



SOROPTIMIST

Best for Women

**Soroptimist International Connecticut Shoreline
Regular Planning Meeting**

East Lyme Public Library, 39 Society Road, Niantic, CT

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Social at 5:30 PM, Meeting 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Invite a friend to enjoy some refreshments and conversation about how you can help women and girls in our community and around the world.

- **Minutes:** Approval of August meeting minutes
- **Board Meeting Report**
- **Financials:** Treasurer Report; Budget; Founders Day Oct.3 (Bring your "pennies"!)
- **Hurricanes Irma & Harvey** - Can we help Soroptimists in those areas?
- **Membership Committee** - Chair Susan Radway
 - New potential members contacted
 - Bring a friend meeting?
- **Public Awareness Committee** - Chair Emma Palzere-Rae
 - 175 "Likes" on Facebook
 - Deb promoted membership event on Facebook (\$20 worth over 7 days)
- **Fundraising Committee** - Chair & members needed
 - Grant writing for Niantic Rotary & Community Foundation
 - Spring fundraiser at Perennial Harmony - TBD date/ theme
 - Nov 8th dinner & auction event @Flanders Fish
 - Members bring friends
 - Need raffle items
 - Need PR for getting people there - focus on fundraising for programs
- **Program Committee** - Chair Deb Moshier-Dunn
 - Safe Futures school backpacks
 - Safe Futures & Madonna Place personal care regular donations
 - Live Your Dream - Program Coordinator Mary Jean Cummiskey
 - Applications need to be in for local by Nov
 - Dream It Be It
 - High School ages, program already created, can facilitate it "out of the box"
 - First school focus = East Lyme because of contacts there
 - Craft Your Dreams Girls Steering Committee
 - Middle School girls (Grades 6-8, 11-14 ages)
 - We are creating the program to make it more hands-on w/same DIBI goals
 - Love to have volunteers to help!

Upcoming Events, Celebrations & Deadlines

Sept 20 DIBI Committee @ Thistlebeads

Sept 22 Celebration of Women-Southeast & Norwich Area Womens & Girls Fund

Oct Mohegan Sun Women's Expo

Oct 3 Founders Day

The collection of Founders Pennies is an important Soroptimist tradition. Each year, every Soroptimist is offered the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution of six pennies for each year of Soroptimist's existence in 1921. ((2017 - 1921) * \$0.06 = \$5.76)

Oct 11 CT Shoreline regular meeting

Oct 21 Regional Fall Workshop @South Windsor Public Library

Oct 28 Craft Your Dreams Hike & Nature Journaling 1:00-4:00

Nov 8 CT Shoreline dinner & auction @ Flanders Fish Market

Nov 15 File IRS 990 form

Nov 25 International Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women

Dec 10 Human Rights Day, Presidents Appeal "Women, Water & Leadership"

<https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/action/international-presidents-appeals/>

Dec 13 CT Shoreline regular meeting

Mar 8 International Women's Day

For your Soroptimist Elevator Speech: "Who We Are"

Soroptimist is a global women's organization whose members volunteer to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. Approximately 76,000 Soroptimists in over 120 countries and territories support community-based and global projects benefiting women and girls. The organization is particularly concerned with providing women and girls' access to education, as this is the most effective path to self-determination.

The name, Soroptimist, means "best for women," and that is what the organization strives to achieve. Soroptimists are women at their best, working to help other women to be their best.

Soroptimist members belong to local clubs. Clubs participate in the Dream Programs of Soroptimist, Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women and Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls to help women and girls achieve social and economic empowerment. The Dream Programs of Soroptimist ensure women and girls have access to the education and training they need to reach their full potential and live their dreams. Soroptimist is committed to investing in programs that have a sustainable, measurable change for women and girls.

Soroptimist also sponsors LiveYourDream.org, an online community empowering offline volunteer action. The self-motivated network is made up of people who wish to support women and girls in their quest to lead better lives, while gaining inspiration in their own lives. Members of the free online community work on topics such as women's economic empowerment, ending violence against women, human trafficking, and more. They also have access to inspirational articles, tips, and blogs that can help them live their own personal dreams.

Soroptimist International is a global volunteer organization that improves the women and girls lives through social and economic empowerment programs.

We invite you to consider becoming a Soroptimist and join thousands of community-minded women worldwide who are contributing their time, talent, and treasure to make a difference in the lives of other women.

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