

FOUNDER REGION

Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.

Twenty-sixth Annual Region Conference



"Soroptimists Soar Into the New Century"

Keauhou Beach Resort
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

May 3, 4 and 5, 2002

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Carol Rose

Governor
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”

Mary Huebner
Conference Coordinator

Hostess Club:

Soroptimist International of Kona

FOUNDER REGION

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District V Donna Ayres

District VI Elaine Randall

Soroptimists Soar Into The New Century

Welcome to our Twenty-sixth Annual Region Conference.

While you are attending this conference, please take the time to participate in the business of discussing issues, voting on these issues and voting on the candidates that will lead you into the next biennium. What you do at this conference will be making history for you and your fellow Soroptimists of Founder Region. Remember that it will be a time to hear your accomplishments and to honor our clubs, winners and Past Governors. It will be a time to renew friendships and make new ones. While this is all happening for you, please have fun.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me to the office of Governor. Because of your support, friendship, encouragement and caring, the experience of being your Governor will always be a special part of my life that no one can ever take away from me. I appreciate your dedication to me and to Soroptimism.

Together, we have truly "Soared into the New Century".



Front row, left to right: Cathy Mitchell, Amelia Benko, MaryAnn Redden and Carol Rose.
Second row: Julie Kamanawa-Kala, Sue Finch, Kay Barrett-Ritter, Lee Ray McDoniels,
Doris Webster, Chrisann Nicholson and Jacque Brown.

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2002

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Registration

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Founder Region Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Dinner Buffet (optional)

Hawaiian May Day Program – Kealakehe Intermediate Students

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2002

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 *and* Legislative Advocacy Update
Speakers: Roger Dixon, Red Cross, *and* Arun Swamy, East West Center
Chairman, Legislative Advocacy, Carrie Domogalla

12:00 Noon to 1:15 p.m.

Luncheon

Human Rights/Status of Women Awards

Chairman, Betty Smith

Inspiration

Chairman, Health, Linda Simon

Welcome

Chairman, Economic & Social Development, Ginger Marsh

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

“Want to Soar, then Let’s Roar”

Recruitment and Retention Workshop; Chairman, Member Services, Susan Joyce

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

Social Hour

7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Awards Dinner

Hostess Club, Soroptimist International of Honolulu

Pu Call to Conference

Floor Chairman, Virginia Isbell

Opening Chant

Makua “Bobo” Palacat

Opening Ceremonies

Governor, Carol Rose

Presentation of Colors

Konawaena High School JROTC

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Konawaena High School JROTC

National Anthem

Kona Soroptimist Singers

Hawaii Pono I

Kona Soroptimist Singers

Inspiration

President-elect, Soroptimist International of Honolulu, Wendell Lee

Welcome	President, Soroptimist International of Honolulu, Dr. Ruth Ono
Official Welcome	Mayor Harry Kim, Island of Hawaii
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, Mary Huebner
Recess	
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2002	
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
Call to Order	President Linda
Presentation of Platform Party	President Linda
Adoption of Credentials Report	Chairman, Credentials, Shirley Grover
Minutes	Secretary, Linda Sue Hansen
Treasurer's Report	Treasurer, Joyce Strand
Region Nominating Committee Report	Chairman, Lynnda Goll
Nominations from the Floor	President Linda
Presentation of Fellowship Director Candidates	President Linda
Consideration of Amendments	Chairman, Laws and Resolutions, Barbara Carter
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 President	_____
Fellowship Directors	_____
Club Delegates	_____
Total Delegates	_____

Credentials Report #2	
Clubs in Founder Region	_____
Clubs Eligible to Vote	_____
Clubs Not in Good Standing	_____
Clubs Registered	_____
Total Clubs	_____
Delegates Registered:	
Fellowship President	_____
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	_____

Credentials Report #4	
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	_____

9:15 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 Lynnda
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, Finance Committee, Penny Solem
Federation Update/Membership Changes	Nordelia Gradowski, President Soroptimist International of the Americas
Introduction of Timekeepers	Governor Carol
Unfinished Business	Governor-elect Mary Ann
Proposed Amendments (as time permits)	Chairman Barbara
Election Procedures	Chairman, Elections, Carol Steele
Credentials Report	Chairman Shirley

Recess

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

12:15 to 2:15 p.m.

Hostess/Host, Founder Region Directors, Districts I-VI

Luncheon

Inspiration

Director, District IV, Kay Barrett-Ritter

Welcome

Director, District V, Sue Finch

Recognition of First Time Attendees	Governor Carol
Milestones	Governor Carol
Presentation of Past Governors	Governor Carol
Presentation of S.O.A.R. Awards	District Directors
SOROPTIMIST OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION AWARDS	
Presentation of Region Awards	
Public Relations Award	Chairman, Elaine Reed
Violet Richardson Ward "Service to Youth" Award	Governor-elect Mary Ann
Eloise B. Cushing Memorial Award	Chairman Susan
Julia "Bess" Combs Membership Increase Award	Chairman Susan
Julia "Bess" Combs Extension Award	Chairman Susan
2:15 p.m.	Reconvene Business Session
Credentials Report	Chairman Shirley
Findings Report	Secretary Amelia
Proposed Amendments to Bylaws	Chairman Barbara
Election Returns	Chairman Carol
INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL BALLOTING (If Required)	Chairman Carol
Presentation of 2002-2004 Founder Region Board of Directors	Governor Carol
Presentation of 2002-2004 Fellowship Directors, Districts I, IV, and VI	Governor Carol
Appointment of 2002-2004 Founder Region Fellowship President	Governor-elect Mary Ann
Announcements	Conference Coordinator Mary
Recess	
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Social Hour – Luau Grounds
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Luau and Installation Ceremonies
	Hostess Club, Soroptimist International of Kona
Inspiration	Soroptimist International of Kona, Beverly Jean Withington
Welcome	President, Soroptimist International of Kona, Sally Alapai
Pu Call to Dinner	Chairman Virginia

Entertainment

The Lim Family

Installation of Fellowship Board of Directors

Del Nickerson
Past President, Soroptimist International of the Americas

Installation of Founder Region Board of Directors

President Nordelia

Governor's Message

Governor Carol

Governor -elect message

Governor-elect Mary Ann

Recess

Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. Election Results

Fellowship Director, District I

Fellowship Director, District IV

Fellowship Director, District VI

Founder Region Board of Directors Election Results

Governor-elect

Secretary

Treasurer

Director, District I

Director, District II

Director, District III

Director, District V

Director, District VI

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2002

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

Registration

8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Memorial Service
Soroptimist International of West Maui
Keauhou Canoe Club

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Awards Program and Breakfast

Hostess Clubs
Soroptimist International of Guam and Soroptimist International of the Marianas

Call to Order

Governor Carol

Inspiration

President, Soroptimist International of Guam, Josephine Palomo

Welcome

President, Soroptimist International of the Marianas, Rodney Webb

Presentation of Platform Party

Governor Carol

“BREAKFAST IS SERVED”

Barbara Stevenson S-Club Endowment Award

Chairman, Joyce Suikhonon

Foundations Update

Guadalupe Arriaga
Secretary/Treasurer, The Soroptimist Foundation

Violet Richardson Award District Finalists

Chairman, Jean Crawford

District I	Christina Jung	submitted by S/I El Cerrito
District II	Kelly McGuirk	submitted by S/I Walnut Creek
District III	Theresa Petrellse	submitted by S/I Benicia
District IV	Michelle Bertrand	submitted by S/I Sonoma Sunrise
District V	Sarah Rammings	submitted by S/I Willits
District VI	Kathi-Lynn Wakata	submitted by S/I Kona

Women's Opportunity Award District Winners

Chairman, Donna Ayres

District I	Tina Howerton	submitted by S/I Oakland
District II	Anita M. MacKusick	submitted by S/I Antioch
District III	Yesenia Gutierrez	submitted by S/I Calistoga
District IV	Valerie Breining	submitted by S/I Healdsburg
District V	Amby L. Burum	submitted by S/I Eel River Valley
District VI	Vicky Lee Blomberg	submitted by S/I Honolulu

“Dreams Into Destinies”

Member, Foundation Committee, Carla Gallagher

Attendance Report

Chairman, Registration, Jennifer Rush
Soroptimist International of Kona

Acknowledgments

Conference Coordinator Mary

Soroptimist Pledge

Director, District VI, Julie Kamanawa-Kala

Aloha Oe

Kona Soroptimist Singers

Adjournment

<u>Attendance Report:</u>	
Clubs in Founder Region	_____
Clubs Registered	_____
Clubs Absent	_____
Federation Officers	_____
Foundation Officers	_____
Region Officers	_____
District Directors	_____
Fellowship President	_____
Fellowship Directors	_____
Club Delegates	_____
Other Soroptimists	_____
Guests	_____
Total in Attendance	_____

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Conference Coordinator	Mary Huebner
Club Chairman	Beverly Jean Withington
Conference Treasurer	Colleen Wright
Registration Chairman	Jennifer Rush
Credentials Chairman	Shirley Grover
Nominations Chairman	Lynnda Goll
Elections Chairman	Carol Steele
Floor Committee Chairman	Virginia Isbell

TELLERS

Helen Ark	Soroptimist International of Calistoga
Jay Villalta	Soroptimist International of Calistoga
Ginger Marsh	Soroptimist International of Concord
Marie Pike	Soroptimist International of El Cerrito
Edith Gobel	Soroptimist International Fort Bragg
Margaret "Maggie" Herbelin	Soroptimist International Humboldt Bay
Wattie Hedemann	Soroptimist International of Kona
Kathy Dorsey	Soroptimist International of Lamorinda
Sheilah Waldron	Soroptimist International of Oakland
Donna Paul	Soroptimist International of Maui
Belva Gibson	Soroptimist International of Vallejo
Phyllis Neely	Soroptimist International of Vallejo

Founder Region Past Governors

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nancy Walker-1996-1998; Founder Region SI/A

Linda McDoniels, 1998-2000, Founder Region, SI/A

*Deceased

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 regular 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 regular 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, 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 organization. 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.

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.**