

FOUNDER REGION

Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.

Twenty-Fourth Annual Region Conference



“Making A Difference Together”

San Ramon Marriott
San Ramon, California
May 5, 6 & 7, 2000

Official Program

OFFICIAL PROGRAM
FOUNDER REGION
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San Ramon, California

Linda McDaniels

Governor, Founder Region

1998-2000 Biennium

Region Theme: "Making a Difference Together"

Federation Theme: "Making a Difference for Women"

International Theme: "A Global Voice, A Global Vision"

Del Nickerson, Conference Coordinator

Hostess Clubs:

Soroptimist International of St. Helena Sunrise

Soroptimist International of El Pinablo

FOUNDER REGION
Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
1998-2000 Biennium

Linda McDoniels.....Governor
Carol Rose.....Governor-elect
Mary Ann Redden.....Secretary
Lynn Forrest Knight.....Treasurer
Amelia Benko.....Director, District I
Dion Weaver.....Director, District II
Jean Crawford.....Director, District III
Cathy Mitchell.....Director, District IV
Lynne Jackson.....Director, District V
Judy Lee..... Director, District VI
Jacque Brown.....Parliamentarian



WELCOME TO THE TWENTY FOURTH FOUNDER REGION CONFERENCE. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE TWO YEARS HAVE GONE BY AND WE ARE AT THE END OF THE 1998-2000 BIENNIUM. THANK YOU FOR COMING AND CELEBRATING WITH US THE BEGINNING OF A NEW BIENNIUM. AS A BOARD WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE 1998-2000 BIENNIUM SO WONDERFUL.

Josephine Spada

Secretary Mary Ann

Director Cathy

Director Amelia

Director Dion Treasurer Lynn

Parliamentarian Joanne

Governor Elect Carol

Director Judy

Director Jean

Director Lynne

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2000

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

Founder Region Board Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2000

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: Jim Hernandez –Concord Police
“Our Youth Are Our Future”**

2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Workshop-Legislative Advocacy

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

Social Hour

7:00 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

“ Taking Fellowship Into The New Millenium”

Hostess Clubs

Soroptimist International of Antioch

Soroptimist International of Pittsburg

Opening

Governor Linda McDoniels

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

Livermore Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

National Anthem

President of Soroptimist International of El Cerrito
Barbara Lanier

Inspiration

President of Soroptimist International of Pittsburg
Dr. Marguerite Elcenko-Hecimovich

Welcome

President of Soroptimist International of Antioch
Judy Parent-Smith

Official Welcome and Greeting

Ken Slavens, Mayor of St. Helena

Response

Governor-elect Carol Rose

Presentation of Platform Party

Governor Linda

Introduction of Past Governors

Governor Linda

Introduction of First Time Attendees

Governor Linda

Taking Fellowship Into the New Millenium

**Founder Region Fellowship, Inc.
President Nancy Walker**

Announcements

Conference Coordinator, Del Nickerson

Recess

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2000

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 Patty Groth

District III Linda Sue Hansen

District V Barbara Perra

District II Lynn Robbins

District IV Yvonne Metzler

District VI Debra Nakama

Nancy Walker, President

Call to Order

President Nancy

Presentation of Platform Party

President Nancy

Adoption of Credentials Report

Chairman Judy Parsons

Minutes

Secretary Linda Sue Hansen

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Yvonne Metzler

Region Nominating Committee Report

Chairman Rebecca Mikesell

Nominations from the Floor

President Nancy

Presentation of Fellowship Director Candidates

President Nancy

Proposed Amendments

Laws and Resolutions, Chairman Barbara Carter

Directors Reports

Fellowship Directors

President's Report

President Nancy

Adjourn Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. Annual Meeting

Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. Credentials Reports

Credentials Report #1	
Clubs in Founder Region	_____
Clubs Eligible to Vote	_____
Clubs Not in Good Standing	_____
Clubs Registered	_____
Total Clubs	_____
Delegates Registered	
Fellowship 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	_____
Clubs Registered	_____
Total Clubs	_____
Delegates Registered	
Fellowship Directors	_____
Club Delegates	_____
Total Delegates	_____

Founder Region Credentials Reports

Credentials Report #1	
Clubs in Founder Region	_____
Clubs Eligible to Vote	_____
Clubs Not in Good Standing	_____
Clubs Registered	_____
Total Clubs	_____
Delegates Registered	
Region 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	_____
Clubs Registered	_____
Total Clubs	_____
Delegates Registered	
Region Officers	_____
District Directors	_____
Club Delegates	_____
Total Delegates	_____

Credentials Report #3	
Clubs in Founder Region	_____
Clubs Eligible to Vote	_____
Clubs Not in Good Standing	_____
Clubs Registered	_____
Total Clubs	_____
Delegates Registered	
Region Officers	_____
District Directors	_____
Club Delegates	_____
Total Delegates	_____

9:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.

FOUNDER REGION BUSINESS MEETING

Call to Order	Governor Linda
Presentation of Platform Party	Governor Linda
Adoption of Credentials Report	Chairman Judy
Adoption of Standing Rules	Secretary Mary Ann Redden
Adoption of Official Conference Program	Secretary Mary Ann
Introduction of Pages	Governor Linda
Region Nominating Committee Report	Chairman Rebecca
Nominations from the Floor	Governor Linda
Presentation of Candidates	Governor Linda
Appointment of Tellers	Governor Linda
Greetings and Correspondence	Secretary Mary Ann
Treasurer's Report	Treasurer Lynn Forrest Knight
Financial Report	Chairman Judy Parsons
Federation Update	Soroptimist International of the Americas Director Pina Castaldo de Pileggi

Five Minute Break

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws and Procedures	Chairman Barbara
Election Procedures	Chairman Mary Huebner

Recess **POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 11:15 A.M. TO 12:15 P.M.**

12:00 Noon – 2:30 P.M. **Luncheon**
“Continue Your Success Into the Future”
Hostess
Founder Region District Directors

Inspiration	Treasurer Lynn
Welcome	Governor-elect Carol

Presentation of Past Governors	Governor Linda
Presentation of Governor's Circle	District Directors
Region Awards:	
Violet Richardson Ward "Service to Youth Award"	Governor-elect Carol
Eloise B. Cushing Soroptimist Education Award	Chairman Leslie Roe
Julia "Bess" Combs Membership Increase Awards	Chairman Leslie

Governor's Message	Governor Linda
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2:45 P.M. Reconvene Business Session

Credentials Report	Chairman Judy
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Election Returns	Chairman Mary
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL BALLOTING (If Required)

Continued Proposed Amendments and Resolutions (If Required)	Chairman Barbara
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Presentation of 2000-2002 Founder Region Board of Directors	Governor Linda
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Presentation of 2000-2002 Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. Directors I, IV and VI	Governor Linda
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Appointment of 2000-2002 Fellowship President	Governor-elect Carol
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Announcements	Conference Coordinator Del
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Recess

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 6, 2000

6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Social Hour

7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

Installation Banquet "Together Into 2000"

Hostess Clubs

Soroptimist International of St. Helena Sunrise

Soroptimist International of El Pinablo

Inspiration	President Sandi Alstrand, Soroptimist International of El Pinablo
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Welcome	President Holly Mason, Soroptimist International of St. Helena Sunrise
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Installation	Federation Director Nancy Walker
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Entertainment	Dancing to Royal Sound
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**Founder Region Fellowship, Inc.
Election Results**

Fellowship Director District I

Fellowship Director District IV

Fellowship Director District VI

**Founder Region Election Results
Board of Directors**

Governor-elect

Secretary

Treasurer

Director District I

District Director II

Director District III

Director District IV

Director District V

Director District VI

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2000

7:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. **Registration**
8:00 A.M. – 8:30 A. M. **Memorial Service**
Soroptimist International of Mendocino-Sonoma Coast
8:45 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. **Awards Breakfast “Making a Difference Together”**
Hostess Club
Soroptimist International of Calistoga

Call to Order Governor Linda

Inspiration Wilhelmina Grader-Stephens
Soroptimist International of Calistoga

Welcome Carrie Domogalla, Soroptimist International of Calistoga

Presentation of Platform Party Governor Linda

“BREAKFAST IS SERVED”

Youth Citizenship Awards Chairman Mary Huebner

District Winners

District I Maresa Y. Decena, Soroptimist Int’l of the Tri Cities
District II Joanne Taylor, Soroptimist Int’l of Walnut Creek
District III Rachel Mitrovich, Soroptimist Int’l of Calistoga
District IV Jennifer Nicolle Berry, Soroptimist Int’l of Yokayo Sunrise
District V Lydia Senter, Soroptimist Int’l of Willits
District VI Ngoc-Yen Nguyen, Soroptimist Int’l of Honolulu

Women’s Opportunity Awards

District Winners

District I Rahdika D. Brown, Soroptimist Int’l of Oakland
District II Che Serrano, Soroptimist Int’l of Diablo Sunrise
District III Amber Hall, Soroptimist Int’l of Vallejo Gateway
District IV Teresa King, Soroptimist Int’l of Santa Rosa
District V Debbie Banks, Soroptimist Int’l of Mendocino
District VI Karen Angus, Soroptimist Int’l of Honolulu

Human Rights/Status of Women Award Ginger Marsh

Women Helping Women
Women of Distinction
Advancing the Status of Women

“S” Club Awards Chairman Elaine Reed

Findings Report Secretary Mary Ann

Vote on Location for 2005 Conference

Governor Linda

“Millenium Madness” Drawing-Foundation Fundraiser
Chairman Chryl Hillis

Attendance Report

Registration Chairman Lynn Coleman

Acknowledgements

Conference Coordinator Del

Closing Remarks

Governor Linda

SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE

Adjournment

Attendance Report

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

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Conference Coordinator	Del Nickerson
Club Coordinator	Lee McDoniels
Conference Treasurer	Michelle Itagaki
Registration Chairman	Lynn Coleman
Credentials Chairman	Judy Parsons
Nominations Chairman	Rebecca Mikesell
Elections Chairman	Mary Huebner
Floor Committee Chairman	Margaret Freidrich

TELLERS:

CHAIRMAN:	Mary Huebner
Louise Agnew	Soroptimist International of Antioch
Laura Zuerner	Soroptimist International of Antioch
Christie Wernick	Soroptimist International of Crescent City
Mary Lou Batchlor	Soroptimist International of Dixon
Linda Green	Soroptimist International of Dixon
Delma Kline	Soroptimist International of Livermore
Ann Decker	Soroptimist International of Mendocino Sonoma Coast
Mona Windsor	Soroptimist International of Eel River Valley
Jacqueline Laster	Soroptimist International of San Ramon
Ginger Masini	Soroptimist International of Ukiah
Holly Ito	Soroptimist International of Walnut Creek
Lois Sharkey	Soroptimist International of Walnut Creek

Founder Region 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”

Nancy Walker-1996-1998; Founder Region SI/A
“Inward Journey-Outward Paths”

*Deceased

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. **Communications**
All communications for those seated at the platform and members of the assembly shall be delivered by an official page.
5. **Motions**
Main motions and amendments shall be written on the official form provided, signed and sent to the chair by an official page.
6. **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.
7. **Decorum**
 - (a) All meetings will be called to order on time.
 - (b) The Chair at all times shall be addressed as Governor Linda.
 - (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) Region 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.
8. **Publicity**
No discussion or action shall be released for publicity without the approval of the Region Governor.
9. **Recording Devices**
Recording devices shall not be used during the Conference without the written consent of the Region 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 Region Conference in honor of the Founder President of Soroptimist and her work in saving the Redwoods. The award is a Founder pin mounted on a redwood burl. Soroptimist International of Berkeley presented this traveling award to Founder Region in 1968. Soroptimist International of Alameda presented the accompanying plaque to Founder Region in 1981. The plaque bears the names of the awardees and is updated annually.

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 Region treasurer's records determine the results.

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 Member Services Committee judges the applications for Founder Region. The Member Services Chairman presents the award at Region 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 Region Conference. The district awardees applications are forwarded to the Region chairman for judging. Each year two Region recipients are presented \$1250, funded by the SIA Foundation. Region awardee applications are forwarded to the federation level to be judged with recipients from 29 other regions for the Federation Foundation "Award of Merit" of \$2500. On all levels of judging, judges are to be non-Soroptimists.

WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARDS

The Women's Opportunity Awards 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 Region Conference. The district awardee applications are forwarded to the Region chairman for judging.

Two Region awards, one of \$3,000 and one of \$5,000 are presented each year and funded by the SIA Foundation. One Region recipient's application is forwarded to the Federation level to be judged with awardees from 29 other regions for the Federation Foundation award's of \$10,000. On all levels, judges are to be non-Soroptimists.

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 Region 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 Region awardees. The Human Rights/Status of Women Region chairman shall present the awards annually at Region 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 is determined by the Region Board. The winner/s are presented award/s at Region 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 Region treasurer.

FOUNDER REGION FELLOWSHIP, INC. FELLOWSHIP/GRANTS IN AID

Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. is a non-profit, incorporated entity within Founder Region Soroptimist International of the Americas. There are elected Directors seated as the board, one from each District in the Region. The Founder Region Governor-elect appoints the President in the second year of the biennium. Fellowships and grants in aid, not less than \$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.

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