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## SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF CONGRESSIONAL

Chartered: April 28, 2002

Public Awareness played a big role in the chartering of SI Congressional, Clarita L. Alagar, an advocate and a lover of Reading, came upon an article announcing the year's awardee of Soroptimist International Philippines Region's WOA (Women's Opportunity Award now known as the "Live Your Dream" (LYD, in a known broadsheet late January in 2002. Curious about the organization and the project, Clarite called up the Soroptimist headquarters. A week after, lo and behold, Marvina Liban, the then District Director of MMNED, called up and met with Clarita L. Alagar. After assessing her, she invited Clarita L. Alagar to be a member but, DD Marvina did not stop there. After much convincing and friendly persuasions and several meetings, a Soroptimist International of Congressional Club was born, sponsoring club was SI Novaliches. SI Congressional was chartered on April 28, 2002 at the Sulo Hotel, Q.C., with then Governor Teresita Choa and other region and district officers in attendance. Eighteen charter members were inducted, amongst them were lawyers, a physician, a hospital owner, teachers, government employees and businesswomen. Clarita L. Alagar was installed Charter President. Following Clarita have been its Past Presidents: Nora Tolibas, Erlinda Villanueva, Felicidad Remo, Agripina Pacis, Edna Malapitan, Cecille Razon, Lourdes Stutely and Judy Gutierrez. Rosella Pagdilao is the current president for BY 2018-2020. SI Congressional became what it was meant to be, the organization that brings out the best in its members, the "Best in Women and the Best for Women".