

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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Program Webinar

Watch Party Kit

Over the last few years, the SIA Program Team has made several webinars to help your club execute our programs and understand the support available from headquarters. Our webinars covered the *Live Your Dream Awards, Dream It, Be It*, Big Goal Accelerator Projects, and Soroptimist Club grants, with an overview of the programs, tips for execution, and time to answer questions from members live.

Hosting a Watch Party

Pick a format!

Decide if you will host in-person or virtually if your club is an online club (or if you want to host a hybrid event, to include those who can't attend in-person).

- If you're doing it in-person:
 - o Make sure there is a way to display the webinar so everyone can watch.
 - Ensure that the sound of the video is sufficiently loud without a lot of external interference.
 - Consider turning on captions on the video to make it easy for all to follow along.
- If hosting virtually:
 - Ensure there's also time for members to socialize and connect before getting down to business.
 - Make sure that you have tech support someone who is familiar with the virtual meeting format and can help members who are less familiar and might need assistance.

Make it a party!

Consider having a theme for outfits with accompanying food and drinks, such as "Pretty in Pink" or "Denim and Diamonds" like our 2024 Convention party themes in Bellevue. Choose another theme, like a local holiday or costume party!

Add some tunes!

Before the webinar begins, have some music playing to set the mood. Consider a playlist of hits your members love, songs from a local legend of your club's area, or girl power themed songs that make you feel unstoppable! Maybe the "Live Your Dream Today" song is a good choice.

Break the ice!

Our team often has a quick ice breaker at the start of the webinar to invite members to get active in the chat. You can re-create this by discussing the icebreaker question in the webinar itself, or create your own! Talk about the impact the programs have had on you or that you've witnessed in the community, share a fun fact about yourself with your club, or share a favorite quote.

Be prepared!

Brainstorm your questions in advance and ask everyone to bring at least one question about the webinar topic at hand, so they're engaged and listening closely.

Stay sharp with trivia!

Start off with some trivia related to the webinar you're viewing. Interested in some pre-written trivia questions? Email program@soroptimist.org for a copy. Or create your own—it could feature your club's history, women's history in your country, or another Soroptimist topic.

Wrap up discussion!

After watching the webinar together, have a group discussion about the program and what you just watched.

Some suggestions:

- What is your club already doing?
- What are some new ideas on how your club can expand this program?
- What questions do you still have about the program?

Webinar Links

- Big Goal Accelerator Projects: Member Training 101 Webinar
- Dream It, Be It: How to Get Involved 101 Webinar
- Live Your Dream Awards: How to Get Involved 101 Webinar
- Soroptimist Club Grants Webinar: Crafting a Successful Application