

# Soroptimist International

## Who Are Soroptimist Members

Soroptimist is an international organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. Over 80,000 Soroptimists in about 120 countries and territories volunteer time and contribute financial support to community-based and international projects that benefit women and girls.

The name, Soroptimist, means “Best For Women,” and that’s what the organization strives to achieve. Soroptimists are women at their best, working to help other women to be their best.

Soroptimist members belong to local clubs, which determine the focus of volunteer work to their communities. Club projects range from renovating domestic violence shelters and providing mammograms to low-income women, to sponsoring self-esteem workshops for teenage girls. In addition, Soroptimists participate in organization-wide programs including the Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award, Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls, the Soroptimist Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence, the Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award and Soroptimists STOP Trafficking.

## Soroptimist Aims:

- To maintain high ethical standards in business and professional life.
- To strive for human rights for all people and, in particular, to advance the status of women.
- To quicken the spirit of service and human understanding.
- To contribute to international understanding and universal friendship.



## Soroptimist Mission

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## On a Local Level

Soroptimist International of Marysville-Yuba City has been making a difference in our community since 1929 when the Marysville-Yuba City club was founded. Soroptimist women have made contributions ranging from the first service project which established a scholarship fund to assist worthy girls in completing their education in 1929, to the current focus of the Dream It Be It program and Live Your Dream scholarship fund. Soroptimist Club of Marysville Yuba City has been working to uphold the motto "Best For Women" in the Yuba Sutter area in various ways. A sample of notable local contributions include:

- The establishment and maintenance of various scholarship funds to assist with education and training programs for the advancement of girls and women.
- Participating in "hands on" service projects, including planting 50 Cherry trees and 20 Japanese Maple trees around Ellis Lake to replace vandalized trees in 1967.
- Raising funds for international, national, state and local causes, including buying a goat as part of the "put a goat on a boat" drive to aid the hungry in Korea in 1970.
- Participating in various local festivals, such as the Bok Kai and Prune (Dried Plum) Festivals.
- Supporting local Yuba Sutter residents through projects and programs that benefit the community such as books for libraries, museums, Pathways, Habitat for Humanity, First Steps and SART (Sexual Assault Response Team).
- Fundraising to support local community causes such as the Sutter County Academic Decathlon in 1987, the Laubach Literacy Program in 1991, Girls on the Run program beginning in 2010, Dream It Be It, Live Your Dreams, Dare to Dream, and Wreaths Across America .



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