

December 10th President's Appeal and You

As members of Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA), located in 21 countries and territories, we participate in our life changing dream programs - **Live Your Dream**: Education and Training Awards for Women and **Dream It, Be It**: Career Support for Girls. Not only do our dream programs support our mission, they align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4: Quality Education. Our access and participation with the United Nations comes through our relationship to Soroptimist International. December 10th is Human Rights Day; the day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It is also the day clubs are asked to learn more about Soroptimist International and make a donation to the 'President's Appeal'.

Every Soroptimist International (SI) President proposes a 'President's Appeal': a project Soroptimists worldwide, across all four federations, are called upon to raise funds during the President's two-year tenure. The 2017-2019 President of Soroptimist International is Mariet Verhoef-Cohen. Her appeal is "**Women, Water & Leadership**" - supporting projects that educate, empower and enable women and girls, ensuring they have the capacity, experience and education needed to manage water resources and gain careers in water-related professions.

As SI President Mariet launches her appeal let's take the opportunity to learn and share information about "**Women, Water & Leadership**" by utilizing the tools provided below to raise awareness about this program to improve the position of women and girls as experts and leaders on the topic of water.

Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) clubs and members can help fund the 2017-2019 President's Appeal by sending donations to SIA Headquarters with the completed federation financial transaction form.

To read more about SI President Mariet:

<https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/about-us/si-president>

To read more about the 2017-2019 President's Appeal: Women, Water & Leadership:

<https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/campaigns/women-water-and-leadership-2017-2019>

To access President's Appeal resources (Logo, power point presentation, and brochure):

<https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/members-area/si-resources>

To access the Soroptimist International of the Americas financial transaction form:

<https://www.soroptimist.org/members/fundraising/fundraisingdocs/laurelsociety/financialtransactionform.pdf>