



Club Giving Options

Clubs have the opportunity to fulfill SIA's mission by contributing to programs that help women in all countries of our federation. This page is designed to help clubs understand the various fundraising programs that are available. Below is a list of the programs, each of which support and sustain Soroptimist's annual programs such as the Women's Opportunity Awards, Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls, the Violet Richardson Award and the Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence.

Annual Club Campaign

The Annual Club Campaign is the major avenue for clubs looking to make a contribution to SIA. The 2005 Annual Club Campaign will recognize clubs that "Reach for the Stars" and contribute a substantial share of their local fundraising efforts to help other women within SIA's federation countries. Clubs donating \$500 to \$749 will be recognized as a bronze club; a contribution of \$750 to \$999 will earn the club Silver status; and a club can achieve Gold status with a contribution of \$1,000 or more. All club contributions received between September 1, 2004 and May 31, 2005 will be credited to this year's campaign.

Clubs contributing at these levels will also receive a certificate and star award along with recognition on SIA's website at the close of this club year. Clubs contributing to the Annual Club Campaign also fulfill a requirement for the Club Award. Clubs are encouraged to download a club giving form and reach for the stars today!

Founders Pennies

Soroptimist celebrates Founders Day annually on October 3, acknowledging the day in 1921 when the first club in Alameda County, California, called to order its first business meeting. Clubs can celebrate the founding of the organization by contributing Founders Pennies. Each year, every Soroptimist is offered the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution of four pennies for each year of Soroptimist's existence—\$3.36 per member this year. To contribute Founders Pennies, a requirement for the Club Award, include your club's gift with your yearly dues payment, or send your check and a completed financial transaction form to SIA.

Memorials and Honorariums

Another giving option is for clubs to contribute in honor of a valued member's recent achievement, in memory of a cherished club friend or family member, to celebrate a club anniversary or to acknowledge Friendship Links. A memorial or honorarium can be made by simply sending a club giving form with the club's gift. SIA will send a gift or memorial card that notes the club's generosity.

Laurel Society

Clubs can also honor outstanding individuals with membership in SIA's Laurel Society. Established in 1994, the Laurel Society is SIA's major recognition program. What better way to honor an exceptional outgoing club president, a devoted charter member or a remarkable Making a Difference for Women recipient than through the gift of Laurel Society membership? Please note that clubs must name their Laurel Society honorees when submitting the form. SIA is unable to track contributions year to year without the name of the honored individual.