

## Club celebrating 20th anniversary

In addition to kicking off the Community Baby Shower next week, the Soroptimists are celebrating their 20th anniversary of working to help women and girls in Josephine County.

Current president of Soroptimist International River Valley, Linda Garrick, says the club has about 20 people at the moment with weekly meetings at noon Wednesdays at the Black Forrest Restaurant in Grants Pass.

On Wednesday, Soroptimists past and present, supporters and those interested in learning more about the group are welcome to a birthday party from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Club Northwest.

Charter members Vera Quimby and Ginny Smith are still part of the chapter, Garrick notes.

In addition to the Community Baby Shower, the Soroptimists are co-organizers with two other local clubs, of Girls Rock, a new parent-daughter event that's going to be held this year on March 13 at South Middle School.

They help in the sponsors' tent at Boatnik and wield the scoops at the ice cream booth at the Josephine County Fair.

They organized the 2009 Taste of Home cooking seminar as a fundraiser and adopt families in need at the holidays, Garrick says.

Over the years this group of business women and retired business women have donated more than \$50,000 to community organizations and scholarships.

Membership is \$90 a year, covering national and local dues.

Garrick encourages prospective members to come to one of their upcoming events or a regular meeting to learn more about the organization.