

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF LOS ANGELES 2023-2024



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & APPLICATION



SOROPTIMIST®

Investing in Dreams

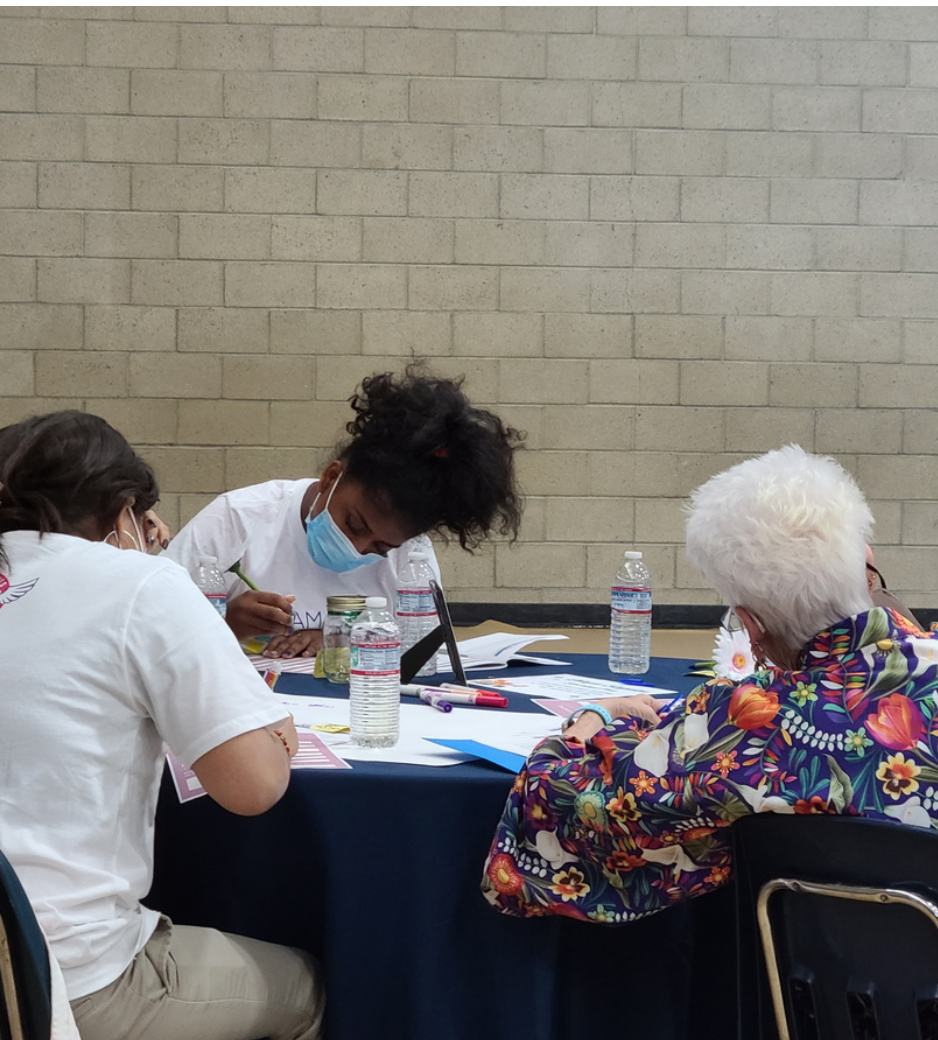
Our Mission

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve personal and economic empowerment.

Soroptimist International of Los Angeles' membership consists of volunteers who create, conduct, develop, and/or support programs that promote the health, safety, and personal and professional growth of women and girls.

SI of Los Angeles was chartered on July 19, 1922. We incorporated in the State of California in 1947 and received our 501(c)3 designation in 1949.

101 Years of Service!





Campaign for Soroptimist International of the Americas

Soroptimist International of the Americas has set an amazing goal - to invest in the dreams of half a million women and girls through our Dream programs. That's four times our current reach!

Realizing half a million big dreams will have an incredible impact on women, their families, their communities, and the world. It has been shown that a quality education - more than any other intervention or solution - holds the greatest potential to transform the lives of women and their children.

Read on to learn about our Dream Programs: [Dream It, Be it: Career Support for Girls](#) and [Live Your Dream Awards: Education and Training Awards for Women](#).



SI of Los Angeles is proud to participate in Dream It, Be It Career Support for Girls. Since 2015, Dream It, Be It has given more than 84,000 girls worldwide the tools they need to achieve their education and career goals. 88% of former participants report feeling more confident about their future success. 86% report feeling more prepared to pursue their career goals, and 91% feel they created achievable goals for their future.

This year SI of Los Angeles collaborated with the Boys and Girls Club of Venice Smart Girl Program as well as Sacred Heart High School. We explored topics such as discovering your dreams, exploring careers, creating achievable goals, rising above obstacles, and balancing stress with more than 300 participants.





2022-2023 Recipients

Soroptimists' Live Your Dream Awards program is a unique education award for women who provide the primary financial support for their families. The Live Your Dream Awards give women the resources they need to improve their education, skills, and employment prospects.

Over half of our Live Your Dream Awards recipients are survivors of domestic violence, trafficking or sexual assault. Nearly all of the women and families we serve have overcome enormous obstacles including poverty, teen pregnancy, and drug or alcohol addiction. Live Your Dream Awards recipients may use the cash award to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education, such as books, childcare, tuition and transportation.



2022-2023 Recipient

JOAN JOHNSON

FELLOWSHIP AWARD

For Women in Graduate Studies

SI of Los Angeles is proud to have offered our graduate fellowship award since 1947. The Joan Johnson Fellowship Award for Women in Graduate Studies is awarded annually to an outstanding graduate student.

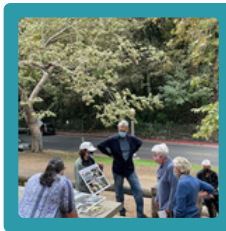
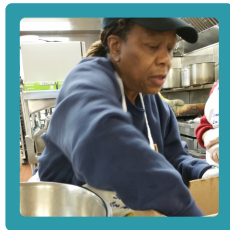
Applicants must be female or identify as female, and be enrolled in a graduate degree program at an accredited institution of higher education in Los Angeles County. Candidates must also have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and 3 letters of reference. The field of study is open, but consideration is given to candidates who have higher financial need and a history of contributing through volunteer efforts with particular attention to the betterment of women and girls.



Downtown Women's Center is the only organization in Los Angeles focused exclusively on serving and empowering women experiencing homelessness and formerly homeless women. SI of Los Angeles is proud to support Downtown Women's Center's efforts.

Our members enjoy donating our time and skills by participating in Downtown Women's Center Cooking Club where we sponsor and prepare a meal for 150 women several times a year.

During the pandemic, our support has been expressed in the donation of sack meals distributed to the Downtown Women's Center's clients.



Since 1932, Soroptimist International of Los Angeles has been proud to lay claim to a little corner of Griffith Park, the Soroptimist Grove. This beautiful spot in the Ferndell area of Griffith Park boasts picnic tables and BBQs, and is located close to the Trails cafe and a children's playground.

In honor of our 100th Birthday, SI of Los Angeles and the Friends of Griffith Park have donated beautiful new BBQs and picnic tables for the Soroptimist Grove.

SOROPTIMIST GROVE IN GRIFFITH PARK

Soroptimist International of Los Angeles kicks off our club year with a planning retreat in August. We are active from September through June each year, with two meetings a month from 6:00-8:00 pm on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Our meetings are held via Zoom but we also meet throughout the year in person for fun membership activities. Attendance is NOT mandatory - we understand there is life outside of Soroptimist!

Throughout the year there are opportunities to meet with other clubs in our Region at the Fall Workshops and Spring Conference.



Why YOU will want to be a member of SI Los Angeles

The importance of volunteerism cannot be overstated. SI of Los Angeles is uniquely focused on and poised to address some of the critical issues and needs facing women and girls. Our values: Gender Equality, Empowerment, Education, Diversity, and Fellowship.

Our club welcomes new members who lend their talents to actualize dreams. But there is more. We delight in the fellowship and friendship that membership offers—with like-minded persons interested in service, achievement and engagement.

SI of Los Angeles meets twice monthly, September through June—either in-person or digitally. Members participate in planned fundraising and program events. And we plan fun times too.

We are waiting to hear from you!



Dues

Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) is our Federation, which consists of clubs in North America, Latin America, and the Pacific Rim. A member of SI of Los Angeles, Ginger Cole, is the current Secretary/Treasurer and President-Elect for Soroptimist International of the Americas! Soroptimist International consists of five federations worldwide.

Camino Real Region (CRR) is our Region. A member of SI of Los Angeles, Lola Abrahamian, is the current Region Governor. Our Region consists of 22 clubs in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

Annual dues are collected each spring. Dues paid support programs (such as the Dream Programs) for our local club, Soroptimist International of Los Angeles, as well as our Region and Federation. Dues are prorated for members joining after January 1st.

Founders Pennies are an optional annual donation to celebrate the founding of our organization and support the global Dream Programs. Founders Pennies are set at \$0.06 per member times the number of years that Soroptimist has been in existence.

Membership dues are due by June 30th of each year and can be paid via Zelle at finance@soroptimist-losangeles.org or by check sent to SI Los Angeles, PO Box 861897, Los Angeles, CA 90086-1897.



2023 - 2024 Annual Dues

MANDATORY

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| Soroptimist Los Angeles | \$ 150.00 |
| Soroptimist International of the Americas | |
| Dues | \$ 76.00 |
| SI Per Capita | \$ 9.00 |
| Liability Insurance | \$ 11.00 |
| New Member Fee | \$ 10.00 |
| Camino Real Region | \$ 30.00 |

TOTAL MANDATORY \$ 286.00

VOLUNTARY

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| Founders Pennies | \$ 6.18 |
| CRR Service Fund | \$ 5.00 |
| CRR Disaster Fund | \$ 5.00 |
| TOTAL VOLUNTARY | \$ 16.18 |

COMBINED MANDATORY AND VOLUNTARY \$ 302.18



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Application for Membership

Thank you for your interest in Soroptimist International of Los Angeles. As someone interested in improving the lives of women and girls, joining Soroptimist will provide you the opportunity to meet others who share an interest in providing and supporting individual and community volunteer service in an atmosphere of collegiality, friendship and fun. Membership in Soroptimist International, extended at the club level, is entrance into an international organization with members who value international goodwill and understanding and the economic, educational and health advancement of all women regardless of origin or social condition.

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Daytime Phone _____

Email (required) _____

Birthdate (optional) _____

Please provide any information you would like to share about yourself:

How did you hear about Soroptimist and/or our club?

Why are you interested in joining our Soroptimist club?

**Please mail your application to SI Los Angeles, PO Box 861897, Los Angeles, CA 90086-1897
or via email to info@Soroptimist-LosAngeles.org**