

## HATS II

Would the following people please come forward in the order I call them. Delegates - Directors - Treasurer - Corresponding Secretary- Recording Secretary - Vice President - President.

Since the beginning of time, hats have played an important part in the lives of the American Women. From the starched caps of the pilgrims to the sun visors of modern day, women have worn hats. There are all shapes and kinds to choose from; including bonnets, pill boxes, tams, top hats, sailors, baseball caps, broad brimmed straw, firemen, police, nurse caps and many others of different professions.

Today's women usually have three or four hats they wear at one time. They wear chauffeurs, maids, chief cook and bottle washers, nurses, and often in their professions they wear another hat. Once again as they take office tonight in the Soroptimist Club, they will have yet another hat to wear.

**Delegates:** You have been elected delegates. Through you the club speaks at district meetings and regional conferences. The color I give to you is the baby blue of the skies and water, for you will be traveling to represent your club at these functions. It is your duty to know what will be voted on at these functions and to know how your club members feel about the issues voted on so you will be able to represent their wishes with your voice and vote. You'll be up on by laws and the many changes that will take place this year. You should always report back to your club on the happenings at conferences and district meetings. Accept this little hat with blue to be reminded of your duties as a delegate, and accept this responsibility with pride.

**Directors:** You have been selected to the board of directors for your club and shall serve until your successors are elected. The color I give you is gold. Gold represents strength. The club depends on you to study all Soroptimist things and make good recommendations for a forward year in the club. The board is the strength of the club and you should act for the betterment of Soroptimist at all times. Accept this little hat with its band of gold for strength in the year ahead.

**Treasurer:** You have been elected as treasurer of your club. Your duties consist of receiving all funds of the club, depositing them in the bank, preparing all checks and making all remittances as required by the regional and federation bylaws. The color I give to you is green, as this represents money. Keeping your board and membership informed is a must. Good financial records are very important. Our hat is off to you for the big job you have taken on. We know our money will be well taken care of in your capable hands. Remember the time and talent represented by the dollars you care for. The personal involvement of members are the most precious of assets. Accept this little hat with its bow of green to remind you of your duty to have your books ready at the specified time for proper audit, and to keep good record on the money.

**Corresponding Secretary:** You have been selected as corresponding secretary of your club. Your duties shall be to send out notices and carry on such correspondence as does not properly belong to other officers. The corresponding secretary can take much of the load of detail from the president. I give to you the color of white and black. This represents the pen and paper of all the letters you will write. It is very important that you accept your duties and function at all times for a line of communication within your club, region and goodwill and understanding in promptly handling the correspondence.

**Recording Secretary:** You have been elected recording secretary of your club. Your duties are to be proceedings. I give to you the color of black and white. This represents paper and print for the recording of records. You will submit to the club, minutes of the business meetings and any recommendations from the board. You shall maintain a record of membership unless provided otherwise in the bylaws. Accept this little hat with its bow of black as a reminder of what a important part you have in the business of Soroptimist this term.

**Vice President:** You have been elected as vice president of your club. You must be ever ready to step into the shoes of the president and carry forward in her absence. Your knowledge of regional and federation bylaws and procedures will be most helpful to your president. I give to you the colors red and white. These colors enhance the royal blue of the president. As the colors red, white and blue go together in harmony, you must go in harmony with the president. Accept this little hat of red and white and put forth your best efforts for the ideals and gals of Soroptimist throughout your term. (If they are program chair, insert line about program chair in before "your knowledge.")

**President:** You have been elected president of your club. Simply and plainly defined, a leader is a person who has followers. The leader deserves to have followers. She has earned recognition. Authority alone is no longer enough to command respect. The leader is a great servant. The Master of Men expressed the ideal of leadership in democracy when He said, "And, whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." The leader does not say "Get going," instead she says, "Lets go." the leader is a woman builder. She helps those under her grow big because she realizes that the more big persons an organization has, the stronger it will be. You must be alert and knowledgeable of regional and federation as well as international Soroptimist aims. You preside at all meetings. I give to you the color royal blue, for the Presidency is a job of royalty. You will notice your hat is larger than all the rest because your job is bigger than any of the others. Accept this hat with its bow of royal blue and remember, the leader has faith in people, she uses her heart as well as her head.

I now declare these officers and directors duly installed in the offices to which they were elected for the ensuing club year. I congratulate each of you and wish for you a most successful and happy term in office. And for those of you who are members, I know you will pledge your very best in supporting your officers in every way.

