



Soroptimist International of Thunder Bay

Mission: *"Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment."*

Vision: *"Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams".*

Soroptimist Thunder Bay
Club Meeting Wednesday,

January 12 at 7 pm

Zoom meeting

A Conversation with Cheryl



Happy New Year to you all! When I wrote that line last year, little did I think that COVID 19 would still be impacting our daily lives one year later? Likely many of you had the same thought - perhaps even all Canadians! Perhaps this is the ONE thing/topic all Canadians can agree on! To quote my sons "it is what it is!" When they utter that phrase, I grit my teeth and wonder about the cost and benefit of a post-secondary education – okay – I'm kidding! I just want to point out for the record that I don't find this statement comforting or helpful!

What are we to do, but grin and bear it! I have decided that I will think positive thoughts! I'll start my positive thinking by saying that I am so happy that we were able to gather for our Christmas pot luck dinner at Marilyn's condo and so many of you were able to attend! I felt the energy and excitement of being able to celebrate the coming holiday season in person! I think a higher power was saying "let these ladies gather before the COVID situation gets a strong hold on our fair city!" Thank you to everyone who attended. It goes without saying that the party was fun filled with Judy A. and Kim at the helm. It would have been a far less entertaining night without Shirley and her "elf" Kathleen distributing the penny auction items! Luckily Kathleen is a fast study and aptly filled in for Faith and Crissy who weren't able to attend this year.

Items of interest:

- **Live your Dream awards 50 yrs**
- **Auction**
- **Public awareness**
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At our December meeting, we all watched the video invitation featuring Maxine, Kim and me inviting the Eastern Canada Soroptimists to attend our "Superior Friendships" Spring Conference May 14-16, 2022. I always find the Calendar Girls sound track uplifting! I have my fingers and toes crossed that the Omicron variant will soon be a distant memory; and our conference can proceed as planned. After the past two years of COVID, the attendees will certainly want to kick up their heels!

As I type this article, the sun is shining. I am thankful for my personal blessings of health, family and friends. I won't comment on the frigid temperatures outdoors as I am going to be positive. I am VERY happy to be a member of SI Thunder Bay. I love the phrase "WE ARE SOROPTIMISTS, see us SOAR!" I think that in spite of a bit of a hick up (Omicron) okay it's bigger than the word "bit", our Club will achieve great things in 2022!

Kathleen and Shirley with the able assistance of Faith and Crissy have our second "Sweet Dreams" Auction in hand. Mark your calendars ladies, February 11-17th. The poster will be going out the week of January 24th. Please tell your friends, family members, colleagues – the whole darn town about our signature fundraiser! Thank you all who have solicited items and or generously donated items or money for this auction. With our Club members' support, we are hoping/anticipating a very successful auction.

Judy P. has worked her magic yet again and has advised that we have applications for our "Live Your Dream" (LYD) bursary! As we all know the proceeds from our auction will enable our Club to give a LYD bursary to a deserving woman who is pursuing post-secondary education in order to provide a better life for her family and herself! While we realize that the money helps the bursary recipient, we know that the support of 25 women who believe in her is invaluable!

We have a lot to look forward to. We were featured in the Chronicle Journal's fall 2021 Women's magazine. Marlene's son Dean worked in the background to make this a reality. Thank you Dean and Marlene! Our photo and article caught the eye of a woman who is interested in learning more about our club. Judy A. has spoken to the lady and hopes she will be able to join us for our January meeting. Fingers crossed that we may have a new member in 2022!

Our January meeting will be via zoom. Hopefully Dana Leeder from the Children's Aid Society will be able to join our meeting to speak about the girls who leave the foster care system due to age – often referred to as "aging out" and the supports that they need.

Melanie is starting 2022 as a new "retiree". She is now technically "foot loose and fancy free". She may not feel like kicking up her heels as she better than many of us understands the impact of COVID and Omicron.

Thomas Jefferson said "**I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past**". While I like history, I agree with his sentiments that "**future dreams**" are exciting! I have mentioned more than once the idea of the possibilities if we only **DREAM**. The Sorooptimist International organization is looking forward to our "brilliant" future in which Sorooptimists impact the lives of over 500,000 women and girls.

A dream is realized by taking the first step. We have taken our first step in 2022, by preparing for our "Sweet Dreams" auction. I can't help but smile when I think of the impact our bursary will have.

I'll end this conversation by saying that I am indeed fortunate to be a member and President of SI Thunder Bay. Our members are concerned and supportive of each other as well as women and girls in our community, country and around the world! I have been the recipient of many acts of kindness from many of you especially this year when I lost my brother to cancer.

I mention this as there are likely going to be “trying days” ahead. I hope you will remember to be kind to yourselves! As we say to the women we help “You are Important and you matter!” so I say that to each and every one of you! Never forget that Thunder Bay is a better place because of all the work Soroptimists have done in the past and continue to do today! I end my “conversation” with the last lines of “Auld Lang Syne” I’ll take a “cup o’ kindness yet for auld lang syne”.

Happy New Year!

Cheryl

Live Your Dream Awards celebrating 50 years

Let the Soroptimist celebrations continue! While we are still in the midst of our 100th anniversary, 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the ®. Even though the program has adorned other names since 1972—including the *Training and Awards Program* and the *Women's Opportunity Awards*—our ambition to help women create a better life for themselves and their families through access to education and training has always remained the same. See how the program began and how it evolved over the last half century.

EVOLUTION OF OUR SIGNATURE PROGRAM

It all started as an idea at the 1970 convention when the Soroptimist board of directors considered launching a second federation-wide identifying program. *The Youth Citizenship Award*, which launched in 1968, was the first. Over the next two years, the board explored possibilities for the second program.

During spring conferences in 1972, they asked Soroptimists to indicate their preference among three categories:

An international graduate fellowship

An upper division scholarship in public or international affairs

An award for training or retraining to enable women to move to higher level skill jobs

Soroptimists have long endorsed furthering education opportunities for women at all levels of the organization. Therefore, it is no surprise that Soroptimists overwhelmingly chose training and upward mobility for women with the hopes to help women sharpen their skills, learn new ones, and broaden their knowledge base—empowering them to compete successfully in the professional world. The proposed *Training Award Program* (TAP) was born, and officially became a federation-wide program upon approval at the 1972 convention.

Soroptimists would have the opportunity to participate in the program at both the club and region levels, enabling them to make personal connections with award winners. The growth of the program continued as follows:

1973: First awards were given with two \$1,000 awards per region and one federation finalist award of \$250.

1975: Federation finalist award increased to \$500. Receiving an academic education was included in the recommended guidelines for applicants, in addition to participating in a training/retraining program. Also, family members had to be financially dependent on the applicant.

1975/1976: Program caught the eye of actress Marlo Thomas, who took the idea of supplementing the Soroptimist awards with a partnership with McCall's Pattern Company. From 1976-1979, the "McCall's Life-Pattern Awards" provided \$2,500 in funding to region recipients (two per region), totaling more than \$300,000 to 125 women for their retraining efforts in conjunction with the *Training Awards Program*.

1977: Federation finalist award was discontinued for several years.

1979: Region awards increased to \$1,250.

1983: Region awards increased to \$1,500.

1991: Region awards increased to \$3,000; the federation finalist award returned with one \$10,000 finalist award.

<https://www.soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/whats-new/2022/live-your-dream-awards-50th-anniversary.html>

SOROPTIMIST AIRLINES YEAREND REPORT

This is your Captain speaking. On behalf of myself and Co-Pilot Shirley we want to wish everyone on board a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. We set out on our journey in early October and we have travelled many air miles since. Upon takeoff we had hoped to secure 40 items for the, "Sweet Dreams Auction" February 11-17. However, due to all the passengers ongoing generosity and commitment to this initiative, we have secured FORTY SIX items which surpasses our initial goal by a long shot!! THANK YOU....THANK YOU....THANK YOU....The variety of items ranging in price from, not too much, to a little more costly, will most certainly attract a wide demographic in Thunder Bay and surrounding area.

Shirley and I hope you have enjoyed travelling with us on this adventure as much as we have appreciated your patronage. With very little turbulence and a smooth landing it's now time to unfasten your seatbelts, gather your belongings from the overhead bins, turn on your devices and let the bidding begin.

As you exit the aircraft please acknowledge our photographer, and "Friends of Soroptimist", Chrissy who has dedicated countless hours to make us look good. Her creativity, imagination and eye for detail not only makes our auction site look attractive and professional, but it will most definitely entice people to bid, bid, bid.

Kathleen and Shirley
Co-Pilots of Fundraising

Public Awareness.

The virtual auction poster is ready to send out this month. Kathleen and Shirley will take the lead on the timing. Members will also be sent a copy to distribute among friends and family. I contacted someone I know in Indigenous studies at Lakehead University regarding the Live Your Dream Award future candidates, and she has forwarded the information and Judy's contact number through her university network. Hopefully it will garner some interest. Three copies of the **Women Magazine** had been sent to S.I.A. before holidays but I have yet to hear if they have been received.

The stationary developing day with Kathleen has been delayed till after the break, although we continue to watch risk levels to meet.

I contacted Fiona Gardiner regarding an Around Town segment and forwarded the contact information to Marlene and Lauren. Hopefully they will acquire a good time for taping and airing prior to the auction. Thanks to them for taking that on.

All the best to everyone in 2022!!
Faith

Sick and Visiting

I am happy to report that the members that I spoke to had a good Christmas and are doing well. They all remarked on the lovely Christmas dinner/party; and how nice it was to see everyone.

Marilyn & Ken arrived home safe and sound after spending Christmas with family in Atlanta, Georgia. Marilyn said the trip was quite an educational experience and needless to say they have no desire to travel for awhile.

Shirley



Combating loneliness during the pandemic

1. Distraction is Key
2. Start a New Personal Project
3. Reach Out
4. Cultivate Gratitude
5. Limit Social Media Use (or Avoid it Completely)
6. Volunteer
7. Treat Yourself

Go to

<https://www.soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/whats-new/2021/coping-with-loneliness-during-holidays.html>

DID YOU KNOW

SI Fort William-Port Arthur 1971

I thought I would end the 2021 year by sharing with you information from a report that was provided to the members of SI Fort William-Port Arthur in 1971. The Club had been in existence for 21 years.

This report provides information about the Club's beginning. It mentions how Georgie Smith organized the SI Club in the "Lakehead" area and at the time of writing the 1971 report was still continuing her active interest in Soroptimism. In 1971, our Club still had ten charter members on our membership roster. It was noted that the SI Thunder Bay "scrapbooks were a fascinating record of the work done by the club. The author noted that "hemlines had risen and fallen, waist measurements have shrunk and increased, but some of the same personalities continued to appear". Mary Lampshire who was Governor from 1960-62 (some 60 years ago now) had always stated that to her, the fellowship with other Soroptimists had been one of the most rewarding aspects of the Club work; the involvement in community affairs also had brought much pleasure to her". I would like to think that many of today's members would agree with Mary's sentiments. There was also mention of Dorothy Adams who was Director of the Public Health Nursing for the District of Thunder Bay and an outstanding member

of the Board of Education. Also mentioned was Merle Jones (a charter member) who chaired the "very happy and successful Regional Conference in 1961 and had served her Club in many ways"

You may not have known that one of the Club's informal activities that the members enjoyed was singing. (You WOULD NOT want to hear me sing!) Further "the voices of Kitty Rae; Merle Jones, Mary McGee (who had a miraculous memory for the words of songs) and Olive Ede to name a few had been a constant pleasure. Grace King who had been President twice often had been their accompanist".

Since the Club was seeking projects in which they could give service, many activities were undertaken. The first major project was with "crippled" children – particularly children with Cerebral Palsy. The SI Club was invited to form a Parents Council with other local groups such as Kiwanis, Education and Public Health who also played their part. The Soroptimist Club found a real contribution could be made by bringing together the "crippled" children and parents twice a year – at Christmas and Easter. The parents derived great benefit as they were able to talk to others who "carried a similar burden". (The quotation marks are for the report's wording)

The Eastern Canada's program of "Second Horizons" led to SI Thunder Bay's Club's project with older women in the community. Each year, a group of approximately "fifteen elderly women who led lonely, solitary lives" were invited to a Christmas party and given corsages and gifts. Club members provided transportation. Many women returned year after year and maintained friendly relationships with the Club at all times." I wonder how "old" these "elderly women" were.

In 1958, the problem of women who were temporarily in need of shelter became a concern of the Club. Initially, a two-bedded room in a local home was rented by the Club to be used by such "needy" women. Reverend Gron Morgan of the John Howard-Elizabeth Fry Society administered the project. When this project was reviewed a year later, it was decided that one room was not enough. The Club rented house for a year. It was a three bedroom house with a resident couple who provided "a comfortable home and good food for women who had no other means of obtaining such accommodation". Residence in the house was on a short term basis. This project continued until Welfare provisions changed and local agencies felt they could handle such needs. "**Soroptimist House**" appealed to the "imagination of the community and brought much support". Contributions of furniture, clothing, and food were made by individuals, business firms and churches.

In 1960, the Club won the "**Chatelaine Award**" for outstanding Community Service as a result of this project.

I couldn't help but wonder if the citizens of Thunder Bay at that time would have ever imagined a time when the need for shelter and food would go beyond those of a few "needy" women! Further, can you imagine what we could have been accomplished if instead of renting a house, our Club members had purchased a property? It makes you think of about decisions we make now and their future impacts. However, if the Club had purchased a house, it wouldn't have been in a position to put the time and energy into establishing our wonderful legacy project of our Soroptimist International Friendship Gardens. Decisions and their impacts....

The Club was also involved in other initiatives such as the provision of dentures and glasses for underprivileged women. This project is still in existence today are the collection and distribution of used spectacles (their wording) to medical missionaries. MEMO does that in our City. A recent newspaper article reported that a doctor in Cuba was wearing a pair of used glasses from this program. As well the Soroptimists were involved in the collection of clothing for local Welfare agencies. Think of all the items you now find the local thrift stores.

Throughout the years, the Club needed to make money. They found that “rummage sales” were a good stand by. The members sold the “choicer pieces” beforehand at better prices. By 1970, the community had established a semi-annual flea market. It was noted that “by setting up a richly decorative table (made me think of the lovely tables that Judy and Kim set for our Christmas dinner meeting)! Anyway, on this richly decorated table they had very good quality jewelry, glass and silver. Many of you are likely thinking “no way” to the idea of silver – good quality or not! As a result of their quality offerings, they made an enviable reputation coupled with a “rewarding” take!” The other big fundraiser was their Jack Frost Fair and Coffee Party. They had a reputation for wonderful home baking, candy, bazaar goods. Money for the local club came from “in house” sources such as piggy banks, fines, birthday contributions - maybe the ladies donated money based on their birthday months and on their ages like Barb Fraser does each year. Thank you Barb!

By 1971, our Club had a sister club - the Soroptimist International Club of Carshalton, Surrey, England. As well, we sold UNICEF cards.

The Club participated in the “Citizenship Award” project. The winner received an honorarium and recognition at their high school graduation. The student, the parents and the high school principal were

invited to a club dinner with entertainment. It was stated that there was gradual growth of enthusiasm about this project in the community. It seems that trying to give away honorariums has been an ongoing challenge for the last 50 or so years! I can’t help but think that our “Citizen Award” was changed to the “Violet Richardson” award. When I joined our Club in 2000, the Violet Richardson award was given out for a number of years. In fact, many clubs still do give out this award. As you recall we gave 3 such awards to graduating grade 8 girls (through our Dream It, Be It contacts) as part of our 100th SIA Anniversary celebrations.

The report also mentions the local Venture Club that was chartered in 1963. They reported that the Ventures were high caliber individuals who carried out a number of projects. The Soroptimist members who were involved with them found the experience rewarding. This likely was an early example of a “mentoring” program. This may have led to the “mentoring” component of the “Dream It Be It” SIA program. Once again, SI Thunder Bay was on the leading edge of change over 50 years ago.

During the first 20 plus years of the Soroptimist organization in the “Lakehead”, the Club members attended regional, federation and international Soroptimist conferences.

The members who attended these conferences all had wonderful memories of fellowship. As well, they were confident in their belief that they were members of a Club that actively promoted the true ideals of Sorooptimism.

Hope you enjoyed this journey down memory lane.

Submitted by

Cheryl

DID YOU KNOW #2

I have wondered from time to time why I couldn't recall the actual words to the New Year's standard "Auld Lang Syne". I start off alright and then hum until it ends. It turns out that I'm not the only one.

The famous Robert Burns is said to have sent a copy of the original song to the *Scots Musical Museum* in 1788 with the remark "the following song, an old song, of the olden times, and which has never been in print, nor even in manuscript until I took it down from an old man".

"Auld Lang Syne" is traditionally sung at the conclusion of New Year gatherings in Scotland and around the world, especially in English-speaking countries.

At *Hogmanay* (New Year's Eve) in Scotland, it is common practice that everyone joins hands with the person next to them to form a great circle around the dance floor. (In these COVID days, I doubt that they do that – or at least I hope not more than 10 people do!) Traditionally, the folks

in the circle joined hands at the beginning of the last verse, cross their arms across their breast so that the right hand reached out to the neighbor on the left and vice versa. When the tune ends, everyone rushes into the circle while still holding hands. When the circle is re-established, everyone turns under the arms to end up facing outward with hands still joined. The tradition of singing the song when parting with crossed hands linked arose in the mid -19th century among Freemason and other fraternal organizations.

Of further note, as well as celebrating the New Year, "Auld Lang Syne" is widely used to symbolize other "endings/new beginnings" including farewells, funerals, graduations the end of jamborees of the Scout Movement, the election of a new government, the last lowering of the Union Jack as a British colony achieves independence.

One final point I found very interesting was the in **1929 Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians** performed "Auld Lang Syne" on New Year's Eve for decades until his death in 1977. Several sources credit Lombardo with "popularizing" the use of the song at least in the United States. Lombardo's 1947 Decca Records version is played in Time Square every New Year's immediately following the dropping of the ball.

Happy New Year!

Cheryl

Soroptimist ECR Spring Conference**May 13 – 15, 2022*****“Soroptimists Grow Superior Friendships”*****Conference Chairs (all committees)****Maxine Tenander and Kim Koivukoski**

Accommodations/Menus	Judy Perrier and Judy Anderson
Registration	Karen Bortolin, Marlene Crago, Marilyn Fenwick, Enid McKenzie
Social	Kathleen Rismondo, Shirley Smith, Faith Crichton, Melanie Cates, Cheryl Ball, Judy Anderson, Judy Perrier
Transportation	Linda Adams, Cindy Figus, Lee-Ann Nalezty
Treasurer	Cindy Figus and Lori Haslam
Publicity	Faith Crichton, Melanie Cates, Judy Perrier
Credentials	Lee-Ann Nalezty and Linda Adams

Duties of Committees

Accommodations/Menus

- arrange facilities and logistics requested by the Governor
- arrange with facilities for a block of hotel rooms at a reasonable cost for members arriving Friday night and departing on the Sunday afternoon after Conference
- arrange with the facilities for Board meeting room(s)
- arrange for meals as decided by the Governor (including menus, flowers, place cards for the head table, printing meal tickets and table favors where required) and meals for presenters
- plan for a variety of seating arrangements appropriate to the session
- ensure a laptop, computer projector and technician are available; that the podium, and microphone are of appropriate height; that all equipment is in proper working order (NOTE: ECR Board has a projector and speakers available for use at the Conference. Host committee should obtain information from ECR and confirm with the Conference facilities that the EC equipment is compatible with that of the Conference facilities)
- provide roses for the Rose Bowl award

Registration

- design a registration form with artwork for approval by the Governor before
- January 31, 2022, to be included in the Call to Conference
- Maintain an up-to-date list of registrants by the following designations: Federation Officer(s); guest(s) from other Regions; Presidents, Delegates, Alternates, Soroptimist members and first-time attendees; make this list available to the Host Club member looking after the Credentials. (There is a sample form)
- Arrange to have identification badges available; these should show the registrant's designation
- Organize conference kits
- Have the registration desk open to distribute conference kits and other to incoming registrants
- Forward the Registration form or the list of first-time attendees including their addresses to the Region Treasurer by the close of Conference
- Liaise with the Social Committee to develop the "Swag"

Note: All registrants including the first-time attendees, must pay the registration fee.

Social

- Arrange entertainment which the Host Club wishes to provide in addition to the regular Conference sessions (including “ice breaker”)
- Liaise with the Registration Committee to develop the “swag”
- Purchase gifts as required for special guests
- Write thank you notes as required

Transportation

- Meet guests’ planes, trains and buses as needed
- Liaise with the Registration Committee
- Arrange transportation required during the conference

Treasurer

- Manage all fiscal controls for the Conference
- Set the Conference registration fee in consultation with the Governor
- The registration fee should cover all Conference and Region expenses such as social and entertainment, room rental, all meals, coffee breaks as required, equipment rental, memorial service, flowers for the Region awards, fees/ gifts for speakers/presenters, meals and accommodations for the SIA guest(s), award recipients(s), plus one (1) guest, supplies for the Conference (ie. name tags), photocopying Conference material where required.

Publicity

- Arrange for releases to the media and SIA in consultation with the ECR Public Awareness Chair
- Make use of the ECR website and Facebook page for pre-conference publicity

Credentials

- The Credentials Committee shall be composed of at least two (2) members
- The Committee shall verify the credentials of the voting members of the conference and shall report the numbers of voting members and others registered and in attendance each day to the Conference body

Christmas Card from Roots to Harvest

Our club received a Christmas card from Roots to Harvest with the following message:

“WE’RE WISHING YOU A YEAR FILLED WITH RECONNECTION – LOUD DINNERS, VISITING FAMILY FROM OUT OF TOWN AND A LOT MORE HUGS.

Even though the world remains unpredictable, we hope you can count on your family and friends to fill your bucket with things you need. Thanks for being someone we can count on – it’s gotten us through the past year and allowed us to see new possibilities. At Roots, we’re looking forward to sharing more meals, seeing y’all in person a LOT more, and just spending great times together, in person (funny how a crowded room is something we’ve come to miss).

We can’t wait to see you in 2022. We’ll have a new space and a new look to share with you and it’s going to be awesome! Big hug and a hive five from all of us at Roots to Harvest!

In handwriting, they wrote:

“We couldn’t do this work without your support. Thanks for showing up in 2021. Wishing you a warm & healthy New Year!

Signed with a Heart drawn beside the words **“Roots to Harvest Crew”**

Cheryl



SIA notice Virtual Conference

We would like to share some important decisions made during the November 16, 2021, and December 2, 2021, SIA Board of Directors' meetings regarding the 2022 Convention.

After thorough consideration of the status of the COVID-19 global pandemic and to allow sufficient planning time to deliver a quality virtual event, SIA's Board of Directors has decided to *hold the 2022 convention virtually*. While many regions are planning face-to-face meetings, members may have a level of comfort when traveling within their own regions that may not exist when traveling internationally. However, in all instances, our members' safety is our priority.

The dates of the virtual convention are Friday, July 22, and Saturday, July 23, 2022, and registration will be available in February 2022. Pricing for this event is as follows:

Early Registration Rate (applicable from the launch of registration through April 30, 2022)

\$149 SIA Members in Good Standing

\$199 Non-Members of SIA

Regular registration rate (applicable from May 1, 2022 through the event date)

\$199 SIA Members in Good Standing

\$249 Non-Members of SIA

\$375 Mandatory Convention Club Fee

(Price covers registration fee for one delegate. Invoices will be sent to clubs the week of January 10, 2022.)

This was a very difficult decision as we were all looking forward to gathering again. Until then, we look forward to the various region meetings taking place face-to-face in the spring and the 2024 Convention in Bellevue, Washington, on July 24-27, 2024. Additionally, we are pleased to share the 2026 convention will be held in Seoul, South Korea, on July 22-25, 2026. The Korean Convention Committee, leadership, and members are looking forward to hosting you in 2026.

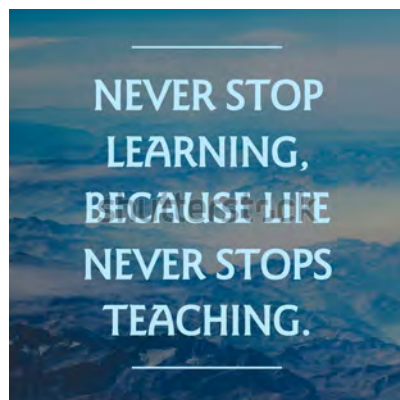


SIA is thrilled to announce Nobel Laureate Malala Yousafzai as our keynote speaker for our 2022 Convention on Friday, July 22, and Saturday, July 23. Malala will speak that Friday.

DRINKING FOR CHARITY

What started out as a summertime fundraiser continues to maintain momentum as we approach mid January. I'm not too sure if we should pat ourselves on the back or call in the authorities??? I vote for the former, after all we only live once. However, to be clear we have had a tremendous amount of support from family, friends and neighbours. I suppose you could say, we all run in the same circle. As of January 6th we have recycled \$957.30 worth of bottles and cans. Not only are our coffers richer, but more importantly so is our planet. REDUCE (empty the bottle/can), RECYCLE (return the bottle/can), REUSE(refill the bottle/can and start from the beginning). Thanks to everyone who has and continues to contribute to lowering our deficit. If anyone has empties that they are wanting to donate to this worthy cause, but are unable to bring them to the depot, we can make arrangements to do so. CHEERS!

Shirley and Kathleen
Co-Chairs Fundraising



Melanie





Changing Course, Transforming Education

On January 24, 2022, Soroptimists will join the United Nations in celebrating the fourth International Day of Education under the theme "Changing Course, Transforming Education." The United Nations General Assembly declared this special day to empower all countries to increase their political commitment to education so that all children and youth may receive the benefits of a full education.

According to the UN, this year's International Day of Education focuses on strengthening education as a common good, steering the digital transformation, supporting teachers, safeguarding the planet, and unlocking every person's potential

Over the course of the pandemic we have seen first hand the changes in delivering education, with the continuing goal of educators to nurture success of all students. **Soroptimist International Thunder Bay** also strives to make a difference for women and girls in our community and around the world, through the Soroptimist International signature programs, "Live Your Dream" Award and the "Dream It, Be It" initiatives. Like UNESCO, Soroptimist International believes that education is the key to empowerment and economic success. As we celebrate this event, Soroptimist International Thunder Bay wishes to acknowledge the work of all in the education community, and their continuing commitment to the well being of students in their care.

For more information about the Soroptimist International Dream programs, go to: www.tbaysoroptimist.com

.Learn more about the UN's proclamation for International Day of Education here.

<https://www.soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/whats-new/2022/international-day-education.html>

SI Kawartha Lakes Presents

Our members took their best and put together a cookbook with over 250 recipes!! \$15.00 each (shipping extra) Appetizers, Beverages, Breads, Loaves & Muffins Cookies, Bars & Candy Desserts Main Dishes Soups & Salads This & That Vegetables & Side Dishes



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Kiva

Kiva is a 501 non-profit organization headquartered in San Francisco, California, that allows people to lend money via the Internet to low-income entrepreneurs and students in 77 countries. Kiva's mission is "to expand financial access to help underserved communities thrive." Wikipedia

Founded: October 2005, San Francisco, California, United States

Tax ID no.: 71-0992446

Headquarters: San Francisco, California, United States

Endowment: \$27,389,839

Method: Microcredit

Expenses (2015): \$15,915,830

Founders: Jessica Jackley, Premal Shah, Matt Flannery, Chelsa Bocci

Our mission statement is "**Alleviate Stress. Abolish Poverty.** (ASAP). We alleviate stress through massage and nutrition, and abolish poverty by giving gifts through Heifer and loans through Kiva.

Kiva is the path-breaking, fast-growing person-to-person microlending site.

What is Kiva and how does it work?



Soroptimist Thunder Bay's Portfolio

Initial deposit	\$472
Total amount lent	\$4225
Outstanding loans	\$ 98.48
Available to lend	\$ 12.25
Total loans made	144
Countries supported	36

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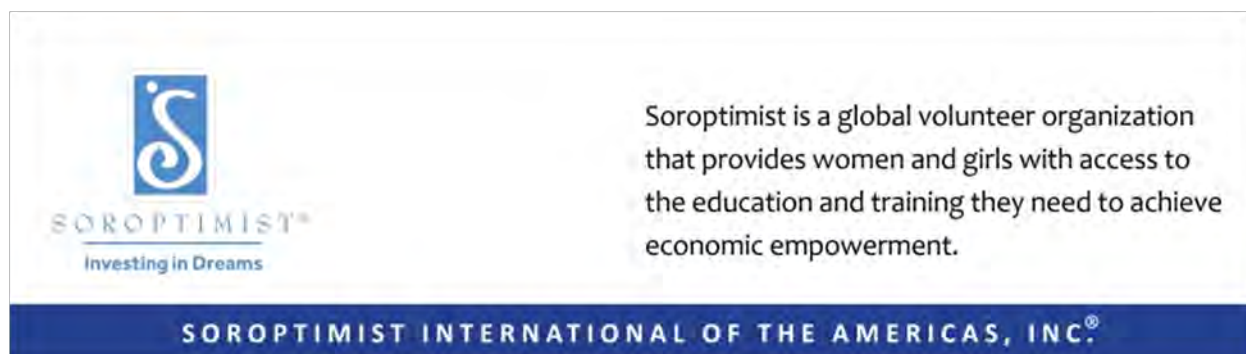
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Visionando El Futuro Group

Yohana Yamileth (sixth from left to right), is 39 years old. She is married and has three school-age children. Her business is the sale of curds. She has done this for six years, and with the loans, she has been increasing the quantity that she makes for sale. Doing this has generated income to help her children be educated. The new loan will permit her to buy more milk, salt, and curdling tablets to increase production and continue increasing her business.

It empowers women through community support and financial training.





SI Thunder Bay General Meeting

January 12, 2022

Via zoom

7 p.m.

AGENDA

Call to order	Cheryl
Speaker – Dana Leeder	
Treasurer's Report	Cindy
Correspondence	Cheryl
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
Spring Conference 2022	Maxine & Kim
Trust Committee	Cindy
FUNDRAISING	
Sweet Dreams Auction	Kathleen & Shirley
	Kathleen & Shirley
PROGRAM	
Live Your Dream	Judy P
	Judy
Dream It, Be It no report	

MEMBERSHIP

SI Policies & Procedures no report
New Member Orientation no report
Christmas Dinner meeting & activities

Kim and Judy

Cheryl
Cheryl
Kim & Judy

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Women's Magazine
Club Letterhead wording (deferred Mar/22)

Faith
Faith
Kathleen

OLD BUSINESS

ECR President's Meeting

Cheryl

NEW BUSINESS

Monthly Tea/Coffee Zoom Chats
January 24th UN Int'l Day of Education
March 8th Int'l Women's Day
Any Other Business
Pledge for Eastern Canada Region

Lee Ann
Cheryl
Cheryl

We are Soroptimists committed to: the sincerity of friendship, the joy of achievement, the dignity of service, the integrity of profession, the love of country. We will put forth our best efforts to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world.

