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with Soroptimist International of
Farmington Valley (SIFV)**

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Interested in becoming a Soroptimist? Check to receive a membership packet.

I'd like to support the fundraising event, *A Toast to Women* on March 7, 2015 ___ sponsor ___ volunteer ___ donate auction item; ___ buy ticket and attend

Interested in supporting our mission and programs that help women and girls? We thank you for your financial donation of:

\$ _____

Checks Payable to: SIFV

MAIL FORM TO:

**Soroptimist Int'l of Farmington Valley, CT
c/o Sue McGann
101 Deer Run Drive, CT 06415**

Soroptimist is an international volunteer organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. A 501(c) 3 organization, Soroptimist relies on charitable contributions to fund its programs. Visit www.soroptimist.org to learn more or to make

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SOROPTIMIST
Best for Women

Our Mission:

**Improve the lives of women
and girls through programs
leading to social and
economic empowerment.**

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of Farmington Valley, CT**

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Soroptimist International of Farmington Valley

What is Soroptimist?

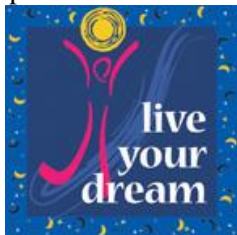
Soroptimist is an international volunteer service organization for professional and community-minded women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. Soroptimist is made up of two Latin words “Soror” and “Optima,” and it means “**The Best for Women.**”

We seek to increase our collective impact to create opportunities for more women and girls and their families.

Founded in 1921, Soroptimist comprises approximately 80,000 members in more than 120 countries and territories worldwide. A 501(c)3 organization,

Soroptimist International understands the needs and issues of women and works collaboratively with our local volunteer clubs to improve living conditions and opportunities for women and girls, globally and locally.

Soroptimist is a membership-driven organization with affordable annual dues. There are no other financial obligations involved, just volunteer your time and energy to make great things happen for the women and girls in our communities. We'd love for you to join us and increase our collective impact!



We put our mission into action with these signature projects:

* **Live Your Dream Award**

This education and training award helps women to improve their economic and social status through educational grants and recognition. (formerly called Women's Opportunity Award)

* **Girls Program**

NEW signature program in development to help empower teen girls to pursue their dreams through education and volunteer leadership.

* **Soroptimist Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence**

Preventing and eliminating domestic violence is a Soroptimist focus. Each year Soroptimist promotes participation in an event on November 25 (the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) that targets domestic violence as a workplace concern.

* **Our Local Club Projects**

Grace Academy – SIFV provides educational workshops at and financial support to middle school girls from low income families in Hartford, CT.

Prudence Crandall Center – SIFV provides financial support to a domestic violence safe house in New Britain, CT and prepares "Welcome Kits" for its residents who are domestic violence survivors.

Best for Women Self-Defense – SIFV provides free workshops for women and girls interested in learning to how to protect themselves and increase self-confidence.

* **Global Projects**

Soroptimist projects throughout the world include: **Stop Trafficking** – an anti-sex trafficking project to build awareness about the issue of human trafficking and sexual exploitation of women and children. **Disaster Grants for Women and Girls** – provides relief and assistance for victims in Haiti and Japan following natural disasters. **Project Independence: Women Survivors of War** provides direct aid to women in war-torn countries such as Afghanistan, Bosnia and Rwanda and helped them meet basic needs for their families.

Soroptimist membership provides a variety of benefits including:

Fulfillment – Working on service projects that improve the lives of others leads to personal satisfaction and recognition from the community.

Friendship – Cultivating relationships with other women with similar interests and values is a central aspect of Soroptimist membership.

Diversity – Meeting and learning about women from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds, and participating in projects that address the needs of women throughout the globe, contributes to world peace and understanding.

Networking – Associating with other women representing a variety of professions facilitates valuable business contacts.

Leadership – Developing skills at the club level results in enhanced professional capabilities as well as leadership opportunities at all levels of the Soroptimist organization.

Education – special programming and guest speakers at our club meetings and conferences help to educate members on the issues that affect women and girls locally and globally. Each member receives a subscription to the award-winning magazine from Soroptimist International of the Americas.

You may also visit our SIA websites:

www.soroptimist.org and
www.liveyourdream.org

Soroptimist clubs in Northeast USA

www.soroptimistner.org

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