

Memories

A Tribute to Phyllis Braund

Phyllis Braund, a Soroptimist for 36 years, was the charter president of the Humber/Credit Valleys club in 1945. Returning to Peterborough, she joined SIP in 1960 and served in numerous offices on the executive, including a term as president. In 1961, she was largely responsible for the chartering of the Peterborough Venture Club. She became the Governor of Eastern Canada Region. She was a member of the executive of Soroptimist International of the Americas, serving on many committees and acted as trustee. In 1966-67, Canada's centennial year, she chaired the Soroptimist International Convention held in Toronto receiving help from all the S I Peterborough members. It was held in the Royal York, which was able to accommodate the almost 3000 delegates and visitors. In 1968-70 she was elected as Vice-president of SIA. Later, she was appointed by as an advisor to the Venture Clubs of Americas.

Phyllis rarely missed a conference, board meeting, or convention at Regional, Federation or International level. She had very close connections with clubs in the British Isles, including the chartering of Peterborough, England. It was Phyllis's home that was the location of the mincemeat 'factory', also for many business meetings, and as a guest home for visiting Soroptimists from all over the world. She hosted the 1967 SI president, the 1969 SI president, the 1970 SIA president, a bus load' of Soroptimists following the 1967 Convention in Toronto, as well as numerous other Soroptimist friends over the years.

Phyllis was a leader, a guide, a friend, and an inspiration to all. We honour her by giving the Phyllis Braund Award, which covers the costs of a first-time attendee at our annual Regional Spring Conference.

From material shared by Eleanor Carroll

Mincemeat

For over twenty years Mincemeat was a major fund raiser. As much as one ton a year was made and sold. Phyllis Braund's basement was the factory, and the S I members were the workers. This assembly line preparation required special equipment and organization. Selling was not a problem as buyers lined up for their mincemeat. The recipe was a secret Braund family recipe which was never shared.