

STAR

Tonight _____ has chosen "Be A Star" as her theme. Star, an object that radiates a visible light and uses energy from internal sources; Star, a celestial body regarded as determining and influencing human events; Star, one who plays a leading role. These definitions not only define the word STAR but the definitions also describe the people who will be installed tonight.

Tonight I'd like to share _____ dreams into the future as she and her board go where no Soroptimist have gone before. They will discover new worlds and explore new Soroptimist Clubs.

They will follow their dreams into the future of the S/I Club of _____ and they will share their dreams, because shared with others a dream can have an unbelievable impact. _____ and her board will lead us with discipline, purpose, and adventure.

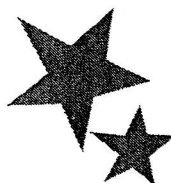
Now, will the **Delegate/Diplomat/** please come forward. Your star represents courage to put words into action. Be an informed delegate, for you will represent your club and be ready to speak to issues at district meetings and regional conferences. Your experience has qualified you for this office. When your votes are cast, they must be for the betterment of your club, region and federation. You should always report promptly to the club any actions taken at these meetings. Your star will provide wisdom in your new position. Do you accept your assignment?

Parliamentarian/Keeper of the Rules/ please come forward. You have been appointed as parliamentarian. It is the duty of the parliamentarian to advise the president/captain of parliamentary law. The parliamentarian gives an opinion, but a ruling is made by the presiding officer. You should have a good understanding of Roberts Rules of Order. Your shining star will reflect time and order. Do you accept this assignment?

Directors/Counselors I & II/ please come forward. Your stars represent dignity of service. You must accept many responsibilities as board members. You are important in the process of planning and giving direction of club activities. It is important that you use the resources of international, federation, region and district in your planning. Do you accept these challenges?

Correspondence Secretary / Communication Officer/ please come forward. Your club has chosen you to be the communication officer. Your letters will reflect the image of your club to the people in your community. Your beautiful shining star will light the way for you to serve when needed. As corresponding secretary in the absence of the recording secretary, you will assist in recording the minutes of the business and board meetings. You can also take much of the load of detail from the president and do a great deal to promote goodwill and understanding. Do you accept this assignment?

Recording Secretary / Log Keeper/ please come forward. You are the custodian of the club's permanent records. You will chart the minutes of action of the board and club meetings. They must be true, complete and approved. Your shining star represents you, _____. You are truly one who keeps clean, clear and concise records. You represent order and efficiency. Will you accept the position assigned to you?



Treasurer/Chief Operation Officer/ please come forward. Your club has given you their vote as operation officer/treasurer. The light from your gold shining star will help you to scrutinize the finances of the club and give your membership a clear image of the financial condition. It is also a symbol of wealth. You are responsible for all funds and should work with the finance and budget committee and watch to see that all dues are sent in on time as required by federation, region and your club procedures. Do you accept these challenges and responsibilities?

Vice President/Second Officer/ please come forward. As second officer you must be ready to assist the president elect and the president and stand ready to assume duties as they arise. A star, symbol of a leader is yours. You are capable of being an understudy, but when given a signal, you are ready to accept a position of leadership. Do you accept this challenge?

President-Elect/First Officer/ please come forward. Yours is the second highest office in the club. As I give you, your beautiful golden star, it represents your important role as a leader. Your star will be recognized for its tenacity and ability to enhance and brighten any situation. You as second in command will be educated and ready, available to serve in the absence of the president if necessary. Do you accept these challenges and responsibilities?

President/Captain/Chief Officer/ please come forward. You are our guiding light, our leader. Therefore, your star will shine the brightest and the highest. You will make our community and our club a better place by empowering us to use our ideas and by leading us to see your vision of the future. You as the chief officer must direct and conduct the business of your club and board. Set the policy of the club as directed by your board. Appoint all committees and delegate responsibilities. Your club members know that you possess the qualities of leadership, wisdom, patience, logic, and understanding. You will embrace and see each day as not just another day, but one filled with opportunity and excitement. You will continue to grow by stimulating your mind, and by presenting new learning's and ideas to your club. You will encourage your members to be active, keeping in mind that SOROPTIMIST TAKE ACTIVE ROLES...lasting as the presiding officer you will be fair, tactful and just. Do you accept these responsibilities and challenges?

I ask each of you to pledge to do your best to carry the requirements of your respective offices. Be tolerant, give praise and encouragement, listen and share yourself and most of all have vision for your club's future.

As the steering force of your club your duties are numerous. By working together each of you will bring your own special talents to your club: Serve together, but be individuals, complement each other so that your common goals are fulfilled and your actions will be an inspiration for others to follow.

I now declare these officers and directors duly installed in the offices to which they were elected. President _____, may I ask you to read the following article; I hope it will inspire you and your board as we follow your quest to BE A STAR.

I will live each day as though I had all the power and influence necessary to make it a perfect world.

Through listening to and serving others, I will learn new ideas and gain different perspectives.

I will strive to gain mastery over life's challenges through increasing my circle of influence and de-emphasizing those areas of concern over which I have no control.

I will behave in a manner so as to become a star, a light, for others who choose to follow or lead me.

I will trust my dreams and be a prisoner of nothing.

I will use my private victories unselfishly by trying to create value for others.

The pursuit of excellence will determine the options I decide to exercise and the path I choose to travel....and I will expect no more of others than I expect of myself.