



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,

March 9th

at 7 pm

Zoom meeting

Items of interest:

- Did you know
- Live Your Dream
- SIA candidates
- Conference 2022
- Thank you members
- SIA training
- IWD Teas
- Sick and visiting
- Ukraine



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A Conversation with Cheryl

When I started this article, the police were trying to clear out the truckers in Ottawa. The "truckers" protest made me think of the 60's and 70's when young people would protest and have "sit ins". Next, I thought about the nightly news showcasing scenes of college students protesting the Vietnam War. This naturally led me to the lyrics of the song "We're Not Going to Take It". I also thought again about the 1970 Helen Reddy's song "I am Woman". Oh how hopeful we were in the 70's. As a young woman, I believed that anything was possible and that in future there would be no barriers between what a woman could achieve!



Now, I am beginning to think that I was a bit naïve. While women have made strides, we haven't made as many strides as we hoped for when young women burnt their bras in the streets in the 1960's. As Soroptimists we know the way to a "better quality of life" is through education. While birth control is more readily available, there is still teen pregnancy. There are still many youth who do not graduate from high school. Those who do don't all get high paying jobs or full time hours with benefits never mind pensions. There aren't as many opportunities to pursue apprenticeships in the trades. Many can't afford to attend college or university. There likely is a myriad of reasons why post-secondary education/training isn't happening for many of our youth including the cost of housing/food, as well as lack of familial support. Now how are those youth who "age out" of the foster care system supposed to succeed? No wonder many of them fall prey to the "Romeo" pimp and life on the streets.

Pursuant to our discussion at our February meeting, Melanie has reached out to Dana Leeder of the Children's Aid Society. Dana will have the Youth Council prepare a list of their needs. It's the first step in hopefully a meaningful relationship/collaboration.

Thank to everyone who made our Sweet Dreams Auction 2022 a resounding success! It has truly been a "team" event. The SI club members, their family and friends' have contributed items for the auction. Our "Sweet Dreams Auction" coaches Kathleen and Mr. Soroptimist George as well as Shirley; the team "trainers" Crissy as our master photographer; Faith as PR extraordinaire who was able to have the Sweet Dreams Auction broadcasted far and wide - on the radio and in the Chronicle Journal. (Did Faith use magic to score not one but two photos and a written article about our Dream Program on page 2 of Saturday's Chronicle Journal?) Word about our auction was spread far and wide with the added assistance of Faith's PR committee members of Judy P and Melanie who posted our Auction on social media. Thank you everyone for a job well done!!

While we were all working to raise the money, Judy P. and Linda were quietly working behind the scenes to get the word out about our "Live Your Dream - LYD" bursary! Through their hard work and determination, our Club received applications and a successful winner has been chosen. Marlene Gammond will speak at our March meeting. I hope you will invite a friend to attend our meeting to hear Marlene's story about how this bursary will help her and her family. Anyone who has been involved in the "LYD" program knows that for some reason it is difficult to find qualified candidates and then to convince them to take the time to apply. As Laila said last year, she didn't think she was worthy of our bursary. I'm sure you will all agree that Laila and Marlene are very deserving of our LYD award. Judy and Linda, you looked great on page 2 of Saturday's edition of the Chronicle Journal!! Thanks again for all your work in ensuring that our Club had a winner this year!

It's that time again, Maxine will be asking for a Club member to join Karen B and her on the SI Thunder Bay Nominating committee. Please think about helping them out. Also please consider putting your name forward for one of the board positions.

International Women's Day is March 8th and we'll be having a coffee and chat that day. Lee Ann will be sharing the details. I have also sent out in previous emails a number of International Women's Day events that are being hosted by SIA, SI Cambridge on Saturday, March 5th, SI Toronto on Monday, March 7th and SI Peterborough on March 8th in the evening. There are a lot of options. I encourage you to consider participating in one or more of these events.

Our March meeting will be virtual. However, we are hoping to meet "in person" in April.

I want offer my best wishes on Rosa's birthday March 18th and Kim's birthday on March 19th.

I originally thought that this was going to be too short of an article. Somehow, it turned out not to be. We won't get into whether I "chatted for too long".

One final question, does anyone know when Spring will arrive and the snow will disappear?

Cheryl

SI Thunder Bay Club Meeting Minutes**February 9, 2022 - Via zoom - 7 p.m.**

Present: Cheryl Ball, Karen Bortolin, Judy Perrier, Cindy Figus, Linda Adams, Kim Koivukoski, Judy Anderson, Faith Crichton, Kathleen Rismondo, Shirley Smith, Lorrie Haslam, Maxine Tenander, Lee-Ann Nalezty, Marlene Crago, Melanie Cates, Sharon Godwin, Marilyn Fenwick

Regrets: Dulcy Pennicooke

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Our guest Devona Crowe told us a little about herself. She is a retired and was a principal for the Separate School Board. She contacted us through the website after seeing the article about us in the Women magazine.

Cheryl ask the members to introduce themselves to Devona.

Cheryl posed the question, "Why did you join Sorooptimists?" Faith, Karen, Kathleen, Melanie, Sharon, and Marilyn spoke. At our meeting next month other members will be asked to speak.

Minutes of the Jan 12th, 2022 Club meeting - It was moved by Karen, seconded by Lorrie, that the minutes be accepted as printed and distributed. Carried.

Treasurer's Report - Cindy went over the January financial report. The Christmas Silent Auction and 50/50 monies were moved into Club funds but we paid the Director's and Officer's insurance so our Club funds are still in the negative.

Correspondence - none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Spring Conference 2022 - Maxine announced that the conference will be virtual. Our club will be in charge of the entertainment for both days (one will be an interactive phone quiz game), and finding a guest speaker. A meeting will be held with the Conference Committee Chairs on Feb. 16th to make plans for a virtual conference. The committee will contact The Courthouse Hotel, the guest speaker, and the person who gifted our club with the music to see what, if any, future plans can be made. The guest speaker that we had arranged does not do virtual.

Trust Committee - The trust application papers have been submitted. They have been received and are under review. In all likelihood we will not hear back from CRA for at least six months. The Royal Bank had asked for another letter but Cindy has now been told not to worry as they do have the information they need.

FUNDRAISING

Sweet Dreams Auction - Kathleen reported that the auction will begin in 48 hours! There are 47 items to bid on and we have a good variety and range of prices. There is no problem with out-of-towners bidding on the easy to ship items (ie gift cards) but we would to require the bidder pay for shipping on the larger items themselves. Cheryl will advise the clubs in the region about our auction. Faith has done an excellent job of getting the word out – it has been on the radio a lot, on television with "Around Town", on Fiona Gardiner's "What's Happening" link, in the newspapers' "What To Do" column, and will be in "The Source" this week.

Regional Template for Fundraising events - Cheryl reported that this was brought up at a meeting of the Region's Fundraising Chairs. The purpose would be to record the main details of fundraising projects so that someone new taking over the Fundraising position would know how to run the event.

PROGRAM

Live Your Dream - Judy P. explained how the bursary process worked. She got together with Linda Adams to go over the applications and have chosen Marlene Gammond as the award recipient. Judy will call her to set up a time to present the cheque. Marlene has agreed to speak at our March meeting. Judy will contact Faith for the photo.

Follow-up Support for LYD Winners - Cheryl told us what some other clubs were doing to support their LYD winner over the year. We discussed ways that we could keep in contact with her and perhaps give her gift cards. Karen suggested that Mother's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas would be good opportunities for us to send a card and possible gift card. The membership seemed to like the idea.

Dream It, Be It Update from Presidents' Meeting - Cheryl shared a point that was made at the Region's Presidents meeting concerning Vulnerable Sector police checks. One club asks each new member to provide a police check so a lot of their members are able to take part in DIBI events. We had a discussion about this and Melanie Cates offered to investigate.

MEMBERSHIP

SI Policies & Procedures - Cheryl, Lee-Ann and Melanie had a Zoom meeting with Eastern Canada Region Membership Chair Bonnie Domonchuk on Jan. 26th. There does not appear to be standard policies and procedures for clubs. Every club has its own bylaws and are free to handle things in a manner that suits them best. Contacts were made with ECR, SIA, and Western Canada region to see if there were any resources that might be helpful. Melanie mentioned that getting input from our Committee Chairs would be sought.

New Member Orientation - Cheryl told us that the SI Toronto club prepared a virtual orientation for new members that would be a good model to follow if we are interested.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

SI Thunder Bay letterhead wording - Faith and Kathleen will look at this after the Sweet Dreams Auction is over.

Women's Magazine - We heard back from our Governor Jennifer Oliver and she said that it was a great article. We have not heard from SIA if it was received. Cheryl wanted to show proof that a "healthy region" is more than the total number of Soroptimist members.

The Women's Magazine article will be part of the report submitted for Public Awareness. The report is sent to ECR in June and the winners of "Celebrating Success Awards" is presented at the spring conference.

UN International Day of Education - Faith wrote a lovely article and submitted it to the newspaper's "Our Stories" section, but once again they did not publish her submission

OTHER BUSINESS

President's January 24th Meeting Update - Cheryl shared a few highlights from the meeting: We are getting close to having a new Eastern Canada club - SI Atlantic (will be a virtual club). The Presidents also discussed Directors and Officers insurance, the SIA \$15 million Big Goal campaign, and when and how the ECR Leadership event should be. They also discussed how SIA's formula for determining healthy clubs is unrealistic for our region and that SIA is reviewing the process. Cheryl agreed to be on the ECR Nominating Committee.

Coffee & Chat Zoom Chats - Lorrie suggested that Tuesday, Mar. 8 (International Women's Day) would be a good time for another Zoom chat. Cindy reminded us that SIA has a "virtual tea" that same

day at 7 pm celebrating International Women's Day. At the last Coffee & Chat it was suggested that the last Thursday in the month would be a good time. It was decided to have both Tuesday, Mar. 8th and Thursday, Mar. 31st. Judy P will send out the Zoom invites.

March 8th International Women's Day – nothing special is planned

Children's Aid Society – Our guest speaker in January told us about what happens to young people who age out of the foster care system. We had a lengthy conversation about what is needed and about how we could possibly help them. The main points talked about were filling the food cupboard, advocacy work, having a long-term commitment, and bursaries. Maxine stated that we should find out what the young people really need, work towards commitment, and make sure that CAS is on the same page as us. Melanie, Lee-Ann and Lorrie volunteered to be on a committee to contact CAS.

NEW BUSINESS

Club President - Judy P. has advised the Board that she is not going to be able to be the President next year. She will remain as President Elect. Cheryl is not able to stay on as President as she has let her name stand to be Governor-Elect.

Maxine advised us of the options:

- 1) Someone could volunteer to be a "place keeper" for one year – it could be a past-president or someone who would like to try the role on,
- 2) Someone could volunteer to be the President for the next two years.

No one volunteered at this time and we were asked to think about it. This needs to be decided by the end of March.

Sister Club Request – An email was received from a club in Australia who would like to be a sister club with a club in the Eastern Canada Region. We have quite a few sister clubs already. Cheryl asked if we were interested and if someone would volunteer to make contact with them. Marlene offered to do this.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Soroptimist of the Year - Cheryl announced that a committee has been struck to make the decision for this year. Lee-Ann, Melanie and Cindy make up the committee.

Cheryl wished "Happy Birthday" to Linda Adams and Shirley Smith.

We said the pledge and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. Next meeting – March 9th



DID YOU KNOW?

I had originally written a different article for the “Did You Know” segment. However, with the news of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, I pivoted (a word that we didn’t hear often before COVID) and decided to do a bit of research. I wondered if there were Soroptimist International Clubs in Ukraine. I thought that maybe there was one.

I first looked into Soroptimist International Europe (SIE) to see if they had written anything in support of their Soroptimist members living in Ukraine. Yes there are Soroptimist International Clubs there. On the SI Europe website page, I found the following under News and Media – “Statement on Women’s Situation in Ukraine.”

War is not gender-neutral.

In case of armed conflict, women suffer disproportionately. Women rarely seek war, but are the most affected by war. In peace talks, they are usually absent, if not excluded.

The conflict in Ukraine cannot leave us silent. We fear for the health and well-being of millions of women and girls who may suffer injury, loss of their homes and their jobs, displacement, loss of schooling, rape, and death. Women are much more vulnerable to war crimes than men.

We call upon the states to fully respect the human rights of all women and girls in Ukraine as stated in the Convention on Human Rights of the Council of Europe to which all Council of Europe member states agreed to adhere, including Russia and Ukraine.

We also urge all European countries to welcome citizens of Ukraine who flee the zone of combat and seek safety. Women and girls should receive special protection due to their greater vulnerability.”

Our organization Soroptimist International of Europe, is present in most European countries, including Russia and Ukraine.

They work on projects educating, empowering, and enabling women and girls – please join us in helping women in warzone.

<https://www.soroptimisteurope.org/sie-statement-womens-situation-ukraine/>

First, I looked into Soroptimist International of Europe (SIE). What I didn’t realize is that SI Europe is the largest of the five Federations of Soroptimist International. SIE is comprised of some 31,500 women across Europe, the Middle East and the Caribbean. The national Unions and Clubs of Soroptimist International of Europe initiate, support, finance and implement well over 4,000 projects for millions of euros every year. SI Europe members work in their communities and beyond to provide concrete and practical help to women and girls.

SIE currently comprises more than 1160 clubs. Also if a country has more than seven clubs and at least 150 members, it can form a Union. A European Union is likely similar to our SIA Regions. I couldn’t help but note that the number of members required to be what they would call a “healthy Union” is 150 members not 300 as SIA. Currently, there are 21 Unions in Soroptimist International of Europe.

It seemed so fitting to find that SI Europe awards a Soroptimist International of Europe Peace Prize which is conferred every two years to honour people or organizations deserving special recognition for their remarkable achievements to promote peace. This Peace Prize celebrates the outstanding contributions of certain visionary women towards the establishment or maintenance of peace in their own communities and much further afield.

In 2017, Gege Katana Bukuru won the SI Europe Peace prize for her remarkable and courageous commitment to the fight for women’s rights in her war torn country for over a quarter of a century.

In 2001, Gege founded the “Solidarity of Women Activists for the Defense of Human Rights”, a grassroots network of over six hundred women who fight for women’s economic, socio-cultural, civil and political rights in East Africa. This is a region where sexual violence against women including elderly women and very young girls is considered by both sides of the military to be legitimate “spoils of war”.

Finally, what I started out to do – a “DID YOU KNOW” segment about SIE clubs in Ukraine. Soroptimist International **Lviv, Ukraine** was chartered on September 9, 2000.

The Godmothers of the club are the Clubs of Rapperswil and Kreuzlingen, Switzerland. They have friendship links with clubs of Peine, Germany, Rhovot Israel, Epsom, England. Since the date of its establishment, the club has been engaged in different service projects aimed at improvement of social and economic conditions for women and children. There are presently 20 members in the club. All of them are professional women engaged in different spheres. The range of professions varies from engineers, doctors, teachers, and accountants.

The members of SI Club Lviv, with the support of the Soroptimist Unions of Luxembourg and Denmark, joined forces to raise the funds needed for the Lviv Burn Centre. More than 10,000 patients have received treatment at the Burn Centre. However after two decades of service, there was a dire need to renovate it to meet medical and sanitary standards. The Soroptimists’ funds paid for renovations to part of the Lviv Burns Centre that houses a children’s ward. This is the only facility that provides specialized care to children recovering from thermal injuries in the Lviv area. .

Launched in 2011, this important project reaches 450 children and 400 women annually. It has already seen the renovation of five hospital rooms, a dressing room, two restrooms, a laundry room, and a children’s playroom. This means that doctors and medical staff

have better working conditions, and that the children can recover faster. In fact, the duration of children’s hospitalization has been shortened, and chances of recovery for children with extensive burns have been improved!

Now the second SI Ukraine Club is SI Dnepropetrovsk. They were chartered on November 25, 1999 and have 20 members. Since fundraising is always on my mind I was intrigued to learn more about their “**Golden Ring of Ukraine**” fundraiser that was held September 29 – October 5, 2018. (I can’t help but wonder about how “golden” it would look today.)

This SI Dnepropetrovsk’s second International Project “Golden Ring of Ukraine”. In their invitation, they invited Soroptimists, their families and friends to discover (travel/vacation) in the capital Kyiv and its historical and picturesque suburbs. Three days would be devoted to sightseeing of Dnepropetrovsk, founded by Tzarina Catherine II, and its suburbs. They would visit the Cossacks’ places and the village Petrykivka famous for its unique paintings. They would experience the hospitality of Ukrainian Soroptimist’s families. They would be accompanied by Dnepropetrovsk Soroptimists as they visited one of the most beautiful cities in the world – Kiev. There was also mention of a number other sights the visitors would enjoy including the Arboretum “Alexandra”, a monument of landscape art of XVIII which represents a kind of gallery of live paintings. It is one of the largest landscape parks in Europe with its great territory of plants and ponds.

The “Golden Ring of the Ukraine” 2018 fundraiser was being held to provide funds for their club projects including ‘Give the Child a Chance’ which helps physically and mentally disabled children of the orphanage. This seems like a unique way of earning money for Soroptimist projects. I can’t help but wonder how the “**Golden Ring of Ukraine**” looks today.

Empowering Women Through Education

Judy Perrier and Linda Adams of Soroptimist International Thunder Bay, are pleased to present a cheque for \$2,000 to this year's Live Your Dream recipient, Marlene Gammond. Marlene is a single mom of two children still living at home. She has decided, later in life, to change careers and return to school to fulfill her dream of becoming a Social Worker. She is furthering her studies at Confederation College.

Soroptimist International Thunder Bay is pleased to support her educational goals in order to improve the life of herself and her family. We wish Marlene all the best as she ventures on this new journey and are grateful to Thunder Bay and district for their support of this year's Dream22 virtual auction. Your participation is helping Marlene and other women achieve economic empowerment.

For more information on this signature program go to our website at: www.tbaysoroptimist.com

Left Judy Perrier chair of Live Your Dream program, middle Marlene Gammond award recipient and right Linda Adams Soroptimist Thunder Bay member and delegate.



Candidates for SIA 2022-2023 President-elect



Bobbi Enderlin



Sonia Maria Da Silva Loyola

Resumes of the two candidates running for SIA President Elect in 2022-23 are Bobbi Enderlin from SI/Benicia, California (Founder Region) and Sonia Maria DaSilva Loyola from SI/Curitiba Batel (Brazil Region). Please read their resumes that were sent to you in a separate email by Judy P and be prepared to vote for our Club's choice at our meeting.

CONFERENCE 2022

QUESTIONS???QUESTIONS???QUESTIONS???

Just a friendly note to remind you of your homework assignment as explained in an earlier email. Quick synopsis.....THREE categories(gardening/ friendship/history of Soroptimist)....ONE question for each category....THREE possible answers for each question. Due date is **Friday March 25th**.

As in any class there are three types of students.

Type one is the KEENER. a person who is extremely eager, zealous, or enthusiastic. Yes you guessed it, we do have a few keeners amongst us. Four members handed in their questions over the weekend. I think they were looking for bonus marks



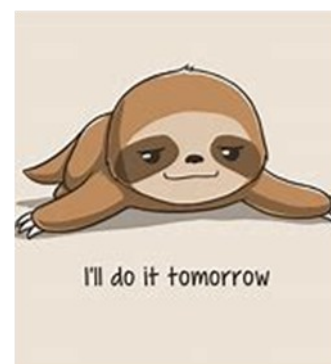
The second type of student is labelled as AVERAGE. something usual in a group, class, or series



They are characterized as always getting their work done on time and never causing any trouble. They have great potential, but usually complete their work with just enough effort to keep their parents off their back.

The third type is the PROCRASTINATOR. a person who habitually puts off doing things.

These are the students who start working on the assignment the day before it's due. They somehow always manage to pull it off and often receive an above average mark, much to the dismay of the keener. That leaves the biggest question of all..... what type of student were you?



No matter what category you once fell under, one thing is for certain, you are all A+ citizens. Selfishly giving back to your community and making a difference in the lives of many. Somebody taught you well! Lorrie and I look forward to receiving your questions over the next few weeks. The keeners have set the bar high, so get your thinking caps on and get er done.

*From the Office of the Principals
Lorrie and Kathleen*

Conference 2022

Now that the auction is over it's time to move on to the next best thing....aka May Conference ...as the saying goes when one door closes another one opens....

Although we are not going to be hosting the Conference in person our club is still responsible for a few of the FUN items on the agenda....



Lorrie and I have volunteered to spearhead one of those fun-filled time slots....however, we cannot do it alone. We are all aware that 2 heads are better than 1....but in this case Lorrie and I made the executive decision that 24 heads are better than 2..... OK so you see the direction this is heading...

We are asking our membership to jump on board with this initiative.... this is our task at hand....

Our club is to come up with 10 multiple choice questions (each with THREE possible answers)....the committee decided to categorize the questions into 3 themes....

- 1) Gardening....
- 2) Friendship.....
- 3) History of Sorop-
timist....



We are requesting that each member create 3 questions (one from each category) along with the 3 possible answerswhen we have everyone's submissions we will choose the 10 that we feel are best suited to stump the audience.

No pressure, we certainly don't want anyone stressing over this.... what we are hoping for is;

- 1) *to have FUN with it....*
- 2) *to INVOLVE everyone in the process....*
- 3) *to do our part in making the Conference a SUCCESS....*

In order to give you plenty of time to get your intelligent and creative juices flowing we ask that you submit your homework assignment to either myself or Lorrie by Friday March 25th....early submissions will receive a participation ribbon (aka snowflakes)....late assignments will be dealt with at the Principals office....

ON YOUR MARKGET SET....GO.....

AND THE FINAL BID GOES.....

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O ur mission to empower women and young girls through education is
U nstoppable



When all is said and done, we can pat ourselves on the back and take pride in knowing our second annual, "Sweet Dreams Virtual Auction," raised \$3725.00 for our signature program, "Live Your Dream Award".

The feedback that our club received from the participants is encouraging and makes the road to victory that much sweeter.



"Your organization is doing such great work."

"You had such a nice variety of items, just lovely."

"I had so much fun bidding."

"The pictures looked so professional, who took them?"

"I love that the money stays in Thunder Bay, I only support local."

"I hope you do it again next year."

Before everyone takes their final bow and the curtain closes, Shirley and I once again want to express our gratitude and appreciation to YOU! and YOU! and YOU.....for without the team effort, none of this would be possible.

Thanks a million or \$3725.00

Shirley and Kathleen

Co- Chairs Fundraising



Soroptimist Club Operations Training Webinar!



Thursday, March 31, 2022

7:00pm-8:30pm EDT

***Interpretation Provided**

Designed for club officers, this webinar explores building a better club experience so we can accomplish more TOGETHER. All members are welcome to attend this leadership development opportunity!

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uddaVmFmSIKGMbNzfA34Rw?_x_zm_rtaid=6w7QQ2YHTf2n0gT5QNo-yw.1646414291988.57da42c13e5692cb54acd55fe1b41b4a&_x_zm_rtaid=138

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Thank you,
SIA Headquarters

Don't forget to register



Join SIA for a special tea party celebrating women's empowerment on *International Women's Day*! We encourage you to sip a cup of tea and wear your fanciest hat, pearls and gloves while enjoying a festive and inspirational program featuring a variety of Soroptimist leaders and members.

Program will be interpreted in all SIA languages.

- DATE: International Women's Day – Tuesday, March 8, 2022
- TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time
- COST: Free

LOCATION: Zoom (*Note: Zoom space is limited, however tea party will also stream live on [SIA Facebook page](#) during event*)

GET INVOLVED: [Download and share invitation](#)

Source: <https://www.soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/whats-new/2022/best-for-women-february-2022.html>

And

Zoom mtg March 8th, 1pm to 3pm for tea and chat

(Info has been sent out by email)

Sick and Visiting

Contacts were made again this month. Most of the members were doing well. The majority of them tired of the snow and cold. Also anxious to meet again soon.

Those that I have missed; I hope you are all healthy and fine.

Shirley



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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS, INC.®

SI Thunder Bay General Meeting

March 9, 2022

Via zoom

7 p.m.

AGENDA

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Pledge for Eastern Canada Region	

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.

Hi ECR Soroptimists -

We are putting together a fundraiser to support the crisis in Eastern Europe. Find a draft poster attached.

We will be hosting an online Paint class for anyone who wants to join. We have secured an artist, and event organizers.

We need your help..... WE are looking for 2 individuals who are willing to fill the following positions (short term) We would like to move on this project quickly (in the month of March) and as such we need people who have time to spare during this month.

A secretary (for this event)

- responsibilities would include documenting the names of people who are interested in attending
- communicating with the organizers, and treasurer.
- copy and pasting the same email to paid attendees 3x (once after they sign up, and a second the day before, thank you email after)
- answering any questions that come up by attendees.
- have access to the email (newly created) and file things appropriately.

A treasurer (only for this event)

- responsible for accepting e transfers from attendees into your bank account
- documenting on a spread sheet attendees names, emails, and payment
- copy and pasting a 'thank you note' on each e transfer
- sharing the information/spreadsheet with the secretary/event planners
- making a final transfer of all donations received to ECR treasurer Najet
- having access to the email (newly created) and filing emails as appropriate

Please please consider one of these positions (it will be a short term month of March job). We really want to support our Sister clubs, but require a bit of muscle power!

Please contact Governor Elect Gertrud Hocke at

Gertrudhocke@gmail.com by March 10 to volunteer for these 2 very important roles

Thanks

Governor Jennifer and the ECR Board

From SI Europe and the cities in the Ukraine, Chernihiv, Dnepropetrovsk, Kiev, Kviv and Uzhgorod (*Kyiv* is the English transliteration of the modern Ukrainian spelling and pronunciation. *Kiev*)

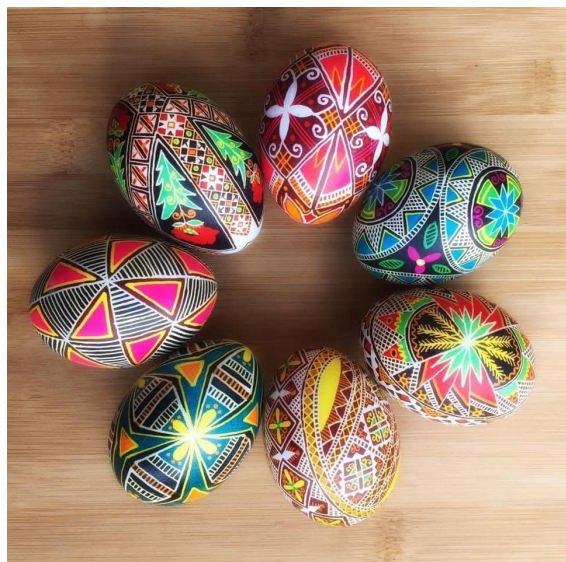
Dear Soroptimists,

We kindly ask you to provide the following humanitarian assistance:

In the field of medicine: antibiotics, including infusion solutions, hemostatic drugs, dressings, medical equipment and apparatus (surgical instruments, surgical tables and lamps, anesthesia equipment, lung ventilators, ultrasonic diagnostic devices, mobile X-ray, monitors and infusomates, medical beds, infusion stands), etc.

In the field of civil protection: diesel generators of various capacities (10-12 kilowatts and 100-600 kilowatts), Fuel Tank 50L/60L, field hospitals, sleeping bags, mats, folding beds, dry food packages, flashlights, batteries, water disinfectants, and other essentials for refugees.

In addition, a list of urgently needed supplies are available at: <https://soroptimist.org.ua/#:~:text=Soroptimist%20International%20is%20a%20large,to%20social%20and%20economic%20empowerment.>



Pysanky, Ukrainian eggs painted by Hillary Nalezty



Ukrainian scarves worn by Ukrainian women and Métis