

FOUNDER REGION

Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.

Twenty-Fifth Annual Region Conference



"Soroptimists Soar Into the New Century"

San Ramon Marriott
San Ramon, California

May 4, 5 and 6, 2001

Official Program

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

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“Silver Anniversary”

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San Ramon Marriott
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Carol Rose

Governor, Founder Region

2000 - 2002

Region Theme: “Soroptimists Soar Into The New Century”

Federation Theme: “Making a Difference for Women”

International Theme: “A Global Voice, A Global Vision”

Del Nickerson, Conference Coordinator

Hostess Club:

Soroptimist International of Dixon

FOUNDER REGION

Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

2000 - 2002

Carol Rose	Governor
Mary Ann Redden	Governor-Elect
Amelia Benko	Secretary
Cathy Mitchell	Treasurer

Chrisann Nicholson	Director, District I
Doris Webster	Director, District II
Lee Ray McDoniels	Director, District III
Kay Barrett-Ritter	Director, District IV
Sue Finch	Director, District V
Julie Kamanawa-Kala	Director District VI

Jacque Brown - Parliamentarian



Welcome to our Twenty-fifth Silver Anniversary Region Conference.

Take this opportunity to participate in the business meeting, voice your opinions and vote. This is your right as a delegate. Be prideful when you hear of our accomplishments especially, all of the award winners. Conference is also the time to renew friendships and make new ones. It is one of our Soroptimist bonds.

Thank you for making this past year exciting for me. Thank you for your warmth, generosity and your caring. Your strengths have given me what it takes to be your governor. I appreciate your loyalty and dedication to Soroptimism.

Remember, *Soroptimists Soar Into The New Century*, and as you're fulfilling my theme, have fun doing it!

Carol Rose

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2001

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Founder Region Board Meeting

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Registration**

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2001

REGISTRATION 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Founder Region Fellowship Board Meeting

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Programs of Service Workshop

12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Luncheon**

Human Rights/Status of Women Awards

Chairman, Betty Smith

Welcome Margarite Kittyle

Inspiration Cecilia Olkowski

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Legislative Advocacy Workshop
Chairman, Carrie Domogalla

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Social Hour

7:00 p.m. **Fellowship Awards Dinner**

“Fellowship Soars Into The New Century”

Hostess Club

Soroptimist International of Concord

Opening Governor Carol Rose

Presentation of Colors Tremont 4-H Club of Dixon

National Anthem Vickie Tama

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America Tremont 4-H Club of Dixon

Inspiration Dawn Chiappino
President, Soroptimist International of Concord

Welcome Norene Lowry
President-elect, Soroptimist International of Concord

Official Welcome Mary Ann Courville, Mayor, City of Dixon

Response	Governor-elect Mary Ann Redden
Presentation of Platform Party	Governor Carol
Introduction of Past Governors	Governor Carol
Introduction of First Time Attendees	Governor Carol
Awardee and Grant Presentations	Linda McDoniels, President Founder Region Fellowship, Inc.
Announcements	Conference Coordinator, Del Nickerson
	Recess

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2001

7:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon	Registration (closed during Business Session)
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. Annual Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District I Joyce Strand
 District III Linda Sue Hansen
 District V Lynne Jackson

District II Lynn Robbins
 District IV Linda Simon
 District VI Elaine Randall

Linda McDoniels, President

Call to Order	President Linda
Presentation of Platform Party	President Linda
Adoption of Credentials Report	Chairman Shirley Grover
Minutes	Secretary Linda Sue Hansen
Treasurer's Report	Treasurer Joyce Strand
Region Nominating Committee Report	Chairman Rebecca Mikesell
Nominations from the Floor	President Linda
Presentation of Fellowship Director Candidates	President Linda
Directors Reports	Fellowship Directors
President's Report	President Linda

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. to 11:15 a.m.

FOUNDER REGION BUSINESS MEETING

Call to Order	Governor Carol
Presentation of Platform Party	Governor Carol
Adoption of Credentials Report	Chairman Shirley
Adoption of Standing Rules	Secretary Amelia Benko
Adoption of Official Conference Program	Secretary Amelia
Introduction of Pages	Governor Carol
Region Nominating Committee Report	Chairman Rebecca
Nominations from the Floor	Governor Carol
Presentation of Candidates	Governor Carol
Appointment of Tellers	Governor Carol
Greetings and Correspondence	Secretary Amelia
Treasurer's Report	Treasurer Cathy Mitchell
Financial Report	Chairman Penny Solem
Federation Update/Membership Changes	Nancy Walker, Director Soroptimist International of the Americas
Proposed Amendments to ByLaws as time permits	Chairman Barbara Carter
Election Procedures	Chairman Patty Groth
Credentials Report	Chairman Shirley
Recess	POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 11:15 A.M. TO 12:15 P.M.
12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m.	"Clubs Reach for New Heights" Hostess Founder Region District Directors
Inspiration	Doris Webster Director, District II
Welcome	Lee Ray McDoniels Director, District III
Presentation of Past Governors	Governor Carol

Presentation of S.O.A.R. Awards

District Directors

SOROPTIMIST OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Region Awards:

Public Relations Award

Elaine Reed, Chairman

Violet Richardson Ward "Service to Youth Award"

Governor-elect Mary Ann

Eloise B. Cushing "S.O.L.T." Award

Susan Joyce, Chairman

Member Services Committee

Julia "Bess" Combs Membership Increase Award

Treasurer Cathy

2:15 p.m.

Reconvene Business Session

Credentials Report

Chairman Shirley

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws

Chairman Barbara

Election Returns

Chairman Patty

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL BALLOTING (If Required)

Presentation of 2001-2003 Founder Region Nominating Committee

Governor Carol

Appointment of 2001-2003 Nominating Committee Chairman

Governor Carol

Presentation of 2001-2003 Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. Directors, District II, III, IV and V

Governor Carol

Announcements

Conference Coordinator Del

Saturday Evening, May 5, 2001

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Social Hour

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

"Celebrate 25 Years Together"

Banquet

Hostess Club

Soroptimist International of Dixon

Inspiration

Louise Walker, President, Soroptimist International of Dixon

Welcome

Linda Glantz, Club Chairman, Soroptimist International of Dixon

Installation

President Linda

"Restoring Memories"

Del Nickerson

Governor's Message

Governor Carol

Entertainment

Dancing to Royal Sound

Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. Election Results

Fellowship Director, District II

Fellowship Director, District III

Fellowship Director, District IV

Fellowship Director, District V

Founder Region Nominating Committee Election Results

Chairman

District I

District II

District III

District IV

District V

District VI

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2001

7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. **Memorial Service**
Soroptimist International of Vacaville

8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Awards Breakfast**
“Soroptimists Soar Into The New Century”
Hostess Club
Soroptimist International of Kona

Call to Order Governor Carol

Inspiration Julie Kamanawa-Kala
Director, District VI

Welcome Sally Alapai
President, Soroptimist International of Kona

Presentation of Platform Party Governor Carol
“BREAKFAST IS SERVED”

Violet Richardson Award Finalists **Chairman Jean Crawford**

District I	Lauren Bradley,	submitted by S/I Alamo-Danville
District II	Coney Rose Buban	submitted by S/I Pittsburg
District III	Christina Riechers	submitted by S/I Napa Sunrise
District IV	Molly McCalla	submitted by S/I Yokayo Sunrise
District V	Meredith Griffiths	submitted by S/I Eel River Valley
District VI	Laura Savidge	submitted by S/I Honolulu

Women’s Opportunity Awards District Winners **Chairman Donna Ayres**

District I	Sonnie Dae	submitted by S/I San Ramon
District II	Christine M. Hanratty	submitted by S/I Antioch
District III	Karen A. Osborne	submitted by S/I Dixon
District IV	Laura Chavez	submitted by S/I Cloverdale
District V	Elizabeth Hilderbrand	submitted by S/I Eel River Valley
District VI	Rhondalei Keahleleokamaile Hoopii	submitted by S/I Maui

Barbara Stevenson S-Club Endowment Award Chairman Joyce Suikhonen

“The Sky’s The Limit” Foundation Fundraiser
Foundations Committee member, Joann Moczulski

Attendance Report

Barbara Carter, Registration Chairman
Soroptimist International of Dixon

Soar to Kona

Mary Huebner, Conference Coordinator
Founder Region Conference, 2002, Kona, Hawaii

Acknowledgments

Conference Coordinator Del

Soroptimist Pledge

Adjournment

<u>Attendance Report</u>	
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 Chairman	Linda Glantz
Conference Treasurer	Dolores Garton
Registration Chairman	Barbara Carter
Credentials Chairman	Shirley Grover
Nominations Chairman	Rebecca Mikesell
Elections Chairman	Patty Groth
Floor Committee Chairman	Mary Batchelor

TELLERS:

Chairman	Patty Groth
Jackie Finkelstein	Soroptimist International of Concord
Norene Lowry	Soroptimist International of Concord
Lynne Jackson	Soroptimist International of Eel River Valley
Delma Kline	Soroptimist International of Livermore
Hazel Barbano	Soroptimist International of Marin
Elaine Randall	Soroptimist International of Maui
Lynn Robins	Soroptimist International of Pleasant Hill
Judy Patocka	Soroptimist International of The East Bay
Ginger Massini	Soroptimist International of Ukiah
Clara Oakes	Soroptimist International of Vacaville

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”

Linda McDoniels, 1998-2000, Founder Region, SI/A
“Making a Difference Together”

*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 Carol.
 - (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.
 - (h) No cell phones, pagers, beepers, noisy lap tops, or any other electronic equipment shall be used during Conference sessions.
- 8. Publicity**

No discussion or action shall be released for publicity without the approval of the Region Governor.
- 9. Recording Devices**

Recording devices (i.e. tape recorders, video cameras) 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 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 "S.O.L.T" 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.

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 at 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.

SOROPTIMIST FOUNDATION AWARDS

VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARD

The Violet Richardson Award, which is funded by the Soroptimist Foundation, recognizes young women who make the community and world a better place through volunteer efforts. The award is named for the first president of the first Soroptimist club in 1921, whose motto was, "It's what you do that counts." The program begins on the club level, with club recipients becoming eligible for the \$1,000 region-level awards. An additional \$1,000 will be contributed to the region-level winners' volunteer organizations. One winner is chosen from among the region-level recipients to receive a finalist award, which includes a contribution of \$2,500 to the winner's volunteer organization.

WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARDS

The Women's Opportunity Award 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.

Three Region awards, two 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 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.