

The Ruby Award



The Ruby Award was originally an SIA Award and was recognized by Founder Region. SIA and Founder Region no longer have provisions for the award. However, many clubs in Founder Region still have the Ruby award, or similar awards for non-soroptimist members who are making a difference to improve the lives of women and girls. Clubs can make their own timelines for this award. ***Below are some suggestions/information on the award when it was an SIA award for your information purposes.***

Some women work to improve conditions for women and girls through their personal or volunteer efforts; others do so through professional avenues. The Soroptimist **Ruby Award** was designed to honor these women. Although not Soroptimists, their work helps promote the issues that are important to Soroptimists, while offering inspirational stories about how to make a difference in the lives of women.

The Soroptimist Ruby Award

For Women Helping Women is named in honor of the first federation President Ruby Lee Minar. A ruby is also a gemstone associated with wisdom, importance, vitality, strength, power and love: All words embodying the award recipients.

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Nominee Criteria

Works to improve the lives of women and girls

Has made a significant impact within the past two years

Inspires and encourages others

Not Eligible: Previous winners, Soroptimists, their immediate family, or employees.

Recognition Options

Certificate or donation in the honoree's name

Contribution to a women-focused organization

Service project chosen by the recipient

Recognition event where she shares her story

Process

Solicit Nominations – Distribute forms via media, partners, and events

Judging – Committee reviews and selects recipient

Recognition Event – Honor the winner at a luncheon, dinner, or on **International Women's Day**

Publicity – Promote honoree and club's mission through media

Benefits for Clubs

Celebrate women's achievements

Raise community awareness

Attract new members

Gain positive media coverage