



PRESIDENT KRIS

On behalf of myself, Treasurer Danelle, and Directors: Billie, Dana, Laurie, Laura and Angie, we welcome you. We are so delighted to tell you about all the new and exciting ways we are promoting Founder Region Fellowship this biennium.

First, I would like to thank you for paying your dues directly to our Fellowship Treasurer Danelle and thank you to Founder Region for making the dues forms so easy to follow with their color coding. This is a big change for our clubs and it was so necessary to streamline the treasurer duties, so great job to all our clubs!

As you can see, our theme for this biennium is “Bee” the Dream Through Education. For the newer members here today, Fellowship recognizes the value of empowering highly motivated women engaged in academic research in fields such as: science, technology, education, the climate, women's health and all things affecting women and girls' quality of life.

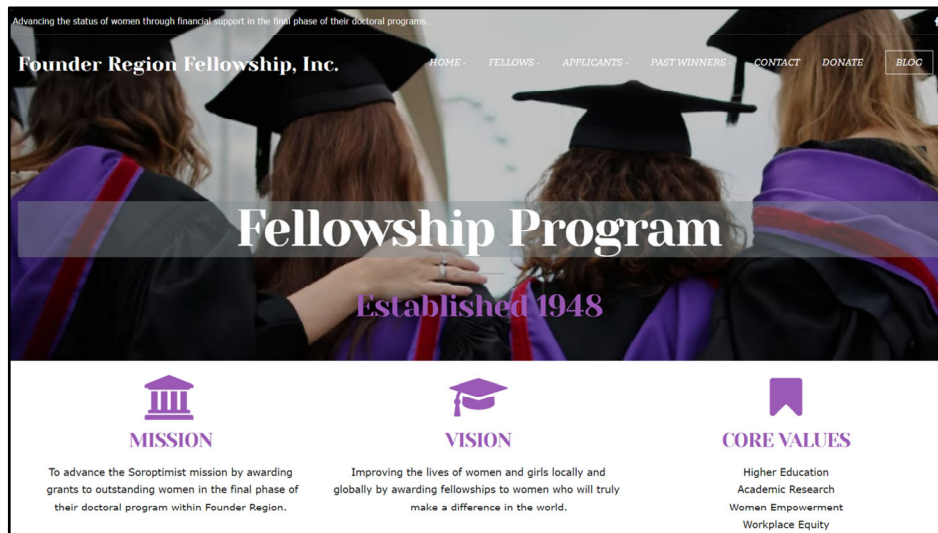
These women are doing ground breaking research and breaking down glass ceilings in their male dominated fields. Members in Founder Region have been empowering these women since 1948 and we hope will continue to support our mission for many years to come.



In 2023, Founder Region Fellowship will be celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> year and we have much in store of you.

We have adopted an official **Mission Statement**: to advance the Soroptimist mission by awarding grants to outstanding women in the final phase of their doctoral program within Founder Region.

We have a beautiful new sign to commemorate this achievement so be sure and get a group picture. Stay tuned for more details on fundraising goals and special celebrations for our Diamond Jubilee.



If you haven't heard already, Fellowship has a brand new website, which will give us a more professional face and a lot more content to raise our brand awareness.

We have also adopted an official **Vision**: Improving the lives of women and girls locally and globally by awarding Fellowships to women who will truly make a difference in the world.

We have identified **Our Core Values**, which are the fundamental driving forces of Fellowship: Higher Education, Academic Research, Women Empowerment and Workplace Equality.

Let take a look of some of the highlights on our new website.



The 2022-2024 Fellowship Board can be found on the “About Us” page along with our most current Brochure that you can download and include in your new member packets. We also have brochures at our table if you would like some to share with your members.





On the “**Fellows**” Page, read about the significance of the Fellowship logo and the levels that are available through your generous donations.

You can also access a list of which members in your club are Fellows. This list is organized by district so just click the button. You can contact your Fellowship Director for level inquiries and please let us know if you have transferred to another club, so we can update that information as well.



## BECOME A FELLOW

### How to become a Fellow:

Contribute \$1,000 to Founder Region Fellowship.  
Members are not eligible to participate in a Fellowship drawing.  
 Donations to Fellowship can be made by cheque, including non-members.  
 Donations can be made "in honor of" or "in memory of" a person living or deceased.  
 Set up a Monthly Pledge of \$25 or more to become a Fellow.



### Clubs Donations

Clubs are encouraged to develop their own opportunities to raise funds for Fellowship.  
Clubs are encouraged to budget \$1,000 for Fellowship.  
 Many clubs save for an annual or semi-annual Fellow.  
 Clubs often decide to surprise a member or perhaps raffie off a Fellow at a meeting.  
 Ready to name a Fellow?  
 Please send the FELLOWSHIP (JUR) & FINANCIAL TRANSACTION FORM to the FRP Treasurer.



### Region Conference Fellowship Games

The Fellowship Board annually develops opportunities to win a Fellow.  
A \$1,000 Fellow is awarded to the person with the correct number drawn for that game.  
 The number of opportunities is set by the annual Fellowship budget, and may be increased if there is a demand.  
 Fellowship board members visit clubs in their district and bring advanced sales of opportunities, which is especially nice for people not able to attend in person.



### District Meeting Raffle Baskets

All clubs select each district sales representatives and members to their annual District Meeting in the Fall.  
At the meeting, members can purchase raffle baskets at their regular club meetings.  
 Raffle baskets are sold for \$25.  
 Total raffle funds at each meeting are divided to determine the number of Fellow draws at the District Meeting.  
 Sales baskets are then entered for an opportunity to win a basket of goods (worth at least \$175) at each District Meeting.



### February "Fun for Fellowship"

Clubs may develop their own raffles, raffies, or games to collect money for Fellowship. Or the Fellowship Director may offer a special "Fun for Fellowship" idea to promote fundraising. Club members may be asked to empty all their coins into this collection jar at every meeting in February, or perhaps the club can "raise" members for fundraisers and special occasions.

LARRY POPEL



### Personal Donations


**IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF DONATIONS**  
Anyone can contribute any amount for Fellowship, in someone's memory or in honor of someone.  
 All donations are acknowledged in writing, and are tax deductible.  
 A member can contribute \$1,000 through a company's matching donation program.  
 Anyone donating \$1,000 to Fellowship will be awarded a pin, a certificate and a lifetime membership in Fellowship.





Learn all the different ways you can “**Become A Fellow**” on this page.

On the **Dorothy Sarnes** page, learn about this founding member of the Fellowship Board of Directors in 1986 when they incorporated and the generous contribution made in her honor. All memorial contributions are designated to the Dorothy Sarnes Memorial Fund.





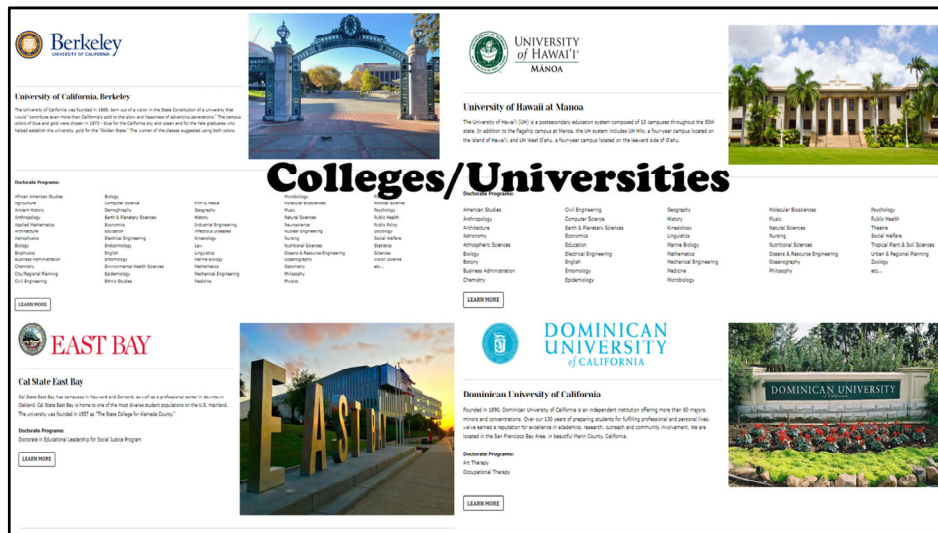
**Applicants**

2023 Founder Region Fellowship	Community Force Scholars United
 <p>Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. awards grants to outstanding women in the final phase of their doctoral degree program from an accredited institution of higher learning in Founder Region, Soroptimist International of the Americas.</p> <p>Eligible candidates must be enrolled in a doctoral program and currently attend an institution in one of the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern California - Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Solano, Sonoma</li> <li>• The State of Hawaii</li> <li>• The U.S. Territories of Guam &amp; the Northern Mariana Islands</li> <li>• The Republic of Palau</li> </ul>	<p>Begin Accepting Applications Date: 11/20/2022</p> <p>Deadline Date (EST Time Zone): 1/11/2023 12:00 AM</p> <p> communityforce.com</p>

The Fellowship Grant process is going virtual through a free online scholarship portal by Community Force Scholars United. Applicants will now complete their applications online, upload required documents, and email recommenders to streamline the process.

The Fellowship board will do their judging through the portal as well to determine finalists for interviews. I am sure applicants will find the process much easier to navigate and we hope to receive many more applications this coming year.

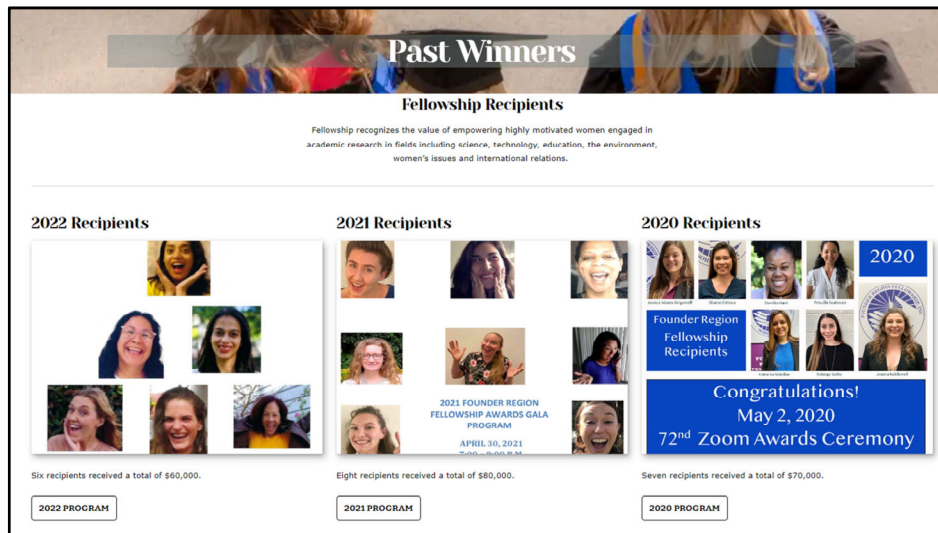
The board is beta testing the process now and we will have the portal open starting November 20<sup>th</sup>.



The “**Colleges**” page is a great resource to see all the colleges and universities that offer doctoral programs within the boundaries of Founder Region.

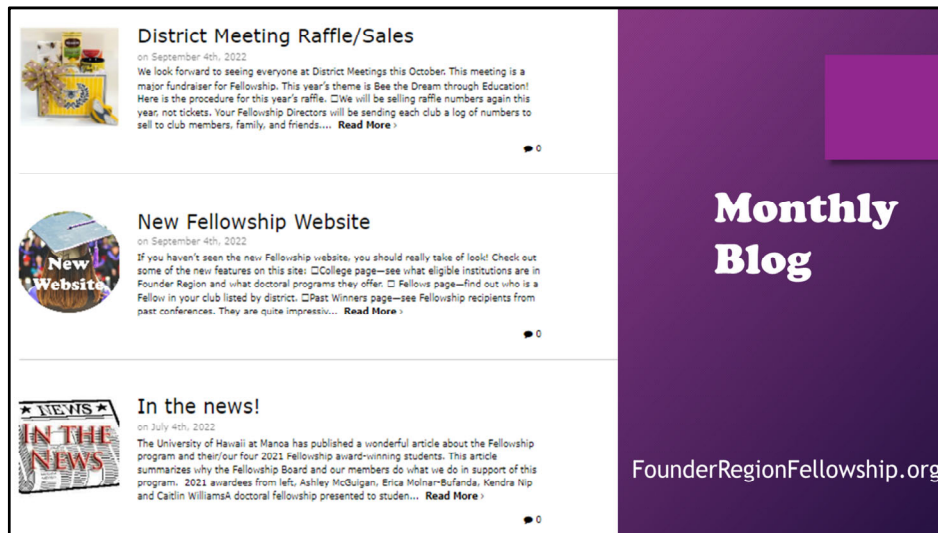
Although many of our recipients come from UC Berkeley and University of Hawaii at Manoa, there are actually 14 colleges and universities which offer over 150 doctoral programs in Founder Region.

Take a look and see all the beautiful sites of higher learning in Founder Region.



Check out the “**Past Winners**” page to read about Fellowship recipients and their ground breaking research.

Catch up with past recipients on the “**Where Are They Now**” page and see how our support and encouragement helped empower these women.



Read important updates on the all new **“Blog”** page. The bottom blog is about a great article that the University of Hawaii at Manoa published last year about their Fellowship Grant recipients and our program. They have a new one coming out shortly so be sure and check back often.

Well, that is just a quick overview of our new website, so be sure to visit [FounderRegionFellowship.org](http://FounderRegionFellowship.org) to take a deeper dive.

I would now like to invite Fellowship Directors...

District I - Billie Knight & District II – Dana Holve

District III – Laurie Gallian & District IV Laura Middlemiss

District V – Angie Bugarin

**to talk about how you can support Founder Region Fellowship.**



( I - Billie Knight, III – Laurie Gallian, V – Angie Bugarin )

We know that Fellowship is Founder Region's identifying project and has been since 1948. Clubs and members continue to support this program wholeheartedly and find value in our mission. We work collaboratively with region leadership to build a strong relationship to ensure our sustainability. Founder Region Fellowship is almost completely supported financially by our members so I want to share with you all the ways your can ensure Fellowship is around for the next 75 years.



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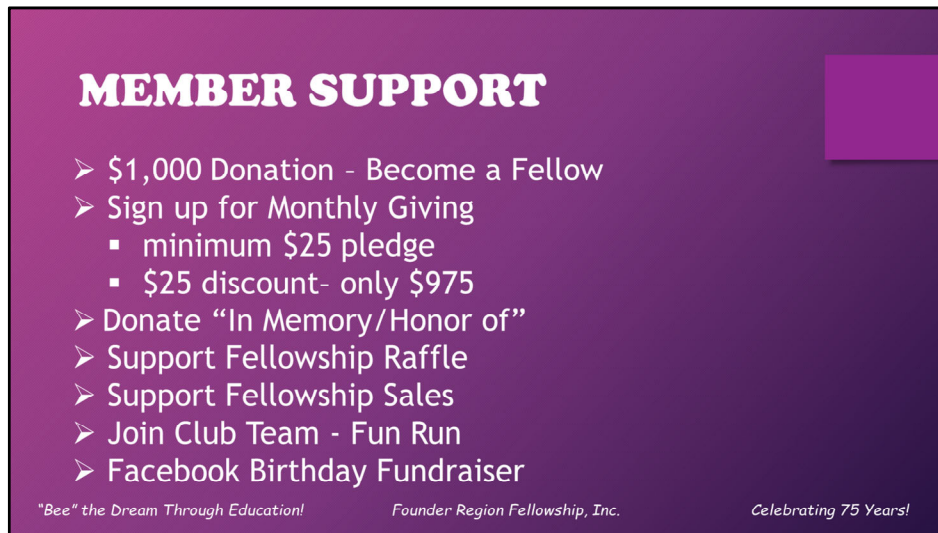
**Here are the ways your club can support our mission.**

- Make Fellowship contributions a line item in your Club Budget so you can name a Fellow annually or bi-annually.
  - \$1,000/year and name a Fellow every year
  - \$500/year and name a Fellow every 2 years
- Update your bylaws to make Fellowship your “charity of choice” for memorial contributions for members and their immediate families.

- Honor your members with donations to Fellowship for club milestone anniversaries and special recognitions.
- Recruit members for your club team to support the Fellowship Fun Run in April. This is an annual event and is a big money maker for Fellowship.

The more you talk about and support Fellowship, the more your members will find value in our mission.



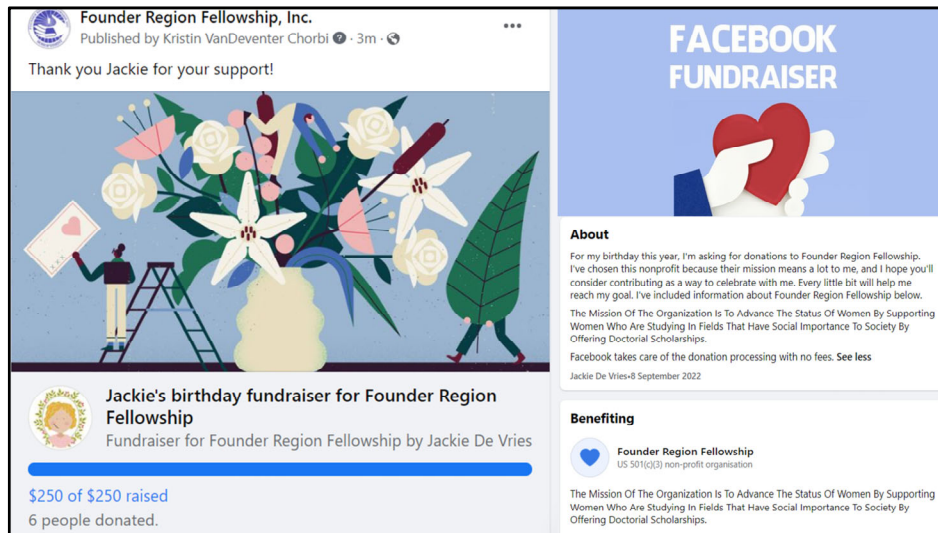


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**Our members can support Fellowship in these following ways:**

- Make a \$1,000 Donation to become a Fellow or level up, but if that is not in your budget..
- Sign up for Monthly Giving. With a minimum \$25 pledge, you get a \$25 discount so only pay \$975 to become a Fellow, or level up. **We also have a special gift for you if you sign up today!**
- Donate “In Memory/Honor of” – make Fellowship your “Charity of Choice” in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

- Support the Fellowship Raffle at this District Meeting by buying chances to win a prize.
- Support Fellowship Sales – visit our table to buy bee earrings, bee zippered bags, and SI Pin brooches.
- Join Your Club Team to participate in the Fellowship Fun Run in April. Solicit pledges from family, friends, or work colleagues
- Hold a Birthday Fundraiser on Facebook to solicit donations from family and friends.



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Thank you to Director Jackie DeVries for doing her birthday fundraiser for Fellowship recently. It is easy to set up, raised awareness about Fellowship and raised \$250 in just one day. Great job Jackie!

A graphic for the 75 Year Diamond Jubilee Fundraising Campaign. It features a large, faceted diamond in the background. In the top right corner is a circular seal with '75 years' and 'Diamond Jubilee' and five stars. The text '75 Year Diamond Jubilee Fundraising Campaign' is at the top left. Below it is a list of campaign details. To the right of the list, the text '\$75,000 Goal' is displayed in large, bold letters. At the bottom, there are three small lines of text: '“Bee” the Dream Through Education!', 'Founder Region Fellowship, Inc.', and 'Celebrating 75 Years!'.

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**We have a big audacious fundraising goal this year - \$75,000!**

**With just a little more effort on your part, I know we can**

**make this goal. In honor of our 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee**

**Anniversary, we are holding a special fundraising campaign for**

**the 22-23 club year.**

- We will be soliciting all Fellows to make a one-time donation of \$75. It may have been years since a member became a Fellow, so we hope to encourage our long standing Fellows to continue to support Fellowship. Our increased collective impact can add up to big dollars!
- If at least 12 of your club members each donate \$75, whether they are a Fellow or not, your club can name a

Fellow, which is a discount of \$100. Now if your club already budgets to name a Fellow every year, we hope that you will do this in addition to the individual member donations.

- All 22-23 donors will be entered into a drawing to win a Fellow (or level up), be posted on a special Anniversary Page on the Fellowship Website and receive Special Recognition at the 2023 Founder Region Conference In May.

You can start supporting this campaign today, just visit our table to donate your \$75. This is also a great idea as a Holiday/Birthday gift idea for the person who has everything. Donate \$75.00 or more in their name to Fellowship and we will send them a special donor recognition postcard. We hope we can count on you!



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## **We also have big plans for our Diamond Jubilee Celebration at Conference this year.**

- We are planning a very special Fellowship Reception to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. You won't want to miss it!
- We will be honoring our past Fellowship Presidents to thank them for their service.
- Be prepared for Fun Conference Games with prizes and opportunities to win a instant Fellow.
- We will be spotlighting our Fellows at every level.
- Stay tuned for more information and details and we hope to see you all at conference!



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February is designated as “Fun for Fellowship” Month to raise awareness and educate your members about our program.

We have several ways you can have fun and participate in Fellowship activities in February.





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- Plan now to invite your Fellowship Director to attend your club meeting in February to talk about Fellowship. First come, first served in reserving a date. Directors will be visiting all clubs throughout the biennium and we look forward to sharing our passion for Fellowship with all your club members.
- Of course, our directors will not be able to visit all their clubs in February, so we will be providing you with a PowerPoint presentation on Fellowship that you can present at your club meeting to educate your members

about the Region's Identifying Project.

- Plan a Club Fundraiser on your own and donate the proceeds to Fellowship. How about Bunko or Bingo? Plan a social and have some fun while supporting Fellowship.
- We will also be providing you with a "Fun for Fellowship" Calendar game that members can refer to every day during February and donate the recommended amount.
- But wait, there more...



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**The Fellowship Board will be holding a region-wide Zoom event for “Fun for Fellowship” in February.**

- Complete a Website Scavenger Hunt before the event and be entered into a drawing to win a Fellow or level up.
- Attend the Virtual Event and hear more about our Conference plans.
- Play Fellowship Bingo to win instant prizes and learn about all things Fellowship.
- We may even have a past Fellowship recipient to update you on the advances in her career.

So, we hope you will join us in the fun and support Fellowship in February.



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Your Fellowship board is hard at work to ensure we continue to be valuable, forward thinking, and successful in supporting our Soroptimist mission.

We want to thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a fun and successful biennium as we celebrate our 75 years of empowering women who will truly make a difference in the world.

Please remember to come and visit us at our table today and thank your continuing to support Founder Region Fellowship!