

VEGETABLE GARDEN

Good Evening, tonight it is my pleasure to install your new officers.

As I call your names, would you please come forward to be installed.

Delegates _____, your club has elected you to serve as delegates. (see position description on page).

Do you accept these responsibilities? You represent the ground work for your club. I present you with sand pails to help you carry out your duties.

Directors _____ (see position description on page)

Do you accept these responsibilities? Your role in this Soroptimist Garden is to keep your club on the "straight and narrow". I present you with stakes and cord to help your club move in a straight line toward accomplishing its goals for this next year.

Financial Secretary _____ You are responsible for collecting dues, keeping track of attendance for your members, and collecting monies for the club; and turning those funds over to your club treasurer. (this position is optional) You can be of assistance to your President by "digging up figures".

Do you accept these responsibilities? I present you with a shovel so that you can dig down to matters regarding your duties.

Recording Secretary _____ (see position description on page)

Do you accept these responsibilities? I present you with a hoe to help you "weed" through the vast amount of information which will come your way, and which will help you "chop out" anything which does not belong in this Soroptimist Garden.

Corresponding Secretary _____ (see position description on page)

Do you accept these responsibilities? I present you with a rake to help you quickly clear away the debris in your garden path.

Treasurer _____ (see position description on page)

Do you accept these responsibilities? I present you with a sprinkling can to help keep your records growing and "green".

President Elect _____ (or Vice President) (see position description on page)

Do you accept these responsibilities? I present you with a pair of gardening gloves. They will help you cover any gardening task - and will leave you free from the "blisters" of doubt as you assume this important office.

President _____ As President, you must be knowledgeable, fair, just and caring. Utilize each of your board members to keep your garden running smoothly, and have active, healthy & happy members. (see official position description on page for further duties)

Your club members have given you their vote of confidence by electing you to be the "Caretaker" of their club. Do you accept these responsibilities? I present you with a straw hat to use when acting as Caretaker of your Soroptimist Garden. Utilize each of the items before you. they will help weed out the seeds of dissatisfaction, doubt and distrust. You are responsible for nurturing the soil with hard work and enthusiasm. Keep your garden rows straight and moving forward always. But remember to keep your hat handy so you stay cool as a cucumber and never get wind blown or sunburned.

I ask each of you to pledge to do your best to carry out the requirements of your respective office. I challenge you to be tolerant, give praise and encouragement, listen, understand, share yourself - and most of all, have vision for your club's future. May you serve together, but be individuals; complimenting each other, so that your common goal is fulfilled. Let your actions be an inspiration to your club members.

I now declare these officers, directors, and delegates (or alternate delegates, if any) duly installed in the offices to which they were elected. I wish each of you a successful, rewarding and happy term in office.

To the members, you are the seeds of this garden. The instruments to keep your garden clean; and growing straight stand before you. But you are the foundation of this club. In your garden we need peas - (patience, presence, purity, promptness and preparation); squash - (squash gossip, criticism and indifference); lettuce - (lettuce be faithful, unselfish, loyal); and turnips - (turn up for meetings, conferences, and with a smile).

If you "carrot" at all about your clubs "peas", attend all Soroptimist International of _____ meetings, "endive" into the projects for this year. Don't be a has "bean". I know this sounds "corny", but "lettuce" make your life more fun while you grow in Soroptimism. Thank you for inviting me here tonight.

Props: Sand pails, stakes and cords, sprinkling can, gloves, shovel, hoe, rake, straw hat (other small gardening tools can readily be substituted)