

From: Sierra Nevada Region, Governor-elect, Janice Labadie

To: Clubs participating in "Kay's Cooker Project"

Hello Soroptimist members,

First, I want to thank you for your interest in this worthwhile project. When region Governor, Kay Whitaker, brought this idea to the board, it received a resounding vote in the affirmative. Given the response following our first round of Fall District Meetings, every one of you can be proud of how the Kay's Cooker Project has taken on a life of its own!

That said; please consider the following when you prepare to take this on at your club.

1. I do have two cookers that can be mailed to you for use as an example at your events. It costs only \$9 to mail but I will need your full cooperation when returning it to me. Be sure and use the check list before mailing back. Components include, foil lined cardboard cooker, black pot w/lid, two oven mitts, several clothes pins, an easel with signage, order forms, sample press release.
2. There is an upgraded order form now that makes room to list the club you are from and, that the deadline for Kay's Cooker competition is April 1, 2011. If you have an older form, be sure to make note of these details. Use our SNR official form!
3. The Competition: Clubs will get credit for cooker sales on a pro-rated basis. This will make it easy for large and small clubs to participate equitably. The winning club will be treated to a home cooked meal prepared by your SNR Board of Directors. Perhaps you would like us to come cater your club's installation of officers event?
4. If you go to the official website yourself, solarcookers@JewishWorldWatch.org or, www.solarcookerproject.org remember that the raw materials to make the kits are sent directly to the refugee camps. They are assembled and distributed by the women in an effort to make this income-generating for the women. Women are also trained to educate women and girls over 15 years of age in the cooker's proper use. The headquarters in Encino, California MAY NOT have any ovens on hand to send you. If they do have some, and they can mail you a kit, please send a proper donation back. For sure they will send you DVD's and trust they already know who Soroptimists are NOW! Contact liaison is Rachel Andres.
5. Better yet, do this all via your own Sierra Nevada Region website, www.soroptimistsnr.org, user name `soroptimist' password `synergy'. Links to the cooker website will be there.
6. Watch for an official SNR E-Blast that will have a press release example and the official SNR Order Form for copying and use at your event/program meeting. The DVD that details the project at the Iridimi Refugee Camp in Chad, Africa, is compelling and can be shown on any laptop straight from the site.

Thank you ALL very much for your interest in this biennial project. Soroptimists ROCK!