

OK TO BE SILLY!

(Items needed: lots of noisemakers)

Perhaps you have just witnessed the most formal part of this evening! Usually the installation of officers is more solemn and dignified, but a very wise woman has told us it's O.K. to relax and limber up! (horn) Be sillier, climb more mountains, swim more rivers, eat more ice cream and less beans! (horn) Keep in mind "the sound of laughter is the most civilized music in the world!"

So apologies to Dr. Seuss for the loose translation of some of his best works.....limber up, have fun, as we dare to be different and just a little silly! Feel free to root and toot, or even hoot...if you will!

"In all the whole town, the most wonderful spot----Is to be President someday of this dubious lot!"

President -- You accepted that challenge one year ago. Each of us want to thank you and your officers for your commitment and management as we "Discovered New Horizons" As you leave office, we would like you to have this pin in remembrance that you are one of the privileged to have served as president of Soroptimist International of _____.

"Stitches & seams! Buttons & laces! You should go to far away places! However, she won't....cause she don't! It's in our town this year....that's just the cases!"

Delegate: Through you the club speaks at district meetings and regional conferences. To you, is given, the responsibility of voting on behalf of all members, speaking for their concerns, and bringing back to them complete information concerning all Soroptimist matters. It is your duty to attend the meetings and conferences and to be informed about matters on which a vote is to be taken. You are also a member of the board and must represent the members there. "Keep us informed....Make us smarter....Not dumb! Put down your threads...say I'll do it by GUM!"

"You have brains in your head...you have feet in your shoes! You can steer yourself any direction you choose! And you know what you know...you are the ones who'll direct where we go!"

Directors: You must represent the membership, be objective, open and receptive, encourage enthusiasm for growth and serve and genuinely be interested in the welfare of those you have elected to serve. "Attend all the meetings and listen a lot! Say I'm willing and able....lazy you're not!"

"This is a start! A beginning - beginning! You'll find that your head will sometimes be spinning! Dollars and cents! Deposits & checks! I'm sure you'll do both just fine! A caution or tow...a word to the wise! Always remember....it's theirs and not mine!"

Treasurer: With you we entrust all financial records and the funds of the club to be guarded as if they were your own. Your duties consist of receiving all funds of the club and depositing them in the bank, preparing and signing all checks and making all remittances as required. You will serve as a valuable source of financial information to the board and club. "What a sight! What a night! She'll say yes....she has not fright!"

"She meant what she said! And she said what she meant! A Soroptimist is faithful one hundred percent! She'll read and she'll write the letter we send! Do it all for the club and still be our friend!"

Corresponding Secretary: Most of the clubs image with its members, within the community and Soroptimist at large, depends on you. Your duties shall be to send letters and notices and carry on such correspondence as does not properly belong to other officers. You can assume a great deal toward building goodwill and understanding by taking some of the load off the president. Communication is an important strength of our organization. "Write on! They say...she means what she means! Say Yes! And you'll be our communications queen!"

"And now come to this spot where the spotlight is hot! And you'll see in the spotlight a juggling lot! Who can juggle some stuff....you think she could not? Such as twenty two question marks...which is a lot! Also forty four commas..and..also one dot! That's the kind of secretary we've got!"

Recording Secretary: It will be your responsibility to be present at board and business meetings and to keep accurate minutes of all proceedings and submit minutes of the business and board recommendations to the club. You are the memory of your club and must be careful to record all matters required under the rules of good parliamentary procedure. "Motions and minutes go hand in hand...with affirmative action, you can play in our band."

"You will come to a place where the streets are not marked! Some windows are lighted, but mostly they're darked! And if you go in, should you turn left or right...or right and three quarters? Or maybe not quite? Simple it's not, I'm afraid you will find, for a mind maker upper to make up its mind!"

Vice President: You will be asked to stand ready at all times to assist the president, to help in any way you can. Those jobs won't always be visible, but they will be essential to the smooth operation and continued success of your club. It will also be your responsibility to see that our programs are interesting, exciting and operate within the programs of service. "Say yes...you mind maker upper! Make up your mind! We're so happy to have you...you're quite a find!"

"Congratulations! Today is your day! You're off to great places. You're off and away. You're on your own. You'll look up and down streets, look'em over with care. About some you will say, I don't choose to go there. And you may not find any you'll want to go down. In that case of course, you'll head straight out of town. It's opener there in the wide open air. Out there things can happen and frequently do...to people as brainy and footsy as you. And when things start to happen, don't worry. Don't stew. Just go right along, you'll start happening too. Oh, the places you'll go. Wherever you fly, you'll be the best of the best. Wherever you go, you will top all the rest. Except when you don't because, sometimes you won't. I'm sorry to say so, but sadly it's true, that bang ups and hang ups can happen to you. You can get all hung up in a prickly perch, and your gang will fly on, you'll be left in the lurch. You can get so confused that you'll start in to race, down wiggled roads at a break necking pace. And grind on for miles across weird-ish wild space, headed I fear, toward a most useless place. THE WAITING PLACE....For members just waiting. Waiting for a train to go or a bus to come, or a plane to go or the mail to come, or the rain to go or the phone to ring, or the snow to snow or waiting around for a yes or a no or waiting for their hair to grow. Everyone is just waiting. NO! That's not for you! Somehow you'll escape all that waiting and staying. You'll find the bright places where boom bands are playing. With banner flip flopping, once more you'll ride high. Ready for anything under the sky! We know you have been given the highest office we can offer. Take hold of this year. Oh! The places you'll go! There is fun to be

done! There are points to be scored. There are games to be won! And the magical things you can do with this ball will make you the winning-est winner of all! Don't let us flounder around in the soup...take hold of the ball! Make your mark on this group!"

President: Your duties are spelled out in the bylaws, procedures and guide, but they are only a partial list of our expectations. We have honored and elected you to lead us because we know you will fulfill all the obligations required of our chief of staff.

"FAME!" You'll be famous as famous can be, with the whole wide world watching you win on TV! Except when they don't, because, sometimes they won't. I'm afraid that sometimes you'll play lonely games too. Whether you like it or not, alone will be something you'll be quite a lot. And when you're alone, there's a very good chance, you'll meet things that scare you right out of your pants! But remember, this is a joint venture, one of accomplishment and joy. We'll be here to help you...we're not bashful or coy! Your club will be a strong and well maintained club with you at the helm and this board to assist you and with the support our membership pledges! On we will go though the weather be foul! On we will go though our enemies prow! Onward up many a frightening creek, though our arms may get sore and our sneakers might leak. On and on we will hike. And I know we'll hike far and face up to our tasks whatever they are. We'll get mixed up of course, as you already know. You'll get mixed up with many strange birds as you go. So be sure when you step...step with care and great tact! And remember...life's a great balancing act! Accepting this challenge is quite a big boost, for our presidents climb to the top of the roost! Say OKIE DOKIE--I'll do it! Never forgetting to be dexterous and deft, and never mix up your right foot with your left!"

I can now declare these officers and directors duly installed in the offices to which they were elected, and offer my congratulations to each of you. Ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to present to you the officers of Soroptimist International of _____.