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Oxnard Soroptimist Club Announces Ruby Award: for Women Helping Women Deadline for Submissions is December 15!

OXNARD, CA — Soroptimist International of Oxnard is searching for applicants and nominations for its **Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women** (*formerly the Soroptimist Making a Difference for Women Award*), which honors women—through their professional or personal activities—who have helped to improve the lives of women and girls. Women can nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else in the community. The Oxnard Soroptimists will honor the award-winner at a special dinner in April 2010. The recipient will also be eligible for additional awards at other levels of the international organization.

Nomination forms must be submitted by December 15 to Soroptimist International of Oxnard. Applications can be downloaded at www.oxnardsoroptimist.org or by contacting Ruth Ballin at (805) 218-0080.

The Ruby Award recognizes and honors Soroptimist's first Federation President, Ruby Lee Minar, who served back in 1928. It can also be said that the ruby gemstone represents wisdom, importance, vitality, strength, vivacity, power and love: all words embodying the strong and compassionate women who are Ruby Award recipients.

Soroptimist International of Oxnard is part of Soroptimist International, a service organization in 120 countries and territories worldwide offering programs that improve the lives of women through three distinct platforms: economic empowerment, elimination of violence, and gender equality.

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