

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF CAPE MAY COUNTY

AWARDS &
PROGRAMS 2026



SOROPTIMIST PROTOCOL

Terminology :

We are Soroptimist NOT sorops

We are members NOT sisters or girls

We are Clubs NOT chapters

We are a Federation NOT national or federal

We have a pledge NOT a creed or motto

We attend a club or district meeting , region conference federation or international convention

We elect region officers NOT regional officers

We believe in Soroptimist NOT Soroptimism

Wearing of the Membership Pin is worn closest to the heart

Wear your name tag on the right.



WHO WE ARE

- ▶ Our Vision:

- ▶ Women and girls have the resources and opportunity to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

- ▶ Our Mission:

- ▶ Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment



WHO WE ARE

Our Core Values

- ▶ **Gender Equality:** Women and girls live free from discrimination
- ▶ **Empowerment:** Women and girls are free to act in their own best interest
- ▶ **Diversity & Fellowship:** Women from varied backgrounds and perspectives work together to improve the lives of women and girls



SIA CODE OF CONDUCT - This member/leader code of conduct describes our expectations of ourselves, articulates our ideals and defines the behaviors expected in our organization. Please sign the form that was sent via email.

1. RESPONSIBILITY
2. RESPECT
3. FAIRNESS
4. HONESTY
5. LEADERSHIP



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Join A Committee

Awards

- Education Award
- Kindle Scholarship
- Live Your Dream Award
- Medical Award
- Ruby Award
- Violet Richardson Award

Technical

- 50/50 Raffle
- By Laws/Policy and Procedures
- Dinner Committee
- Historian
- Invocations
- Membership
- Parliamentarian
- Photographer
- Public Relations
- Yearbook and Brochure Printing

Service

- Dream it/Be It
- Holiday Giving
- Hugs for Health

Special Projects

- Fashion Show
- Holiday Giving Event
- Pickleball
- Health and Wellness Projects
- FUNDRAISERS

Any Strengths/Talents You May Have



SERVICE PROJECTS



DREAM IT/BE IT

- ▶ Reaching out to the young girls in our community in a variety of ways
- ▶ Girlz Rule: A one-day event where local fifth, sixth & seventh grade girls are invited to participate in a day of events including workshops and mentoring by local high school females
- ▶ Promotes the power of women
- ▶ Help Soroptimist meet their goal of reaching 500,000 girls





HUGS FOR HEALTH

- Care packages created for female cancer patients which the Cape Regional Cooper Hospital in turn delivers.
- Our members decide on contents, purchase and assemble 20 bags twice a year.
- Contents include:
 - Wish wrap, Gloves
 - Scarf, Notebook
 - Chapstick, Hat
 - Socks, Small pillow
 - Poem letting them know we are thinking of them.





PERIOD PROJECT

Provide feminine products to females in our community who are in need.



Help Stop Period Poverty!
Donate to Period Positive!

What is Period Poverty?
Period poverty refers to the social, economic, political, and cultural barriers to menstrual products, education, and sanitation.

How Does Period Poverty Affect People?
• **MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING:**
• **HEALTH AND HYGIENE:** Using rags, toilet paper, and other items as substitutes for menstrual products may lead to more frequent infections and other serious health issues.
• **WAGE:** Period poverty can prevent people from participating in the workforce, which can have significant economic implications for them and their families.
• **EDUCATION:** People who menstruate can have a negative experience at school or college, if they are uncomfortable, distracted, or unable to participate due to menstrual leakage and odor.
• **THIS EXPERIENCE CAN HAVE LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES:** Poor school attendance affects a person's future earning potential, self-esteem, health outcomes, and sense of control.

How do I become a part of Period Positive?
• Join with Soroptimist International of Fayette County in the first steps to ending period poverty through our new Period Positive program by:
• Purchasing menstrual products and donating them at participating schools and businesses **beginning August 1, 2024**
• Provide a monetary donation for the purchase of supplies by the Programs of Soroptimist International of Fayette County.
Products will be distributed to the **Nurses offices in Fayette County School Districts.**

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HOLIDAY GIVING

- Participation in Lunch with Lynch Program by providing gifts for teen girls.



AWARDS

SICMC AWARDS





Quyasla Smith



Jennifer Thierjung



Rachel Fuscaldo



Sophia Smith



Katherine Rogers



Angelina Victor



Riley McCoy



Cydnee Kilian



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2026 SICMC Awardees

LIVE YOUR DREAM

Katherine Rogers
Jennifer Thierjung
Quyasla Smith

KINDLE BUSINESS

Julianne Nagle

MEDICAL AWARD

Jennifer Drake
Molly Quinn

VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARD

Rachel Fuscaldo
Sophia Smith

KINDLE ENVIRONMENTAL

Cydnee Kilian

EDUCATION AWARD

Angelina Victor
Riley McCoy

RUBY AWARD

Mary Ann Skellinger



LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD

- Awarded to women who provide primary financial support for herself and dependents and who are enrolled or accepted to a vocational/skills training or undergraduate degree program
- Sponsored by SIA
- Applications due November 15



VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARD

- The Violet Richardson Award was named after the first president of the first Soroptimist club founded on October 3, 1921, in Oakland, California.
- This award recognizes girls, ages 14-18, who are making a difference through volunteer service.



RUBY AWARD

- The Ruby Award, named after the first Soroptimist federation President, Ruby Lee Minar, honors a woman who is making extraordinary differences in the lives of women and girls.
- Honorees' work has had significant impact in their community and inspires and encourages other women to do the same.



MEDICAL AWARD

- Recognizes achievement for young women intending to pursue their education in the medical field.



KINDLE BUSINESS & ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

- Through the generosity of the Kindle family, we provide an Environmental and Business Award to two deserving young ladies in the community pursuing these respective fields



EDUCATION AWARD

- Recognizes achievement for young women intending to pursue their education in the education field.



EVENTS & FUN





events







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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF CAPE MAY COUNTY

SOROPTI-SMASH

**SEPTEMBER
19, 2026**

MORNING PLAY 8:30 - 12:00
RAIN DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

\$40
PER PERSON
TEAM OF 2



SIGN UP HERE



WOMEN ONLY TEAMS -
INTERMEDIATE

**WILDWOOD CREST
PICKLEBALL AND TENNIS
COURTS**

6301 ATLANTIC AVENUE
WILDWOOD CREST, NEW JERSEY

Presented by Soroptimist International of Cape May County a
global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of
women and girls through programs leading to social and
economic empowerment

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
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“ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL
WOMEN'S WELLNESS EVENT
GOVERNOR'S CUP
CARD PARTY

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NUMEROUS WAYS TO GET INVOLVED & LEARN
EVEN MORE ABOUT OUR MEMBERS & OUR CLUB!

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2026-2027 FY BUDGET

Courtney Leo, Treasurer



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DID YOU REVIEW THE BUDGET?

The full FY 2026-2027 budget was emailed to all members on August 12.

Show of hands: who has had a chance to review it?

Starting balance: \$25,382.08

Income: \$70,980 | Expense: \$95,605

Projected ending balance: \$757.08



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FINANCIAL AUTHORIZATION AND CONTROLS



Budget Committee develops the budget plan independently



Treasurer pays approved budget expenses



Board approves any bill outside the general fund



Board recommends and Club approves unbudgeted Service Fund items



FUNDRAISING TRENDS

Sunset

- **Pickleball** income has declined
- **Women, Wine and Wellness** has ended
- **Visa Raffle** has ended

Sustaining

- **Fashion Show** still turns a profit, though expenses are rising
- **Vacation Raffle** has been profitable the last two years



BALANCED BUDGET

Reductions

- **Awards** dinner: cost now covers the awardee only
- **Charitable Giving:** 4 recipients reduced to \$500 each
- **Period Project:** budget cut by \$500, offset by donations
- **Hugs for Health** and **Girlz Rule:** lowered to match past spending

Increases

- **Awards Committees:** \$150 each for 5 committees (\$750) for printing fees
- **Flag Football:** New event



THANK YOU, BUDGET COMMITTEE

Robin Quinn,
Club President

Nancy Rinaldo,
Club VP

Terri O'Connell,
Fundraising VP

Courtney Leo,
Club Treasurer

**Irene
Tomasello,** Asst.
Treasurer

Debbie Yaeger,
Club Technical
Director

**Rosemary
Jones,** Club
Service Director

**Jean
Wienkoop,** Club
Parliamentarian

Kathy Evans,
Past Treasurer

**Mary Rose
Bispels,** Past
President

The Budget Committee is looking for new members. If you are interested, please reach out to Courtney Leo or Irene Tomasello, our incoming Treasurer.



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APPENDIX

2026-2027 FY Budget



		New Budget			
Group	CATEGORY	General		Service	
		Income	Expense	Income	Expense
AWARDS	Awards Dinner incl. Guests	1,800.00	2,880.00		
	Flowers, program				500.00
	Education Award (2)		150.00		4,000.00
	Kindle Award (2)		150.00	3,000.00	
	Live Your Dream (3)		150.00		
	Medical Award (2)		150.00		
	Ruby Award (1)				1,200.00
	Violet Richardson (2)				4,000.00
AWARDS Total		1,800.00		3,000.00	23,200.00
CHARITABLE GIVING	Charity (1) - Period Project				
	Charity (2) - CARA				
	Charity (3)				
	Charity (4)				
	Charity (5)				
	DONATIONS				
CHARITABLE GIVING Total					
Dining for Dollars	DFD Misc.	1,000.00			
DINING FOR DOLLARS Total		1,000.00			
Octoberfest (Kindle)	OF Misc.	3,000.00			
OCTOBERFEST Total		3,000.00			
The Club at Diamond Beach	CDB Misc.				
THE CLUB AT DIAMOND BEACH Total					
FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER	Fashion Show 50/50			800.00	165.00
	Fashion Show Baskets				90.00
	Fashion Show Misc., e.g., flowers, programs, tickets				1,000.00
	Fashion Show Bank				300.00
	Fashion Show Tickets & Luncheon			10,000.00	10,000.00
FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER Total				11,100.00	11,555.00
GIRLZ RULE-Dream It Be It	Misc.- Girlz Rule				2,000.00
GIRLZ RULE-Dream It Be It Total					2,000.00
HUGS FOR HEALTH-Cancer Bags	Misc.-Hugs				
HUGS FOR HEALTH-Cancer Bags Total					
MEETINGS	Baskets for District Meetings				
	Dinner Meeting 50/50	500.00			
	Dinner Meeting Speakers		180.00		
	Dinner Meeting Event Space & Member Meals	23,490.00	23,490.00		
	District Fall Meeting		1,000.00		
	District Spring Meeting		2,500.00		
	Holiday Giving Event	2,600.00	3,000.00		
	International Meeting Donation		1,500.00		
MEETINGS Total		26,590.00	31,870.00		
MEMBERSHIP	Active Member Dues	7,540.00	7,540.00		
	Club Giving (SIA & NAR)		200.00		
	Founders Pennies (Voluntary)		300.00		
	Memorial		200.00		
	New Members Club Clearance		100.00		
	New Members Dues	1,400.00	1,400.00		
	New Members Pins and Flowers		200.00		
	Presidents Appeal (SIA & NAR)		150.00		
	Soroptimist International Dues (SIA & NAR)		1,000.00		
MEMBERSHIP Total		8,940.00	11,090.00		

		New Budget			
Group	CATEGORY	General		Service	
		Income	Expense	Income	Expense
OPERATIONS	Charity Registration (biennial)		-		
	Directory Printing		500.00		
	A/GMW Liability Insurance		350.00		
	Marketing Website		750.00		
	Misc. Supplies - Gen		500.00		
	P.O. Box Annual Fee		150.00		
	Publicity/Brochure/Magnets - Gen		400.00		
	Soroptimist 101 Expense		300.00		
	Refly Fees		100.00		
OPERATIONS Total		-	3,050.00	-	-
PICKLEBALL FUNDRAISER	Sessions Income	100.00			
	50 Income	250.00			
	50 License Fees		600.00		
			40.00		
		300.00	300.00		
		3,500.00			
	PB P...ees		500.00		
	PB R...on Fee	1,280.00			
	PB T... & supplies	120.00	970.00		
PICKLEBALL FUNDRAISER Total		5,550.00	2,410.00	-	-
VACATION RAFFLE FUNDRAISER	VR L...ee				200.00
	VR P...ees				
	VR T...es			10,000.00	
	VR T...es				100.00
VACATION RAFFLE FUNDRAISER Total		-	-	10,000.00	300.00
Grand Total		46,880.00	52,050.00	24,100.00	43,555.00

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET



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THANK YOU!

