

RAINBOW I

Members of Soroptimist International of _____ and guests. There is an old proverb, "A sorrow shared is but half a trouble, but a joy that's shared is a joy made double." And what a joy it is for us to be here together to share this special occasion. It is a double joy for me and I am particularly honored and privileged to install our officers for the coming year.

Soroptimism is many things, not only an idea and an ideal, the dream which precedes the accomplishment, a philosophy of service to others. It is:

Sincerity of friendship,
tolerance, understanding and patience.
Joy of achievement,
gladness for a task undertaken and well done.
Dignity of service,
intelligent assistance given so as to preserve the dignity of both the giver
and recipient.
Integrity of profession,
high standards and good business ethics.
Love of country,
duty, honor, sacrifice for those democratic principles we hold so dear.

For theses we strive to enrich our own lives by exercise during fellowship which leads to everlasting friendships, not only here, but with those from around the world who we meet and know and come to love.

Friendship is a rainbow spanning the distance between friends, with all its colors meaningful.

Its red	love
Its orange	warmth
Its yellow	joy
Its green	hope
Its blue	loyalty
Its violet	suffering

Friends share them all.

Friendship is a compound thought
It means so many things
Making up togetherness
That sharing always brings.

In our retiring officers, we have had a beautiful and bright rainbow. These officers have been ably serving you this past year by their guidance and direction in the business affairs and projects of your club. We thank and commend them most highly for their integrity, their initiative and their perseverance to the best of their ability.

This evening with your new officers, who I am about to install, we have a newly formed rainbow. It is slightly different hued, arched brightly across our new year, and these new officers will join with you, your ideas, your hopes, your ambitions and enthusiasm for a successful year. Your club will then join hands with others throughout the region, the federation and the world...a larger fellowship, a larger friendship, new friends and old, rainbows of friendships untold.

As I call your names, will the new officers please come forward? (state each officers duties)

I have charged each of you with the duties of your respective office and I would ask each of you to pledge to do your very best to carry out the requirement of these offices.

I would now ask all members of the Soroptimist International of _____ Club to please rise. We have before us your new officers and directors, a new grouping of colors to form bridges of friendship. You the members are represented by this rainbow which I present to your president on your behalf. This is a symbol that you members will support these officers, that you will group together into a bright and sparkling friendship rainbow. One color does not a rainbow make, it will take you all working together, sharing love, warmth, joy, hope, loyalty, suffering--a bright rainbow in a new and wonderful year of Soroptimist work and friendship.

Friendship is a priceless gift
That cannot be bought or sold,
But its value is far greater
Than a mountain made of gold.

I now declare these officers and directors duly installed in the offices of Soroptimist International of _____ to which they were elected. I congratulate each of you and wish for you a most successful and happy term in office. And to all of you members, I know you will pledge your very best in supporting your officers in every way. Thank you and may God bless you all.