Soroptimist International of the Americas











Best for Women

Soroptimist International of the East Bay

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WE MEET ON THE SECOND THURSDAY EACH MONTH AT

THE ENGLANDER RESTAURANT IN SAN LEANDRO







The name, Soroptimist, means "best for women," and that's what the organization strives to achieve. We are women at our best, working to help other women to be *their* best.

Our Vision is that women and girls will have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams..

Our Mission is to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

Our organization was founded in 1921 right here in the East Bay to provide an opportunity for professional women to participate in charitable activities specifically benefitting local women in need. The organization is represented by local clubs and has grown to an international organization with clubs formed in more than 130 countries worldwide.

Who We Are

Women at their best helping women to be *their* best.



Our local club, Soroptimist International of the East Bay

is represented by members in Castro Valley, Hayward and San Leandro.

There are also local clubs close by in El Cerrito, Richmond, Oakland, Fremont, San Ramon and Dublin/Pleasanton.

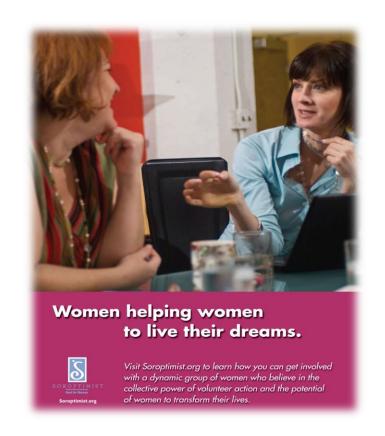




SI of the East Bay Members

What We Do

Our members form an international network of women who volunteer their time and talents to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.



We support local charitable organizations through funds raised by our various fundraising efforts throughout the year.









Oct. 28, 2017

Dec. 2, 2017

Mar. 18, 2017

March 2018

The beneficiaries of our fundraising efforts include local organizations that support women and families in need. This past year we were able to contribute to:

Davis Street Family Resource Center

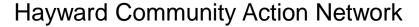


East Oakland Youth Development Center



Building Futures for Women and Children in San Leandro

Alameda County Deputy Sheriff's Activity League















Holiday Boutique







Annual Awards
Dinner and
Silent Auction



Soroptimist Programs and Projects

Soroptimist believes the most effective way to empower women and girls is by providing them with access to educational opportunities.

- Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women (formerly Women's Opportunity Awards)
- Fellowship PhD Grants (specific to our Region)
- Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women
- Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls
- Violet Richardson Award
- Disaster Grants for Women and Girls

Soroptimist of the East Bay Programs

Violet Richardson Award

• This is an annual \$500 Award given to a high school girl age 14 to 18 who is doing exceptional volunteer work in our community.



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Live Your Dream Award

o This is an annual \$1,000 award given to a deserving woman in our local community who is going to school to improve her

financial standing.



Soroptimist of the East Bay Programs

Fellowship PhD Grants

- This project of the Founder Region is dedicated to advancing the status of women by raising money to award to outstanding women in the final phase of their doctoral program.
- o Since its inception in 1948, Fellowship, Inc. has distributed over \$1,000,000 to over 300 women.
- This past year, 10 recipients shared \$100,000 in Fellowship awards.
- Their work has contributed significantly to science, technology, education, the environment, women's issues and international relations.

2017 Fellowship Award Recipients







Why we are Soroptimists...

"I enjoy working with women who are dedicated to using their talents to contribute to the community we live in a variety of ways. Collective energy is inspiring to me and I love partnering with a group of individuals who weave energy, fun and creativity into the things they do."

"Growing up I was surrounded by women who suffered various trials, from domestic abuse to low self worth to health concerns. Each of those women helped me understand how important it was to be strong and help others be strong. I'm proud to be part of an organization that empowers women and raises their quality of life."

"I believe that women are strong and that given the tools and the opportunity we can make our way in the world without fear, abuse, and exploitation. I am delighted to be a part of something that will help make that happen."

Fun Social Activities

We are a active social group who enjoys each other's company in a variety of activities.

- Judges for the annual Chile Cookoff
- Faith Fancher 5k walk
- Holiday Party
- Summer Meet and Greet
- Wine tasting at Chouinard Vinyards
- Jewelry Parties

Fun Activities











Do you want to make a difference in your community?

JOIN US TODAY FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DIRECTLY CHANGE THE LIVES OF WOMEN AND GIRLS!

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