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BULLETIN FROM THE CHAIR

HAPPY NEW YEAR SOROPTIMISTS! Here we are a wonderful new year and I trust that everyone had a really merry Christmas season, it has been awhile since my last Bulletin and our AGM which was so well attended, it was gratifying for us as a board to see so many make the effort to be there. Again a great big THANK YOU to WCR Governor Heather Rollins and Governor Elect Rita MacKenzie and the rest of the WCR Board and to everyone who worked so hard to make it the success that it was.

SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION OF CANADA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year the SFC AGM will be held in conjunction with the ECR Fall Meeting being held with the Grand Erie Club the date is October 15th, 2016. The venue yet to be decided but please keep the date on your calendar and we will announce the venue as soon as we have it firmed up.

GRANTS FOR WOMEN

Aline and Anna have reported that so far applications have been slow coming in but this is due to the fact that applicants must prove that they are enrolled in this semester at the University they are attending, Aline says that they should begin to pour in soon.

CLUB GRANTS

This year, six Club Grants were awarded to clubs in the amount of \$1,000 each and they went to:

1. SI Central Alberta - **The Power of a Girl**
2. SI Calgary - **Live Your Dream Alumni Luncheon Program**
3. SI Edmonton - **Mighty Fingers Facing Change**
4. SI Courtenay - **Yes You Can Mentoring Project: Dream It Be It Career Support For Girls**
5. SI Kawartha Lakes - **Girls on the Run**
6. SI Winnipeg - **For Girls Self-Esteem Forum**

Please remember that the deadline for application for Club Grants is now **June 30, 2016**.

Also remember that we will no longer award grants to clubs that do not give us a wrap-up report on the appropriate form which is to be found on the www.soroptimistfoundation.ca website: go to PROCEDURES, go to Governance then to Appendix "F" c. iv. for information on reporting directions.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

Secretary Meta Flemke will be sending out a request for nominations and forms required with instructions to each Soroptimist Club in Canada immediately requesting two new Board

members for the SFC Board as two of the present Board Members will be finished their terms this year. Please think about taking a position on the SFC Board and talk to the President of your Club about being nominated.

FINANCIALS

Sheryl reported that donations are slow but that has to do with the current situation in Canada and the world in general and likely the time of year. Warwick Holland our RBC financial advisor also says that due to the diversity of our investments we are doing okay on that front.



SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION OF CANADA DAY FEBRUARY 6, 2016

DONATIONS! DONATIONS! DONATIONS!

Donors are the backbone of the Foundation, thank you very much for your support. Without each of you, the Soroptimist Foundation of Canada would not be what it is. Let the SFC be your Charity of Choice.

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2015 Grants for Women Awards
winner Tharsini Sivananthajothy
with Chair BJ Gallagher receiving
her cheque at the University Of
Alberta, Edmonton Faculty Club