



# SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION OF CANADA

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BULLETIN FROM THE SFC CHAIR

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## SEASON'S GREETINGS !

How time flies! The 2008 Annual General Meeting took place, as you all know on October 25, and the attendees were fêted with our new logo-shaped chocolates. Our banker made an informative and somewhat comforting presentation, given the current investment atmosphere. Due partly to the time taken in conversion to the appropriate division of TD Waterhouse and to management decisions based on market conditions, we have not started to implement the new policy to add equities and otherwise diversify our portfolio. As a result, our portfolio which is comprised of cash equivalents and bonds preserved our capital and ensured a fair return at this turbulent financial time.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

The members once again had the pleasure of the attendance of two of the graduate student recipients of our Grants for Women. Erin Eadie, working towards a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at University of Victoria, spoke about her work with women suffering post traumatic stress, and Lyndsay Lovely, studying for a Master in Science in Occupational Therapy at Dalhousie University in Halifax, spoke not only about her studies but also about her own experience with mental health issues. Lyndsay was married in September but left her husband in Saint John New Brunswick two days after the wedding to carry on with her studies. Her husband Liam O'Dell joined her in Winnipeg and joined us for dinner. I'll wager that is the first time our AGM was part of a honeymoon!!!

Our guest speakers were only able to attend through the generosity of Edgemont Jeweller (Jean Violette), Janet Simms-Baldwin, and Dianne Hutchison who between them ensured the provision of air fare, accommodation costs and funds for food and other expenses. We are immensely grateful to them.

### NEW IDEAS

A terrific exchange of ideas took place while we waited for lunch to be ready. We all gained some valuable suggestions for fundraising and methods that clubs can use to support the Foundation - I expect we will try to make that a regular part of the AGM since we need a forum to exchange ideas for SFC Members, and it appeared that everyone enjoyed having the opportunity.

### DOOR PRIZE

Chocolates Constance Popp of Winnipeg, who manufactured our chocolates, donated a box of Truffles for a door prize for the first time attendees. Karen Wilson of SI Cambridge won the box of truffles which she shared over lunch.

### TRAINING AND EDUCATION PRESENTATION MATERIALS

New materials in the form of a PowerPoint presentation, thanks to Karen Wilson-SI Cambridge, Evelyn Hohmann- SI Langleys and Board member Shirley Sanderson, will be available from the web site members library at:

<http://www.soroptimistfoundation.ca/resources.html>

Please feel free to send any templates or "how to manuals" or other helpful hints that you would like to share with other clubs through our web site, to me or anyone on the board.

## **CORPORATE SOLICITATION COMMITTEE**

Now we are seeking members to work in a committee to prepare comparable tools to use to solicit donations from corporations. If you have some expertise, experience or interest in this endeavour please contact me or any of our Board members so we can put you to work helping us to acquire the tools to grow better and faster. We hope to be able to have a package available by next AGM

Thank you for considering this donation of your time and talent to the Foundation.

## **CANADIAN CLUB GRANTS**

The 2008-2009 Club Grants were awarded to:

S.I. Peterborough received a \$1,000.00 grant for their Girls Conference

S.I. Banff National Park received a \$1,000.00 grant for their conference "Live Your Dream"

S.I. Surrey/Delta received a \$1,000.00 grant for their conference "Live Your Dream"

S.I. of the Langleys received a \$500.00 grant for their full day conference "Women's Health"

Selection was made keeping in mind our Mission to promote educational projects to improve the lives of women and girls and the member's original approval of the Club grants to provide seed money to help clubs start a new educational project.

## **BY-LAW AMENDMENTS**

By Law amendments were approved as circulated.

## **DINNER CELEBRATION -MAPLE LEAF AND CLUB STAR AWARDS**

### **Maple Leaf Pins**

At the dinner celebration Maple Leaf Pins were awarded to :

Gold RoseMary Reid, S.I. of Peterborough

Silver Shirley McCoy, S.I. of Dundas/Ancaster/Flamborough

Hannelore Nyman of Haldimand- Norfolk also received a Gold pin but it was presented at the ECR Fall Meeting.

### **Club Star Awards**

Twenty three clubs were awarded Club Star Awards:

Platinum S.I. of The Langleys

Gold S.I. of Hamilton/Burlington, S.I. of Peterborough, S.I. of Edmonton, S.I. of Kamloops

Silver S.I. of Stoney Creek/Niagara, S.I. of Toronto, S.I. of Chilliwack, S.I. of Courtenay

Bronze S.I. of Cambridge, S.I. of Humber/Credit Valley/Brampton, S.I. of Thunder Bay, S.I. of Abbotsford/Mission, S.I. of Banff National Park, S.I. of Greater Victoria, S.I. of North/West Vancouver, S.I. of Saskatoon, S.I. of Vancouver, S.I. of White Rock

Red S.I. of Dundas/Ancaster/Flamborough, S.I. of Haldimand/Norfolk, S.I. of Osoyoos, S.I. of Winnipeg

Clubs with members present received their Award at the Celebration Dinner and the balance were sent out by mail.

### **DONATIONS 2007-2008**

Total donations for fiscal 2008 were: \$37,334 **Keep up the good work!!**

### **GO DIRECT**

Remember that you can now donate by pre- authorized cheque from your bank to ours - \$20/ month will give us \$240.00 and according to Canada Revenue Agency you will receive a tax credit as follows:

Tax savings for donors

- Federal tax credits (based on 2006 tax rates)  
for donations up to 200.00 - 15.25% and on amount of donation above \$200 - 29%
- Provincial tax credits may be available. The amount of the provincial tax credit varies between provinces.

**\$240.00 Donation - \$42.10 tax credit !!!**

**Please Note-** the **more** you give the **better** the tax credit!!  
(within limits of course - your accountant can help with that)

**Please remember SFC as a gift to yourself for Christmas!!**

### **NEW BOARD MEMBER - ELECTION:**

We are saddened to have accepted the resignation of RoseMary Reid, from ECR, who joined the Board in July. Work commitments and her involvement with planning the next Soroptimist International convention in Montreal (2011) necessitated this difficult choice. Consequently, we must have an election to fill the position to complete the term, to the end June 30, 2012. Please consider offering your services to the Foundation. It is rewarding work, even often fun, especially at our annual gathering in Winnipeg.

I thank you in advance for your gifts, not only your donation of \$\$\$, but also your time.

May the Holiday Season bring you joy and the coming year fulfilment.

*Corinne M Rivers  
SFC Chair, 2008-2009*

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