

SEPTEMBER

Plan Ahead

our monthly newsletter

Moving Forward, Together
Inspiring, Educating, and Empowering

Welcome Back from our Summer Break

During the month of August, your incoming board and the available members participated in a planning session for the 2025-26 Club year and we are looking forward to sharing our plans with the full club, once we are all back in town.

Needless to say, our first priority is the Live Your Dream Awards for education. The application process began on August 15, 2025 and will be open until November 15, 2025.

This issue of Plan Ahead will be brief as we spent the summer reflecting on where we are, where we want to be, and how we get there.

On September 3rd, we will have our first meeting of the 2025-26 Club year (we are still meeting at the RAP Foundation). It will be a "Getting to know You" meeting. Let's reconnect with one another and share what interests us. Should you have any prospective members, feel free to invite them as well.

I look forward to seeing everyone and as we work together, let's make this year one in which we will be able to Inspire, Educate and Empower the future.

See you September 3rd..

Natalie Angrisani
SIPD President

READY TO BEGIN
a new life! **live YOUR dream**

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

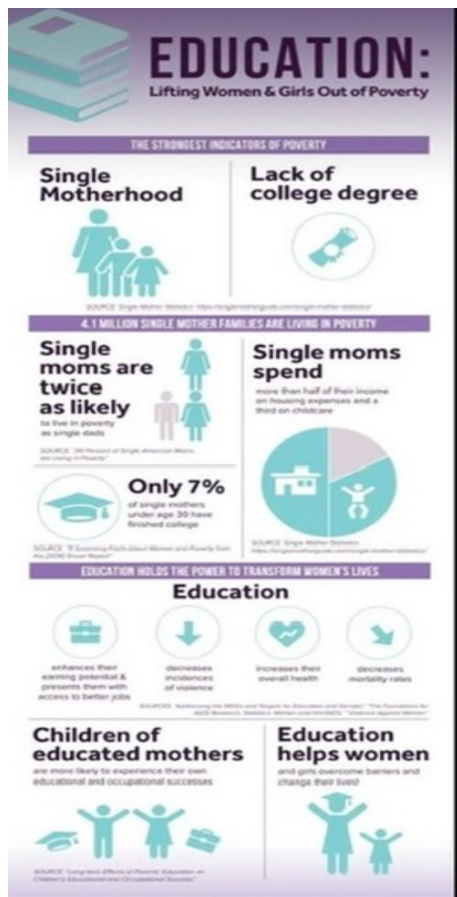
Scan the QR code to apply or contact:

Soroptimist International of Palm Desert Email: SIPD@ipdmail.com

Name: Phone: Online:

Club Application Deadline: November 15, 2025 Amount of Club Award: \$1000 - \$3000

Name: 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.





**Thank You GWR For all
your hard work creating-
a very Uplifting
Leadership Retreat**



A photograph of three women standing behind a brick well structure. The woman on the left is older, with short grey hair, wearing a dark blue button-down shirt and a necklace. The woman in the middle has dark hair and is wearing a white sleeveless top. The woman on the right has long dark hair and is wearing a red long-sleeved shirt. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The well structure is made of red bricks and has a wooden frame around it. The background shows a wooden fence and some foliage.

“Three Coins in the Fountain”

Posing at the wishing well on the recently acquired ranch are, SHOH Board member Becky Goebel, along with Soroptimist International of Palm Desert Club members Jo Corominas, and Shayra Hernandez who also attended the SHOH Open House Event.



BOOTS ON THE GROUND

*A Boot Scootin' Fall Adventure To
Empowerment*

September 26 and 27
Idyllwild

Presented by:
District 2 Director
Charlie Van Cleve

Hosted by:
SI Idyllwild



Registration

Complete one registration form for all members and mail it in with your club check made payable to "Soroptimist Golden West Region"

Registration Fee: \$40

Friday Night Dinner and Dancing: \$36

Saturday Lunch: \$32

Exhibit Tables: \$15

Mail Registration and check to:
Samantha Dewing
PO Box 2668
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
Registration Deadline: September 12, 2025



Hotel Registration

Tahquitz Pines Retreat
55251 S. Circle Dr, Idyllwild, CA
Soroptimist has a block of rooms for September 26th and 27th, at a rate of \$139 plus tax, per night. Reservations can be made:

Online: [Reserve Here](#)

By Phone: 951-659-2934

Large cabins are also an option should your club want to stay together

Room reservation deadline: September 18, 2025



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NOW OPEN

WE WANT TO HELP YOU LIVE YOUR DREAM!

Are you a woman enrolled or accepted into a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program?

Are you the primary financial support for yourself and dependents?

APPLY NOW

[Soroptimist.org/lyda-apply](https://soroptimist.org/lyda-apply)



THINKING ABOUT JOINING SOROPTIMIST?



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Investing in Dreams



MESSAGE US FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

Natalie Angrisani, President
Cathy Brown, President-Elect
Marlon Carier, Secretary
Becky Goebel, Treasurer

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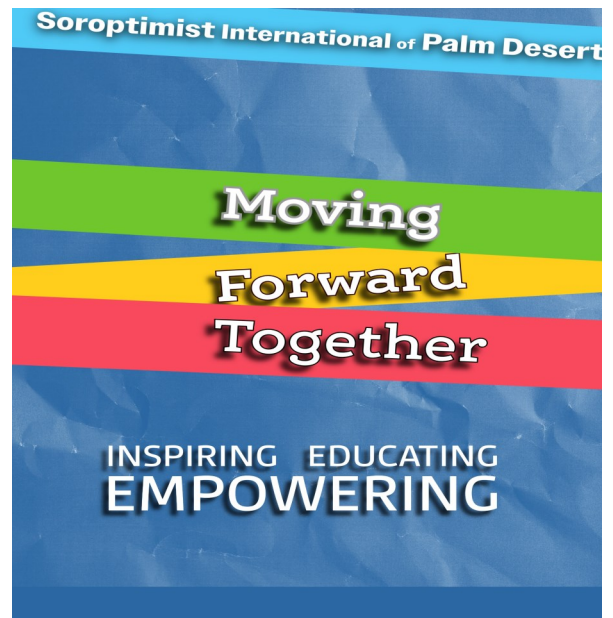
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NEWSLETTER

Natalie Angrisani, Editor



GET READY TO...
live
YOUR
dream



Soroptimist offers \$2.7 Million in education grants each year for eligible women.

You may be eligible if you are:

- A woman with primary financial responsibility for yourself and your dependents
- Attending an undergraduated degree program or vocational skills training program
- In need of financial support for school or living expenses

APPLY FOR THE LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS AT:
soroptimist.org/awards





Applications accepted August 1 - November 15

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education & training awards for women

IGNITING CHANGE
FOR WOMEN




OUR GLOBAL IMPACT IN FY23/24

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|  3.1 MILLION + in education awards disbursed |  2,269 inspiring women received an award |
|  40,000 + volunteer hours |  762 new members joined Soroptimist because of the Live Your Dream Awards |

"Thank you again for your wonderful award program and for recognizing my struggles, but also my hard work and determination to live my dreams."
Western Canada recipient

"Regarding the future, I feel excited, since thanks to you I am about to fulfill one of my dreams and to be sure that my family will not need anything in the future."
Panamanian recipient

WOMEN ARE ECONOMICALLY EMPOWERED

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|  81% completed their education and improved their standard of living |  93% increased their self-esteem |  96% are now living in a safe environment - of the 56% who are survivors of gendered violence |
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"I'm determined to use it not only to improve my life, but the lives of my siblings. But most of all, I'm determined to use it so that I can continue helping others—to mend their lives, to heal, and to spread their own brand of kindness and good in the world."
Eastern Canada recipient

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