

**INSTALLATION**  
**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF MCKINLEYVILLE**  
**THEME: "BELIEVE IN YOUR DREAMS"**

It is an honor to be here tonight to share this occasion with you. As you embark upon this term of office, each of you has made a major commitment of time, talent and effort; not only in terms of service to your club, but in your continued involvement in club activities of service to your community.

President Lolita, your theme is "Believe in your Dreams". A dream is a very special part of every person. It can be like magic. Shared with others, a dream can have an unbelievable impact. That is what is happening here tonight with the installation of your new officers for the coming 2011-12 year.

I have chosen the dream catcher to symbolize your upcoming presidency. Dream catchers are believed to protect the person and their soul. Good dreams slip through the web and into the sleeper during the night. Bad dreams become caught in the web and are perished by morning light. Also, according to Dream catcher lore, the web will catch your good ideas and the bad ones will go through the hole. Some believe that, hung in a meeting room where brainstorming or planning occurs, dream catchers will clear out bad ideas and filter in creative and positive vision. Dream catchers are also symbols unity.

**Treasurer Sally**, your dream catcher is gold. Gold symbolizes wealth, prosperity, and wisdom. In choosing you to be treasurer during the coming year, your members are putting into your hands, the wealth and success of your club. It is your responsibility to keep accurate records of all receipts and disbursements and to prepare financial statements monthly and budget comparisons at least quarterly. You will also serve as an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee and keep the roster of membership. Do you accept these duties and responsibilities?

**Secretary Elaine**, your dream catcher is turquoise, the color of communication and initiative. Your dream catcher symbolizes open communication and clarity of thought.

It is your duty to be present at business and board meetings and to keep a good and careful record of all proceedings. You are the custodian of the permanent

records of the club. You will provide the members of the Board with copies of all minutes; and will submit to the members, minutes of business meetings with recommendations and actions of the Board. You will prepare updates and distribute the membership roster to club members.

Also, you shall be responsible for all correspondence and communications of the club. A willing secretary can take much of the load of detail from the president. Do you accept this challenge?

**Vice President Jean,** your dream catcher is blue, the color of trust, responsibility and stability. It will be your responsibility to provide stability when your president is absent. It will be your duty to help the president in every way possible; and to preside at all meetings of the club and Board in her absence.

Included in your responsibilities will be program planning. It will take original thinking and planning for programs which will stimulate interest and impart information. Your programs will have a bearing on the success of your club next year. Do you accept these challenges and responsibilities?

**President Lolita,** wisdom and patience are the responsibilities of your office. As you can see, your dream catcher has all the colors and properties of those of your board and also includes violet. Violet combines wisdom and power with sensitivity and humility. Original and sound ideas are created with violet and it represents the future, imagination and dreams.

The gold web symbolizes success, the success of your upcoming presidency. The blue exudes strength and the prestige of your office. Turquoise helps with clear thinking and decision making and the development of good organizational skills.

The members of Soroptimist International of McKinleyville have done you the honor of selecting you to lead them in the achievement of Soroptimist objectives during the coming year. You have been chosen because of your ability and willingness to serve. As important as the club bylaws are, they constitute only a partial list of your duties. Worthy of note are the leadership qualities that you will need as president-wisdom, patience and understanding. It is your duty, as president, to preside at all meetings and conduct the business of your club and the Board, and be an ex-officio member of all committees except nominating. Do you accept these responsibilities?

**I now ask each of you to pledge to do your very best to carry out the requirements of your respective offices.**

**I now declare these officers duly installed in the offices to which they were elected for the ensuing club year.**

**I congratulate each of you and wish you a most successful term in office.**

**Let these dream catchers be a reminder of our commitment to the goals of Soroptimism. Just imagine, "Believe in Your Dreams."**

**Club members-I know that you will pledge your very best in supporting your officers.**