

# FOUNDER REGION

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS, INC.

TENTH REGIONAL CONFERENCE

April 18, 19, 20, 1986

The Concord Hilton

Concord, California



**Del Nickerson, Governor**  
1984-1986 Biennium

*REGIONAL THEME: "IMAGES OF SOROPTIMISM"*



**OFFICIAL PROGRAM**

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1984 - 1986 BIENNIUM**

**THE CONCORD HILTON  
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA**

*INTERNATIONAL THEME: "CHALLENGE OF CHANGE"  
FEDERATION THEME: "TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE"  
REGIONAL THEME: "IMAGES OF SOROPTIMISM"*



**FOUNDER REGION**  
**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS, INC.**

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Del Nickerson .....	Governor
Carol J. Steele .....	Lieutenant Governor
Lorraine M. Komor .....	Secretary
Carol Hoskins .....	Treasurer
Loretta Mayer .....	Director, District I
Joan Aldrich .....	Director, District II
Barbara Nobles .....	Director, District III
Barbara D'Arezzo .....	Director, District IV
Louise Smith .....	Director, District V
Marian L. Erwin .....	Parliamentarian



**PAST GOVERNORS**

Mary Gianotti — 1966-1968
<i>Southwestern Region, SI/A</i>
Julia "Bess" Combs — 1972-1974
<i>Southwestern Region, SI/A</i>
Margaret Knott — 1974-1976
<i>Southwestern Region, SI/A</i>
Violet B. Unland — 1976-1978
<i>Founder Region, SI/A</i>
Catherine Burns Jordan — 1978-1980
<i>Founder Region, SI/A</i>
Marjorie T. Conley — 1980-1982
<i>Founder Region, SI/A</i>
Patricia D. Daniels — 1982-1984
<i>Founder Region, SI/A</i>



## **FOUNDER REGION ANNUAL AWARDS**

### **VIOLET RICHARDSON WARD — “Service To Youth” Award**

This award is presented to the Club judged to have the most outstanding YOUTH project. The award is presented annually at the Regional Conference in honor of the Founder President of Soroptimist.

### **YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS — Y.C.A.**

The Youth Citizenship Award is supported by the Foundation of Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. The Youth Citizenship Award program is administered in the following manner. Competition is open to young men and women graduating from public or private high schools not later than the close of the school year in June. Competition begins at the club level, with local awards optional. Applications of the club winners are forwarded to the district for judging. There is a cash award presented by the region of \$500.00 to each of the five district winners. The district winners compete for the regional Awards. The regional winners are awarded \$1250.00, two awards to be presented each year. The regional winners compete with those from other Regions/Areas for the Federation Foundation “Award of Merit” of \$2,000.00.

### **TRAINING AWARDS PROGRAM — T.A.P.**

The Training Award Program supported by the Foundation of Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc., is designed to assist mature women in upward mobility and in their efforts toward retraining and entry or re-entry into the labor market. Competition begins at club level with local awards optional. Applications of club winners are sent to the district for judging. The district winners compete for the regional awards. There is a cash award of \$500.00 per district presented by the region. There will be two regional Awards presented by the Federation Foundation. Each of these winners will receive \$1,500.00.

### **JULIA “BESS” COMBS EXTENSION AWARD**

This award, donated by Soroptimist International of Santa Rosa, is a traveling award and is presented to the club having the largest net increase in active membership during the year from April 1 through March 31, and may include charter membership of a new club sponsored by a club. The results are determined by the regional treasurer’s records.

### **JULIA “BESS” COMBS MEMBERSHIP INCREASE AWARD**

This award, donated by Julia “Bess” Combs, is a traveling award and is presented to the club having the largest net increase in active membership during the year from April 1 through March 31, and may not include membership of a newly chartered club sponsored by a club.

### **FELLOWSHIPS FOR GRADUATE WOMEN**

Fellowships of not less than \$1,000.00 and Grants-in-Aid in lesser amounts are awarded to graduate women for the purpose of encouraging women students to prepare for careers in public service, international relations, political science, languages, medicine, sociology and other areas of study. Awards are granted to women working toward doctoral degrees, preferably in the last year of study. An applicant must be enrolled in a university within Founder Region which offers doctoral programs.

### **WOMEN HELPING WOMEN**

Presented to an outstanding woman who has contributed towards advancing the status of women. She may or may not be a Soroptimist. This award is presented annually at the regional conference. An appropriate gift is presented to the winner.

### **BARBARA STEVENSON “S” CLUB ENDOWMENT AWARD**

Presented to those judged as outstanding senior members of “S” Clubs in Founder Region. Funds are obtained from the Barbara Stevenson “S” Club Endowment Fund, interest only from this fund to be used for awards. The awards are announced at the annual “S” Club Conference, and are presented at the regional conference. Selection of the award winners and final judging is approved by the regional board. Contributions to the Founder Region Barbara Stevenson “S” Club Endowment Fund may be made by transmitting them to the regional treasurer.



### **ELOISE B. CUSHING MEMORIAL AWARD**

This award, donated by Soroptimist International of Oakland, in honor of their Charter member, is a traveling award. The award is presented to the club judged to have the most outstanding Soroptimist education programs for the year. The applications are judged by the Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training Committee of Founder Region.

### **WOMEN OF DISTINCTION**

This is a recognition program instituted in 1984. The purpose of the program is to encourage Soroptimist clubs, to honor, in a uniform way, women in their communities who have made outstanding achievements through their professional, business, or voluntary activities relating to at least one of the Soroptimist program areas: economic and social development, education, environment, health, human rights/status of women, international goodwill and understanding. The recognition is annual. A club may select from one to six women to receive recognition. The candidates should live or work within the territorial limits of the club. It is not a competition. A committee within the club is formed to seek out names, evaluate accomplishments and make recommendations to the club. The club membership approves candidates, then the women are contacted to seek their consent to be honored as Soroptimist Women of Distinction. The year's Women of Distinction are then honored publicly by the Soroptimist club at a special event. It is suggested that clubs make a significant contribution to the Soroptimist Foundation in honor of each Woman of Distinction.

### **YOUTH SEMINARS**

The Youth Seminar program is supported by the Foundation of Soroptimist International of the Americas at the federation level. Clubs are encouraged to hold local seminars and the region holds a regional seminar which has been held traditionally one each biennium. This is a forum for young people to meet and discuss societal issues in keeping with the federation youth seminar theme which this biennium will be: The Community Experience: Lessons for World Understanding. Participants in the federation seminar must be between the ages of 16 and 19. Selection of participants for the regional and federation seminars are made by the participants themselves. At the club level there is no limitation on how many participants there may be. At the regional level, the region decides how many participants there will be. At the federation level, there may be only two participants per region. At the club and regional level, there are normally no monetary awards, however traditionally there have been certificates of appreciation. At the federation level, expenses to the seminar for round trip transportation are provided as well as housing and meals while traveling and at the seminar location. These funds are provided through the Soroptimist Foundation.

*Charlotte  
Kauai & Mary  
Mary - Federation  
Jen Shede  
Inland club - basket*



## LOCAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Regional Conference Coordinator .....	Dolly Rowe <i>Soroptimist International of Concord</i>
Election Committee Chairman .....	Lorene Harter <i>Soroptimist International of St. Helena</i>
Credentials Chairman .....	Barbara Connors <i>Soroptimist International of Pleasant Hill</i>
Finance Chairman .....	Gloria Utley <i>Soroptimist International of Concord</i>
Floor Committee Chairman .....	Bonnie Light <i>Soroptimist International of Concord</i>
Floor Committee Vice Chairman .....	Sally Shultz <i>Soroptimist International of Concord</i>
Club Liaison .....	Suzanne Larson <i>Soroptimist International of Concord</i>
Hospitality Chairman .....	Ginger Marsh, President <i>Soroptimist International of Concord</i>
Properties .....	Irene Bennett <i>Soroptimist International of Concord</i>
Banquet Decorations .....	Mildred Myers <i>Soroptimist International of Concord</i>
Publicity .....	Sandi Hardy <i>Soroptimist International of Concord</i>

## SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CALIFORNIA FIRST BANK  
CALIFORNIA SAVINGS  
CITICORP SAVINGS  
CONCORD COMMERCIAL BANK  
CONCORD CONVENTION BUREAU  
COUNTY CONNECTION  
HOME SAVINGS OF AMERICA  
IMPERIAL SAVINGS  
INDUSTRIAL GRAPHIC  
M & W TAX SERVICE  
PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO.  
SHERATON HOTEL  
VENTURE CLUB OF CONCORD  
WELLS FARGO BANK  
ZAP PRINTING





— **THE SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE** —

*I pledge allegiance to Soroptimism  
and to the ideals for which it stands:*

*The sincerity of friendship  
The joy of achievement  
The dignity of service  
The integrity of profession  
The love of country*

*I will put forth my greatest effort  
to promote, uphold and defend these ideals,  
for a larger fellowship in home, in society,  
in business, for country and for God.*



## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



**DEL NICKERSON, GOVERNOR**  
Founder Region  
Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.  
1984-1986

A special welcome to all of you to the Tenth Annual Founder Region Conference in Concord, California. It's quite unusual for a governor to have a conference in her own home town and I'm very pleased and excited about it. The Concord club members have worked very hard to make this a pleasant time for all.

I hope that the experiences you will have this weekend will further the positive image you have of Soroptimism. I encourage you to mix and mingle with each other, to learn and to enjoy!!!!

When this biennium draws to a close July 8 as we meet together at our Federation Convention in Seattle, I know that we will all reflect on the successes we've enjoyed together. We have much to be proud of and we are still working to attain many of our goals. I am looking forward to working on them with you right up to the the last minute!

Special thanks to all of you for everything you have done and are doing to make this biennium so worthwhile. The love and caring that you have shown to me has done more and more to perfect my own image of Soroptimism. Thanks to all of you of Founder Region!!

*Governor Del*



## THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1986

6:30 P.M. .... Regional Board Meeting  
*Regional Suite*

## FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1986

8:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. .... Regional Board Meeting  
*Regional Suite*

12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. .... Past Governors' Luncheon

12:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. .... Registration  
*Ballroom Foyer*

2:00 - P.M. - 5:00 P.M. .... WORKSHOPS  
*Ballroom*

Joyce Byrne, Advisor  
Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership  
Training Committee  
Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.

Del Laine, Past Governor  
Sierra Nevada Region  
Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.

6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. .... No Host Social Hour  
*Ballroom Foyer*

7:45 P.M. .... OPENING SESSION  
*Ballroom*

### HONORING PAST GOVERNORS

Call to Order ..... Del Nickerson, Governor

Invocation ..... Marcella Colarich  
*Soroptimist International of Pleasant Hill*

Presentation of Colors ... United States Marine Corps  
Color Guard, Concord Naval Station

Pledge of Allegiance to  
the Flag of the United

States of America ..... Joan Aldrich, Director  
District II  
Founder Region

Presentation of the

Platform Party ..... Del Nickerson, Governor

Welcome from the

Hostess Club ..... Opal Baker, President  
Soroptimist International of  
Pleasant Hill

Welcome to

Contra Costa County ..... Sunne McPeak, Supervisor  
Contra Costa County

— Enjoy Your Dinner —

*All  
as ordered*



625 leis  
445 table decorations

Let's greet our newest "Images of Soroptimism"

Recognition of First Time Conference Attendees

Recognition of New Clubs ..... Del Nickerson  
Governor  
and Susan Lompa, Chairman  
Growth and Development Committee  
Founder Region

Julia "Bess" Combs Extension Award  
and Membership Increase Award  
Presentation ..... Susan Lompa

Past Governor Presentation ..... Founder Region  
Board

— Hostess Club —  
Soroptimist International of Pleasant Hill

RECESS

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1986

7:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. .... Registration  
Ballroom Foyer

8:00 A.M. .... Call to Order  
Ballroom  
Del Nickerson, Governor

Presentation of the  
Platform Party ..... Del Nickerson, Governor

Welcome to Concord ..... Diane Longshore  
Councilwoman  
City of Concord

Response ..... Carol Steele  
Lt. Governor

Credentials Report ..... Barbara Connors, Chairman  
Credentials Committee

Adoption of Standing Rules ..... Lorraine M. Komor  
Secretary

Adoption of Official  
Conference Program ..... Lorraine M. Komor  
Secretary

Greetings and Correspondence ... Lorraine M. Komor  
Secretary

new club  
Guam  
10 210 Dublin  
Trinitie  
II Benicia  
Vacaville  
III Calistoga  
Napa  
Sonoma Valley  
IV Crescent City

Super-structured  
24 members  
Extension Award  
Marilyn Kiser  
assistant  
networth 14  
\$1 Napa  
Tie  
\$1 Sonoma Valley  
Charter in  
other region  
Pleasanton  
Tulancingo Mex  
San Ramon  
Dublin  
Alhambra  
Georgia



9:00 A.M. Nominating Committee Report ..... Kay Rutherford  
*Cheryl Peterson only nominates* Chairman  
 NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR  
 PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES  
 APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS  
 Treasurer's Report ..... Carol Hoskins  
 Treasurer  
 Laws and Resolutions  
 Committee Report ..... Catherine M. Burns  
 Chairman  
 9:45 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. .... RECESS  
 10:00 A.M. Credentials Report ..... Barbara Connors  
 Chairman  
 Proposed Amendments to  
 Regional Procedures ..... Catherine M. Burns  
 Chairman  
 Election Procedures ..... Lorene Harter, Chairman  
 Election Committee  
 11:25 A.M. .... Announcements  
 11:30 A.M. .... RECESS  
 11:30 A.M. .... Polls Open - Chabot Room  
 12:30 P.M. .... FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON  
 Ballroom  
 Invocation ..... Mary Anne Iarussi, President-Elect  
 Soroptimist International of  
 Alamo/Danville  
 Welcome from the Hostess Club .... Terri McCarthy,  
 President  
 Soroptimist International of  
 Alamo/Danville  
 Presentation of the Platform Party ..... Del Nickerson  
 Governor

— Enjoy Your Lunch —

Fellowship Awards  
 Presentation ..... Julia "Bess" Combs, Chairman  
 Fellowship Committee

— Hostess Club —  
 Soroptimist International of Alamo/Danville

1:00 P.M. .... Polls Close  
 2:00 P.M. .... RECESS



2:15 P.M. .... Reconvene Business Session ..... Del Nickerson  
Governor

Credentials Report ..... Barbara Connors  
Chairman

Proposed Amendments ..... Catherine M. Burns  
(continued) Chairman

Laws and Resolutions Committee

4:15 P.M. .... Report of Findings Committee  
Catherine M. Burns  
Chairman

4:30 P.M. .... Election Returns

Presentation of Founder Region Officers and Directors  
1986-1988

Presentation of Founder Region Fellowship Endowment Directors

Presentation of Founder Region Delegate  
1987 Soroptimist International Convention, Melbourne, Australia

Announcements

5:00 P.M. .... RECESS

6:30 P.M. - 7:45 P.M. .... No Host Reception  
Ballroom Foyer

8:00 P.M. .... INSTALLATION BANQUET  
Ballroom

Honoring Del Nickerson, Governor  
Founder Region, 1984-1986

Mistress of Ceremonies ... Dolly Rowe, Past President  
Soroptimist International  
of Concord

Invocation ..... ~~Gladys Preszler~~ *Bonny Light*, Past President  
Soroptimist International  
of Concord

Welcome from the Hostess Club Ginger Marsh, President  
Soroptimist International  
of Concord

Presentation of the Platform Party ..... Dolly Rowe

Belva Davis, Political Reporter  
KRON TV and co-host of Weekend Extra

— Enjoy Your Dinner —



GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS .....

"Founder Region/The Power of Our Image"  
Del Nickerson, *Governor*

Installation of Officers and Directors of

Founder Region

Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.

1986 - 1988 ..... Patricia D. Daniels, *Installing Officer*  
*Past Governor* Founder Region and  
*Vice President* Soroptimist International  
of the Americas, Inc.

— Hostess Club —  
Soroptimist International of Concord

RECESS

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1986**

8:00 A.M. .... Memorial Service  
*Park Room*  
Soroptimist International  
of Vallejo

8:30 A.M. .... RECESS

9:00 A.M. .... FOUNDER REGION AWARDS BRUNCH  
*Ballroom*

Presentation of the Platform Party ..... Del Nickerson  
*Governor*

Welcome from the Hostess Club ..... Jan Janowski  
*President, Soroptimist International*  
of Walnut Creek

District Director Remarks .... Loretta Mayer, *Director,*  
District I

Joan Aldrich, *Director,*  
District II

Barbara Nobles, *Director,*  
District III

Barbara D'Arezzo, *Director,*  
District IV

Louise Smith, *Director,*  
District V

Foundation Project ..... Irene Bennett, *Chairman*  
Foundation Committee



## PRESENTATION OF REGIONAL AWARDS

- ✓ Violet Richardson Ward  
"Service to Youth" ..... Carol Steele, *Lt. Governor*  
Youth Citizenship Awards . Susan Cochran, *Chairman*  
Youth Citizenship Committee
- ✓ Training Awards Program ... Dolores Whitt, *Chairman*  
Training Awards Committee
- ✓ Barbara Stevenson ..... Grace Barclay, *Chairman*  
"S" Club Awards Youth "S" Club Committee
- ✓ Eloise B. Cushing ..... Shirley Grover, *Chairman*  
Soroptimist Orientation Soroptimist Orientation  
and Leadership Training and Leadership Training  
Award Committee
- ✓ Youth Seminar Report ..... Mary Gianotti, *Chairman*
- ✓ Women Helping Women Award .. Patricia Kassebaum  
*Chairman*  
Human Rights/Advancement of the Status  
of Women Committee
- ✓ Woman of Distinction Award .... Patricia Kassebaum  
*Chairman*  
Human Rights/Advancement of the Status  
of Women Committee
- ✓ Final Foundation Report .... Irene Bennett, *Chairman*  
Foundation Committee
- ✓ Final Credentials Report . Barbara Connors, *Chairman*
- ✓ Closing Remarks ..... Del Nickerson, *Governor*
- ✓ Soroptimist Pledge .... Mildred Myers, *Past President*  
and Charter Member of  
Soroptimist International of Concord

12:30 P.M. .... Adjournment Sine Die  
Del Nickerson, *Governor*

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. .... Post Conference Board Meeting  
1984 - 1986 and 1986 - 1988 Officers and Directors  
Founder Region, *Regional Suite*



## CONFERENCE STANDING RULES

### 1. Registration

All Members must be registered before being admitted to Conference Meetings.

### 2. Credentials

- (a) The Credentials Committee shall provide identification badges for delegates, alternates and guests upon registration.
- (b) Identification badges shall be worn at all times, and are not transferable.
- (c) Should the delegate be absent or unable to serve, the alternate shall assume the duties of the delegate AFTER qualifying at the registration and credentials desk. These duties shall be retained throughout the conference.

### 3. Seating

- (a) There shall be a designated seating area for delegates.
- (b) Attendees shall be seated five minutes before each meeting convenes.
- (c) The doors shall be closed when the meeting convenes; those awaiting admittance at a later time shall be admitted at the discretion of the pages.

### 4. Smoking

There will be no smoking during business sessions of this conference as a courtesy to those in attendance.

### 5. Communications

All communications for those seated at the platform, and members of the assembly, shall be delivered by an official page.

### 6. Motions

Main motions and amendments shall be written on the form provided, signed and sent to the Chair by page.

### 7. Debate

Debate shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker, and ten minutes for each question, except when voted otherwise by the delegates. No member may speak more than twice to the same question, except by the consent of the voting body. The timekeeper will signal expiration of allotted time.

### 8. Decorum

- (a) All meetings will be called to order on time.
- (b) The Chair at all times shall be addressed as Governor Del.
- (c) A delegate or other member shall rise, address the Chair and having been recognized, shall give her name and name of her club distinctly, making use of the microphone provided.
- (d) No delegate or officer shall leave the meeting room unless excused by the Chair.
- (e) The Chair shall recognize each member desiring the floor in proper order.
- (f) Both delegates and non-delegates shall be allowed privilege of the floor. Precedence shall be accorded delegates.
- (g) Regional committee chairmen and/or members of regional committees shall be accorded precedence of the floor at the discretion of the Chair, with consent of the delegates, if they are speaking to an issue affecting their committee, or to an issue proposed by their committee and which was sent with the Call to Conference.

### 9. Publicity

No discussion or action shall be released for publicity without the approval of the Regional Governor.

### 10. Recording Devices

Recording devices shall not be used during the conference without written consent of the Regional Governor.