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Investing in Dreams

Connecting with Cindy

Our October weather was wonderful, but sadly, it has come to an end and November is preparing us for winter. So, brace yourself by taking new adventures and risks by doing the unexpected! Think about nominations for ECR (Eastern Canada Region) board. The positions are Governor-Elect and Secretary. Contact Past-Governor Jennifer Oliver for further details.

The **ECR Fall Area Meeting** was held October 19th by ZOOM and was attended 7 members and was hosted by SI York Region.

Governor Gertrud advised that membership in SIA is 25,855 and 1,173 clubs which is decreasing.

The guest speaker, Lara Mills is a professor from Algonquin College, spoke about a Post Covid World. She stressed that the way we communicate has changed and public awareness. It is important to engage people and trust has been declining except in the business world. We should be more "hope based" and to attract the younger generation, the use of Instagram, Tik Tok, and X (previously Twitter) should be used.

Karen Bortolin presented the Financial Statement for the Eastern Canada Region ended June 30, 2023 which were prepared as a Compilation and not an audit. Corinne Rivers from SI York Region reminded us that if we want to apply for registered charity status, we should not be using the terms "income" or "profit/loss".

There were updates from the pillars (Membership, Program, Fund Raising and Public Awareness). They announced the "Seasoned Soroptimists" (which occurs in 5 year increments). Congratulations to both **Melanie Cates** and **Faith Crichton** on their 10th Anniversary! It was worth noting that Julaine Palmer of SI Peterborough had her 40th Anniversary was former member of SI Thunder Bay.

The Big Goal is to reach 500,000 women by 2031 and Accelerator Projects are due June 30th by SIA and are online applications. This applies to women and girls who are facing obstacles and assist in finding skills, jobs and education. It does not include the LYD and DIBI programs. However, I think our stocking of the CAS Girls Transitioning into Adulthood would qualify after watching the other examples given. We are helping them "prepare for college".

Our very own **Cheryl Ball** did Fund Raising which included the Stargazer recognitions.

The Dream Maker Award went to Marylyn White of SI Peterborough who has been a member for 44 years.

Thunder Bay was acknowledged as contributing to Founders' Pennies and Club Giving.

Announcements included that Alaska Cruise for the 2027 Convention has been cancelled due to the petition.

Also, there is no more President's Appeal.

SI Toronto invited us to the ECR Spring Conference to held April 26 -28, 2024.

This meeting has been recorded and can be viewed by members on the ECR website.

Another ZOOM event is Saturday Nov. 4th the **Soroptimist of Canada Foundation General Meeting from 2-4:30**. I will be the club delegate and will report on this at the Club Meeting.

Membership is planning a **Friends of Soroptimist event in November 30th** so please attend and mark your calendars!

Your **very proud** President, Cindy

CONGRATULATIONS

SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION OF CANADA

GOLD STAR AWARD

This award is presented to

SI Thunder Bay

in recognition of their support of our Foundation which improves the lives of women and girls in Canada

Dated: November 1, 2023

April Neave
Chair, 2023

Alice Maxwell
Treasurer, 2023

SI Thunder Bay received a Gold Star Certificate in recognition of its financial support in the range of $1,001 to $2,00 to Soroptimist Foundation of Canada in the 2023 fiscal year, the Foundation's 60th anniversary year.

The Board and I truly appreciate this contribution as it assists the Foundation in its mission "To solicit, attract and manage charitable donations in order to provide educational funding for the advancement of human rights and the status of women".

Our thanks to you and your members for your contribution towards investing in the dreams of women and girls.

Yours sincerely April Neave Chair

We donated $1,875 from the Two Bit Auction lottery portion.

A Special SI Thunder Bay Evening

To

Recognize and Thank Our Wonderful

"Soroptimist Friends"

Thursday, November 30, 2023 5:00 - 7:00pm

at the

Thunder Bay Art Gallery

SI Thunder Bay Club Members -
Please be present in your blue shirts to Meet and Greet and Express
Thanks.
Help is needed for
1. Set up at 3:01
2. To serve
3. To clean up - 7 - 8pm

Join an International Movement: 16 Days of Activism

The 16 Days of Activism to Eliminate Violence Against Women (EVAW) is an annual international campaign calling for the elimination of violence against women and girls. The "Wired for Change: Tech's Impact on Gender-Based Abuse" campaign runs from November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) to December 10 (Human Rights Day).

Every year Soroptimists around the globe support the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

What are the 16 Days of Activism?

People throughout the world unite to raise awareness about gender-based violence and call for an end to violence against women. The 16 Days kick off with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 25 and end with World Human Rights Day on December 10.

What is this year's theme?

"Wired for Change: Tech's Impact on Gender-Based Abuse." While digital tools make our lives easier, they also present new ways to perpetuate abuse against women and girls, as well as ways for women and girls to escape violence. You can learn more about technology-facilitated gender-based violence from the UN Women here.

What are some ways to support the 16 Days of Activism?

1. Soroptimist International (SI) will provide unified messaging on this theme for all five federations to share. Re-share social media posts from SI and SIA.
2. Check out the communications toolkit via Trello for additional content, sample posts and graphics.
3. Use the hashtag #WiredForChange to amplify your club's work that educates women and girls about safely using social media or online harassment.

Source: https://blog.soroptimist.org/blog/2023-16-days-of-activism

Giving Tuesday will be here before we know it! But there's no need to wait. Now is the perfect time to start thinking about how to get involved in this global day of giving.

With just a couple weeks until November 28, your involvement and generosity can help Soroptimist impact more women and girls. Your support is vital because women and girls still face tremendous barriers to empowerment everywhere. But we know that every woman and girl has the power within her to thrive if given the chance. Let's turn that potential into reality this giving season and make dreams come true!

Peer-to-Peer Fundraising:

Donate:

Corporate Matching:

Spread the Word: .

Share A Story:

Give Thanks:

Source: https://blog.soroptimist.org/blog/6-ways-to-get-involved-for-giving-tuesday

DIBI NEWSLETTER UPDATE

November 2023

Meeting October

The DIBI Committee met on October 20, 2023. The following decisions were made:

The priority of the DIBI committee is to stay focused on the program outcomes outlined in the grants proposals.

A plan for the delivery of DIBI 2024 was approved.

At the November 8, 2023, general membership meeting, the DIBI committee will share a plan for purchasing A/V equipment for the use in all club initiatives.

A bursary of $100 will be given to a DIBI 2023 participant who graduated high school in June 2023. Funds for the bursary will come from the DIBI budget. The date and venue of the presentation is yet to be determined.

Partnership Meeting

The DIBI committee will be meeting with representatives from the June Steeve-Lendrum family Resource Centre and the Children's' Aid Society of Thunder on November 10, 2023. The meeting will be held at the June Steeve- Lendrum facility.

The purposes of the meeting are:

To acquaint the partners with each other.

To share to program outcome required by the SIA & SFC grants received.

To share that the DIBI curriculum will be a basis for all workshops.

To share the plans for 2024

Soroptimists attending the meeting are Cheryl Ball, Faith Chrichton, Devona Crowe, and Kathleen Rismondo.

Committee Meeting and Membership

The next DIBI committee will be meeting on Friday, November 17.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Devona.

Respectfully submitted Devona Crowe

Club Meeting Wednesday November 8th

A reminder ladies that our next Meeting will be at Waverly Park Towers (Marilyn's Condo Building)

We ask that you bring $5 to put towards Club Funds as the Room is free of charge -

Thanks Marilyn
We will be meeting in a room (B2) on the lower level. Someone will be there to show you the way. Light refreshments will be served. The Zoom Meeting option will also be available
Looking forward to seeing all of you again
Please let us know if you will be able to attend
Thanks
Judy & Kim

WHAT'S IN A WORD ???

Since it was a quiet month on the fundraising front, I thought I would enlighten you with a FUN FACT. Have you ever looked at a word and thought about it's origin? For most of you, I'm sure the answer is, "no I have not." Well driving home from camp one day this Fall, my mind for some bizarre and unknown reason began to think of the word, FUNDRAISING. Fundraising is a relatively big word, but if you break it up into smaller parts, you have a clear vision why fundraising is called fundraising. Are you still with me? Here comes the clarity…….If you take the "D" out of the word, you are left with FUN RAISING money, OR you could switch it up and say RAISING money is FUN. When the word is put back to its original form, FUNDRAISING, we can break it up even further and conclude that RAISING FUNDS is FUN. Clear as mud, right?? No matter which way you look at it, Soroptimist Thunder Bay, always have FUN, FUNDRAISING!!! On that note, THANKS everyone for always being willing to jump in and have FUN! FUN! FUN! while raising money for our numerous causes that ultimately make a difference in the lives of the women we support.

SAVE THE DATES

***December 13th…… Penny Auction (xmas dinner)**
***APRIL 5-7…….Home and Garden Show**
***MAY 9th…… Two Bit Auction**
***September 21st……Yard Sale**

Gratefully Submitted
Co-Chairs Fundraising Shirley and Kathleen

Sample Elevator Speech which should be 30-60 seconds

§ Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization providing women and girls with access to the education they need to achieve economic empowerment.

§ Our big goal is to invest in the dreams of half a million women and girls by 2031. Since 1972, we've distributed more than $30 million in education awards to 30,000 women through our Live Your Dream program.

§ In addition, our Dream It, Be It program provides girls with the tools they need to achieve their education and career goals. Both programs are designed to help break the poverty, violence, and abuse cycles.

§ I'm <>, and I'm a <> in Soroptimist. I believe in our mission because <>

-taken from the ECR Fall Area Meeting Oct. 2023

Mentoring in 3 Simple Steps - taken from ECR Fall Area Meeting

Befriend a newer or younger member.
Identify and accomplish goals.
Follow-up.

iMPROVE
dEVELOP
traiNING
moTIVATE
cOACHING
inspiRE

Lakehead Shriners
Christmas Cakes $25.00
Shortbread Cookies $12.00
are in.

If anyone would care to purchase let me know and will get them for you.

Shirley

Soroptimist Club Grants: Crafting a Successful Application

Join Us for the Soroptimist Club Grant Webinar: January 9

Did you know your club has an opportunity to receive a grant from Soroptimist? Wonder if your project qualifies or how to ensure a successful application? Good news! We'll answer all of these questions and more during SIA's upcoming webinar on January 9! Free!

Go to:

https://events.zoom.us/ev/AlvQCAuC82Q61b5HJzpB4w1I4l-bU8FZvpz_meRpM6PROTuGL29wO~Atfvo1N9Ul_0JfQHU_8zJYKgx3hwRp8lta5UL86xktOOREZ3j2fmqli0lwf

Remembrance Day Saturday, November 11, 2023