

POSSE

It is my pleasure to bring greetings to you, and to act as the installing officer for this installation. We are fortunate indeed to be members of such a significant service organization. Since 1921, business and professional women have joined together to contribute service to their communities, making a difference and enhancing the quality of life to those in difficulty. Through awareness, advocacy and action, Soroptimists develop and execute projects in six program areas: economic and social development, education, environment, health, human rights and the status of women and international goodwill and understanding. During the induction ceremony, the aims of SI were outlined. They are far reaching and demanding, yet attainable through determination, commitment and hard work.

One of the responsibilities of membership is to allow your name to stand if nominated for office at the club, region or federation level. Today, we celebrate the decision of our incoming officers to serve our organization in this way. At this time, would all incoming officers please come forward?

Directors: It takes quite a posse to get the job done and the first members of that posse we'd like to recognize are the posse directors. The townsfolk here have decided that you are the best choice to direct this here crew. You are important to the smooth running of the group and need to keep up to date on the comings and goings of all the townsfolk and how they're feeling about things. Do you all accept this here job?

Treasurer: Every posse needs somebody to handle the cash and its been decided that you are best suited to this here job. Why I don't know, but you have been chosen to collect the money, keep records and pay all them bills. Don't forget to tell us all how you're spending our hard earned cash. So what'll you say, will you take this job?

Corresponding Secretary: From time to time, we have to keep in touch with the folks back home and somebody has to get them letters writ. 'Cause you kin write pretty good, we think you should handle this here job. It's real important for you to make sure all our friends and neighbors hear from us so they'll think highly of us and make us feel real welcome when we go a visiting. Do you think you can write them letters?

Recording Secretary: Sometimes the sheriff is going to have a few words to say around the fire and we need to keep a record of her important words and the decisions we help her make. You seem to be able to listen real well so we kind of think you'd be real good for this job. Can you make sure you get down everything that's said, keep track of who all is there and not lose them records?

Vice President: Now once in a while the sheriff gets called out of town and we'll need somebody to take over. Apparently you are pretty good at filling other folks shoes. Now you are going to have to do some studying and make sure you're up on all the rules and regulations so as you can take over if the sheriff is gone. Do you think you can handle being deputy sheriff?

President: Well now, guess we're just about done 'cept for the most important member of this here posse. Somebody's gotta get the rest of us organized and lead us off to get the job done. Have you changed your mind now that you see the posse? This here posse seems to be one of the best we've ever got together and it's your job to make sure they do their very best. I advise you to listen to them...don't go making decisions all by yourself, you probably won't do as well as if'n you let them help. Do you think you can lead this here bunch?

You folks have a mighty important job to do and it's gonna take some work on your part. You need to be real familiar with how things are done around here. You might even want to get together and do some studyin' so's you're real ready.

I do declare this posse officially formed and I wish you all the best! Congratulations and good luck!