

*Soroptimist* is an international organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. Almost 95,000 Soroptimists in about 120 countries and territories contribute time and financial support to community-based and international projects that benefit women and girls.

The name, Soroptimist, means “best for women,” and that’s what the organization strives to achieve. Soroptimists are women at their best, working to help other women to be their best.

Soroptimist members belong to local clubs, which determine the focus of volunteer work to their communities. In addition, Soroptimists participate in organization-wide programs including the Soroptimist Women’s Opportunity Awards, Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls, the Soroptimist Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence, the Soroptimist Making a Difference for Women Award, the Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award and Soroptimists STOP Trafficking.

*To learn how you can become a member,  
call Michele Cohen at 336-7545.*

*Safe House* is Yuma’s only domestic violence shelter. Operated by Catholic Community Services in Western Arizona (CCSWA), Safe House grew from a small home to a 40-bed domestic violence shelter in 2005. Funded through private donations and a grant from the Arizona Department of Housing, Safe House has been filled to capacity ever since, reflecting the critical need for domestic violence services in Yuma.

“I’m very proud of what our agency does,” said Sarah Seneker, executive director of CCSWA. “Most people in Yuma don’t know about the breadth of programs that we offer and that we serve all people, not just Catholics. We are trying to get the word out, because we can help.”



**Soroptimist International of Yuma**

*presents*

**The Singing Chef**

**An evening of Italian food, fun and song**

● Saturday, March 1, 2008 ●

*Proceeds benefit*

*Safe House Domestic Violence Shelter  
and local Soroptimist Scholarships and Grants*



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*Thank you, Sponsors, for your generous support of  
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*Soroptimist Internation of Yuma wishes to acknowledge and thank  
contributors to the silent and live auctions.*



## *Program*

### **Silent Auction and Reception**

#### **Welcome**

*Chip Schneider, Emcee*

#### **Introductions**

*Michele Cohen, President, Soroptimist International of Yuma  
Howard Gwynn, President, Advisory Board, Catholic  
Community Services and Board Member, CCS of  
Southern Arizona*

#### **Recognitions**

*Judy Gresser and Roe Doten, Co-chairs, The Singing Chef  
Sponsors  
Dignitaries  
Chef Karla Billdt, Karla's Kreations  
Cibola High School Servers*

#### **Introduction**

*Sous Chef Rafael Zavala*

#### **The Singing Chef Andy LoRusso**

*Cooking Demonstrations  
Dinner Service*

#### **Live Auction**

*Auctioneer, KYMA Weather Anchor Brad Wills*

#### **Dessert and Conversation**

