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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF RIVERSIDE AUGUST 2026

SOROPTIMIST VISION

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

SOROPTIMIST MISSION

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.



SOROPTIMIST TAG LINE

**“INVESTING
IN
DREAMS”**

SOROPTIMIST CORE VALUES

Soroptimist International of the Americas is committed to:

- GENDER EQUALITY: Women and girls live free from discrimination.
- EMPOWERMENT: Women and girls are free to act in their own best interest.

- EDUCATION: Women and girls deserve to lead full and productive lives through access to education.
- DIVERSITY & FELLOWSHIP: Women from varied backgrounds and perspectives work together to improve the lives of women and girls.

SOROPTIMIST BIG GOAL

Invest in the dreams of half a million women and girls through access to education.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Rosa Santos-Lee
2026 SI Riverside President



AUGUST 2026 CALENDAR



4 BOARD MEETING
12:00 PM on ZOOM

11 BUSINESS MEETING
12:00 PM, ZOOM and
Habitat for Humanity,
2180 Iowa Avenue,
Riverside

12 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

19 WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

26 WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

SEPTEMBER 2026 CALENDAR



1 BOARD MEETING
12:00 PM on ZOOM

5 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY

8 BUSINESS MEETING
12:00 PM, ZOOM and
Habitat for Humanity,
2180 Iowa Avenue,
Riverside

18 INTERNATIONAL EQUAL PAY DAY

21 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

22 PROGRAM MEETING
12:00 PM, Habitat for
Humanity, 2180 Iowa
Avenue, Riverside



Soroptimist International of Riverside

BEST
for Women

DATES TO REMEMBER



September 29 to
October 1, 2027

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Prague, Czech Republic

July 26 – 29, 2028

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Cancun, Mexico

CLUB MEETING DETAILS



Soroptimist International of Riverside, a club in District 1 of the Golden West Region of Soroptimist International of the Americas, meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

Business meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday and Program meetings are on the 4th Tuesday. Business meetings are hybrid on ZOOM and in person at Habitat for Humanity, 2180 Iowa Avenue, Riverside.

Program meetings are in person only at Habitat for Humanity. Meetings will last from noon until

approximately 1:15 PM. Please arrive a little early so we may begin promptly at noon.

AUGUST 26, 2026 WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY



Women's Equality Day on August 26th marks a milestone that reshaped the future for generations of women: the certification of the 19th Amendment in 1920, guaranteeing women the constitutional right to vote. It stands as a reminder of the courage, persistence, and strategic brilliance of suffragists who spent more than seven decades organizing, marching, educating, and refusing to be silenced. Their work wasn't just about gaining the vote — it was about claiming a voice in shaping communities, policies, and opportunities.

Today, Women's Equality Day invites us to reflect on how far we've come and how much further we still need to go. Equality is not a single achievement but an ongoing commitment to ensuring women have access to education, safety, economic opportunity, leadership roles, and the freedom to make decisions about their own lives. For organizations like Soroptimist, this day reinforces our mission: improving the lives of women and girls through

programs that open doors, build confidence, and create pathways to success. It's a celebration of progress — and a call to continue the work with purpose and pride.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL



POSITION PAPERS

Soroptimist International's Position Papers outline SI's global advocacy stance on key issues affecting women and girls.

Each paper reflects SI's commitment to human rights, gender equality and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY Summary

Soroptimist International's "Women, Peace and Security" position paper highlights the urgent need for women and girls to be fully included in all peace and security decision-making. With nearly 300 million people worldwide requiring humanitarian assistance due to conflict, climate emergencies, and human rights rollbacks, the paper stresses that meaningful participation of women is not optional — it is essential for preventing conflict and achieving sustainable peace. As the

document states, *"Without addressing structural issues of inequality and the exclusion of women at all levels, no significant advancement... can be made."*

Grounded in UN Security Council Resolution 1325 and its nine supporting resolutions, the paper reinforces that women's involvement leads to more durable peace agreements and stronger social, economic, and environmental outcomes. Yet despite global recognition of the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda, progress remains slow, funding for women-led organizations is shrinking, and conflict-related deaths have reached a 22-year high.

Soroptimist International calls for action across its five strategic pillars — Climate, Empowerment, Education, Health, and Violence Against Women and Girls — urging governments to invest in women's networks, ensure women's leadership in peace processes, strengthen gender sensitive education and health systems, and enforce protection and justice mechanisms for survivors of violence. As the paper emphasizes, *"Women's and girls' full participation must become the cornerstone for conflict prevention and building sustainable peace."*

ARLINGTON TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE BACKPACK PROGRAM



Thank you to all of the members of Soroptimist International of Riverside who generously donated school supplies, allowing us to fill 60 backpacks for the children served by Arlington Temporary Assistance. Our Backpack Committee, Melanie McKee, Chris Deviny, and Tillie Soliz, will be delivering the backpacks on Friday, July 31st. A full article and photos from the distribution will be featured in the next edition of *Riversidelines*.

Melanie McKee
ATA Backpack Committee

SOROPTIMIST EDUCATION AND TRAINING



Recruitment Tip: What Potential Members Want!

Recruiting new members doesn't have to be guesswork! Soroptimist International of the Americas surveyed women who filled out the Introduction Form to learn what draws them to join. Here's what matters most:

RELATIONSHIPS

Nearly 75% seek friendship and fellowship with like-minded women. Create space for socializing before and after

meetings, and personally introduce visitors so they feel welcome.

MISSION

68% join because they connect with our mission to improve the lives of women and girls. Highlight your club's Dream Programs and local projects—show how members make a difference.

PERSONAL GROWTH

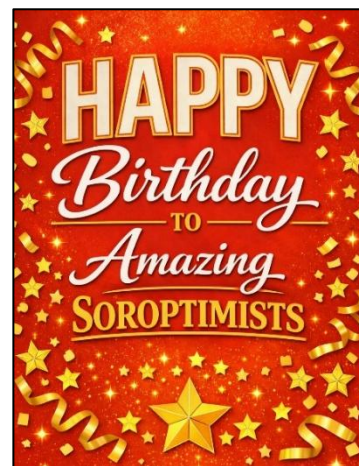
63% want leadership and development opportunities. Share committee roles, training options, and ways new members can contribute and grow.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

62% look for hands-on service. Invite prospects to help with upcoming events or projects—volunteering is the heart of Soroptimist!

By focusing on friendship, mission, growth and service, your club can show prospective members that Soroptimist offers everything they're looking for.

AUGUST MEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Tiffanie Tate – 6th
Carolyn Kegarice – 8th
Sophia Mendoza – 11th
Debbie Ferraro – 13th
Charlene Johnson – 15th

AUGUST MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



Chris Deviny
8-12-2003

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SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE



I pledge allegiance to
Soroptimist and to
The ideals for which
it stands:
The Sincerity of Friendship,
The Joy of Achievement,
The Dignity of Service,
The Integrity of Profession,
The Love of Country.
I will put forth my greatest effort
to promote, uphold, and defend
these ideals, for a larger
fellowship
in home, in society,
in business, for country
and for God.

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