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What Working the Voting Center Taught Me

Working at a California Election Voting Center for four days was eye-opening, offering a firsthand look at community engagement, the power of civic duty, and the dedicated efforts behind a fair voting process. It also made me think of my work with Soroptimist International of Lincoln, where empowering voices—particularly women's—is a shared mission. Here are my top lessons from the experience.



**Community Engagement Runs Deep** | Over four days, I met voters of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs. Seeing their commitment to voting reminded me how elections bring people together to make collective choices for the future. This engagement doesn't happen by chance; it's rooted in a community spirit that Soroptimist International also nurtures. Just as voting is about having a voice, Soroptimist empowers women and girls to ensure their voices are heard and valued in their communities.

**Patience and Empathy Go a Long Way** | Helping voters navigate the process taught me patience. Some people were unfamiliar with the steps and had questions. This reminded me how kindness and patience—core values in Soroptimist programs—can make a significant difference for those who feel uncertain or overwhelmed.

**Transparency Builds Trust** | I was impressed by the multiple checks in place to secure every vote, from machine setup to registration verification. This transparency builds trust in the system, just as openness and accountability are essential to Soroptimist's impact. Knowing the effort that goes into each vote reinforces confidence in the democratic process, and that sense of trust is equally vital in our mission to empower women.

**Gratitude for Volunteers and Workers** | Working alongside dedicated poll workers gave me a new appreciation for the time and effort people give to their communities. This same spirit of service inspires Soroptimist volunteers, who make a meaningful difference in others' lives. Their commitment, whether in elections or service, is both humbling and inspiring.

Working at the Voting Center showed me the power of community and the dedication it takes to support our democratic system. This experience was a reminder of why voting matters and how our contributions, large or small, can strengthen our communities. Giving back not only enriches us but also reinforces the community connections that drive both democracy and positive change.

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## Wanted! Sponsors



Imagine a world where every woman and girl has the resources, support, and encouragement to thrive. At Soroptimist International of Lincoln, we're on a mission to make this vision a reality—right here in our community. Our programs provide vital opportunities, mentorship, and financial support to local women and girls who are working toward brighter futures. But to bring these dreams to life, **we need YOU.**

Sponsorship is more than a donation; it's a pledge to uplift and inspire the women and girls in our community. By partnering with Soroptimist International of Lincoln, you're not only funding critical programs but investing in the future leaders, business owners, and change-makers of tomorrow.

Reach out to a board member to learn more.

## Ternero Olive Oil & Vinegar Sales



Soroptimist International of Lincoln Presents Olive Oils and Vinegars from Ternero Farms in Lincoln, California.

Your purchase provides educational and career planning opportunities that help women and girls become self sufficient.

Extra Virgin Olive Oil.....\$23 ea  
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 Vinegars.....\$19 ea

(Fig, Pomegranate and Dark Cherry)

Olive Oils and Vinegars for cooking, salad oils and gift giving.

Call Jean Lund Morrisseau at 916/751-0712. She delivers!

## eWaste Recycling Fundraiser



Soroptimist International of Lincoln has joined forces with Ewaste4good for a year-round fundraiser. Ewaste4good will come to your home and pick up your e-waste on the appointment you set with them.

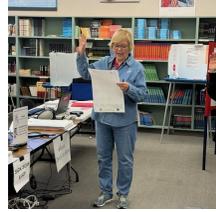
Schedule a pickup by clicking here: <https://ewaste4good.com/pick-up-request/> Front the request form, select County of Organization, select "Nevada/Placer County" then look for "Soroptimist International of Lincoln."



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Welcome to the Voting Center @ Victory High



Jean swears in the team.



Patti, Mandie and Shirley serving voters!



Margaret and Renee readying the Scanner

## Soroptimist Serves Placer County Voters!

Soroptimist International of Lincoln proudly supported Placer County voters by manning the Voting Center at Victory High School for four days, including Election Day. This initiative provided our members with an opportunity to engage with the community, help citizens exercise their right to vote, and reinforce Soroptimist's mission of empowering individuals through service and civic engagement.

The Voting Center at Victory High School served a large number of voters from all backgrounds, representing the diversity and civic spirit of Placer County. Our Soroptimist volunteers assisted voters across various age groups and backgrounds, helping ensure a smooth, transparent, and welcoming experience. Over the four days, the team assisted with voter check-ins, ballot guidance, and machine troubleshooting, ensuring every eligible vote was processed accurately.

## Key Contributions

- **Ensuring Accessibility and Ease** | Our volunteers helped answer questions about the voting process, provided instructions on using voting machines, and guided voters with special needs to appropriate resources. This enhanced accessibility allowed all voters, especially those new to the process, to feel comfortable and supported.
- **Creating a Positive Environment** | Volunteers maintained a warm, welcoming atmosphere, which was especially appreciated by first-time voters and seniors who benefited from patient, friendly assistance. By embodying the Soroptimist values of empathy and service, our team fostered an environment of respect and calm during a potentially high-stress experience.
- **Adapting to Challenges** | Election Day came with busy periods and unexpected needs, from technology issues to increased turnout during peak hours. Soroptimist members quickly adapted, offering extra assistance and ensuring an uninterrupted voting process. This adaptability was crucial to supporting the volume of voters and maintaining a high standard of service throughout the event.

## Community Feedback

The positive feedback from voters highlighted the effectiveness and friendliness of our volunteers. Community members expressed appreciation for the efficiency and respect with which they were treated. Several voters noted that the welcoming environment made their voting experience smooth and memorable.

Participating in the voting process deepened Soroptimist members' connections to the community and strengthened our commitment to service. This experience underscored the importance of civic engagement and the power of teamwork to make a meaningful difference. By dedicating time and effort to ensure everyone's right to vote was honored, Soroptimist International of Lincoln contributed to a stronger, more engaged Placer County.

# NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Election Aide Fundraiser
3 Election Aide Fundraiser	4 Election Aide Fundraiser	5 Election Aide Fundraiser	6 Speakers Meeting @ Noon Round Table Pizza	7	8	9
10	11	12 Red Robin Fundraiser Board Meeting @ 5pm MultiMedia Room Sun City	13	14	15 Live Your Dream Deadline	16
17	18	19	20 Business Meeting @ 5:30pm Via Roma	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

## Monetary Donations



Soroptimist International of Lincoln club members can suggest monetary donations as a meaningful way to mark special occasions or express sentiments.

For birthdays, members can invite friends and family to donate to the club in lieu of gifts, such as, "In celebration of Taylor's birthday, we invite you to contribute to Soroptimist's mission of empowering women."

Anniversaries offer another opportunity, for example, "In honor of their 30th wedding anniversary, the Thomas' have requested donations to support local women with their educational pursuit."

Donations can also be made in honor of someone's achievements, like, "In honor of Sarah's promotion, we're supporting Soroptimist scholarships for young women."

For memorials, a heartfelt gesture could be, "In memory of Lisa, we're collecting donations in lieu of flowers to support mental health initiatives for women and girls and other Soroptimist International of Lincoln programs."

Lastly, in times of sympathy, a thoughtful example is, "In sympathy for the Smith family's loss, the family asks for a donation to Soroptimist International of Lincoln."

Donations can be sent via Venmo (@SoroptimistInternational-ofLin) or by check to P.O. Box 354, Lincoln, CA 95648.

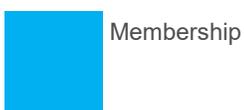
When donating, please add a note of the special occasion or sentiment you are expressing so that we might follow up appropriately.

## In Memory of



In September and October, Soroptimist International of Lincoln experienced the profound loss of two cherished members, Jan Stephens and Ruth Palacio.

In October, we joined their families to honor their lives, celebrating the incredible impact they each had on our organization and our community. Jan and Ruth will forever be part of our Soroptimist story, and their legacy of service and friendship will continue to inspire us all.



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Holiday