



**SOROPTIMIST
FOUNDATION
OF
CANADA**

CORNERSTONE

Mission Statement

To solicit, attract, and manage charitable donations in order to provide educational funding for the advancement of human rights and the status of women.



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Fall 2015

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2015 Grants for Women Award Winners

\$30,000 total will be awarded to four recipients.

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



In the picture are, L - R: Donna Keating, ECR Governor; Sheryl Hopkins, Amy Johnson, Aline Chan, Melanie, Angela North (SI Guelph Award Manager) and Janet Simms-Baldwin (ECR Secretary and past SFC Board Member). Picture by Flora Francis.

Amy Johnson, Juris Doctor Candidate 2015, Faculty of Law, University of Windsor BA (SDS), University of Waterloo.

Amy was one of the 2014 winners of the SFC Club grants for Women.

She was *guest speaker at ECR spring Conference*, hosted by SI Guelph Club. Last year's winner, Amy spoke about her life journey - she will be graduating soon in her Juris Doctor program.

Her speech was an inspiration! She will be writing her bar exams soon. She credited the award for helping her with her final year of schooling and to pay for her bar exams.

Amy is far greater than the sum of the misfortune that life has dealt her. She has chosen not to remain a victim but has become ignited in passion and inspired in spirit. Her life's challenges have nurtured particular skills so that she can rise above and advocate for others less able to advocate for themselves. It is Amy's hope that the stone of the negativity from the past, thrown into the pond, will create positive ripples in

the lives of those whom she encounters. It is her dream that those who come behind her will find their lost or forgotten dreams and bring them back to life.

The Soroptimist Foundation of Canada annually offers four \$7,500 Grants for Women to female graduate students in Canada, to assist them with university studies which will qualify them for careers which will improve the quality of women's lives.

Receiving the regional LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD was Melanie. Melanie won the award offered by SI Guelph - the **SOROPTIMIST LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD** (formerly the Women's Opportunity Awards) assists women who are the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects.

Congratulations, Amy and Melanie!

Representing the Soroptimist Foundation of Canada are Aline Chan (Grants Manager) and Sheryl Hopkins (Treasurer), pictured on right, congratulating each other on receiving their Gold Maple Leaf awards (presentation to be made at the SFC AGM in Abbotsford, Sept 2015).



Betty SECORD**Obituary**

Betty Jane Secord
December 9, 1934 – September 28, 2014

Betty Jane Secord passed away peacefully on September 28, 2014 at Sherbrooke Community Centre at the age of 79. Betty was born to Bruce and

Ivy Secord on December 9, 1934 in Dauphin, Manitoba. In 1941, Betty, along with her family, moved to the family farm at Richlea, Saskatchewan. Betty attended Richlea school until the age of 15, completing her grade 12 diploma at City Park Collegiate in Saskatoon. Betty's chosen career path led her to the diploma nursing program at City Hospital. After working as a practical nurse for a time, Betty's attention turned to the administrative side of nursing; she achieved her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from McGill University in 1959, with a "specialty in teaching and supervision" in nursing. Culminating in her position as Registrar of the College of Nursing for the province of Ontario. She was well respected and influential in her role as Registrar. Betty enjoyed travelling abroad venturing to many far away destinations including Russia, China, India, Australia, New Zealand, Spain, Great Britain and other European destinations. Betty was also gracious in providing travel experiences to her three nieces offering them trips to their destination of choice. She was a strong supporter of the Arts Opera and Toronto and Saskatoon Symphony. In 1995, due to health reasons, Betty took early retirement, returning to Saskatchewan to be closer to her family. Betty took this opportunity to become a tireless volunteer and member of numerous organizations which she held dear to her heart including: Soroptimist International, Council on Aging, Canadian Consumers Association, Canadian Federation of University Women, World Vision, and many more causes too numerous to mention. Betty was duly honoured in 2008 with the Sterling Award at the Silver Spoon Dinner for the countless hours of volunteer work and philanthropy for her community service. A firm believer in women's rights, furthering of one's education and seeing the far corners of the world, Betty truly lived the life she emulated. Betty will be dearly missed by her brother Bayne and wife Maureen, nephew and nieces; Brent and wife Marlene, Wendy and husband John, Laurie and fiancée Wayne and Lesley and husband Brad; great-nephews and nieces Vanessa, Jeffery, Tricia, Jessica, Landon, Sydney, Megan, Kendra, Riley, Haley; great-great-niece and nephew Jaycee and Jackson. Betty was predeceased by her parents Bruce and Ivy and her brother Ron. The family wish to thank Sherbrooke Community Centre for the excellent care Betty was given over the past five years. A Celebration of Life Service will be held for Betty at the chapel of the Saskatoon Funeral Home on Friday, October 3, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. A private family Interment will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the charity of choice. Email condolences can be sent to mail@saskatoonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are entrusted to the Saskatoon Funeral Home. 306-244-5577

Guest Book

"We have many happy memories of times shared with Betty..."

- Grace & George Hollands

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OBITUARY OF HELEN GIBSON

GIBSON, Helen Katharine
Age 95, Windsor, Hants Co.,
passed away Friday, February 20, 2015 in Hants Community Hospital, Windsor. Born in Bookton, Ontario, she was a daughter of the late Lawrence and Lucy (Durrant) Gibson.

Her family lived in England during her school years and then moved to New Brunswick. Helen was a graduate of the Maritime College of Pharmacy, Dalhousie University, Halifax. She practiced her profession in retail pharmacy for a number of years before joining the staff of Payzant Memorial Hospital, Windsor, later moving to Hants Community Hospital. Helen held membership in Kingston Guild of Christ Church, the former Hon. H.E. Kendall Chapter, I.O.D.E., and Haliburton Garden Club.

Helen was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Besides her parents, Helen was predeceased by her sister, Margaret.

As requested by Helen, there will be no visitation. Funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18 in Christ Church Anglican, 531 King St., Windsor, Rev. David Curry officiating. Interment will be held in Trinity Cemetery, Sussex, New Brunswick, at a later date. Donations in memory of Helen may be made to Christ Church Anglican Foundation, PO Box 2664, Windsor, NS B0N 2T0 or a charity of one's choice. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family at the funeral home address or by visiting:

www.demontfamilyfuneralhome.ca

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The **SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION OF CANADA** is expecting a bequest from the *Estate of Betty Jane Secord*, pending probate.

We also were bequeathed \$10,000 from the *Estate of Helen Catherine Gibson* from Nova Scotia.

'The 20th Soroptimist International Convention was held in Istanbul, Turkey, this past summer. The Convention more than lived up to its expectations, as over 1450 Soroptimists gathered together to meet friends old and new, witnessing first hand the very best in Turkish hospitality; Soroptimists enjoyed a full programme of high level, inspired speakers and panellists focused on Educating, Empowering and Enabling women and girls.'





The **SOROPTIMIST LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS** (formerly the Women's Opportunity Awards) assists women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects. Many of these women have overcome enormous obstacles including poverty, domestic violence and/or drug and alcohol abuse. Live Your Dream Awards recipients may use the cash award to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education, such as books, childcare, tuition and transportation.

The **SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF GUELPH** recognized their 2015 Live Your Dream Award Winner - **Melanie** - at their annual Awards Dinner held in early April. The recipient, a single mother of 3 young girls is currently attending Conestoga College, enrolled in the Business Administration Management Advanced Diplomas program, was presented with a \$1,000 cash award to assist her with her studies. At the awards dinner, Melanie also learned that she was selected as the Eastern Canada Region Live Your Dream Award recipient and was presented with a cash award of \$5,000 US at the Eastern Canada Region Spring Conference held in Guelph in May 2015. Congratulations, Melanie, and all the best in your future endeavours!

MESSAGE FROM SIA PRESIDENT-ELECT, ROSEMARY REID



"I regret that I will not be able to make it to the AGM this year, especially since it is the first year in the change of venue. I want to take this opportunity to wish the Soroptimist Foundation of Canada's Board of Directors all the best for a great and successful Annual General meeting."

Thanks to all of the women who have contributed to making this meeting a success. A special thanks to all the members who financially support the Foundation and its mission.

All the best and I hope to see you at next year's AGM."

RoseMary Reid

2015-2016 SIA President Elect

RoseMary Reid of Peterborough, Ontario, has served as SIA'S Secretary/Treasurer since September 1, 2014. She prepares minutes for board meetings and conventions, as well as oversees Soroptimist's funds and financial accounts. She is a member of Soroptimist International of Peterborough. A member since 1990, she has held several leadership positions, including federation board director, region governor and club president. In addition to her Soroptimist activities, RoseMary is a supporter of the YWCA and Cameron House.

MESSAGE FROM ECR GOVERNOR, DONNA KEATING



'On behalf of Eastern Canada Region and the Board of Directors I send you best wishes for a successful Soroptimist Foundation of Canada Annual General meeting on September 19, 2015 in Abbotsford, British Columbia.

I have often mentioned how my interest in serving with Soroptimist International comes from my desire to be part of an organization that has a positive impact on women, not just locally, but around the world. Being connected to the Soroptimist Foundation of Canada, which works so hard to provide educational funding for the advancement of human rights and the status of women, is such a blessing. Congratulations to all of you that make this happen, no matter how big or how small your role may be.

(Unfortunately the SFC Annual General Meeting conflicts with my university class, one class of which I am already in a position to miss in order to attend our Fall Meeting. It was only recent that this course was rescheduled from being held during the week and moved to the weekend.)

In Eastern Canada Region, at our upcoming Fall Meeting, we are again excited to be able to again have a Soroptimist Foundation Grant Winner speak to us. I can't help but mention again how this privilege stirs us up to continue the great work we do in helping women and girls.

Enjoy your first opportunity to hold the Annual General Meeting at the Western Canada Region Fall Retreat. We look forward to having you as part of our 2016 Fall Meeting.

Have a safe trip home and thank you again for the hard work you do as part of the Soroptimist Foundation of Canada.'

In Soroptimist Friendship,

Donna Keating





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MESSAGE FROM WCR GOVERNOR, HEATHER ROLLINS

The Western Canada Region of Soroptimist is pleased to host the AGM and accompanying events along with our Fall Retreat this year. With almost 60 women attending the retreat, I am sure many more women will learn about the important funding our Foundation provides.

This is the first time either region has hosted the AGM since it is usually held in Winnipeg in the fall. Having attended a few of those meetings over the years, I think our guests will appreciate the milder weather.

I would like to encourage all of the clubs across Canada to apply for an SFC Club Grant to help with one of their important events. The Foundation has been very generous since they started providing these grants and it has helped many clubs in our region provide great programs for women and girls. An application can be found on the Foundation website and a completed application can be sent to:

SFC President gallagherbj17@gmail.com and Anna Der, Club Grants Manager, clubgrants@soroptimistfoundation.ca.

My personal thanks to all of the clubs and individuals in our region who have supported our Foundation.

Heather Rollins

WCR Governor

THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS ... A BIT OF HISTORY

The Soroptimist Foundation was established in 1958 by Soroptimist International of the Americas, by Deed of Trust, for charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes. Following establishment of The Soroptimist Foundation, a Special Committee was set up for establishment of a Canadian Foundation under Chairman Lily E. Quarnberg and Barbara Calef and Brigadier Frances E. Wagner as Members. After a great deal of work by this Committee the Soroptimist Foundation of Canada was chartered as a Corporation by Letters Patent on June 28, 1963, at 116 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon following a meeting of the first Directors at 11 o'clock the morning of the same day for the purpose of -

- a. to provide bursaries, scholarships and fellowships to Canadian students and Canadian schools, colleges and universities for the advancement of education and in particular to further the appreciation of social needs, the study of community, national and international problems, the study of education and education methods;
- b. to provide Canadians grants for research for recognition of achievement in the advancement of education;
- c. to provide financial assistance for the advancement of education projects or charitable organisations in Canada.



**SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION
OF CANADA DAY**

FEBRUARY 6



KATE SALTERS, SPEAKER AT THE SFC 2015 AGM

*She is a PhD Student, Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University
MPH, Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University
B.A. (Honours), Department of Community Health Sciences, Brock University*

KATE COULD NOT ATTEND THE AGM 2015 AND HER REPLACEMENT WAS SHARON FISHER.

ASHLEY MAJOR, *University of Toronto, Juris Doctor, 2017. BA, Human Justice, University of Regina, 2013. She is studying law and its intersection with women's rights and interests. She will be working in New York this summer, with Human Rights Watch, Women's Rights Division.*

Ashley Major is pursuing her *Juris Doctorate* at the University of Toronto. She is in her first year of studies. Ashley grew up on a farm outside of St. Brieux, Saskatchewan with her parents and three sisters. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Justice with Great Distinction from the University of Regina. She was awarded the President's Medal for being the graduate who best exemplifies a commitment to academic achievement and to community engagement.

Ashley will be speaking at the ECR Fall meeting.



SHARON FISHER, SPEAKER AT THE SFC AGM 2015



Sharon Fisher, a member of SI Langley, SIA President 2010 - 2011, SIA Federation Program Director 2011 - 2015 is a Certified Public Accountant, who traditionally has worked in the area of corporate finance, identifying start up opportunities.

She also serves as a Director of Administrative Services for a not-for-profit organization with a mandate of responding to adult abuse, neglect and self-neglect by setting up community response networks throughout the province of British Columbia.

Sharon has attended several UN conferences over the last 5 years on behalf of Soroptimist and continues to network to increase local and global advocacy for gender equality. In 2014, Sharon addressed the UN on the Commission on the Status of Women

She spoke at the SFC AGM dinner on Gender Equality with emphasis on the five priorities: Increasing women's leadership and participation, Ending violence against women and girls, Engaging women in all aspects of peace and security processes, Enhancing women's economic empowerment and Making gender equality central to national development planning and budgeting. She was able to tie in the success story of our SFC 2011 winner, Raven Bowen. SFC helps to educate women.

More about Raven will be found in the spring Cornerstone.



A publication of Soroptimist International of the Americas

Best for Women serves as the organization's official publication and is the primary communication vehicle for members. It includes feature stories about women's issues and Soroptimist programs; updates on Soroptimist efforts; and recognition of Soroptimist club and member accomplishments. This special online section supplements the printed version and features additional content and information.

★ ★ Live Your Dream: Education and Training
★ Awards for Women

The Soroptimist Live Your Dream Awards (formerly the Women's Opportunity Awards) assists women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects.



**LAW STUDENT AWARDED NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FROM SOROPTIMIST
FOUNDATION OF CANADA** <http://www.law.utoronto.ca/news/>



Ashley Major, a second-year law student, was one of four Canadian women to receive a \$7,500 national scholarship from the Soroptimist Foundation of Canada, an organization that provides educational funding to women in graduate studies for the advancement of human rights and the status of women.

Major says growing up on a farm outside of St. Brieux, Saskatchewan with her parents and three sisters meant a busy family life, one actively engaged in women's rights.

"My parents made sure to instill strong feminist values in all of us," she says. "I knew I wanted to pursue a career in women's rights when I started volunteering at a women's shelter. I became angry, and inspired, by the blatant abuses that these individuals had faced. I knew I wanted to work to alleviate such occurrences in the future."

A passionate advocate for addressing injustices perpetuated against women, Major received a \$10,000 McDougall Gauley Research Scholarship in her second year of undergrad at the University of Regina. Her project examined the barriers that women face when attempting to reintegrate back into society after serving time in jail. She also completed an internship at Independent Academic Research Studies, a social justice think-tank in London, UK, where she investigated the barriers experienced by police and prosecutors when investigating allegations of rape in London. She focused on the effect that rape myths had upon the investigative and prosecutorial processes.

As a domestic violence counselor at the Regina Transition House, she counseled women who had experienced domestic abuse, and helped attend to their particular needs. She also volunteered as a sexual assault line counselor for the Regina Sexual Assault Centre, worked as the Primary Crime Prevention Coordinator for the John Howard Society of Saskatchewan, and in this role

"I believe a law degree opens up so many avenues for advocacy. As a domestic violence counselor, I once worked with a client whose ex-partner failed to bring her child back from an agreed upon visit in another province. With my level of training, I could only do so much work on her file before I had to turn it over to a lawyer."

taught students in Grades 4-8 about the consequences of criminal activity.

Her undergraduate degree in human justice (with Great Distinction and the President's Medal for commitment to academic achievement and to community engagement) set her on a path to law school, where her clinic work to advance rights caught the eye of the foundation members.

She volunteered with Pro Bono Students Canada at a sex worker drop-in clinic and worked with a lawyer to provide legal information to the women there. Major is assisting to expand a current Pro Bono Students Canada low-income will-drafting project to the sex workers from her placement.

Last year, she was a 1L representative on the Women and the Law Committee, where she helped organize several mentoring and networking events for female law students. She also joined a working group, joint with the David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights and the International Human Rights Program (IHRP), that conducted research on violence against women and the potential effects of the new prostitution laws.

Her recent summer IHRP placement was at Human Rights Watch, Women's Right's Division, in New York City. Major researched how worldwide instances of sexual assault and rape are violations of international law.

"I believe a law degree opens up so many avenues for advocacy. As a domestic violence counselor, I once worked with a client whose ex-partner failed to bring her child back from an agreed upon visit in another province. With my level of training, I could only do so much work on her file before I had to turn it over to a lawyer. With a background in law, I know I will be able to be the one advocating for my clients."

It's a long way from the 500-person village on the Prairies, but for now, this is where she'll be.

"Life is very different here, but I love it... Though I had lived in much larger centres over the last several years, Toronto was a bit of a culture shock. I really love the anonymity and the never-ending social options that come along with living in a city. I would never trade my years spent living and working on the farm, because I know those experiences made me into who I am. At this point in my life though, living in a dynamic city like Toronto is exactly what I need."

Ashley says looks forward to learning more about the law and its intersection with women's rights and interests over the course of her degree.

"I foresee myself working on women's human rights issues in my line of work; being able to be engaged with a problem from start to finish is very exciting for me."



THARSINI SIVANANTHAJOTHY, MSc student, School of Public Health, University of Alberta, 2016; BSc (Honors), Department of Biological Sciences, University of Toronto, 2013. During her first year at the School of Public Health, Tharsini co-founded the U. Alberta Jericho Project (UJP) with her colleagues.

Tharsini is pictured on right, receiving her award from SFC Chair, BJ Gallagher at the Faculty Club, University of Alberta, at SI Edmonton's AGM, June 9, 2015.



"Be happy with what you have and are, be generous with both, and you won't have to hunt for happiness." William E. Gladstone

SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION OF CANADA SECRETARY'S REPORT – META FLEMKE

It has been my pleasure to serve as secretary of the SFC since I took the position in June 2014. This year I prepared the minutes from the 2014 Annual General Meeting which was held in Winnipeg on October 25, 2014. As well, I attended and prepared the minutes of the Board meetings of six monthly meetings.

In preparation for this AGM, in June 2015 I prepared the Notice of Annual General Meeting - September 19, 2015, which President BJ sent to the Regional Chairs on June 18th for distribution to the clubs in their regions.

I look forward to continuing in this position.

Respectfully submitted,

Meta Flemke

SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION OF CANADA GRANTS FOR WOMEN REPORT – ALINE CHAN

Eastern Canada had 148 quality applications (there were several disqualified applicants) and Western Canada had 45 applications. Applicants' program of study must be focused on the betterment of the lives of women and girls. They must be Canadian women receiving the awards, attending accredited Canadian Universities.

By the January 31 deadline, Eastern Canada had less applications than the West. This was quite unusual. By mid February, a box of mail arrived by Canada Post with over 100 envelopes. Due to the mail slow-down between December and January, one postal station found mail that was not distributed. These were promptly sent to me as they were marked Express-Post. The post office said they would eventually get them all sorted.

THE FOUR GRANTS FOR WOMEN WINNERS for 2015:

ERIN ALBANESE, MA, St. Paul University, Ottawa, Counselling & Spirituality, 2016 - she works in a youth treatment centre as addiction counsellor.

GENNA EVELYN, Master of Laws (Fundamental and Collective Rights) Candidate 2016, Faculty of Law, Université Laval. LL.B. 2006 University of New Brunswick.

ASHLEY MAJOR, University of Toronto, Juris Doctor, 2017. BA, Human Justice, University of Regina, 2013. She is studying law and its intersection with women's rights and interests. She will be working in New York this summer, with Human Rights Watch, Women's Rights Division. She will be speaking at the EC Fall meeting.

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Respectfully submitted,

Aline Chan



HERE IS A RECAP OF 2015 CLUB GRANT WINNERS!
CONGRATULATIONS!

1. SI Central Alberta - **The Power of a Girl**
2. SI Calgary - **Live Your Dream Alumni Luncheon Program**
3. SI Edmonton - **Mighty Fingers Facing Change**
4. SI Courtenay - **Yes You Can Mentoring Project: Dream It Be It Career Support For Girls**
5. SI Kawartha Lakes - **Girls on the Run**
6. SI Winnipeg - **For Girls Self-Esteem Forum**

The Soroptimist Foundation of Canada (SFC) Club Grants deadline for 2015 has been changed to **June 30, 2015**. This year, our SFC's AGM will be held in conjunction with the Western Canada Region Leadership meeting in September in Abbotsford. This change of date and venue meant we had to move the club deadline.

The rules for clubs to apply for \$1000 grants are posted on SFC website at <http://www.soroptimistfoundation.ca>
PLEASE DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION FORM AT OUR SFC WEBSITE & EMAIL YOUR APPLICATIONS FOR CLUB GRANTS.

Soroptimist Pledge

We are Soroptimists committed to:

The Sincerity of Friendship

The Joy of Achievement

The Dignity of Service

The Integrity of Profession

The Love of Country

We will put forth our best efforts to improve the lives of women and the girls in local communities and throughout the world.

GIVE GENEROUSLY



and **PROUDLY** wear your
MAPLE LEAF PIN

The Red Pin is awarded to recognize individual members whose cumulative donations have reached \$500 plus. The Silver Pin is added to recognize cumulative donation amounts totalling \$1000 plus, and the Gold Pin recognizes \$2500 plus. For some members these milestone pins are reached in a relatively short period of time. For other members, they represent several years of faithful donations. Hence, there is a bonding and all pins are worn with pride in each other.



CLUB GRANTS

Club Grants up to \$1,000.00 are available annually by applying to the Soroptimist Foundation of Canada.

The Foundation may offer five \$1,000.00 grants for clubs holding educational programs for women or girls that will help them to be the best that they can be by developing their abilities and their awareness so that these young women can reach their full potential. The exact number of grants and the amounts for those grants shall be determined each fiscal year at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Foundation, based on the funds available in that year's budget and the program needs of the Clubs applying.

Deadline for Club Grants is June 30th.

Applications are available on the website.

Click on Club Grants Application at

[http://www.soroptimistfoundation.ca/](http://www.soroptimistfoundation.ca)

Or go directly to

<http://www.soroptimistfoundation.ca/application.html#clubs>

Completed Applications must be emailed to

clubgrants@soroptimistfoundation.ca

or to

BJ Gallagher gallagherbj17@gmail.com

Anna Der, Manager, Club Grants

LET'S BUILD OUR ENDOWMENT FUND

Send your Club Donation or Personal Donation to

Soroptimist Foundation of Canada

Sheryl Hopkins, Treasurer

2455 Cunningham Blvd

Peterborough ON K9H 0B2

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MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION CHAIR**SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION of CANADA**WWW.SOROPTIMISTFOUNDATION.CA

Hello everyone, it's great to be back after the summer and we are all ready to get down to business again. I hope that everyone had as enriching a summer as I did and that you are all well.

I was pleased to receive an email from Margot Rutherford in late July. She and Glynda Boucher had been thinking about a way to raise some money for the SFC while they were in Osoyoos. They thought that it might be a good idea to try selling 'squares' at the AGM/Leadership Retreat. The idea is to sell 100 squares at \$5.00 each, earning \$500.00 for SFC. The prize will be a *Maple Leaf Pin* of the appropriate colour for the winner. I thought that it was such a good idea and I am so pleased that Margot and Glynda have decided to take on the task. I have already requested the first 3 numbers and will be looking forward to presenting the winner with the appropriate pin on Saturday evening.

We extend an invitation to you to attend the AGM on September 19th in Abbotsford. From the early registrations received so far, we predict a good attendance record. The Friendship Evening before the WCR Leadership Retreat is on the Friday and the SFC AGM will take place on the Saturday. Please join us for dinner on Saturday evening. WCR has planned a good weekend. We will be presenting Club Grant Cheques and our speaker is one of last year's winners, Kate Salters. *Kate is a PhD Student, Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University MPH, Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University, B.A. (Honours), Department of Community Health Sciences, Brock University.* We will learn more on what she has done in the last year. One of this year's winners will be speaking at the Fall ECR 2015 meeting; Ashley Major, *University of Toronto, Juris Doctor, 2017. BA, Human Justice, University of Regina, 2013. She is studying law and its intersection with women's rights and interests. She has been working in New York this summer, with Human Rights Watch, Women's Rights Division.*

Aline and her judges have again chosen four very worthy young women as recipients of the Grants for Women awards, 2015. You read about them in the May Cornerstone. Meeting these young ladies and hearing them speak make us all very proud of being able to help them on their educational journey, helping young Canadian women prepare for their future - a future where they will be able to enrich the lives of other women.

I am pleased to report that it has been another solid year for The Soroptimist Foundation of Canada's portfolio. In particular, you will be pleased to notice the following:

1. The total return was 6.79% from July 1st 2014 to June 30th 2015.
 - a. The return is after all costs.
2. The portfolio has earned significantly more income this year.
 - a. \$65,135.00 compared to \$31,710.00 for fiscal 2014.
3. Equities (Stocks) added value.
 - a. 2/3 of equity was invested outside of Canada.
 - i. International holdings improved returns as Canadian stocks lagged.
 - b. Low exposure (<10%) to Energy and Mining.
 - i. The sectors preformed badly and the low exposure mitigated the impact.
4. Currencies added value too.
 - a. The US Dollar has appreciated meaningfully since last year, up 14%.
 - i. Significant US Dollar holdings added to returns.

Warwick will share much more detail about the performance of the SFC Portfolio. Given the world financial climate, I think that we have much to be grateful for, not least of all that we have Warwick on our side. You will agree that he has done a very good job for us.



Again I must say thank you so much to the fantastic ladies that we have on our Board.

1. Aline for all of her work as Grants for Women Chair representing ECR and she and her group of Judges make the final decision on winners from ECR and WCR. Aline is also the Editor of the Cornerstone and it would not be what it is without her expertise.
2. Sheryl for all the work that she does keeping in touch with our donors, making sure that they all receive their tax receipts, making deposits in a timely manner and keeping in touch with Sandra, our Accountant and her staff, and everything else that she does to keep us on the straight and narrow. Sheryl makes all of our travel arrangements, airline and hotel reservations, etc. She also keeps me in the loop, which I greatly appreciate.
3. Meta for taking minutes, transcribing them, distributing them to each of us, and also posting on the SFC Site and Wiggio, a file sharing site. Meta also prepares the Call to the AGM and she also is a great sounding board when needed.
4. Anna for her work getting the information regarding Grants for Women out to the Universities in WCR and receiving the applications and for choosing the best 10 applicants with her judges. Anna is also the Club Grants Chair, and she receives applications for Club Grants. Lastly, I would like to thank each and every Canadian Soroptimist for their continued support of the Soroptimist Foundation of Canada. Please continue to make The Soroptimist Foundation of Canada your CHARITY OF CHOICE.

Elizabeth Gallagher (BJ) Chair ☼ Soroptimist Foundation of Canada ☼ gallagherbj17@gmail.com





DONORS FOR JUNE 2014– JULY 2015

**ECR
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Aline Chan
Sheryl Hopkins

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Billie Yakiwchuk

**WCR
GOLD**

Coleen Schmidt
Jean Hird
Gloria Gietz (already received)

SILVER

Margot Rutherford
Chari Grant
Beverley Lowsley

GRANTS FOR WOMEN UPDATE

Grants for Women deadline was January 31, 2015. We received 45 applications for Western Canada and 148 for Eastern Canada. Applications are reviewed by two sets of judges. The last three are national judges.

Applications are being sent to the universities in October. Many applications come from website searches.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

**Soroptimist Foundation of Canada
AGM**

**will be held in conjunction with the
SI Western Canada Region
Leadership Retreat which is being held
on
September 19, 2015 at**

**The Sandman Hotel (Abbotsford, BC.)
32720 Simon Ave.,
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SAVE THE DATE! 2016 SIA CONVENTION

July 20-23, 2016 Walt Disney World Dolphin Resort Orlando, Florida

The 2016 SIA convention will be your next exclusive opportunity to learn, celebrate and network with Soroptimists from around the world! Registration will open in January 2016 and will be announced to everyone via email.

CONVENTION FEE (PER CLUB) \$475.00

The fee will be invoiced January 2016 and due March 15, 2016. This fee entitles each club to send one voting delegate to the convention.

<http://www.soroptimist.org/members/meetings/orlando-2016-save-the-date-english.pdf>



TOP CLUB DONOR LIST JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015

RED - \$100 - \$200

SI Calgary
SI White Rock

BRONZE - \$201 - \$500

SI Banff National Park
SI Thunder Bay
SI Toronto Trust
SI Courtenay
SI Winnipeg
SI Cambridge
SI Kawartha Lakes
SI Hamilton Burlington

SILVER - \$501 - \$1,000

SI North and West Vancouver
SI Dundas Ancaster Flamborough
SI Tri-Cities
SI Langleys

GOLD - \$1001 - \$2000

SI Peterborough



Why Women & Girls?

Throughout history women and girls face additional obstacles and discrimination solely because of their gender. As an organization of business and professional women we feel uniquely qualified to help women and girls live their dreams. It's true that both men and women live in poverty, face discrimination and must overcome obstacles. But throughout history - in every country in the world - women and girls face additional obstacles and discrimination solely because of their gender.

Why do women and girls need our help?

Consider the following:

- One in three women have been beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused in their lifetime.
- According to a recent report, of the 600,000-800,000 people trafficked across international borders annually, 80% are female.

Women work two-thirds of the world's working hours but earn only 10 percent of the world's income, and own less than 1 percent of the world's property.

Read more at <http://www.soroptimist.org/whywomen/whywomen.html>

ANN GARVIE International SI President

"Human rights are critical to the Vision and Mission of every Soroptimist globally. No country is free from human rights violations. Respect and tolerance for every human being must be achieved in all of our communities and countries," states "Soroptimist International's advocacy work and on-the-ground projects directly contribute to helping women and girls access their human rights. Human rights are inherent to all human beings, regardless of nationality, sex, ethnicity, race or religion. We should all be able to live free from violence and discrimination. Soroptimist International aims to give the local voices of women and girls a global impact. SI has 16 UN Representatives who work across 6 UN Centres to ensure that the voices of women and girls around the world are included in international decision making. This work is driven by Soroptimist projects. All of SI's advocacy work is based on the principles of human rights. Women and girls around the world still do not get to experience their full range of human rights. Soroptimist International is continuously working to empower, educate and enable women and girls to ensure the realisation of gender equality. At the United Nations, Soroptimist International's UN Representatives advocate for women and girls, and lobby governments to take action to make sure that women and girls access their human rights. Their work is driven Soroptimist International projects and SI's UN Representatives also provide information about emerging issues and international development agendas. Through this work Soroptimist International gives women and girls the global voice that they need.



Canadian Soroptimists at SI Convention, Istanbul, Turkey



ECR Rosalie and BJ with new friends Dorothy from Denmark & Cherry from New Zealand

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East meets West
Several ECR and WCR members at Istanbul meet-up ->



SI Courtenay, "Dream It, Be It" April 21, 2015



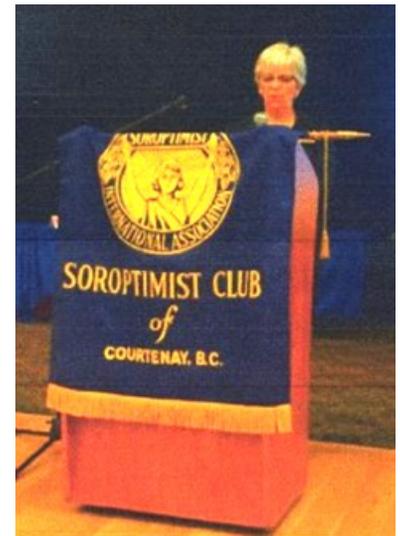
Jenny Deters, Business Owner / Operator



Leona Castle, Inventor / Care Aide



Captain Shannon Archer
RCAF Air Controller



SI Courtenay's
Past President Linda Willis

"The forces that threaten to negate life must be challenged by courage, which is the power of life to affirm itself in spite of life's ambiguities. This requires the exercise of a creative will that enables us to hew out a stone of hope from a mountain of despair." Martin Luther King Junior



MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER OF SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Donations for this fiscal year 2014-2015 (July 1 - June 30) from individuals have been down slightly. The monthly donations made by twelve members across Canada make up a good portion of the funds collected. Other donations have come in but not as many as last year. The economy may have something to do with this trend.

Gifts from the SI clubs in both Eastern and Western Canada continue to be strong. It would be nice if we could receive a donation from all clubs in whatever amount they could manage. I realize that some clubs are smaller than others and some are new. If each club would do what they can it would be much appreciated.

Companies continue to donate on behalf of their employees and this year we have had donations from the RBC Foundation, ICBC Insurance Company in BC and KPMG in Toronto. Perhaps there are more possibilities in this area that could be investigated. These Companies, when they realise that their employees are doing a lot of volunteer work, donate on behalf of these people.

Many people donate in "Memory Of" a family member or friend.

We have received, or are in the process of receiving, three legacies in the past two years. Again, this is a wonderful way of leaving a donation from yourself to the Foundation and can be done ahead of time via a will. There is a process within the Foundation to be able to do this if you wish and you can contact me if you need more information on how to proceed with it.

Monthly donations, of whatever amount is manageable, regardless of the amount, adds up over time. We have special pins to award amounts of \$500, \$1000 and \$2500 dollar donations.

We appreciate all donations to our Foundation. Some proceeds are awarded annually for scholarships to four young women in post-graduate programs. One of these winners will be speaking at the Spring Conference.

We just recently received a \$10,000 bequest from the estate of Helen Catherine Gibson. We are waiting on probate for two other legacies in which the Foundation has been named as a beneficiary.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Hopkins

Treasurer, Soroptimist Foundation of Canada

TREASURER'S CORNER**Balance Reporting - Balance Summary Report**

SHERYL HOPKINS, TREASURER
SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION OF CANADA
Report Date: August 27, 2015



ACCOUNT TYPE	ACCOUNT	CURRENCY	BALANCE
BUS DEP	Operating Account	CAD	\$ 3,362.04
BUS DEP	Endowment Account	CAD	\$ 24,931.96
BUS DEP	VISA	CAD	\$ 0.0

COMMENTS FROM THE TREASURER

Donations have been slightly down this past fiscal year.

The official address in Winnipeg: Soroptimist Foundation of Canada
c/o Albina Moran, Partner, Thompson, Dorfman, Sweatman LLP
2200 – 201 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MN R3B 3L3

Full accounting of donations, income and expenses of the Foundation can be referenced at the Auditor's report to be approved at the **Annual General Meeting on September 19, 2015** at:

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SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION OF CANADA**AGM AGENDA**

September 19, 2015

The Sandman Hotel

32770 Simon Avenue

Abbotsford BC V2T 0B8

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18

7 PM FRIENDSHIP EVENING RECEPTION

SATURDAY, SEPT 19

3:20 PM

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Elizabeth (BJ) Gallagher, Chair
2. Introduction of Guests
3. Introduction of Board Members and Special Guest
4. Introduction of Attendees
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Declaration of a Quorum
7. Appointment of Parliamentarian
8. 8.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
8.2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
9. FINANCIAL PRESENTATION BY RBC DS – WARWICK HOLLAND, PORTFOLIO MANAGER
 1. Treasurer’s Report – Sheryl Hopkins
 2. Report of the Auditor
 3. Approval of Financial Statements
 4. Appointment of Auditor for 2015 – 2016
 5. Presentation of Budget for 2015 – 2016
10. REPORTS
 1. RBC DS – Warwick Holland, Portfolio Manager
 2. CHAIR - Elizabeth (BJ) Gallagher, Chair
 3. GRANTS FOR WOMEN – Aline Chan
 4. CLUB GRANTS – Anna Der
 5. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
 6. HISTORY COMMITTEE –
 7. LEGACY COMMITTEE –
11. NEW BUSINESS
12. Date of Next AGM
13. ADJOURNMENT

6:00 PM NO HOST BAR

6:30 PM DINNER

Dinner is a classic Buffet which includes mixed greens w/ dressing, Greek pasta salad, seasonal vegetables, wild rice, sliced seasonal fruit, grilled chicken breast in a wild mushroom sauce and a selection of dessert squares.

8 PM SPEAKERS (KATE SALTERS, WINNER, GRANTS FOR WOMEN)

9:30 - AWARD PRESENTATIONS – *Please hold picture taking until after presentations*

SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION OF CANADA**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday, October 25, 2014, 9:00 AM • Hilton Suites Winnipeg Airport, Winnipeg, Manitoba

MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Western Canada Region: Governor Heather Rollins, SI Chilliwack; Nancy D'Agostino, President SI Banff; Darlene McBeth, SI Calgary; Margot Rutherford, SI Courtenay; Kay Stewart, President SI Winnipeg

Eastern Canada Region: Cindy Fingus, President SI Thunder Bay

Proxies: Western Canada Region: SI Abbotsford-Mission, SI Chilliwack, SI Edmonton, SI Osoyoos, SI Saskatoon

Eastern Canada Region: SI Cambridge, SI Grand-Erie, SI Kawartha Lakes, SI Peterborough, SI Toronto

SFC Board: Elizabeth Gallagher (BJ), SI Edmonton; Anna Der, SI Edmonton; Meta Flemke, SI Edmonton; Aline Chan, SI Guelph; Sheryl Hopkins, SI Peterborough

Regrets: Eastern Region Governor Donna Keating – BJ read the letter.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME** – Elizabeth Gallagher (BJ), Chair - At 9:05 AM Chair BJ called the meeting to order welcoming all to the 2014 Annual General Meeting. *Best wishes were read from Eastern Canada Region Governor Donna Keating.*
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** – none.
3. **INTRODUCTION OF BOARD** – BJ introduced the Board Members and Warwick Holland, with RBC Dominion Securities Inc., SFC Portfolio Manager, from Vancouver.
4. **ROLL CALL OF ATTENDEES** - all present.
5. **QUORUM:** QUORUM met (needed are 3 Board members & 25% of clubs represented in person or by proxy (8 clubs).
6. **APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN** – Margot Rutherford, SI Courtenay.
7. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** –
 - Move 13a to between 9 and 10, making it Business Arising from 2013 AGM Minutes.
 - Add under New Business discussion of venue for next year under New Business; seconded by Anna Der in favour. Margot Rutherford moved to accept the Agenda with changes, seconded by Anna Der. **CARRIED.**
8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** – BJ showed the Continuance document was obtained and will be on file. Darlene McBeth moved the approval of the minutes as circulated, seconded by Cindy Fingus. **CARRIED.**
9. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM 2013 MINUTES** –
 - *Letter from SI Chilliwack - Heather Rollins discussed funds of SI Chilliwack currently with Vancouver Foundation and have a year or two until it is locked in. Would like to invest it with SFC with the interest on the investment going back to the club for projects. The benefit to donors would be getting income tax receipts because most clubs now don't have a Revenue Canada charitable number.*
 - *Benefit to SFC would be more people would get to know about it and may make specific donations to the SFC as well as the local club. Warwick explained complications of that and cost of administration, set up and management. Heather will check with SI Chilliwack which has funds in their Community Foundation and will report to BJ.*
10. **FINANCIAL PRESENTATION BY RBC DS WARWICK HOLLAND**, Portfolio Manager – distributed two financial reports. Changes in investments were made as instructed last year: invest globally (formerly only in Canada), investment flexibility in bond rated bonds Triple B or less up to 20%, offering more diversity.
 - a. **TREASURER'S REPORT** -- Sheryl Hopkins presented July 2013 through June 2014. Has given to Warwick a \$30,000 cheque for investment. During the year was advised SFC received a \$100,000 bequest, and when received in November it totalled \$113,000. Cindy Fingus moved acceptance of the report, seconded by Heather Rollins. **CARRIED.**
 - b. **UNAUDITED REPORT OF THE AUDITOR** – *presented by Sheryl.*
 - c. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:** Sheryl Hopkins moved that we appoint Sandra Fawcett's office in Richmond Hill, Ontario, as SFC Auditor for fiscal year 2014-2015, seconded by Margot Rutherford. BJ read Bylaws regarding changing auditors, should we need to between AGMs when they are appointed.
11. **PRESENTATION OF BUDGET FOR 2014-15**, also to 2019 – additional expense for purchase of 100 pins and making them into maple leaf pins, because of possibility that the pin would be changed and we wished to keep the same. Last year's AGM cost higher because it was the 50th anniversary celebration. Sheryl pointed out the various methods of making donations. Darlene McBeth moved the budget be accepted as presented; seconded by Kay Stewart. **CARRIED.**
12. **REPORTS** –
 - a. **CHAIR** – Elizabeth Gallagher – printed in Cornerstone Fall 2014. Additional comment that \$3,400 was raised at the fundraiser in Vancouver in November 2013.
 - b. **GRANTS FOR WOMEN** – Chair BJ Gallagher reported for Aline Chan, SI Guelph – report attached.
 - c. **CLUB GRANTS** – Anna Der, SI Edmonton – report attached. Successful clubs are listed in Cornerstone: SI Central Alberta – The Power of a Girl; SI Courtenay – Yes You Can Mentoring Program; SI Kawartha Lakes – Girls on the Run; SI Surrey Delta – Totally Beautiful; SI Winnipeg – For Girls Self-Esteem Forum; and also, SI Dundas-Ancaster-Flamborough, FAB Girls Program-Fit Active Beautiful, SI Chilliwack
 - d. **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE** – reported by BJ Gallagher in the absence of Cora Salvador – copy attached.
 - e. **HISTORY COMMITTEE** – BJ reported on behalf of Janet Simms-Baldwin – copy attached
 - f. **LEGACY COMMITTEE** – BJ reported for Barbara Stalbecker-Poutney – copy attached
13. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **CHANGE OF VENUE** – Discussion took place on the pros and cons of changing the venue from Winnipeg to be attached to the fall leadership retreat in each Region. This would mean that the people attending the retreat would already be available to attend and hopefully some people from the other Region would attend as well, particularly the Governors. A con is the cost of airfare or farther flights. Kay Stewart suggested also occasionally meeting centrally in Winnipeg.

Heather Rollins moved that the AGM be conducted in alternate years in either the Western Canada or Eastern Canada region in conjunction with the fall event, seconded by Cindy Fingus. **CARRIED.**
14. **NEXT AGM** - Date for 2014 AGM will be in BC in September 2015, date to be confirmed and reported in the Bulletin.

AGM REPORTS CONTINUED...**Grants for Women – Aline Chan, Eastern Canada Region and BJ Gallagher, Foundation Chair (presented by BJ)**

This year, although applications came in slower than usual, in the end (BJ) received 20 applications, down 25 from last year. Aline Chan, Eastern Canada and Grants for Women Manager, received 300 applications this year, down 29 from last year.

The four grant winners:

- **Amy Johnson** – Juris Doctor Candidate 2015, Faculty of Law, University of Windsor BA (SDS), University of Waterloo
- **Kate Salters** – PhD student, Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University MPH, Simon Fraser University B.A. (Honours), Department of Community Health Sciences, Brock University
- **Danielle N. Naumann** - PhD Candidate, School of Rehabilitation, Faculty of Health Sciences, Queen's University MSc(OT)
- **Kristine Cheung** – MA Student, Clinical Psychology, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Univ. of Manitoba

CLUB GRANTS – Anna Der

This year we received seven grant applications from Clubs and we have been able to award \$1,000 each to all seven Clubs.

- SI Central Alberta – The Power of a Girl
- SI Courtenay – Yes You Can Mentoring Program
- SI Kawartha Lakes – Girls on the Run
- SI Surrey Delta – Totally Beautiful
- SI Winnipeg – For Girls Self-Esteem Forum
- SI Dundas – Ancaster - Flamborough – The FAB Girls Program-Fit Active Beautiful
- SI Chilliwack – Addiction Counselling & Resources Library



I have a reminder for all Clubs from last year and this year – all funding has a two month reporting time frame every year. Please return the details to us as soon as possible after the projects.

We would like to encourage all of the Clubs to apply when important projects are available.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE – presented by BJ Gallagher

CORA SALVADOR has done a wonderful job over this past year with her club members putting on a gala at Van Dusen Gardens. They invited a master of ceremonies, Karen Blunderfield, to keep activities flowing and the decorations and caterers were superb. Speakers included: Senator Mobina Jaffer, a staunch Soroptimist supporter; Sharon Fisher, SIA Program Chair; then-Governor Dana Martin; me, SFC Chair; and past Grants for Women winner Raven Bowen. Entertainment was provided by Mezzo Soprano Grace Chan, accompanied by Leona Griffin. Also present were our RBC Investment Team Warwick Holland and his lovely wife Lisa. Because of all of the efforts of SI Vancouver, \$3,400 was raised for SFC.

HISTORY COMMITTEE – PRESENTED BY BJ GALLAGHER

Janet Simms-Baldwin and her committee have been able to take a much needed reset after the publishing of the SFC History book, which was published last year for the SFC 50th Anniversary.

The lead up to publication was a very hectic time for Janet and her committee, which was made up of:

- Janet Simms-Baldwin, Chair
- Jean Skillman – formatted pictures
- Flora Francis – Memory and past events
- Cora Salvador – Finance
- Alison Saunders – Traced Grant winners
- Sandy Ng – Publishers search and keyboarding

This was a huge undertaking by Janet who made numerous trips to the Archives here in Winnipeg and although Janet was given a budget, she covered many of her expenses herself.

We would like to let Janet and her committee know just how grateful we are to each and every one of them for their efforts and dedication to the Soroptimist Foundation of Canada.

LEGACY COMMITTEE – Barbara Stalbecker-Poutney, report presented by BJ Gallagher

The Legacy Committee, chaired by Barbara Stalbecker-Poutney, was set up to explore legacy contributions to SFC.

Many of us make contributions to SFC monthly, quarterly, biannually, or annually to the Endowment Fund, which are the funds that are grown and in which the principal is never touched. The interest from the Endowment Fund is where SFC makes the money to provide Club Grants and Grants for Women and, of course, to handle the daily operation of SFC, including insurance, accounting, telephone conferencing, VIANET for emails, Web Master, bank charges and Maple Leaf pins.

It is obvious that the Legacy Committee is getting the word out as SFC has been remembered over the years by any gracious, generous ladies, most recently Donna Rediger of SI Calgary, and Betty Jane Secord of SI Saskatoon.

