



SOROPTIMIST®

Investing in Dreams

SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE

*I pledge allegiance to Soroptimism
And to the ideals for which it stands:
The sincerity of friendship,
The joy of achievement,
The dignity of service,
The integrity of profession,
The love of country.
I will put forth my greatest effort to
Promote, uphold and defend these
Ideals for a larger fellowship
In home, in society, and in business,
For country and for God.*

History of the Pledge

The Pledge was written in 1927 by Candis Nelson, a charter member of the Seattle, WA club. At the 1930 Convention in Philadelphia, President Ruby Lee Minar requested the submission of the Pledge to be voted on at the convention. While in Philadelphia the delegates chose to defer making a decision for another six months, so that each club could receive copies of the proposed creeds, and then make an informed decision. Six months later the American Federation of Soroptimist Clubs chose as its creed a pledge that simply stated the ideals of the organization.