

# Soroptimists present awards and scholarships

□ Eight women earn recognition for their aspirations

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Several aspiring health care professionals are among the latest recipients of more than \$8,000 in Soroptimists awards and scholarships.

Eight women were honored Thursday, at the Soroptimist International of Camas-Washougal annual awards banquet and membership soiree. They are Krista Sirois, Coral Swanson, Tracey Barnett, Iva Castle, Barbara Graisy-Adams, Marcy Cink, Alexandria Proudfoot and Rhea Bohlin.

Sirois, a student at Camas High School, received the Violet Richardson award. It includes \$500, which is split evenly between the recipient and an organization of Sirois' choice. She chose St. Jude's Children's Hospital. In addition to participating in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Sirois is a member of the Key Club and is the treasurer of the CHS chapter of the National Honor Society.

Swanson, of Vancouver, is a single mother who has earned a 3.5 grade point average at Clark College. She is enrolled in the nursing program and plans to specialize in oncology. Swanson received the \$2,500 Women's Opportunity award.

Barnett, Castle and Graisy-Adams are recipients of \$1,000 scholarships through the Camas-Washougal Foundation Endowment Fund.

Barnett, of Vancouver, is a single mother enrolled in the nursing program at Clark College. She has a special interest in the area of public health.

Castle, of Vancouver, is a student at Clark College and the single mother of two children. Her future goals include working at group homes for homeless children.

Graisy-Adams, of Vancouver, is a junior at Washington State University-Vancouver. The single mother of four is studying human development and psychology and has earned a 3.94 GPA.

As a youth in Idaho, Graisy-Adams experienced the loss of three of her family members. A car hit a brother who was riding a bicycle, and a sister and brother-in-law were murdered. She plans to use those experiences to help others in the area of traumatic loss counseling.

Cink, of Washougal, and Proudfoot, of Camas, are both students in the nursing program at Clark. They received the Professional-Technical awards and schol-



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**Soroptimist International** of Camas-Washougal members recently honored eight women for educational and career achievements. Award recipients included (left to right) Rhea Bohlin, Krista Sirois, Marcy Cink, Barbara Graisy-Adams, Coral Swanson, Tracey Barnett and Iva Castle. Alexandria Proudfoot was unable to attend the March 16 awards banquet.

arships in the amount of \$1,000 each.

Bohlin, of Washougal, is a specialist in the Highly Capable program at Washougal High School. She received the \$100 "Making a Difference for Women" award. Bohlin, who comes from a "family of educators,"

said she enjoys talking to students about their dreams for the future.

The scholarship money is raised at Soroptimist household and estate sales that are held throughout the year, as well as during an annual dinner and silent auction in February.