



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF ANACORTES MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Soroptimist International is a worldwide volunteer organization for women, working through service projects to advance human rights and the status of women and children.

Our club, Soroptimist International of Anacortes, was chartered in 1948. We are 95 members strong. Our club operates a successful thrift shop on the corner of Third Street and O Avenue. We also loan home health equipment to community members at no cost, at the same location.

Thrift Shop Hours

Tuesdays -- 1:30-6:30

Fridays – 11:00–6:30

Donations Accepted

Tuesdays and Fridays – 8:30-11:00 a.m. and 1:30-4:00 p.m.

Home Health Equipment Loans

Tuesdays and Fridays – 8:30-11:00 a.m. and 1:30-4:00 p.m.

Member Expectations

Being a Soroptimist typically takes about 12-14 hours each month, if you attend all meetings, meet your shift work assignments, and participate in committees.

Meetings

We meet on Tuesdays from September through mid-July. Attendance is strongly encouraged. Program meetings are on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Business meetings are on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (no meeting on 5th Tuesdays). All meetings are from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. in the Anacortes Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Attendance is in-person or by Zoom (in-person attendance is encouraged if health allows). Hot catered lunches are available for purchase.

Shift Work

- Members are expected to work two 2.5 hour shifts per month at the thrift shop: cleaning, counter, pulling, pricing, and/or intake shifts.
- Members also work one home health shift every three months.
- It is absolutely imperative that shift commitments be honored and that you arrive for your shift on time.
- If you cannot attend one of your shifts, it is your responsibility to find a replacement by calling other Soroptimist members and making a shift trade. Current shift schedules are available online. You will be given a Directory that lists member names, phone numbers, and email addresses.

Committees

- New members participate in the ROAR Committee during their first year of membership (Recruitment, Orientation and Retention). ROAR meets once a month on Monday afternoons.
- After the first year, members are required to serve on one committee, but are encouraged to join two or more committees. Committee work averages 1-2 hours per month or less (depending on the committee).

New Member Training

- New members are assigned a mentor, who oversees your Soroptimist training.
- After completing your training, you will review the *Best Practices* form with a ROAR member, sign it and receive your thrift shop key. You will then contact the shift scheduler to select your preferred shifts and be placed on the regular schedule.

Financial Obligations

Dues: \$120 per year, payable before induction.

Optional: Hot catered lunch (provided by Gere-a-Deli) – \$17.00 as of July 2025.

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