



Our name, Soroptimist, was coined from the Latin “soror” and “optima” meaning ‘best for women’. Soroptimists are professional business women, or women who hold or have held positions of leadership in business or women who want to improve the lives of others. As a member of this international service organization, there are opportunities for professional growth and leadership development, education, unity and purpose through working with other like-minded individuals to achieve common goals and achievement through direct involvement with service projects.

The Soroptimist mission is to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. It is our vision that “Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.” To promote the mission and vision Soroptimist International of Florence holds fundraising events that enable us to provide financial assistance through awards and scholarships to women and girls in the local area.

Annual Christmas Basket & Toy Drive Underway

There is still time to donate a new, unwrapped toy for an infant to 12-year old child for Christmas. Collection locations: Oregon Pacific Bank, First Community Credit Union, Banner Bank, US Bank, WA Federal Savings, Lane Community College, AIC Insurance, Coastal Fitness, Hoberg Complete Auto Repair, On Your Feet with a Splash, Three Rivers Fashion & Resort, Fred Meyer, West Coast Auto Body, Shervin’s Tire, Florence Eye Clinic, State Farm Insurance and Able Insurance.

Monetary Donations are also needed to help with food for the Christmas Baskets. These can be mailed to: Soroptimist International of Florence PO Box 1209, Florence OR 97439

The Food Baskets and Toys will be distributed on December 16th at the Siuslaw Middle School and Church of Nazarene.

The is truly a community effort and anyone willing to help with set up and distribution is urged to contact Soroptimist Members Michelle Fraley 541-997-3434 or Carol Bennett 541-991-3455.

