

Welcome to Soroptimist International of Bidwell Rancho!

We are so pleased to have you here tonight and appreciate your interest in becoming a member of our club.

The Soroptimist mission is to improve the lives of women and girls in our local community and throughout the world. Our members are an important part of this mission because their service directly influences our club's standing.

Through Soroptimist membership, the combination of diverse voices, skills, talents and dedication of the women in our community enables us to accomplish more than we could ever do alone.

Working within our Club, Region, and Federation, we focus on service projects that support the mission of Soroptimist. We spend most of our time working together on service projects, award programs, and hosting our annual fundraiser, the **Microbrew Festival**.

We hope your interest in our mission will continue. You can be sure that becoming a member will not only enable you to give back to your community, but will provide opportunities to grow personally, develop as a leader, create a network of business contacts, and make long lasting friendships.

Our Website

SI/Bidwell Rancho's website serves as a major resource for members. The website includes: Club Calendar, By-Laws, Standing Rules, Meeting Minutes, Club and Region roster, Forms, Photos, and other useful information.

Please be sure to visit our website (www.sibidwellrancho.org) or the Soroptimist International of the Americas website (www.soroptimist.org) for more information.

Facebook

SI/Bidwell Rancho also has a facebook page **Soroptimist of Bidwell Rancho**. Be sure to "like" us on facebook and share us with your friends and help us get the word out about helping women achieve their dreams.

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INFORMATION FOR
PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Many women. One goal.





The Soroptimist Pledge

I pledge allegiance to Soroptimism 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.

Improving the lives of women and girls.

Membership Fees

Initial annual dues are \$150 for incoming new members. This includes the membership pin, name badge, and other orientation material supplied by the club. Annual membership dues are \$125 a year and must be paid by June 1st for the coming year.

Attendance

To be effective in the club, members are encouraged to attend meetings regularly and participate in as many committees and functions as their time and interests allow. Due to the size of the project, it is essential that each member participates in the club's annual fundraisers, the Microbrew Fest.

Club Meetings

The club meets from September through June. We hold two meetings a month which last approximately 1 hour:

Business Meeting - 2nd Tuesday of the month

General Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the month

The second club meeting of the month we usually have a program speaker. Our meetings are held in the evening starting promptly at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. so members can enjoy time for fellowship. The cost of each meeting is \$20.

Other Meeting Opportunities

Soroptimists also have the opportunity to attend the district, regional, federation and international meetings. Our District holds their annual meeting in the Fall. Our Regional conference is held in April in Reno, Nevada.

These meetings are not mandatory, however, members are always encouraged to attend. They are a great way to exchange ideas, learn more about the organization, and make lifelong friends outside of our club. The degree of your involvement is your choice.

Mentor

All new members have a mentor for their first year, it is usually the member who nominated you for membership. She will be responsible for helping you become a part of the club by teaching you how things are done, being available to answer questions, and introducing you to others.

Members Pin and Name Tag

Upon installation, you will receive your Soroptimist member pin and club name tag. The pin is worn on the left side over the heart with no other adornment. The member's name tag is worn on the right side.

Members are encouraged to wear your Soroptimist pin and name tag at all meetings and functions. Many members also wear their pins regularly as a part of their business dress. It's a great way to promote Soroptimist.