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Cody Soroptimist News

# Message from our President



*Happy New Year!*

I am certain 2017 will be a great year for our Soroptimist club and our community! We also should not forget the GLOBAL IMPACT that Soroptimist clubs have throughout the world! Be very proud of everything we do locally and abroad!

We have had numerous new members join us, which is great!

Be sure to ask them to join your committees and lend a helping hand! And new members...don't be afraid to volunteer for things that sound interesting to you – after all, we are a volunteer organization and we love it when you put your hands up!

We will need everyone's help with our upcoming Wine Tasting Party event (March 18)! This is our main fundraiser for the year, and it provides us with the financial resources to help those in need! Meetings are held on the same Wednesday as of club meetings at 5:30 pm....please join us!



## Don't Miss This!

Soroptimist International of Cody is one of the largest and arguably, most successful clubs in the Rocky Mountain Region. However, this success is not measured by the number of members or individual accomplishments. Rather, the club is successful because of the number of lives that are positively impacted in our area. This in in no small part through the granting of funds to

worthy organizations within our community.



You don't want to miss the **January Program Meeting**, at which time approximately \$20,000 in grants will be presented to multiple area organizations. This will be a great

opportunity to hear about the good works being done throughout our community and to share in the celebration of giving and working together.

Mark you calendar for January 25th, noon.



# In Case You Missed It

At the December 14th business meeting, Theresa Gunn reported on the compiled survey results for the Cody Club. As you will recall, Soroptimist International of the Americas will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2021. In preparation for the centennial, the membership has collectively decided that the next "Big Goal" for our organization is to:

**Invest in the dreams of women and girls through access to education.**



Recently our club's membership provided input SIA on how to make this goal a reality. Below are the top 3 answers to each survey question for your review. As you participate in the club's activities, projects and committee work this year, it may be helpful to keep these in mind.

### **What can our club do to devote more resources to Dream Programs?**

- #1 Target member recruitment to women interested in our Dream Programs
- #2 Educate our members about the global impact of our Dream Programs
- #3 Focus on increasing the impact of our existing Dream Programs

### **What could our club stop doing in order to devote more resources to the Soroptimist Dream Programs?**

- #1 Stop being tied to long-standing activities and projects that do not directly support SIA's goal of increased collective impact

- #2 Stop responding to every request for financial support we receive from the community

- #3 Stop being resistant to changing our organization's focus

### **What does our club need from our SIA headquarters to support our efforts to increase the impact of the Soroptimist Dream programs?**

- #1 Share best practices of other clubs' implementation of Dream Programs
- #2 Provide more local public awareness tools to get the message out about our Dream Program's impact
- #3 Implement a global awareness campaign to increase the recognition of our Dream Programs impact

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## Speed Dating ~ Soroptimist Style



The January "Speed Dating" (Member Orientation) "was a success and we are looking forward to February's event" according to Tanya Raile, the Membership Committee's Chair. "We had 7 ladies attend, all of whom either joined this year or last year. It was a great opportunity to get a little more in depth about the various facets of Soroptimists." "February's event is open to all ladies, whether they have been a member for 1 month or 10 years, it's a great opportunity for a refresher since things tend to change." Some of the participants are pictured here. **Be sure to mark your calendars for February 2nd (for round two)!**



## Members in Action!

*.....Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.*

The US Postal Service has some big time competition with the local Soroptimists! Despite multiple inches of snow, wind gusts, school closings, slick streets and generally difficult conditions, birthday greetings were delivered to the Park County Hospital Long Term Care Center by two of our dedicated members. Lorna Kincheloe and Tanya Raile took a gift, card, balloon and cookies to the sole birthday lady on December 16th, during one of the 5 worst storms in the past 40 years! “ We had a nice visit, she's a pretty great gal!!”, Lorna shared.

Pictured here is the birthday “girl” and our two brave members. Thank you ladies and happy birthday Diane!



## New Scholarships for High School Girls

This academic year, our club will be offering two new \$1000 scholarships to graduating high school senior girls. Pat Jacobson and Kristin LaBazzo have graciously agreed to coordinate the application process and selection of these awards.

**Available to:** Two graduating senior girls from Cody who plan to further their education either by attending a college, a technical or vocational school. The scholarship awards are \$1000 each.

**Requirements:** Soroptimist International of Cody strives to award these scholarships to girls who exemplify leadership qualities and support our mission to educate and empower women and girls.

We are looking for girls

1. who are leaders in academics, extracurricular or community service activities,
2. who are positive role models who encourage collaboration and teamwork,
3. who are a people of integrity and responsibility, and
4. who are honest, empathetic and good listeners.

### How to apply:

1. Complete the Cody Community Common Application
2. Write a short essay explaining how you exemplify the qualifications above.

**Due Date:** March 16, 2017

***Please share this information with qualified candidates.***



## Your Help Needed!

The Wine Tasting Party planning group is already hard at work making the myriad of plans for this year's party. The planning meetings take place every other Wednesday evening (on the days of the business and program meetings) ~ this makes it easy to remember! The group gathers at First American Title. Just show up!

This working group is made up of sub-committees that take the responsibility for the food, tickets, silent auction, decorations, etc. No matter what type of person you are, or the passions you have, there is a perfect job for you. It is not too late to join in the planning.

Remember, "many hands make light work!"



Be sure to mark your calendar for March 18th, 7—10 pm!

## What Are Dignity Dresses?

In Viet Nam young girls dressed in worn, tattered clothing are prone to becoming prey to attackers. They are presumed to be poor and to come from families without any ability to retaliate for these malicious behaviors. However, if girls are dressed in clean, new-appearing apparel, they are presumed to come from "well-to-do" families who would be able to prosecute. They are much less likely to be targeted for rape and sex trafficking.

It takes only some small pieces of cloth

and/or pillowcases along with some pretty decorations to help these girls on the other side of the world. Once these simple garments are created, they are transported to Viet Nam by a nearly infamous Soroptimist in Fort Collins, Binh Rybacki.

For more details about this important work please go to this website:

<https://massawarenessproject.com/2015/09/binhs-children/>



## Help Our Sister Club ~ Powell



A group from Soroptimist International

of Powell is gathering on Saturday, **January 14th, 9am - 3pm** to make **dignity dresses**. They have invited women from the Cody Club to join them at :

**GLAD TIDINGS ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
(foyer), 777 E. 7th St., Powell

**No sewing skills required!**

**Items to bring** to help you work on the project:

**3 yards double-fold bias tape**

**Thread**

**Scissors**

**Hem Gauge**

**Pins**

**Extension cords**

**Sewing machines (with bobbins)**

**Iron and Ironing Board**

\*If you plan to stay all day, you might want to bring a lunch.

For questions call Donna at 754-7321 or 307-321-5148





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## Making Connections ~ After Hours

Want to try your hand at an artistic endeavor?  
Need to loosen up those inhibits that keep  
you from discovering your most artistic self  
with a glass of wine?

Join us for the January After Hours at Stone  
Soup Studios. We will gather on January 19th  
at 5:30 pm to create a watercolor. Don't  
worry if you don't think you are artistic!  
There will be experienced artists on hand to  
guide you.

This is a great chance to try something new,  
(or repeat a really fun activity if you are an old  
hand); all in the company of a bunch of terrific  
women. The **cost is \$35** for supplies. Wine,  
laughter and camaraderie are all included!



## January/February



- 11 **Business Meeting, noon**
- 11 **Wine Tasting Party Meeting (5:30 pm)**
- 14 **Powell Club Dignity Dresses (see article)**
- 17 **Girl Scout Meeting, (4- 5 pm)**  
*(Boys and Girls Club)*
- 19 **After Hours—Stone Soup Studios (5:30 pm)**
- 25 **Program Meeting—Grant Presentations**
- 25 **Wine Tasting Party Meeting (5:30 pm)**

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- 2 **Membership 101 (6-7:30 pm)**  
*Grizzly Room, Library*

This year .....

## LESS | MORE

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|----------------|---------------|
| TALKING        | LISTENING     |
| PLANNING       | DOING         |
| SODA           | TEA           |
| JUNK FOOD      | SALADS        |
| COMPLAINING    | ENCOURAGING   |
| WORRYING       | HOPING        |
| DOUBTING       | BELIEVING     |
| LAZING AROUND  | WORKING OUT   |
| FROWNING       | SMILING       |
| INSECURITY     | TRUST         |
| WEAKNESS       | CONFIDENCE    |
| IGNORANCE      | UNDERSTANDING |
| HATE           | LOVE          |
| UNGRATEFULNESS | GRATITUDE     |