

## **Press Release -- For Immediate Release**

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# **Soroptimist Funds International Water Filtration Projects**

June 27, 2012 (LOOMIS, CA) – Soroptimist International (SI) of Loomis Basin contributed \$1500 to the Seeds Of Hope International Project (SOHIP -- [www.sohip.org](http://www.sohip.org)) and \$750 to the For One Another Foundation (FOAF - [www.foroneanother.org](http://www.foroneanother.org)) to support international clean water projects.

According to Eileen Elder, the Soroptimist club is committed to helping women and girls both locally and internationally. “Our club was interested in selecting an international project that would have long-term impact,” said Elder. “After hearing presentations from several local organizations committed to helping those overseas, we decided to focus on clean water for the 2011-2012 year. Clean water makes a significant difference to mothers and their families.”

Soroptimist member Brenda Newsom, who with her husband Jon established the nonprofit foundation Clean Water Saves Lives (CWSL - <http://www.cleanwatersaveslives.org/>), has partnered with the Seeds Of Hope International Project. CWSL donated water well drilling equipment and is arranging to deliver it to Zambia, Africa through the SOHIP partnership. CWSL is dedicated to providing clean drinking water in areas of need by assisting with shallow water well projects, sanitation training, driller training and donation of some drilling supplies.

Newsom suggested that SI Loomis Basin consider contributing to the Seeds Of Hope International Project. The vision of this organization is to: Reverse the downward spiral of poverty through Empowering Communities with hope and tools to change their futures. The \$1500 donation was designated to supply bio-sand filters to families in Zambia, Africa. The filters remove up to 97% of pathogens in the water. The Soroptimist funding will supply 18 families with filters that are expected to serve each family for a generation.

In addition, \$750 was donated to For One Another Foundation ([www.foroneanother.org](http://www.foroneanother.org)) to support providing basic water filtration systems internationally for orphanages, clinics, schools and small communities. Carrie Beth Bowen, who was raised in Penryn, made a presentation to the club and demonstrated the filtration systems that For One Another Foundation distributes.

SI Loomis Basin is a 501(c)(3) organization and participates in Loomis Family Night on Thursdays during the summer, raising funds by serving beer and wine. Throughout the year, the club hosts fundraisers such as Tostada Bingo, contributes to the Senior L.I.F.E. Center and Women’s Transition Home in Loomis, awards grants to teachers and volunteers, offers scholarships and participates in community projects.

To learn more about Soroptimist International of Loomis Basin, visit a weekly meeting on Wednesday at 8 AM at the Train Depot in Loomis, or contact Nancy Hogan, co-president, at 530-613-1541 or go to <https://www.facebook.com/#!/soroptimist.loomisbasin>.

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