

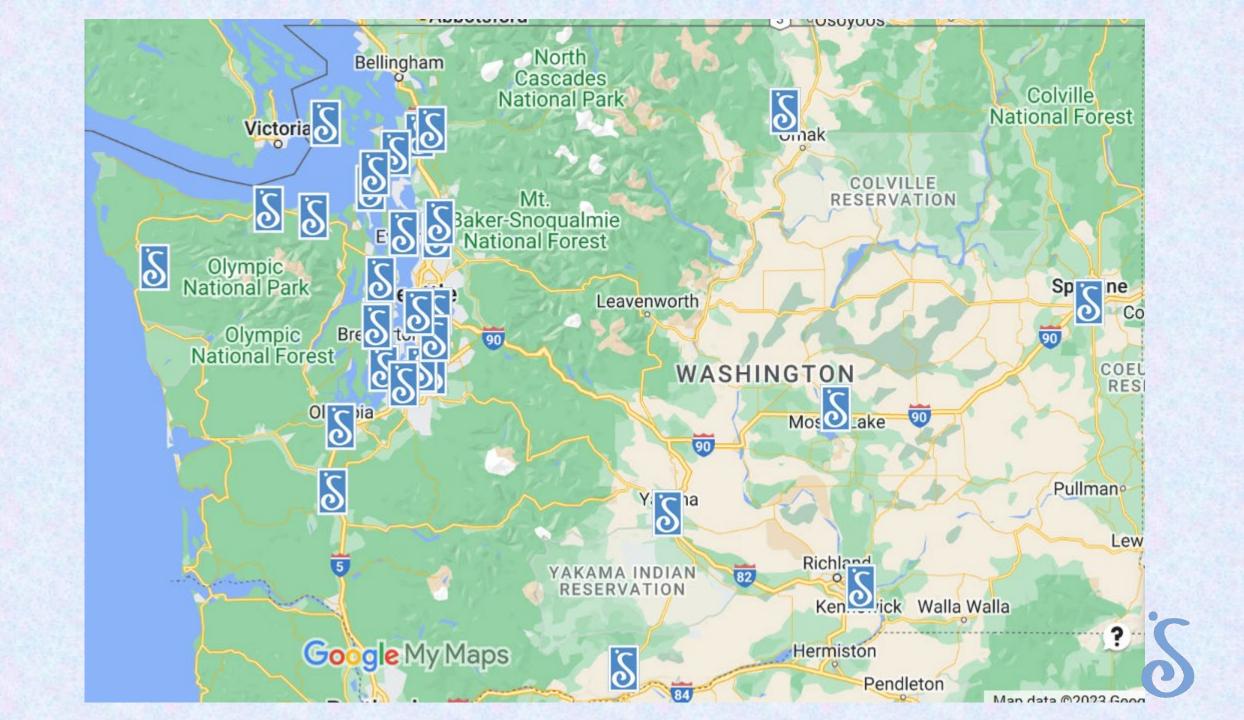
SOROPTIMIST®

Investing in Dreams

Soroptimist International of Olympia

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

Our Vision Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.



Soroptimist Northwestern Region

https://www.soroptimistnwr.org/clubs/

District 1 – Alaska, Western Washington except for the southwestern edge bordering Oregon

District 2 – Southwest Washington and all of Oregon except the northeastern corner

District 3 – Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho and Northeastern Oregon

District 4 – All of Montana

Washington Clubs

Anacortes

Auburn

Bellevue Metropolitan

Burlington

Centralia / Chehalis

Coupeville

Everett

Federal Way

Friday Harbor

Gig Harbor

Greater Bremerton Area

Greater North Kitsap

La Conner

Marysville

Oak Harbor

Olympia

Olympic Rain Forest

Port Angeles (2)

Port Orchard

Renton

Seattle Metropolitan

Seattle South

Sedro-Woolley

Sequim

South Whidbey

Tacoma

Clark County (Vancouver)

Goldendale

Lower Yakima Valley

Moses Lake

Okanogan Valley

Pasco-Kennewick

Spokane

Three Rivers

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Soroptimist Organizational Structure

	Local	Area	District	Region	Federation	International
	SI Olympia (SIO)	South Sound	District 1	Northwestern Region (NWR)	SI of the Americas (SIA)	Soroptimist International (SI)
Members	22			2,298 (2022)	25,000+	66,000+
Clubs	<u> </u>	7	28	79	1,000+	3,000+
Divisions	<u>-</u>	-	3 Areas in District 1	4 Districts in NWR	31 Regions in SIA	5 Federations in SI
Countries		<u> </u>			21	120
Meeting frequency	Board 1/mo Members 2/mo	Annual meeting	Annual meeting	Annual conference	Biennial convention (every 2 years)	Quadrennial convention (every 4 years)
Meeting Schedule	1st, 2nd and 4th Tues	Sat AM in March	Fri-Sun in Oct	Thurs-Sun in April	Wed-Sun in July	June or July
Notes		Auburn, Renton, Kent, Federal Way, Tacoma, Olympia, Centralia/Chehalis	Western WA, Alaska	Washington, Oregon, Montana, Alaska, Northern Idaho (WOMAN)	North and South America, Guam, Japan, Korea, Taiwan	SI of the Americas SI of Great Britain and Ireland SI of Europe SI of the Southeast Asia Pacific SI African Federation



Past Notable Olympia Soroptimist Members!

- Pearl Wanamaker Washington State Representative, Senator and Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Helen Shank Superintendent of Maple Lane School for Girls and first female on Board of Pardons and Parolees
- Paula Hammond Washington State Secretary of Transportation
- Jocelyn Dohm Owner and Printer, The Sherwood Press Studios
- Maxine Daly 1971 Labor Department Regional Director
- Esther Seering Executive Secretary to Gov. Dan Evans
- Alta Grim 1970 Acting State Librarian
- Maryan Reynolds Headed Washington State Library 1951-1967
- Joyce Cheeka 1965 Washington State Mother of the Year
- Alice Watts Daily Olympian staff reporter and feature writer
- Kathleen Houston Executive Director Girl Scouts Pacific Peaks Council

Celebrating Over 80 Years of Giving!

Soroptimists To Head Gift Collection Drive

Give to One More, was the plea made Tuesday by Mrs. Lois Beil Sandall, in the luncheon meeting of Soroptimist Club, where, as a guest of the club, she described the efforts of Service Men's Clubs to see that not one man in uniform shall be forgotten this Christmas.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Sandall, who is first vice-president of American Federation of Soroptimist Clubs, the Olympia club is taking the initiative in the service clubs' drive to gather gifts for all service men in the Puget Sound area. Mrs. Sandall is contact you



ian, Sunday, May 10, 1953

Soroptimists Award Scholarship



Each year the Olympia Soroptimist Clu o gives scholarships to girls in their second or third year of study at St. Peter Hospital School of Nursing, to assist them in completing their courses. Recipient of the Soroptimist a ward this year is Eileen Wecker, daughter of Mrs. Mary Wecker of Raymond. Miss Wecker completes her nurses training in September. Among her responsibilities as a student is keeping a close watch over the process of intravenous feeding, as demonstrated in the above Sunday Olympian photograph, taken saveral days ago in St. Peter Hospital. The patient is Mrs. Virgil T. Worth. Sister Carmelina, superintendent of student nurses, stands at the left. Pictured at the right are womembers of the Olympia Soroptimist Club. They are Mrs. Lloyd Griffin, who was elected president last week, and the outgoing president of the group. Mrs. J. Newton Grim. Soroptimist chairman of the service objective committee is Miss Maryan Reynolds. This picture ties in with the observance, starting today, of National Hospital Week. The Sisters of the Olympia hospital have designated this Tuesday as Hospital Day. They invite all residents of Olympia and Thurston County to call at St. Peter's between the hours of two and five o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Tours of all sections of the lospital are planned during this open house. Hospital personnel will show visitors to the various departments, and to the School of Nursing and the nurses' annex.



GIFT TO CHAPTER — A demonstration on the use of Resusci-Arme, a life-flike model used in teaching heart massage and mounth-to-mouth resuscitation, highlighted the weekly meeting of Olympia Sorgium mist Club. Examining the model in the above Sundwist Club. Examining the model in the above Sundwist Club. Examining the model in the above Sundwist Club. The control of the control of

tives chairman for the Scroptimists; Dr. Kodniy Brown, another volunteer who has been "giving instructions in the model"s use; and Thelma Steffler, Scroptimist president. The Scroptimists purchased the Scroptimist president. The Scroptimists purchased the Scroptimist president. The Scroptimist purchased the Scroptimist president president of Theorem Scroptimists of Theorem Scroptimists of Scroptimists



Mrs. Rhodes' explanation was sufficient to win Olympia Scroptimists. They voted a couple of weeks ago to use \$1,500 of their funds for a slit lamp. Another \$400 they have added to construction funds being accumulated by Thurston and Mason Alcholism Recovery Council

Dr. Robert Brunton was the man Mrs. Rhodes and her committee consulted after they heard St. Peter's needed a slit lamp. He described the instrument. He explained the microscope is mounted so that it utilizes variable light sources, allowing the doctor to see clearly the anterior part of the eye — cornea, iris and lens — and can distinguish the five layers of the cornea, even identify individual cells.

"By dilating the eye and using still another lens," said Dr. Brunton, "it's possible to see most of the back of the eye."

Dr. Brunton, assisted by colleagues, found a good, secondhand slit lamp for \$2,000. He said the hospital probably will add the



SOROPTIMIST MARIE LATHROP EXAMINES SLIT LAMP
Dr. Robert Brunton Displays His Own Lamp

\$500 over-bulge beyond Soroptimist's gift. New slit lamps, Dr. Brunton said, cost from \$3,500 to \$5,000.

The antique show and flea market with which Soroptimist Club raises funds for its community projects is an annual affair. This year's sale will take place May 21 and 22 on the Thurston County Fairgrounds. Antiques offered by dealers all over Washington and from out of state will be sold from booths they rent from Soroptim-

Lesser treasures will be sold in

a flea market section. Men's and women's service clubs also may engage booths for their own pet projects; and craftsmen may rent booths from which to sell their wares or merely demonstrate their crafts.

Food will be available on the grounds throughout the sale period; and entertainment will be supplied for the enjoyment of shoppers who are taking breathers be-

The sale will start at 10 a.m.

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Antique sales will buy help for

Soroptomist's program provides dental work for low-

By Alice Watts The Olympian

child sitting open-mouthed in a dental chair somewhere in Olympia never may have heard of Soroptimists International or the service club's antique and collectible show Saturday and Sunday.

Funds from the show, nonetheless, may be paying for the child's dental work.

Soroptimists International of Olympia is gearing up for the annual event it has sponsored for the last 15 years. Soroptimist president Kathleen Houston described it as a fund-raiser that has provided thousands of dollars for scholarships, contributions to charitable projects and its own three-year-old program, dental care for children.

Houston said that since the project started in October 1985, 87 children have received \$9,200 worth of dental care.

children

assistance," she said. "These are the chil-

Houston said the family must reside in

Thurston County and meet the same qual-

ifications as required by the Federal Com-

munity Service Administration. Dentists

who treat children under the Soroptom-

All children served are referred by the

Community Care and Dental Clinic, 413

Lilly Road N.E., Olympia. Arline Bu-

chanan, chairman of the club's service

committee, suggested that anyone who

knows of a child younger than 12 who

needs the Soroptimist program should no-

tify the Community Care Clinic and pro-

vide basic information about the

The clinic will screen the family for

qualification and make a referral to a par-

ists' program do so at discounted rates.

-income kids

dren we want to reach.'

youngster.

ticipating dentist.

What: Antique and Collectible show Who: Soroptomists International of Olympia

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 9 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 10.

Where: Thurston County Fairgrounds, 3054 Carpenter Road. How much: \$2 per person, children under 12 free.

The antique show will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Thurston County Fairgrounds, 3054 Carpenter Road, Lacey.

Dealers in antiques and collectibles, plus a few crafts artisans and demonstrators, will display and sell their wares. Meals and snacks will be served in Heritage House throughout the show.

Periodically each day, limited silent and live auctions will take place. Near the show's conclusion, winning ticket holders will receive a three-day Reno holiday, a fistful of Washington lottery tickets and dinner for two in the Tyee Hotel dining

Houston said the Soroptimist (the name means "best for women") show is the club's only public money-raiser for its community projects, of which the dental program is foremost.

It provides emergency dental treatment for children of grade school age whose parents' incomes are below poverty level (example: a family of four receiving \$933 or less each month).

"We learned there are many in this area who cannot afford dental care for their children because they lack income, insurance and/or are unable to qualify for state



Cheryl Haselhorst The Olympian Dentist Danny Davidson checks Nathan Yale, 5.



Renovation of the Community Center kitchen, a long overdue project, is underway now—thanks to Olympia Soroptimist Club. Members of the women's service organization signed their names to a \$500 check to cover the cost of the improvement project. The club also anted up \$200 for a new stove for the center. Jocement project. The club also anted up \$200 for a new stove for the center. Jocement project when the above Sunday Olympian photo was taken. Eleanor Graham eling work when the above Sunday Olympian photo was taken. Eleanor Graham eling work when the above Sunday Olympian photo was taken. Eleanor Graham eling work when the above Sunday of Soroptimist of Mrs. T. I. Grenter). Soroptimist are sident, was handing over the \$500 check to Mrs. T. I. a spending Pitts, representing Olympia Parks and Recreation Department. In a spending Pitts, representing Olympia Parks and Recreation Department. In a spending Hoffman, an Olympia High graduate who attends Columbia Basin Junior College.

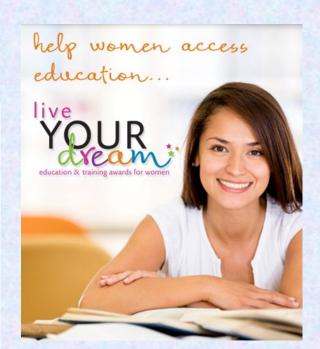








education & training awards for women





Soroptimist of Olympia Live Your Dream Award recipient





Nnenna David-Uka Associates Computer Science



Soroptimist of Olympia Live Your Dream Award recipient





Lola Hudspeth Associates ESL Spanish



Soroptimist of Olympia Live Your Dream Award — and Continuation Award recipient





Sarah Courtney

Associates – Administrative Assistant

Live Your Dream

- In the past 15 years, 16 local women have received education awards while attending college.
- 11 women have gone on to receive a continuation education award.
- Soroptimist International invests more than \$1.7 million in education grants to over 1,300 women every year.



Steps in Opportunity Tech Award

2022

Funds to support technology needs to local Thurston County students.

2023



Hannah Gaus

Alejandra Placencia





Hope Africa University





Larissa



Sibongile

20 Scholarships to women attending medical school in Rwanda, Africa



S.T.E.A.M. Training for Middle School Students











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200+ hygiene backpacks given to Thurston County Foster Youth



Soroptimist Business Meetings





Soroptimist Program Meetings



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Indian Summer Golf and Country
Club

Applications accepted until Feb 3, 2024



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Thank you!

