**SI/24-680 Installation 2015 (*Celebrate* Quotes)**

It is my pleasure to install your new board of officers this evening. I thank all of you for being here as we celebrate the beginning of a new club year.

What an active year you’ve had! Your membership held a Super Pasta Bowl Dinner and Raffle, ran another successful movie sing-a-long and wine raffle fundraiser, which was selected as a Finalist for *Soroptimist Celebrating Success*, and your Ruby award finalists became Region winners. You also continued your support of our District II project “Get Real Academy,” and much more.

As your club ends the year, it is a most opportune time to thank the 2014-2015 board for a productive year of leadership. You supported region, federation, and international projects; honored special members and had many good times together. Let’s give them a round of applause for their dedication, leadership and hard work. Thank you!

As an installing officer you want to tailor an installation to the incoming President’s theme. Kim’s theme for the year is “**Celebrate Soroptimist.*”***

To **celebrate** is to take [part](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/part) in [special](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/special) [enjoyable](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/enjoyable) [activities](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/activity) in [order](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/order) to show that a [particular](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/particular) [occasion](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/occasion) is [important](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/important), or to [express](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/express) [admiration](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/admiration) and [approval](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/approval) for something or someone . As Soroptimists, we enjoy most any chance to celebrate and admire--an act, or deed--and in whatever shape or form the occasion may bring. So in keeping with Kim’s theme of “Celebrate Soroptmist,” I will be sharing with our incoming officers, some notable quotes from celebrated women, to jump start a year filled with many occasions in which to Celebrate Soroptimist.

Incoming officers please come forward as I call your names and remain here until the end of the installation.

**DIRECTOR**

**Regina Reinholdt** – Regina, you will serve as club’s director. You are important to the smooth operation of your club and to the planning and carrying out of activities resulting in the growth in stature of your club. You serve as Kim’s support system. I urge you to shoulder your full share of the load and to keep yourself well informed concerning all Soroptimist matters—as related to club, region, federation and international levels. You are the liaison between the board of directors and the membership.

Regina, I share these quotes with you: First from woman’s health advocate, Barbara Hoffman, who said, *Stop worrying about the potholes in the road and celebrate the journey!* And my favorite from Katharine Hepburn, *If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun.* (But don’t quote me.)

I also present you with this celebrate glass and candle which symbolize the important role you play as you fulfill your duties this year. Will you accept and celebrate the responsibilities of this office? **Thank you.**

**TREASURER**

**Toni Pera** – Toni, your club has elected you as treasurer and keeper of the funds. You receive all the funds of the club and deposit them in a financial institution authorized by the board; you will sign all checks, receive and submit membership information, including all forms and remittances as required by the Federation, Founder Region and the club; pay authorized bills, prepare monthly financial statements and present them at the board and club business meetings; and serve as an ex-officio member of the finance committee.

The quote I share with you Toni comes from Mae West, who said, *You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough*. And from Dolly Parton, *If you want the rainbow, you’ve got to put up with the rain.*

I also present you with this celebration glass and candle which symbolize your task of **collecting** and **caring** for the dollars raised by your club. Will you accept and celebrate the responsibilities of this office? **Thank you.**

**SECRETARY**

**Pam Paxton-Eis** - Pam, you will serve as the club secretary. You will keep the minutes of all club and board meetings; submit to the club the minutes of the business meetings and the recommendations of the board; handle correspondence and be custodian of the permanent records of your club, and perform other duties as assigned by the president and board. Creative communication can create interest and involvement among your members and the community.

Pam, I share with you a quote first from Maya Angelou, who said, *I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.* And from Mother Teresa, who said, *We are all pencils in the hand of God writing love letters to the world.*

I also present you with this celebration glass and candle which symbolize the important history you are recording as you fulfill your duties this year. Will you accept and celebrate the responsibilities of this office? **Thank you.**

**VICE PRESIDENT**

**Mary Hanson** – Mary, as Vice-President, you are in charge of club programs and responsible for scheduling speakers for club meetings. These speakers should be interesting and educational so that members AND prospective members enjoy coming to club meetings. Your role is to also fill in for the president when necessary, so you must be readily available to step in for the president at club meetings and President’s Round Tables.

The first quote I share with you Mary comes from Maya Angelou who said *How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes!* And from Judy Garland, who said, *Be a first-rate version of yourself instead of a second-rate version of somebody else.*

I also present you with this celebration glass and candle which symbolize your readiness to follow in Kim’s footsteps and to step in whenever needed. Will you accept and celebrate the responsibilities of this office? **Thank you.**

**PRESIDENT**

**Kim Grossberg** - Kim, you were elected by the members of 24/680 to serve as their president. Kim, your club members believe in you and know that you possess the qualities of leadership: wisdom, patience and understanding. You shall preside at all meetings, carry out the policy of the club and represent to the community the spirit and character of Soroptimist.

As important as the club bylaws are, and as meticulous as they are in setting forth your duties, they constitute only a partial list. As presiding officer, you must be fair, tactful, just, and – above all – gentle and kind. You must be alert to the changing needs in your club, community; and knowledgeable about region, federation and international goals.

Kim, I share this quote first from Marilyn Monroe, who said, *If you can make a woman laugh, you can make her do anything.* And finally*,* from Hilary Duff who said, *Mom always tells me to celebrate everyone’s uniqueness. I like the way that sounds.*

I also present you with this celebration glass and candle which symbolize how you will work with your club, and implement your theme, Celebrate Soroptimist. Will you accept and celebrate the responsibilities of this office? **Thank you.**

**TO ALL OFFICERS**

I ask each of you to pledge to do your best to carry out the requirements of your respective offices. I challenge you to be tolerant, give praise and encouragement, listen, understand and share yourself. As the steering force of your club, your duties are as numerous and diverse as the members of your club. By being individuals who serve together, celebrate together, and complement each other, you bring your own special talents to your club. Soroptimist celebrations energize us individually, and as a group who work together all year. Officers, I also challenge you to carry on the memories made this year onto the next.

I now declare these officers duly installed in the offices to which they were elected for the 2015-16 club year. Club members, I know you will pledge your very best in supporting and joining your new officers in celebration.

To help illustrate President Kim’s theme, I present you with this “Let’s Celebrate” sign. Please display it proudly and often.

In closing, I leave you with some advice, from Oprah Winfrey, who said,

*The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.* And *Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right!*

**Thank you!**