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***Fort Collins Club History***  
***55 Years with SI FC: 1950 through 2005***

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Addendum

Club Presidents' Annual Reports  
beginning with 2004-05 Club Year

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of women and girls,  
in local communities  
and throughout  
the world

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## SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

*Soroptimist is an international volunteer service organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. About 95,000 Soroptimists in more than 120 countries and territories contribute their time and financial support to community-based projects benefitting women and girls.*

## DEDICATION

This history is dedicated to Grace Latham, Charter member, Past President, and 55-year member of Soroptimist International of Fort Collins. Grace is a positive role model for other members. She was an advocate for the Fort Collins Venture Club. She supported club projects and also served others in the community in her own quiet way.

The club presented Grace with the "Women Helping Women" award in 1979. Her dedication to club and community was represented by a certificate given to her in 2000 for "50 years of Soroptimist Service and Friendship." In 2005, the club presented her with a "Special Spirit Award."

Members of SIFC were delighted to celebrate with family and friends at Grace's 90th, 99th and 100th birthdays. Grace's attitude toward life is a lesson to all and a joy to behold.

## SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

### *THE CHARTER CEREMONY*

Soroptimist International of Fort Collins was chartered February 25, 1950, by Soroptimist International of Greeley, Colorado. The charter was presented by Emma Laub, Rocky Mountain Region Director, during a banquet held in Ammons Hall on the campus of Colorado A&M College. The charter was accepted by the charter president, Dagmar Gustafson. The charter officers and members were :

Dagmar Gustafson, President	Hazel Baechler	Grace L. Latham
Myrtle Hinds, Vice President	Geraldine Baker	Wilma E. Mills
Mary Anderson, 2nd Vice President	Ruth Bradley	Gladys Nutter
Dorothy Eacret, Recording Secretary	Hazel Cameron	Dorma "Dot" Rouse
Ferne Bowman, Corresponding Secretary	Blanche Farmer	Georgia S. Shanstrom
Mildred Holste, Treasurer	Ada E. Fordham	Mary R. Stanley
	Eulah G. Goodding	Alta H. Swallow

One hundred attended the installation banquet, and guests from ten service clubs indicated their goodwill and esteem for the principles of Soroptimism by their presence and floral gifts. Members of the local Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Optimist, Quota, and Business and Professional Women's clubs and members of the Junior and Senior Chambers of Commerce were among those present. Also attending were members of the Soroptimist clubs of Aurora, Boulder, Denver, Laramie and Greeley.

### *WHEN SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF FORT COLLINS WAS CHARTERED ..*

- The City of Fort Collins covered 2.98 square miles; the population was 14,937.
- Guy Palmes was City Manager; Robert W. Hayes was Mayor.
- There was one high school .. Fort Collins High School; one junior high .. Lincoln Junior High School.
- Colorado A&M College was coming to life under the leadership of Dr. William E. Morgan, and the campus was expanding. There were 3,000 students enrolled.
- The Colorado Big Thompson Water Project was completed, and water would soon begin to fill Horsetooth Reservoir.
- The Korean War would soon begin.
- A price war sent down the price of coffee to 21 cents a pound. Gasoline was 25 cents a gallon, milk 21 cents a quart, 6-oz Coca Cola 5 cents, and bread 15 cents a loaf.
- Doctors made house calls, and dry cleaning was delivered.
- Shopping was done downtown. The First National Bank was on the southeast corner of College Avenue and Mountain Avenue, and the Poudre Valley Bank was on the southwest corner.
- There were three traffic lights, all on College Avenue at the corners of Laporte Avenue, Mountain Avenue and Olive Street.
- Prospect Street (later "Road") was unpaved, and there was a big traffic circle at the east end of Mulberry Street.
- The street car/trolley system in Fort Collins had been featured in the *Saturday Evening Post* in an article in 1947. It praised Fort Collins as "the smallest town in the United States to boast a trolley system." The last run would be made June 30, 1951.
- Careers for women were primarily as clerks, teachers, nurses and secretaries. But changes were beginning.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE FINANCIAL SUPPORT .. DONATED ITEMS .. HANDS-ON PROJECTS

When the Fort Collins club was chartered, service was the foundation for Soroptimist International and the purpose for the local club. Members suggested projects, large and small, which would enhance lives and bring comfort.

Many projects undertaken by Soroptimist International of Fort Collins (SIFC) over its 55-year history were large and received recognition; however, many were not. Where there was an immediate need, the club would try to help. They would offer a ride or serve a meal. The club members' intent wasn't to do things that would receive publicity but to help those in need whenever and however they could. The Soroptimist outreach in service was not so much a handout as it was a hand up. That is still true.

The club has reached out to the entire Fort Collins area, other parts of Colorado, across the nation, and around the world through service dollars, donated items, and hands-on projects. The lists which follow do not include every project undertaken, but they will show the tremendous impact Fort Collins Soroptimists have made in the lives of women close to home and far away.

### *LONG-TERM SERVICE PROJECTS*

#### AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

In 1999, SIFC started an association with the American Cancer Society by agreeing to chair the Luminaria Display for the annual Relay for Life. Ann Rutledge has served as the club representative. Members distributed and collected donation forms used for those in the community to honor cancer victims and/or survivors with luminaria bags on which the honorees' names are printed by club members. The luminarias are placed around a running track. The names are read in a ceremony from a list prepared from the forms. The word "HOPE" is illuminated on a large sign placed within the track by club members. The club has also had a team which took part in the relay.

#### CHILDREN OF PEACE INTERNATIONAL (COPI)

In 1995, club president Judy Robinson was introduced by member Connie Pfeifferberger to a young Vietnamese woman by the name of Binh Nguyen Rybacki. The idea was for Binh to present a program to the club about her homeland of Vietnam, the country she fled with her family on April 30, 1975, before the fall of Saigon. She would share how she had gone back in 1993 and simply could not forget the things she saw, especially the plight of the children she found trying to survive as street peddlers, beggars and prostitutes. Binh told of the organization she had formed to help these children .. Children of Peace International. She is now "Aunt Binh" and "Mother" to over 4,500 children in Vietnam.

Binh's program was at a meeting which included the Fort Collins Venture Club and the Soroptimist and Venture clubs of Laramie, Wyoming. That was the beginning of a special partnership. SIFC started their contributions with a \$150 donation in 1996, and many donations have followed.

In 1999, Binh was a speaker at the District III/IV Meeting which SIFC hosted. Members in attendance opened their hearts and pockets and donated \$317 to Children of Peace. More importantly, Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) Governor Elect Margo Hartman started the process to make Children of Peace International a Region Service Project. The region has continued their support through the 2002-2004 and 2004-2006 bienniums. RMR Soroptimist clubs and members have donated over \$18,000 to build a vocational school in Vietnam, donated \$15,000 in 2002-2004 for Binh's work, and is funding scholarships for the 2004-2006 biennium.

In 1999, Binh was given the club "Women Helping Women" award. She became a member of the Fort Collins Soroptimist Club in October 2000. In 2002, Binh received the prestigious "World Service Medal" from Kiwanis International. The government of Vietnam gave her the "Children of the Founder" award. She was the first woman and first "foreigner" to receive this award. (Binh is a United States citizen.) In 2004, the Soroptimist International President's Appeal for Human Rights Day was *Dust of Life?*.. A COPI project to help restore lives of young women and children in the Ho Chi Minh Youth Shelter in Vietnam. In April 2005, Binh represented Soroptimist International at the Eleventh United Nations Crime Congress in Bangkok, Thailand. She spoke at a workshop titled "Trafficking in Children."

## CROSSROADS SAFEHOUSE

Soroptimist International of Fort Collins has a long history with Crossroads. When the safehouse was first opened, the club furnished one of the residence rooms. Diane Nelson (Martell) joined the Fort Collins club soon after becoming the Director of Crossroads. Her input was helpful in donating items specifically needed, and the club also used their "Wish List" in collecting household and personal items to be donated. These have included Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers, store coupons, and personal hygiene products. The club provided "Every Home a Safe Home" booklets many times and also donated cellphones which were programmed to dial 911. The club has supported the "Fabric of Legacies" fundraiser by helping to make quilts, buying and selling tickets, and being "quilt sitters" at the annual quilt display.

## ELDERHAUS ADULT DAY PROGRAM, INC.

During 1981-1982, prior to the opening of Elderhaus, Soroptimist members helped clean the house and donated furniture. SIFC member Fran Bigelow was very instrumental in the early years of this project. Several years later, club members painted the recreation room and sewed draperies. The club also donated new mini-blinds. Over the years, members have donated many items which have appeared on the Elderhaus "Wish List."

## INTERNATIONAL LOAN CLOSET

In 1961, Soroptimist members heard of a need for household items, baby equipment and small furniture for Colorado State University students attending from other countries. By October 1962, members had already collected furniture and soon had gathered pots and pans, baby beds and strollers, and small appliances. The first "home" on campus for the International Loan Closet was in the basement of the Administration Building.

Club members were available to unlock the door when needed, but the staff of the Campus Security office, which was next door, was often helpful in letting in foreign students who wished to borrow something. The instructions were to take what was needed, but then to return items to the Loan Closet when no longer needed. This worked quite well.

For several years members regularly collected, or sometimes bought, items. They also cleaned the area and continued hands-on involvement. In the 1980's the Loan Closet was moved to a dormitory. At some point, the project was turned over to foreign student wives. The club continued to donate items until the project was discontinued in 2003.

## LENTZ HEARING PROJECT

In 1976, a member of the Speech and Hearing Clinic at Colorado State University presented a program on the need for used hearing aids to be repaired and rebuilt and then provided to elderly residents in the community. At that time, club members collected and donated many used hearing aids.

In 1978, the club undertook a project to provide funds for re-built hearing aids, batteries and other audio equipment, working with Dr. Bill Lentz who was at the CSU Speech and Hearing Clinic. Dr. Lentz would provide free or low-cost examinations and follow-up services. The club's first donation was \$500.

In 1980, Dr. Lentz left CSU and opened a private clinic, and the Fort Collins club continued working with him. Dr. Lentz has focused club donations on women and children in the community. The club has received many notes of thanks from patients, and Dr. Lentz often attends program meetings to report on the many people whose lives have been changed through this very gratifying service project.

## MEALS ON WHEELS OF FORT COLLINS

When the local Meals on Wheels was started in 1969, Mary Nittmann, member of SIFC, was the first Executive Director. The Fort Collins club provided seed money for the community program and has donated funds to Meals on Wheels nearly every year since its inception. Many club members have volunteered as drivers.

## PROJECT SAFEPHONE

In April of 2000, Project SafePhone was launched. Working with the Board of Realtors, FirstBank of Northern Colorado and other businesses and groups, club members gathered donated cellphones to be reprogrammed to dial 911. Hundreds of phones were collected and then given to Crossroads Safehouse in Fort Collins and Alternatives to Violence in Loveland. By 2004, more phones had been collected than could be used, so they were donated for recycling and for use in other communities.

## YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTER, INC.

SIFC began involvement with the Youth Activity Center following a program given in 1999 by former member Beryl "Brownie" McGraw, chair of the Task Force for raising funds for the Youth Activity Center relocation. SIFC member Roberta Kunze was then and continues to be a member of the Task Force.

SIFC was the first area service club to donate to the fund, giving \$1000. Members attended the "kick-off" event when the Youth Activity Center re-opened. Within the facility, club support has been noted by signs which say "1000 Soroptimist Street," "Soroptimist Street," and "Kunze Boulevard." When it became apparent that a new gymnasium was needed, SIFC once again stepped forward with funds and attended the groundbreaking ceremony. The gymnasium opened in 2004.

### *FORT COLLINS AREA .. ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS*

Activities Youth Center	Partners of Larimer County
Alternatives Youth Center	Project Linus
Boys and Girls Club of Larimer County	Rainbow Girls
Buckingham Study Hall Project	Read Aloud Program
Center for Community Justice Partnerships, The	Respite Care, Inc.
Cooper, Walter B., Home for Girls	Stone Ridge Camp .. Easter Seals Association
4-H camperships for handicapped children	Toys for Tots
Harmony House	United Day Care Center
Junior Achievement Club	Wingshadow, Inc.
Larico Village	Youth Activity Center, Inc. (see Long-Term Projects)
Mountain Prairie Girl Scout Council	

### *FORT COLLINS AREA .. FAMILIES, BUSINESSES, CHURCHES*

Families in need .. Clothing, shoes, bed linens, pillows, crib sheets, blankets, dishes  
Food Stamp recipients .. Coupons for disposable diapers, female hygiene products, other items not covered  
Red Feather Lakes area logger families .. Boots for children  
Nursing homes .. Dinner tray decorations, Bingo prizes, monthly visits, entertainment, magazines, cookies, fruit, candy, funds for tapes of scriptures and hymns  
First Christian Church .. Outreach Program  
First Presbyterian Church .. Ushers for Holy Week  
Funds for medications for the son of a club member  
Funds for a high school boy with polio  
Rest lounge for mothers to use when bringing their children to town  
Mended clothes for needy girls  
Adopted a single-parent family for two years .. Holiday meals, school supplies, personal items, clothing, grocery and department store gift certificates, Christmas decorations



### *ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS*

Clean Air Colorado Campaign  
Highway and bike trail clean-up - four years  
Lee Martinez Farm and Park clean-up - 1988  
Recycle computer cartridges, laptops, palm pilots, cellphones

Recycling with Rocky Mountain Battery Service  
Rocky Mountain Raptor Program  
Trees for Lee Martinez Park - 1975  
Trees for Rolland Moore Park - 1986

### *POUDRE VALLEY HOSPITAL .. POUUDRE VALLEY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION .. GENERAL HEALTH*

Children's Clinic and Endowment Fund  
Horizon Girls Hospital Aides .. New Testaments  
Larimer County Nurses Advisory Committee  
LPN Training Scholarships - 1971  
Medical Careers Training School  
PVH .. Arthritic patients - Purchased special beds  
PVH .. Blood analyzer  
PVH .. Blood Bank donors  
PVH .. Burn victim - age 5  
PVH .. Call switches (5)  
PVH .. Cancer patients - nylon hose for pillows,  
made bandages  
PVH .. Care-A-Van

PVH .. Croupettes (2), set of rails, suction  
pump - 1959  
PVH .. Furnished waiting room for new wing in 1971  
(Soroptimist plaque hung in room)  
PVH .. Hair dryers donated  
PVH .. Health Van  
PVH .. Hearing aid instruments (2) - 1986  
PVH .. Physiotherapy Department  
PVH .. Sexual Assault Team - Purchased a pager,  
donated sweatsuits for assault victims  
PVH .. Well Baby Clinic - Drivers for appointments  
Practical Nurse program .. Loans  
Visiting Nurses Association  
Wheelchair donated to young woman

### *POUDRE R-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT / POUUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT*

B.A.S.E. Camp  
Blevins Junior High School "Silver and Burgundy Singers" .. Funds for 1981 trip to Oklahoma  
Centennial Childrens Chorale  
Centennial High School - Teen Mothers Program .. Car seats, infant clothes  
Choices for Junior High School Girls - May 1995 .. Mentoring sessions for girls between the ages of 13 and 16, many  
from the local Boys and Girls Club. Carolyn Wade chaired this project. Topics of the presentations were  
1) Growing Up Healthy, 2) Laws and Consequences, 3) The Importance of Education, and 4) Goal Setting.  
Distributive Education program  
Dunn School .. Physical therapy room  
Emancipated female student .. Coordinated with high school counselor  
Even Start Learning Center .. Gloves, hats, diapers, baby clothes, book bags, books, stuffed animals, finger puppets  
Fort Collins High School .. Funds for gazebo  
Journey Conference .. Gift packets for attendees  
Junior High Schools .. Donated books about women in history  
Lincoln Junior High School .. Adopt-A-Minefield project and funds for shipping books to Kenya  
Migrant Council .. Funds for staff and books  
Peer Counseling Sexual Assault Education Program  
Poudre High School Impalaphonics  
Poudre Teachers Association .. Hot Dot Bicycle Safety program - 1979  
Sight and Hearing Testing .. Assisted with tests in 1988  
Typewriter for a homebound student - 1973  
V.I.P.S. Closet .. Donated items

*COLORADO A&M COLLEGE / COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS*

Alonzo Martinez Scholarship Fund  
Cosmopolitan Club  
International Center  
International Loan Closet (see Long-Term Projects)  
"Kids First" and "Send A Student" .. Donated tickets for CSU football bowl games in Memphis and San Diego  
Tuition assistance for individual local and non-resident students  
William E. Morgan Library .. 2 Message Stones - *Fort Collins Soroptimists* and *Soroptimist and Venture Clubs*

*CITY OF FORT COLLINS AND LARIMER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND FACILITIES*

CITY OF FORT COLLINS

Centennial Parade and Celebration - August 20 and 21, 1959  
Club Tico remodeling - 1960's  
Community Crisis Center .. Food donations - 1977  
Community Garden  
Fire Department .. Fireworks Display, Share Happiness, Happiness Is, Resusci-Anne - 1960's  
Lincoln Center .. Funds and sculpture for the Olive Ludlow Room, Operation Standby for many years,  
Project Hear - 1981, "Tree sitters" for Hall of Trees for many years  
Pioneer Museum .. Funds for new wing and material for display case made by Jack Goodrich - 1967  
Public Library and Friends of the Library  
Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) .. Assisted at fundraiser / volunteer recognition teas  
Transportation Department

LARIMER COUNTY

Adult and Family Literacy Programs  
Blizzard Boxes  
Food Distribution Center  
Health Council  
Humane Society  
Mental Health Clinic .. Hats and mittens  
Office on Aging .. Funds for prescriptions for women  
Public Health Service Eye and Dental Care - 1965  
Welfare Department .. Funds for camperships

*MEMBERS ON COMMUNITY BOARDS AND COUNCILS*

SIFC members have served the Fort Collins community on various boards and councils. The list includes:

American Red Cross of Larimer County	Fort Collins Convention and Visitors Bureau
Children of Peace International	HSI Health Plans Insurance
Elderhaus Adult Day Program, Inc.	Larimer County Private Industry Council
Foothills Gateway, Inc.	Multiple Sclerosis Society Advisory Council
Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce	Poudre Valley Hospital Foundation
Fort Collins Commission on the Status of Women	Youth Activity Center, Inc.

*PROPOSED BUILDING PROJECTS - 1957-1960*

The Fort Collins Soroptimist club donated \$500 to a Community Building Fund. Extensive work was done to design a building to be used by community groups and organizations. The project was abandoned after several years.

SIFC purchased four lots on Columbine Court for a proposed Senior Citizens Housing Project. The intention was to have 30 low-cost units. This plan was eventually dropped.

### *MISCELLANEOUS FORT COLLINS AREA ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS*

ABLE Women - The Junior League of Fort Collins  
Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center .. Diapers, crib sheets and other items  
Alternatives to Violence .. "Every Home a Safe Home" booklets, cellphones reprogrammed to 911 access  
Alzheimer's Association and Research, Rocky Mountain Chapter  
American Cancer Society Relay for Life (see Long-Term Projects)  
American Red Cross of Larimer County  
Big Thompson and Loveland Relief funds - 1976  
Catholic Charities Northern, The Mission .. Donated food, clothing, bedding, furniture; decorated a room; prepared and served meals  
Cerebral Palsy Association  
Channel 9 Health Fair .. Assisted with testing  
Community Gala for Creative Arts Scholarships .. Ushered and sold tickets for event held at Poudre High School  
Crossroads Safehouse (see Long-Term Projects)  
Elderhaus Adult Day Program, Inc. (see Long-Term Projects)  
Foothills Gateway, Inc. .. Served on fundraising committees, assisted with the Open House Tea, donated parallel bars  
Home Helps  
Hospice of Larimer County  
Lentz Hearing Project (see Long-Term Projects)  
Lutheran Family Services of Colorado .. "Baby Think It Over"  
Lydia Dody Breast Cancer Foundation  
March of Dimes  
Meals on Wheels (see Long-Term Projects)  
Mothers' Inn  
Multiple Sclerosis .. Walk-A-Thon  
Northern Colorado AIDS Project (NCAP)  
Open Door Mission .. Coats  
Options of Northern Colorado .. "Every Home a Safe Home" booklets  
Project SafePhone (see Long-Term Projects)  
Project Self-Sufficiency .. Book bags, books, toys  
Salvation Army .. Served as bellringers; Donated food, dolls, doll clothes, toys, Christmas stockings, food baskets, and funds for camperships  
Special Olympics of Colorado  
Transition House .. Painted rooms, donated linoleum and countertops, donated VCR and exercise videos  
Tuberculosis Association of Larimer County  
United Way of Larimer County and Pacesetters  
Volunteers Clearing House / Education and Life Training Center .. Health care kits, back-to-school supplies, books  
Women's Resource Center

### *AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS*

SIFC worked at various times with several organizations in the community. These included, among others:

- 1950-1960 .. Co-ordinating Council of Women's Clubs, Larimer County Health Council, American Association of United Nations
- Coordinated with other women's groups to provide a "Salute to Women" booth at Foothills Fashion Mall
- 1987-1993 .. The Working Woman's Fair sponsored by the Women's Development Council .. SIFC co-sponsored and had a Soroptimist booth for several years. Many Soroptimist members attended the events during that time and in later years.

## *SERVICE OUTSIDE THE FORT COLLINS AREA*

Child Find International  
Children of Peace International (see Long-Term Projects)  
Children's Village in Pestolozzi, Switzerland .. Coal for one house  
Colorado Boys Ranch, La Junta, Colorado - 1960's .. Christmas gifts, cookies, birthday cards, Easter candy  
Denver Broncos Youth Foundation  
Fitzsimmons Hospital .. Gifts for patients at Christmas  
Friends Afar  
Girls Ranch, Mesa, Arizona .. Clothes and gifts  
Girls Town, Whiteface, Texas .. Members made nightgowns for the girls.  
Heifer Project International  
Katrina Hurricane and Flood Victims - 2005  
Kilgali Orphanage in Rwanda  
Morrison (Colorado) Halfway House / State Industrial School for Girls .. Chapel Fund, books, games, puzzles, sewing supplies  
Mountain View Home for Girls .. Project "J" for girls leaving the institution  
Northeastern Colorado Exposition for Women  
Operation Christmas Child  
Peace Corps  
Statue of Dr. Florence Sabin to be placed in Statutory Hall in Washington DC - 1956 .. She was a Colorado scientist.  
Statue of Liberty renovations - 1986  
"To Bosnia With Love" .. School supplies, toothbrushes  
Triangle Cross Ranch, Galeton, Colorado .. Assembled mass mailing  
United Nations - UNESCO, UNICEF, UNIFEM  
U.S. Military overseas .. Packages with soap and other items  
Veterans Hospital in Cheyenne, Wyoming .. Fruit and candy

## *ADVOCACY*

Members of the Fort Collins club have become well-informed on issues being considered in state and federal legislatures as well as many human rights issues. The club and members have advocated in several areas, including the following:

- Letters in support of the nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor, former member of the Soroptimist International of Mesa, Arizona, to the U.S. Supreme Court - 1981
- Individual letters to support the Equal Rights Amendment - several times .. still not passed
- Petition to ratify CEDAW, the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1979 .. still not ratified by the United States
- Petition to support laws against Female Genital Mutilation - 1984
- Petition for release of Tom Sutherland and others - 1990
- Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation petition to ban anti-personnel landmines - 1997
- Letters to support Landmine Elimination and Victim Assistance Act - 2001
- Letters regarding Landmine Elimination, completed and delivered - 2004
- Letters to support renewal of VAWA - The Violence Against Women Act - 2005

## SOROPTIMIST SERVICE AND PROJECTS

### *SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL (SI)*

- Landmine Removal Project in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales - 1996
- December 10th Human Rights Day SI President's Appeal - since 1982 ... Current projects .. 2004 - *Dust of Life?* to help restore lives of young women and children in the Ho Chi Minh Youth Shelter in Vietnam; 2005 - *Soroptimists Roll Back Malaria* in Benin, Africa
- Project 5-0 - Started in 1976 .. Vocational and/or training centers in developing countries on the five continents, supported by five international women's organizations, including Soroptimist International
- Quadrennial Projects - since 1983 ... Current project .. 2003-2007 - *Project Independence, Women Survivors of War* - for women in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Rwanda - in partnership with Women for Women International

### *SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS FEDERATION (SIA)*

- Disaster Relief Fund for Women and Girls
- Foundation/Fund Development
- Founders Pennies
- Making a Difference: Women Helping Women, Women of Distinction, Businesses or Organizations Advancing the Status of Women / Making a Difference for Women Award
- National Alliance for Non-Violent Programming
- National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Necklace of Lights in Oakland, California ("birthplace" of Soroptimist International) - 1987
- Rose Bowl Parade .. Soroptimist floats
- Saturday of Service
- Training Awards Program (TAP)
- Translation Fund
- Violet Richardson Award
- Women's Medical College Fund
- Women's Opportunity Awards
- Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence
- Youth Citizenship Award
- Youth Seminar/Youth Forum

### *ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION (RMR)*

- Children of Peace International .. Vocational School, scholarships, and projects for women and children in Vietnam
- Fellowship Award for women doing graduate work in non-traditional fields (award discontinued)
- SIA Women's Opportunity Award .. Additional annual award given by Rocky Mountain Region

### *SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF FORT COLLINS*

- Funds for Stace Scharfe Fritzler, member and physician, (and husband Mark) to go on medical missions to Vietnam
- \$1000 to SIA Foundation for Laurel Society membership for Ann Rutledge, SIFC member and 2002-2004 Rocky Mountain Region Governor

### *VENTURE CLUB OF FORT COLLINS*

First proposed in 1957, SIFC chartered the Venture Club of Fort Collins on May 21, 1963. Venture is an organization for young working women who do not qualify for Soroptimist membership. It is a service project of SIA.

The Fort Collins Soroptimist Club provided advisors to the Venture Club and suggested young women for Venture membership. They assisted Venture members with expenses for attending their region conferences and supported Venture Club fundraisers, including quilt raffles, card parties, box lunches, holiday cookies, Gold C Books, and Las Vegas Night. The Venture Club occasionally provided and served the dinner for Soroptimist program meetings as a fundraiser for the club. The Soroptimist Club donated to the Venture Endowment Fund which provides monetary awards such as the Venture Student Aid Award.

Venturists were often guests at Soroptimist program meetings. Soroptimists participated in Venture Week activities, and members were always present at the Venture Girl of the Month banquets. The Venture Club funded several service projects, and they were very involved in many hands-on projects. Venture members helped the Soroptimist Club with some of their projects also, including the Annual Used Book Sale.

The local Venture Club was well-represented on the region and federation levels. Venture Region Governors from Fort Collins included Judy Robinson 1971-1974, Kathi Surian 1980-1982, Carol Johnson 1982-1984 and Deb McEndaffer 1996-1998. Judy also served as Chairman of the Board of Governors, Venture Clubs of the Americas (1974-1976). Judy, Carol and Deb would later join the Fort Collins Soroptimist Club. Connie Pfeifferberger, Judy, Mary Robinson, Ann Rutledge and Denise Saathoff served as Rocky Mountain Region Advisors. Judy also served as the SIA Federation Advisor for Venture in 1978-1980 and 1988-1990.

After a great deal of soul searching, the Venture Club gave up their charter in 2000. At that time, several former Venturists became members of the Fort Collins Soroptimist Club. During their 37 years of community service, the Fort Collins Venture Club touched many lives in the Fort Collins community and countries throughout the SIA Federation.

## FRIENDSHIP LINKS

The practice of creating liaisons between Soroptimist clubs has existed since the 1930's when it was known as "Sister Clubs." Friendship Links can be established between clubs in different federations or even clubs within the same country. Friendship Links are established for the purpose of learning about other cultures and lifestyles; sharing information on programs and/or performing joint projects; and forming friendships and networking with women who have similar interests and concerns.

### *PAST FRIENDSHIP LINKS*

RINGSTED, DENMARK .. From 1950 to approximately 1957, the Fort Collins Soroptimist club had a "Sister Club" in Ringsted, Denmark. During that period the clubs corresponded through letters and Christmas cards and also exchanged gifts. One year the Fort Collins club sent coffee and cocoa as a holiday gift to their friends in Denmark.

VICHY, FRANCE .. The Friendship Link with Vichy started in November 1955 and was a strong bond between the two clubs until about 1979. During those 24 years, many Christmas cards, letters, pictures and gifts were exchanged. The Vichy club sent colored slides as well as mints and other candies. The Fort Collins club sent paper napkins and tablecloths, a guest book, placemats with Colorado scenes, a subscription to the SIA magazine and to Colorado Magazine, a gavel, a 1976 Colorado Bicentennial flag, coffee, and Colorado alabaster candlesticks. A member of the Vichy Soroptimist Club visited Fort Collins in 1956, and Fort Collins member Myrtle Hinds visited the Vichy club in 1961.

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY .. SIFC received Princeton, New Jersey, as a Friendship Link in 1973. The clubs exchanged letters and Christmas cards, and the SIFC newsletter was sent to the Princeton club. A member of the Princeton Soroptimist Club visited Fort Collins in 1975. The clubs discontinued their correspondence a few years later.

### *PRESENT FRIENDSHIP LINKS*

DENILIQVIN, AUSTRALIA .. In November 1980, SIFC acquired a new Friendship Link. This one was Deniliquin, New South Wales, Australia. This club is located in the South West Pacific federation. The "Deni" and Fort Collins clubs have regularly exchanged Christmas cards, pictures of members and letters. The Fort Collins SALS (Sustaining and Life Members) made a club scrapbook for the Deniliquin club. SIFC sends the club newsletters and provides a subscription for the SIA Magazine. A scrapbook of club members was received from the Deniliquin club, and they often send a report on their yearly activities.

In 1987, Blanche Magnuson and Judy Robinson attended the Soroptimist International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. One of the Soroptimists at registration had spent a year in Fort Collins as an exchange teacher. Following the convention, members of "Deni" took Blanche, Judy and Boise, Idaho, Soroptimist Lorry Roberts home with them. A delightful weekend was spent with the Deniliquin Soroptimists and family members, including a "Finger Meal," shop browsing with a stop for "Tea and Biscuits," a tour of The Island Sanctuary, and a "Barby" at the home of Soroptimist Judy Small and her husband Jim who was a member of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales. He had been to Fort Collins and CSU for advice on irrigating his rice fields.

OITA, JAPAN .. Blanche Magnuson had been stationed near Oita, Japan, with the American Red Cross following World War II. At her suggestion, the club applied with SIA to have Soroptimist International of Oita as a Friendship Link. The request was officially accepted in November 1986. Throughout the years, the clubs have shared information about projects and programs. The SIFC newsletter is sent to Oita, and Christmas cards and gifts have been exchanged. SIFC donated several books to the club for members who were trying to increase their English skills. Members of both clubs have met many times at SIA and SI conventions. One year the Oita club presented four Fort Collins members with beautiful Soroptimist pins. The Fort Collins SALS (Sustaining and Life Members) made a club scrapbook for the Oita club.

BEPPU, JAPAN .. The city of Beppu is a neighbor to Oita. Therefore, SIFC adopted Beppu as an unofficial Friendship Link for a few years before making a formal request which was accepted in 1991. Correspondence with the Beppu club has been similar to that with the Oita club - Christmas cards, gifts and the Fort Collins club newsletter. Members have also met with Soroptimist attendees at SIA and SI conventions.

OITA and BEPPU .. In 1990, Blanche, Connie Pfeiffenberger and Judy attended the SIA Convention in Kyoto, Japan, where they were able to spend some time with members of both the Oita and Beppu clubs. Following the convention, Blanche and Judy traveled to several other areas in Japan. Departing from their tour group, they spent a day and an evening in the Oita/Beppu area, enjoying the opportunity to have tea in a 300-year-old teahouse, drinking plum juice with honey and eating Tokorotten; touring a museum; and seeing tourist spots such as the Eight "Hells" and The Wild Monkeys of Mt. Takasaki. Blanche also was able to see the area where she was stationed near Oita. That evening Blanche and Judy were entertained at a beautiful banquet hosted by both clubs. The entertainment included traditional and group dancing. They were given many gifts, including beautiful summer kimonos for Blanche, Judy and Connie.

MORENO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA .. In 2007, SI Fort Collins approved adding SI Moreno Valley CA as a club Friendship Link.



## PROGRAMS

Six Programs of Service were adopted by Soroptimist International in 1979 .. Economic and Social Development, Education, Environment, Health, Human Rights/Status of Women, and International Goodwill and Understanding. These Programs of Service have been a guideline for selecting service projects as well as inviting speakers to address issues and information in these areas.

The following lists include programs which were educational to club members. Many programs did not result in specific service or donations; however, several did. There were also many program meetings which were of general interest and those for fun and entertainment.

### *ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT*

Career Women's Panel by members and guests  
Fort Collins Economic Development Task Force  
Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce Economic Development  
Northern Colorado Economic Development Corporation  
Mountain States Telephone Co. .. Direct Distance Dialing  
Chemist at tin mines in Catavi, Bolivia  
"Operation Ivy" - Civil Defense - 1957  
Habitat for Humanity - Women Build

Board of Realtors  
"Right to Work" Amendment  
"Dreamworks"  
"Designing Tomorrow Today"  
Fort Collins City Council members  
Fort Collins Crisis and Information Center  
"Communitistic Indoctrination" film - 1959  
Fort Collins Senior Center

### *EDUCATION*

Larimer County Voc-Tech .. Job Placement and Adult Education  
SAPPE - Sexual Assault Prevention through Peer Educators  
Dr. William E. Morgan .. Colorado State University  
PaCE - Professional and Community Experiences  
Poudre Valley Hospital .. Education and Services  
Colorado Department of Education  
"From 3 R's to SBM, SBE & Rubics" by a former educator  
Colorado State University Collegiate 4-H Program  
Colorado State University Native American Student Services

Book Reviews  
Poudre R-1 .. Vocational Education  
Poudre R-1 .. Latch Key Program  
Poudre R-1 .. Co-operative Education  
Poudre R-1 .. School Resource Officers  
Poudre R-1 .. Outward Bound  
Poudre School District .. Project LINK  
Members of Poudre School District Board  
Lincoln Junior High .. Adopt a Landmine

### *ENVIRONMENT*

Plan to develop North College city dump into an historical park  
Fort Collins 2005 Environmental Program  
"Impact of Underground Storage on the Environment"  
"Power from the Land" - Platte River Power Authority  
Larimer County Mountain Backdrop Plan  
"The Zero Energy Home"

City of Fort Collins Recycling Program  
"Upper River Basin"  
Xeriscape Gardening  
Fort Collins Horticulturist  
Poudre Valley Rural Electric Association  
Poudre Canyon Greenbelt

### *HEALTH*

J.R. Peterson, Poudre Valley Hospital Superintendent - 1968  
"Traditional Foods that Symbolize Hospitality and Friendship"  
New Era for Health and Human Services  
"Advantage of a Single-Payer Plan for Universal Health Insurance"  
Loveland/Fort Collins Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council  
"Part of my Heart" .. Blood pressure check for members  
Health Issues before the 1994 Colorado Legislature

Feng Shui  
Fort Collins Office for the Handicapped  
Poudre Valley Hospital Blood Bank  
National Bone Marrow Donor Program  
Fort Collins Parks & Recreation Department  
Prevention of Teen Suicide  
Heart Disease in Women

## *HEALTH .. Continued*

Ridge School for the Handicapped  
Poudre Valley Hospital Prenatal Care Program  
Rocky Mountain Children's Transplant Foundation  
Colorado Crippled Children's Society  
Early Detection of Breast Cancer  
"Youth and Meth" - The Center

Panel discussion on drug abuse - 1970  
Arthritic and Rheumatism Foundation  
"Innerhealth"  
"Diet"  
Anger and Stress Management  
"Achieving Balance Through Qigong"

## *HUMAN RIGHTS / STATUS OF WOMEN*

Women's Conferences in Mexico City, Copenhagen and Nairobi  
Fort Collins Commission on the Status of Women  
Fort Collins Task Force on Women's Issues  
"Spiritual Eldering and the Wise Woman"

Larimer County Human Development  
Colorado State University Women's Programs  
Colorado Women in History  
Fort Collins Human Rights Office

## *INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL AND UNDERSTANDING*

- Area residents gave programs on travel for business and/or pleasure to Lebanon, Union of South Africa, Guatemala, Japan, France, Russia, Denmark, Europe, Holland, Turkey and other countries.
- CSU foreign students, student spouses, high school exchange students and visitors from other countries have shared interesting programs about their homelands .. Chile, Peru, Nicaragua, Ghana, Thailand, Japan, Iran, Pakistan, Italy, South Africa, Turkey, Wales, India, Scotland, Germany, Poland, Australia and Russia.
- Soroptimists from other states and from countries such as Australia, Denmark, Wales and England have attended club meetings.
- Rocky Mountain Region Friendship Grant visitors attended events hosted by SIFC ..
  - Soroptimist Maite Arana and her family from Barcelona, Spain - 1995
  - Soroptimists Marjorie and Jo from England - 1998
  - Soroptimist Joyce Evans and her husband Emlyn from Conway, North Wales, United Kingdom - 2004
- Other international programs have been presented ..
  - The Peace Corps
  - Third World Countries
  - The United Nations
  - Member Jean Gilmore's visit to the Soroptimist International project in Fiji - 1982
  - Host Family Program for foreign students
  - "Women's Perspectives on Consumers and Families in Botswana"
  - Binh Rybacki .. "The Women of Vietnam" - 1995

## *SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL AND THE UNITED NATIONS*

Soroptimist has been an NGO - non-governmental organization - with the United Nations since 1950. When granted Category I Consultative Status with ECOSOC (the Economic and Social Council) in 1984, Soroptimist was the only women's service organization which had achieved this status. In 1993, after seven years of work, SI was granted Category I status with WHO (the World Health Organization). SI has UN representatives in New York, Vienna, Paris and Geneva with the responsibility and opportunity to request items on meeting agenda, submit written statements for circulation to council members, make oral statements, and participate in other UN gatherings and seminars. The UN connection is not in the political arena, but instead it provides access to areas SI might not otherwise be able to reach. Soroptimist projects are financed, implemented and monitored by Soroptimist members.

*A SPECIAL PROGRAM.. "A River of Tears that Flows Somewhere"*

On January 16, 1996, Karen Quinn, wife of KUSA Channel 9 news helicopter pilot Peter Peelgrane, was an inspiring speaker. Peter and Karen had been married 12 years at the time of Peter's tragic helicopter crash into Horsetooth Reservoir. Peter was critically injured and fought a valiant battle until his death in July 1995.

Karen told the Soroptimists and the invited guests that "life is about loss" and about her struggle through the medical jungle as well as learning coping skills that accompanied the major life changes that she and her children faced. She presented techniques that had helped her manage adversity with grace, courage and humor.

*ENTERTAINMENT, HUMOR, HISTORY, INSPIRATION*

Ministers from many area churches	Fort Collins Singing Hands
Singing and instrumental music by members, spouses and guests	Sue Gehrman, Miss Colorado 1970
Group trips to National Western Stock Show and Cinerama Theatre	"How to Travel Abroad"
Group trips to Ice Capades, Ice Follies and Central City performances	Ginger the Clown
"Fashions and Fabrics - Now and Then" - 1952	Interfaith Council
"History on the Easter Egg and Little Known Facts"	Fashion Shows
Covered dish dinner at Grace Latham's cabin	Poet Helen Lowrie Marshall - 1969
Soroptimist Silly City Players	History of Timnath, Colorado
Riffenburgh Elementary School 5th and 6th grade chorus	Flora Dora Girls
Fort Collins Women's Chorale	Fort Collins Music Club Chorus

*SPECIAL SPEAKERS AT SI AND SIA CONVENTIONS*

- Gloria Steinem - 1978
- Maureen Reagan - 1982 and 1994
- Minnie Pearl (aka Sarah Cannon) - 1984
- Nancy Austin, co-author of "In Praise of Excellence" - 1986
- Sarah Weddington, attorney (Roe v. Wade) - 1992
- Bella Abzug, former U.S. Representative - 1994
- Patricia Schroeder, former U.S. Representative - 1998
- Erin Brockovich .. "The Power of One" - 2002
- Mavis Leno, "Women Helping Women" honoree - 2002

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

One of the most exciting meetings of the club year is the Awards and Honor Night during which local and area youth, women and organizations have been honored and presented with awards. These have included Soroptimist Foundation/Fund Development Award winners as well as awards presented by the club in specific areas. Fort Collins Soroptimist Club members have also received awards and been recognized by organizations and businesses in the Fort Collins community.

### *SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS (SIA) AWARDS*

The SIA Federation has created awards to be voluntarily given by clubs throughout the federation, and the Fort Collins Soroptimist Club has chosen to be a part of this recognition program. During its 55-year history, the club has awarded over \$25,000 to local winners of the Youth Citizenship Award, Violet Richardson Award, Training Awards Program (TAP), and Women's Opportunity Award. Some of these club-level winners have been further recognized ..

- Mike Nettleton, student at Fort Collins High School, also won the SIA Youth Citizenship Award (\$1500) in 1969.
- Elinor Brandhorst, club winner for the 1979 Training Awards Program, also won \$2500 from co-sponsor McCall's Patterns.
- Several club winners have received additional monetary awards from Rocky Mountain Region.
- Two Youth Citizenship Award club winners were also "Fort Collins Community Youth Achievers."

The SIA Federation also created Making a Difference for Women recognitions. In the early years, this included specific categories of Women Helping Women, Women of Distinction, and Organizations or Businesses Advancing the Status of Women. SIFC has been a part of this recognition program, presenting the winners with plaques and donating in their names to the SIA Foundation/Fund Development which finances this and other Soroptimist programs. SIFC has often been recognized for their large annual contributions. SIFC is also an annual donor to "Founders Pennies" which go into the Fund. Members of the local club have been recognized for their service contributions to their club, community and world ..

- Women Helping Women - Fran Bigelow, Mary Anderson, Grace Latham, Nancy Gray, Binh Rybacki, and Venture members Sue Yadon and Deb McEndaffer Schaneman
- Women of Distinction - Barb Kienholz, Brownie McGraw, Fran Bigelow, Blanche Magnuson, Judy Robinson, Connie Pfeiffenberger, Denise Saathoff, Katie Kirkham

A complete list of the SIFC winners for SIA awards follows. Also included are the winners selected at the Youth Seminars/Youth Forums sponsored locally by SIFC. These winners attended the Rocky Mountain Region Youth Seminars/Youth Forums.

### *RECOGNITIONS FROM SIA FEDERATION*

- The Fort Collins club has often received an Annual Club Award for excellence in programs and service.
- In 2005, SIFC was a semi-finalist for Soroptimist Celebrating Success! projects - the Annual Used Book Sale with A.A.U.W. - and support of the 2004 Human Rights Day SI President's Appeal - *Dust of Life?*

### *AWARDS FROM VENTURE*

- SIFC won the South Central Region "Soroptimist Outstanding Service Award" in 1971, 1985 and 1990.
- SIFC members Del Miller and Connie Pfeiffenberger won the Venture "Mae Carvell Award."

### *ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION AWARDS*

- SIFC was a winner of the Club Meeting Attendance award several times.
- SIFC received the Governor's Award many years for service and programs.
- SIFC earned the 2005 Excellence Award for Public Awareness Campaign and Program Focus Reports.
- SIFC has won or placed several years for publicity, public awareness and newsletter awards.

### *CITY OF FORT COLLINS .. "HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD"*

- 1987 - Venture Club of Fort Collins, semi-finalist
- 1993 - Soroptimist International of Fort Collins, award winner
- 1995 - Even Start Learning Center, award winner .. nominated by SIFC
- 1996 - Connie Pfeifferberger, award winner .. nominated by SIFC

### *CITY OF FORT COLLINS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN .. "MARCILE N. WOOD AWARD"*

- 1996 - Connie Pfeifferberger, member SIFC
- 1997 - Blanche Magnuson, member SIFC

### *"FORT COLLINS COMMUNITY BUILDER OF THE YEAR"*

- 1984 - Gladys Eddy .. nominated by SIFC
- 1994 - Blanche Magnuson, member SIFC .. nominated by SIFC

### *LARIMER COUNTY COORDINATING COUNCIL .. "OUTSTANDING WOMEN AWARD"*

- 1972 - Mary Anderson and Mary Frison, members of SIFC

### *FORT COLLINS COLORADOAN NEWSPAPER AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS*

- 1983 - Mary Nittmann, member SIFC .. "May Citizen of the Month"
- 1984 - Nancy Gray, member SIFC .. "One of Fort Collins' Most Influential People"
- 1984 - Judy Robinson, member SIFC .. "Choice People"
- 1996 - Del Miller was featured as co-author of a book titled "A History of Timnath, Colorado."
- 1998 - Blanche Magnuson, member SIFC .. Outstanding Service to the Community

### *MEMBER AND COMMUNITY AWARDS GIVEN BY SIFC*

- 2005 "Special Spirit Award" .. Charter member Grace Latham
- "Spirit of Soroptimist" Award .. 2002 - Ann Rutledge, 2003 - Blanche Magnuson, 2004 - Judy Robinson, 2005 - Bernie Fuller
- Fort Collins High School, Poudre High School, and Colorado A&M College/Colorado State University seniors for outstanding community service and academics ..

1952 - Carolyn Palmes, FCHS; Janice Smith, Co. A&M	1961 - Carolyn Mummert, FCHS; Sally Fechtmeyer, CSU
1953 - Doris Thompson, FCHS; Ellen McDonnell, Co. A&M	1962 - Peggy Harris, FCHS; Florence Koshio, CSU
1954 - Marjorie Madison, FCHS; Ida Thomas, Co. A&M	1963 - Judy Payton, FCHS; Jean Bethke Shaw, CSU
1955 - High School - unknown; Joan Lucille Blatt, Co. A&M	1964 - Shirley Weeks, FCHS; Karin Schillington, CSU
1956 - Shirlee Adolph, FCHS; Wanda Newberry, Co. A&M	1965 - Joan Lang, FCHS; Judy Hildred, PHS
1957 - Sue Werner, FCHS; Carol Plant, CSU	1966 - Phyllis Schnoor, FCHS; Beverly Tudor, PHS
1958 - Diana Dingler, FCHS; Betsy Ankeny, CSU	1967 - Linda Richter, FCHS; Connie Heyden, PHS
1959 - Shirley Hill, FCHS; Carole Wilson, CSU	1968 - Susie Sanchez, FCHS; Charlotte Lindholm, PHS
1960 - Kathleen Wiley, FCHS; Jacqueline Rohrbacker, CSU	

*MISCELLANEOUS RECOGNITIONS TO PAST AND CURRENT  
SOROPTIMIST MEMBERS BY BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS*

- 1983 - June Henrie .. First Interstate Bank - "November Outstanding Achiever" for dedication to career and community
- 1985 - Diane Nelson .. Local National Organization for Women - "Susan B. Anthony Award"
- 1985 - Brownie McGraw .. "Leadership Award for Education"
- 1985 - Freddie Dahmer .. "Women at Work" award
- 1990 - Connie Pfeiffenberger .. CSU Gustafson Gallery - "Woman of the 90's"
- 1994 - Denise Saathoff .. Colorado "Young Lawyer of the Year"
- 1994 - Deb McEndaffer Schaneman .. Crossroads - "DART (Domestic Abuse Response Team) of the Year"
- 1996 - Brownie and Fum McGraw .. Fort Collins Multiple Sclerosis Society - "Hope Award"
- 1999 - Katie Kirkham .. "Ms Wheelchair Colorado"
- 2002 - Katie Kirkham .. Colorado Chapter Multiple Sclerosis Society - "Volunteer of the Year"

Club Year	Youth Citizenship Award - est. 1968	School	Training Awards Program - est. 1972	Women Helping Women - est. 1974	Women of Distinction - est. 1986	Organizations Advancing the Status of Women - est. 1986	Youth (Seminar) Forum - est. 1978
1968-1969	Mike Nettleton - also RMR & SIA winner	FCHS					
1969-1970	Kay Yeager	FCHS					
1970-1971	Mark Medearis - also RMR winner	FCHS					
1971-1972	Corina Meyer	PHS					
1972-1973	Alan Magnuson	FCHS					
1973-1974	Michael Banowetz	PHS	Gay Lea Schroeder				
1974-1975	Mark Peterson	FCHS	Janice Rodgers				
1975-1976	Pam Harden	PHS		Fran Bigelow			
1976-1977	Melanie Lowdermilk	PHS	Chrisann Gianoli				
1977-1978	Kathleen Dobler	PHS	Patricia Scoville	Mary Anderson			
1978-1979	David Dodson	PHS	Elinor Brandhorst Murrow - also RMR winner	Grace Latham			
1979-1980	Laurie Crockett - also RMR winner	PHS	Janice Beck Ferguson				
1980-1981	Ann Boehlke - also RMR winner	FCHS	Barbara Rollins				
1981-1982	Charla Woodward	PHS	Linda Willits	Nancy Gray - also SIA			Vann O. Trapp Jr. - RMHS
1982-1983	Heidi Huisjen	RMHS	Constance La Tourrette	Patsy Boyer			Ken Oshima - FCHS
1983-1984	Tamara Park	FCHS	Alma Bamberg	Agnes B. Lilley			Tom Mitchell, alternate
1984-1985	Russell Webber	PHS	Alicia Perez - also RMR winner	Dian Sparling	Barbara Kienholz		
1985-1986	Linda Wen-Ling Li	FCHS	Jacque Ellicott	Carol Wallace	Beryl "Brownie" McGraw		
1986-1987	Christine Morrison	PHS	Lillian Vigil	Joan Hopkins	Pat Kendall and Jaye Messick		
1987-1988	Jennifer Wagner	PHS	Heather Guthrie	Peggy Reeves	Mabel G. Preble		Brian Ellis - PHS
1988-1989	Scott Ellis	PHS	Marge Boehner	Fran Thompson	Fran Bigelow		Kristi Unger - FCHS
1989-1990	John Brinks	PHS	Bridget Barnes	Elsa Lee Sarlo	Blanche Magnuson and Judy Robinson		
1990-1991	Imke Durre	RMHS	Julie Stoffler	Marcile Norby Woods	Charlotte Roberts		Jason Hansen - RMHS
1991-1992	Steve Maitland	FCHS	Liz Smith - also RMR winner	(none given)	Linda Beardsley		Shannon Mosness - RMHS

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1992-1993	Melanie Bee	PHS	Lisa Parker	(none given)	Katherine Moffitt	Women's Development Council - also SIA	Diane Bailey - FCHS Mike Fuchs - FCHS
1993-1994	Lam Diep Ngo	FCHS	Jaqueline Winfield	Sue Yadon	Connie Pfeiffenberger		
1994-1995	Aubri K. Belyea	RMHS	Marianna T. Bechtold - also RMR winner	Deborah McEndaffer	Denise Saathoff		
1995-1996	Callie Sigl	PHS	Carmen Louise Lugo	Nancy Valentine	Jean Walsh		
1996-1997	Caroline Schrawyer	RMHS	Brenda R. Aberle		Jean Bergquist	Family Self-Sufficiency Sue Adams, Coordinator	Ricky Dhaliwal - PHS Meghan McGuire - ERS
1997-1998	Jennifer Montgomery	TVHS	Darlene F. Kilmer also RMR winner-4th				
			<i>Re-named</i> - Women's Opportunity Awards				
1998-1999	Jennifer Njos	CentHS	Lucille Hedger	Binh Rybacki	Katie Kirkham		YF Discontinued
1999-2000	Tracie Alexander	FCHS	Mary Hollar also RMR winner-4th				
	Violet Richardson Award - est. 2000						
2000-2001	Chelsea A. Newby - Lar.Cty Humane Society	BHS	Jacqueline J. Hazard	MaryAnne Martell		Crossroads Safehouse	
2001-2002	Hailey Pash - Project Linus		Carrie Morey	Kathy Cosgrove Green	Laurel Kubin	Lydia Dody Breast Cancer Foundation	
2002-2003	Jennifer Kennymore - FirstCall and SCIT		Rachael K. Mattson	Susan Opdahl	Dorothy Bland	Office of Women's Programs and Studies, CSU	
2003-2004	Myriah Heddens - No.Co.AIDS Project		Julie A. Huss (1st) Ana Espinoza (2nd)		Linda Hopkins		
2004-2005	Elvera Sofos - PVH Volunteer Assn.		Bethany Allen (1st) Jennifer Flint (2nd) Lindsay Hallock (3rd)	<i>Combined into "Making A Difference for Women Recognitions"</i> Cathie Waugh (1st) Women Build, Habitat for Humanity			Mary Carraher (2nd) Project Self-Sufficiency



## PUBLICITY .. PUBLIC AWARENESS .. PUBLIC RELATIONS

### *MEDIA, MAILINGS, WEBSITE*

- Fort Collins *Coloradoan* Newspaper .. In the early years, Betty Woodworth was a friend to Soroptimist and other service organizations, and many articles regularly appeared. Times changed, and exposure dwindled; but with the hard work of Mary Kerbel, there were many wonderful articles and pictures of members and events during the mid-1980's. Others have worked very hard in this area, and in recent years Lois Peltz has "worked the system" with good results in the *Coloradoan* as well as other area publications.
- KZIX Radio - May 1961 .. Members were interviewed on the "Radio Breakfast Club" about club activities.
- Members participated in a roundtable discussion on Soroptimist on Denver TV.
- *Business World Magazine* and the *Triangle Review* newspaper .. John and Connie Pfeifferberger, owners of these publications, were helpful in getting the Soroptimist name in print. Connie occasionally highlighted members, their accomplishments and businesses in the monthly magazine. John sometimes shared, with humor, various Soroptimist stories.
- KRFC Radio - July 7, 2003 .. Ann Rutledge was interviewed on "Another Look."
- For several years the club sent congratulation cards with a club brochure to women in the Fort Collins area who had been recognized for outstanding community service and for business accomplishments.
- The SIFC website page was introduced in 2000, thanks to Del Miller.

### *THE SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION*

In 1996, SIFC joined clubs around the world in celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Soroptimist International. In 1921 the world was vastly different from what we know today. World War I had been over only three years. There was a terrible global recession and a famine in Russia. Greece and Turkey were at war. The League of Nations was trying to form in Geneva, and women were demanding that a woman be appointed to the Armament Board.

Rudolph Valentino made his debut. *Main Street* by Sinclair Lewis was a best seller. Sigmund Freud's *Dream Psychology* was published. Sage tea and sulphur turned your hair beautifully dark and luxuriant. Band Aids and Miss America appeared. The "bob" hair style was all the rage. Corsets sold for \$1.25, and coffee was 34 cents a pound. Most women lived at home until marriage (median age 21.1 years), and few women were seen in the work place. Women had helped out during World War I but were forced out of the labor market when the soldiers came home. Women teachers were forced to resign if they married.

This was the scene into which Soroptimist was born on October 3, 1921. Those early Soroptimists were very special women. They were a minority in the work place, a minority involved in public affairs, and part of the minority which set the stage for change. From a group of 80 women in that first club in Oakland, California, Soroptimist International has grown to 95,000 members in over 120 countries and territories. Soroptimist is in large cities and in small villages. There are clubs which must still meet in secret and newly-chartered clubs in former Soviet Union countries.

*THE PUBLICITY, PARADE AND PARTY* .. Mayor Ann Azari had declared October 3rd as Soroptimist International Day. The club published a large ad in the Fort Collins *Coloradoan* listing the multitude of organizations which had received support from SIFC since their chartering in 1950.

On October 13th, Grace Latham, age 91, felt like the "belle of the ball" as she roared through the streets of Fort Collins in a 1970 red Cadillac convertible named "Rita" in the Community Homecoming Parade. At two points along the route, announcers told the crowd about Soroptimist as the car passed by, following Soroptimist members who carried the "Soroptimist International of Fort Collins" banner.

On October 15th, the club had a party, complete with balloons, cake and a display of Soroptimist memorabilia. Special attendees were past award recipients and 14 past club presidents, including Grace who is also a Charter Member. A very special guest was Mike Nettleton, the club's first Youth Citizenship Award winner (1969) who also received the Rocky Mountain Region award and the SIA Federation award. Members of the Fort Collins Venture Club were also attendees.

## FUNDRAISING AND GIFTS

### *IN-CLUB AND REGION SALES*

Stainless steel knives, scissors, utensils - started 1964	"Gimmick" collections and Dutch Auction
Auctions, raffles or bazaars .. Handmade, hobby, "white elephant"	Denial Bank and Gypsy Basket
Individual piggy banks with "hogkilling" in May	No-bake Bake Sale
"Earthshakes" for donations to Philippine Disaster Relief	Birthday/Fine Bank and "Prideful Pig"
Sales or raffles at RMR conferences and district meetings	SI notecards, postcards, T-shirts

### *SALES TO CLUB MEMBERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS*

Cookbooks, civic directories, daily reminder books	Tupperware, apparel and card parties
Cooking classes by Public Service Company	Raffle for handmade quilt
Tickets for a tour of the Forney Museum	CSU Summer Outdoor Theatre tickets
Current Factory Outlet .. Candles, coasters, gifts, decorations	Candy sales - 1950's

### *COMMUNITY SALES*

Bus and event tickets to Denver Convention Center	Rummage, garage and yard sales
Bus and event tickets to National Western Stock Show	Bazaars and bake sales
Bus and event tickets to Central City Opera House	Tickets to CSU football games
Bus and event tickets to Ice Follies and Ice Capades	St. Luke's Thrift Shop consignments
FC Bicentennial 1975 .. Partnered with First National Bank in a booth selling lemonade, cookies, bonnets and aprons	KZIX Community Awards Program
Foleys Charity Benefit and Shopping Day	CSU Band Day - hot dogs, chips & sodas
	Nut and Candy Sale at St. Joseph's Bazaar

*AN INTERESTING PROJECT*.. In the late 1950's, the club placed a "Surface Jet" mechanical toy in the "Little Buckaroo Corral" at Owl Laundromat in Loveland. A portion of the income went to the laundromat for electricity costs; the remainder to SIFC. In 1962, the toy was donated to the Wooden Shoe Nursery in Fort Collins.

### *CURRENT COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING PROJECTS*

Annual Nut and Candy Sale - Started in 1980 .. Annual net income has ranged from \$1028 to \$4000.  
Annual Butter Braid Sale - Started in 2000 .. Net income 2005 - \$1650  
Annual Used Book Sale with A.A.U.W. - Started in 1993 .. Net income received by SIFC for 13 years - nearly \$50,000

### *PAST COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING EVENTS*

Fashion Show at St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
Community Gala at Poudre High School  
"Celebrity Lecture Series" at Poudre High School .. In the fall and spring of 1975-1976 the club sponsored performances by Olivia de Havilland - her life and years as a "Hollywood Movie Star," George Plimpton - "An Amateur Among Pros" about sports, Lawrence E. Gichner - antiques, and Irene Kampen - "It's a Funny World."  
"An Evening of Great Comedy" - Marriott Hotel; Net income .. 1986 - \$1700, 1987 - Unknown, 1988 - \$1548  
"Funny Business" - 1989, Comedy Works; Net income \$3057  
"Evening of Comedy" - 1990, Lincoln Center Mini-Theatre; Net income \$1500  
"A Magical Evening of Comedy" - 1991, Lincoln Center Mini-Theatre; Net income \$1200

### *SPECIAL GIFTS*

In 1994, member Mabel Boland donated \$5,000 in memory of her husband Harry. This remains in a special fund.  
In 1999, member Fran Bigelow willed \$5,000 to SIFC. This was put into the Boland Fund.

## MEETINGS

### *INTERNATIONAL AND FEDERATION CONVENTIONS, REGION CONFERENCES, FALL MEETINGS*

Members of a Soroptimist club are part of a larger organization, Soroptimist International, with headquarters in Cambridge, England. The international organization has a convention every four years in an "odd year" (1951, 1955, etc.) with the location being moved around the world. Biennially, in "even years," members of federations hold a convention. SIFC is a member of Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) with headquarters in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

SIFC is a member of Rocky Mountain Region. Region conferences are held each spring, hosted by clubs throughout a 5-state area (Colorado, Idaho, western Nebraska, Utah and Wyoming). Clubs in Rocky Mountain Region hold fall meetings each year .. first divided as "State Meetings," then "Area Meetings," and now "District Meetings." Members of the Fort Collins Soroptimist Club have been active attendees to, and sometimes hosts for, the region conferences and fall meetings.

The SIA Conventions have been well-attended by Fort Collins Soroptimists. Until 1990, all SIA conventions had been held in either the United States or Canada. That year the Convention was held in Kyoto, Japan. SIFC was represented by Blanche Magnuson, Judy Robinson and Delegate Connie Pfeifferberger. Several Fort Collins members have attended Soroptimist International Conventions around the world. After 1971 they included:

- 1975 - Sheffield, England - Mary Anderson, Anne Mueller, Hazel Jackson
- 1979 - Honolulu, Hawaii - Jean Gilmore and Blanche Magnuson
- 1987 - Melbourne, Australia - Blanche Magnuson and Judy Robinson
- 1991 - Nottingham, England - Blanche Magnuson
- 1995 - San Francisco, California - Blanche Magnuson, Judy Robinson, Ann Rutledge
- 2003 - Sydney, Australia - Ann Rutledge

### *SIFC HOSTED ..*

- 1954 - RMR Conference, The Northern Hotel
- 1971 - Colorado Fall State Meeting, United Bank Building
- 1978 - RMR Conference, Ramada Inn .. This was the year of the famous "denim skirts."
- 1986 - Fall Colorado/Nebraska/Wyoming Area Meeting, Holiday Inn East
- 1992 - RMR Conference, Marriott Hotel
- 1999 - District III/IV Meeting, Estes Park, YMCA of the Rockies

### *SIFC HELPED OUT ..*

- 1971 - Venture South Central Region Conference, Columbia Savings and Loan Building
- 1976 - Venture South Central Region Conference, Sylvan Dale Ranch .. The Big Thompson flood was that summer - three months after the conference.
- 1980 - SIA Convention, Denver Convention Center .. SIFC chaired Registration; Judy Robinson chaired Pages.
- 1986 - Venture South Central Region Conference, Ramada Inn

### *COMMUNITY MEETINGS*

- Colorado State University "Status of the University" luncheon
- "Fort Collins Community Builder of the Year" luncheon
- Zonta International, Quota Club and Soroptimist members occasionally attended each other's program meetings.

### *SPECIAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS*

- Club Birthdays and the Awards and Honor Nights - In the early years, the evening was shared with other Soroptimist clubs, such as Loveland, Boulder, Greeley, Longmont, Denver and Lakewood. Since the early 1980's, special guests have included past club presidents, award winners, their family members, and occasionally awards judges.
- At a meeting in May or June, annual contributions are presented to guests representing local organizations and/or programs.
- Holiday dinner meetings often include spouses and special friends.
- Past and Present Member "Reunion Teas"
- SIFC had a special evening to celebrate the 60th anniversary for Soroptimist International which included the Fort Collins Venture Club and members of the Laramie Soroptimist and Venture clubs.
- For many years, SIFC and SI/Laramie took turns hosting a Friendship Dinner meeting.
- Guests at meetings have included SIA 1979-81 President Dottie Kissinger; SI 1977-79 Past President Hilda Richardson; numerous Rocky Mountain Region Governors and Board Members; and Soroptimists from Germany, England, Denmark, France, Canada, Australia, Wales and other U.S. clubs.
- November 16, 1993, Lorry Roberts, SI Chairman of International Goodwill and Understanding, presented a program on Project 5-0. Attendees at that meeting included Fort Collins and Laramie Venturists; members of the Soroptimist clubs in Laramie, Longmont and Loveland; and members of the local A.A.U.W. and Zonta International.

### *EXTENSION MEETINGS*

Information meetings were held in other communities when members of the Fort Collins Soroptimist Club were involved in endeavors to charter Soroptimist clubs in other cities and, locally, regarding an S Club and a Venture Club:

- 1950's - tried to charter a Soroptimist club in Fort Morgan
- May 3, 1958 - chartered the Soroptimist International of Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska
- May 21, 1963 - chartered the Venture Club of Fort Collins
- October 5, 1975 - chartered the Soroptimist International of Cheyenne, Wyoming
- 1989 - tried to charter a local S Club and a Soroptimist club in Windsor, Colorado

## MEETING PLACES

Meeting places for service clubs have often been difficult to find. This has been especially true for the dinner meetings. The following list contains nearly all the places in which the Fort Collins club has held their breakfast, lunch or dinner meetings. Many locations have changed names; many are no longer in business. The list will be a challenge and trivia test for new members as well as those who are long-time residents.

Ali's Buffet  
Alliance Construction Solutions  
Allnutt Funeral Services  
Al's Cafe  
Angell's Dining Room  
Applegates Landing  
Bisetti's Italian Restaurant  
Brauns at Collindale  
Candlelight Inn  
Carolyn's Cuisine  
Carousel Dinner Theatre  
China Palace  
Christ Center Community Church  
Christ United Methodist Church  
Colonnades, The  
CSU Ammons Hall  
CSU Student Center  
Columbia Savings and Loan  
Days Inn  
Edge-O-Town Motel  
El Dorado Restaurant  
El Palomino Restaurant  
First National Bank  
First Presbyterian Church  
First United Methodist Church  
Fort Collins Country Club  
Fort Collins Senior Center  
Golden Corral  
Golden Pear  
Group Realtors  
Hansen's Cafe  
Hauf Brau  
Hermitage Inn  
Holiday Inn East  
Holiday Inn University Park  
Home Federal Savings & Loan  
Homes of members  
International House of Pancakes  
Jasmine Garden  
Jay's Bistro  
Joe's Fireside Cafe  
Junction, The / Laurel Street Junction  
King's Foodhost  
Lamb's Cafe  
Larry's Coffee Shop  
LePeep Grill  
Lesher Junior High School Media Room  
Lincoln Center Columbine Room  
Lincoln Center Olive Ludlow Room  
Linden's  
Little Saigon  
Lone Star Steakhouse  
Manor House  
Mariposa Spa  
Marriott Hotel  
Matterhorn Restaurant  
Moot House  
Mulligan's  
Northern Hotel  
Out of Bounds Restaurant  
Perkins Restaurant  
Platte River Power Authority  
PVH Harmony Campus  
Poudre Valley REA  
Ramada Inn  
Red Lobster  
Re-Max Advanced, Inc.  
Salvation Army  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
Sportsman Cafe  
Stewart & Associates, Inc.  
Tally's Restaurant  
Tony's Restaurant  
Top Restaurant, The  
Toppers  
Twin Spruce Restaurant  
Valencia Cafe  
Village Inn Restaurants  
Wyatt Cafeteria

## MEMBERSHIP

### *FIFTY-FIVE YEARS*

The membership of Soroptimist International of Fort Collins has included women from Colorado A&M College/Colorado State University; Thompson Valley and Poudre School districts; city and county government; professional women; and women from nearly all areas of private business, both large and small.

Club members have been leaders within the community and supporters of programs and projects which have made Fort Collins an outstanding city in which to live, work and raise families. This leadership has been instrumental in the work done by the club as well as on the region level. Members of SIFC have served on the Rocky Mountain Region Board .. Blanche Magnuson Member-at-Large for two terms (1982-1986) and Region Treasurer (1986-1988); Judy Robinson on the Region Board 8 years, as Colorado Director, Secretary, Governor Elect, then Governor during the 1992-1994 biennium; and Ann Rutledge on the Region Board 6 years, as District Director and Governor Elect, then Governor for the 2002-2004 biennium.

While members of SIFC, like other volunteer organizations, have come and gone, the club is fortunate to have several members of longer standing (15 years or more). They have seen many changes in Soroptimist and have been active in keeping the club a vital part of Fort Collins and world service. Of special note are Hazel Cameron and Mary Anderson, both active members over age 90 when they died. Blanche Magnuson, a very active member celebrated her 92nd birthday in 2005. Grace Latham, now 100, is still interested in club activities.

### *CLUB PRESIDENTS .. Serving with strength, honor and diligence*

1950-1951	Dagmar Gustafson	1978-1979	Majel Morgan
1951-1952	Ferne Bowman	1979-1980	Jean Gilmore
1952-1953	Grace Latham	1980-1981	June Henrie Moore
1953-1954	Mary Anderson	1981-1982	Evelyn Jackson
1954-1955	Eulah Goodding	1982-1983	Ellen Bartlett
1955-1956	Hazel Cameron	1983-1984	Judy Robinson
1956-1957	Hazel Cameron	1984-1985	Pam Northey
1957-1958	Myrtle Hinds	1985-1986	Mary Kerbel
1958-1959	Mabel Boland	1986-1987	Carol McEndaffer
1959-1960	Geneva Keirnes	1987-1988	Ann Rutledge
1960-1961	Dorma "Dot" Rouse	1988-1989	Connie Pfeiffenberger
1961-1962	Mary Anderson	1989-1990	Pat Bruen
1962-1963	Lee Jenison	1990-1991	Joan Bowen
1963-1964	Helen Bowen	1991-1992	Delores Turman
1964-1965	Peggy Little	1992-1993	Carolyn Wade
1965-1966	Hazel Cook Jackson	1993-1994	Marv Yost
1966-1967	Frances Hunsberger	1994-1995	Denise Saathoff
1967-1968	Lucille Payton	1995-1996	Judy Robinson
1968-1969	Dorris Johns	1996-1997	Ann Rutledge
1969-1970	Marilyn Goodrich	1997-1998	Ann Rutledge
1970-1971	Shirley James	1998-1999	Marv Yost
1971-1972	Laurene Cain	1999-2000	Heather Pate Rutt
1972-1973	Betty Peterson	2000-2001	Robanette Catalano
1973-1974	Blanche Magnuson	2001-2002	Robanette Catalano
1974-1975	Lois Schilling	2002-2003	Deb McEndaffer Schaneman
1975-1976	Mary Nittmann	2003-2004	Carol McEndaffer
1976-1977	Lois Schilling	2004-2005	Lois Peltz
1977-1978	Majel Morgan	2005-2006	Joan Gladden

*MEMBERSHIP LIST .. 1950 - 2005*

*This list was compiled using 55 years of minutes, newsletters and club rosters.  
Apologies for any names which have been inadvertently misspelled or omitted.*

Adams, Sue	Clark, Mary	Hamre, Faith
Alexander, Harleen	Clyde, Phyllis	Harms, Priscilla
Allen, Betsy	Cochran, Merle	Harris, Terri
Allin, Kathleen	Collier, Dorothy	Hartshorn, Ariella
Anderson, Mary	Cook, Sandy	Hauser, Inez
Angus, Rosalie	Cornette, M.L.	Haxton, Peggy
Archer, Elaine	Crall, Carole	Hazard, Jackie
Atkins, Lauren Parker	Crook, Leeta	Heider, Dianne Burk
Bachman, Rosita	Dahmer, Freddie	Henrie, June
Baechler, Hazel	Day, Jane	Hess, Beryl
Baker, Geraldine	Dieters, Lucein	Hill, Michelle
Baker, Karel	Dowlin, Darlene	Hinds, Myrtle
Barron, Alicia	Drennen, Nancy	Holste, Mildred
Bartlett, Ellen	Dye, Diana	Howard, Juanita
Baskett, Shirley	Eacret, Dorothy	Huff, Dottie
Bauer, Fern	Ehmann, Hanna	Hughes, Judy
Benshoof, Jessie	Eiser, Lillian	Hull, Mary
Bigelow, Fran	Elderkins, Donna	Hunsberger, Fran
Birks, Juanita	Eller, Lou	Huntsman, Gayle
Blakely, Lori	Elliott, Rebecca	Jackson, Evelyn
Blomberg, Barb	Ensley, Maxine	Jackson, Hazel Cook
Boggs, Judy	Everett, Florence	James, Shirley
Boland, Mabel	Farmer, Blanche	Jauken, Eunice
Bowen, Helen	Fischer, Gertrude	Jenison, Lee
Bowen, Joan	Fordham, Ada E.	Jensen, Cynthia
Bowman, Ferne	Forney, Rae	Johns, Dorris
Bradley, Ruth	Frison, Mary	Johnson, Carol
Brescia, Margarete	Fritzler, Stace Scharfe	Johnson, Ruth
Bristol, Helen	Frye, Betty	Johnson, Tammra
Brown, Winona	Fuller, Bernie	Jones, Emma Lou
Bruen, Pat	Garcia, Juanita	Jones, Kara
Buchanan, Jane	Gardner, Marie	Jones, Roberta
Burbank, Marivene	Gilmore, Jean	Jordan, Ann
Burk, Betty	Gladden, Joan	Katopodis, Angie
Busch, Jean	Glover, Linda	Keese, Peg
Cahill, Elizabeth	Goodding, Eulah	Keirnes, Geneva
Cain, Laurene	Goodrich, Marilyn	Keller, Carol
Cameron, Hazel	Gordon, Laveta	Kerbel, Mary
Carlson, Jean	Gray, Nancy	Kienholz, Barbara
Carroll, Mary	Green, Leeta	Kirkham, Katie
Catalano, Robanette	Greison, Inez	Kirkland, Jori
Cavender, Karen	Gustafson, Bonnie	Knutson, Peggy
Chaput, Shelley	Gustafson, Dagmar	Kostas, Annie
Claffey, Deihleen	Haines, Ellen	Kruger, Ruth

Kunze, Roberta  
Kunze, Sharon  
Lach, Susan  
LaPoint, Hermi  
Latham, Grace  
Laughlin, Karel  
Laughrun, Bette  
Linder, Elinore  
Little, Peggy  
Livingston, Ella  
Lofink, Diane  
Luallen, Jenny  
Magnuson, Blanche  
Matney, Lois  
McBee, Wanda  
McConnell, Cay  
McCormick, Dorothy  
McDermott, Maxine  
McEndaffer, Carol  
McGinty, Ardith  
McGraw, Beryl "Brownie"  
Miller, Del  
Mills, Wilma  
Misel, Pat  
Molison, Ann  
Molson, Cynthia  
Morgan, Alma  
Morgan, Majel  
Mueller, Anne  
Murphy, Karen  
Neel, Helen  
Nelson, Diane  
Nicoson, Evelyn  
Nittmann, Mary  
Nix, Patsy  
Northey, Pam  
Nutter, Gladys  
Ocheltree, Harriett  
O'Connell, Bev  
Ogle, Terri  
Omeg, Karen  
Owen, Mary  
Ozzello, Nancy  
Parmalee, Amy\*  
Patterson, Betty  
Payton, Lucille  
Peltz, Lois  
Peterson, Betty

Peterson, Irene  
Pfeiffenberger, Connie  
Piper, Nancy  
Polley, Dorothy  
Poor, Violet "Mickey"  
Ratliffe, Peggy  
Reager, Susie  
Redder, Cynthia Love  
Reed, Penny  
Reilly, Betty  
Renfroe, Kathy  
Renner, Jackie  
Reusing, Diane  
Rigden, Agnes  
Robinson, Judy  
Robinson, Mary  
Rogers, Glenave  
Roth, Ethel  
Rouse, Dorma  
Rutledge, Ann  
Rutt, Heather Pate  
Rybacki, Binh Nguyen  
Saathoff, Denise  
Salmon, Debbie  
Sanders, Loretta  
Sandy, Marie  
Schaneman, Deb  
Schilling, Lois  
Schmidt, Helen  
Scholl, Nina  
Schroeder, Esther  
Schutz, Sue  
Scriven, Sharon  
Shafer, Alveta  
Shanstrom, Georgia  
Shriver, Hazel  
Simmons, Marie  
Slack, Iris  
Smith, Jean  
Smith, Verba  
Snow, Linda  
Snyder, Janet  
Speiser, Virginia  
Spelts, Mary Alice  
Stallings, Shirley  
Stanley, Mary  
Stevens, Joanne  
Stillwagon, Wanda

Stockover, Margaret  
Swallow, Alta  
Talley, Pat  
Taylor, Phyllis  
Teal, Dora Mae  
Thomas, Virginia  
Thompson, Ann  
Thompson, Loree  
Thompson, Vicki  
Thomsen, Laurie  
Tool, Elaine  
Trimble, Martha  
Turman, Delores  
Unfug, Theresa  
Valentine, Rouine  
Van Alsburg, Betty  
Van Hoesen, Natalie  
Wade, Carolyn  
Wattles, Ruth\*  
Way, Dorothy  
Weatherford, Jackie  
Wenzel, Carolyn  
Wheat, Susan  
White, Dorothy  
Wiebelhaus, Margo  
Wiest, Connie  
Wilder, Kim  
Williams, Jean  
Wingate, Bonnie  
Woodward, Patricia  
Woolrich, Avis  
Wright, Irene  
Yost, Marv  
Young, Pat  
Zehr, Abby

\*Honorary members

*Additional members are included  
with the Club President's Annual  
Reports located in the Addendum.*



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 Club Presidents after 2005 Publication

Name: Joan Gladden

Term of Office: 2005-2006

Theme for Club Year: "Bridges of Encouragement"

Officers and Board:

President - Joan Gladden

Treasurer - Kara Jones

President Elect - Lois Peltz

Director - Delores Turman

Vice President - Carolyn Wade

Director - Sue Schutz, Karen Omeg after 2/06

Secretary - Pat Talley

Past President - Lois Peltz

Service Donations:

LOCAL

SIA Violet Richardson Award 950.00

SIA Women's Opportunity Awards 1,000.00

American Cancer Society Relay for Life 1,200.00

ABLE Women pledge 1,000.00

Boland Fund - Memorials 25.00

Blanket projects for Crossroads 60.00

Crossroads for kitchen project 250.00

Crossroads "seed money" pledge 1,000.00

Lentz Hearing Project 750.00

Project Self-Sufficiency 750.00

United Day Care Center 750.00

Wingshadow pledge 1,000.00

GLOBAL

Children of Peace International 998.00

Katrina - supplies for women and children 1,230.00

Making a Difference for Women - to SIA Fund Development 500.00

Rocky Mountain Region Service Project - Children of Peace 50.00

Operation Christmas Child - for shipping boxes 105.00

Cartridges for Kids - donations to Children of Peace 51.00

SI December 10th Appeal - Soroptimists Roll Back Malaria, Africa 96.00

SI 2003-2007 Quadrennial Project - Project Independence:

Women Survivors of War .. Afghanistan, Bosnia, Rwanda 389.00

SIA Translation Fund 75.00

SIA Disaster Relief Fund for Women and Girls 75.00

Award Winners:

Women's Opportunity Awards - 1st..Tanay Estrada, 2nd..Louann Baker, 3rd..Debra Criswell

Violet Richardson Award - 1st..Glen Elizabeth Hajost, 2nd..Laura Bigins, 3rd..Charlotte Lakamp

Making A Difference for Women Award - Julie Kunce Field (Crossroads), Sheryl Harrell (Front Range Community College)

Recognition from Rocky Mountain Region: RMR Spirit of Soroptimist Award - Lois Peltz

Program Meetings:

Meeting Location - Lone Star Steakhouse, 1000 West Troutman Parkway, Fort Collins

Speakers: Steve Thorson, MD, "One man's perspective - The Advantages of a Single-Payer Plan of Universal Health Insurance;" Collegiate 4-H Members, "4-H and Parliamentary Procedure;" Sue Ellen Charlton, "Women in Developing Countries;" Vicki Lutz, "Women and Violence;" Steve Bolton, Wingshadow; Jean Kay of HELP International; Scott Tate, Qigong Master

Special Guest: RMR Board Member Barb Lewis, District IV Director

Business Meeting Location: Christ Center Community Church, 2700 Lemay Avenue, Fort Collins

SIA Renaissance Activities:

Membership:

- New Members - Shelly Chaput (9/6/2005), Abby Zehr (9/6/2005), Pam Harrold (3/16/2006)
- Special member recognition - Spirit of Soroptimist Award, Lois Peltz
- Special member event - 100th birthday party for Charter Member Grace Latham

Public Awareness:

- Newsletter published regularly
- RMR 2nd Place, Public Awareness Campaign, "Open House for Soroptimist"
- SIA Celebrating Success semi-finalist, Violet Richardson publicity
- SIA Celebrating Success semi-finalist, Club Website

Fundraising - Club Projects (net income):

Annual SIFC/AAUW Used Book Sale	8,200.00 (portion to SIFC)
Butter Braid Sales	1,658.00
Nut and Candy Sale	1,857.00
William E. Morgan books (donation from author)	75.00
Cards and miscellaneous	10.00

Program:

- SIA Celebrating Success semi-finalist, Call to Arms Violence Against Women (VAWA)
- Community Service - Hands-On .. Hosts at Hall of Trees; Relay for Life team (raised \$3,440)
- SI - Quadrennial Project, December 10th Appeal .. Monetary donations
- SIA - Disaster Relief for Women and Girls .. Donation to Katrina needs
- RMR - Projects with Children of Peace International .. Monetary donation, Ho Chi Minh Youth Center
- Friendship Links - Contacts with SI/Oita, Japan; SI/Beppu, Japan; SI/Deniliquin, Australia
- RMR 1st Place winner - Celebrating Success & Focus Reports ..
 

1. International Day of Peace	16. Friendship Links
2. Soroptimist Open House	17. Welcome New Clubs
3. Grace Latham's Birthday	18. Christmas Cards
4. Spirit of Soroptimist Award	19. History of Club
5. Conference at Jackson WY	20. Oral History
6. Nut & Candy Fundraiser	21. Power Point
7. Butter Braid Fundraiser	22. Violence Against Women
8. Used Book Sale Fundraiser	23. Youth Activity Center
9. December 10th Appeal	24. Cartridges for Kids w/ Scotts Bluff County
10. Katrina	25. ABLE Women w/ Junior League
11. Children of Peace International	26. Publicity
12. Operation Christmas Child	27. Soroptimist Hats
13. Lentz Hearing Project	28. Club's 54th Birthday
14. Cancer Society Relay for Life	29. Gifts Under the Tree - Project Self-Sufficiency
15. Club Website	

RMR District Meetings, RMR Conference, SIA Convention, SI Convention:

- RMR District Meeting: "Reach for the Stars," Gering NE, Attending - Joan Gladden, Ann Rutledge, Blanche Magnuson
- RMR Conference: Salt Lake City UT, Attending - Robanette Catalano, Jessie Benshoof, Joan Gladden, Karen Omeg, Lois Peltz, Judy Robinson, Mary Robinson, Ann Rutledge, Delores Turman, Carolyn Wade
- Highlights - Lois Peltz elected as District IV Director, SIFC extended an invitation to attend the 2007 RMR Conference in Fort Collins
- SIA Convention: Philadelphia PA, Attending - Lois Peltz, Judy Robinson, Ann Rutledge, Delores Turman
- Highlights - Club member Ann Rutledge elected to SIA Fund Development Council; SIFC awarded SIA 1st Place (Celebrating Success) for club website; Lois Peltz awarded attendance at the Jane Hoffman Soroptimist Emerging Leaders Forum; Tours of new Soroptimist Headquarters in Philadelphia

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Name: Delores Turman Term of Office: 2006-2007

Theme for Club Year: "Women and Girls Living Their Dreams"

Officers and Board:

President - Delores Turman	Treasurer - Kara Jones
President Elect - Robanette Catalano	Director - Karen Omeg
Vice President - Carolyn Wade	Director - Abby Fienhold
Secretary - Pat Talley	Past President - Joan Gladden

Service Donations:

LOCAL	
Crossroads - Teen Dating Violence Institute	1,000.00
Lentz Hearing Project	1,000.00
Project Self-Sufficiency	1,000.00
United Day Care Center	1,000.00
Journey Young Women's Conference	700.00
Lutheran Family Services - Infant simulator	575.00
ChildSafe	500.00
Girl Scout Mountain Prairie Council - Power Up Program	500.00
Amazing Women's Safety Awareness Conference	500.00
Cancer Society Relay for Life	100.00
GLOBAL	
SI Quadrennial - Project Independence, Women Survivors of War	389.00
SI President's December 10th Appeal - Project Punjab	374.00
SIA Disaster Fund for Women and Girls	350.00
SIA Fund Development - Honorariums, Making a Difference For Women	750.00
SIA Fund Development - Memorials, Helen Bowen and Jean Gilmore	100.00
SIA Founders Pennies	113.46
Friendship Link - SIA Magazine, SI/Deniliquin, Australia	15.00
RMR Governor's Project - Vests and Kiosks for women in Vietnam	655.00
RMR IGLU Friendship Grant	50.00
Operation Christmas Child Boxes	196.00
Children of Peace International	183.25

SIFC Award Winners:

Women's Opportunity Awards - 1st..Margie D. Ellis (\$500), 2nd..Stacy Musial (\$300), 3rd..Theresa Rozeski (\$200)  
 Violet Richardson Award - 1st..Melissa Yurash & Interact of Fort Collins High School (\$250 each), 2nd..Helena Bowen & Relay for Life (\$100 each), 3rd..Brianna Clark & Poudre Valley Hospital (\$100 each)  
 Making A Difference for Women Award - Wendy Cohen, Patty Morrison ... \$750 sent to SIA Fund Development  
 Living Her Dream Award (started in 2006-2007) - Tara M. Eckhardt (\$555)  
 Spirit of Soroptimist (SOS) Award - Mary Robinson

SIFC Awards or Recognitions from Rocky Mountain Region:

.. Women's Opportunity Award Program - Margie Ellis, District IV winner	.. Club Media Award
.. Making a Difference for Women - Wendy Cohen, winner	.. Newsletter Recognition
.. Rhythm Makers Award for Used Book Sale and Operation Christmas Child	.. Live Your Dream
.. No. 1 Club for completing 100% of RMR's club goals for 2006-2007	

Recognitions from SIA:

Semi-finalist in Fundraising - 2007 Used Book Sale  
 Semi-finalist in Global Community category - 2007 Operation Christmas Child  
 Silver Club Award for \$750 contribution to 2006-2007 Annual Club Campaign  
 Recognition for outstanding work in all four areas of the Renaissance Campaign

President: Delores Turman - 2006-2007, page 2

Special Recognition: Member Blanche Magnuson received the Les and Madge Everitt Award from the Centennial Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Program Meetings:

Meeting Location - Fort Collins Marriott, 330 East Horsetooth Road, Fort Collins

Speakers:

Girl Scouts, Louann DeCoursey  
Director of Medical Imaging at McKee Medical Center, Cherelene Goodale  
Beyond the Mirror, Jennifer Amara-Kunze  
Project Self-Sufficiency, Executive Director Mary Carraher  
Children of Peace International, Executive Director Binh Rybacki  
Generational Issues in Recruiting and Membership, RMR Coordinator Margo Hartman,  
and special guest Joan Cromer, past SI President, SIA President & RMR Governor  
Career Counselor, Kathy Piotrowski  
ChildSafe, Executive Director Kandy Moore and special guest Lois Peltz, RMR District IV Director

Business Meeting Location: Home State Bank, 303 E Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins

SIA Renaissance Activities:

Membership .. Members inducted during the year:

Theresa Unfug (7/2006)	Cyndi Bowden (9/2006)
Mary Ann Corliss (9/2006)	Michelle Softich (10/2006)
Cindy Hartel (9/2006)	Laura Voelker (10/2006)
Peggy Lewis (9/2006)	Julie Knudsen (3/2007)

Public Awareness:

Lois Peltz, Public Awareness Chair, had articles printed in the Coloradoan newspaper and SIA *Best for Women* magazine. It was the second year in a row that the Fort Collins club was recognized by SIA.

Fundraising:

SIFC/AAUW Annual Used Book Sale - Net \$8,700  
Annual Butter Braid Sale - Net \$1,658  
Annual Nut and Candy Sale - Net \$1,857

Program:

Hands-on - Mother's Day Gift Mugs for Project Self-Sufficiency clients, Team for Cancer Society Relay for Life, Soropti-scarves for Vietnam  
SIA - Domestic Violence - Saturday of Service .. Snuggler Blankets for Crossroads Safehouse  
Friendship Links - Contacts with SI/Oita, Japan; SI/Beppu, Japan; SI/Deniliquin, Australia; SI/Moreno Valley CA

SIA Convention:

SIA Biennial Convention was held in Philadelphia PA on July 19-22, 2006. SIFC members Lois Peltz, Ann Rutledge, Judy Robinson and Delores Turman attended. The convention theme was "Free to Dream," and programs showed clubs how to promote "Living Your Dream" in their own clubs and communities.

Ann Rutledge was elected to the SIA Fund Development Council for 2006-2010.

SIFC was awarded 1st Place (Celebrating Success) for the club website.

RMR District Meeting:

The meeting was held September 23-24, 2006, in Rawlins WY. Club members attending were Lois Peltz, Ann Rutledge, Karen Omeg, Robanette Catalano and Delores Turman. The Region Renaissance Chairs presented programs on how each club could obtain all of the goals.

RMR Conference:

The conference was held April 27-29, 2007, at the Fort Collins Marriott. Over 30 SIFC members helped host the meeting. The theme was "Rocky Mountain Women Living Their Dreams." Over 180 attended the conference.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CLUB YEAR:

There were so many highlights for me this year. We had so many things we wanted to accomplish .. The Renaissance goals, hosting Spring Conference, fundraising, increase in membership, and many service projects. Every member just pitched in and gave their all. One of the most important things was that we had fun.

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 Club Presidents after 2005 Publication

Name - Robanette Catalano Term of Office - 2007-2008

Officers and Board:

President - Robanette Catalano	Treasurer - Mary Ann Corliss
President Elect - Christine Hutchinson	Director - Abby Fienhold
Vice President - Pam Harrold	Director - Carolyn Wade
Secretary - Karen Omeg	Past President - Delores Turman

*In memory of Grace Latham ...*

*Grace was a true Soroptimist, always gracious and caring of others. She was a Charter Member of Soroptimist International of Fort Collins, joining on February 25, 1950, and remained a member until her death on November 19, 2007, at age 102. Grace owned a beauty salon, Charm Studio, and worked until in her 80's. She was a mentor to her employees, encouraging them to join the Venture Club, sponsored by SIFC. Many in the Fort Collins community benefitted from her kind and generous heart.*

*SIFC recognized Grace with the "Women Helping Women Award" in 1979, a special honor for "50 years of Soroptimist Service and Friendship" in 2000, and a "Special Spirit of Soroptimist Award" in 2005. With donations received in her name following her death, the club created the "Grace Latham Scholarship." Awards were presented to two young women who were beauty/cosmetology students.*

*When Soroptimist celebrated its 75th Anniversary in 1996, a group of SIFC members carried the club banner in the Community Homecoming Parade. Right behind them Grace, at age 91, followed the banner through the streets in a 1970 red Cadillac convertible. She said she felt like the "Belle of the Ball."*

From the Memorial Service at the 2008 Rocky Mountain Region Conference in Laramie, Wyoming

Service Donations:

LOCAL	
\$20.00 Meal Gift Certificates, Project Self-Sufficiency	2089.00
Rocky Mountain High School - Adopt-A-Family Project	559.00
ChildSafe Sexual Abuse Treatment Center	500.00
Crossroads Safehouse	1050.00
United Day Care Center	500.00
Women's Center of Larimer County	1000.00
Lentz Hearing Project	500.00
SART Peers Program	180.00
Two Hearts for Lacy - Amazing Women's Safety Conference	500.00
GLOBAL	
Rocky Mountain Region - Kiosks & Vests, Women in Vietnam	300.00
SIA Disaster Recovery Fund for Women and Girls	100.00
SI Quadrennial Project, Project Sierra: A Family and a Future	250.00
SI Kenya Project	300.00
SI Project 5-0	100.00
SI Human Rights Day President's Appeal - Hamlin Fistula Fund	576.00

Award Winners:

Women's Opportunity Awards - 1st..Sally Easter (\$1000) & RMR 2nd Place, 2nd..Amberlyn Oakes (\$500)  
 Violet Richardson Awards - 1st..Jessica Spomer & Tavelli Elementary School (\$500 each), 2nd..Rebecca Johnson-Paben & PHS National Honor Society (\$200 each)  
 Making A Difference for Women Award - 1st..Dr. Sue Ellen Charlton of CSU & Louann DeCoursey of Girl Scouts (\$1000 sent to SIA Club Campaign)  
 Living Her Dream Award - Caddie L. Eley (\$1000)  
 Grace Latham Scholarship (memorial) - Kristen Eatmon, Cheeks, & Rachael Atencio, Hair Dynamics (\$500 each)

Awards or Recognitions for SIFC Members or Club:

SIFC Spirit of Soroptimist (SOS) Award - Carolyn Wade  
 Golden Heart Award to Blanche Magnuson from Amazing Women's Safety Conference/Two Hearts for Lacy Foundation

Rocky Mountain Region and/or Soroptimist International of the Americas Recognitions:

SIFC completed 100% of Club Goals

Club participated in Women's Opportunity Awards, Violet Richardson Award, Making a Difference for Women

Club had a Live Your Dream project - the Living Her Dream Award

Focus Report Forms sent to SIA

Donation sent to SIA Club Campaign

Program Meetings - Hilton Fort Collins, 425 West Prospect Road, Fort Collins CO

Speakers/Programs:

September - Partners Mentoring Youth - Zach McFarlane

October - Domestic Violence Awareness Month - Julie Kunce Field

November - No meeting held - funds donated to RMHS Adopt-A-Family Project

December - Holiday dinner - no program

January - Afghanistan Women and War Widows - Mary Eggleston

February - Awards Night (see list) and Blankets donated to Crossroads Safehouse

March - Women's Center of Larimer County - Susan Stockton

April - Larimer County Extension, Family & Consumer Sciences - Jacque Miller

May - Matthews House - Jerri Howe, Executive Director

June - Presentation of donations (see list); Installation of 2008-2009 Officers

Business Meeting Location - Home State Bank, 303 East Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins CO

SIA Renaissance Activities:

Membership ..

New Members: Cheryl Rojas (7/1/07), Nicole Mossing (12/4/07), Judy Weaver (6/17/08)

Public Awareness ..

Newsletter, website, media

Fundraising ..

Nut and Candy Sale - net income \$2,403.03

Butter Braid Sale - net income \$1,650.00

Used Book Sale - net income \$9,262.00

Program .. Community Service - Attendance at Functions, Hands-On Projects, Member Involvement:

10/9/07 - 7 members attended the Girl Scouts of Colorado "Commit to a Girl" breakfast

10/11/07 - Several members attended the Domestic Violence Rally in Old Town Fort Collins

11/07 - Crossroads Safehouse Gala - Lois Peltz, Donna Weyer, and Sharon Kunze attended

1/11/08 - Members joined with SI/Denver in handing out Soroptimist brochures and flyers to increase awareness of human trafficking

2/1 & 2/2/08 - Members supported the Two Hearts for Lacy Fdn. Amazing Women's Safety Conference

2/28/08 - Members stuffed bags with items for attendees at the Journey Conference

2/29/08 - Members made Tropical Sore Bandages and scarves for Vietnam and fleece snugglers for Crossroads

Members participated in the American Society Relay for Life and the Multiple Sclerosis Walk

SI 2007 Convention: Glasgow, Scotland - Attended by Ann Rutledge, SIFC member, SIA Fund Development Council member

RMR 2007 District Meeting: 9/29-9/30 - "Mile High Magic" - Hosted by SI/Denver - Several members attended.

RMR 2008 Conference : 4/25-4/27 - "Soroptimists Have Big Hearts" - Presiding - Governor Paula Voering - Hosted by SI/Laramie

Fifteen SIFC members attended. Lois Peltz was elected Region Secretary for 2008-2010. Guests were Cathy Standiford, SIA President Elect, and Dawn Marie Lemonds, SI Programme Coordinator. Special guests included two Soroptimists from Denmark - sisters Tove Eriksson, SI Copenhagen, and Kirsten Schjoedt Jensen, SI Frederikssund, recipients of RMR Friendship Grants.

SIA 2008 Convention: Taipei, Taiwan - Attended by SIFC Delegate Christine Hutchinson, President Elect, and Ann Rutledge, SIFC member, SIA Fund Development Council member

Special Events:

3/8/08 - SIFC members got together for a potluck lunch to celebrate the club's many accomplishments.

5/2/08 - SIFC Members Lois Peltz, Judy Robinson, Binh Rybacki, Delores Turman, Bernie Fuller and Sharon Kunze helped SI/Scotts Bluff County celebrate their 50th Anniversary. SIFC was the sponsoring club for their chartering. Judy read a poem regarding the club's chartering written by Dorothy Brown, SI/SBC member and RMR past governor.

4/19/08 - SIFC members joined SI/Denver in welcoming Friendship Grant Soroptimists from Denmark. SIFC members also gathered 4/27 at Karen Omeg's to visit with them once again before they headed home. See Conference for more information.

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Club Presidents after 2005 Publication

Name - Christine Hutchinson Term of Office - 2008-2009

Theme for Club Year: *"Celebrate Soroptimist"*

Officers and Board:

President - Christine Hutchinson	Secretary/Board - Donna Weyer
President Elect - Karen Omeg	Treasurer - Mary Ann Corliss
Vice President - Nicole Mossing	Directors - Cindy Hartel & Judy Robinson
Secretary/Business - Carolyn Wade	Past President - Robanette Catalano

Service Donations:

LOCAL	
Rocky Mountain High School Adopt-A-Family project	400.00
Lentz Hearing Project	650.00
Project Self-Sufficiency	650.00
The Soroptimist Fund/PV Health Systems - Navigator Program	650.00
Women's Center of Larimer County - Dental Assistance Program	650.00
Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center (SAVA) - SuperGirls Program	650.00
Crossroads Safehouse - New facility	650.00
GLOBAL	
Trees, Water and People - Justa Stoves	150.00
Children of Peace International - Remaking a Life program	650.00
RMR - Little Rose Project - Children of Peace International and Hands of Hope - Scholarships for Girls in Uganda	120.00
SIA - Disaster Recovery Fund for Women and Girls	200.00
SI Quadrennial Project, Project Sierra: A Family and A Future	200.00
SI Human Rights Day President's Appeal - Hamlin Fistula Fund	250.00

Award Winners:

Women's Opportunity Awards - 1st..Lauren Bergmann (\$1000), 2nd..C. Michele Topping (\$500)  
Violet Richardson Awards - 1st..Anna DeFrancia & National Charity League (\$500 each), 2nd..Pilar Delgado de Leon & FCHS Operation Smile-Student Sector (\$200 each)  
Making A Difference for Women Award - 1st..Nicole Gawronski of Project Self-Sufficiency, 2nd..Wendy Stine of Harmony Center - \$1000 sent to SIA Club Campaign  
Living Her Dream Award - Lauren Bergmann (\$1000)

Awards or Recognitions for SIFC Members or Club:

SIFC Spirit of Soroptimist (SOS) Award - Karen Omeg  
SIFC Special Spirit of Soroptimist Award - Del Miller  
Rocky Mountain Region and/or Soroptimist International of the Americas recognitions:  
2009 Annual Club Goals - 100%  
SIA - RMR Participation in the Making a Difference for Women Program  
SIA Club Campaign Contribution - Gold Level ... \$1000.00  
Certificate of Recognition for valuable contributions in Public Awareness  
Certificate of Achievement for participation in the Women's Opportunity Awards Program

Program Meetings - Hilton Fort Collins, 425 West Prospect Road, Fort Collins CO

Speakers/Programs:

September .. Sandra Larson, Cancer Communication Specialist - Poudre Valley Health Systems  
October .. Wendy Stine - Harmony Center, Estes Park  
November .. Susannah Wright - National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
December .. Brunch hosted by Jessi Benschopf & Theresa Unfug - no program  
January .. "Soroptimist: Here's the Scoop" - Ann Rutledge, Lois Peltz, Judy Robinson  
February .. Awards Night (see list)  
March .. Lizzy Slatt, Community Education Director - Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center (SAVA)  
April .. Stuart Conway, International Director - Trees, Water & People  
May .. Kathy Kioussopoulos, RM BSN - A Woman's Heart  
June .. Service Fund Donations (see list) Note: 2009-2010 Officers were installed on June 2, 2009

Business Meetings - Home State Bank, 303 East Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins CO

SIA Renaissance Activities:

Membership ...

October 14 - Prospective Member Event held

New Members - 10/20/08 - Annie Brunsell; 11/18/08 - L'Joy Griebenow, Paula Hawe, Sue Walberg;  
2/17/09 - Wendy Stine

Public Awareness ...

SIFC Club Blog created by Lois Peltz and Donna Weyer

Fundraising ...

Nut & Candy Sale; Butter Braid Sale - combined net income \$3,051.88

Used Book Sale - net income \$8,250.00

Program .. Community Service - Attendance at Functions, Hands-On Projects and/or Member Involvement:

Members participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and the Multiple Sclerosis Walk.

11/08 - Lois Peltz and Theresa Unfug attended the Crossroads Safehouse Gala.

11/19/08 - Judy Weaver, Judy Robinson and Sharon Kunze attended the SAVA Breakfast.

3/31/09 - Lois Peltz, Ann Rutledge, Paula Hawe and Judy Robinson attended the Project Self-Sufficiency Fundraiser Breakfast.

RMR District Meeting : 10/4-10/5 - "Soroptimists Reach New Heights" - Hosted by SI/Lander - Attendees participated in a *Ceremony in Memory of the Victims of Domestic Violence*. Six SIFC members attended, including 1st Timer Sharon Kunze.

RMR Conference : 5/1-5/3 - "Inspire the Magic of Soroptimists" - Presiding, Governor Barbara Lewis - Hosted by SI/Minico

Special guests: Pina Pileggi, SIA Board, and Ann Rutledge, SIA Fund Development Council. Eight members attended. With 100% of clubs participating in the Women's Opportunity Awards, the region winner received a laptop from SIA.

Members on Community Boards and Councils:

Annie Brunsell, Poudre Valley Hospital Cancer Survivor Board

Paula Hawe, Project Self-Sufficiency Board

Christine Hutchinson, Sexual Assault Victim Advocate (SAVA) Board

Nicole Mossing, Fort Collins Rowing Association

Lois Peltz, Crossroads Safehouse Board

Ann Rutledge, Cancer Society Relay for Life Board

Binh Rybacki, Executive Director, Children of Peace International

Judy Weaver, Poudre School District Retired Employees Association

Special Events:

6/13 - Judy (& Phil) Robinson attended the 70th Birthday Celebration for SI/Denver.

6/13 - Members Lois Peltz, Joan Gladden, Donna Weyer, Carolyn Wade and Annie Brunsell joined member Binh Rybacki at the Breckenridge Film Festival for the premiere showing of "A Necessary Journey," a film highlighting Binh's involvement with others in human trafficking issues in Vietnam. The film won a Spiritual Award.

8/23 - Members helped special member Blanche Magnuson celebrate her 95th birthday (August 27th).

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CLUB YEAR (Club President's perspective and thoughts):

Looking back on my year as president, there are a lot of highlights that stand out. There are the obvious ones that seem consistent from year to year: outstanding ladies working hard, amazing fundraising efforts, the awesome Book Sale, our Awards Program Meeting in February, and giving money away at the June Program Meeting.

One of the biggest highlights for me was getting to travel to Taiwan for the SIA Convention. It was such a wonderful experience meeting Soroptimists from all over our federation and hearing about all that they are doing. I also enjoyed getting to know Soroptimist on a larger scale and getting to know the organization as a whole much better.

The other "highlight" for me was watching our club run so well with little effort from me as president. It's amazing to me all we are able to accomplish, and it's because every member of this club pitches in and contributes more than her share. It was a fantastic year!



*Soroptimist International of Fort Collins*  
*Addendum to Club History*  
President - Karen Omeg ... Term of Office - 2009-2010  
*"Making a Difference"*

Officers and Board

President - Karen Omeg	Treasurer - Joan Gladden
President-elect - none elected	Director - Judy Weaver
Vice President - Cindy Hartel	Director - Donna Weyer
Secretary - Carolyn Wade	Past President - Christine Hutchinson

Judy Robinson served as Parliamentarian.

Meeting Locations: Business ... Home State Bank; Program ... Fort Collins Hilton

Service Donations

LOCAL

- The Children's Speech and Reading Center
- Lentz Hearing Aid Project for Women and Girls
- Project Self-Sufficiency
- Women's Center of Larimer County
- SAVA - Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center
- PVH Soroptimist Navigator Fund
- Boys & Girls Club of Wellington
- Crossroads Safehouse - Gala; also toys, art supplies, books and puzzles
- Rocky Mountain High School's Adopt-a-Family

GLOBAL

- Children of Peace International
- Soroptimist International (SI)
  - Project SIerra Leone - *A Family and A Future*
  - December 10th Appeal - *Hopes and Dreams for Everyone*, Human Trafficking in Moldova
- Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA)
  - Disaster Relief Fund for Women
- Rocky Mountain Region (RMR)
  - Little Rose Project/Children of Peace International
  - Hands of Hope Scholarships in Makondo, Uganda

SIFC Award Winners

Women's Opportunity Awards - 1st Cassandra Dean, 2nd Heather Cochran  
Violet Richardson Awards - 1st Kinsey Kappeler, 2nd Laura Pape  
Ruby Award - Vicki Lutz, Director, Crossroads Safehouse  
Living Her Dream Award - Heather Muheim  
Spirit of Soroptimist (SOS) Award - Cindy Hartel

Program Meeting Speakers

- September - Shelley K. Nielsen, Coordinator, PVHS Patient Navigator Program
- October - Elise Tobler, Director, Children's Speech and Reading Center
- November - Michelle Vos Rossi
- December - SIFC Christmas Party with music, a skit, fun and games
- January - Alesa Lucklear and Soley Belt regarding the new facility for Crossroads Safehouse, the former Columbine Care Center building which had been donated by Bob Wilson. A check was presented to PVHS Navigator Program.
- February - SIFC celebrated its 60th Birthday with special guests including - former club members and past presidents; Soroptimists from other clubs; guests from other non-profit organizations; 2009-2010 Award winners, their guests, and award judges.
- March - Maria Swall, Wellington Boys & Girls Club
- April - John Kefalas, Colorado House of Representatives
- May - Donations were presented to local and global organizations.

- June - Installation of 2010-2011 Officers; Judy Strong's SIA Presentation which was given at Region Conference was shared by Ann Rutledge.

#### SIA Renaissance Activities

##### Membership

- New members inducted:
  - 1/5/10 - Midge Toomey
  - 2/2/10 - Carol Clark, Cindy Roccaforte, Nancy Ruegsegger
  - 6/15/10 - Melanie Sykes
- Member deceased - Majel Morgan, SIFC Past President (1977-78, 1978-79)
- "Sorooptimist After Hours," an event for current and prospective members was held 6/29 at Carolyn Wade's home.
- Summer Picnic - Members gathered at the Fort Collins Library Park.

##### Public Awareness

- Carolyn Wade and Lois Peltz wrote a Proclamation regarding sex trafficking and attended the March 2nd Fort Collins Council Meeting. The Proclamation was signed by Mayor Doug Hutchinson.
- Carolyn Wade wrote an article for the *Fort Collins Coloradoan* regarding Human Trafficking.

##### Fundraising

- Bras for a Cause - Cups de Ville - held October 8th at the Fort Collins Hilton. This event raised \$5,000 for the PVH Sorooptimist Navigator Fund.
- Nuts/Candy/Butter Braid Sale - Net income was \$2,317.01.
- Annual Used Book Sale - 2/25-2/27 - Gross income was \$20,659.85; SIFC portion of the net income was \$8,500.00

##### Program

- SI - Donations were made to the Quadrennial Project and December 10th Appeal.
- SIA - Domestic Violence, Disaster Recovery Fund for Women and Girls
- RMR - Projects with Children of Peace International and/or others
- Friendship Links - Christmas cards were sent to each club.

RMR District III/IV Meeting - 10/03-10/04/2009

SI Fort Collins hosted the meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn.

RMR Conference - 4/30-5/02/2010

SI Cody hosted the conference. Eleven SIFC members attended.

SIA 41st Biennial Convention - 7/7-7/10/2010 - San Francisco CA

Members from SIFC included Lois Peltz, Carolyn Wade, Ann Rutledge and Judy Robinson. The keynote speaker was Victor Malorek, author of *"The Johns."*

#### Special Events

2009

10/13 - SIFC members supported the SAVA programs by attending their fundraising breakfast.

11/7 - Ann Rutledge and Judy Robinson attended the SI Colorado Springs 65th Birthday Party.

11/14 - Eleven SIFC members attended the annual Crossroads Safehouse Gala.

2010

3/23 - Karen Omeg, Paula Hawe, Judy Weaver, Lois Peltz, Annie Brunsell, and Judy Robinson attended the fundraising breakfast to support programs for Project Self-Sufficiency.

#### Highlights from Club Year

My year as President of Sorooptimist International of Fort Collins was a great year. For me it was a real challenge, in that I do not do well speaking in front of people. But, somehow, I managed to bumble through and get things done.

Our *Bras for a Cause* was my big triumph! Scary at first, not knowing how things would turn out, but joyous at the end when it was fabulous! It was fun and lots of hard work for everyone, but seeing the big crowd there that night and being able to present a check for \$5,000 to the fund for cancer was all worth it.

My other triumph was, I hope, making it a fun year. I think that showed in our Christmas dinner with the skit and singing Christmas carols and everyone having a fun evening.

Karen

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President - Carolyn Wade ... Term of Office - 2010-2011

OFFICERS AND BOARD

President - Carolyn Wade	Treasurer - Joan Gladden
President-elect - Ann Rutledge	Director - Paula Hawe
Vice President - Judy Weaver	Director - Carol Clark
Secretary - Cindy Roccaforte	Past President - Karen Omeg

MEETING LOCATIONS

- Business Meetings - Home State Bank, 303 East Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins
- Program Meetings - Hilton Fort Collins, 425 West Prospect Road, Fort Collins

SERVICE DONATIONS

*LOCAL*

- SAVA - Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center
- Women's Resource Center
- Project Self-Sufficiency
- Crossroads Safehouse Garden and Transitional Housing
- PVH Soroptimist Navigator Fund
- Rocky Mountain High School Adopt-a-Family
- Hearts and Horses
- Journey Conference for Young Women
- Homeless Gear
- Boys and Girls Club of Wellington

*GLOBAL*

- H.E.L.P. Uganda
- Children of Peace International, Inc.
- SIA Disaster Relief Fund for Women and Girls
- SI December 10th President's Appeal - "Funding the Future: Soroptimists for Education and Leadership" - a project addressing human trafficking
- SI Quadrennial "Project SIerra - A Family and a Future"

AWARD WINNERS

- Women's Opportunity Awards - 1st Karris Bennett, 2nd Lori Eberhard
- Violet Richardson Awards - 1st Kali Glenn, 2nd Hannah Ekblad
- Ruby Award - Sister Mary Alice Murphy
- Living Her Dream Award - 1st Jennifer Jones, 2nd Michelle Pace

AWARDS OR RECOGNITIONS FOR CLUB AND MEMBERS

- SIFC Spirit of Soroptimist (SOS) Award - Shelley Chaput
- To SIFC
  - RMR Public Awareness, 3rd place
  - RMR Membership, Increase 15%
  - SIA *Club Giving* at Believers Level
  - Participation in Ruby Award, Founders Pennies, Women's Opportunity Awards, Violet Richardson Award, International Women's Day

PROGRAM MEETING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

- 9/21 - Tamara Merritt, Program Coordinator, Hearts and Horses
- 10/19 - Candace Mayo, Executive Director, Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity
- 11/16 - Pam and Bruce McCormick - H.E.L.P. Uganda
- 12/21 - Member and Guest Holiday Party
- 1/18 - Dr. Rosemarie Russo, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Fort Collins; Karen Streeter, member A.A.U.W., "Journey: A Young Women's Conference"; Dr. Bill Lentz, Lentz Hearing Project ... thanks to SIFC for many years of support
- 2/15 - Awards Dinner ... Special guests included Shelley Nielsen, Coordinator, PVH Navigator Fund, and Frank Sherman & Jenae Nequette from The Human Bean
- 3/15 - Stacy Johnson, Director of Business, Retention & Expansion, Northern Colorado Economic Development Corporation
- 4/19 - Sue Peterson, Program Coordinator for Children in Need, Homeless Gear
- 5/17 - Presentation of club donations to non-profit organizations

## SIA RENAISSANCE ACTIVITIES

### MEMBERSHIP

- Members Inducted: 11/16 - Stacia Fuller and JoDean Lippert; 12/21 - Nina Kunze
- Remembering Past Presidents: Mary Kerbel 1985-1986 and Laurene Cain 1971-1972
- Binh Rybacki was honored as the 2010 recipient of the United Nations Association of Northern Colorado *International Humanitarian Award* on September 25, 2010.
- "Sorooptimist After Hours" was held on October 26th for members and guests.
- An Orientation Program was held on January 11th at Carolyn's house.
- Donna Weyer was recognized for her volunteer efforts with Hearts and Horses Therapeutic Riding Center on April 14th at the annual *Loveland Honors Volunteers Awards Ceremony*.
- Members attended a bridal shower for Christine Hutchinson at the Chocolate Café.

### PUBLIC AWARENESS - articles in the *Fort Collins Coloradoan*:

- Christine Hutchinson, chair for the Ruby Award, wrote an article published on 11/30/2010 regarding the Ruby Award history and requesting nominees.
- "Thumbs Up" 4/2/2011 - Mary Robinson thanked those in the community who supported the Annual Used Book Sale in February.
- Lois Peltz wrote an article on International Women's Day published 4/13/2011.

### FUNDRAISING

- *Cups de Ville* raised \$5,000.00 on 10/7/2010 for the PVH Sorooptimist Navigator Program.
- Nut/Candy/Butter Braid Sale - Net profit \$2,590.51
- Annual Used Book Sale - SIFC portion \$8,100.00 (SIFC income since 1993 \$100,788.70)

### PROGRAM

- SAVA - Five SIFC members attended the fundraising breakfast on 9/28.
- Make a Difference Day, 10/23 - SIFC members helped sort donations for Homeless Gear.
- "A Necessary Journey" - On 11/3, Carolyn Wade, Judy Robinson, Lois Peltz, and Cheryl Rojas attended the showing of this Sundance Festival Award-winning film about the work being done in Vietnam by Children of Peace International, Inc. The film features a 17-day road trip that tracks Binh Rybacki and her medical team as they move from region to region, setting up clinics on a daily basis. Binh, SIFC member and COPI Director, was the emcee for the event.
- Crossroads Transition Housing - Pots, pans, can openers, measuring cups, utensils and bedding were donated to six families in December.
- Project Self-Sufficiency Community Fundraising Breakfast was attended by SIFC members.
- March Day of Service - Scarves, fingerless gloves, hats for COPI; pillowcase dresses for little girls in Haiti
- Crossroads Safehouse - Tank gardens were installed in June.
- On 6/28 SIFC members helped Binh sort and pack donated items for her trip to Vietnam.

RMR District III/IV Meeting - September 18-19, 2010 - Hosted by SI Central Wyoming - SIFC attendees: Carolyn Wade, Judy Robinson, Sharon Kunze

RMR Conference - April 29-May 1, 2011 - Hosted by SI Price, Utah - attended by SIFC members

SIA Convention - July 7-10, 2010 - San Francisco CA - SIFC attendees: Carolyn Wade, Ann Rutledge, Lois Peltz, Judy Robinson

SI Convention - Montreal, Canada 7/10-7/14/2011 - Ann Rutledge will attend.

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM CLUB YEAR (Club President's perspective and thoughts)

I loved my year as President, and I'm pleased that we accomplished so much.

- Board started the year with a retreat at my home, including dinner. It was a great team-bonding evening and was especially good for newer members who had no previous board experience.
- We had a large group, including some husbands, helping Homeless Gear sort and store donated clothing, shoes, outer gear, and personal hygiene supplies for women.
- The second annual *Cups de Ville* was held at the Hilton with around 120 in attendance.
- The February Awards Program was well attended. We were able to help some very deserving women with education funds and reward young people for their volunteerism.
- May brought us the opportunity to give away the fruits of our fundraising labors to organizations that do so much to help women and girls in our area. Including the awards, we were able to donate nearly \$20,000 for the 2010-2011 club year.
- In the late spring, we were given final landscape plans for the Crossroads Safehouse gardens and were able to fulfill our commitment to the Crossroads Board and their clientele. It was such fun to work in the sunshine with dirt, flowers, vegetables, and herbs, knowing that women and their children would enjoy the fruits of our labor.

*Carolyn*

*Soroptimist International of Fort Collins*  
Addendum to *Club History*  
President - Ann Rutledge ... Term of Office - 2011-2012  
*"Teamwork Equals Success"*

Officers and Board

President - Ann Rutledge	Treasurer - Joan Gladden/Judy Weaver
President-elect - Lois Peltz	Director - Shelley Chaput
Vice President - Member combine	Director - Mary Robinson
Secretary - Donna Weyer	Past President - Carolyn Wade

Business Meetings - Home State Bank, 303 East Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins  
Program Meetings - Hilton Fort Collins, 425 West Prospect Road, Fort Collins

Local Service Donations

- Hearts and Horses
- Crossroads Safehouse
- Project Self-Sufficiency
- SAVA - Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy Center
- Women's Resource Center
- PVH Soroptimist Navigator Fund

Global Service Donations

- SI December 10th President's Appeal - Birthing in the Pacific (Papua New Guinea)
- Children of Peace International - Remaking a Life/Capacity Building Workshops
- SIA Disaster Relief Fund for Women and Girls
- SIA Club Giving in honor of Ruby Award winners Louann DeCoursey and Fran Richburg
- Help Uganda

Award Winners

- Women's Opportunity Awards: 1st Lisa Smith ... 2nd Rebekah Anderson
- Violet Richardson Award: 1st Angela Natrasevschi/Colorado Meth Project ... 2nd Karen Perez/Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center (SAVA)
- The Ruby Award: Louann DeCoursey, Executive Director, SAVA ... Fran Richburg, Project Self-Sufficiency
- Living Her Dream Award: Jeni LaPlante

Awards or Recognitions for SIFC Members or Club

- *Soroptimists Celebrating Success!* SIFC was selected by SIA as a region finalist in 3 of 4 categories - Membership, Program, Public Awareness. Lois Peltz prepared wonderful displays for the SIA Biennial Convention in Honolulu.
- Judy Weaver received the 2012 SIFC Soroptimist of Service - SOS - Award.

Program Meeting Speakers/Programs

- 9/20 - Louann DeCoursey, Director, *"Update on SAVA"*
- 10/18 - Pati (Caputto) Thomas, CN, CRA, The Mountain Centre for Healing, Inc., *"Women and Nutrition"*
- 11/15 - Karol Henderson Harding, *"Motivation for Good Health"*
- 12/20 - Binh Rybacki, Executive Director, COPI, Children of Peace International, Inc., *"Update from Vietnam"*
- 1/17 - Sue Beck-Ferkiss, Homelessness Prevention Initiative, *"Catching Families Before They Fall"*
- 2/21 - *"Living Her Dream Awards Dinner"*
- 3/20 - Dana Vaughn-Mgunda, President SI Denver, Program Director of Gender Violence Education and Support Services at University of Denver, *"Slavery is Alive and Well in Colorado"*
- 4/17 - Cynthia Ryk, Education and Life Training Center, *Circles Initiative*
- 5/15 - *"Joy is in the Giving"* - Presentation of Grants from club fundraising
- 6/19 - Dr. Jeff McCubbin, Dean, Applied Human Resources at CSU, *"Movement for Those with Disabilities"*

SIA Renaissance Activities

Membership

- New Members - Inducted 9/20: Jan Bren and Linn Shaw

- Memories of Special Members
  - SIFC members attended the memorial service for Kathy Phillips, member SI Laramie, on 9/8
  - Past members part of the Memorial Service at RMR Conference: Mary Hull 3/30/1921-9/30/2011, Vice President; Delores Turman 6/7/1936-11/4/2011, President 1991-1992 and 2006-2007; Blanche Magnuson 8/27/1913-2/11/2012, President 1973-1974
- Membership Events
  - 8/30 - *After Hours* at Mary Robinson's
  - 10/11 - *After Hours* at Nina Kunze's
  - 3/16 - *St. Patty's Day Potluck* dinner at Nina Kunze's

#### Public Awareness - Articles in the *Fort Collins Coloradoan*

- 10/21 - Update on new facility for Crossroads Safehouse by Mary Anne Paul, "*Soroptimist International of Fort Collins gave planters filled with flowers and vegetables.*"
- 11/8 - Shelley Chaput received the 2011 Club SOS - *Soroptimist of Service Award*.
- 11/9 - The 90th birthday celebration of Soroptimist International was on October 21st.
- 12/24 - Information on SI December 10th Appeal, "*Birthing in the Pacific,*" Papua New Guinea - by Lois Peltz with a "Thumbs up" article on 2/4/12
- 1/11 - Article on USA National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness by Ann Rutledge
- 3/5 - "*Soroptimist hosts program on trafficking*" - to be on March 20th, open to the public, speaker to be Dana Vaughn-Mgunda
- 3/20 - Article by staff member Kathleen Duff which included information about the March 5th trafficking program hosted by SIFC
- 5/11 - "*20,000 given to local organizations,*" an article regarding the SIFC distribution of awards, grants and contributions

#### Fundraising

- Nuts/Candy/Butter Braid Sale - \$2,650.00
- Annual Used Book Sale - SIFC portion of net sales - \$8,000.00

#### Program - Attendance and participation by members:

- 9/19 - Tour of the new Crossroads Safehouse facility
- 10/18 - SAVA Community Breakfast and fundraiser
- 10/22 - Painting the facility for the Wellington Boys and Girls Club
- 11/5 - Crossroads Safehouse 31st Annual Gala
- 12/6 - 24 large bags with warm socks, calendars, note-pads, candles, cookies, jewelry, teas and cocoa, ornaments, home-made cookie and soup mixes, candies, dried fruits, cards, colors and coloring books, puzzle books ... and lots of good wishes for Crossroads "Housing Opportunities and Mentoring Enrichment" (HOME) program
- 3/6 - 2012 Community Breakfast and fundraiser for Project Self-Sufficiency

#### Region, Federation and International Meetings

- July 11-14, 2011 - Ann Rutledge attended the S.I. Convention in Montreal, Canada.
- October 8-9, 2011 - Six SIFC members attended the RMR District III/IV Meeting hosted by SI Alliance.
- RMR Conference - Hosted by SI Scotts Bluff County; several SIFC members attended.
- July 18-21, 2012, SIA 42nd Biennial Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii. Ann Rutledge, Lois Peltz and Judy Robinson attended.

#### Highlights From the Club Year

My year as president was an exciting year. We had a great Candy/Nuts/Butter Braid Sale as well as a very successful Book Sale. All members participated in the fundraisers.

The most exciting event from my club year was the Program Meeting with the topic being Trafficking. Other organizations and members of the community were invited to attend. There were about 50 people in attendance.

Attending the International Convention was an incredible experience to meet women from all over the world. The speakers for the Convention were very insightful, and the events at the Convention were inspiring.

The Federation Convention in Hawaii was inspiring as well. The Federation had a different format for workshops and speakers. Some days pertained to Federation information and other days to personal growth and health. It really made for a very interesting Convention. Again, it is always fun to connect with Soroptimist friends and to meet new friends.

It was a great year as president!

*Ann*

*Soroptimist International of Fort Collins*  
Addendum to *Club History ... Lois Peltz, President - 2012-2013*  
“Linked in the Joy of Soroptimist Service”

Officers and Board

- President Lois Peltz, President-elect Judy Weaver, Vice President Shelley Chaput, Secretary Judy Robinson, Treasurer Donna Weyer, Directors Mary Robinson and Nina Kunze
- Board Meetings held at various locations.

Service Donations - Local

\$200.00	Circles Initiative
\$500.00	Homeless Gear
\$750.00	Women’s Resource Center
\$750.00	Hearts and Horses - Women Veteran’s Therapy
\$750.00	Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center - <i>SAVA Soiree</i>
\$750.00	Crossroads Safehouse - Women’s Clinic for prescription assistance

Service Donations - Global

\$1,000.00	SIA Club Giving
\$750.00	Children of Peace International (In addition: \$27.00 from Cartridges for Kids and contributed vitamins)
\$200.00	RMR New Clubs - SI Evanston, Wyoming, and SI Sublette County, Wyoming
\$250.00	SIA Disaster Relief Fund for Women and Girls
\$271.00	SIA December 10 <sup>th</sup> Appeal - Birthing in the Pacific

Award Winners

- Women’s Opportunity Awards - 1<sup>st</sup> Cynthia Wilson \$1,000.00 ... also 1<sup>st</sup> Rocky Mountain Region winner \$5,000.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tammy White \$500.00
- Violet Richardson Award - 1<sup>st</sup> Kaitlyn Beegle \$500.00/*SAVA* \$500.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> Patty Roberts \$200.00/4-H of Larimer County \$200.00
- Making a Difference for Women Award - Dr. Stace (Scharfe) Fritzler (former SIFC member) ... \$1,000.00 was donated to the *SIA Club Giving* fund in her name.

Awards or Recognitions for SIFC Members or Club

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Rocky Mountain Region for *SIA Soroptimist Celebrating Success!* for Saturday of Service project “Pillowcase Dresses for Dignity” for COPI - Children of Peace International
- SIA Recognition for participation in Women’s Opportunity Awards and *Club Giving* Believer’s Level

Program Meetings - Held at CSU Lory Student Center unless noted

- 9/18/2012 - Speaker Darcy Struckhoff, Director of Development, “Starfish One by One” - *Breaking Cycles of Poverty and Empowering Young Women One by One*
- 10/16/2012 - Speaker Anne Kirkner, *SAVA* - Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center, Director for Prevention, Education and Outreach, *Raising Assertive Girls and Increasing Self-Esteem*
- 11/20/2012 - Speaker Lumina Albert, Department of Management, CSU College of Business, *Social Justice - Lessons From My Journey ...* also ... donations to and remarks from Cynthia Ryk, Circles Initiative; David Rout, Homeless Gear
- 12/18/2012 at Mulligan’s - *Sharing the Spirit of the Season* hosted by Del Miller and Shelley Chaput ... Special honoree was Bernie Fuller for 45 Years of club membership.
- 1/15/2013 - Speaker Susan Skog, Author of “The Give-Back Solution” - *Women and Girls in Developing Nations*
- 2/19/2013 - SIFC 63<sup>rd</sup> Birthday, Awards Night, and Speakers Jennifer Hahnke and Mary Vivo from the Women’s Resource Center; special guests - RMR District IV Director Dianne Hagmaier and Sharon Youngs from SI Colorado Springs
- 3/19/2013 - Speaker Barbara Fleming, Local Historian and Author
- 4/16/2013 - Panel regarding women’s issues - Meghann Schaffer, Shelter Director at Crossroads Safehouse; Jennifer Jones, Executive Director of *SAVA* ... and special guest John McGee, new Executive Director of Crossroads Safehouse

- 5/21/2013 - Speaker Binh Rybacki, Executive Director, Children of Peace International (COPI): Saturday of Service Project for COPI, Dignity Dresses, fingerless gloves, and scarves; presentation of monetary awards to local and global organizations
- 6/18/2013 - Presentation of *Soroptimist of Service* award to Peggy Herrick; Installation of 2013-2014 SIFC Officers

Meeting Locations - Business ... Allnutt Community Room; Board ... various locations.

S.O.L.D. Spots ... Topics

- Women's Suffrage, Fall Fundraiser; International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; SI Structure, value and officers; SI December 10<sup>th</sup> Appeal; SIA/SIE Matching Projects; *Half the Sky*; COPI - Children of Peace International; Equal Pay for Equal Work; SIA Awards Program; *Fort Collins Club History*; Friendship Links; Growth; SIA *Live Your Dream* Initiative

SIA Renaissance Activities

- Membership
  - New members inducted: 10/16/12 - Sarah Engmark; 2/19/13 - Sally Erickson; 4/16/13 - Cheryl Poole, Peggy Herrick; 6/18/13 - Judy (JD) Anderson, Amber Herrick, Abby Zehr
  - 7/31 - Open House for members and guests
  - 8/18 - Club Planning Retreat, held at Crossroads Safehouse Community Room
  - 5/12 - Member Orientation
- Public Awareness
  - Articles which appeared in the *Fort Collins Coloradoan*:
    - 8/4 ... "Thumbs Up" - Mary Nittmann (past SIFC president and member since 1970) retired from Meals on Wheels. She was instrumental in starting the local MOW program.
    - 11/8 ... OPINION - Domestic Violence
    - 12/8 ... "Thumbs Up" - by David Rout, Homeless Gear, regarding club donation
    - 2/3 ... APPLAUSE - Bernie Fuller, 45-year member of SIFC
    - 3/8 ... CAUSES - International Women's Day project - Pillowcase dresses, knitted mittens and scarves for COPI
    - 3/16 - "Thumbs Up" - Annual Used Book Sale, partnership with A.A.U.W.
    - 5/31 - List of donations presented at May Program Meeting
  - Speakers Bureau
    - 1/17 - Soroptimist presentation during Meeting of Zonta International
    - 12/18 - Soroptimist presentation during Meeting of Circle K Kiwanis Club, Club also helped distribute book donations to community 1<sup>st</sup> graders
  - Community Awareness - Five spots on KHNC 1360 AM in December
- Fundraising ... Annual Projects
  - Nuts/Butter Braids/Women's Bean Project - Net Income \$3,366.61
  - SIFC/AAUW Used Book Sale 2/22-2/24 - Income \$14,851.25 - SIFC's share \$5,500.00
- Program ... Members supported the following events:
  - 8/19 - Showing of *Miss Representation* sponsored by SI Denver
  - 9/20 - Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center - *SAVA Soiree*
  - 11/3 - Crossroads Safehouse 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Gala and *Fabric of Legacies Quilt*
  - 1/29 - Showing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of *Half the Sky*
  - *Making a Difference Day* - Hands-on service at Respite Care
  - 3/12 - Project Self-Sufficiency Fundraising Breakfast

District Meetings, Conferences, Conventions

- SIA Convention, 7/18-7/21, Honolulu HI - Three members attended. SIFC had displays for their 1<sup>st</sup> place region awards for SIA Celebrating Success ... Membership, Program, and Public Awareness.
- RMR District III/IV Meeting, 9/29-9/30, hosted by SI Riverton - Five members attended.
- Rocky Mountain Region Conference, 4/26-4/28, in Boise, Idaho - Four members attended.

President's thoughts: Fantastic year! With each member doing a little, we accomplished a lot. Lp



Soroptimist International of Fort Collins  
Addendum to Club History 2013-2014

**President:** Judy Weaver

Term of Office: July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

**Theme for Club Year:** *Growth*

**Officers and Board:**

President Elect Pro Tem - Donna Weyer

Vice President - Christine Kuehnast

Secretary - Ann Rutledge

Treasurer - Sally Erickson

Director - Donna Weyer

Director - JD Anderson

### **Service Donations**

Local: Women Build (Habitat for Humanity) for the Riley Family - \$1,000  
Hands up Transitions Program for Women at Homeless Gear - \$1,000  
United Day Care Center/The Teaching Tree - \$1,000  
SAVA - (*Soiree* table in 2013 and table in fall 2014) - \$750 each or \$1,500  
Fort Collins High School Self Defense Class for Violet Richardson  
winner- \$500  
SAVA for Violet Richardson Award winner - \$200  
Global: Children of Peace International - \$1,000  
Life for the Innocent - \$250  
SIA's Club Giving (more than 10 % of annual fundraiser net income)  
\$1,000  
SI President's Appeal for Solar Cook stoves -\$160 (member  
donations)  
Philippines Disaster Relief - \$134 (member donations)

### **Award Winners**

Women's Opportunity Awards - Jackie Hartman \$1,000; Lisa Mahler \$500  
Violet Richardson Awards - Josephine Natrasevski \$500; Sarah Beard \$200  
Making a Difference for Women Award - Melissa Schaefer from Poudre School District  
Teen-Parent Program; Jennifer Jones, Executive Director of SAVA

### **Awards or Recognitions for SIFC Members or Club**

SIFC Spirit of Soroptimist Award - Christine Kuehnast  
RMR awards or recognitions - Rocky Mountain Region Award Winner - *Soroptimist Celebrating Success! ... Public Awareness*  
SIA awards or recognitions - Soroptimist International of the Americas Club Giving at the Believers Level, participation in SIA Living Her Dream Award (formerly Women's Opportunity Awards), working on Four Pillars leading to increased collective impact

## Program Meeting Location

Hilton Hotel at 425 West Prospect Road, Fort Collins

### Speakers at Program Meetings

September	Solar City	Jim Doherty
October	Life for the Innocent (trafficking of children)	Chris Semmens
November	Necessary Twenty-Year Journey for Children of Peace International	binh rybacki
January	Habitat for Humanity and inducted two new members	Kristin Candella, speaker New members: Susan Riphahn and Mikel Kleess
February	Awards Night	Award winners
March	Healing Teens with Talk	Steve Aronson
April	SART Peers (Sexual Assault Resource Team)	3 SART Peers attended as well as the director, Audrey Swenson
May	Soroptimist International of Laramie Women's Opportunity Award winner; Donations to Local and Global Organizations	WOA Laramie - Katherine Seese from Fort Collins, Habitat for Humanity - Alex Statam-Lardner, United Day Care - Tara Streeb, Hands Up Program Homeless Gear - Kina Nuss, Life for the Innocent - Chris Semmens, Children of Peace - binh rybacki
June	Making a Difference for Women Awards, Induction of New Board, Spirit of Soroptimist Award to Christine Kuehnast, and 3 new members inducted	New members: Lena Weyer-Larkin, Gloria Gleave and Kay Brennan

## RMR Board Member official visits

Dianne Hagmaier, District IV Director, for the November Program Meeting

## Business Meeting Location

Allnutt Community Room at 650 W. Drake Road, 6:30 p.m.

## SIA - Soroptimists Celebrating Success!

SIFC had three entries: *Fundraising*: “Women’s Bean Project,” *Program*: “Soroptimist Dignity Dresses,” and *Public Awareness*: “Soroptimist Dignity Dresses”

SIFC was the Rocky Mountain Region Winner for Soroptimist *Public Awareness* ... Article in “Causes” Section of the Fort Collins Coloradoan - “Soroptimist Dignity Dresses”

## Collective Impact Activities ... local and global

Sewing Dignity Dresses	July, November, May and June	Members, friends of members, and residents of Parkwood Estates took part
Collective Impact	Sewing Dignity Dresses	JD Anderson and Lois Peltz traveled to Casper to teach SI Central Wyoming
Human Trafficking	Truckers Against Trafficking, Free the Girls, and movie “Ashley’s Story”	September - Seminar in Longmont attended by JD Anderson and Judy Weaver
Human Trafficking	Stop Trafficking Seminar hosted by UCOUNT of the Timberline Church in January	Judy Weaver, Pat Talley and Susan Riphahn attended
Making a Difference Day	Elderhaus Grounds Clean up	October 26, 10 attended
Causes Giving Campaign	SIFC a featured organization in the <i>Fort Collins Coloradoan</i>	JD Anderson, Donna Weyer, and Judy Weaver attended the recognition event
Hosted Dr. Laxmi Parasuram from SI South Kolkata, India, after RMR Conference	Dinner at President Judy’s on Friday night and at Indian Restaurant on Thursday	Laxmi stayed with JD Anderson; JD and Judy Weaver showed her around Fort Collins
New Members	January and June	5 inducted

## PILLARS of SUCCESS

**Membership:** A Membership event was held January 28<sup>th</sup>. New and prospective members were invited to get acquainted and learn about Soroptimist.

**Public Awareness:** The club was featured in the *Fort Collins Coloradoan* "Causes" section.

**Fundraising:** Lois Peltz and Robanette Catalano hosted a Pampered Chef Party - made \$300. From the Fall Fundraiser ... Nuts, Candy, Butter Braids and Women's Bean Project ... the club netted \$3,500. The club received \$5,500 from the February Annual Used Book Sale co-sponsored with A.A.U.W. A Spring Fundraiser for pies and Butter Braids was held. The net income is unknown at this time.

**Program:** SIFC participated in the SIA Women's Opportunity Awards and Violet Richardson Awards, service programs that aid women and girls. The Club Program Meetings featured speakers who talked about issues affecting women and girls.

### **Attendance from SIFC at Special Events and Activities**

**Rocky Mountain Region District III/IV Meeting ...** Colorado Springs CO; October 12-13, 2013; 10 members

**Rocky Mountain Region Conference ...** Laramie WY; May 2-4, 2014; 11 members

**Soroptimist International of the Americas 43rd Biennial Convention ...** Vancouver, Canada; July 23-26, 2014; 6 members - Judy Anderson, Judy Robinson, Carolyn Wade, Sharon Kunze, Lois Peltz, Ann Rutledge

**Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center (SAVA) ...** Open House; June 10, 2014; a few members attended

### **HIGHLIGHTS FROM CLUB YEAR (Club President's perspective and thoughts)**

1. This year local organizations were asked to submit a "Statement of Interest" to ask for funding from SIFC for up to \$1,000. Since this was the first year, it was a learning experience. We had to put together a form and send it out. The Finance Committee made recommendations from the applications, and the membership voted on them.  
I wanted to change how we gave to local organizations based on need and what programs were in sync with SIFC goals. I did not want to continue to just throw money at an organization.
2. Our club had the chance to host RMR Friendship Grant guest Laxmi Parasuram, SI member from India. We now have a Friendship Link in SI South Kolkata.
3. A regret I have is that we were not able to have a speaker on Northern Colorado human trafficking. I would have liked the whole club to learn more about this horrible problem.

4. I also wish I could have had the time to talk to each of our members on a one-on-one basis, but I never found the time.

## *IN APPRECIATION*

*My deepest gratitude to the members of the Soroptimist club of Greeley for their initiative in working to charter a club in Fort Collins and also to the 20 women who chose to be the charter members of the Soroptimist International of Fort Collins. Their vision and desire to serve others created a force for good in the community. They also provided the opportunity for Fort Collins women to extend their outreach in service around the world.*

*Thank you to members who wrote previous histories of the club .. Helen Bowen, Bernie Fuller, Del Miller, Connie Pfeifferberger and others. Their work made this project an easier task. Thank you also to the many recording secretaries for their diligence in keeping minutes, to those who collected newspaper clippings, and to those who wrote and edited the club newsletters. My gratitude also to Lois Peltz who proofread the contents of this revised and updated club history prior to printing and for designing and printing the covers.*

*A very personal thank you to Peggy Ratliffe, former member, who invited me to join Soroptimist as I completed 13 years of membership in the Fort Collins Venture Club. My life has been much richer for all the opportunities which both organizations have given me .. to attend Soroptimist meetings and events across the United States and in other countries, to see Soroptimist and Venture projects in action, to meet those who care about others and work to enhance their lives, and especially to count as friends some of the finest women in the world.*

*Judy Robinson  
December 2005*