

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

Official Program

**Conference Coordinator, Hostess Clubs
And Committee**

Del Nickerson, *Conference Coordinator*

Hostess Clubs:

Soroptimist International of Concord
Soroptimist International of Pleasant Hill

Committee

Hostess Club Chairs	Sue Manning Soroptimist International of Concord Karen Barnes-Jarvis Soroptimist International of Pleasant Hill
Treasurer	Sandy Towns
Registration Chair	Jo Harlow
Credentials Chair	Shirley Grover
Nominations Chair	Terry Baldwin
Elections Chair	Terry Baldwin
Floor Committee Chair	Doris Webster



Mary Ann Redden
Governor,
Founder Region
2002—2004

Dear Members of Founder Region

Welcome to our Twenty-seventh annual Region Conference. We meet for our annual gathering to renew the true meaning of Soroptimists' spirit, educate ourselves concerning pertinent issues, and rekindle the friendships of those we only see on an occasional basis.

Members of Founder Region certainly can take pride in the work we have done to make a difference for women. We celebrate the growth in our membership, accomplishments of our service projects, and honor our award winners. Please take the time to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and the company of friends.

Let us continue to "Achieve Growth by Sharing" in learning new things about our organization and its impact on the world, connecting with new friends and celebrate the spirit of service for which Soroptimist is famous.

May the Conference be everything you want it to be!

In Friendship,

Mary Ann

Mary Ann Redden

Governor, Founder Region

**Founder Region Board
2000 - 2002**

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Governor



Cathy Mitchell
Governor-Elect



Sue Finch
Secretary



Joyce Strand
Treasurer

Directors



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Director District I



Terry Comiskey
Director District II



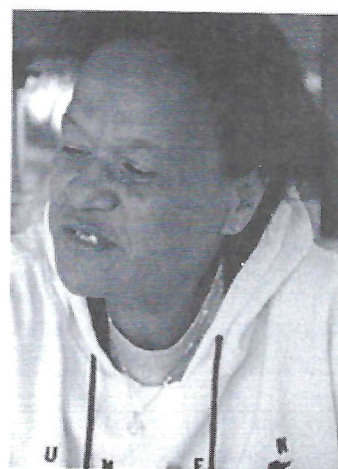
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Linda Simon
Director District IV



Elaine Reed
Director District V



Julie Kamanawa-Kala
Director District VI



Lorraine Humphrey
Parliamentarian

Founder Region Fellowship Board of Directors



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Secretary



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Treasurer



Lyn Klingberg
Director District IV



Donna Ayres
Director District V



Barbara Ideta
Director District VI

PROGRAM

Thursday May 1, 2003

4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

2:00 pm To 6:00 pm Registration

Founder Region Board Meeting

Founder Region Fellowship Board Meeting

Friday, May 2, 2003

9:00 am to 11:00 am

7:30 am to 6:00 pm Registration

Panel Discussion
Violence – Lessons Learned – Next Step

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Inspiration

Welcome

2:15 pm to 3:00 pm

4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

7:00 pm

Human Rights/Status of Women Awards Luncheon
Chair, Betty Smith

Cathy Mitchell, Governor-elect
Cathy Frey, President

~~Soroptimist International of Sonoma Coast~~

Gloria Scoggin, Legislative Advocacy Committee Chair

Delegates Briefing
Parliamentarian Lorraine Humphrey

“Fellows” Reception

Social Hour

Fellowship Awards Dinner
Hostess Club – Soroptimist International of Napa Sunrise

Governor Mary Ann Redden

Presentation of Club Banners

Inspiration *after Nat'l Anthem*

Sarah Trester, President
Soroptimist International of Napa Sunrise

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

Jr. R.O.T.C. Olympic High School
Led by Sgt. Sandra Richardson

National Anthem

Barbara Lanier
Fellowship Director District I

Welcome

Liz Ratliff, Soroptimist International of Napa Sunrise

Michael Harris

Pleasant Hill

Official Welcome

~~Laura Hoffmeister~~, Council Member, City of Concord

Response

Governor-elect Cathy Mitchell

Presentation of Platform Party

Governor Mary Ann

Introduction of Past Governors

Governor Mary Ann

Introduction of First Time Attendees

Governor Mary Ann

Awardees and Grant Presentations

Linda Sue Hansen, President
Founder Region Fellowship

Announcements

Conference Coordinator, Del Nickerson

Saturday, May 3, 2003

7:00 am to Noon ^{Registration} (Closed during business sessions)

8:00 am to 9:00 am

Founder Region Fellowship Annual Meeting

Call to Order

President Linda Sue

Presentation of Platform Party

President Linda Sue

Adoption of Credentials Report

Chair Shirley Grover

Minutes

Secretary Dion Weaver

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Karan Schlegel

Region Nominating Committee Report

Chair Terry Baldwin

Nominations from the Floor

President Linda Sue

Presentation of Fellowship Director Candidates

President Linda Sue

Directors Reports

Fellowship Directors

President's Report

President Linda Sue

Adjourn Founder Region Fellowship Annual Meeting

9:15 am to 11:15 am

Founder Region Business Meeting

Call to Order

Governor Mary Ann

Presentation of Platform Party

Governor Mary Ann

Adoption of Credentials Report	Chair Shirley
Adoption of Standing Rules	Secretary Sue Finch
Adoption of Official Conference Program	Secretary Sue
Introduction of Pages	Governor Mary Ann
Region Nominating Committee Report	Chair Terry
Nominations from the Floor	Governor Mary Ann
Presentation of Candidates	Governor Mary Ann
Appointment of Tellers	Governor Mary Ann
Greetings and Correspondence	Secretary Sue
Treasurer's Report	Treasurer Joyce Strand
Financial Report	Chair Penny Solem
Federation Update	Sherrie Yoshimura, Director Soroptimist International of the Americas
Credentials Report	Chair Shirley
Proposed Amendments to Bylaws (as time permits)	Chair Linda McDoniels
Election Procedures	Chair Terry

Recess
Polls Will Be Open From 11:15 am to 12:15 pm

12:00 Noon to 2:00 pm	"Joy of Achievement" Luncheon Founder Region District Directors
Inspiration	Chrisann Nicholson Director District I
Welcome	Terry Comiskey Director District II
Presentation of Past Governors	Governor Mary Ann
Presentation of Club Awards	District Directors

Region Awards

Public Relations Award

Violet Richardson Ward "Service To Youth Award"

Chair Cori Reed
Governor-elect Cathy

Keynote Speaker

Michael Pritchard

2:30 pm

Reconvene Business Session

Credentials Report

Chair Shirley

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws

Chair Linda

Election Returns

Chair Terry

Instructions For Additional Balloting (If Required)

Presentation of 2003—2005 Founder Region Nominating Committee

Governor Mary Ann

Appointment of 2003—2005 Nominating Committee Chairman

Governor Mary Ann

Presentation of 2003—2005 Founder Region Fellowship Directors
Districts II, III and V

Governor Mary Ann

Announcements

Conference Coordinator Del

Saturday Evening, May 3, 2003

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Social Hour

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

"Celebration of Membership" Banquet
Hostess Club — Soroptimist International of Concord

Inspiration

Ginger Marsh, Region Chair, Women's Opportunity Award

Welcome

Ginger Marsh
~~Sue Manning, President, Soroptimist International of Concord~~

Installation

Governor-elect Cathy

Governor's Message

Governor Mary Ann

Announcements
Region Awards

Member Services Chair Susan Joyce

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

Julia "Bess" Combs Membership Increase Award

Julia "Bess" Combs Extension Award

Entertainment

Dancing to Royal Sound

Founder Region Fellowship 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	_____
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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	_____

Founder Region Fellowship Election Results

<hr/> <p>Fellowship Director, District II</p>
<hr/> <p>Fellowship Director, District III</p>
<hr/> <p>Fellowship Director, District V</p>

Founder Region Nominating Committee Election Results

<hr/> <p>Chairman</p>
<hr/> <p>District I</p>
<hr/> <p>District II</p>
<hr/> <p>District III</p>
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<hr/> <p>District VI</p>

Sunday, May 4, 2003

7:00 am to 9:00 am Registration

8:00 am to 8:30 am

Memorial Service
Hostess Club Soroptimist International of Santa Rosa

8:45 am to 1:00 pm

“Giving Our Share” Awards Breakfast
Hostess Club Soroptimist International of Pleasant Hill

Call to Order

Governor Mary Ann

Inspiration

Karen Jameson, Secretary
Soroptimist International of Pleasant Hill

Welcome

Karen Barnes-Jarvis, President
Soroptimist International of Pleasant Hill

Presentation of Platform Party

Governor Mary Ann

Breakfast

Barbara S. Stevenson S-Club Endowment Award

Chair Amelia Benko

Violet Richardson Award Finalists

Chair Stephanie Corrington

District I	Chi Nguyen	sponsored by Soroptimist International of San Ramon
District II	Shiela S. Golchehreh	sponsored by Soroptimist International of Martinez
District III	Shawn Elizabeth Pretti	sponsored by Soroptimist International of Dixon
District IV	Lauren M. Clementino	sponsored by Soroptimist International of Sonoma Sunrise
District V	Talia Mathias	sponsored by Soroptimist International of Eureka
District VI	Lara C. Imai	sponsored by Soroptimist International of Honolulu

Women’s Opportunity Awards District Winners

Chair Ginger Marsh

District I	Katherine Nunnally	sponsored by Soroptimist International of El Pinablo
District II	Jennifer Stanton	sponsored by Soroptimist International of The Delta
District III	Debora Wilson	sponsored by Soroptimist International of Clearlake
District IV	Patricia Hol	sponsored by Soroptimist International of Cloverdale
District V	Elizabeth Spears	sponsored by Soroptimist International of Arcata
District VI	Vishaka Jokie	sponsored by Soroptimist International of Waikiki Soroptimist International of Central Oahu Soroptimist International of Windward Oahu

Club Drawings/ Raffles

Governor Mary Ann

“Giving Our Share”

Carla Gallagher, Chair
Region SIA Program Fundraising Committee

Attendance Report

Registration Chair Jo Harlow
Soroptimist International of Concord

Acknowledgments

Conference Coordinator Del

Soroptimist Pledge

Adjournment

Attendance Report	
Clubs in Founder Region	_____
Clubs Registered	_____
Clubs Absent	_____
Federation Officers	_____
Region Officers	_____
District Directors	_____
Fellowship President	_____
Fellowship Directors	_____
Club Delegates	_____
Other Soroptimists	_____
Guests	_____
Total in Attendance	_____

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 Mary Ann

(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) Cell phones, pagers, beepers, lap tops, or any other electronic equipment shall be turned off 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

Is an award presented to the club with the most outstanding service project for youth. This award shall be presented by the governor-elect at the Founder Region Conference. This award is given in honor of the first president of Soroptimist.

JULIA "BESS" COMBS EXTENSION AWARD

This award is given to the club having the largest increase in regular membership during the year April 1 through March 31 and shall include the membership of a newly chartered Soroptimist club sponsored by the club. This award may be presented by a member of the Member Services Committee at the Founder Region Conference. The winner is determined by the record of the Founder Region Treasurer. The original award was donated by Soroptimist International of Santa Rosa.

JULIA "BESS" COMBS MEMBERSHIP INCREASE AWARD

This award is given to the club having the largest net growth in regular membership during the year from April 1 through March 31st. This net growth is not to include that of a newly chartered Soroptimist club sponsored by the club. Net growth is understood to mean increase above and beyond current regular membership minus those who resign or regular membership terminated for other reasons. This award is presented by the Member Services Committee at the Founder Region Conference. The winner is determined by the records of the Founder Region Treasurer. The original award was donated by Past Governor, Southwestern Region, Julia "Bess" Combs.

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, a plaque, was donated by Soroptimist International of Oakland from their Eloise B. Cushing Memorial Fund.

BARBARA STEVENSON "S" CLUB ENDOWMENT AWARD

Is an award used for the sole purpose of honoring outstanding high school senior members of "S" clubs of Founder Region. Applications for this award are submitted by "S" club members with the selection of the winners to be made by the "S" club committee. The region board determines the dollar amount and number of awards given. All contributions to this fund received by the region treasurer shall be added to the principal. The chairman of the region "S" Club committee announces the winners at region conference, where they receive their monetary award from the governor.

FOUNDER REGION FELLOWSHIP FELLOWSHIP/GRANTS IN AID

Founder Region Fellowship 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.

Soroptimist International of the Americas Annual Awards

VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARD

The Violet Richardson Award, which is funded by Soroptimist International of the Americas, 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 Soroptimist International of the Americas, 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 districts awardees 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 Soroptimist International of the Americas. One region recipient's application is forwarded to the federation level to be judged with awardees from 29 other regions for the federation 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. The chairman 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.

Founder Region Past Governors

Mary Lorentzen-Moser-1960-1962; Southwestern Region, SIA
"Song of Soroptimist-Beat the Drums Loud and Clear"

Mary Gianotti*-1966-1968; Southwestern Region, SIA
"Moving in the Direction of Change"

Julia "Bess" Combs*-1972-1974; Southwestern Region SIA
"Let It Begin With Me"

Margaret "Maggie" Knott*-1974-1976; Southwestern Region SIA
"Onward and Upward"

Violet B. Unland*-1976-1978; Founder Region SIA
"Beat of the Drum Calls Us to Service"

Catherine M. Burns-1978-1980; Founder Region SIA
"Let Us Grow"

Marjorie T. Conley-1980-1982; Founder Region SIA
"Windows"

Patricia D. Daniels-1982-1984; Founder Region SIA
"Gifts of Soroptimism"

Del Nickerson-1984-1986; Founder Region SIA
"Images of Soroptimism"

Carol Steele-1986-1988; Founder Region SIA
"Dreams of Soroptimism"

Susan Joyce-1988-1990; Founder Region SIA
"We are One in Service Spirit"

Lorraine Komor-1990-1992; Founder Region SIA
"Celebration of Soroptimist"

Dorothy L. Avilla*-1992-1994; Founder Region SIA
"Leading the Way"

Patti Cross*-1994-1996; Founder Region SIA
"Reach for Soroptimist Rainbows"

Nancy Walker-1996-1998; Founder Region SIA
"Inward Journey-Outward Paths"

Linda McDoniels, 1998-2000, Founder Region, SIA
"Making a Difference Together"

Carol Rose, 2000—2002, Founder Region, SIA
"Soroptimists Soar Into The New Century"

*Deceased

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.

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