

Founder Region



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Best for Women

Cathy Mitchell, Governor
“Together We Can”

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Thirtieth Annual Region Conference
Proceedings



Thirtieth Annual Founder Region Conference Proceedings

The thirtieth annual Founder Region Conference was held May 5, 6, & 7, 2006 at the Concord Hilton, Concord, California

Friday, May 5

A panel discussion on the subject "Trafficking of Women and Girls Around the World, Our Nation and Our Community" was held Friday beginning at 8:45 a.m. The panel consisted of Dawn Marie Lemonds, Soroptimist International of the Americas, Desert Coast Region, Nicholas A Sensley, President of Cross Sector Solutions, and Kathryn Xian, Non-Executive Director of Safe Zone Foundation, and Girl Fest Bay Area.

11:15 a.m. Meeting was recessed

The Making a Difference for Women Luncheon began at 12:15 p.m. Governor Cathy Mitchell introduced those people seated on the platform and then introduced Treasurer Joyce Strand who gave the inspiration. Governor-elect Sue Finch was introduced and gave the welcome.

Governor Cathy informed the attendees that the envelopes on the table held tickets that are \$2 each. The winning ticket holder will get a \$50 bill and the money raised will go to Project Independence- Women Survivors of War. \$ 657.00 was collected.

12:30 p.m. Lunch was served

Governor Cathy presented Jane Martin, member of the Public Awareness committee to present the Public Awareness Award. First place went to S.I. Napa.

Lori Blair, Program Director from SIA, spoke on the different programs of service we are involved in through the Federation and International.

Dawn Marie Lemonds then presented our SI Quadrennial Project. She presented a power point on the project- Project Independence-Women Survivors of War.

Following, clubs who have received Soroptimist Celebrating Success Awards and Club Grants were asked to share their successes. Two clubs, S.I. Cloverdale and S.I. Healdsburg talked about new projects that will fit the criteria for SOS Awards and club grants. Audience members were taking notes throughout the discussion and asking questions. Adjourned at 3:45 pm.

6 p.m. Social hour, 7 p.m. for dinner.

Governor Cathy opened the evening by the presentation of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Past Governors of Founder Region. Dawn Marie Lemonds, Susan Joyce, and Wendy Anderson, sang the National Anthem. Charlene Stamps, Soroptimist International of

Oakland gave the inspiration followed by Carolyn Bolton, President of Soroptimist International of Oakland giving the official welcome of the Hostess Clubs.

Governor Cathy presented the members seated on the platform followed by a presentation of Past Governors: Del Nickerson, Susan Joyce, Carol Rose, Carol Steele, Nancy Walker, Mary Ann Redden and Linda McDoniels.

A round of applause was given to the First Time Attendees. We had 101 First Time Attendees in attendance through out the weekend.

Governor Cathy informed the attendees that the envelopes on the table held tickets that are \$2 each. The winning ticket holder will get a \$50 bill and the money raised will go to Fellowship. Dinner was served at 7:55 p.m. We raised \$621.00 at the dinner.

We had entertainment by Ballet Folklorico Las Estrellas during dinner to celebrate Cinco D'Mayo.

Governor Cathy introduced Mary Ann Redden, President of Founder Region Fellowship who explained the Fellowship program and then introduced the Directors who presented the new "Fellows" from each of their respective Districts.

President Mary Ann introduced Naazneen Haider Barma who is studying Political Science at UC Berkeley in the hopes of working at the World Bank or at the United Nations. She wants to encourage political inclusion as a way to obtain peace in our society. She was awarded \$6,000 and a certificate.

Jennifer Russell is working on her Doctoral in the area of Kindergarten education and the changes in society's expectations of the Kindergartener. As more and more academics are being expected from Kindergarteners, Jennifer is looking at the impact on the students. She stated that she was honored to receive this award from women. Jennifer was awarded a certificate and \$6,000.

Kathryn Suzanne Young is studying Policy, Organization, Measurement, and Evaluation at UC Berkeley. She is applying her study to the field of Special Education and the training of teachers to work with children with disabilities. She wondered, with all the disabilities that we know of within our educational systems, why Regular Education teachers are not trained in the same fashion as Special Education teachers. President Mary Ann presented her with a certificate and a check for \$8,000.

Priya Sreedharan is studying Mechanical Engineering looking to design and operate sensor systems that monitor air systems in commercial buildings or industrial facilities. She wants to look at the health effects from the internal release of energy and to control this energy within our environment. In her speech, she believes in fostering a sense of service. She was given a certificate and a check for \$10,000.

Elena Rodriguez-Vieitez is getting her degree in Nuclear Engineering with her dissertation entitled, In-Beam Gamma-Ray Spectroscopy of Neutron-Rich Nuclei in Fragmentation Reactions. She is developing better ways to neutralize nuclear wastes so they cannot be made into weapons. She was presented a certificate and a check for \$10,000.

President Mary Ann thanks Founder Region for their support these past 2 years and ask for their continued support in the years to come.

Governor Cathy thanked President Mary Ann and congratulated the winners.

Del Nickerson, Conference Coordinator, announced that the registration desk would open at 7:00 a.m.; Breakfast would be served from 7:30 to 8:30 am, the Fellowship Board Meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. and showed the lost and found items that could be retrieved by their owners for a small donation to Founder Region Fellowship.

Governor Cathy thanked Soroptimist International of Oakland for serving as hostess club for the evening and recessed the conference at 10:17 p.m.

Saturday, May 6

The Founder Region Fellowship Meeting was held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Saturday May 6. The minutes of the meeting are attached.

9:30 a.m. Founder Region Business Meeting convened

Governor Cathy called the meeting to order and presented the platform party. Governor Cathy then introduced Credential Chair Christine Naber who gave the first credentials report:
Report #1

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| Clubs in Founder Region | 65 | Delegates Registered: | |
| Clubs Eligible to Vote | 65 | Region Officers | 4 |
| Clubs Not in Good Standing | 0 | District Directors | 6 |
| Clubs Registered | 63 | Club Delegates | 175 |
| Total Clubs | 62 | Total Delegates | 185 |
| Quorum for Opening Session: | 93 | | |

Chair Christine moved the adoption of the credentials report. The first credentials report was adopted by a majority vote. Governor Cathy stated a quorum was present.

Secretary Linda Sue read the Conference Standing Rules and moved their adoption. The standing rules were adopted by a two-thirds vote.

Secretary Linda Sue reported that there were corrections to the conference program. We moved Public Awareness to Friday's schedule, deleting Our Federation, Our Diversity. Inserted the Past Governor's as presenting the flags. On page 9, Our Federation, Sue Miller, Director of SIA, will speak on 'Our Federation, Our Diversity'. Jean Barth, President of SIA,

was ill and could not attend conference. The conference program was adopted by a two-thirds vote.

Governor Cathy acknowledged and thanked the Pages of the conference. She pointed out the microphones, explained the timing rules, the signs to be used, and the purpose of the bell.

Governor Cathy introduced nominating chair Bobbi Enderlin who in turn gave the committee report. Governor Cathy called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the report stands as follows: Candidates for Founder Region Officers:

Governor-Elect: Amelia Benko, Joyce Strand

Secretary: Linda Sue Hansen

Treasurer: Terry Keating Baldwin, Debbie Thompson

Director, District I: Barbara Lanier

Director, District II: Kathy Dorsey

Director, District III: Pam Parker, Karan Schlegel

Director, District IV: Helen Sager

Director, District V: Bonnie Vukonish

Director, District VI: Judy Lee

Each candidate was given 2 minutes to speak.

Governor Cathy introduced the Tellers. Tellers will be the members of the nominating committee.

Secretary Linda Sue read letters of greeting and correspondence from Jean Barth, President Soroptimist International of the Americas and Leigh Weintz, Executive Director of Soroptimist International of the Americas. She read a letter from Governor Raquel from Mexico, South America Region and referenced like messages received from the Governors of all the other regions of SIA.

Treasurer Joyce Strand reported on the finances of the region and announced that copies of the March financial reports were included in the conference packet for each delegate.

Karan Schlegel, member of the Finance Committee, reported that the budget and finances were reviewed and that Founder Region is working within the budget and the committee's recommendations.

Secretary Linda Sue gave the Findings report. All clubs were welcomed to come forward to hostess the 2009 conference.

Governor Cathy introduced Federation Director, Sue Miller, the conference official visitor from Soroptimist International of the Americas. Director Sue gave a power point presentation on the revenue and expenses of Soroptimist International of the Americas. She explained the Federation needs contributions from members and clubs to keep the current program levels for Women's Opportunity Awards, Violet Richardson Award, Soroptimist Celebrating Success, Soroptimist Disaster Fund, etc. She announced that we had reached our goal of 100% participation in the Women's Opportunity Awards program. \$17 million has

been awarded in this program since the 1972 conception. Director Sue encouraged members to visit the web site explaining that almost everything that we ever want can be found there. She stressed that we need to be who we say we are: an organization that focuses on women and girls.

Credential Report #2

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|-----------------------------|----|-----------------------|-----|
| Clubs in Founder Region | 65 | Delegates Registered: | |
| Clubs Eligible to Vote | 65 | Region Officers | 4 |
| Clubs Not in Good Standing | 0 | District Directors | 6 |
| Clubs Registered | 63 | Club Delegates | 176 |
| Total Clubs | 63 | Total Delegates | 186 |
| Quorum for Opening Session: | 94 | | |

Chair Christine moved the adoption of the credentials report. The second credentials report was adopted by a majority vote. Governor Cathy stated a quorum was present. All delegates were instructed to sit in the delegate area.

Linda Simon, Chair of Laws and Resolutions Committee presented the proposed amendments to the Bylaws with advantages and disadvantages. Governor Cathy restated the amendments following Robert's Rules of order.

Proposal #1: Founder Region Bylaw Article 1. Name and Territorial Limits, Section 3 b shall be amended by striking 'and' and inserting 'or'. After some discussion, amendment passed by a 2/3 majority.

Proposal #2: Founder Region Bylaw Article V Conferences and Meetings Section 3 District Meetings (a) shall be amended by deleting approve and inserting set and eliminating 'upon recommendations of the district directors'. After discussion, amendment passed by a 2/3 majority.

Proposed Resolution #1: Soroptimist International of Rio Vista shall be allowed to transfer from District II to District III. Delegates from District II and District III adopted the resolution.

Governor Cathy introduced Elections Chair Bobbi who explained voting procedures and reminded delegates that the polls would be open from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Recess at 11:15 a.m. Luncheon 12:15 p.m.

Governor Cathy declared the polls closed as all delegates had voted. She explained the theme for the luncheon: 'We Can Do It'.

Director Jane Murakami gave the inspiration.

Director Terry Keating Baldwin welcomed attendees to the luncheon.

Governor Cathy had the First Time Attendees stand for recognition. Each was given a zipper pull with our 'S' logo on it.

Governor Cathy introduced the platform party and honored the Past Governors with a donation to the 1709 Guild. She read a letter from the SIA plumber and presented the Past Governors with jewel-encrusted plungers.

Governor-elect Sue presented Violet Richardson Ward 'Service to Youth Award' to Soroptimist International Humboldt Bay- Third place, Soroptimist International Dixon – Second Place, Soroptimist International San Ramon – First place with a monetary award of \$300 to their project- 'She's All That' which involves middle school girls in a speaker series.

Julia Bess Combs Extension Award, presented by Treasurer Joyce, was given to Soroptimist International of Arcata for an increase of 15 new members. Acknowledgement went to SI Guam and SI Marinas on their increases of 12 members each.

Governor Cathy announced the winner of the Jane Hoffman Emerging Leader Forum. Christine Naber, from Soroptimist International of Healdsburg, will represent Founder Region. The Past Governor's of Founder Region judged the applications.

District Directors presented their Districts with Club Awards based on the Renaissance campaign and said their thank yous.

Director Sue spoke on the Diversity of Soroptimist and showed slides of her recent trip to the Philippines as the official representative of SIA. She stated that there are 6 official languages and 41,000 strong in membership in 19 countries. Linda McDoniels, member of the Fund Development Council, spoke about her trip to South America for the America del Sur conference and showed slides.

It was announced that \$616 from the lunch raffle would be donated to the 1709 Guild in the Past Governors names.

Governor Cathy had Chairman Bobbi come forward to announce the election results.

Region Board

Governor-elect: Eligible to vote –187, number of votes cast- 185, Illegal votes-0,
Needed for election-93 Amelia Benko-94, Joyce Strand-91.

Secretary: Eligible to vote –187, number of votes cast- 184, Illegal votes-0,
Needed for election-93 Linda Sue Hansen- 184

Treasurer: Eligible to vote –187, number of votes cast- 185, Illegal votes-0,
Needed for election-93 Terry Baldwin- 79, Debbie Thompson- 106

District I: Eligible to vote –32, number of votes cast- 32, Illegal votes-0,
Needed for election-17 Barbara Lanier- 32

District II: Eligible to vote –31, number of votes cast- 27, Illegal votes-0,
Needed for election-14 Kathy Dorsey- 27

District III: Eligible to vote –39, number of votes cast- 39, Illegal votes-0,
Needed for election-20 Pam Parker- 20, Karan Schlegel- 19

District IV: Eligible to vote –29, number of votes cast- 29, Illegal votes-0,
Needed for election-15 Helen Sager- 29

District V: Eligible to vote –34, number of votes cast-34, Illegal votes-0,
Needed for election-18 Bonnie Vukonish-34

District VI: Eligible to vote –21, number of votes cast- 20, Illegal votes-0,
Needed for election-11 Judy Lee- 20

Fellowship Board:

District I: Eligible to vote –33, number of votes cast- 32, Illegal votes-0,
Needed for election-17 Karen Ortega-32

District II: Eligible to vote –33, number of votes cast- 33, Illegal votes-0,
Needed for election-18 Gloria Soderbury-33

District III: Eligible to vote –40, number of votes cast- 39, Illegal votes-0,
Needed for election-21 Linda Glantz-39

District IV: Eligible to vote–28, number of votes cast- 28, Illegal votes-0,
Needed for election-15 Linda Bradbrook- 28

District V: Eligible to vote –34, number of votes cast- 34, Illegal votes-0,
Needed for election-18 Sarah Turner-34

District VI: Eligible to vote–22, number of votes cast- 21, Illegal votes-0,
Needed for election-12 Jane Murakami-5, Lorraine Teniya-16

Governor Cathy presented the 2006-2008 Founder Region Board and Fellowship Board to the body.

Governor-elect Sue announced her selection for President of Fellowship for the 2006-2008 Biennium- Dion Weaver.

Conference Coordinator Del spoke of this evening's social hour and Lost and Found.

Social Hour 6 p.m. Reconvene 7 p.m.

Coordinator Del introduced the members of the platform party. They entered the room to the center floor where the Past Governors stood with their decorated plungers forming a bridge for the entire procession to pass under. Procession consisted of Past Governors, Incoming and Outgoing Founder Region Fellowship Board, Incoming and Outgoing Founder Region Board.

Linda Bozorgnia, Soroptimist International of Clear Lake, gave the inspiration.

Jane McKnight, President of Soroptimist International of Clear Lake, gave the welcome.

Coordinator Del informed the attendees that the envelopes on the table held tickets that are \$2 each. The winning ticket holder will get a \$50 bill and the money raised will go to the President's December 10th Appeal. \$585 was raised.

The Diablo Community Light Opera Company gave the dinner entertainment. We had 3 delightful singers doing tunes from Broadway shows.

President Mary Ann announced that Fellowship had raised \$8,000 this weekend. She, then, installed the new officers for Fellowship.

Past President of SIA, Del, installed the Founder Region Board of Directors.

Governor-elect Sue gave her message.

Governor Cathy gave her thanks and her message.

The 2004-2006 Founder Region Board stood up. Governor Cathy donned her Royal cape, crown and scepter and they exited the room while singing the 'Good by (Adieu-adieu)' song from the Sound of Music. They shut the door behind them.

Coordinator Del said 'it looks like they are done' and adjourned the meeting.

Sunday, May 8 8:00 a.m.

Soroptimist International of Vallejo conducted our Memorial Service. Each club was given bulbs to plant to remind them of the passed member(s) every springtime. Memories of the members who had passed were shared during the ceremony.

Reconvene 8:45 a.m.

Governor Cathy called the meeting to order.

Jo Anne Center, Soroptimist International of Eel River Valley gave the inspiration.

Nicki Johnson, Soroptimist International of Cloverdale, gave welcome.

Governor Cathy presented the members seated at the head table.

Secretary Linda Sue announced a proposal submitted by Soroptimist International of Vacaville indicating the club's desire to host the region conference in 2009 and moved the adoption of the findings. Adoption passed.

Governor Cathy introduced Wendy Anderson, 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) Michelle Conklin, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Healdsburg; 2) Kelly Reck, sponsored by Soroptimist International East Contra Costa County; 3) Alyssa Martin, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Eureka and 4) Morgan McIntyre, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Diablo Vista. Chair Wendy thanked all the members of her committee.

Governor Cathy introduced Linda McDoniels in her role of Director of Fund Development Council, SIA. Director Linda spoke on how the clubs are being asked to think of themselves

first when donating monies to organizations, to support themselves and our own projects. Director Linda spoke of past winners of the Women Opportunity Awards and how our gifts to them were helping reclaim their lives. She spoke of the Laurel Society and what membership in it entails.

Governor Cathy announced the members of Founder Region that were being honored by membership in the Laurel Society: Barbara Lanier, Gloria Soderbury, Barbie Slavens, Kris Wiley, Susan Galliani, and Barbara Ideta, and Lisa Schaffner in honor of their work done for the Region. Shirley Grover's membership was increased from Attaché to Envoy level.

Governor Cathy introduced Janet Flink, Chair of the Violet Richardson Award Committee. Awards were presented to Farnoosh Nik-Ahd, sponsored by Soroptimist International of San Ramon Valley, Janelle Tiulentino, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Rio Vista, Sabrina Vaillancourt sponsored by Soroptimist International of Vacaville, Cailen Wright, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Marin County, Rachel McCain, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Crescent City, and Nikki Luong, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Honolulu. Governor Cathy presented certificates and checks for \$250.00 to each of the winners. The Region Winner, Cailen Wright, was presented with a Certificate from Soroptimist International of the Americas and a check for \$1000 and a check for \$1000 for the charity of her choice: New Beginning, a homeless shelter.

Governor Cathy introduced Lisa Wittke Schaffner, Chair of the Women's Opportunity Awards Committee. Chairman Lisa spoke on the process and gave a short history of the award. Based on our 100% participation in the Women's Opportunity Awards program in 2005, SIA awarded Founder Region \$23,000 to be divided among our District winners plus one additional winner. Adding this money to the monies from the Region, allowed us to award the following: one award of \$3,000.00, five \$4,000.00, and one \$ 6,000.00. Winners included this year: Sumner Duron, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Benicia, Sewanda Williams, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Oakland, Nicole Grimes, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Diablo Vista, Lisa Morison, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Napa, Elizabeth Linton, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Yokayo Sunrise, Dolores McBroom, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Fort Bragg, and Dayleen Fuller, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Central Oahu. Our Regional winner was Elizabeth Linton who was presented a check for \$6,000 and her application will be forwarded to SIA for further judging at the Federation level where she will be eligible to compete for an additional \$10,000.

Clubs had individual drawings of several different items. The table ticket was drawn for \$50. \$763 was collected for SIA programs.

Governor Cathy thanked official visitor Director Sue for being part of Founder Region Conference. Donations were made in honor of SI Clear Lake, Director Sue Miller and Lori Blair to the Laurel Society for their contribution to this conference. Governor Cathy presented a gift to Coordinator Del as did Governor Elect Sue.

Governor Cathy introduced Pam Parker, Chair of the Region SIA Program Fundraising Committee. Pam explained the money from the sale of tickets for the baskets raffled during Founder Region Conference would be given to the Laurel Society. Chair Pam reported that approximately \$11,850 had been raised as of Sunday morning.

Winners of Founder Region Fellows throughout the conference were Mamie Bramlett, her second Fellow from SI Kona, Barbara Jones from SI Dixon, Carlene Yamauchi from SI Vallejo Gateway, Nancy Gilleland who, in turn, gave it to Jennifer Rush from SI Kona, Chrisann Nicholson, SI Fremont, who wanted it to be in memory of her mother, Jane Robinson, Erin Malone who gave it to Linda Perry from SI Crescent City, Norene Lowry, her second Fellow, from SI Diablo Vista and Yvonne Giodano from SI Maui.

Registration Chair Christine gave the final attendance report:

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| Clubs in Founder Region | 65 |
| Clubs Registered | 64 |
| Clubs Absent | 1 |
| Federation Directors | 1 |
| Region Officers | 4 |
| District Directors | 6 |
| Fellowship President | 1 |
| Fellowship Directors | 6 |
| Club Delegates | 177 |
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| Other Soroptimists | 229 |
| Guests | 56 |
| Total in Attendance | 483 |

Conference Coordinator Del acknowledged and thanked the hotel staff and the hostess club Soroptimist International of Clear Lake for their hard work.

Governor Cathy 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.

Governor Cathy asked all to rise and say the Soroptimist Pledge.

Governor Cathy adjourned the Thirtieth Annual Founder Region Conference. The conference closed at 12:15 p.m.

Linda Sue Hansen
Founder Region Secretary

President Mary Ann called upon Credentials Chair Christine for an updated Credentials Report. Chair Christine presented credentials report number two:

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| Clubs in Founder Region | 65 | Delegates Registered | |
| Clubs Eligible to Vote | 65 | Fellowship President | 1 |
| Clubs Not in Good Standing | 0 | Fellowship Directors | 6 |
| Clubs Registered | 63 | Club Delegates | 158 |
| Total Clubs | 62 | Total Delegates | 165 |

Quorum for Session 64

President Mary Ann announced there were no proposed amendments for consideration.

Each of the six district directors gave a big "thank you" to her clubs for contributions made to Fellowship during the past year. The directors each expressed heartfelt appreciation for the support given to them for their fundraising efforts.

President Mary Ann presented the Fellowship President's Award, which honors the past presidents of Fellowship and recognizes the district that raises the most money for Fellowship during the year. This year's award went to Barbie Slavens on behalf of District III.

President Mary Ann thanked Governor Cathy for her appointment, the Directors for their hard word and dedication, and the members of Founder Region for making Fellowship a huge success.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Barbara Lanier
Fellowship Secretary



FOUNDER REGION FELLOWSHIP, INC.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

May 6, 2006

President Mary Ann Redden called to order the annual business meeting of Founder Region Fellowship on May 6, 2006 at the Concord Hilton Hotel, Concord, California at 8:35 a.m. She introduced the members of the platform party: Barbara Ideta, Director District VI, Kris Wiley, Director District IV, Barbie Slavens, Director District III, Gloria Soderbery, Director District II, Lorraine Humphrey, Region Parliamentarian, Sue Galliani, Director District V, Fellowship Treasurer, Barbara Lanier, Director District I, Fellowship Secretary, and Governor Cathy Mitchell.

The first credentials report was given by Credential Chair Christine Naber and adopted as reported:

| Clubs in Founder Region | | Delegates Registered | |
|----------------------------|----|----------------------|-----|
| Clubs Eligible to Vote | 65 | Fellowship President | 1 |
| Clubs Not in Good Standing | 0 | Fellowship Directors | 6 |
| Clubs Registered | 63 | Club Delegates | 158 |
| Total Clubs | 62 | Total Delegates | 165 |

Quorum for Session 64

The minutes from the previous annual business meeting were accepted as presented in the Founder Region Conference Proceeding for 2005.

Treasurer Sue Galliani presented the Treasurer's report. The report was approved as submitted and filed for financial review.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee Bobbie Enderlin gave the Nominating Committee Report. The nominees were: District I – Karen Ortega, District II – Gloria Soderbery, District III – Linda Glantz, District IV – Linda Bradbrook, District V – Sarah Olson-Turner, District VI – Jane Murakami and Lorraine Teniya. There being no nominations from the floor, the chair declared the nominations closed. Each of the candidates spoke to the members for a maximum of the allotted two minutes. Judy Lee spoke on behalf of Lorraine Teniya who was unable to attend the meeting.

Founder Region
Soroptimist International of the Americas
Officers and Directors 2004–2006

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| Cathy Mitchell | <i>Governor</i> |
| Sue Finch | <i>Governor-elect</i> |
| Linda Sue Hansen | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Joyce Strand | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| April Rovero | <i>Director, District I</i> |
| Norene Lowry | <i>Director, District II</i> |
| Terry Baldwin | <i>Director, District III</i> |
| Penny Soleum | <i>Director, District IV</i> |
| Debbie Thompson | <i>Director, District V</i> |
| Jane Murakami | <i>Director, District VI</i> |
| Lorraine Humphrey | <i>Parliamentarian</i> |

Founder Region Fellowship
Board of Directors

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mary Ann Redden | <i>President</i> |
| Barbara L. Lanier | <i>Director, District I</i> |
| Gloria Soderbery | <i>Director, District II</i> |
| Barbie Slavens | <i>Director, District III</i> |
| Kris Wiley | <i>Director, District IV</i> |
| Sue Galliani | <i>Director, District V</i> |
| Barbara Ideta | <i>Director, District VI</i> |

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