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**BULLETIN FROM THE SFC CHAIR**

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**POST AGM UPDATES**

The Foundation's Annual General Meeting was held October 27th, 2012 at the Hilton Winnipeg Airport Suites Hotel. This turned out to be a very convenient location as it was close to the airport, making arrivals and departures convenient.

Attendance this year was gratifying - the Board of SFC would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all those in attendance. From Western Canada, WCR Governor Dana Martin, SI Tri Cities; Diane Summers, WCR Secretary, SI The Langleys; Sharon Miller, SI Calgary; Kay Stewart, Jean Hird, and Sharon Wickman, SI Winnipeg; Margaret Wooton, SI Courtenay; Marilyn Najum and Sheran Pavey, SI Banff.

In attendance from Eastern Canada were Rianna Hampton and Nancy Yarzab, SI Thunder Bay; Janet Simms-Baldwin, SI Cambridge; Tanna Edwards, SI Peterborough; Margaret MacRae, SI Hamilton/Burlington.

SFC Board Members in attendance were Elizabeth Gallagher, Sarah Phillips, Lori Roblesky and Sheryl Hopkins; Aline Chan was unable to attend due to a prior family commitment.

Grants For Women Winner, Zaira Petruf, and RBC Dominion Securities Inc. representative, Warwick Holland, were also present. Zaira spoke at dinner and established a good rapport with the audience; she will certainly make a mark on the world scene. Zaira outlined much of what she had done throughout her life; hailing from Argentina with her Mom, life in Vancouver and her school experiences in a new country, her studies, research and volunteer work. We were all very proud to have Zaira as one of our grants winners and were able to know Zaira a bit better. Warwick talked to us about our investments and the ethical reasoning he uses when investing for the foundation he was so accommodating answering many questions for the audience. RBC Dominion Securities Inc. was mentioned in this year's Mawer Report as an outstanding investment facility.

Thank you so much to past Director, Secretary Eileen Stanbury, for providing us with her traditional wonderful homemade SFC chocolates.

**IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER**

June 27, 2013 - 50th Anniversary Soroptimist Foundation of Canada

On behalf of the board of directors, I invite you all to commemorate the forthcoming golden anniversary of the Foundation this year.

**PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING THE SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION OF CANADA YOUR CHARITY OF CHOICE.**

**CLUB GRANT AWARDS 2012**

Club Grants for 2012 were awarded to:

1. SI Hamilton/Burlington for their project **Play Nice**
2. SI Surrey Delta for their project **Totally Beautiful**
3. SI Courtenay for their project **Yes You Can - Mentoring Program**
4. SI Central Alberta for their project **Girls Forum**
5. SI Winnipeg for their project **Girls Self-Esteem Forum**

**Each club was awarded \$1,000.00 to help in the delivery of their project.**

**COMMITTEES**

**HISTORY COMMITTEE** members Janet Simms-Baldwin, Alison Sanders, Jean Skillman and Flora Francis are compiling information in preparation for the 50th anniversary of the SFC. We hope to be able to introduce this History Book at our 2013 AGM.

**INVESTMENT COMMITTEE** is comprised of Jas Sahl from SI White Rock and former Director Cora Salvador from SI Vancouver. This committee headed by the Treasurer ensures that the investment policy statement is in sync with the Endowment fund portfolio.

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