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BULLETIN FROM THE SFC CHAIR

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POST - Annual General Meeting October 26, 2013

This year we had 16 attendees at the annual general meeting held October 26th, 2013 at the Hilton Winnipeg Airport Suites Hotel.

THE ATTENDEES WERE: WCR Governor, Dana Martin, SI TriCities; Margaret Wooton, SI Courtenay; Carell Wingrave, SI Edmonton; Linda Penton, SI Calgary; and Colleen Einarson, Kay Stewart and Jean Hird, SI Winnipeg.

From ECR Alison Sanders and Janet Simms-Baldwin, SI Cambridge; Flora Francis, SI Guelph; Dianne Hutchison, Eileen Stanbury and RoseMary Reid, SI Peterborough; Millie Panton, SI Hamilton-Burlington; Corinne Rivers, SI York; and Leanne Nalezty, SI ThunderBay. Special guests were Albina P. Moran, "Head Office" - Legal Council, Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP, Winnipeg; Warwick Holland, Endowment Fund Advisor - RBC Dominion Securities, and our Investment Advisor.

SPEAKERS: Jill Andrews and Cherry Smiley, (see CORNERSTONE, Fall 2013) for information on both of our wonderful speakers - it makes us proud as a board to be able to meet such brilliant women who will make positive and valuable contributions to other women and girls' lives just as the previous grants for women award winners have been / are doing. See past recipient (2011 Award Winner Bianca Brizuela Writes:), in the CORNERSTONE, Fall 2013.

This year the Board decided to include the Agenda of the AGM in the Cornerstone so everyone can be aware of what goes on at the AGM. This idea was positively received.

Business arising from the minutes of 2012 were discussed: one item had to do with filing of the Continuance with Industry Canada; this was done after last year's AGM but was rejected because it was submitted with an extra document which did not apply to an existing corporation. After much discussion, a motion was passed to re-file the Continuance documents along with a Special Resolution and we will also submit an amendment to the SFC Bylaws regarding clarification of member classification. Carell Wingrave, SI Edmonton, agreed to head a committee and that bylaw amendment has to be passed by January 30th, 2014. Thank you to Corinne Rivers for submitting the suggestions that she has in this matter as well. We were also very pleased to have Albina Moran, our "Head Office" and legal advisor present during this discussion.

According to Bylaw, article 2. MEMBERSHIP in BYLAW RELATING TO THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS AFFAIRS OF SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION OF CANADA

BYLAW NUMBER ONE

The Members of the Corporation shall be:

2.1 All Soroptimist Clubs in Canada, which are in good standing with Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "Member Clubs";

2.2 The Directors of the Corporation during their term of office, hereinafter referred to as "Members".

2.3 A Member Club loses its status when it is no longer a Club in good standing with Soroptimist International of the Americas. Inc.

2.4 A Member Club may withdraw from Membership by submitting a requisition to an Annual General Meeting of the Soroptimist Foundation of Canada which has been signed by at least three-quarters of the members of the Club, with each signature to be given before a notary public.

2.5 A Member will lose her status when she no longer holds the named position which entitles her to Membership. She may withdraw from Membership by resigning from the named position which entitles her to Membership.

ACCORDINGLY: A club in good standing is a member of SFC as are the board of directors of SFC.

Individual Club members of ECR & WCR clubs are not members of SFC but by Club membership - Foundation business is known to each member through that club membership.

Donations are most welcome to carry on SFC programs from past/present club members and from non-Soroptimists - everyone's generosity is appreciated because it further strengthens the ability of SFC to carry on its programs.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Warwick Holland, RBC Dominion Securities explained our financial situation and informed members of the income gained through our investments this year explaining capital gains as they affect SFC's investments.

Heather Rollins, SI Chilliwack, Governor Elect, WCR, submitted a letter requesting SFC expand their mandate to allow clubs to invest funds in the Foundation restricted for use by that club. The Soroptimist Foundation Board will study the recommendation and reply at a later date.

LUNCH included a delicious Borscht which received rave reviews and trays of meat, cheese and bread for us to make our own sandwiches, with dessert of giant cookies.

THE AFTERNOON was filled with reports which are outlined in the Cornerstone as well so please go to the website www.soroptimistfoundation.ca and catch up on all of those.

Each member attending the SFC AGM was presented with a copy of the new History Book, and copies were taken back to the clubs for sale at a price of \$15.00. Thank you again to the history committee for all of the work that they have done in making the History Book a reality. The committee is listed on the website.

Linda Penton shared with everyone her memories of Donna Rediger, SI Calgary and former member of the board of SFC. Linda and Donna both loved opera and attended such events together for many

years. Linda explained how she came to the realization that it was Donna and her reading program that enables Linda's dyslexic son to overcome and go on to lead a successful career.

Carell Wingrave gave us some information on the Joy Award recognizing Women's efforts to end Human Trafficking. The Joy Award was presented by SI Edmonton on March 10, 2013 to MP Joy Smith, Winnipeg Kildonan, for her professional work to improve the lives of women and girls especially in the area of Human Trafficking.

THE EVENING began with the regions taking group pictures and we were served a scrumptious dinner - the menu is also included in the Fall 2013 Cornerstone. Past Secretary Eileen Stanbury brought her usual wonderful handmade chocolates for each guest at dinner (as well as a lovely cake on Friday night to the Board-hosted serendipity gathering to celebrate 50 years of SFC). Awards were handed out after dinner and the evening ended with speeches from two of our Grants for Women winners for 2013, Cherry Smiley and Jill Andrew - both young ladies with lots of great ideas towards making this world a better place for women and girls.

AFTER DINNER we all went back to the Board's adjoining suites for a casual get-together - everyone attended and enjoyed the friendship, discussion and recounting of Soroptimist memories, looking at the album which has been maintained by Jean Hird and will now be carried on by Aline Chan, Grants for Women Manager, Eastern Canada and Cornerstone Editor.

Next year's SFC AGM will be (tentatively) October 25th, 2014 place to be confirmed at a later date.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION OF CANADA YOUR CHARITY OF CHOICE AND WHEN YOU DO PLEASE SPECIFY IF YOU WISH YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO GO TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND OR THE GENERAL FUND.

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On left, Cherry Smiley and on right, Jill Andrew, two of our 2013 Grant for Women winners. Aline Chan is in the centre.



2013 - 2014 Board Members
On left, Lori Robleski, Aline Chan,
Elizabeth Jane Gallagher,
Sheryl Hopkins



SFC's 50th Anniversary cake made by Eileen Stanbury

Photos courtesy of Eileen.