

## Our Fundraisers

Our major Fundraiser takes place each year in the spring. Money raised at this event is the primary contribution to our scholarship funding. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to resources used for women and young girls in our community who are pursuing educational opportunities.

In the Fall we also host our **Annual Pancake Breakfast and Craft Fair, including Bake Sale and Decorated Pumpkins.** The proceeds from this event will fund our awards and scholarships.  
*In 2020 the breakfast and bake sale were suspended due to Covid-19.*

### Other club projects and campaigns:

- ✓ "Hollydays" Christmas Lunch and Auction
- ✓ Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence
- ✓ Campaign to STOP Trafficking of Women and Girls



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### Club meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
12:15 - 1:15 pm  
Currently: Via Zoom



*Visit our Soroptimist online volunteer network, to support women and girls in their quest to lead better lives!*  
Sign up at: [LiveYourDream.org](http://LiveYourDream.org)

# Soroptimist International of Modesto



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### *Our Mission:*

*Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.*

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## Who We Are

Soroptimist International is a global non-profit 501(c)(3) service organization for professionals.

Soroptimists work together with community and governmental leaders in addressing issues that women value and by promoting programs leading to social and economic empowerment. We volunteer time and contribute financial support to projects within our mission.

### [LiveYourDream.org](http://LiveYourDream.org).

Our Soroptimist Club also supports this online network, which is open to members and non-members alike.

Signing up allows you to become part of an online movement dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls, affecting fundamental economic and social change. **Log on now!**

## Our History

“Soroptimist”, coined from two Latin words “soro” and “optima” can be taken to mean “best for women” and was founded with 80 charter members in 1921 in Oakland, CA. Our Club, Soroptimist International of Modesto was chartered on November 28, 1936. Today, Soroptimist International is composed of four federations worldwide with **over 160,000 members and supporters in 120 countries.**

## Our Vision

**Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams**

## Scholarships and Awards

### ■ **Live Your Dream Award**

**This cash award is given to female heads of household to assist them in entering (or re-entering) the job market or furthering their education or vocational skills, so that they can advance their employment status. As our Signature Award from our Federation, Soroptimist International of the Americas, the award recipients have an opportunity to compete at our Region Level, and then at our Federation Level, where they can be awarded \$10,000.**

### ■ **Memorial Scholarships**

The **Shirley Elke Scholarship** recognizes women who have definite plans to, or are currently pursuing, study in the field of “creative visual arts.” The **Deanna Mar Toy Scholarship for High School Seniors** requires involvement in community service for women or girls, financial need and merit. The **Desdemona Martinez Scholarship** is given to a High School Senior or Community College Student who has a disability and/or plans to work with students with disabilities.

## Service Projects

**Dream It, Be It** is a project to service young high school aged women. It is a day-long event based on **Career Support** including topics such as: Creating Goals, Rising Above Obstacles, Turning Failure into Success and Putting Dreams into Actions. Helping girls grow up to be strong, successful and happy adults, this program provides access to professional role models, career education and resources to live their dreams.

**Community Christmas Tree is supported by our Club and Modesto Sunrise Rotary.** This is a service program sponsoring a "Giving Tree" at Vintage Faire Mall. The event helps 2000 disadvantaged youth in our community. The tree operates from Black Friday through December 18. Co-sponsors are KHOP 95.1 Radio and Vintage Faire Mall. You can visit Community Christmas Tree on Facebook for more information. Mission Statement: A child, no matter their circumstance, deserves to live the dream of a “Magical Christmas Morning!” Please help us give the “Gift of Hope” to one of our children on the Community Christmas Tree.

### **Community Support of:**

\*Haven Women’s Center of Stanislaus - suppling Crisis Response, Counseling, and Prevention Services.

\*Without Permission - working to end the culture of sex trafficking and offering prevention, justice and restoration services.