pam, Debbie, Susan, Carol, Ellen, Annamarie, Vickie, Jeanne, Anh, Lynn, Vicki, Marta, Dee, Linda, Tillie and all of the SI Riverside members who attended and pitched in to make this event fun and successful.

Special Thanks to the Bakers, our Auctioneer and to the generous community that gathered to support our mission and goals.

Gratefully,
JoAnn Moore
VDA Chair



BATTLE OF THE BAKERS



GRAND PRIZE BEST OF SHOW

"Big Cali"
Isabella's Cupcakes and More



BEST CHOCOLATE CAKE

"Midnight Bliss"
Isabella's Cupcakes and More



BEST NON-CHOCOLATE CAKE

"Big Cali"
Isabella's Cupcakes and More



BEST CUPCAKE

"S'mores"
Isabella's Cupcakes and More



BEST THEMED DESSERT

"Cruisin' Down the Sunset"
Creme de la Creme Bakery



MOST DELICIOUS

"S'mores"
Isabella's Cupcakes and More



PEOPLE'S CHOICE

"Chocolate Gold Rush
Prospector's Cake"
Victoria Club



HONORARY TASTER'S CHOICE

"White Chocolate Lemon Cake"
Jammin' Bread



PARTICIPANT

"Kisses for my Sweet Heart"
Lindmair Bakery



PARTICIPANT
"Gold Rush Cake"
McGrath's Catering



PARTICIPANT
"Bearly Loved"
Isabella's Cupcakes and More



VALENTINE DESSERT AUCTION











PREP FOR SMALL SALES TABLE



*Chris Deviny, Jeanne Hatcher
and Ellen Clizbe wrapping the
items for our Small Sales Table in
Jeanne's garage.*

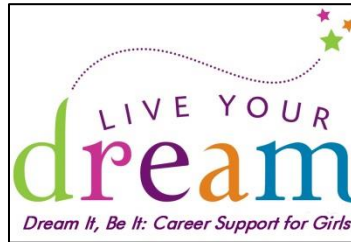


AFTER AUCTION AT THE MARRIOTT



*A group of SI Riverside members
enjoy an "After the Valentine
Dessert Auction" drink at the
Marriott Hotel.*

**MARCH 25, 2017
LIVE YOUR DREAM
CONFERENCE**



SI Riverside's annual Live Your Dream Conference is a day long event that introduces seventh and eighth grade girls to various career opportunities and the way to achieve career goals. The conference includes workshops provided by successful women in professions such as Medical and Science Services, Government and Public Services, Financial and Technology Services and Entrepreneurship.

One in four female students will not graduate with a regular high school diploma according to a study by the National Women's Law Center. One of the reasons for dropping out is the lack of future educational goals.

SI Riverside's Live Your Dream Conference is designed to help young girls identify the steps they need to determine their future goals so they can successfully live their dreams.

Our Live Your Dream Committee is moving into the final stages of planning for another great conference on March 25, 2017. Everything is coming together well.

Please plan to attend and assist in making this conference the huge success just like it has been in the past. It will be a day not to be forgotten, I assure you.

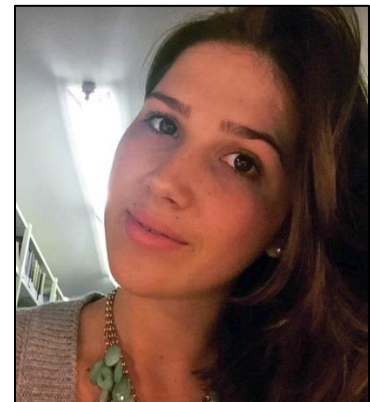
Chris Deviny
Live Your Dream Co-Chair

**MARCH 22-APRIL 5, 2017
INTERNATIONAL
EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

"MENTORING FOR YOUNG WOMEN" INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH SI ERLANGEN, GERMANY

THE PROGRAM:

SI Riverside (USA, California) and SI Erlangen (Germany, Bavaria) have developed an international exchange program to give young women from both cities the opportunity to collect new experiences by staying in the respective partner city. The goal is to help to advance personal and professional development of young women. The program allows the participants staying in the partner city to get to know the lives of professional women there and to develop their own strengths through personal get-togethers and conversations with members of Soroptimist clubs.



SI Riverside is thrilled to be welcoming Luisa Hammer to Riverside from March 22nd until April 5th. Luisa will be visiting us from Germany as part of our "Mentoring for Young Women"

International Exchange Program with SI Erlangen, Germany.

Luisa states from her program application: "Through my law studies at University Erlangen/Nuremberg and Goethe University Frankfurt, I was able to do various law office and DA office internships and volunteer activities with immigrant organizations. I would like to see the difference between Germany and the USA since they have two very different approaches to immigration. I think that seeing the differences will help me to understand the two different political systems and will also help my professional development. I am also intrigued to see Soroptimist Riverside's successful professional women and experience life in the US. I am a very open and friendly person who makes easy contacts. I would love to speak to Soroptimists in Riverside about my own experiences in Germany and our social engagement. I would also appreciate contact with US legal institutions and colleges, universities, etc."

During her time in Riverside, Luisa will be staying at the homes of member Vickie Wheeler and SI Riverside President Janet Payton. Some of the activities planned include a "Meet and Greet" with SI Riverside members, a tour of the city of Riverside, attendance at SI Riverside's Live Your Dream Conference on March 25th, a trip to San Diego, one day each at the offices of the Riverside District Attorney and the offices of the Indio District Attorney and two days with Alexandra Stream who SI Riverside chose to travel to Germany last year. There are also plans for Luisa to visit the University of California, Riverside, and the University of La Verne College of Law plus several meetings are being scheduled with Riverside area lawyers/law offices.

This visit should be a wonderful experience for Luisa and we hope that during the time that

she is in Riverside that all club members will have an opportunity to meet this amazing young woman.

JUNE 1-3, 2017 GOLDEN WEST REGION SPRING CONFERENCE



Good Day Soroptimist Members!

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, drops you directly into the action, intrigue and thrills of the Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort in Phoenix, Arizona. You will spend the weekend with intelligent, witty, energetic, passionate fellow Soroptimists celebrating that our mission of improving lives is, indeed, possible. To leave our conference unaffected isn't just mission difficult - it's mission impossible.

To ensure that the Spring Conference executes without a malfunction, we can thank our Spring Conference Committee, our hosting clubs, our GWR Pillars and our GWR Board of Directors who together form our Impossible Missions Force of true mission believers. We are excited to offer the 2017 Spring Conference and to embrace our theme that our "Mission IS Possible."

We have listened to you. Our locale has a gathering space so you aren't braving the blistering heat of the desert, the new chef is preparing amazing meals and it's not the "same ole stuff."

We've created the first annual Soroptimist Summit: Building Access to Education – a one day conference on Thursday to open

our minds and hearts to the educational needs of our communities and to identify how individuals can provide access to education in our own neighborhoods. How can we achieve our mission if we don't know the facts of education? The Summit will attract community leaders and attendees who might also want to become Soroptimist members, it will get the "Soroptimist" name into the community and it will help support our Live Your Dream Award celebration with contributions.

You told us you wanted to learn how to improve your club and your personal skills. We have four guest speakers who will knock your socks off! Dynamic, accomplished, passionate women will get right to the core of our powerful mission and suggest some new ways to bring women issues to our community. We'll learn how to accomplish goals in 12 week increments; develop personal excellence; and use social media to improve our events, community recognition and membership.

Our nine workshops include how to integrate our Dream Programs into our club life; millennials will discuss how to attract their age group as members and donors; you'll be shown how to run an effective, efficient club; literally experience our "Dream It, Be It" program and see how you can implement it into your existing programs; and learn new fundraiser ideas – like our exciting "You're the Bomb" paddle auction, and "Purse - onality" fundraiser during our LYDA celebration! Then end the weekend debriefing with your fellow agents at dinner and around the amazing resort pool.

You may sometimes feel like you are a secret agent volunteering for a secret organization. But, you are never alone. Join us and become part of the team that creates memories of fun and

excitement, increases our recognition in the community, develops new skills and knowledge and celebrates with allies who believe in you! Are you in? ARE YOU IN???

As always, should you or any of your club members be caught or recruited by other non-profits, the Golden West Region will disavow any knowledge of your actions. This letter may self-destruct in five seconds. Good luck. (And, enjoy the Spring Conference!)

Penny Babb
2016-2018 GWR Governor



Governor Penny Babb's letter is taken from the Golden West Region 2017 Call to Conference

INSPIRE LIFE SKILLS TRAINING "ADOPT-A-HOME" PROGRAM



Inspire Life Skills Training, Inc. mentors and trains former foster and homeless youth to become self-sufficient, responsible adults and to make positive life choices through the pursuit of higher

education. For several months now, Soroptimist International of Riverside has supported the Inspire house located on Luther in Riverside by providing a hot meal, treats, gifts, groceries and supplies and anything else that comes to mind.

In February, Vickie Wheeler made delicious lasagna which she shared with the deserving young women of Luther House. She also provided Valentine's Day goodies, including Valentine cookie decorating kits which were a big hit!

Annamarie Megrdochian is amazingly generous. This month she donated a Stater Bros. gift card and she also provides a "Nothing Bundt Cake" every month to celebrate the Inspire residents' birthdays.

The residents of Luther House experienced a change in February. Andrea moved out and new resident Lily has moved in. I have volunteered to be Lily's mentee and will be providing a profile of Lily for next month's newsletter.

I continue to be thankful for the warmth and generosity of my Soroptimist sisters to this worthy cause. Luther house is always in need of everyday items such as cleaning supplies, paper goods (paper towels, toilet paper), personal hygiene items and fresh fruit and vegetables.

The girls are very busy with school and work, so please call the Resident Assistant Brittaney at (951) 675-2442 and she will coordinate with the girls to make sure someone is home to accept your donation.

Vicki Hightower
Inspire Adopt-A-Home Chair



LOOKING BACK INTO SI RIVERSIDE'S HISTORY



**RIVERSIDELINES
JANUARY 1962**

LOOKING FURTHER

President Alice has asked me, as Finance Chairman, to establish a date for the annual meeting at which time we each will contribute \$5.00 which we have earned. That date will be February 20th. Bring your \$5.00 and come prepared to tell your story - just how did you earn that money?

For those members who may not be familiar with this phase of our club work, each year every member earns \$5.00 which goes into the operating fund. These funds are used by the club for those operating expenses which, as a service club, cannot be taken from the general fund.

Not only do we have fun earning the money but we always look forward to some entertaining and interesting reports on methods used to do so. See you on February 20th.

Ola B. Miner
Finance Chairman

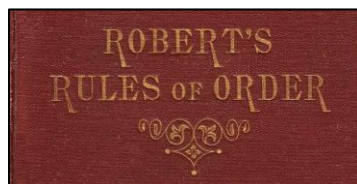
THINK ON THIS

There is a time for Soroptimists to SIT. There is a time for Soroptimists to STAND.

Set an example of good Soroptimism by participating in Soroptimist manners. Translate apathy into enthusiasm. Translate enthusiasm into action.

When you become a Soroptimist you are involved in Soroptimism and it needs your strength - new members need your strength - they acquire training in Soroptimist ideals from your and my conduct. Growth today is due to the energy many dedicated Soroptimists who work tirelessly to give other women what Soroptimism has given them. Consider it a privilege to be a Soroptimist and one of the first things one learns is the Soroptimist Pledge.

SOLT
Soroptimist Orientation
and Leadership Training



Eight Steps to Action

1. A MEMBER SHOULD ADDRESS THE CHAIR:

"President Mary..."

2. SHE SHOULD WAIT FOR RECOGNITION BY THE CHAIR.

3. SHE MAKES THE MOTION:

"I move that" not "I make a motion"

4. ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER SECONDS THE MOTION.

5. THE CHAIR STATES THE MOTION:

"It is moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that..."

6. IF THE MOTION IS DEBATABLE, THE CHAIR ASKS FOR DEBATE:

"Is there any discussion?" or "Are you ready for the question?"

7. THE CHAIR TAKES THE VOTE:

"The question is on the adoption of the motion to....As many are in favor of the motion say 'aye'... Those opposed say 'no.'"

If a two thirds vote is required: "As many as are in favor of the motion, please stand...Be seated. Those opposed, please stand...Be seated."

8. THE CHAIR ANNOUNCES THE RESULT:

"The motion is adopted." or "The motion is defeated."

Taken from the Golden West Region New Member Handbook

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Annamarie Megrđichian

March 20th

Edith Gingerich

March 24th

Kathy Michalak

March 25th

Marta Navarro

March 31st

MARCH CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



Carolyn Kegarice

March 1, 1986

Colleen Walker

March 22, 2011

MEMBER MOMENTS ON FACEBOOK



Pam Bradford posted:
"Grandson Braden and I spent all day playing 'Great Robot War' and my robot NEVER won any of the battles! Go figure?"



Binu Cloud posted:
"Rainy 8K."



Vicki Hightower posted: "David eating grandpa's ice cream."



Jana Cook was tagged in a post by Bill Cook: "The security badge indignancies just keep coming. No photo mishap but today I am Mrs. Cook. I know Mrs. Cook and I also know that I am not half the woman she is. So Jana Cook I am sorry for besmerching your good name!"



Debbie Ferraro was tagged in a photo by Chelsea Lea Storm-Larsen.



Caroline Leach was in a photo posted by Bernie Titus: "Love our Riverside friends Caroline and Russ Leach. Fun times."



Annamarie Megrdichian posted:
"2nd event of the day. Sponsor and parting gifts for the Fox Theater Foundation Oscar Night red carpet event. That's a lot of cake!"



Michelle Paradise posted: "Today my first born turns 15. I love you Samantha soooo much!"



Kathleen Parra posted: "Thanks for all the good wishes but I must confess. We have been together this month 39 years, yes, living together. But March 24th married 38 years. We had to practice for awhile to see if all would work! Ahhh, the late 70's. Peace!"



Janet Payton posted:
"A little R & R in Cancun."



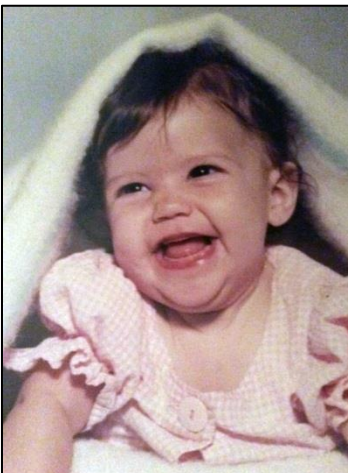
Linda Robertson posted: "Great day today cheering on my 10 year old twin cousins playing soccer. Their team, the Scorpions from Encino, is playing in the AYSO all star tournament hosted by the Riverside Region. Won 2 games yesterday and 2 games today at a park here in Riverside so they play in the finals, here, tomorrow. If they win tomorrow, they win the Girls U10 Division of this tournament."



Lisa Williams posted: "Drinking beer at Hangar 24 Brewery and Grill in Lake Havasu City. Good Friends, BEST BEER EVER and breakfast was delish! Love this place!"



Lynn Scecinga posted:
"Reminiscing about a wonderful visit to Nuevo Vallarta and Sayulita. Nothing beats the massage hut down on the beach. Thank you, Carolina!"



Colleen Walker posted: "Happy Birthday to our youngest, the beautiful Jamie Leigh Walker!"

OTHER MEMBER MOMENTS



Ellen Clizbe: "Grandson Dylan and Nani at the Globetrotters game. Surprise, Surprise! The Globetrotters won!"



Karin Roberts and Jeanne Hatcher visit Santa Fe, New Mexico, with SIR past president (2003-04) Bernie Titus and their husbands. Looks like it might be a little chilly in New Mexico!

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SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE



I pledge allegiance to
Soroptimist and to
The ideals for which
it stands:
The Sincerity of Friendship,
The Joy of Achievement,
The Dignity of Service,
The Integrity of Profession,
The Love of Country.
I will put forth my greatest effort
to promote, uphold, and defend
these ideals, for a larger
fellowship
in home, in society,
in business, for country
and for God.

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**EDUCATING WOMEN
AND GIRLS**

