

# KEYS

(Items needed: colored keys)

A dream is a very special part of every person. It can be like magic - shared with others a dream can have unbelievable impact. That is what is happening tonight with the chartering of Soroptimist International of \_\_\_\_\_. The focus of the new club during their first year should be on fun, friendship and fellowship through service. So let's sprinkle a little magic and watch their dreams grow.

**Delegates:** (gold key) Club delegates have the golden opportunity to represent their club at district meetings and regional conferences. Accept this responsibility and opportunity with dedication, as you will witness yesterdays dreams become todays realities. You hold the golden key to our future.

**Directors:** (clear keys) For the elected directors I present clear colored keys, for you must clearly determine the needs of your communities and membership. You must also assist your board of directors and the membership in helping turn dreams into realities within your community.

**Treasurer:** (red key) As club treasurer, you have an obligation to accurately maintain the financial records of your club, and provide for a bright and cheerful financial future. Financial stability is the key to our continued success. I present you with a red key to serve as a reminder to insure a stable financial future, to file necessary tax forms and those famous 500's in a timely manner and to always stay out of the red!

**Secretary:** (white key) You hold the key to providing a clear, concise record of your clubs dreams and accomplishments. It is important that you accurately record the minutes of your club and board meetings, as your minutes will provide the official documentation of all actions taken. They will also be relied upon in the future years when needed for reference to past dreams, accomplishments and actions. These records must be preserved in black and white. May your white key remind you of your responsibilities.

**Vice President:** (blue key) As vice president, I give you a blue key as this color represents a number of vital elements, such as the sky and ocean. You're reminded that your contributions to your board and membership are just as vital to making todays dreams tomorrows accomplishments. To best serve your club, you should become familiar with Soroptimist matters at all levels. Assist the president in any way possible, and be prepared to perform the duties of that office should the need arise. You hold the key to assisting the president in a highly successful club year.

**President:** (lavender key) Your key is lavender, which comes from the blending of colors, just as you will be required to mix and blend together a variety of personalities and responsibilities. You will formulate committees, provide a positive leadership role, and provide the motivation necessary to make many dreams come true. You will serve as delegate, represent your club in the community, give freely of your time and effort. But most importantly, always remember to share information, responsibility and decisions with your elected board. As president, you hold the key to a well informed, unified, enthusiastic membership as you attain your dreams together.

To all members of Soroptimist International of \_\_\_\_\_: Tonight marks the beginning - for you are just beginning as Soroptimists. In the months and years to come, you will be given ample opportunities to learn, obtain new leadership skills and give service collectively that you could not give individually. Soroptimist membership is not for every woman - but for those who accept it - it is a gift that will bring you to a new perspective within yourself and community.

To you the new officers, I now declare you duly installed as officers for the ensuing year of Soroptimist International of \_\_\_\_\_.