

FOUNDER REGION

Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.

Twenty-Second Annual Regional Conference



“Inward Journey Outward Paths”

Radisson Hotel Berkeley Marina
Berkeley, California
May 1, 2, 3, 1998

Official Program

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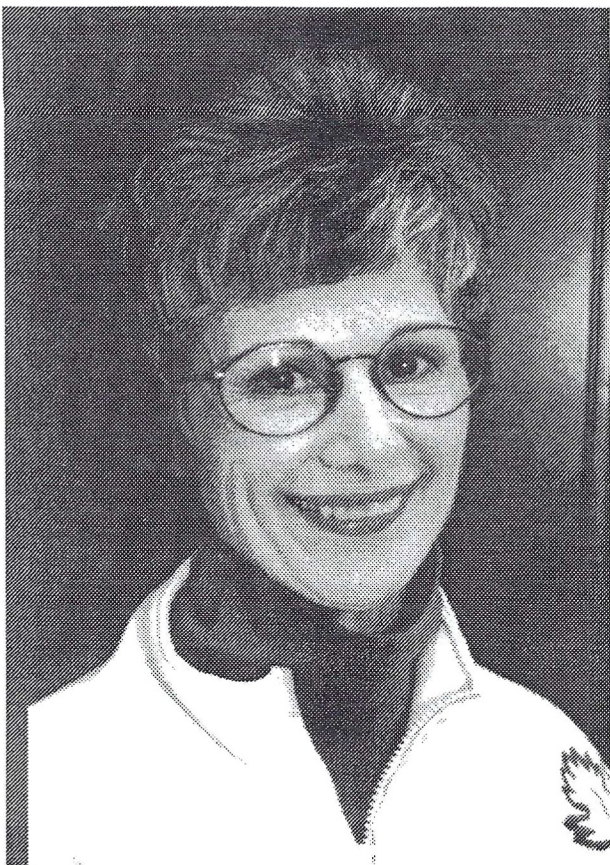
Nancy Walker
Governor, Founder Region
1996-1998 Biennium

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 Santa Rosa

Assisted by:
Soroptimist International of Calistoga
Soroptimist International of Cloverdale
Soroptimist International of Healdsburg
Soroptimist International of Sonoma Sunrise
Soroptimist International of Sonoma Valley



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“Inward Journey

Outward Paths”

Welcome to the twenty-second annual Founder Region Conference. I welcome each of you as we take time to share and celebrate the many accomplishments of our Region. You are truly the ones who make this region the best.

We will soon be at the end of another biennium. I want to take this time to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Governor. It has been an honor, a privilege and an experience I will never forget. Your friendship, your support, your encouragement and your successes have made these two years one of the best times of my life.

The support the members of the Regional Board have given me and their hard work and dedication to the Region and to Soroptimist have been overwhelming and I thank each one of them.

I extend my best wishes to Governor-elect Linda and the incoming Regional Board of Directors as they lead us into the new millennium.

Most Sincerely,

Nancy Walker

1996 - 1998 Regional Board

Governor



Nancy Walker

Governor Elect



Linda McDoniels

Secretary



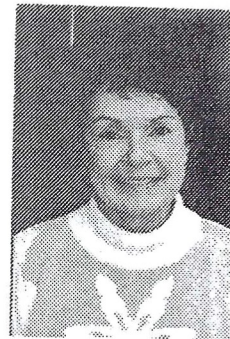
Mary Huebner

Treasurer



Patty Groth

Parliamentarian



Jacque Brown

Director - District I



Carol Rose

Director - District II



Dion Weaver

Director - District III



Gloria Scoggin

Director - District IV



Carrie Domogalla

Director - District V



Donna Ayres

Director - District VI



Angie Burgarin

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"

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1998

8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Founder Region Board Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1998

REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M. - 11:30A.M.

REGISTRATION 2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

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

Founder Region Fellowship Inc. Board Meeting

11:45 A.M. - 1:45 P.M.

HORNBLOWER LUNCH CRUISE

2:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Workshop - "Seven Steps to Inner Power"
Grandmaster Tae Yun Kim

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

Social Hour - Meet the Candidates

7:00 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

"REWARDS OF FELLOWSHIP"

Hostess Club

Soroptimist International of Calistoga

Opening

Governor Nancy Walker

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

Boy Scouts of America, Berkeley Sea Scouts

National Anthem

Region Music Committee, Phyllis Rogers and Jay Marie Garcia

Inspiration

President-elect Karen Schlegel, Soroptimist International of Calistoga

Welcome

President Patricia O'Neil, Soroptimist International of Calistoga

Official Welcome and Greeting

Mayor Shirley Dean, Berkeley, 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

Rewards of Fellowship

Founder Region Fellowship President Dorothy Avilla

Announcements

Conference Coordinator, Linda Sue Hansen

Recess

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1998

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	Mary Ann Redden
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 Carolynn Thomas

Minutes Secretary Mary Ann Redden

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Cheryl Genin

Regional Nominating Committee Report Chairman, Shirley Grover

Nominations from the Floor President Dorothy

Presentation of Fellowship Director Candidates President Dorothy

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 Carolyn

Adoption of Standing Rules Secretary Mary Huebner

Adoption of Official Conference Program Secretary Mary

Introduction of Pages Governor Nancy

Regional Nominating Committee Report	Chairman Shirley
Nominations from the Floor	Governor Nancy
Presentation of Candidates	Governor Nancy
Appointment of Tellers	Governor Nancy
Greetings and Correspondence	Secretary Mary
Findings Report	Secretary Mary
Treasurer's Report	Treasurer Patty Groth
Financial Report	Chairman Dawn Moreland

Federation Update **Soroptimist International of the Americas Director Judy Lee**

Five Minute Break

Proposed Revision to Bylaws and Procedures Chairman Chere

Election Procedures Chairman Dona Gaddis-Wolf

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

12:00 Noon - 2:30 P.M. Luncheon - "Successful Journeys"

Hostess Clubs

Soroptimist International of Sonoma Sunrise

Soroptimist International of Sonoma Valley

Inspiration President Beverly Smith, Soroptimist International of Sonoma Sunrise

Welcome President Pat Pettigrew, Soroptimist International of Sonoma Valley

Presentation of Past Governors Governor Nancy

Guest Speaker Phyllis Sweet

Regional Awards:

Violet Richardson Ward “Service to Youth Award”

Governor-elect Linda

Eloise B. Cushing Soroptimist Education Award

Chairman Leslie Roe

Julia “Bess” Combs Membership Increase Awards

Chairman Leslie

Club Awards: Presented by District Directors

2:45 P.M. Reconvene Business Session

Credentials Report
Election Returns

Chairman Carolynn
Chairman Dona

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL BALLOTING (If Required)

Continued Proposed Revision to Bylaws and Procedures	Chairman Chere
Economic and Social Development Committee Report	Chairman Pati Nelson
Election Returns	Chairman Dona
Presentation of 1998-2000 Founder Region Board	Governor Nancy
Presentation of 1998-2000 Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. Directors	Governor Nancy
Appointment of Founder Region Fellowship President	Governor-elect Linda
Announcements	Conference Coordinator Linda Sue
Recess	

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 2, 1998

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

7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. **INSTALLATION BANQUET**
Hostess Club: Soroptimist International of Santa Rosa

Inspiration	President-elect Niki Brunson, Soroptimist International of Santa Rosa
Welcome	President Pam Chanter, Soroptimist International of Santa Rosa
Governor's Message	Governor Nancy

Installation of Founder Region Board of Directors and Fellowship Directors
Past President Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc, Del Nickerson

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 1998

7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. **Registration**

8:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. **Memorial Service**
Soroptimist International of Fort Bragg

8:45 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. **Awards Breakfast - "Pathways to the Future"**

Hostess Clubs

Soroptimist International of Healdsburg

Soroptimist International of Cloverdale

Call to Order

Governor Nancy

Inspiration

President Susie Hare, Soroptimist International of Cloverdale

Welcome

President Penny Solem, Soroptimist International of Healdsburg

Presentation of Platform Party

Governor Nancy

Health Committee Award

Shirley Grover

"S" Club Awards

Chairman Elaine Reed

Simon De Luna Libao, Soroptimist International of the Marianas

Laurise Pangilinan Yco, Soroptimist International of the Marianas

Human Rights Status of Women Awards

Chairman Diane Byrne

Women Helping Women

Women of Distinction

Advancing the Status of Women

Youth Citizenship Awards

Chairman Cathy Mitchell

District Winners:

District I Hillary Crosley, Soroptimist International of Fairfield-Suisun

District II Christen Renee Morrow, Soroptimist International of Concord

District III Jonathan David Maier, Soroptimist International of Pleasanton/Dublin

District IV Amanda Plumley, Soroptimist International of Cloverdale

District V Debi Batini, Soroptimist International of Arcata

District VI Elizabeth Ann Tin Cho Mow, Soroptimist International of Honolulu

Women's Opportunity Awards:

Chairman Cathy

District Winners:

District I Alicia M. Fernandez, Soroptimist International of El Cerrito

District II Brenda Shebanek, Soroptimist International of the Delta

District III Eleisa Cambra, Soroptimist International of San Ramon

District IV Megan Alvarez, Soroptimist International of Marin County

District V Patty McMurray, Soroptimist International of Fort Bragg

District VI Frances Clare Pereira, Soroptimist International of West Maui

Findings Report

Secretary Mary

Vote on Location for 2003 Conference

Governor Nancy

“Journey to New Horizons” Drawing - Foundation Fundraiser
Chairman Mary Ann Redden

Attendance Report

Chairman Carolyn Small

Acknowledgements

Conference Coordinator Linda Sue

Closing Remarks

Governor Nancy

SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE

Adjournment

Attendance Report

Clubs in Founder Region _____

Clubs Registered _____

Clubs Absent _____

Federation Officers _____

Regional Officers _____

District Directors _____

Club Delegates _____

Other Soroptimists _____

Guests _____

TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE _____

Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. Credentials Report And Election Results

Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. Election Results
Fellowship Director, District I
Fellowship Director, District III
Fellowship Director, District IV
Fellowship Director, District VI

<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	_____

Credentials Report #3

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

Governor-elect

Secretary

Treasurer

District I

District II

District III

District IV

District V

District VI

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.

WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARDS

The Women's Opportunity Awards Program 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.

Three regional awards, two 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, arranging 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.

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

Helen Sager
 Lynn Riepenhoff
 Carolyn Small
 Carolynn Thomas
 Shirley Grover
 Dona Gaddis-Wolf
 Pam Chanter

TELLERS:

CHAIRMAN:	Dona Gaddis-Wolf	
District I	Barbara Carter Becky Ramos,	Soroptimist International of Dixon Soroptimist International of El Pinablo
District II	Lynn Robbins Kathryn Graham	Soroptimist International of Pleasant Hill Soroptimist International of Rio Vista
District III	Peggy Morse Claudia McCormick	Soroptimist International of Livermore Soroptimist International of Pleasanton/Dublin
District IV	Alice Reed Sydney Sciaini	Soroptimist International of Napa Soroptimist International of Cloverdale
District V	Inez Anderson Cheryl Schuessler	Soroptimist International of Fort Bragg Soroptimist International of Fort Bragg
District VI	Patty Herdell Toni Weems	Soroptimist International of St. Helena Soroptimist International of St. Helena

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.