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,**

Oct 12 at 7 pm

In person at Maxines' and on Zoom

Don't forget to bring your $5.00 fee
Refreshments will be served
Please let me know if you will be attending
Looking forward to seeing everyone
Judy

Items of interest:

- Agenda
- Did you know
- Girls Aging Out of Care
- Public awareness
- Fundraising
- Membership
- Fall area mtg
- Violet Richardson
- Wear Purple Oct 20 th

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Connecting with Cindy

Congratulations to all those fan tastic Yard Sales members! Although it was hard work, it was fun! We were able to visit in person with members and customers and **we were busy**. I believe it was the most monies we made ever at a Yard Sale! Hopefully Teen Challenge benefits from the left-overs and the Bike Exchange people appreciated the bicycle we donated thanks to Kathleen. They even sent over helpers to cleanup. Judy Anderson's granddaughter assisted and Rosa brought a couple of volunteers to help. Of course, Chrissy was there to add finishing touches. The **Sir**optimists were there as well. There was a wonderful turnout of members and a good example of team effort. Faith took some wonderful photos. Even the weather wasn't too bad!

The trust bank account funds were transferred back into the club (Olive Ede's monies) and we requested the account to be closed. A letter was submitted to the Charities Directorate asking them to withdraw the application.

Devona Crowe has agreed to take over Archives from Joan and to be the DIBI (Dream It Be It) chair. She attended a virtual meeting on DIBI as well as the workshop at the Leadership Academy. Thank you Devona!

Speaking of the Leadership Academy, it was a good meeting and a better format than those held in the past (in my opinion). The theme was Soroptimists Working Together and Finding Unity in Diversity. They used a tree. Fund Raising was the roots working together. Program was the branches (LYD, DIBI and the new Accelerator Projects). Membership was supporting each other and flourishing or wellbeing (leaves). Public Awareness was reaching out to the wider community (other trees). The Treasurer represented security and straightness (line of trees) and the President a healthy club (forest). Everything in connected!

Governor Gertrud Hocke did the opening comments along with our very own Governor Elect Cheryl.

Stephanie Smith, SIA President spoke and was open for many questions which she will bring to her board. Her theme was borrowed from Facebook using shoes:

Equality is everyone getting a pair of shoes;
Diversity is everyone getting a different type of shoe;
Equity is everyone getting a pair of shoes that fits;
Acceptance is understanding that we all wear different kinds of shoes; and
Belonging is wearing the shoes that you want without fear of judgement.

Stephanie went on to say that marketing is making an effort to appeal to the younger generation using Instagram, Twitter, Tik Tok, etc. The use of pronouns is being encouraged (she/her), gender identity is being questioned regarding the LYD Award and SIA have accepted "those that identify as girls" and allow men to join as members. Guidance can be found on the SIA website or emailing her presstephanie@soroptimist.org or stephaniesmith1315@gmail.com .

During Break Time, fun time was done using Kahoots (similar to other virtual meetings).

Then there were breakout sessions. I attended the Presidents one, Lorrie did the Treasurer, Judy was LYD, Devona did DIBI, and I am not sure about Melanie and Lee Ann. Cheryl was co-presenting at the Fund Raising and Karen Bortolin facilitated the Treasurers' session. So they may have more to say at the general meeting!

At the Presidents session they discussed "The Lazy Leader". This is good thing. They develop people rather than doing the work themselves, invite people to have fun and meaningful experiences, and celebrate the work of others. The opposite is the martyr (Joan of Arc). She cares deeply, does what it takes and gives 110%. So it was recommended that we only give 10% and make meetings a party, take responsibility, ask for help, do one thing, and rather than doing only what you can do, learn a new skill. Others are willing to assist. **Keep this mind in consideration of taking over Public Awareness from Faith.** At the Presidents' session there were experienced ones and members that were new that have taken on the role of President. There was a club that only had 6 members! The sessions have been posted on the ECR website (https://www.ecsoroptimist.org) if you are interested in viewing.

The Fall Area Meeting will be virtual on **October 20th, 2022.** A Poster was send by Susan Rivers (in an email dated September 27th). There is more information to come. I would encourage you all to attend!

The SFC (Soroptimist Foundation of Canada) is having their Annual General Meeting **October 22, 2022** by ZOOM. Our club's voting delegate is Maxine Tenander but all members are welcome.

Membership is having their recruitment event in person **November 8th** at the Heritage Building on the CLE grounds (blue building). Kim and Faith will be updating us so keep this date in mind and **bring a friend!**

It looks like a busy fall and hope you all take time to enjoy the fall colours!

SI Thunder Bay General Meeting

September 14, 2022 - 7 p.m.

Maxine's Condo 315 Hilldale Road/Zoom

Attendees: Cindy Figus, Cheryl Ball, Karen Bortolin, Judy Anderson, Kim Koivukoski, Faith Crichton, Maxine Tenander, Devona Crowe, Shirley Smith, Kathleen Rismondo, Linda Adams, Lorrie Haslam

By Zoom: Sharon Godwin, Marlene Crago, Lee-Ann Nalezyty, Melanie Cates

Regrets: Enid McKenzie, Marilyn Fenwick, Barb Fraser, Judy Perrier

Meeting Minutes

Call to order @ 7:07 PM

Minutes of the June 8th as recorded by Karen Bortolin past secretary and pre-circulated. Motion to accept Judy Anderson and seconded by Shirley Smith.

August 2022 Treasurer's Report & June 2022 Financial Statement – pre-circulated with newsletter. Reviewed by Lorrie. We realized a discount on zoom and website domain renewal by renewing early. Some garden expenses for the SI memorial grove signage at the Soroptimist International Friendship Gardens was highlighted.

Annual report reviewed by Cindy Figus. Internal audit performed by Lorrie Haslam with no errors. Motion to accept annual financial statement by Karen Bortolin and seconded by Maxine Tenander.

Correspondence – we received two letters from Teen Challenge looking for financial assistance to offset their funding deficiencies in programs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trust & Constitution

Our application for a Registered Charity status via a trust was refused. We received notice in July with a 60-day term to respond to the application process. A meeting was held by the trust committee, Past President Cheryl Ball and Maxine Tenander to discuss options. Having a trust would limit how funding could be dispersed – the Live Your Dream Award would not be allowed if we used the trust. It was determined that since this is one of SIA signature programs it was important to maintain this as integral to our club. Cindy has had several conversations with CRA and other clubs about process and options.

Applying for a constitution was discussed. This also has some limitations but only in our ability to participate in club giving and sending funds outside of Canada. We could still do the Live Your Dream Award and Dream It Be It using a constitution.

We would have to reopen a new business number with Canada revenue Agency and resubmit a new application for charity status. It was decided to merge the 2 sets of by laws for now and have the June 2022 ones amended within the year. The application process is put on hold until then for further discussion as to whether or not we continue with the charity status application.

Maxine Tenander moved to dissolve the trust application, withdraw charity status, and close the business number. It was seconded by Judy Anderson and carried.

As next steps Sharon Godwin will review our bylaws with a draft, we received from Kawartha Lakes who have a constitution approved and blend the two documents to better align with our club needs. The business trust application will not move forward, and we will close the trust account and business number will be dissolved

Delegate – The Board has appointed Devona Crowe and she has accepted to be our club delegate.

FUNDRAISING

Yard Sale - Sat. Sept. 24th Cardinal Room

We have access to drop items off on Thursday September 22 from 6-9 PM. Friday September 23 we will be setting up. Yard sale runs from 8-1 and members are asked to be there by 7:30 for final set up and to wear their blue shirts. Shifts for set up and selling was circulated. If anyone has boxes or bags, they can donate for the yard sale, please bring them. Teen Challenge will be doing pick up of unsold items on Tuesday September 27 – Judy Anderson will meet them at the CLE to give them access to the items.

Faith has arranged advertising on the radio, What to Do Column in the Chronicle-Journal the week of Sept 19. Melanie will post on FaceBook and Kiijiji. Judy Anderson has printed off the flyers that we will give out at outside the Farmers Market.

Two Bit Auction – due to time constraints this will be rescheduled to Spring 2023 – possible dates are either April 20 or 27 – Judy Anderson will look to see which date is available.

Virtual Online Auction will not continue now that in person venues are available.

$500.00 Gift Card Raffle after much discussion about our ability to do this, the decision was deferred until later. The Two-Bit Auction will also be held in the month of April so we don't want to over extend club members but recognize the importance of networking.

PROGRAM

Live Your Dream – one application has been received. A meeting of the committee is upcoming. More applications are anticipated.

Dream It, Be It - Devona Crowe is interested in reviewing this and will be taking the lead. Cindy will forward her the information for virtual sessions being held starting next and advise ECR and SIA.

Children's Aid Society (Girl's Aging out of Foster Care) – donation from baseball 50/50 will be done the week of September 19. Waiting on final date from CAS. Items for 3rd quarter collected will be inventoried by Linda Adams and a list of items needed will be given to Melanie and Lorrie who will shop with funds raised to a maximum of $300 for this program.

MEMBERSHIP

Induction of Devona Crowe – welcomed by club. Marilyn Fenwick will be her buddy.

SI Policies & Procedures – Melanie and LeeAnn will be meeting and send a draft to Cheryl and Maxine for their review prior to sending to membership.

Maggie Chicoine Presentation & Membership Drive – plans are underway for the event on November 8 from 6:30-8:30 at the CLE Heritage Building. Invites will be sent to past club members and organizations that we have supported. Members are encouraged to invite friends/family. Speaker will start at 7:15. A request to bring nonperishable food items to the event for the CAS Girls Aging Out of Care cupboard will be included in invites.

By Laws approval – final signed copy will be scanned and saved to our DropBox account.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Replacement for Faith – members were asked to consider volunteering for this position. Faith has taken on too many responsibilities and we don't want to wear her out. This also involves taking over as club photographer. She is willing to assist the new person.

Possible Sister Club in Australia – Marlene has had no response after three attempts to reach out to this club. We will abort the process.

NEW BUSINESS

Letterhead – Cindy circulated a word copy of the revised document. This will be used for correspondence outside of the club only. Agendas and club/board minutes will not use this template.

Friendship Gardens Maxine met with the City of Thunder Bay. The individual gardens need work. Maxine is reaching out to the different groups to have them tend to their own spaces. Two trees have been planted in the memorial grove at no cost to SI Thunder Bay. One if for Olive Ede and one for Rose Frim. The Memorial Grove plaque has been ordered but due to a change in employees at the City it is unknown what the current status for delivery is. Maxine is following up. Once delivery date is determined, Maxine will arrange for a dedication service. Oct 1 @ 10:30 AM is one date being considered.

Leadership Academy Mon. Sept. 26th – board is encouraged to attend. General club members are also able to attend. Sue Rivers is taking registration and no cost to individual members. Club fee is $50 and has been paid.

Dream Maker Award (previously known as the Lifetime achievement award and Hall of Fame) nominations due Sept. 30th. Let Cindy know if you have a nomination to submit.

Area Meeting October 20th being held virtually 6:30-9:00. More details will be available soon.

Soroptimist Foundation of Canada AGM Sat.Oct. 22 by ZOOM. One delegate per club is required. Maxine will attend as delegate but if anyone else wants to attend. contact Cindy for the information.

PO Box rental – price has increased to $200 per year. Not much value in having a mailbox as most correspondence is electronic. We will not be renewing. Anyone with a business card is asked to remove this from the cards.

Archive – Devona will be taking this over from Joan. Cindy and Devona will meet with Joan when she is up to it.

International Goodwill replacement for Barb Fraser – Lee Ann has the binder with contact info and will take this on.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:38 PM

BIRTHDAYS

September 3rd – Lorrie Haslam

September 18th – Marlene Crago

SI Thunder Bay General Meeting

October 12, 2022 - 7 p.m.

Maxine's Condo 315 Hilldale Road

AGENDA

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PO Box rental update	Cindy
FUNDRAISING	Kathleen & Shirley
Yard Sale	Kathleen
Two Bit Auction – April 27th 2023	Kathleen
$500.00 Gift Card Raffle (deferred until Spring 2023)	Kathleen
PROGRAM	**Judy P**
Live Your Dream	Judy P
Dream It, Be It	Devona
MEMBERSHIP	**Kim & Faith**
Maggie Chicoine Presentation & Membership Drive	Kim
SI Policies & Procedures	Lee Ann & Melanie
By Laws deferred (with Sharon Godwin)	Sharon
International Goodwill	Lee Ann
PUBLIC RELATIONS	**Faith/Melanie**

NEW BUSINESS

Friendship Gardens Sat. Oct. 15th 11 am	Maxine
SIA Proposed Amendments to Bylaws	Cindy
Co-Chair needed for ECR Public Awareness (contact Gertrud)	Cindy

BIRTHDAYS

October 3rd – Barb Fraser

October 11th – Maxine Tenander

October 17th – Karen Bortolin

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.

Shirley and I want to express our sincere appreciation to EVERYONE involved in making the Yard Sale a great success.

The "A TEAM" really stepped up to the plate and nailed it right out of the ballpark. All who were able to attend and help out

THANK YOU

To those that cheered us on from the sidelines/we felt your positive vibes MERCI.

To all our family and friends who were able to relinquish their treasured items for a great cause MOLTO GRAZIE (if needed/ therapy sessions are available upon request).

To the significant others who supported us over the 3 days KUDOS…your wives owe you (wink wink).

To Mother Nature who teased us for a short while and then disappeared elsewhere we say

HALLELUJAH.

Last but not least a BIG round of APPLAUSE to Rosa's 2 students and Judy's granddaughter for taking direction and pitching in wherever they saw fit it felt a little overwhelming Thursday evening when the room was full of boxes needing to be unpacked/sorted and priced….BUT….we are women/hear us roar…we got er done…satisfying to know all the hard work paid dividends …

$1967.00 what a magical number/the year the Friendship Gardens came to be…is it a mere coincidence OR a sign of good things to come…my vote is the latter…Teen Challenge will be by Tuesday to pick up the left over goodies…a great way to pay it forward…what's on the horizon you ask…**April 27th** Two Bit Auction…see you there with bells on…rest those weary feet

With Gratitude
Shirley and Kathleen
Cheers

DID YOU KNOW

I thought that I would share some "firsts" that were accomplished by First Nation, Metis and Inuit women.

In 1914, Charlotte Edith Mouture a Mohawk was the first to become a registered nurse. She had to study in the US because it was illegal in Canada for someone with Indian Status to attend post-secondary school. In this day and age, it is hard to imagine what life must have been like in the "good old days"!

1860 - Mississauga Nahnebahwequay travelled to England and successfully petitioned Queen Victoria to intervene in a land claim dispute near Owen Sound Ontario. The Queen granted Catherin legal ownership. The Canadian Government did not honour the Queen's decision. Even today, I can't imagine going to Ottawa to petition the government. never mind all those years ago!

1896 – an interesting tidbit - Shaaw Tláa was the first person in the world to discover a gold nugget leading to the Klondike Gold Rush. She died of influenza in the epidemic of 1920.

1937 Elsie Charles Basquewas the first Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia to earn a teaching certificate. A residential school survivor, she believed in the "healing power of education"

1947 Ruth Smith as an Editor of *Native Voice*, a newspaper that partially arose from the resentment and cynicism expressed by returning World War II Indigenous veterans. She edited a 1949 story about B.C. granting Indigenous people the right to vote.

1961 Pauline Johnson, a Mohawk was a poet, writer, artist and performer, and the first woman to be featured on a Canadian stamp.

1967 Mary Two-Axe Earley a Mohawk elder and human rights activist. She challenged the Royal Commission on gender discrimination and woman back her Indian status. This ruling was connected to the UN holding Canada in breach of human rights in 1981 and would become Bill C-31 in 1985. (It appears the old adage the" wheels of government don't move quickly" is true in this case – eighteen years.)

1972 Twins Sharon and Shirley Firth, Dene, were the first Canadian women to compete in four straight Olympics. In 2015, the Firth twins were inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

1981 Dr. Lillian Dyck**,** Cree was the first Indigenous woman to earn a Ph.D. in biological psychiatry. She was appointed to the Senate on March 24, 2005.

1990 Dr. Mary Jane McCallum Cree. Her impact ranges from dentistry to politics. She became the first Indigenous woman dentist in 1990 – she started as a dental assistant in 1973, then became a dental nurse in 1977 and a dental therapist in 1979. She is also a Senator and is the first Indigenous woman chancellor of Brandon University in Manitoba. non-Indigenous woman dentist and the first Indigenous woman dentist.

1992 Bertha Skye, Cree won the Grand Gold Medal at the World Culinary Olympics in Germany in 1992. She was the only female chef in her five-member team. The team was representing Native Haute Cuisine and took home the most medals (11 in total, 7 of them gold) out of the entire competition. This was also the first time a Native team participated in the competition, which consisted of 14,000 chefs from around the world.

2005 Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Inuit launched the world's first international legal action on climate change. She claimed Inuit hunting culture may not survive the loss of sea ice and other changes projected over the coming decades. The petition alleged that greenhouse gases have violated Inuit rights as guaranteed by the 1948 American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man.

2014 Tanya Tagaq Inuit was the first to win the Polaris Prize for the best Canadian album, *Animism*. The album also won a Juno in 2015. Tagaq's style is grounded in Inuit throat singing.

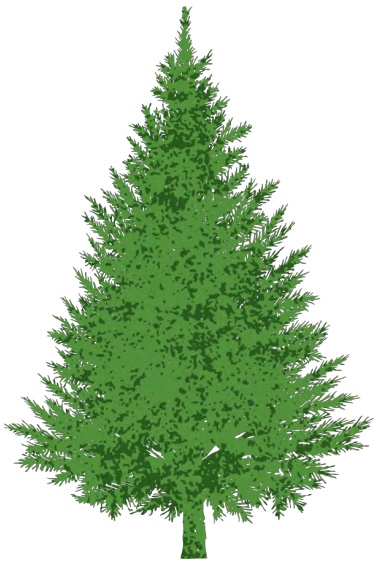
2018 - In February 2018, Marlen Poitras became the first female Alberta regional chief for the Assembly of First Nations. She has a background in nursing and received the Aboriginal Humanitarian Role Model Award of Alberta in 2015.

2021 On July 26, 2021, Mary Simon an Inuk leader from Nunavik in Quebec became the first Indigenous Governor General. She is the 30th governor general since Confederation.

Cheryl

In Memory of Ruth and Olive

Maxine has tentatively scheduled the commemoration of Ruth and Olive in the Soroptimist International Friendship Gardens for Saturday October 15 at 11 am.



Public Awareness

The first S.I. Thunder Bay event (Yard Sale) was a success! Thank you to Kathleen and Shirley and club members who helped to promote the event. Ads were promoted through our usual outlets, face book and website, as well as in the newspaper's What to Do Section. The Radio station, Country 105 once again came through with the ad as well. This was well received.

A photo and article of our donation to the Children's Aid Society's, **Girls Transitioning into Adult-hood,** was submitted to the Chronicle Journal**.** These funds were acquired through the 50/50 Draw at the summer Women's baseball event weekend. A good start to a year of Public Awareness!

I hope members will consider taking on the position of Public Awareness chair . There is a binder of course and I would be glad to support you this year in this new role should you decide to join the Public Awareness Team of Melanie, Lee Ann and Judy P.

Respectfully submitted,

Faith

Membership Drive Update

Things are starting to come together for the Membership Drive event in November. I have listed the particulars below.

Membership Drive Event: November 8, 2022
Speaker: Maggie Chicoine. The committee is meeting with her after Kim's return to determine her needs for the presentation (microphone, spacing etc)
Place: Heritage Building
Time: 6:30-8:30. After contacting Kim, we now know that Maggie will be speaking at **7:15**
Admission: Non-perishable Item: We will be asking participants to donate a non-perishable item for our newest project "Girls Transitioning into Adulthood" program

Still to come: ads and reminders, invitations to former members and friends of Soroptimists, information packages for guests. The committee will keep members informed about timing for sharing information on Facebook, our website and other media outlets.

Please keep this date open. We look forward to seeing everyone at the event and highlighting all the positive things our club does.

More to come……

Submitted by Faith Crichton,
Membership Committee Member

1967.....A REMARKABLE NUMBER....1967

A room full of treasures certainly describes the scene at the Cardinal Room on September 24th. How did it all come to be? Well it all began Thursday evening when boxes upon boxes were delivered by Soroptimists and SIRoptimists. It was somewhat overwhelming at first, but by the time the evening was over, the majority of the bags/boxes/totes were emptied and distributed to an assigned table. Home we went to rest up knowing we had a monumental task on Friday to properly organize and price the numerous items. By 5:00 on Friday, mission accomplished, which included an hour lunch break at the Burger Barn (mustn't break tradition).

Saturday morning bright and early the troops in the blue shirts were ready to do battle. Our first battle was figuring out how to put our canopies up. How may Soroptimists did it take? Many, plus one SIRoptimist to the rescue (thanks Peter). We officially opened at 8, but we had some keeners wanting to peruse at 7:30. The merchants kept marching in right up to closing time and beyond. It was a happening place, buzzing with friendly people, smiling faces, satisfied customers AND a few inquiries as to what we are all about. Fingers crossed. Perhaps that could end up being OUR prized treasure (aka new members). So we ask ourselves, how did we manage to gross $1967.00???? After an informal debriefing here are some of the thoughts.....

1) The tremendous amount of goods collected and the variety of items clearly gave the consumer a lot of choices. THANKS to all who donated.

2) The advertising was second to none. People said they heard it on the radio and who couldn't miss the eye catching sign on the CLE grounds (thanks Judy A. for acquiring that donation). Word of mouth, Facebook, Website and the newspaper all attracted people to the site. KUDOS to Faith and her P.R. Committee.

3)Our on-site advertising was advantageous as well. MERCI to Judy's granddaughter and Rosa's student for handing out the flyers to patrons of the Country Market.

4)There was lots of activities on the grounds that day. The additional foot traffic was definitely a benefit to us.

5)The weather held out which is always a bonus.

6)Holding it in the Fall perhaps catches more people at home, whereas in the Spring they are heading to camp etc.???

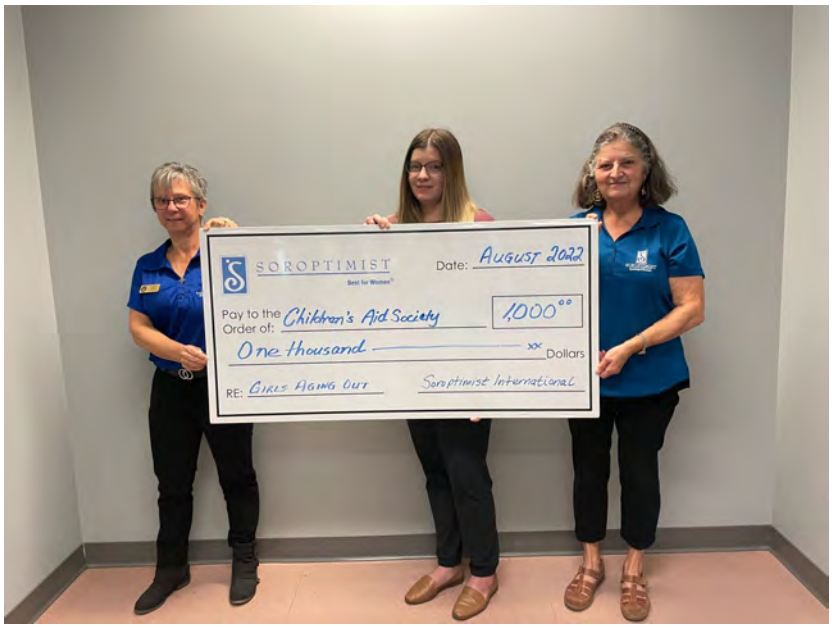
7)LAST BUT NOT LEAST.....The collaborative effort and unwavering commitment of our members and "Friends of Soroptimist", who continue to make a difference in the lives of young girls and women.

With Gratitude
Shirley and Kathleen
Co-Chairs Fundraising

Girls Aging out of Care

Linda Molenda from CAS accepted the donation from Lorrie Haslam and Melanie Cates for the girls transitioning to adulthood cupboard

We collected school supplies and personal care items along with food for the program. Thank you to all for the wonderful items you provided to help these girls improve their lives We spent $300 from the coffers to purchase items they needed (combination locks, personal alarms, binders, paper, scissors, staplers, markers, pens, socks, agenda books, rulers, shampoo and so much more).



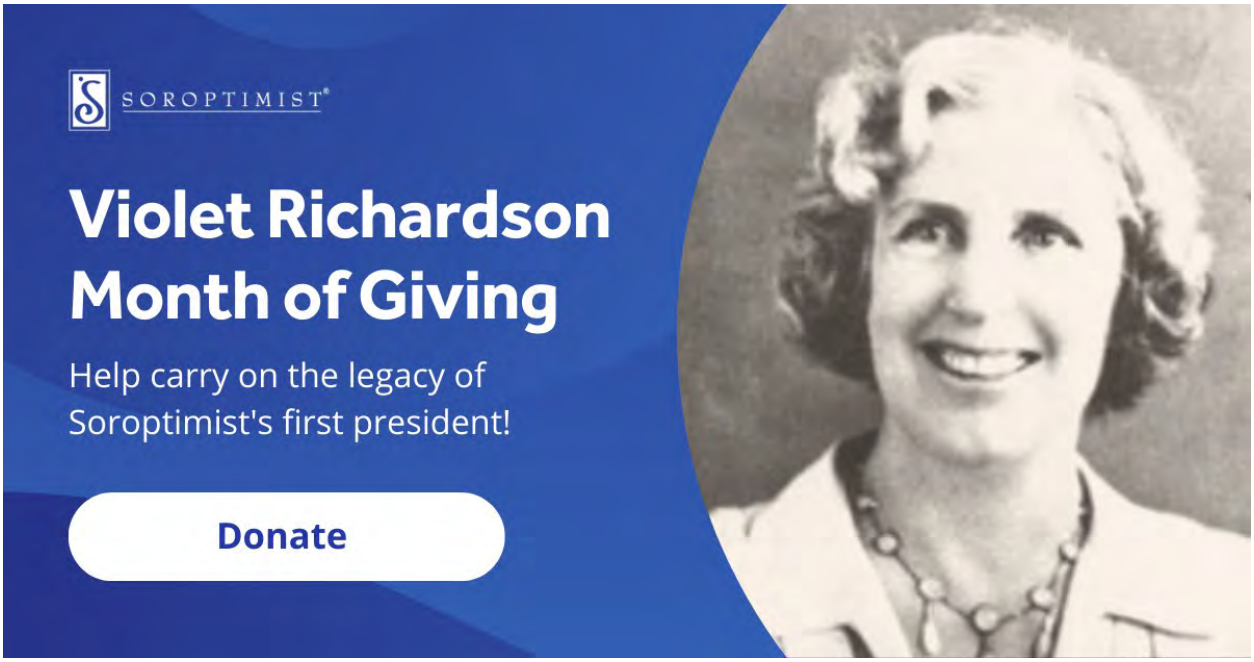
Melanie Cates (L) Project chair, and Cindy Figus, President of Soroptimist Thunder Bay are pictured here donating a cheque for $1000, to Robyn Melanson, Director of Resources and Children's Services for C.A.S. The funds will be used to support the Children's Aid Society's **Girls Aging Out program.**

Soroptimist international Thunder Bay has taken on this grass roots project in their continuing efforts to help young women achieve their individual and collective potential. The funds were raised by a 50/50 draw at the Canada vs U.S. Friendship Series this summer, For more information about Soroptimist international Thunder Bay check out our website at: www.tbaysoroptimist.com

The first annual **Violet Richardson Month of Giving**

Let us continue the work together and with others, toward the development of a better womanhood, a better manhood, and a better citizenship."

– Violet Richardson, First President of SIA



If you wish to donate go to **Violet Richardson Month of Giving!**

October 11th is the 10th anniversary of the UN's International Day of the Girl

The theme this year, "Our time is now - our right, our future", asks the world to give Girls an opportunity to lead by putting them in the forefront of change efforts; hearing their voices; responding to their asks, and welcoming them in decision-making spaces.

https://www.un.org/en/observances/girl-child-day

Hello, ECR Soroptimists!
Attached you will find the following information, all in one document!
1. Fall Meeting Draft Agenda
2. Information about the Guest Speaker
3. Reminders and other information.

If you haven't already registered, and do wish to attend, please register by Monday, October 17, 2022.

Thanks! Sue

Eastern Canada Region Fall Meeting
Staying Safe in Digital Times

Thursday, October 20, 2022, 6:30-9:00 PM

Hosted by SI York Region

Thursday, October 20, 2022

Agenda (Draft)

6:15	Participants Sign In
6:30	Welcome and Opening Remarks – Governor Gertrud
6:40	Land Acknowledgment
6:45	Welcome from SI York Region – President Anamaria
6:55	Introduction of Guest Speaker
7:00	Guest Speaker – Amalia Barthel (attached in original email)
	"Keeping Safe in a Digital World"
7:20	Treasurer's Report
7:30	Bio Break and Fun Activity
7:45	Pillar Updates

Membership – Jean Skillman (Including Seasoned Soroptimists)
Program – Raheleh Barkhordari (LYD) and Keshala Dissanayake (DIBI)
Fundraising – Cheryl Ball (Including Stargazer Recognition)
Public Awareness – Teena Bhagat

8:30	Dream Maker Award
8:45	Club and Region Upcoming Events
9:00	Closing Remarks – Governor Gertrud

Other Important Information

Registration: Register with ECR Secretary Sue Rivers at susan.rivers@gmail.com, providing your name, Club, and preferred email. Registration deadline is Monday, October 17, 2022

Registration Fee: Each Club is asked to contribute a nominal fee, which the Board has determined to be $50.00, to defray the costs associated with the Fall Meeting. The fee can be remitted in either of the following ways:

E-transfer payable to easterncanada@soroptimist.net or
Cheque in the mail, payable to
Soroptimist Int'l of the Americas – Eastern Canada
Mailed to:
Karen Bortolin
ECR Treasurer
1220 Edward St. S. Thunder Bay, ON
P7E 2J2

Soroptimist Foundation of Canada: Annual General Meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2022, at 11 am PT (2:00 pm EST). Registration information is available from your Club President if it has not already been shared with you.

ECR Public Awareness Co-Chair – Governor Gertrud is recruiting for a Co-chair to assist Teena Bhagat with this important role. Teena is a new member – technically savvy but needing the support of a more seasoned Soroptimist. Please contact Gertrud at gertrudhocke@gmail.com if you are interested.

The TBSO fruit and cheese sale is back for November. Proceeds from the sale go directly to helping the TBSO present concerts and events. You can access the order form through the TBSO website and then order from me via email (kfenwick@shaw.ca) or by calling 344-6568. Orders are due by November 1st with pickup on Nov. 21 & 22 at Grandview Mall. Thank you all once again for your support. Johan says the Cortland apples they are ordering this year are the best for baking ..for those of you who bake!"
Marilyn

As Soroptimists, we know that domestic violence is prevalent in every community and affects victims regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality. Violence against women and girls occurs in many different forms—physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, financial, and even through technology. It is a worldwide public health crisis and human rights violation of epidemic proportions.

WEAR PURPLE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

Purple Thursday is a national day of action during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Individuals across the nation will wear purple on Thursday, October 20, to show survivors that there is a community of support surrounding them and fighting for them.

Participating in Purple Thursday is also a great opportunity to start conversations with others. It opens the door to awareness with colleagues, strangers, friends, or family. We encourage you to share information about Soroptimist and the work we do to support women through our Dream Programs, as many are often survivors of domestic violence.

Source: https://blog.soroptimist.org/blog/go-purple-on-october-20