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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Lori Roblesky – Western Canada Region – SI Greater Victoria since 2004. She works as a Financial Advisor in Victoria, B.C. in the areas of asset management and life insurance. Lori is active with a global educational enterprise and is currently Head Coach for a leadership program in Victoria.



Lori's professional background includes administration positions with Calgary's oil and gas industry, aviation, a drilling company and the University of Calgary. She also held a real estate license for four years in residential real estate and remains interested in real estate.

An avid traveler, Lori had the opportunity to acquire Norwegian experience from 1996 to 2001 while living in Stavanger, Norway's oil capital. Lori participated in a project along with others in the expat community developing, writing and printing an extensive guide for families relocating to Norway. Along the way, they successfully hosted an event which brought a Canadian expat expert to speak about culture shock and moveable marriages.

Lori has attended the WCR Leadership Retreats, the WCR Conferences in Victoria and Saskatoon and will be attending the 2012 WCR Conference in Courtenay. She has found them fun and rewarding. Lori's business experience and commitment to Soroptimist make a great combination as a Board Member for the Soroptimist Foundation of Canada.

Sheryl Hopkins – Eastern Canada - SI Peterborough since 1996. Sheryl is a pharmacist and hopes to retire this year. She plans to keep her hand in the profession of pharmacy. Sheryl is married and has two grown sons and five grandchildren. Her daughter-in-law is also a Soroptimist. Since Sheryl joined, she has served as a director on the club executive and chaired several committees. She chaired the Women's Opportunity Awards for three years and felt strongly about this award as she herself was a single mother raising two children



on her own for seven years. Her greatest interest lies in fundraising. She has been in charge of Poinsettia sales at SI Peterborough's annual Christmas bazaar for several years. The poinsettia sales are a focal point of the bazaar and it would not be successful without her. She has also organized volunteers for other fundraisers, such as collecting tickets at the gate for Peterborough's annual Wakefest event in August and also organized the ice cream booth for the Centennial celebration of the Peterborough Liftlock. In 2010, she was chosen Soroptimist of the Year by SI Peterborough club members.

Besides her strong local presence, she has also attended two Soroptimist International conventions: Helsinki, Finland and recently, Montreal, Canada. Sheryl's husband is a Rotarian and they have hosted exchange students from around the world. She has also had many experiences accompanying him on Rotary business and projects worldwide. She also regularly attends Eastern Canada Spring Conferences and Fall Region Meetings. Sheryl is a regular contributor to Soroptimist Foundation of Canada and believes strongly in its programs and awards. The Soroptimist Foundation of Canada executive board is very pleased to have Sheryl on their team.

**TWO BOARD MEMBERS TERMS ENDING
JUNE 30, 2012**

Eileen Stanbury



Eileen is a club member of S.I. Peterborough and joined the SFC board in February of 2009. She replaced a board member who had to resign due to scheduling difficulties.

Eileen served as Secretary for her entire time on the board. Her duties involved sending out agendas and accurately recording the minutes of all board meetings. Before the AGM every year, Eileen would send out the AGM notice along with numerous other AGM documents. She followed up with clubs to ensure that they would have a vote at the AGM. At the AGM she was in charge of registration and voting credentials, name badges, minutes, the dinner program, etc. and ensures the meeting runs smoothly.

Her interest in chocolate making led her to prepare SFC chocolates as favours at the AGM Saturday evening dinner.

Eileen has enjoyed her time on the board as it gave her the opportunity to learn more about SFC, travel to Winnipeg and Vancouver and to meet many WCR members.

Cora Salvador



Cora is a club member of S.I. Vancouver and joined the SFC board in July of 2008. Cora served as the Treasurer from July, 2008 to June, 2010.

As Treasurer, Cora was instrumental in automating the books of the Foundation and procuring an on-line banking system to facilitate direct deposit for donations. Cora processed donations to solicit more donations from members and provided financial reports to the board.

From July, 2010 and up to June, 2012 Cora served as the Chair and directed the board meetings and the Annual General Meeting. Cora advised the board in all matters pertaining to the foundation's business issues, mandate, grants and campaigns to solicit more donations. Cora also signed banking instruments with the Treasurer in addition to issuing a bi-monthly Bulletin to advise members of new by-laws, procedures or important announcements for members to know.

**RED MAPLE LEAF PIN PRESENTATION TO
ELEANOR CARROLL, SI PETERBOROUGH,
DECEMBER 2011**



From left, Jean Axcell, Catalina Malin, **Eleanor Carroll** and SFC secretary, Eileen Stanbury.



From left, **Eleanor Carroll**, Eileen Stanbury and Elizabeth Kitchen.

President Catalina Malin, SI Peterborough and SFC Secretary, Eileen Stanbury, met with members Elizabeth Kitchen and Jean Axcell to present **Eleanor Carroll** with her Red Maple Leaf pin. Elizabeth was also wearing her new Maple Leaf pin.

Eleanor Carroll is a life member and has been a member for 54 years.

Elizabeth has been a member since October 2009. At the presentation, Eleanor gave SFC a \$50.00 cheque.

**Let's build our Endowment Fund
Send your Club Donation or Personal
Donation to
Soroptimist Foundation of Canada
9265 161 Street
Surrey, BC V4N 3E2**

Or

**GO DIRECT – MAKE DIRECT DEPOSIT
DONATIONS**

**It's fast, fun, and easy...fill out the form on
following page –
Attach your voided cheque, and your
donation will be automatically deposited as
directed by you....easy!!!!**

Thank you!

GRANTS FOR WOMEN UPDATE

Grants for Women deadline was January 31, 2012. We received 47 applications for Western Canada and 520 for Eastern Canada.

The National Judges were:

Sue Baldauf is a home economist retired from a long career as a secondary school Family Studies teacher/dept head. In Brantford, she promoted day care and parenting programs for teen moms and worked with community nutrition education programs. Susan promoted Family Studies as a member of the provincial Family Studies Subject Council, writing curriculum, mentoring new teachers, and facilitating teacher professional development. In her retirement, she works with quilting guilds and the Women's Institute.

Marion Logan has been a feminist all of her life. After raising 3 sons, she was employed as Executive Director of a YWCA, as a staff person at the Women's Desk at the National Office of the United Church of Canada, and as a faculty member at Conestoga College teaching Employment Preparation Programs. Her favourite at the College was empowering single Moms. Marion has also done a great deal of international volunteer work. She was very impressed by the high quality and commitments of the applicants for the Soroptimist Bursaries.

Gail Russell is a retired nurse. She grew up in Northern Ontario and attended a local hospital with affiliation at Sick Children's Hospital and at the Lakeshore Mental Health facility in Toronto. Following graduation from the registered nursing program, she attended Western University where she earned her diploma in Public Health Nursing. Her nursing career spanned forty years. She worked for the Victorian Order of Nursing, Public Health Nursing and Home Health Care. Her last place of employment was as administrator of the Algoma Home Care program. She raised four children and has eight grandkids! She fills her retirement years with many volunteer activities.

We thank all our judges. Your contribution cannot be overstated.

Publication of the 2012 Grants for Women recipients are posted on the website by May 31. Announcements will be made to the Clubs.

TREASURER'S CORNER

Sarah Phillips



Thank you so much for your individual support and Club fund raising events for the fiscal year to the month of March 31, 2012.

Donations:

(July 1, 2011-Mar. 31,'12) **\$29,712.28**

Endowment Fund

As at April 30, 2012 - \$1,290,314



BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2011 – 2012

Cora Salvador, Chair (retiring)
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Sarah Phillips, Treasurer
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TWO INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS

Sheryl Hopkins
Club SI Peterborough

Lori Roblesky
Club Greater Victoria

SFC HISTORY

As of June 2013, SFC will have been in existence for 50 years. Hopefully all Canadian Soroptimists will really celebrate. I have undertaken to Chair a committee to update or to write the history of this remarkable organization. Our committee, Jean Skillman, Alison Sanders, Flora Francis, and Sandra Ng, have had support from Jean Hird of Winnipeg.



I have had the task of spending days in the Manitoba Archives and at home with other materials given to me to read and then send on to the Archives. To date, I have a 79 page spreadsheet of facts about SFC in Chronological order! At our last SKYPE meeting we identified themes and tentatively a structure for developing the format.

At the Archives, I have tried to fill in blanks, but there are still some years where we have very little information. I would ask that all of you, particularly those who served on a Board or committee search your Soroptimist material for SFC information and send it to me at 299 Greenbrier Road, Cambridge, ON, N1P 1C4. or....

If you are attending 80th ECR spring conference, you may bring it there for me; if you are going to the 79th WCR spring conference, please take it there and give it to Cora Salvador.

I need: Minutes for 1969, 1972, 2001, 2005, 2006, 1975 audited financial statements, and any anecdotes you may have for the last 25 years or so.

It is an interesting journey and reading the material "between the lines" paints a fascinating picture about the organization and its very dedicated past Boards of Directors.

Janet Simms-Baldwin, Chair SFC History Committee
SI Cambridge

SFC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, October 27, 2012
Holiday Inn Winnipeg South
(Pembina) Winnipeg, Manitoba

Please plan to attend!

Club Grants

Club Grants in the amount of up to \$1,000.00 is 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 September 30th.

Applications are available on the website.

Click on Club Grants Application at
<http://www.soroptimistfoundation.ca/>

Or go directly to

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

SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION
OF CANADA DAY



FEBRUARY 6th

HOW TO DONATE?

.....Go Direct

I would like to make my annual donation to
Soroptimist Foundation of Canada via
DIRECT deposits....

Pre-authorization for Scheduled Donations from my Bank Account:

Name (printed) _____

Club: SI of _____ Region _____

*I authorize Soroptimist Foundation of Canada of Canada to make withdrawals in the
amount of \$ _____ in the following withdrawal sequence:*

monthly quarterly bi-annually annually
starting date _____, 201____.

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

Signature _____ Date: _____

Mail to: SFC Treasurer, 9265 161 Street, Surrey, B.C. V4N 3E2

*Tax receipts will be issued June 30th and December 31st. Mailing address for receipt if other than on the
cheque or e-mail address: _____*

(Registration # 119156594RT001)

Thank You!

GIVE GENEROUSLY

and PROUDLY wear your

MAPLE LEAF PIN



SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION OF CANADA

CLUB GRANTS WINNERS

2011 – 2012

S.I. Central Alberta - Because I'm A Girl - \$1,000

S.I. Winnipeg – Girls Forum-Self Esteem - \$1,000

S.I. Osoyoos – Be The Change Power & Self Esteem - \$500

S.I. of the Langleys – Follow Up Human Trafficking Forum - \$500

S. I. Vancouver – Girls & Women Leadership Training for Women Politician - \$500

S.I. Victoria Westshore – Imagining Possibilities - \$500



CLUB AWARD WINNERS

2010 - 2011

2010 - 2011

S.I. Banff Canmore for their “Live Your Dreams - Girls' & Mothers' conference”

S.I. of Surrey-Delta for their “Totally Beautiful” workshop
2010-2011

