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## Induction of New Member Ceremony

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Inducting a new member should be impressive for the new Soroptimist, and should serve as a time for all club members to reaffirm what Soroptimist membership means.

A brief statement as to the organization's international scope, its aims, purposes, programs, and the responsibilities of membership is most appropriate. Share with the new member the meaning of the emblem and the proper way to wear a member pin (on the left in SIA).

Introduce the new member to the other club members.

The induction ceremony should be personalized as much as possible. Following are ideas might wish to include:

The members of Soroptimist International of \_\_\_\_\_ are honored that you have accepted our invitation to join with us in Soroptimist service. It is my privilege to welcome you to a worldwide organization of members who have pledged themselves to making a difference for women.

Our name Soroptimist is a coined Latin word meaning "best for women." Soroptimist International is a global voice for women through awareness, advocacy and action, and its objects shall be to strive for:

- the advancement of the status of women;
- high ethical standards;
- human rights for all;
- equality, development and peace;

through international goodwill and understanding, and friendship.

Soroptimist International is committed to:

- service to local, national and international communities;
- active participation in decision-making at all levels of society.

Membership in a Soroptimist club is an honor and a privilege. We look forward to your attendance at club meetings and your involvement in our service projects. We hope you will serve on club committees, and, in the future, as a club officer. As a token of your new membership in our special organization, we present to you this Soroptimist pin. The woman in the Soroptimist emblem represents the spirit of womanhood. The leaves and acorns of the oak signify the strength and growth of our organization, and future progress and achievements. The leaves of the laurel symbolize friendship and success. We hope you will wear this pin with pride.