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A global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF PINES CITY

The Soroptimist International of Pines City was conceived by women with impeccable personality and resources, sensitive to the needs and welfare of women and girls in the home, the community, in business and the country. The Club was chartered by SI Philippines Region Governor Esperanza Alconcel, SI Northern Luzon District Director Nida Vergara and Onesima Bugnosen of SI Baguio on March 22, 1997 at Prime Hotel, Baguio City, with educator and civic leader Dr. Amelia Mapagu as its Charter President. Other Charter members were Feliza Bandonill, Isabelina Ronquillo, Zosima Aguilar, Priscilla Bautista, and Asuncion Gundran.

HEADQUARTERS

Sitting in front of the beautiful tree park of Baguio Convention Center is SIPC's headquarters. Formally recognizing the Club's valuable contributions to the City since its inception, the City Government of Baguio, in cooperation with the Philippine Tourism Authority, awarded SIPC the use of the Information Center along UP Drive as its headquarters through a duly-signed memorandum of agreement during the term of Honorable Mayor Braulio Yaranon.

OUTSTANDING WOMEN LEADERS OF BAGUIO

Notably, four of SIPC's past presidents have been presented the City's "Outstanding Women Leaders (OWLs) of Baguio Award" - Dr. Zosima Aguilar and Imelda Bisnar in 2010, Annabelle Estepa in 2011 and Flora Balaba in 2018. The Club has three more OWLs awardees among its current membership (2018-2020). Patricia Anne Gallardo-Marcelo was awarded in 2010; Dr. Maria Aplaten, in 2012; and Jennifer Mejia, in 2016. Imelda Bisnar was Charter President of the Outstanding Women Leaders of Baguio in 2018. Gallardo-Marcelo was recognized by the City as an Outstanding Citizen of Baguio in 2012.

Annabelle Estepa and Imelda Bisnar were the most Outstanding Presidents of SI Philippines Region during their terms.

SIPC's PRESIDENTS THROUGH THE YEARS

1997-2000 - Amelia Mapagu
2000-2002 - Asuncion V Gundran
2002-2004 - Zosima P Aguilar
2004-2008 - Annabelle P. Estepa
2008-2010 - Imelda D. Bisnar
2010-2012 - Flora D. Balaba
2012-2014 - Elisa O. Namoca
2014-2016 - Nancy C. Alabanza
2016-2018 - Emelita F. Jaurigue
2018-2020 - Mita Angela M. Dimalanta

DISTRICT DIRECTORSHIP

SIPC has produced three SI Philippines Region District Directors: Annabelle Estepa (2009-2012), Imelda Bisnar (2008-2010) and Flora Balaba (2018-2020). Imelda Bisnar was awarded as the most outstanding SIPR District Director.

PROJECTS

Through the years, Soroptimist International of Pines City has initiated environmental projects - Alay sa Kalinisan, beautification, tree planting movement, Anti-smoke belching, Green Initiative, Save Mother Earth Movement, among others. Community Service - Nutrition programs for day care centers, livelihood training for marginalized women in adopted barangays, education of the youth in Dream It Be It seminars, counseling for abused women and girls, adoption of barangays, schools, PNP Women and Children Desks. Full support to all of the Soroptimist International of the Americas & Philippines Region programs: search for the Violet Richardson, Unsung Heroes, Women Opportunity Awards, Live Your Dream.

SI PINES CITY PROJECTS For Biennium 2018-2020

- SIPC President Mita Dimalanta attended the 45th SIA Biennial Convention in Yokohama, Japan
 - Memorandum of Agreements with Adopted PNP Help Desk, Station 3; Barangay Happy Hollow; Elementary Schools Happy Hollow & Camp 7 & High Schools - Happy Hollow & Baguio City National High Schools
 - Distribution of 20 wheelchairs to indigent Baguio & Benguet recipients through CDD, PDD & PP Imelda Bisnar from Mr. Rudy Antonio of Vancouver
 - Cultural Center of the Philippines Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra's Master Classes for 293 band members & Concert at the Pines in Baguio to preserve Burnham Park as an open green space with co-sponsors CCP, Tourism Promotions Board, etc. - 5,000 live audience & 100,000 reached via social media
 - For SI week, SIPC sponsored Mass at Home Sweet Home with Fr. Macwayne, joined the SINCLD Courtesy Call to the Mayor & Clean up Drive at SI HQ & SI Tree Park.
 - Women's Day Parade with Congressman Mark Go; Live Your Dream promotions & candidate interviews, SINCLD On the Spot Poster Making Contest with PNP Help Desk officers & students
 - Step Up & Shuffle Dinner Dance Fund Raising for Live Your Dream, Dream It Be It & Project Embrace for adopted barangays & schools & typhoon victims
 - We help fund national and international projects through Laurel Society members PDD & PP Annabelle Estepa & CDD, PDD & PP Imelda Bisnar; and Sampaguita Society members Imelda Bisnar, PP Nancy Alabanza, PP Elisa Namoca & President Mita Dimalanta
 - Preserving Last Forest Patches of Baguio City - GSIS/Soroptimist Park Forum with University of the Philippines Baguio, The Baguio We Want, Pine Cone Movement, others
 - Climate Consciousness & Action Forum with Mission Partners at Maryknoll Ecological Sanctuary
 - 2019 - 2020 - Livelihood Seminars Coffee, Mushroom & Tie-Dyeing; Dream It Be It Anti-Bullying, Dating Seminars, Day Care Center Collaboration, etc.
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