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Thirty-second Annual Conference

Official Program

Sue Finch—Governor

“Creating Magic Through Soroptimist”

May 2, 3 & 4, 2008

**Marriott Hotel
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Joyce Strand, Conference Coordinator

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Welcome Members and Guests to Founder Region's
32nd Annual Conference

The Founder Region Board, Fellowship Board, region committees, Hostess Club Soroptimist International of Napa and the conference coordinator are excited to share this weekend with you. We have a myriad of events planned that will help you:

- learn about our organization
- hear up to date ideas on how to work with volunteers
- make new friends
- laugh, cry, and even get some exercise

This is truly a multi cultural event with official visitors, guests, VIP's, and members joining us from other countries and states. Immediate Past President of Soroptimist International Lynn Dunning came from England, Federation Director Dulce Gozon is from the Philippines, SIA Fund Development Council member Rosemarie Burton lives in Connecticut, members from district VI came from Hawaii, Guam, and the Marianas, and Susan Ellis, our guest speaker, hails from Philadelphia. Please introduce yourselves to these people, to the award recipients, and our first time attendees and make them feel welcome.

Thanks to you we are giving over \$92,000 in grants and awards during conference. That represents a tremendous number of opportunity drawings and fundraising events. You are definitely "Creating Magic Through Soroptimist" this weekend!

From the board meeting on Thursday to the awards brunch on Sunday this conference is filled with activities including a fashion show, opportunities to shop and network, razzle dazzle entertainment, and a 60th birthday celebration. Some lucky attendees will go home with goodies in the form of Fellowship and Laurel pins, baskets, and money.

The M & M's of this conference are creating MAGIC AND MEMORIES! Make the most of it and remember "what happens in Founder Region stays in Founder Region".

Warm regards,

Governor Sue

Founder Region Board 2006 - 2008

Sue Finch

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PROGRAM

Thursday, May 1

9:00 am — 2:00 pm	Founder Region Board Meeting
4:30 pm — 5:30 pm	Founder Region Fellowship Board Meeting
6:30 pm — 9:30 pm	No Host Dinner and Fashion Show

Friday, May 2

Registration 8:00 am — 6:00 pm
Trade Fair 9:00 am — 5:30 pm

9:00 am — 11:15 am	Workshop — “Love Your Heart, Love Yourself” Presented by Legislative Advocacy Committee Tess Albin-Smith, Chair
9:00 am — 11:15 am	Workshop — “Omigosh, I’m President!” Transitioning into Your New Role Presented by Susan Ellis of Energize, Inc
11:30 am — 12:15 pm	Break
12:15 pm — 2:15 pm	Luncheon — “Believe You Can Make a Difference” Hosted by Region Officers
Inspiration	Secretary Linda Sue Hansen
Welcome	Treasurer Debbie Thompson
Presentation of Platform Party	Governor Sue Finch
Lunch	Keynote Speaker Rosemarie Burton, SIA Fund Development Council
Award Presentation	Governor-elect/Program Council Amelia Benko Making A Difference For Women For Women Award
Announcements	Conference Coordinator Joyce Strand
2:30 pm — 4:00 pm	Workshop — “Make New Friends But Keep The Old” Presenter Susan Ellis of Energize Inc.

Friday Evening

6:00 pm — 7:00 pm

7:00 pm

Social Hour – Meet the Fellowship Recipients

Fellowship Dinner – “Celebrating 60 Years of Fellowship”
Hostess Club Soroptimist International of Clear Lake

Opening

Governor Sue

Presentation of Colors

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America
Napa Assembly #7 International
Order of the Rainbow for Girls
Emily Bailey, Worthy Advisor
Katie O'Reilly, Past Worthy Advisor
Monique Moore, Faith

National Anthem

Barbara Lanier

Inspiration

Linda Bozorgnia, President
Soroptimist International of Clear Lake

Welcome

Arlene Grimes, Incoming President
Soroptimist International of Clear Lake

Presentation of Platform Party

Governor Sue

Introduction of Past Fellowship Presidents

Dion Weaver, President
Founder Region Fellowship

Awardees and Grant Presentations

Fellowship Board

Announcements

Conference Coordinator Joyce

Recess



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Fellowship Recipients

Jennifer J. Casolo

Jennifer had planned out her life by the time she was 16. She was to go to college, spend her year in Spain and one year in Latin America, become a graduate student and then take a university or think tank position. That was before she “fully comprehended the what and why of poverty”. Due to her experiences in Central America, she formed a small El Salvadorian group, “Women’s Voices Across Borders”. Following Hurricane Mitch in Northern Honduras, she helped to consolidate and expand reconstruction and development programs in that region. Jennifer returned to the university to expand her skills and to work on her dissertation project, *“Practicing Difference, Producing Hope? Development, Citizenship and Resource Struggles in the Maya-Ch’orti Region of Eastern Guatemala”*.



Raisa Karasik

Born in Russian, Raisa immigrated at the age of 14 to the U.S. with her family. “I learned a new language, a new culture and developed a new passion: a passion for physical sciences and math”. After extensive work in the research field at various universities, she has focused her efforts on the possibility of realizing a quantum computer utilizing systems in quantum optics. In addition to research, Raisa has also worked as a math tutor for the Courant Institute, as a T.A. for Organic Chemistry and helped to create a new physics course at NYU. She is a role model for female students and encourages women to take an interest in science and mathematics. Her dissertation is titled, *“Avoiding Irreversible Dynamics in Quantum Systems”*.



Anita D. Millman

“I dropped the jug the first time I tried to carry it home on my head...” Her experiences as a Peace Corps Volunteer in El Salvador led her to study water resources with the goal of ensuring “sustainable and equitable management of water resources” with an interdisciplinary approach. Anita has a degree in Civil Engineering from Cornell, an M.A. in Energy and Resources from UCB and is the only person in her department at U.C. Berkeley studying trans-boundary water management. She has been involved in environmental projects throughout the U.S., Mexico, and Guatemala. She has also co-developed and run day camps for children in environmental education. Her dissertation is titled, *“Bordering on Water Management: Challenges to Cooperation between the U.S. and Mexico”*.



Elizabeth C. Louis

A multi-talented individual, Elizabeth came to her field of study through a variety of experiences. A graduate of the University of Madras, she was a flight attendant for Kuwait Airways. Moving to the U.S. she worked in Information Technology, developed her skills in Batik fabric arts and became an ardent backpacker and hiker. It was through the latter that she became interested in environmental sustainability issues after spending time in Ecuador, Nepal and the Amazon and Andes regions. Her interest in food sovereignty in Hawai’i and other locations led her to focus her research on the “hunger belt” of India. Her dissertation is titled, *“The Political Ecology of Food Sovereignty Movements in Neo-liberal India”*.



Fellowship Recipients

Yvonne F. P. Wong

From Malaysia of Chinese ancestry to Australia where she became a citizen, Yvonne has worked on the international level for most of her adult life. She holds a certificate in Chinese Legal Systems and Chinese Laws from Shanghai, has served as a solicitor in Samoa and Australia, as a legal advisor in Cambodia, a lawyer in London, and as an intern at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. Through her travels, she has "...been exposed to the natural beauty, and to the human excess and despair in our world. But I have discovered a commonality in all humanity... This is why I believe it is possible to establish a framework of ethics with international application..." She is pursuing her JSD at UC Berkeley focusing on the issue of "odious debts". Her dissertation is titled, *"The Odious Debts Doctrine and the Case of Iraq"*.



Brenda Shebanek

After a very rough start in life, Brenda discovered that people were comfortable talking with her. She decided to go back to school and become a therapist. This was the point when her life began again. In 1996, Brenda received a Women's Opportunity Award which not only gave her financial assistance but also validation from a group of professional women. Admission into UC Davis gave her the opportunity to work in settings that only reconfirmed her goal. She became more involved in staff training and program review which eventually led to her desire to pursue her doctoral degree at John F. Kennedy University. Her topic is the *"Self-Stigma of Addiction"*.



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Fellowship Recipients

Emily E. Peters

“...math, feminism and teaching/mentoring are what inspire me... I've loved math my whole life”. When she was 16, Emily attended the Hampshire College Summer Studies in Mathematics and met her first female mathematician who inspired her to become a research mathematician. She has since returned as a staff member and has worked to recruit more women into mathematics. Emily enjoys mentoring students, TA-ing at UCB and being involved in the Association of Women in Math and the Noetherian Ring events. Recommending professors, Marta Asaeda and Vaughan F. Jones, the latter a recipient of the Fields Medal, have stated that Emily's work represents a great advance in the construction of subfactors and has promise in research mathematics. Her dissertation is “*Constructing the Haagerup Subfactor with Planar Algebras*”.



Julieta Rosado

Traveling between Columbia and the U.S., Julieta grew up speaking fluent Spanish and English. She discovered her calling when her priest asked for volunteers to assist in a local nursing home. She obtained a practical nursing degree, and then her R.N. degree. She served in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and added to her specialized skill areas. She married, had a son and left the military to teach at a local Community College. She is conducting a clinical trial at Tripler Army Medical Center which led to “*A Study to Determine the Effects of Cinnamon on Blood Glucose and Lipid Levels in Persons with Type-2 Diabetes*”.

Thank You

Fellowship President Dion

Fellowship Director Gloria

District II Director Dona

For your support and dedication to District II and
Founder Region these past two years.

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PROGRAM

Saturday, May 3

Registration 7:30 am to Noon (Closed during business sessions)

Trade Fair 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

7:30 am — 8:30 am

Networking Breakfast

8:30 am — 9:30 am

Founder Region Fellowship Annual Meeting

Call to Order

President Dion

Presentation of Platform Party

President Dion

Adoption of Credentials Report

Credentials Chair Patricia Walker

Minutes

Secretary Karen Ortega

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Linda Glantz

Directors Reports

Fellowship Directors

President's Report

President Dion

Adjourn Founder Region Fellowship Annual Meeting

9:30 am — 11:15 am

Founder Region Business Meeting

Call to Order

Governor Sue

Presentation of Platform Party

Governor Sue

Adoption of Credentials Report

Credentials Chair Patricia

Adoption of Standing Rules

Secretary Linda Sue

Adoption of Official Conference Program

Secretary Linda Sue

Introduction of Pages

Governor Sue

Nominating Committee Report

Chair Jane Bartke

Nominations from the Floor

Governor Sue

Presentations of Candidates

Governor Sue

Appointment of Tellers

Governor Sue

Greetings and Correspondence

Secretary Linda Sue

Findings Report for Conference 2010

Secretary Linda Sue

Saturday, May 3 (continued)

Treasurer's Report	Treasurer Debbie
Financial Report	Jan Phelps, Member Finance Committee
Federation Update	Dulce Gozon, Director Soroptimist International of the Americas
Credentials Report	Credentials Chair Patricia
Proposed Amendment to Bylaws (as time permits)	Linda Simon, Chair Laws & Resolutions Committee
Elections Procedures	Chair Jane

Recess

Polls will be open from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

12:00 Noon — 2:00 pm

Luncheon "Believe in the Possibilities" Hostess: District Directors

Opening	Governor Sue
Inspiration	Barbara Lanier, Director District I
Welcome	Bobbi Enderlin, Director District III
Presentation of Platform Party	Governor Sue
First Time Attendees Recognition	Governor Sue
Presentation of Past Governors	Governor Sue
Lunch Keynote	Lynn Dunning, Immediate Past International President
Project Sierra Report	Director Bobbi Enderlin
Presentation of Region Awards	
Julia "Bess" Combs Membership Increase Award	Treasurer Debbie
Region STARS	Governor Sue
Club Awards	District Directors
Special Acknowledgements	

2:15 pm

Reconvene Business Session

Credentials Report	Credentials Chair Patricia
Vote on Hostess Club for 2010	Governor Sue

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws	Laws & Resolutions Committee Chair Linda
Region Committee Reports	Sheila Bearden, Chair, Membership Committee April Rovero, Chair, Public Awareness Committee Program Council, Governor-Elect Amelia
Election Returns	Chair Jane
	Instructions for additional balloting (if required)
Presentation of 2008-2010 Founder Region Board	Governor Sue
Presentation of 2008-2010 Founder Region Fellowship Directors	Governor Sue
Appointment of 2008-2010 Founder Region Fellowship President	Governor-elect Amelia
Announcements	Conference Coordinator Joyce

Saturday Evening, May 3

6:00 pm — 7:00 pm	Social Hour
7:00 pm	Installation Banquet — “Puttin’ On the Glitz” Hostess Club SI Napa
Opening	Conference Coordinator Joyce
Inspiration	Brenda Roberts Soroptimist International of Napa
Welcome	Pam Kindig Auditor Controller for Napa County
Welcome	Eileen Perez, President Soroptimist International of Napa
Dinner	
Installation of Founder Region Fellowship Board of Directors	Past Governor Mary Ann Redden
Installation of Founder Region Board of Directors	Immediate Past President Lynn
Governor-elect Message	Governor-elect Amelia
Governor’s Message	Governor Sue
Auction	Director Bonnie Vukonich
Entertainment	Crescent Entertainment and Sound

Official Visitors and Guest Speakers



Lynn Dunning, Immediate Past President of Soroptimist International

Lynn Dunning of Darwen, Lancashire, England, is Immediate Past International President of Soroptimist International. She is a member of Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland.

Lynn, a member of Soroptimist International of Ramsbottom, South Lancashire for more than 20 years, has served Soroptimist in roles such as Chair of the Constitution Committee, Chair of the Retailing Committee and Chair of the Federation Conference Committee. She served as Federation President from 2001-02, Soroptimist International President Elect from 2003-05 and completed her term of office as International President in August 2007. Lynn is currently leading the Soroptimist International Strategic Planning Group.

Lynn is Head Teacher in a large high school in Darwen, Lancashire. On completing her Bachelor of Arts degree, Lynn began her teaching career in Bury, teaching English, Geography and Social Education. She is a qualified School Inspector and has obtained a National Professional Qualification for Headship.

Lynn is a supporter of UNICEF, Anti-Slavery International, The Fawcett Society, and World Wide Fund for Nature and Amnesty International. She lives on a smallholding and enjoys carriage driving and horse riding.

Dulce Gozon, Board of Directors, Soroptimist International of the Americas

Dulce is a member of Soroptimist International of Caloocan, one of 3,100 Soroptimist clubs that exist to improve conditions for local women and girls. A member since 1987, Dulce has held several leadership positions, including region governor and charter club president. She has also been a member of the Governors' Round Table, and was a recipient of the Women Helping Women Award.

Dulce is CEO and chairperson of the National Onion Growers Cooperative Marketing Association, where she also works as an onion farmer and agribusiness person. She holds a master's degree in psychology from the University of the Philippines. In addition, to her Soroptimist activities, Gozon chairs several committees, including the Foundation for Resource Linkage and Development and the National Agricultural and Forestry Council's Committee on Fruits and Vegetables.



Official Visitors and Guest Speakers



Rosemarie Burton, Member of the Fund Development Council

Rosemarie is a member of Soroptimist International of Greater Bridgeport, one of 3,100 Soroptimist clubs that exist to improve conditions for local women and girls. A member since 1993, Rosemarie has held several leadership positions, including SIA Board Director, Northeastern Region governor, region project chair, and club president and vice president.

Rosemarie is president and CEO of Klingberg Family Centers, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides programs for children and families with significant behavioral health needs. She holds a sixth year certificate in school administration and a master's degree in special education from Southern Connecticut State University, and a bachelor's degree in child development and family relations from the University of Connecticut. In addition to her Soroptimist activities, Rosemarie

is president of the board of the National Association for Children's Behavioral Health, chair of the National Commission for the Accreditation of Special Education Services and past chair of the boards of Special Olympics Connecticut and the New England Network for Children and Youth.

Susan J. Ellis, Energize, Inc.

Susan Ellis is President of Energize, Inc., an international training, consulting, and publishing firm that specializes in volunteerism. She founded the Philadelphia-based company in 1977 and since that time has assisted clients throughout North America, Europe, Asia, Latin America, and Australasia to create or strengthen their volunteer corps. The company celebrated its 30th birthday in 2007.

Susan is the author or co-author of twelve books, including *From The Top Down: The Executive Role in Volunteer Program Success*, *The Volunteer Recruitment Book*, and *By the People: A History of Americans as Volunteers*. She has written more than 90 articles on volunteer management for dozens of publications and writes the national bi-monthly column, "On Volunteers," for *The NonProfit Times* (since 1990). From 1981 to 1987 she was Editor-in-Chief of *The Journal of Volunteer Administration*.

Susan's interest in new technology has taken Energize into cyberspace, where its innovative Web site has won international recognition as a premier resource for volunteer program leaders: www.energizeinc.com. She co-authored *The Virtual Volunteering Guidebook*, which is available for free in electronic form on the Energize Web site. In 2000, she and Steve McCurley launched the field's first online journal, e-Volunteerism: *The Electronic Journal of the Volunteer Community* [www.e-volunteerism.com], for which she continues to serve as editor. As of 2007, Energize has opened its online training plan – Everyone Ready® – for public enrollment.

Susan is an active volunteer in a variety of volunteerism associations and community groups, including Books Through Bars and Spark the Wave: Igniting Teen Volunteers.



PROGRAM

Sunday, May 4

Registration 7:00 am — 9:00 am

8:00 am — 8:30 am

Memorial Service
Hostess Club
Soroptimist International of Tri-Cities, Fremont

8:45 am

Awards Breakfast
Hostess Clubs:
Soroptimist International of Eel River Valley
Soroptimist International of Livermore

Call to Order

Governor Sue

Inspiration

Judi Irwin, Director
Soroptimist International of Livermore

Welcome

Bonnie Griffiths, President
Soroptimist International of Eel River Valley

Presentation of Platform Party

Governor Sue

Breakfast

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Norene Lowry, Chair “S” Club Committee

Michelle Choi — Sacred Hearts Academy

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Pamela Dadaos — Healdsburg High School

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Angelica Tripp — Carondelet High School

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Violet Richardson Award District Winners

Charlene Stamps, Chair

District I - Jillian Jetton

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District IV - Jessica S. Assaf

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District V - Holly La Count

Sponsored By SI Humboldt Bay

District VI - Erica Garcia

Sponsored By SI The Marianas

Women’s Opportunity Awards District Winners

Claudia Quiles, Chair

District I Sandra Martin

Soroptimist International of the East Bay

District II Shelby A. Lintz

Soroptimist International of Pittsburg

District III Linda J. King

Soroptimist International of Clear Lake

District IV Hannah Njuguna

Soroptimist International of Marin County

District V Jennifer Freer

Soroptimist International of Arcata

District VI Rhonda Suka

Soroptimist International of Central Oahu,

Waikiki, Honolulu, Windward Oahu

At Large Kel Karges

Soroptimist International of Eureka

Club Drawings/Raffles

Governor Sue

“Let’s Continue the Magic” Fundraiser

Marge Dimmick, Chair

SIA Program Fundraising Committee

Attendance Report

Credential Chair Patricia

Acknowledgments

Conference Coordinator Joyce

Closing Remarks

Governor Sue

Soroptimist Pledge

Governor Sue

Adjournment

Founder Region Fellowship Credentials Reports

Credentials Report #1

Clubs in Founder Region _____
 Clubs Eligible to Vote _____
 Clubs Not in Good Standing _____
 Clubs Registered _____
 Total Voting Clubs _____

Delegates Registered:
 Fellowship President _____
 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 Voting Clubs _____

Delegates Registered:
 Fellowship President _____
 Fellowship Directors _____
 Club Delegates _____
 Total Delegates _____

Quorum for Opening Session _____

Founder Region Credentials Reports

Credentials Report #1

Clubs in Founder Region _____
 Clubs Eligible to Vote _____
 Clubs Not in Good Standing _____
 Clubs Registered _____
 Total Voting 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 Voting Clubs _____

Delegates Registered:
 Region Officers _____
 District Directors _____
 Club Delegates _____
 Total Delegates _____

Quorum for Opening Session _____

Credentials Report #3

Clubs in Founder Region _____
 Clubs Eligible to Vote _____
 Clubs Not in Good Standing _____
 Clubs Registered _____
 Total Voting 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 Voting Clubs _____

Delegates Registered:
 Region Officers _____
 District Directors _____
 Club Delegates _____
 Total Delegates _____

Quorum for Opening Session _____

Attendance Report



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International Officers	_____
Federation Officers	_____
Region Officers	_____
District Directors	_____
Fellowship President	_____
Fellowship Directors	_____
Club Delegates	_____
Other Soroptimists	_____
Guests	_____
 Total in Attendance	 _____



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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, five minutes per question and ten minutes for each article, 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 Sue
 - 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

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. The 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 may be presented by a member of 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.

Barbara S. 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. 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, (totaling 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.

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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.

The region awards are presented each year and funded by Soroptimist International of the Americas. The region award is based on the number of participating clubs from the previous year. Funding for the following club year is announced by Federation June 1st. Each region receives a base award of \$5,000.00. At each additional level, regions receive an additional \$3,000.00 award. Each region forwards its winner to the federation. The Federation awards three \$10,000.00 awards. On all levels, judges are to be non-Soroptimists.

Making A Difference For Women Awards

This award honors women who are making extraordinary differences in the lives of other women. The award begins at the local level where clubs recognize a woman in their community. Clubs submit their entry to the region level, where the region selects a woman to honor at the region conference. The regions submit their entries to the federation level, where one woman is selected to receive a \$5,000.00 donation to her favorite charitable organization. The recipient is invited to accept her award at SIA's biennial convention or other federation meeting.



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Linda McDoniels, 1998—2000
"Making a Difference Together"

Nancy Walker, 1996—1998
"Inward Journey-Outward Paths"

Patti Cross*, 1994—1996
"Reach for Soroptimist Rainbows"

Dorothy L. Avilla*, 1992—1994
"Leading the Way"

Lorraine Komor, 1990—1992
"Celebration of Soroptimist"

Susan Joyce, 1988—1990
"We are One in Service Spirit"

Carol Steele, 1986—1988
"Dreams of Soroptimism"

Del Nickerson, 1984—1986
"Images of Soroptimism"

Patricia D. Daniels, 1982—1984
"Gifts of Soroptimism"

Marjorie T. Conley, 1980—1982
"Windows"

Catherine M. Burns, 1978—1980
"Let Us Grow"

Violet B. Unland*, 1976—1978
"Beat of the Drum Calls Us to Service"

Margaret "Maggie" Knott*, 1974—1976
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"Onward and Upward"

Julia "Bess" Combs*, 1972—1974
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"Let It Begin With Me"

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

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The Love of Country.

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