

SOROPTIMIST DREAM PROGRAMS, AWARD CHANGES & NEW DEADLINES

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THE DREAM PROGRAMS



IF YOU WANT HAPPINESS FOR AN HOUR:
TAKE A NAP. IF YOU WANT HAPPINESS
FOR A DAY: GO FISHING. IF YOU WANT
HAPPINESS FOR A YEAR: INHERIT A
FORTUNE. IF YOU WANT HAPPINESS FOR
A LIFETIME: HELP SOMEONE ELSE.

—CHINESE PROVERB



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LIVE YOUR
DREAM
EDUCATION
AND
TRAINING
AWARDS
FOR WOMEN

**This is the new name of the
Woman's Opportunity Award.
The criteria remains the same,
but deadlines have changed.**

**Club Application Period-
Suggested to end on
November 15, 2014.**

**Club submission to Region-
Now February 15, 2015.**



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**DREAM IT
BE IT
CAREER
SUPPORT
FOR GIRLS
PROGRAM**

- This is the “New Girl Program” that we have been waiting to learn more about. It will be implemented in phases.
- The program will be targeted at girls in high school who face obstacles to their future success.
- It will provide girls with access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live their dreams.
- In the future, the program will also include financial award components (details are expected to be announced at the 2015 Spring Conference)



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The goal of the initial phase of the program is to determine how to implement a program in the club's community that will provide girls with the information and resources that they want and need to be successful.

SIA will supply the curriculum for the program. This is expected to be released in January.



**INITIAL
ANALYSIS OF
THE
COMMUNITY;
TOOLKIT**

In the meantime, clubs should use the program toolkit to think about the program and how it could be carried out in their communities.

What issues exist in your community in regards to obstacles?

Would small group sessions or a large conference work best for your community?

Are there other groups to partner with to initiate the program?

Are there businesses you can partner with to initiate and carry-out the program and/or have them sponsor the events?



**PROGRESS
REPORTS;
FIRST
DEADLINE**

Club progress reports will be due throughout the first years of the program.

The first progress report is due February 15, 2015 to the Region Chair, Johann Dretchen, 140 Chevy Chase Street, #306, Gaithersburg, MD 20878; jdsd1021@gmail.com)



**QUESTIONS AND
DISCUSSION**



OTHER
AWARDS
AND
DEADLINES



Celebrating Success

“Club Award”



Other Programs and Calendar
Items



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CELEBRATING
SUCCESS
AWARDS

These awards recognize successful club projects that improve the lives of women and girls, and that promote Soroptimist as an organization with that mission. These awards recognize the best practices of Soroptimist clubs in each of the four areas of SIA’s strategic plan: fundraising, membership, program and public awareness.

In the past, the Region and Federation had their own awards, but, as announced at Spring Conference, there is a new process. Clubs will now apply only to the Region for the awards, the Region will choose the Region winners, and the Region winners will be submitted to SIA for Federation consideration. The new deadline is July 1, 2015.



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**THE "CLUB
AWARD"**

The "Club Award" no longer exists. This recognition award has been replaced with a new "Certificate of Appreciation" that will honor clubs that have met the below requirements:

1. Participate in SIA Programs (the Dream Programs);
2. Support SIA's Culture of Philanthropy (contribute 10% of funds raised locally to the Club Giving program; donate Founders Pennies); and
3. Grow Engagement with SIA (provide personal email addresses to SIA; submit Celebrating Success award applications; focus on recruiting new members and creating a happy and healthy club experience).

*** NOTE: Clubs do not apply for the award; clubs that meet the requirements will automatically receive the certificate.



**VIOLET
RICHARDSON
AWARD
AND
THE RUBY
AWARD**

These programs are now only Club and Region-level awards/recognition programs.

The Region will be awarding the Violet Richardson Award (\$250 to the honoree and \$250 to her charity of choice) in 2015 and 2016. Club submissions are due by February 15, 2015, to the Region Chair (Cindy Swicegood, 307 Main St., Stevensville, MD 21666; cindyswicegood@yahoo.com).

The Region will no longer be awarding a monetary Ruby Award. Clubs that do continue the program should submit winner information to Governor Robin Davis so that the winners may be considered for workshops or presentations at Spring Conference.



CALENDARS Calendars with the various program deadlines, ballot deadlines, etc., are included in the handouts. The calendar can also be found at:

<http://www.soroptimist.org/members/membership/membershipdocs/clubadmin/14-15-club-calendar.pdf>



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