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SFC Bulletin – Jean Violette

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We send Greetings to all member Soroptimist clubs and their Soroptimist members, from your Board of Directors. Your Soroptimist Foundation Board has been working hard, and if you have not looked at our web site recently please do so again. We have updated the SFC Grants for Clubs to reflect the deadline date of September 30th that was adopted at the AGM. Important and exciting information about our AGM may also be found there. Director Shirley Sanderson has posted an excellent Synopsis that can be reached from a drop down on our home page.

NEW INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT ADOPTED

SFC is pleased to announce that the delegates at the AGM endorsed the report of the Investment Strategy Committee unanimously and the resulting changes and new Investment Policy Statement are being implemented at this time, through TD Waterhouse's, Private Investment Counsel. Our new accounts should be up and running in about a week.

TWO NEW SFC COMMITTEES STRUCK

The first committee is to prepare an SFC Information Package for Training & Promotion.

The second committee is to update the SFC History to 2008.

Urgent Presidents and Soroptimists if you have some members to suggest for these committees please contact the SFC Chair a.s.a.p. with their names and some contact information so we can get these committees working for the Foundation. Volunteers can contact direct too of course. Jean Violette jeanviolette@shaw.ca. We need your help with these necessary committees that will be beneficial to our Foundation.

BRANDING FONT STYLE ESTABLISHED

Our new letterhead, which has **Tahoma Font** style and **is red like our Maple Leaf** was presented at the AGM. This font will be reflected in our name, on our web site when time permits.

AWARDS BANQUET

Our new version of the Silver and Gold Maple Leaf pins that will allow you to keep your red Maple Leaf pin and add a Silver Maple Leaf and then a Gold Maple Leaf at the appropriate times was unveiled at the Awards Banquet, following the AGM. The new donation recognition pin was very well received. For a list of the 16 members that have achieved these recognitions this year please see the Synopsis on our web site.

Our 18 Club Star Award Certificate recipients are also listed in the Synopsis.

These are the Member Clubs and the individual Soroptimists who are making our Endowment Fund grow and to whom we are all very grateful as this is our means of expanding the programs we can do.

Dear Soroptimists

We had a wonderful meeting, Friday night social and celebration of our Million Dollar Endowment Fund, at our AGM in Winnipeg on the weekend of the 26th of October to the 28th.

We had our 25 participants and for that I thank you for making the AGM a priority. Winnipeg sent a large delegation. Two winners, Colette Mrazek and Shannon Cushing from our Grants for Women recipients for this year, gave truly inspiring speeches at our awards banquet and highlighted how significant our **GRANT** can be in helping recipients achieve their goals for helping Canadian women live better lives and be the best they can be. The celebration on Saturday night to recognize being a million dollar Foundation now, was marked with a procession of flaming Baked Alaska complete with the prerequisite dimmed lights and a handsome young man to hold it aloft.

Next year our AGM is – 25th October 2008 (fourth Saturday), please come if you can. Think of the great Soroptimist fix you get from conference and imagine that, in a smaller more intimate setting, with an opportunity for you to meet Soroptimists from the other Region of our country. Learn more about your Foundation and what it can do for your club, and what you can achieve by working with and through the Foundation to help Canadian women. You can plan on having a really good time and learning a lot too.

Plan your next challenge in our organization by offering yourself as a candidate for one of our two Board positions that are available this coming year. In this vein, please plan to nominate Soroptimists you believe could be a great addition to our Board. The new Directors will take office at July 1st of this coming year. When Janet Simms–Baldwin sends out the nomination forms, be sure to put them to good use by creating a viable Board to continue, developing our **Programs and our Soroptimist Foundation of Canada.**

I am still working with Dina on the Library of Useful Information, which is for members only and can be reached by the URL attached to our web site. SI Langley has sent along their updated how to information for their Conference and it will be available at least by January.

Would the Presidents of this year's other four SFC Club Grant recipients please send me an email acknowledging your clubs willingness to share your application and resulting report with the other Soroptimist clubs in Canada by having it on our members only page please a.s.a.p.? Go to www.soroptimistfoundation.ca/library.html when I use Yahoo to do this or Dina's email it lets me go directly to this URL through a message that it displayed but I need them to present it underlined to get there. I will sort this out with Dina as we need to know how to tell you to get there when it has more than two items on it.

Thank you for your help and support for your Foundation.

Kind Regards

Jean Violette

SFC Chair 2007-2008