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News Release: Soroptimist Region Governor

Monroe, Michigan, Resident Elected Region Governor of Global Women's Organization

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[Monroe, MI] — Darcy Merritt, of Monroe, MI, is serving a two-year term as Midwestern Region Governor of Soroptimist, an international volunteer organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. As region governor, Merritt will serve as the top administrative officer for Soroptimist clubs in her geographical territory, which covers Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Together, Merritt and her clubs will work to affect social change and to increase the collective impact they have on local women and girls.

Merritt is a member of Soroptimist International of Monroe County, one of 3,100 Soroptimist clubs that improve the lives of women and girls through volunteer projects in the community. A member since 2005, Merritt has held several leadership positions including district director, club president, and club fundraising chair. Her leadership platform this biennium is “Educate to Empower,” the objective of which is to increase the number of women and girls served by Soroptimist clubs throughout the Midwest. “If we educate a woman, we are empowering her to improve her life and the lives of her children,” Merritt said.

Darcy studied Business at Monroe County Community College, and is retired as the branch manager and assistant vice president of Key Bank in Monroe, a company for which she worked 31 years. In addition to serving on the Executive Leadership board in Monroe, Merritt has also been active in volunteering for March of Dimes since 1992, and has served in various leadership capacities for the organization, including that of a board member for March of Dimes Ann Arbor.

Soroptimist (Soroptimist.org) is a global volunteer organization with volunteers in 21 countries and territories. Its Soroptimist Dream Programs ensure women and girls have access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. The [Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women®](#) provide cash grants for head-of-household women seeking to improve their earning potential. About \$35 million in awards has been disbursed to tens of thousands of women since the award-winning program began in 1972. [Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls®](#) provides girls with tangible strategies to accomplish their future career goals. A 501(c)(3) organization that relies on charitable donations to support its programs, Soroptimist also powers LiveYourDream.org—an online community that offers volunteer opportunities in support of women and girls.