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PRESS RELEASE

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RE: Information on Soroptimists' work in the area of domestic violence.

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

November 25th is the International Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women. Since 1994 members of Soroptimist International of the Americas have participated in programs that focus on domestic violence as a workplace concern.

Abuse is not left at home. When an abused woman goes to work, it becomes a concern in the workplace. The abused are often harassed at work by their partner, and in some cases the abuser has entered the workplace to physically threaten their partner and her co-workers.

Since members of Soroptimist are business and professional women, they are in a unique position to promote the concept that women have the right to live free from violence. Each year on this date Soroptimists pass out hotline cards and hold events to raise public awareness about this issue. As usual, Billings Soroptimist International members will be passing out hotline cards. Nationally the organization has won awards from the American Society of Association Executives and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence's Allies Against Violence for their focus on the prevention of domestic violence.