

BECOMING A MEMBER

Soroptimists are women who use their special expertise and skills to advance the work of the group. Members have opportunities for leadership development and personal growth in a safe and supportive environment, and are mentored by experienced members.

Members choose one of our four planning PILLARS of Public Awareness, Program, Membership, or Fundraising that suits their talents and interest. Everyone embraces the work generated in the spirit of making a difference.

Belonging to Soroptimist offers the opportunity to work with like-minded women toward a common goal, in addition to forming friendships, socializing with others. networking and

Members also have the opportunity to travel to regional conferences and national and international conventions.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

An annual membership fee helps support club operations, fund our signature awards, and provides a wealth of resources on all aspects of Soroptimist available only to members.

Fees also support international programs such as:

- Soroptimist STOP Trafficking
- Soroptimist Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence

For more information including Membership Fees, please contact us.

OUR CORE VALUES

Soroptimists are committed to:

- International goodwill and understanding
- Volunteer action
- Leadership development
- Fellowship and diversity

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COME JOIN US!

Meetings are the **second Wednesday evening** of every month from September to June, Virtually or In-Person, Venue to be determined

Soroptimist International of Thunder Bay



SOROPTIMIST®

Making a Difference
for Women and Girls
In Our Community and
Beyond



WHAT IS A SOROPTIMIST?

The word Soroptimist is derived from the Latin “soror” (sister) and “optima” (best) meaning best for women. We believe there is strength in numbers and that collectively, we have the power to help other women and girls live their dreams.

Together we will:

- Improve the lives of women and girls,
- Help women achieve economic and political equality,
- Serve as a global voice for women,
- Provide outstanding leadership development opportunities for women, and
- Enhance world peace and understanding.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Soroptimist International (S.I.) is the largest women’s service organization in the world that works to improve the lives of women and girls.

S.I.’s focus and projects advance human rights and the status of women by working together with local Soroptimist clubs, other nongovernment organizations and various United Nations agencies

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

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

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Since S.I. Thunder Bay was formed in 1949, we have identified issues and needs specific to our community. Our goal is to advance the status of women and girls and support the local programs that need help with the initiatives they provide.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Initiated the Soroptimist International Friendship Garden as a Centennial project and gift to our City.
- Provided funding to the Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence Treatment Centre at our local hospital.
- Involved in the establishment of the local delivery program of Meals on Wheels.
- Provided funds to the local VON to establish a foot care program.
- Provided Comfort Kits filled with useful items to women experiencing homelessness.
- Donated to other organizations such as: the Faye Peterson Shelter for Abused Women, Girl Power, Thunder Bay Library Literacy Program, Therapeutic Riding Association, Multi-cultural Association, AIDS Thunder Bay and Precious Bundles.

OUR SIGNATURE AWARDS PROGRAMS

S.I. Thunder Bay distributes community awards to women every year. Many of the women chosen have triumphed over daunting challenges. The awards help our recipients to cultivate new skills, further their education and regain independence.



Live Your Dream is a monetary award that assists women in improving their education, skills and employment prospects. Eligible applicants must

be women who provide the primary financial support for their families and who are enrolled in, or have been accepted to, a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program.

Applications are available throughout the year at all local educational facilities, through club members and on-line. Applications are reviewed by a panel of selected judges. Winners are recognized at an annual awards dinner.



Dream It, Be It – Career Support for Girls helps girls grow up to be strong, successful, happy adults. It targets girls in the community who face obstacles to their future success. It provides girls with access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live their dreams. Soroptimist clubs will work in partnership with girls in small groups or a conference setting to provide them with the information and resources they want and need to be successful. The topics covered include career opportunities, setting and achieving goals, overcoming obstacles to success and how to move forward after setbacks or failures.