



This Issue of Cornerstone seems to be New! New! New!

New Website Feature!!!

Members looking for information on **"how to"** apply for a SFC Club Grant of \$1000.00 now have a host of "how to" information available to them.

- What kind of project is eligible?*
- What information is required in the Proposal?*
- Where are samples of winning projects?*
 - their original proposals*
 - and the report*
- Is there a step-by-step information booklet? on 'how to host' a project?*

YES!

Go to

www.soroptimistfoundation.ca/resources.html

All of this information and more is available to Members Only.

Thank you to Jean Violette for championing this website feature, Dina for accommodating us in building it, SI the Langleys for providing their "how to" book, and to all clubs for their detailed SFC Club Grant reports.

SFC Club Grants are determined after September 30th of each year. Plan to do a project and get your seed money in the amount of \$1000.00 from your Soroptimist Foundation of Canada!

2007-2008 SFC Club Grant winners listed on page 3.

New Way To Donate!!!

Your SFC Board has been dancin', dipsy doodlyin', and outright campaigning with the bank to establish the account we need to do all of the tasks we need to do! Yes! And one new feature of that account will enable direct deposit donations to the Endowment Fund!



**Direct Deposit Banking,
for more, see page four**

New Tag Line!!!

45 Years Empowering Women

This Tag Line will appear on all Soroptimist Foundation of Canada material for this year!

2008 is the 45th year since Soroptimist Foundation of Canada came into being!

The Grants for Women has morphed – or more elegantly put...bloomed, since our first Award of \$500.00 on February 6, 1965 to the Salvation Army Booth Memorial Home in Calgary to purchase laundry equipment to be used in training girls in the home.

This year we will celebrate "45 Years Empowering Women" with four \$7500 Grants to help women seeking their Masters or Doctorate and pursuing a career that will help other women. That's \$30,000.00 every year.

We've come a long way baby!

New Board Members 2008-2012

Cora Salvador

hailing from SI Vancouver
and

RoseMary Reid

from SI Peterborough

Thank you, Cora & RoseMary, for your commitment to serve on our SFC Board of Directors 2008-2012. An orientation meeting for these two new Board members will take place in Cambridge, Ontario, May 31/June 1st. Members will have an opportunity to meet them at the AGM this October 27, 2008!!

For Bios in our Welcome to our new Board members and for recognition of outgoing Board members see page 2.

Also inside: Treasurer's Report, and more...

Welcome New Board Members:

Cora Salvador – Cora brings 25 years of management experience in business and 11 years of Soroptimist experience with her to the SFC Board of Directors. She is a member of SI Vancouver; she has served as Club Treasurer, Western Canada Region Finance Chair, and Western Canada Region Administrative Chair. Cora is currently the Director of Finance and Administration at Meridian Medical Inc. We welcome her to the Board.

RoseMary Reid – RoseMary has 17 years of Soroptimist experience wherein she served in most club offices and chaired many club committees. She is a Past Governor of Eastern Canada Region and has also served on many committees at this level. At the Federal level she has also been very active as a Federation Director serving as the Finance Chair. In business she is Assistant to the City Administrator for the City of Peterborough. We are pleased to welcome RoseMary to the Board.

With Every Welcome Comes A Fond Farewell

Soroptimist Foundation of Canada has been well served by outgoing Directors:

Jean Violette

SFC Chair, 2007-2008

**Grants for Women Graduate
Students Western Manager
2004-2007**

**National Manager -
2005 and 2007**

**Chair of SFC Grants
for Clubs Task Force -
2005-2006**

SFC Club Grants Manager – 2006-2007

Member of the Board of Directors - 2004-2008

SFC is pleased to have been acquainted with the service of SI North & West Vancouver member, Jean Violette, in the capacities noted above. Her tireless and generous efforts are appreciated. Thank you, Jean!



Dianne Hutchison

SFC Treasurer

2004-2008

**Investment Strategy
Committee Member**

2006-2007

**Investment Committee
Chair - 2007-2008**

Member of the Board of Directors - 2004-2008

SFC also bids adieu and expresses appreciation to SI of Peterborough member, Dianne Hutchison, for her four-years of service in the capacities noted above. Dianne has been steadfast and relentless in her duties. Thank you, Dianne!



to Committees...

Education & Training Committee

Education & Training Committee members Karen Wilson, SI Cambridge; Evelyn Hohmann, SI Langleys; Corinne Rivers, SI Cambridge; and Shirley Sanderson, SI Kamloops; have produced a Manual, a Power Point Presentation, and a Resource Package. Wow! Assign these members a task and the job gets done!!!

Thank you to this Committee.

Watch for their first presentations at the Eastern Canada Conference this May, and at the Western Canada Leadership Session in August. This committee will also be making presentations at the club level and other forums on an ongoing basis.

Special recognition absolutely must be made to the Soroptimist members who volunteer to serve on committees. The above-mentioned Training & Education Committee, the Investment Committee mentioned below, and the Investment Strategy Committee that preceded it, have been successful as the result of talented and dedicated volunteers. Meet them via their bios on page three.

Investment Committee

Committee members Anne Groulx, SI Cambridge; Heather Hudson, SI Calgary; and Dianne Hutchison, SI Peterborough; have been a functioning committee since our 2007 AGM. Their task of overseeing our Endowment fund growth is onerous and we thank them for their diligence. We hear that things are looking up already. Watch for their report at our AGM.

Committee position vacancy:

Historian Needed!!!!

Soroptimist Foundation of Canada celebrates 45 Years Empowering Women this year!!!! A volunteer is needed to bring us up-to-date historically (first 25 years done). If this is the "task for you" please contact any Board Member. Note: SI member Jean Hird who has been archiving/collecting all these past years, has offered to help anyone taking this task on....that a big head start, thank you Jean!!!!

**SFC Annual General Meeting
October 25, 2008 at the Clarion hotel
in Winnipeg.
Please plan to attend!**

Committee Volunteers:

Education & Training Committee:

Karen Wilson – SI Cambridge club member and President. Karen is retired from nursing education; she has an M.Sc in adult education, and a B.Sc in Nursing. Volunteer service includes Past Board Member of Wellington Dufferin Guelph Health; Past President of Nurses' Association of Ontario, volunteer staff to Centre for the Arts in Guelph and to the McDonald Steward Art Gallery. We are particularly proud to note that Karen also served as Judge for SFC Grants for Women and co-chaired an SFC Grant for Clubs project in Cambridge.

Evelyn Hohmann – SI of the Langleys club member since 1999 Evelyn has served in many positions including President, and pointedly, she was the Chair of "Tuning Into Our Teens" conference pilot project for what eventually became our SFC Club Grants program. Evelyn's career background includes business development and management; she owns her own business facilitating healthy business growth. Evelyn too, we are happy to report, has served as Soroptimist Judge for SFC Grants for Women.

Corinne Rivers – SFC Board Member
Shirley Sanderson, Chair – SFC Board Member

Investment Committee:

Anne Groulx – Soroptimist member since 1980, with SI London, SI N.Toronto & N.York; and currently SI Cambridge where she has served in many capacities. At Regional level she served on the Finance Committee. In business she is a Chartered Accountant. Currently VP Finance at St. Joseph's Health, Guelph, her experience includes positions in the financial field as Controller, Treasurer, Director of Finance, Chief Financial Officer. Anne has also been a Judge for SFC Grants for Women.

Heather Hudson – Member of SI Calgary since 1993 and currently Chair of WCR Conference 2008 committee. Heather has an M.B. in Finance and a B.A. in English Literature. In business, she has been in the investment field since 1992.

Dianne Hutchinson, Chair, SFC Board Member

Special Recognition:

The Soroptimist Foundation of Canada Board of Directors is happy to announce a recent community special recognition for one of it's own:

YWCA CAMBRIDGE 2008 WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

Janet Simms- Baldwin

The Cambridge Women of Distinction awards were established to recognize women for their personal achievements, their significant contributions to the community and their commitment to the development of women. For:

Voluntary, Community & Humanitarian
Service

JANET SIMMS-BALDWIN



SFC Club Grants 2007-08

\$1000.00

Grants awarded to:

- **S.I. Abbotsford-Mission: "Living with Loss throughout a Woman's Lifespan".**
- **S.I. Banff National Park: "Live Your Dream" for girls and their mothers.**
- **S.I. Kamloops: "Women Entering / Re-entering the Workforce".**
- **S.I. Langley: "Tuning Into Our Teens".**

This club with their award winning project "Tuning Into Our Teens", was the initiator of what became SFC's second signature project, SFC Grants for Clubs. See our resources website:

www.soroptimistfoundation.ca/resources.html for their "how to" handbook.

- **SI White Rock & SI Surrey-Delta - "Share Your Story and Live Your Dream"**

Extra Grant Awarded...

2006-2007 S.I. Tri Cities received a grant of \$1000.00 for a function that had to be cancelled. They returned the unused funds. Their 2007-08 program is **Monthly Educational and Social Clinics For Homeless Women** for which their unused funds were returned.

Congratulations to our 2007-08 SFC Club Grant recipients!

2008-2009 applications are welcome at anytime, deadline is September 30, 2008.

For assistance in making a Grant application or to view "how to" launch a project visit our new members only web link:
www.soroptimistfoundation.ca/resources.html

Treasurer's Report

As I write this last article as Treasurer of SFC, I feel a little sad, not to be finished with the job of treasurer, but because I am going to miss the contact with so many wonderful Soroptimists. Over the past four years, I have had the pleasure of writing nearly 600 receipts for donations to SFC totalling some \$172,612.00. A lot of these donors, I have never met, but because I have received so many donations from them, I consider these ladies my friends, and I am going to miss this contact.

I have done the following breakdown of the donations from July 1 2007 to April 10, 2008:

- **ECR Donations \$7,330.00** with \$4,738 being personal donations and \$2,592. as club donations.
- **WCR Donations \$12,533.00** with \$4,486 in personal donations and \$8,047 being club donations.

Our Endowment Fund up to the end of March has a Market Value of \$1,177,990.65.

Again, thank you for your continued support of your Soroptimist Foundation of Canada, and thank you for the opportunity of serving on the board of this wonderful organization.

Dianne Hutchison, Treasurer, 2004 - 2008

HOW TO DONATE?



....Go Direct

I would like to make my annual donation to **Soroptimist Foundation of Canada** via direct deposit.

Pre-authorization for Scheduled Donations from my Bank Account:

Name (printed) _____

Club: SI of _____ Region: _____

I authorize Soroptimist Foundation of Canada to make withdrawals in the amount of:

\$ _____ monthly quarterly bi-annually annually

starting date: _____, 200____.

✓Attached is my voided cheque required to set up an automatic deposit schedule.

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to: SFC Treasurer, 501 – 470 George St. S, Peterborough, ON K9J 3E4

(Receipts will be issued as usual)

Thank You!

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www.soroptimistfoundation.ca



**SOROPTIMIST
FOUNDATION OF CANADA**

Our next Cornerstone will feature our Grants for Women 2008 recipients!



Thank You Grants For Women Judges

SFC wishes to acknowledge the Soroptimist Club members and the members of the Community serving as judges in determining the recipients of our Grants for Women awards.

In the West:

Soroptimist Club Judges:

Diane Gibson
Krishan Parghi
Brenda Jones
Lynn Fulton

In the East:

Soroptimist Club Judges:

Hannelore Nyman
Cyndy Roberts
Julia Linton

National Judges: Elissa Helene Gamus, Bortolussi Family Law
Sonia Comire, Studio S, Graphic Design and Printing
Sherry Harrikissoon CFP, State Farm Agent



Sponsor Needed to bring Grants for Women recipients to AGM as guest speaker....

Community Sponsor needed to bring Grants For Women recipients to AGM

With the support of community sponsors two Grants for Women recipients are funded to attend our SFC AGM in Winnipeg as guest speakers.

Recipient, as guest speakers, allow members to be acquainted with and hear first hand their history and aspirations. **Cost to sponsor: \$500.00.** Companies can sponsor, SI members can sponsor, individuals can sponsor! Receipt will be issued.

Announcing: One sponsor for this year already found!!! -

SFC is happy to announce that Edgemont Jeweller, North Vancouver, has confirmed sponsorship...thank you once again Edgemont Jeweller.



Still need a second sponsor....if you know of a prospective sponsor or would care to participate yourself, please advise any Board member.

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