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# HISTORY

In 1977, Soroptimist International of Lake Arrowhead (SILA) chartered with 42 members. SILA and Soroptimist International of Running Springs merged in 2009 to form the Soroptimist International of Rim of the World. (SIROW)

Soroptimists have organized and were instrumental in getting paramedics in the mountains community and providing CPR classes. Over the years they have donated toys and clothing to women's shelters and hosted Red Cross training classes. SIROWS' contributions include but are not limited to:

- ✦ Rim Family Services
- ✦ Operation Provider
- ✦ Lake Arrowhead Classical Ballet
- ✦ Rebuilding Together
- ✦ Mountain Pregnancy Center
- ✦ Mountain Homeless Coalition
- ✦ Mountain Fifes and Drum
- ✦ Blue Jay Jazz Foundation
- ✦ Rim Youth Scholarships
- ✦ Lake Arrowhead Elementary PTA Meet the Masters
- ✦ Ability First Camp Paivika
- ✦ LakeArrowhead Family Practice Clinic

SIROW currently offers *Every Girl Counts*, a mentoring, informational and motivational after-school program for 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls at Mary Putnam Henck Middle School. The *Dream It Be It* career support program is offered at Rim of the World High school.

SIROW and Mountains Communities Hospital (MCH) partnered to create and fund the Lifeline Program (a personal response system) and a Mammogram Program to provide annual mammograms to local women unable to afford the procedure.

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# MEMBERSHIP

Membership applications can be obtained on the SIROW website. Before becoming a member, applicants should be aware of requirements for membership.

1. All potential members must attend at least one business meeting and one "meet and greet." Potential members may attend meetings and events for up to two months after initial "meet and greet" before joining.
2. New members will be assigned a mentor to help them during their first year.
3. All members must be active on at least one committee.
4. All members are expected to attend as many meetings and fundraising events as possible, but they must attend at least two meetings and participate in a minimum of one fundraiser annually.



Costs associated with Membership  
*as of 2019*

1. Annual Dues are \$150
2. Social and fundraising events throughout the year average \$35~\$45 per event
3. Members are asked to sell or purchase a minimum of 5 community Dining Discount Cards @\$20 each.

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[www.sirow.org](http://www.sirow.org)

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*Soroptimist  
International  
of Rim of the World*



SOROPTIMIST

*Best for Women and Girls*

*We love  
the Mountains*

**Meetings:**

General Business meeting is 5:30 p.m.  
second Wednesday of each month  
Mountains Community Hospital  
"Soroptichat" meeting is 5 - 7 p.m.  
fifth Wednesday of each month

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