

Founder Region

Soroptimist

International of the Americas

Twenty-Seventh Annual Region Conference



“Achieve Growth By Sharing”

May 2, 3, 4, 2003

Hilton Concord
Concord, California

PROCEEDINGS

Twenty-seventh Annual Founder Region Conference Proceedings

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Governor Mary Ann honored past governors in attendance by presenting each with a personal gift and a donation of \$250 to Founder Region Fellowship.

Del Nickerson	1984-1986
Susan Joyce	1988-1990
Lorraine Komor	1990-1992
Linda McDoniels	1998-2000
Carol Rose	2000-2002

Conference Coordinator Del announced lost and found items.

Governor Mary Ann introduced President Linda who announced that over \$7,000 in seed packets had been sold for Founder Region Fellowship. President Linda drew the winning numbers and seven new "Fellows" were named.

Director Elaine Reed explained the purpose of the Region Club Award. Each director announced the award-winning clubs from their district

Governor Mary Ann introduced Cori Reed, Chair of the Public Relations Committee. Chair Cori thanked committee members for their support, suggested that everyone should visit the region web site and stated that 29 clubs submitted entries for the PR contest. She announced the winners: Soroptimist International Dixon Honorable mention, Soroptimist International Fort Bragg Third Place, Soroptimist International Clear Lake Second Place and Soroptimist International Vacaville First Place. She closed by telling members she expected 67 applications next year.

Governor Mary Ann introduced Governor-elect Cathy to announce the winners of the Violet Richardson Ward Service To Youth Award. Governor-elect Cathy explained that the award was established in 1968 to honor the club with the most outstanding service project for youth and was named in honor of the charter president of Soroptimist International of Alameda County. Of the 10 applications submitted the following winners were announced: second place was Soroptimist International of Richmond for their project "Charlie's Angels". The first place winner Soroptimist International of Marin County donated over \$20,000 to the Jeanette Prandy Children's Center. President Paula accepted the award.

Governor Mary Ann introduced guest speaker Michael Pritchard.

Mr. Pritchard dedicated his speech to Jeanette Prandy. He read a poem by Gilbran and said, "Fear is the little dark room where all the negatives are developed." His humorous presentation included numerous stories about his experiences as a teacher and working with handicapped people. He stated there are some people who have NCAA, "No Clue At All" and he tells children that "hurt people, hurt people". His lively wit included phrases such as "If life was logical men would ride side saddle", "I is illness, we is wellness", "At the end of a chess game

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Eligible to vote 29
Ballots cast 28
Necessary to elect 16
Kay Barrett Ritter 28, the chair declared Kay Barrett Ritter the winner

District V

Eligible to vote 28
Ballots cast 28
Necessary to elect 15
Patty Dutton 28, the chair declared Patty Dutton the winner

District VI

Eligible to vote 23
Ballots cast 18
Necessary to elect 13
Mary Huebner 18, the chair declared Mary Huebner the winner.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORS

District II

Eligible to vote 34
Ballots cast 30
Necessary to elect 18
Laura Zuerner 30, the chair declared Laura Zuerner the winner

District III

Eligible to vote 38
Ballots cast 36
Necessary to elect 15
Karan Schlegel 36, the chair declared Karan Schlegel the winner

District V

Eligible to vote 28
Ballots cast 27
Necessary to elect 15
Tess Albin-Smith 27, the chair declared Tess Albin-Smith the winner.

Elections Chair Terry requested permission to destroy the ballots. Governor Mary Ann authorized the destruction of the ballots at the conclusion of conference, in accordance with Founder Region Bylaws, Article 4, section 2 d.

Governor Mary Ann introduced timekeepers Sandy Frazer and Deanna Hanks. She pointed out the microphones, explained the timing rules, the signs to be used, and the purpose of the bell.

Amendment #3

Founder Region Bylaws Article IV Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee d. Procedures Shall be amended by deleting it in its entirety and inserting a new paragraph d

PRESENT

Region Bylaws, Article IV Nominations and Elections, Section 1. d. Procedures

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PROPOSED

Region Bylaws, Article IV Nominations and Elections, Section 1. d. Procedures

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- d. The committee shall review the candidates that were submitted, selecting one or more qualified nominees for each office. By February 5, the chairman shall submit to the region secretary the official list of nominations, complete with resumes, to be included in the call to conference.
- e. Nominations may be made from the floor not later than one hour before the time set for opening the polls, provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained, the qualifications set forth in these bylaws are met, and a resume is provided to the voting body before the polling begins. Resume forms shall be obtained from the nominating committee.

The amendment was adopted.

Amendment #5

Founder Region Bylaws Article IV Nominations and Elections, Section 3. Elections.

d. Shall be amended by striking the word "conference" and inserting the words "voting body". And after the word conference in the last sentence by inserting "/district meeting"

Amendment #8

Founder Region Bylaws Article VII Committees, Section 1. Service Committees c. Shall be amended by striking section c in its entirety

PRESENT

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c. Founder Region Distinguished Youth Committee

PROPOSED

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Amendment #9

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PRESENT

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Section 2 Dues and Fees.
c. Region fees shall be \$60 annually per club. This fee shall provide for the registration of the three club delegates at the district meetings and 8 copies of the region roster.

PROPOSED

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PRESENT

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PROPOSED

Article VIII Fiscal Matters, Section 2. Dues and Fees. d. ~~Eight (8)~~ Two (2) copies of the region bylaws and procedures will be given to each club. A copy of the region bylaws and procedures will be given to each committee chairman, past governors, region board members, and the parliamentarian.

The amendment was adopted.

Amendment # 13

Founder Region Bylaws, Article XI Discipline, Section 2, Shall be amended by striking the paragraph in its entirety and inserting “Any director or officer of the region may be removed, either for or without cause, by the board of Directors whenever in the judgment of the board the best interests of the region will be served. Such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of any person so removed. Removal shall occur only upon a two-thirds vote of the officers and directors then in office, exclusive of the person being removed, and only after being given an opportunity to be heard at a meeting of the board of directors.”

PRESENT

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The amendment was adopted.

Orientation and Leadership Training materials as approved by the Founder Region Governor; workshops and seminars as approved by the Founder Region Board.

The amendment was adopted.

Appendix Amendment #1

Founder Region Appendix A. Region Awards 6. Eloise B. Cushing Memorial S.O.L.T. AWARD shall be amended by deleting the paragraph and thereby deleting the award in its entirety.

PRESENT

6. ELOISE B. CUSHING MEMORIAL S.O.L.T. AWARD An award to be presented annually to the club with the most outstanding program of education in Soroptimist. The award to be presented by a member of the Member Services Committee. The original award was, a plaque, donated by Soroptimist International of Oakland from their Eloise B. Cushing Memorial Fund.

PROPOSED

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The amendment was adopted.

Amendment to Soroptimist International of the Americas Bylaws

Soroptimist International of the Americas Bylaws article V Membership and Entitlements 5.02 Entitlements (b) shall be amended by striking number 3 and inserting a new letter (c) "All members in good standing regardless of membership type regular, embarking, retired/unemployed and life may serve as delegate or alternate to any convention, conference or district meeting."

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Proposed:

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(c) All members in good standing regardless of membership type regular,

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Governor Mary Ann presented the newly elected members of the Nominating Committee and the new Fellowship Directors. She then announced that Stephanie Mittelstadt would chair the Nominating Committee.

Governor Mary Ann reminded attendees to give Secretary Sue the completed survey forms and to take copies of the Finance Transfer Form that had been distributed to each table.

Conference Coordinator Del announced that all sales tables are to be removed by 4:30 p.m., the Presidents' reception is to be held at 5:00 p.m. in the region suite, and the social hour is scheduled from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Recess at 4:20 p.m.

Governor Mary Ann reconvened the conference at 7:09 p.m.

Ginger Marsh gave the inspiration and welcome on behalf of Soroptimist International of Concord. She concluded by saying "Soroptimists are ordinary people who do extraordinary things".

Governor Mary Ann introduced the people who made up the platform party. She then introduced Laura Hoffmeister, Council Member of the City of Concord, who welcomed Soroptimists to the city. Councilwoman Hoffmeister proclaimed May 1 through May 4 as Soroptimist International Days in Concord and presented a written proclamation to Governor Mary Ann.

Governor-elect Cathy installed the new directors of Founder Region Fellowship.

Governor Mary Ann said being a Soroptimist makes a very important contribution to our lives; it makes us better because we care enough to care about others. She said, "I know that our projects are meaningful, our meetings are fun and informative and I know that my time and money is appreciated. In this day and age when so many bad things are happening, it is comforting to be able to go to a club meeting and see smiling faces, and members who are happy to see you. She quoted Dorothy Avila's favorite phrase "You cannot motivate others, you can only motivate yourself."

Dinner was served at 7:42 p.m.

Program continued at 8:48 p.m.

Governor Mary Ann thanked official visitor Director Sherrie for being part of Founder Region Conference and presented her with a copy of the book "Women At Ground

Karen Jameson, Secretary of Soroptimist International of Pleasant Hill gave the inspiration. She said, "Making a living is not the same thing as making a life".

Governor Mary Ann introduced the members of the platform party. She then asked members to complete a questionnaire for the Guam conference, which will give the board and the hostess clubs an idea of how many plan to attend so pre and post conference trips can be arranged.

Breakfast was served at 9:14 a.m. Governor Mary Ann and attendees thanked the hotel and the staff for the excellent food and service.

Program continued at 9:42 a.m.

Governor Mary Ann introduced Amelia Benko, Region S-Club Chair who explained the purpose of S-Club and the Barbara S. Stevenson S-Club Award. Awards in the amount of \$500 were presented to the following: 1) Erin Phillips member of the Vacaville High School S-Club, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Vacaville; 2) Marissa Borjon member of the Pittsburg High School S-Club, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Pittsburg; 3) Kaelyn Sherman member of the California High School S-Club, sponsored by Soroptimist International of San Ramon.

Governor Mary Ann introduced Stephanie Corrington, Chair of the Violet Richardson Award Committee to announce the winners. Chair Stephanie thanked all the members of her committee and explained the history and purpose of the award.

Carol O'Keefe of Soroptimist International of San Ramon introduced Chi Nguyen the District I winner. Chi told the audience of her project to raise money for children in Viet Nam.

Beverly Gomer of Soroptimist International of Martinez introduced Sheila S. Golchehreh the District II winner. Sheila explained that volunteering in a hospital influenced her to make a difference in patient's lives.

Barbara Jones of Soroptimist International of Dixon introduced Shawn Elizabeth Pretti the District III winner. Shawn said her first project was to advocate for a handicapped ramp at one of the buildings at Dixon High School, which did not make her very popular with the school administration.

Bonnie Wilson of Soroptimist International of Sonoma Sunrise introduced Lauren M. Clementino the District IV winner. Lauren is a member of Girl Scouts, she is a coach for the Boys and Girls Club, and she serves as a member of the Junior Commission Committee on the Status of Women.

Kris Chorbi of Soroptimist International of Eureka introduced Talia Mathias the District V winner. Talia founded CURE (Cancer Understanding Research Education) a project

Governor Mary Ann introduced Region SIA Program Fundraising Chair Carla Gallagher who explained how the Federation raises money through Founders Pennies, club donations, Laurel Society and Laurel Legacy. Money from the sale of tickets for the baskets raffled during each Founder Region Conference is given to the Laurel Society. Chair Carla reported that approximately \$8,300 had been raised as of Sunday morning. Fifty-seven clubs donated gift baskets this year.

Governor Mary Ann introduced Fellowship Director Barbara who introduced Patricia Kerry-Schliebe who presented a Fellowship Pin and certificate to Corinne Mavridis, a 30-year member of Soroptimist International of Pleasanton.

Registration Chair Jo gave the attendance report:

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Clubs Registered	62
Clubs Absent	5
Federation Directors	1
Region Officers	4
District Directors	6
Fellowship President	1
Fellowship Directors	6
Club Delegates	176
Other Soroptimists	230
Guests	46
Total in Attendance	470

The delegates from Guam encouraged Soroptimists to attend the 2004 conference in Guam. It is a number one tourist destination that offers scuba diving, golf, tax-free shopping and it is a short hop to Japan, Australia and Hong Kong.

Conference Coordinator Del acknowledged and thanked the hotel staff and the hostess clubs Soroptimist International of Concord and Pleasant Hill for their hard work.

Governor Mary Ann added her appreciation to all region and conference committee members, especially the chairmen, to the tellers, pages and Conference Coordinator Del. She presented the hostess clubs with their patch and \$100 for their service funds.

Conference Coordinator Del led the assembly in the Soroptimist Pledge.

Governor Mary Ann adjourned the Twenty-seventh Annual Founder Region Conference sine die at 12:47 p.m.

Sue Finch
Founder Region Secretary

The timekeepers were introduced and the use of microphones was explained as well as speaking to the proposed amendments.

Linda McDoniels, Chair, Laws and Resolutions Committee, read each of the proposed amendments to Founder Region Fellowship Bylaws.

1. Article V Directors and Officers, Section 5. Nominations. Shall be amended by striking the word "active" and inserting the word "regular". Proposed by Founder Region Fellowship Board of Directors and Founder Region Board of Directors.

PRESENT

Article V Directors and Officers, Section 5. Nominations. Each club may submit the names of active members to the Founder Region, nominating Committee. Each district in Founder Region, Inc. shall thereafter elect one (1) member to be a director. Nominations and elections shall be in accordance with Founder nominations and elections shall be in accordance with Founder Region, Inc. bylaws.

PROPOSED

Article V Directors and Officers, Section 5. Nominations. Each club may submit the names of ~~active~~regular members to the Founder Region, Inc., nominating committee. Each district in Founder Region, Inc. shall thereafter elect one (1) member to be a director. Nominations and elections shall be in Accordance with Founder Region Inc. Bylaws.

MOTION WAS ADOPTED

2. Article V Directors and Officers, Section 7. Shall be amended by deleting the section in its entirety and renumbering the remaining sections. Proposed by Founder Region Fellowship Board of Directors and Founder Region Board of Directors.

PRESENT

Article V Directors and officers, Section 7. Directors shall be elected from Districts 1, 4, and 6 in the even numbered years. Directors shall be elected from Districts 2, 3, and 5 in the odd numbered years.

PROPOSED

Article V Directors and Officers ~~Section 7. Directors shall be elected from Districts 1, 4, and 6 in the even numbered years. Directors shall be~~ Elected from Districts 2, 3, and 5 in ~~odd numbered years.~~

MOTION WAS ADOPTED

3. Article V Directors and Officers. Section 10 c. shall be deleted in its entirety and a new c. shall be inserted: "Any director or officer of Fellowship may be removed, either for or without cause, by Board of Directors whenever in the judgment of the Board the best interests of Fellowship will be served. Such removal shall be without prejudice to contract rights, if any, of any person so removed. Removal shall occur only upon a two-thirds vote of the officers and directors then in office, exclusive of the person being removed, and only after being given an opportunity to be heard at a meeting of the Board of Directors." Proposed by Founder Region Fellowship Board of Directors.

PRESENT

The FRF Board of Directors may declare vacant the office of a director who has been been declared of unsound mind by a final order of judgement of any court; who has breached any duty arising under the California Non-profit

PROPOSED

~~The FRF board of directors may declare vacant the office of a director who has been declared of unsound mind by a final order of judgment or any court; who has breached any duty arising~~

Founder Region
Soroptimist International of the Americas
Officers and Directors 2002–2004

Mary Ann Redden	<i>Governor</i>
Cathy Mitchell	<i>Governor-elect</i>
Sue Finch	<i>Secretary</i>
Joyce Strand	<i>Treasurer</i>
Chrisann Nicholson	<i>Director, District I</i>
Terry Comiskey	<i>Director, District II</i>
Carol Stein	<i>Director, District III</i>
Linda Simon	<i>Director, District IV</i>
Elaine Reed	<i>Director, District V</i>
Julie Kamanawa-Kala	<i>Director, District VI</i>
Lorraine Humphrey	<i>Parliamentarian</i>

Founder Region Fellowship
Board of Directors

Linda Sue Hansen	<i>President</i>
Barbara L. Lanier	<i>Director, District I</i>
Dion Weaver	<i>Director, District II</i>
Karan Schlegel	<i>Director, District III</i>
Lynn Klingberg	<i>Director, District IV</i>
Donna Ayres	<i>Director, District V</i>
Barbara Ideta	<i>Director, District VI</i>

Conference Coordinator, Hostess Clubs, Committee, And Tellers

Del Nickerson

Conference Coordinator

Soroptimist International of Concord

Hostess Club

Soroptimist International of Pleasant Hill

Hostess Club

Committee

Sue Manning

Club Co-Chairman

Soroptimist International of Concord

Karen Barnes-Jarvis

Club Co-Chairman

Soroptimist International of Pleasant Hill

Sandy Towns

Conference Treasurer

Jo Harlow

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Shirley Grover

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Terry Baldwin

Nominations Chair

Terry Baldwin

Elections Chair

Doris Webster

Floor Committee Chair

Tellers

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Soroptimist International of Yokayo Sunrise

Natalie Crew

Soroptimist International of Rio Vista

Linda Larsen

Soroptimist International of Martinez

Suzan Hey

Soroptimist International of Vacaville

Arlene Byers

Soroptimist International of Yokayo Sunrise

Belva Gibson

Soroptimist International of Vallejo

Phyllis Neely

Soroptimist International of Vallejo

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Mary Hordyk

Soroptimist International of Noyo Sunrise

Bea Armendariz/ Alternate

Soroptimist International of Yokayo Sunrise