

# FOUNDER REGION

Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.

Twenty-First Annual Region Conference



*Inward Journey*

*Outward Paths*

San Ramon Marriott  
San Ramon, California  
May 2, 3, 4, 1997

**Official Program**

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*Nancy Walker*  
***Governor, Founder Region***  
***1996-1998 Biennium***

Regional Theme: "Inward Journey, Outward Paths"

Federation Theme: "Making a Difference for Women"

International Theme: "A Global Voice for Women"

Linda Sue Hansen, Conference Coordinator

Hostess Club:

Soroptimist International of Napa Sunrise

Assisted by:

Soroptimist International of Calistoga

Soroptimist International of St. Helena

Soroptimist International of St. Helena Sunrise

Soroptimist International of Napa

Soroptimist International of Vallejo

# FOUNDER REGION

Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.

## OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

1996-1998 Biennium

Nancy Walker	Governor
Linda McDoniels	Governor-elect
Mary L. Huebner	Secretary
Patty Groth	Treasurer
Carol Rose	Director, District I
Dion Weaver	Director, District II
Gloria Scoggin	Director, District III
Carrie Domogalla	Director, District IV
Donna Ayres	Director, District V
Angela Bugarin	Director, District VI
Jacque Brown	Parliamentarian

## PAST GOVERNORS

Mary Lorentzen-Moser - 1960-1962; Southwestern Region, SI/A

"Song of Soroptimist - Beat the Drums Loud and Clear"

Mary Gianotti - 1966-1968; Southwestern Region, SI/A

"Moving in the Direction of Change"

Julia "Bess" Combs - 1972-1974; Southwestern Region SI/A

"Let it Begin With Me"

Margaret "Maggie" Knott\* - 1974-1976; Southwestern Region SI/A

"Onward and Upward"

Violet B. Unland\* - 1976-1978; Founder Region SI/A

"Beat of the Drum Calls Us to Service"

Catherine M. Burns - 1978-1980; Founder Region SI/A

"Let Us Grow"

Marjorie T. Conley - 1980-1982; Founder Region SI/A

"Windows"

Patricia D. Daniels - 1982-1984; Founder Region SI/A

"Gifts of Soroptimism"

Del Nickerson - 1984-1986; Founder Region SI/A

"Images of Soroptimism"

Carol Steele - 1986-1988; Founder Region SI/A

"Dreams of Soroptimism"

Susan Joyce - 1988-1990; Founder Region SI/A

"We are One in Service Spirit"

Lorraine Komor - 1990-1992; Founder Region SI/A

"Celebration of Soroptimist"

Dorothy L. Avilla - 1992-1994; Founder Region SI/A

"Leading the Way"

Patti Cross - 1994-1996; Founder Region SI/A

"Reach for Soroptimist Rainbows"

\* Deceased



*Inward Journey...  
...Outward Paths*

As Governor of Founder Region, I welcome each of you to our twenty-first annual Regional Conference. Our Regional Conference is not only a time to participate in the annual business meeting, but a time to recognize our Clubs for their many accomplishments, a time to honor our Past Governors, a time to celebrate with the recipients of our special awards, a time for fun and fellowship and a time to renew old friendships and make new ones.

I thank you for your dedication to Soroptimist, for your commitment and support to Founder Region, and I thank you for joining me as we take the "*Inward Journey...Outward Paths*" to service in our communities and throughout the world.

*Governor Nancy*

# PROGRAM

## THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1997

8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Founder Region Board Meeting

## FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1997

**REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.**

8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Founder Region Fellowship Inc. Board Meeting

12:00 Noon - 1:30 P.M.

**Luncheon - Speaker: Angela Mason**

**"World Vision"**

2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Workshop - "Networking"

6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Social Hour

7:00 P.M.

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

### **" JOURNEY TO FELLOWSHIP"**

Hostess Club

Soroptimist International of Napa

Opening

Governor Nancy Walker

Presentation of Colors/ Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Napa Rainbow Girls, International Order of Rainbows

National Anthem

Region Music Committee, Phyllis Rogers and Jay Marie Garcia

Inspiration

Pat Drucquer, Soroptimist International of Napa Sunrise

Welcome

President Janet Schiefferly, Soroptimist International of Napa

Official Welcome and Greeting

Mayor Patricia Boom, San Ramon, California

Response

Governor-elect Linda McDoniels

Presentation of Platform Party

Governor Nancy

Introduction of Past Governors

Governor Nancy

Introduction of First Time Attendees

Governor Nancy

Introduction of Visiting Soroptimists

IGU Committee Chair Charlotte Newman

**Journey to Fellowship**

**Founder Region Fellowship President Dorothy Avilla**

Announcements

Conference Coordinator, Linda Sue Hansen

Recess

**SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1997**

7:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

**REGISTRATION**

**(closed during Business Session)**

8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. Annual Meeting

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

District I	Barbara Obele	District II	Dona Gaddis-Wolf
District III	Cheryl Genin	District IV	Kris Wiley
District V	Rebecca Mikesell	District VI	Debra Nakama

Dorothy Avilla President

Call to Order

President Dorothy

Presentation of Platform Party

President Dorothy

Adoption of Credentials Report

Chairman Shirley Grover

Minutes

Secretary Cheryl Genin

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dona Gaddis-Wolf

Regional Nominating Committee Report

Chairman, Linda Sue Hansen

Nominations from the Floor

President Dorothy

Presentation of Fellowship Director Candidates

President Dorothy

Proposed Amendments

Laws and Resolutions, Chairman Chere Mascaro

Directors Reports

Fellowship Directors

President's Report

President Dorothy

Adjourn Founder Region Fellowship Inc. Annual Meeting

**9:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M. FOUNDER REGION BUSINESS MEETING**

Call to Order

Governor Nancy

Presentation of Platform Party

Governor Nancy

Adoption of Credentials Report

Chairman Shirley

Adoption of Standing Rules

Secretary Mary Huebner

Adoption of Official Conference Program

Secretary Mary

Introduction of Pages

Governor Nancy

# Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. Credentials Report And Election Results

Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. Election Results
_____ Fellowship Director, District II
_____ Fellowship Director, District V

<u>Credentials Report #1</u>	
Clubs in Founder Region	_____
Clubs Eligible to Vote	_____
Clubs Not in Good Standing	_____
Total Clubs	_____
Delegates Registered	_____
Fellowship Directors	_____
Club Delegates	_____
Total Delegates	_____
Quorum for Opening Session	_____

<u>Credentials Report #2</u>	
Clubs in Founder Region	_____
Clubs Eligible to Vote	_____
Clubs Not in Good Standing	_____
Total Clubs	_____
Delegates Registered	_____
Fellowship Directors	_____
Club Delegates	_____
Total Delegates	_____

# Founder Region Credentials Report And Election Results

## Credentials Report #1

Clubs in Founder Region	_____
Clubs Eligible to Vote	_____
Clubs Not in Good Standing	_____
Total Clubs	_____
 Delegates Registered	 _____
Regional Officers	_____
District Directors	_____
Club Delegates	_____
Total Delegates	_____
 Quorum for Opening Session	 _____

## Credentials Report #2

Clubs in Founder Region	_____
Clubs Eligible to Vote	_____
Clubs Not in Good Standing	_____
Total Clubs	_____
 Delegates Registered	 _____
Regional Officers	_____
District Directors	_____
Club Delegates	_____
Total Delegates	_____

## Founder Region Election Results

### Nominating Committee

Chairman, appointed \_\_\_\_\_

District I \_\_\_\_\_

District II \_\_\_\_\_

District III \_\_\_\_\_

District IV \_\_\_\_\_

District V \_\_\_\_\_

District VI \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman Linda Sue

Governor Nancy

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Secretary Mary

Treasurer Patty Groth

Chairman Dawn Moreland

## Soroptimist International of the Americas President Del Nickerson

## Five Minute Break

Chairman Chere

Chairman Joan Aldrich

**POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 11:15AM TO 12:15PM**

## Luncheon - "Pathways to Success"

## Hostess Clubs

## Soroptimist International of St. Helena

## Soroptimist International of St. Helena Sunrise

President Barbara Slavens, Soroptimist International of St. Helena Sunrise

President Jacqueline Arndt, Soroptimist International of St. Helena

Governor Nancy

### Regional Awards:

Governor-elect Linda

Chairman Marianne McBride

Chairman Marianne

Committee Member Gloria Utley

Club Awards:

Presented by District Directors

### Reconvene Business Session

Chairman Shirley

Chairman Joan

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL BALLOTING (If Required)

Continued Proposed Amendments and Resolutions (If Required)	Chairman Chere
Presentation of 1997-1999 Nominating Committee	Governor Nancy
Presentation of 1997-1999 Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. Directors II and V	Governor Nancy
Appointment of Nominating Committee Chairman	Governor Nancy

<b>International Update</b>	<b>Soroptimist International President Patricia Daniels</b>
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Announcements	Conference Coordinator Linda Sue
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Recess

### SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 3, 1997

6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	Social Hour
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7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.	<b>BANQUET</b>
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Hostess Club: Soroptimist International of Napa Sunrise

Installation of Fellowship Directors	President Dorothy
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Governor's Message	Governor Nancy
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<b>Entertainment</b>	<b>Walnut Creek Civic Arts Junior Touring Company</b>
	<b>Coordinator - Sonya Lawson</b>

Recess

### SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1997

7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.	<b>Registration</b>
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8:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.	<b>Memorial Service</b>
	Soroptimist International of Concord

8:45 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.	<b>Awards Breakfast - "JOURNEY TO NEW HORIZONS"</b>
	Hostess Club
	Soroptimist International of Calistoga

Call to Order	Governor Nancy
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Inspiration	Chyrl Hillis, Soroptimist International of Calistoga
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Welcome	President Diane Byrne, Soroptimist International of Calistoga
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**“ BREAKFAST IS SERVED “**

Youth Citizenship Awards

Chairman Cathy Mitchell

District Winners:

District I	Jess Holman, Soroptimist International of El Pinablo
District II	Phuong Tu Quach, Soroptimist International of Diablo Sunrise
District III	Priya Venkatesan, Soroptimist International of Pleasanton
District IV	Robert Coates, Soroptimist International of Calistoga
District V	Stefan Cho-Polizzi, Soroptimist International of Fort Bragg
District VI	Kien Jay Shimabukuro, Soroptimist International of Hilo

Training Awards Program Awards:

Chairman Cathy

District Winners:

District I	Phyllis Sweet, Soroptimist International of Vallejo Gateway
District II	Kathleen Hamilton, Soroptimist International of Diablo Valley
District III	Gina Kuntz, Soroptimist International of the Tri Cities
District IV	Mary Ellen Smith, Soroptimist International of Santa Rosa
District V	Louise Brewster, Soroptimist International of Arcata
District VI	Debra Steiger, Soroptimist International of Kona

Human Rights/Status of Women Award

Chairman Diane Byrne

Women Helping Women

Women of Distinction

Advancing the Status of Women

“S” Club Awards

Committee Member Elaine Reed

Youth Forum Committee Report

Chairman Linda Anderson

Findings Report

Secretary Mary

Vote on Location for 2002 Conference

Governor Nancy

**“Journey to New Horizons” Drawing - Foundation Fundraiser**

Committee Member Mary Ann Redden

Attendance Report

Chairman Shirley

Acknowledgements

Conference Coordinator Linda Sue

Closing Remarks

Governor Nancy

**SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE**

Adjournment

### **Attendance Report**

Clubs in Founder Region	_____
Clubs Registered	_____
Clubs Absent	_____
International Officers	_____
Federation Officers	_____
Foundation Officers	_____
Regional Officers	_____
District Directors	_____
Club Delegates	_____
Other Soroptimists	_____
Guests	_____
TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE	_____

## 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 voting delegates, Soroptimist members, and guests at the time of registration.
- (b) Identification badges shall be worn at all times and are not transferable.
- (c) Should a delegate be absent or unable to serve, the alternate shall assume the duties of the delegate **AFTER** qualifying at the registration and credentials desks. 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 session convenes
- (c) The doors shall be closed when each session convenes; those awaiting admittance during session shall be admitted at the discretion of the pages.

### 4. Smoking

There shall be no smoking at any function 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 official form provided, signed and sent to the chair by an official page.

### 7. Debate

Debate shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker, and ten minutes for each question, except when permitted otherwise by the voting assembly by a two-thirds vote. No member may speak more than twice to the same question, except by consent of the voting assembly.

### 8. Decorum

- (a) All meetings will be called to order on time
- (b) The Chair at all times shall be addressed as Governor Nancy
- (c) A delegate or other member shall rise, address the Chair and having been recognized, shall state her/his name and the name of her/his 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 the privilege of the floor. Precedence shall be accorded delegates.
- (g) Regional committee chairmen shall be accorded precedence of the floor at the discretion of the Chair, with the 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.

**CORRECTIONS TO STANDING RULES**

## **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. This is a traveling award that was established by Soroptimist International of Berkeley.

### **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.

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

Donated by Soroptimist International of Oakland, in honor of their charter member, this is a traveling award presented annually to the club judged to have the most outstanding Soroptimist Orientation or Education programs for the year. The applications are judged by the Member Services Committee for Founder Region. The Member Services Chairman presents the award at Regional Conference.

## **SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION AWARDS**

### **YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

The Youth Citizenship Award (YCA) is funded by the Foundation of Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. The Youth Citizenship Award program is administered in the following manner. Application is open to high school juniors and seniors. Application begins at the club level, with local awards optional. Applications of the club awardees are forwarded to the district level for judging. One applicant from each district will be awarded not less than \$500 annually at the regional conference. The district awardees applications are forwarded to the regional chairman for judging. Each year two regional recipients are presented \$1250, funded by the SIA Foundation. Regional awardee applications are forwarded to the federation level to be judged with recipients from 26 other regions for the Federation Foundation "Award of Merit" of \$2000. On all levels of judging, judges are invited to participate who are non-Soroptimists.

### **TRAINING AWARDS PROGRAM**

The Training Awards Program (TAP) is funded by the Foundation of Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc., and is designed to assist mature women in upward mobility and in their efforts toward training for re-entry into the labor market. Application begins at the club level, with local awards optional. Applications of the club awardees are forwarded to the district level for judging. One applicant from each district will be awarded not less than \$500 annually at the regional conference. The district awardee applications are forwarded to the regional chairman for judging.

Two regional awards, one of \$3,000 and one of \$5,000 are presented each year and funded by the SIA Foundation. One regional recipient's application is forwarded to the federation level to be judged with awardees from 26 other regions for the Federation Foundation award of \$10,000. On all levels, judges are invited to participate who are non-Soroptimists.

### **SOROPTIMIST YOUTH FORUM**

The Soroptimist Youth Forum program at the Federation level is funded by the Foundation of Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. Clubs are encouraged to hold local forums. Founder Region holds a regional forum once each biennium. Participants in the youth forums must be between the ages of 16 and 19. Selection of participants for the regional and federation forums are made by the participants themselves. At the club level there is no limitation on how many participants there may be. At the regional youth forum, clubs may each send two participants. 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 forum are provided through the Soroptimist Foundation.

### **MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR WOMEN AWARDS**

There are three possible awards presently with Founder Region; Women Helping Women, Women of Distinction, and Advancing the Status of Women. The regional chairman of the Human Rights/Status of Women Committee is responsible for distributing criteria forms to the clubs and arranging for three non-Soroptimist judges to determine the regional awardees. The Human Rights/Status of Women regional chairman shall present the awards annually at regional conference. She shall arrange for the purchase of gifts, within the limitations of the committee budget, and prepare certificates of recognition. These awards honor women who have worked to advance the status of women. Recipients may or may not be Soroptimists.

### **BARBARA STEVENSON "S" CLUB ENDOWMENT AWARD**

This award is used for the sole purpose of honoring outstanding high school senior members of "S" Clubs of Founder Region. Nominations for this award are submitted by clubs with the selection to be made by the "S" Club Committee. The dollar amount of the award is \$300. The number of awards to be determined by the regional board. The winner/s are presented award/s at regional conference. The award is named for Barbara Stevenson, a member of Soroptimist International of Alameda, who for many years devoted much time and talent to the success of "S" Clubs. Contributions to this fund should be made through the regional treasurer.

### **FOUNDER REGION FELLOWSHIP, INC. FELLOWSHIP/GRANTS IN AID**

Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. is a non-profit, incorporated entity within Founder Region SI/A. There are elected Directors seated as the board, one from each District in the Region. The President is appointed by the Founder Region Governor-elect in the second year of the biennium. Fellowships and grants in aid, at this time \$20,000, are awarded each year to graduate women in the last phase of their studies in a university offering a doctoral degree, within the boundaries of Founder Region. This program is a Founder Region Identifying Project and is administered through Founder Region Fellowship, Inc.

Conference Coordinator  
 Club Coordinator/Floor Committee Chairman  
 Conference Treasurer  
 Registration Chairman  
 Credentials Chairman  
 Nominations Chairman  
 Elections Chairman  
 Hospitality Chairman

Linda Sue Hansen  
 Jean Crawford  
 Sherri Linden  
 Janet Duncan  
 Shirley Grover  
 Linda Sue Hansen  
 Joan Aldrich  
 Waunice Phillips

TELLERS:

CHAIRMAN: Joan Aldrich

District I	Barbara Carter Linda Green	Soroptimist International of Dixon Soroptimist International of Dixon
District II	Irene Bennett Joan Wacker	Soroptimist International of Diablo Sunrise Soroptimist International of Pittsburg
District III	Jean Leaman Joan Silva	Soroptimist International of Alamo-Danville Soroptimist International of San Ramon
District IV	Dianne Mitchell Alice Reed	Soroptimist International of Napa Soroptimist International of Napa
District V	Inez Anderson Cheryl Schuessler	Soroptimist International of Fort Bragg Soroptimist International of Fort Bragg
District VI	Pam Kindig Joanne Stern	Soroptimist International of Napa Soroptimist International of Napa

NOTES

### **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.**