



November 15

This is the deadline for applications to be submitted for the LiveYour Dream Awards. This deadline is for applicants in the U.S. and Canada.

READY TO BEGIN
a new life?

The Soroptimist Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women program has been helping women around the world since 1972. This program provides cash grants to women who are working to better their lives through additional schooling and skills training.

You are eligible to apply if you:

- ☐ are a woman with primary financial responsibility for yourself and your dependents
- ☐ are attending an undergraduate degree program or a vocational skills training program
- ☐ have financial need

Scan the QR code to apply or contact:



Soroptimist International of Palm Desert

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Club Application Deadline: November 15, 2025 Amount of Club Award: \$1000 - \$5000

Notes: Applications OPEN August 15, 2025



Soroptimist is a global organization of women who volunteer their time, their talent and their resources to improve the lives of women and girls through programs that lead to economic and social empowerment.

Plan Ahead

our monthly newsletter

Moving Forward, Together
Inspiring, Educating, and Empowering

The season of giving is here

There are a lot of opportunities for people to support the many non-profit organizations here in the Coachella Valley. Each have a variety of fundraising events throughout the year. In addition there are days like Giving Tuesday (December 2, 2025), and CV Giving Day (March 3, 2026). Of course, as a member of Soroptimist International of Palm Desert, I am more likely to donate my year-end giving to our club. I could become a GEM donor, fund a project or check out the information in this issue about ways that I could support the mission of Soroptimist International.

There will be several times, you will be able to participate and support our club over the next several months and I hope our members will get involved. The best way for us to fulfill our mission is when all of us participate. .

On a personal note, I wish everyone Happy Thanksgiving. It began as a day of giving thanks for the blessings of the harvest and of the preceding year. Various similarly named harvest festival holidays occur throughout the world during autumn. Although Thanksgiving has its historical roots in religious and cultural traditions, it has long been celebrated as a secular holiday as well.



I look forward to seeing you during this month's meetings. During our November 5th Speaker's meeting, we will honor Veteran's

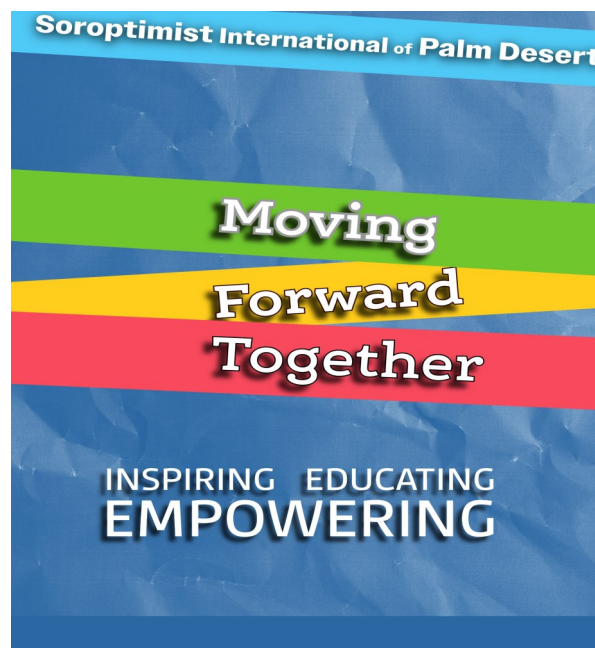
Enjoy the month of November!

Natalie Angrisani

SIPD President

November 11 - Veteran's Day 2025
Honoring all those who served





This message was received after we sent out the newsletter last month.

Greetings from SI Joensuu club

Dear friends

I would like to tell you about our first meeting after our summer break. We went to see an interesting sight in Ylämylly, North Karelia, called Peace Park. There are young trees with foliage planted to symbolise the peace mark, peace emblem.

In the middle of the open field there grows a young planted oak. It is a tree that can live for hundreds of years.

The whole idea of Peace Park was invented by Mika Vanhanen. He is an enthusiastic environmental influencer. Last year he told us about his idea. Recently he became the Ambassador of Knowledge in Slovenia. This honor has been granted since 2014 by Slovenian Life Learning Academy., now the first time for a Nordic person. Peace Parks will be founded in seven towns in inland and abroad as well.

More: <https://www.peacecircle.world/peace-circles>

With Best Wishes

Kaija Santti and Ritva Mikkola

SI Joensuu President

and Eeva, Eija, Kanerva, Marja, Pirkko, Ritva and Sveta who shared the experience.



SIA Club Roadmap

For Success in 2025-2026



SIA's clubs are dedicated to delivering an engaging and impactful experience centered around our mission. We understand and value our members' time, and that serving those who face challenges such as poverty, violence, and teen pregnancy—both locally and globally—can be a demanding task.

To help streamline and support the achievement of our organization's goals, we've created a simple club roadmap for your use. This guide is designed to help provide a fulfilling club experience while also contributing to our broader mission of empowering half a million women and girls through access to education. To strengthen our efforts and enhance our recognition, we ask clubs to focus on the following:

1 IMPACT

Help us reach our 2021-2031 Big Goal by serving more women and girls through *Live Your Dream Awards®*, *Dream It, Be It®* and Big Goal Accelerator Projects.

2 ENGAGEMENT

Grow and retain members by creating an enjoyable and inclusive member experience. Ensure club members are attending SIA's Leadership Round Table.

3 BRAND RECOGNITION

Gain greater recognition by promoting your club's impact through our Dream Programs.

4 PHILANTHROPY

Grow Soroptimist's culture of philanthropy by increasing funds raised to support our Dream Programs and by celebrating member generosity.

That's it! If your club accomplishes the above, we guarantee you will be providing a superior member experience, fulfilling our mission and strengthening Soroptimist's global brand.

For more ideas on how to accomplish the strategies on this roadmap, please consult the following resources:

- [Soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/federation-information/sias-big-goal/index.html](https://soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/federation-information/sias-big-goal/index.html)
- [Soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/program-resources/index.html](https://soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/program-resources/index.html)
- [Soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/for-clubs/index.html](https://soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/for-clubs/index.html)
- [Soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/federation-information/recognition-and-branding-tools/index.html](https://soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/federation-information/recognition-and-branding-tools/index.html)
- [Soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/donate/index.html](https://soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/donate/index.html)



WAYS TO SUPPORT SOROPTIMIST'S MISSION



Donate as an individual



MONTHLY GIVING

Best for: Supporters who want to make a lasting difference through sustained giving

How it works: Set up an automatic monthly gift at any amount. You automatically join *Stargazers*—SIA's recognition program celebrating donors who donate monthly.

[LEARN MORE](#)

ONE-TIME GIFTS

Best for: Donors inspired to give during special campaigns or milestones

How it works: Make a single gift via credit card, PayPal, bank transfer, mailed check, or digital wallet (Apple/Google Pay), whenever you feel moved to give.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Donate as part of a club



CLUB GIVING

Best for: Clubs supporting both local efforts and the broader mission

How it works: Clubs contribute a portion of their locally raised funds back to SIA—we recommend 10%. Gifts can be made alongside dues or anytime during the year.

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FOUNDERS PENNIES

Best for: Clubs who want to uphold tradition in a symbolic, impactful way

How it works: Clubs give \$0.06 per member, multiplied by the number of years since SIA's founding (e.g., \$6.30/member in 2025). Typically given with annual dues.

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Donor recognition programs



THE LAUREL SOCIETY

Honors individuals' lifetime generosity

The Laurel Society is SIA's prestigious recognition program for donors who contribute gifts totaling \$1,000 or more. It's our way of celebrating donors whose generosity has made a transformative impact.

Cumulative giving of \$1,000+ earns you a place in the Laurel Society and you continue to gain levels of recognition as your lifetime giving increases. You receive a pin for each level and are invited to special events.

Every gift you make counts towards your Laurel Society recognition level. You also receive credit if anyone donates in your honor (including family, friends, or a club or region), if you raise funds for SIA through a peer-to-peer fundraiser, or if your employer matches your gift.

- ★ One-time and monthly gifts
- ★ Tribute gifts
- ★ Peer-to-peer fundraisers
- ★ Employer matches



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STARGAZERS

Honors monthly donors' commitment

Anyone with a monthly giving plan is automatically considered a Stargazer and receives a Stargazer pin.

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LAUREL LEGACY

Honors donors with planned gifts

Donors who have included Soroptimist in their estate plans are considered part of Laurel Legacy and receive a special pin.

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More individual giving options

TRIBUTE & MEMORIAL GIFTS

Donors give in honor or memory of someone and can notify the recipient with a personalized message. Clubs or regions may also make a tribute gift to honor one of their members.

PEER-TO-PEER FUNDRAISERS

Rally your network by creating a personal fundraising page and invite friends and family to give.

DAFs AND RMDs

Recommend a grant from your Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) or donate a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA. These options may offer tax benefits.

PLANNED GIVING

Ensure our mission can thrive well into the future by including Soroptimist in your estate plans through a bequest, stock donation, or retirement account.

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Giving as a business



CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

Businesses aligned with our mission who want to give back can make charitable contributions, sponsor programs or events, or offer employee engagement opportunities.

EMPLOYEE MATCHING

Businesses can offer to match donations made by their employees to Soroptimist—doubling their impact.

[LEARN MORE](#)

CONNECT WITH US

There are many ways to connect with us and support our mission. Contact us to learn out about Soroptimist International of Palm Desert and how we work together to improve the lives of women and girls by inspiring, educating, and empowering them.

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MEETINGS

Speaker's Meeting
1st Wednesday of the Month

Business Meeting
3rd Wednesday of the Month

2025-2026 OFFICERS

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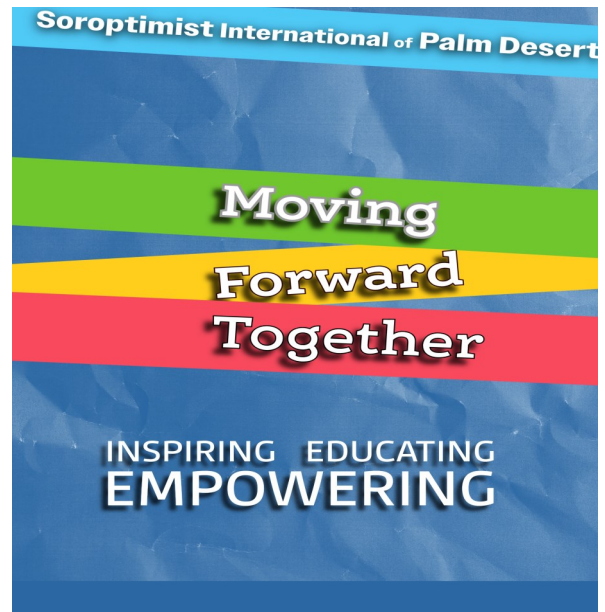
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live
YOUR
dream



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- A woman with primary financial responsibility for yourself and your dependents
- Attending an undergraduated degree program or vocational skills training program
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APPLY FOR THE LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS AT:
[soroptimist.org/awards](https://www.soroptimist.org/awards)

Applications accepted August 1 - November 15