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24 April 1975

Regional Governor Margaret Knott
Soroptimist International Association
Hilton Hawaiian Village
Honolulu, Hawaii

I wish to express my warmest aloha to the members of the Soroptimist International of the Americas and my congratulations on its status as the largest international women's classified service club.

Please extend my best wishes for continued service and success to the many members from California, Nevada and Hawaii and my personal welcome to President Klotz, Mrs. Ward, founder president of Oakland, and Mrs. Sen, president of the Council of Japan.

May you all have a fruitful and memorable meeting in Hawaii.

Aloha,

DANIEL K. INOUE
United States Senator

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF HONOLULU

2542 Malama Pl.
Honolulu

988-4273

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
U.S. Senator
Capital Investment Bldg., Suite 602

Dear Senator Inouye,

The Southwestern Region, Soroptimist International of the Americas is holding its regional meeting at the Hilton Hawaiian Village this weekend, April 25-27. Approximately 450 members of the 150 clubs from California, Nevada and Hawaii will be participating. They will be joined by 50 Soroptimists from the Council of Japan. Soroptimist International is the largest international women's classified service club.

We would welcome telegram greetings from you addressed to Regional Governor Margaret Knott, Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Also present will be the President of the Soroptimist International of the Americas, Mrs. Ruth B. Klotz; founder president of the first club chartered in Oakland, Calif. in 1921 Mrs. Violet Richardson Ward; and president of the Council of Japsn, Mrs. Kayoko Sen.

The Soroptimist International of Honolulu is the Hostess club, assisted by the other clubs in the State--~~Waikiki~~, West Oahu, Maui, West Maui and Kona.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Jeanne Paty

Jeanne Paty, president.

Soroptimist Objects

To maintain high ethical standards in business and professional life.

To strive for human rights for all people and, in particular, to advance the status of women.

To develop a spirit of friendship and unity among Soroptimists of all countries.

To quicken the spirit of service and human understanding.

To contribute to international understanding and universal friendship.

Soroptimist International Association Headquarters

63, Bayswater Road,
London W2 3PJ
England

Soroptimist Federation of the Americas Inc.

Publication: The American Soroptimist
8 issues a year

Headquarters: 1616 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

European Federation of Soroptimist Clubs.

Publication: The Link
4 or 5 issues a year

Headquarters: (temporary)
Rue Dodonee 28
B-1180 Brussels, Belgium.

Federation of Great Britain and Ireland.

Publication: The Soroptimist
11 issues a year.

Headquarters: 63, Bayswater Road,
London W2 3PJ

SOROPTIMIST

INTERNATIONAL

ASSOCIATION



Founded 1921

The Soroptimist International Association is a worldwide organization of classified service clubs. It unites outstanding professional and executive business women to promote Soroptimist objects and to co-operate with other organizations for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

History

The name Soroptimist was derived from Latin and is translated as "best of women, best for women."

- 1921 First Club formed in Oakland, California
- 1927 Soroptimist International Association established.
- 1928 Soroptimist Federation of the Americas and European Federation of Soroptimist Clubs established.
- 1930 The Venture Clubs in England were merged with the Soroptimist Clubs under the Soroptimist name. The first Venture Club had been founded in Bristol, England, in 1920.
- 1934 The Federation of Soroptimist Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland established.
- 1971 Golden Jubilee celebrated.

Programme

The Soroptimist International Association adopts broad programmes to:

- Increase International understanding.
- Extend human rights and promote the status of women.
- Promote literacy and strengthen educational opportunities.
- Develop community service.
- Co-operate with United Nations agencies.
- SIA has consultative status with:

United Nations Headquarters in New York and Geneva.

The United Nations Economic and Social Council

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

The Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

It has been placed on the International Labour Organization Special List and participates in the programme of the United Nations Commissions on the Status of Women and Human Rights and the World Food Programme (FAO).

The universal aim of Soroptimists is to act for the betterment of mankind in a changing world.

Federations

The three Federations are equally represented on an International Board. There are over 55,000 members in more than 1,700 Clubs, who can attend the International Conventions which are held every four years in different parts of the world.

Federations recommend programme emphasis and work on those aspects of adopted programme most appropriate to them. They may add others if they wish.

Clubs

Clubs retain their individual character. They hold meetings, invite speakers, have discussions to find out the needs of the community, and take action to respond to those needs.

Members can attend meetings of Soroptimist Clubs all around the world. This privilege offers the possibility of personal international friendship and understanding.

Membership is by invitation of the Club and is classified. Each business or profession may be represented by eligible members chosen for their professional, executive and individual qualities.

Soroptimist Clubs provide an opportunity for women from various cultures and occupations to meet and work together.