

# Founder Region



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A photograph of a laptop on a white desk. The laptop screen displays the word 'Program' in a purple serif font. To the left of the laptop is a white ceramic mug. To the right is an open notebook with a pen resting on it. The background is a blurred view of a window with warm, golden light.

## Program

Program

**Kris Chorbi,** Program Chair

2018 - 2019

# Soroptimist Dream Programs

live  
**YOUR**  
*dream*   
education & training awards for women®



DREAM IT ★ BE IT   
CAREER SUPPORT   
*{for girls}* ®

# Global Impact



Increased standard  
of living

82%

Increased self-  
esteem

97%

Serve as a role  
model

97%



# 2017-2018

1,595 Women  
Reached

9%

Over \$2.4 Million  
in Funding

15%

85% Participation

1%



# Award Recipients



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# Founder Region 2017-2018 Statistics

## 100% PARTICIPATION



- **52 clubs gave 82 women \$157,850**
  - 6% increase from 2016-2017
- **Above and beyond support totaling \$4,979**
  - 21% increase from 2016-2017
- **Founder Region gave \$1,500 to 6 district winners**

# LYD Deadlines

**November 15**

**Applications Due to Clubs**

**February 1**

**Club Recipient due to District Representative for Judging**

**Region Chair: Lou Sablan**

District I

Jennifer Logan

SI/Guam

District II

Jackie Buccellato

SI/Fremont

District III

Nushi Safinya

SI/Antioch

District IV

Michelle Bowen

SI/Calistoga

District V

Debbie Coles

SI/Windsor

District VI

Wendy MacDonald

SI/Arcata

SI/Maui

# LYD Resources

[www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)

- Updated Club Toolkit
- How to Recruit, Select and Honor Recipients
- Public Awareness Kit
- Info graphic
- Frequently asked questions

Program

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**HELPING WOMEN  
TRANSFORM THEIR LIVES**

## OUR GLOBAL IMPACT IN FY16/17

**\$2.1 million**

In education grants  
was disbursed through  
the program



**1,467  
deserving  
women**  
received an award



Across  
**20 countries  
and territories**



## WOMEN ARE SOCIALLY & ECONOMICALLY EMPOWERED

*Recipients from three years ago report:*



**96%**

increased their  
self-esteem



**84%**

completed their education  
and increased their  
standard of living



**94%**

serve as a role model  
for their dependents

## WOMEN AND FAMILIES GAIN INDEPENDENCE



*Recipients said:*

*"Both of my children have watched me work hard to complete my education and secure a job to support them. Both have told me how proud they are of me for following my dream and working so hard."*

*"I taught my daughter, through example, that nothing is impossible if you try hard enough. She has been able to see my hard work and the way it has paid off."*

View the full Live Your Dream Awards Impact Report at <<http://bit.ly/LYDAImpact>>

Read about the 2017 Live Your Dream Awards finalists at <[Soroptimist.org/awards/recipients.html](http://Soroptimist.org/awards/recipients.html)>



LIVEYOURDREAM.ORG

2018 - 2019



# Beyond the Cash Award

- **Mentoring**
- **Job Support**
- **Financial support**
- **Support Group**
- **Program Support**
- **Community Resources**
- **Working with Children**



# Online LYD Portal

**Step One:** Watch the New Training Video

**Step Two:** Confirm Club LYD Chair Updated Online

**Step Three:** Check Email for Account Log-in Info

**Step Four :** Share the Link



**[bit.ly/LYDA-apply](https://bit.ly/LYDA-apply)**

# Online LYD Portal

## Benefits:

- Streamlined
- Only Apply to One Club
- Eligibility Checklist
- Reduce Ineligible Applicants
- References Submit Directly to Portal
- Send Emails
- Status Notification





# Questions?

- How will I know when a woman applies to our club?
- Can women and clubs still use the writable PDF application?
- What if our club does not receive any eligible applications in our community?



**“Frequently Asked Questions”**


# LYD Flyer

## New Flyer already has the link!

- Your Club Name
- Your Club LYD Contact
- Deadline
- Award \$
- Note – Recruiting Event

## Ready to begin a new life?

The Soroptimist *Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women* program has been helping women around the world since 1972. This program provides cash grants to women who are working to better their lives through additional schooling and skills training.



**You are eligible to apply if you:**

- are a woman with primary financial responsibility for yourself and your dependents
- are attending an undergraduate degree program or a vocational skills training program
- have financial need

**Apply for a LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD at [bit.ly/LYDA-apply](http://bit.ly/LYDA-apply) OR contact:**

Soroptimist International of ANYTOWN

Name: \_\_\_\_\_


Email: \_\_\_\_\_


Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Online: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Application Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Club Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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# LYD Application Link

[bit.ly/LYDA-apply](https://bit.ly/LYDA-apply)

## Apply for the *Live Your Dream Award*

The *Live Your Dream Awards* offers three levels of cash awards. [Eligible applicants](#) can submit their application between July 1 - November 15. Ultimately, a *Live Your Dream Awards* finalist has the potential receive up to \$16,000 to help offset tuition costs, pay student loans, or find reliable childcare so she can worry less about how to pay her bills and focus on reaching her dreams.

Women from the US and Canada can start their application below. Not from the US or Canada? [Find your country.](#)

Start My Application



Access My Current Application





# Global Impact

90%

**More confident about their future success**

87%

**More prepared to pursue their career goals**

87%

**Created achievable goals for their future**



# 2017-2018



**14,834 girls reached**

21%

**494 projects**

9%

**41% clubs engaging**

1%







# Dream It, Be It Committee

Within 1 month of project  
or by  
**June 1 - \*NEW Online reporting ONLY**

## **Region Chair: Karen Jameson      SI/Diablo Vista**

District I	Leanne Davis	SI Oakland, The Founder Club
District II	Jay Villalta-Romiti	SI/Antioch
District IV	Maddie Leader	SI/Sonoma Valley
District V	Donna Ayres	SI/Eureka

# Founder Region Statistics



- 11 out of the 52 clubs participated
- 20% for Founder Region
- Goal – **INCREASE PARTICIPATION**
- Only 2 or 3 sessions from curriculum



*Dream It, Be It: Career  
Support for Girls*

Provide girls with guidance, training and  
resources that will prepare them for career  
success.

Get started with *Dream it Be It* >

# Increase Collective Impact

- **Education as catalyst**
- **Greatest potential to transform the lives of women and girls**
- **Invest in access to education**





# Address Issues We Care About



# Soroptimists Celebrating Success

Online reporting available all year!  
or by  
July 1 for 2018-2019 Club Year

**Region Chair: Debbie Scaife SI/Eel River Valley**

➤ 26 Entries in 4 Pillar Categories

➤ 49% Participation

➤  5%



# Violet Richardson Award

**November 15**      **Application Due to Clubs**  
**February 1**      **Application Due to District Rep.**

**Region Chair: Governor-elect Kris Chorbi      SI/Eureka**

District I	Carol Dippel	SI/Oakland, The Founder Club
District II	Lisa Schibler	SI/24/680 (Walnut Creek)
District III	Patty Herdell-DiTomaso	SI/St. Helena
District IV	Vicki Campbell	SI/ Novato
District V	Tess Albin Smith	SI/Noyo Sunrise
District VI	Jina Rojas	SI/Guam

# Violet Richardson Award

## 2017-2018 Founder Region Statistics

- 37 Clubs Honored 43 Recipients Totaling \$24,800
- 69% Participation
- Additional \$5,750 to charities



## Of Note:

- VRA Resources ONLY Available on Founder Region Website
- 6 District Winners Will Receive \$500 Each
- No Region Level Winner



# Ruby Award

**December 1 Application Due to Club**

**February 1 Application Due to Program Chair**

## **Region Chair: Governor-elect Kris Chorbi**

- 15 Clubs Gave \$8,100 To 15 Recipients
- Region Level Recipient Receive Gift
- Sponsoring Club - \$500 Club Giving



# Club Grants for Women & Girls

**March 1    Grant Application Due to SIA**

## **2018-2019 Recipients**

- 24 projects were awarded \$70,500
- **SI/Rio Vista** (Founder Region):  
\$1,500, *Dream It, Be It*
- **SI/Vacaville Twilight** (Founder Region):  
\$5,000, *The Great Dream It, Be It Academy*

# Club Grants for Women & Girls

- **LYD Beyond Cash Award Project**
- **Dream It, Be It Program**
- **Priority for Dream Programs**
- **Apply For 1 Grant Per Year**
- **One Additional Grant - New Element or Increased Participation**



# “S” Clubs

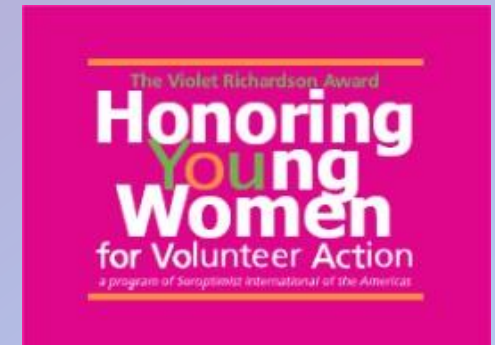
- **Barbara Stevenson “S” Club Award** - high school senior member of "S" Club
  - ❖ **Deadline to submit – March 1**
- **“S” Club Grants – up to \$500 each**
  - ❖ To Start an “S” Club
  - ❖ To Assist “S” Clubs With a Project



**Applications Available on Founder Region Website**



# Increased Collective Impact



# THANK YOU!

