

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS

Engagement Activity: So, You Think You Know Soroptimist – Let's See!

This is an optional breakout activity for conference attendees which can be facilitated by a member designated by the governor.

- Description: You may think you know all the terms unique to SIA and know our programs front to back – but do you really? Test your Soroptimist knowledge with this fun and engaging trivia game. You may learn something new!
- Learning Objectives:
 - Expand members general knowledge of Soroptimist
 - Experience a healthy sense of competition and fellowship with region conference attendees

Length of time: 15 – 30 minutes (flexible)

- Note: Feel free to modify the directions below to work with the space that you have. For example, all members can hold up a piece of paper that says True or False rather than moving. This activity is a great refresher for seasoned members and a fun way to educate new members.

Instructions and Guide for Facilitator

- Prepare an area/room that is open (free of furniture, etc.), if possible, to allow participants to stand and move around the room as they answer questions.
- Divide the empty space down the middle so there are 2 separate sides – you can mark this division with tape or some other object.
- You will be asking True/False questions to your audience. Each side of the room will signify either “True” or “False.”
- Explain to your members which side stands for “True” and which side stands for “False.” Labeling the sides might prove useful but is optional.
- Members should start the activity by standing in the middle (for example on the piece of tape dividing the room). Explain to members that after every question is asked, they must choose a side of the room to move to signifying their answer – “True” or “False.”
- After members have chosen a side, share the correct answer.
- Then, keep asking questions!
- Please note:

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- There are over 20 questions listed below. Use as many as you would like and/or have time allotted for this activity.
- This is an activity with no “winner.” It is designed for members to have fun, learn more about Soroptimist, and get moving during the conference.

Suggested Script for Facilitator

So, you think you know Soroptimist! As you can see, we have an empty space for us to walk from one side to the other. I will be asking you True/False questions about Soroptimist. After every question, you must move to the “True” side or the “False” side to answer the question.

This side (point to the right) is the “True” side.

And this side (point to the left) is the “False” side.

Once everyone has picked their side, I will tell you the correct answer.

Let's do a practice round. Is everyone ready for the practice question?

Question: We are part of the Northwestern Region. You may move to the right if you think “True” or move to the left if “False.” (*Wait for members to move*)

It looks like everyone has chosen an answer. The correct answer is _____ We are (not) the Northwestern Region!

Does everyone understand how this game works? Let's get started!

True or False Questions (with answers)

Q. The first SIA club chartered that was outside of North America was Brazil. True or False?

A. True! Brazil was the first SIA club chartered outside of North America.

Q. The *Live Your Dream Awards* started in the year 1999. True or False?

A. False! The *Live Your Dream Awards* started in the year 1972. It has now been active for 53 years.

Q. SIA members have been making small annual contributions called founders pennies for over 70 years. True or False?

A. True! Founders Pennies first helped re-establish clubs in Europe after World War II and now helps to fund our Dream Programs.

Q. The document available on the SIA website to help clubs understand their role in achieving the goals of the SIA Strategic Plan is called The Club Roadmap. True or False?

A. True! The Club Roadmap and SIA Strategic Plan go hand in hand.

Q. SIA has 8 languages spoken throughout the federation. True or False?

A. False! There are 6 languages spoken within SIA – Chinese, English, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Q. SIA will actively work to achieve our Big Goal of investing in half a million women and girls through access to education during the years 2019-2033. True or False?

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A. False! SIA will actively work to achieve our Big Goal during the years 2021-2031, a 10-year goal.

Q. SIA's 49th Biennial Convention will be held in Incheon, South Korea, July 22-25, 2026. True or False?

A. True! SIA's 49th Biennial Convention will be held in Incheon, South Korea, July 22-25, 2026.

Q. The minimum recommendation for the number of members in a club is 12. True or False?

A. True! 12 is the minimum recommendation for the number of members in a club.

Q. Bobbi Enderlin is the current 2024-2025 SIA President. True or False?

A. False! Gloria "Ginger" Cole is the current 2024-2025 SIA President.

Q. SIA has approximately (26,000) members. True or False?

A. False! SIA has approximately 24,000 members, and we have many campaigns to get more members to join our great cause! *(For the answer, check with your Region Membership Chair for the latest membership reports at the time of your conference.)*

Q. There is a difference between the Best for Women Digital Newsletter and the Soroptimist Blog. True or False?

A. True! Newsletter = SIA's fully translated electronic monthly newsletter, that is emailed to members. Blog = highlights headquarters news; spotlights on clubs, members, donors, and award recipients; advocacy actions and more on the SIA website.

Q. Soroptimist International Headquarters is located in Cambridge, England. True or False?

A. True! And the Soroptimist International of Americas headquarters is in Philadelphia, PA USA.

Q. The 2025 Leadership Round Table will be held in August 2025. True or False?

A. False! The Leadership Round Table will be held June 24 2025. The Leadership Round Table is an evolution of the Governors Round Table and is open to ALL SIA members so they can access critical leadership development content.

Q. A total of 5 federations make up the Soroptimist International coalition. True or False?

A. True! The 5 federations that make up the Soroptimist International coalition are:

- Soroptimist International of the Americas
- Soroptimist International of Europe
- Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland
- Soroptimist International South East Asia Pacific
- Soroptimist International Africa

Q. The document that states SIA's vision, mission, core values and strategic outcomes is SIA's Strategic Plan. True or False?

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Q. Soroptimists UpliftHER began in the 2021-2022 Club year. True or False?

A. False! Soroptimists UpliftHer is an exciting new member engagement initiative that began at the start of the 2024-2025 club year. Each quarter will focus on a different obstacle that women and girls face on their path to formal education and economic empowerment.

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Q. The suggested Club Giving donation amount – the contributions given each year by clubs to support Soroptimist's global programs, is 15%. True or False?

A. False! The suggested Club Giving donation amount is 10% of the funds clubs raise locally.

Q. SIA's prestigious recognition society for members who contribute gifts totaling \$1,000 or more is called the Laurel Society. True or False?

A. True! The Laurel Society is SIA's prestigious recognition society for members who contribute gifts totaling \$1,000 or more.

Q. During 2024-2025, The suggested donation amount for Founder's Pennies – the donations made to celebrate the founding of our organization and support its global Dream Programs – was \$7.52. True or False?

A. False! The suggested donation amount for Founder's Pennies during 2024-2025 was \$6.24 (\$.06 per member times the number of years that SIA has been in existence (1921)).

Q. Generous donors who arrange a future gift to Soroptimist's global Dream Programs through their estate plans are recognized through Laurel Legacy. True or False?

A. True! Donors who arrange a future gift to Soroptimist's global Dream Programs through their estate plans are recognized in and become a part of Laurel Legacy.

Q. Members that automatically contribute to support Soroptimist's global Dream Programs on a monthly or quarterly basis are called Soroptimist Trailblazers. True or False?

A. False! These members are called Soroptimist Stargazers. All the Soroptimist Stargazers in the room – raise your hand!

Q. There is no difference between the Leadership Round Table and the Soroptimist Fellows Program. True or False?

A. False! While the Soroptimist Fellows Program is an accompaniment to the Leadership Round Table, they are not the same thing. The Fellows Program is a 2-year certificate program that offers more intimate and engaging leadership workshops. You must complete a short application before becoming a Soroptimist Fellow.

Additional Questions for the Facilitator (optional)

The following questions can be used as a bonus round – these are not True/False questions, so you can ask the first member who raises their hand to say the answer aloud.

Q. What do we collectively call the programs that ensure women and girls have access to the education and training they need to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

A. Soroptimist Dream Programs!

Q. What is the name of this campaign: A global campaign to raise \$15 million dollars and transform our capacity to reach the 2021-2031 Big Goal of investing in the dreams of a half million women and girls through access to education – and sustain that growth well into the future.

A. The Dream Big Campaign!

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Q. What is the difference between SIA and SI?

A. SI is Soroptimist International, is a coalition, while SIA, Soroptimist International of the Americas, is a federation of the SI Coalition.

Q. Can you name the three ways the Dream Big Campaign donations will be used?

A.

- Program expansion
- Program delivery
- Program sustainability

Q. Name one way the Dream Big Campaign will impact your community, club, and members.

A.

- Financial support for clubs to deliver impact locally.
- Leadership development and volunteer training for members.
- Increased visibility of our programs which will help clubs to attract more members and supporters.
- Decreased fundraising responsibilities for clubs so they can focus on mission-related work.
- New opportunities to engage community members in our Big Goal.
- Increased resources to carry out the Dream Programs.
- Increased brand awareness of Soroptimist.

Suggested Closing Script for Facilitator

Thank you all for your participation – I hope you had some fun and enjoyed learning something new about Soroptimist. Feel free to share this information with members who aren't here with us today.

Before we go here are a few more fun facts about our organization:*

- Nearly 2,300 deserving women were impacted by the Live Your Dream Awards in club year 23/24
- Over **138,000** girls participated in Dream It, Be It since it began in 2015.
- Approximately **50%** of new members joined because of our Dream Programs in 23/24.
- There are over **1,600** member donors to the Dream Big Campaign
- SIA and LYD.org had **53,500+** social media followers.

Thank you again for playing along and for everything you do support Soroptimist!

*<https://www.soroptimist.org/our-work/impact.html>