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organization that  
provides women and  
girls with access to the  
education and training  
they need to achieve  
economic empowerment.*

September 2019

Dear Soroptimist Club President and Members,

Welcome to the new club year! It is my pleasure to serve as your 2019-2020 president.

As we begin a new club year, I am asking all of you to support our award-winning Dream Programs, which ensure that women and girls will achieve economic empowerment through access to education.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said, "We will not achieve the Sustainable Development Goals if there is no accelerated action to empower women economically." Educated women and girls have opportunity, choice and power to make healthy decisions for themselves and their families.

In order to prepare for our next Big Goal of investing in half a million women and girls through our Dream Programs, we all need to work, collectively, to increase our impact. Our work has never been more important.

We also will be gearing up for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which we will kick off at our July convention in Bellevue, Washington, USA. Visit the website to learn more. I hope to see you there, when we will reach new heights and plan for the future of our great organization.

One way we will strengthen Soroptimist is through our Diamond Campaign: Shining Our Way to the Second Century. Please access campaign materials and do your part to ensure the continued success of our organization.

Be sure to check out our website for all your resources and inspiration. Subscribe to our monthly electronic newsletter, the Soroptimist Summary. And make sure we have your email address, as this is the primary way we communicate with you.

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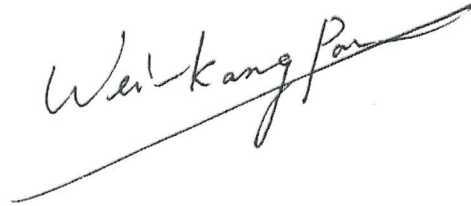
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Finally, I ask that you remember to donate generously—at least 10 percent of what you raise locally—to our Dream Programs. Many deserving women and girls are depending on it.

I am so excited to serve as your president and look forward to hearing about all the wonderful work being done throughout SIA this year. Please accept my best wishes for a most successful year on behalf of your Board of Directors, Executive Director & CEO Liz, our SIA headquarters staff, and the women and girls we serve.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wei-Kang Pan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line that extends to the left and right of the text.

Tina Wei-Kang Pan  
2019-2020 SIA President

P.S. Visit the electronic club mailing page with links to all this information and more for our 2019-2020 club year at:  
<https://www.soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/club-mailing/club-mailing-english.html>