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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF ANGELES

Brief History

Sometime in July 1981, several business and professional women in Angeles received invitations sent by the late Mrs. Evansuida G. Ocampo to attend two or three meetings at her home in Villa Teresa Subdivision. Little did they know that those meetings were the humble beginnings of Soroptimist in Angeles City. It was on October 17, 1981 when the local SI Angeles City club was officially formed. With the lovely SI Pampanga officers and members as our sponsors, there were 25 women who accepted the challenge of becoming Soroptimist. Letty C. Yap, who was District Director at that time, conducted several Soroptimist Educational sessions at the Tai Peng Restaurant, Nepo Mart. We learned about the nature of the organization, its objective, its credo, symphony, pledge and our obligations, both moral and financial.

It was more than meeting and making new friends. The charter offices and members were as follows: Pres. Tita R. Suarez (deceased), Pres. Elect Edda Flores, Vice-Pres. Ely Narciso, Secretary Caring Pineda, Treasurer Connie Feliciano and Directors Lydia Yap (Deceased), Raquel Frye, Nescie Flores and Carmen Brooks. The members were. Nene Concepcion, Merle de Guzman, Clare Coronel, Daisy Anne Monte, Charito Baula, Eden Forster, Donna Melchor, Tita Taruc, Karla Baluyo (Deceased), Lilian Letchworth (Deceased), Rosette Uy, Mila Pamintuan, Lynnette Ocampo, Pilar Larioza, Mely Lao, and Nene Dizon.

SI Angeles City was chartered and the first set of officers were inducted on October 17, 1981 with National President Rosa Munda and Founder President Mariquita Castelo as our special guests. Our first year activities were mostly trial and error while learning about the Soroptimists. On our initiative, we learned from the Soroptimist Law Book and from other educational references received from our international headquarters office. We had minimal community project during this period because more time was spent on knowing “who we are” and about “Soroptimist”.

However, SI Angeles City discovered a long time “unmet problem”. Our officers through Pres. Tita brought the members to the Social Hygiene Clinic of our city and there the Soroptimist saw the sad plight of less privileged women and youth.