

Dear Soroptimist Friends,

January, the first month of the New Year, is traditionally the moment for making wishes. I wish you, dear members of Soroptimist International of Europe, a very happy, inspiring, healthy and successful 2010.

January is also the moment of resolutions and lists. At the beginning of a new year, most of us make lists of things we really want to do, things we could not do until now but for which we intend make time and invest a greater effort in the coming year.

Apart from the usual intentions such as I'll go on a diet, I'll stop smoking, I'll start a course in cooking or IT, I would like to propose some Soroptimist New Year 's resolutions:

*I'll try to attend every meeting of my Club*

*I'll wear my Soroptimist pin every day*

*I'll be proud of being a Soroptimist*

*I'll talk about Soroptimist with friends and colleagues*

*I'll try to recruit at least one new member for my Club*

*I'll visit other Clubs and go to an international meeting*

*I'll look regularly at the SI/E and SI websites*

*I'll be loyal and friendly in dealing with my Soroptimist sisters*

*I'll work at local projects, but also at international ones*

*I'll devote myself to the cause of women and girls*

If every member of our Federation keeps these resolutions, Soroptimist will bloom and expand in the next twelve months and thus make a huge difference for women and girls.

May the New Year bring you happiness and contentment. Personally, I feel this is what Soroptimist is all about. Being a Soroptimist is meant to be fun, to give you friendship, to make you part of a professional network and to give you the joy of helping other women through projects.

In friendship,

