



Founder Region Conference

Oakland Marriott City Center

May 5 - 7, 2023



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OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Vicki Ham, Governor

2022-2024

Bee the Dream! 

Welcome to 2023 Conference

Vicki Ham, 2022-2024 Governor

To all our Soroptimist delegates, members, and guests, a warm “Welcome!”,
“Aloha!”, “Hafa Adai!” & “Alii!”

On behalf of your 2022-2024 Founder Region Leadership Team and Host Clubs, I welcome you to the 47th Annual Founder Region Conference. This is very special for us as we are here in Oakland where it all began over 100 years ago. We look forward to this weekend as we “*Bee the Dream!*” for women and girls through awareness, advocacy, and action. Attending our conference together gives us a chance to be with our long-time friends and meet new friends as we share our time together.

We give a big welcome to our official federation visitor, SIA President-elect Bobbi Enderlin – past Founder Region Governor, past Fellowship President, and a member of one of our region clubs, SI/Benicia. We are very fortunate to have her in attendance this weekend and we look forward to her presentation, *Power of the Collective: Small Deeds Bring Big Dreams.*

And while here and back at home, let us not forget the women and girls we are committed to help. From our Dream It, Be It programs, our Violet Richardson awards, Live Your Dream awards, Founder Region Fellowship grants, and our Legislative Advocacy program on the “Sandwich Generation”, we are truly focused on helping women and girls through all stages of their lives. We must continue our mission to support all women and girls on into our second century of Soroptimist.

I look forward to sharing this weekend with each of you and I hope you enjoy your time here in Oakland where it all began for our Soroptimist organization. For all women and girls, please continue to “*Bee the Dream!*”

Thank you for attending,
Governor Vicki

Elise Balgley, 2022-2024 Governor-elect

Here we are in the middle of a most amazing biennium, in Oakland, where Soroptimist began. It is time to celebrate with friends we see frequently, acquaint ourselves with those we don’t see very often; and most importantly, to make new Soroptimist connections.

This is an opportunity for all of us to look at the big Soroptimist picture and see how wonderful it is. We are helping women and girls of all ages through our Dream Programs and our Fellowship grants. As clubs and individuals, we are making a difference in our communities and globally. This Conference is an opportunity to learn more about all these things and consider where Soroptimist is headed.

Please take this opportunity to enjoy Soroptimist fellowship all while gaining useful information. Be sure also to thank all of the members who have made this Conference happen. Most of all BEE happy and enjoy.

In Soroptimist Friendship,
Governor-elect Elise



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“Each time a woman stands up for herself, she stands up for all women.” ~ Maya Angelou



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Conference Coordinator

Dona Gaddis Wolf

SI/Antioch

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*"There is power in seeing a face that looks like yours do something, be someone.
There is power in moving from the sidelines to the center." ~ Jenny Han*

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Bee the Dream! 

"The question isn't who's going to let me; it's who is going to stop me." ~ Ayn Rand



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“Bee” the Dream through Education!



*"I love hearing educated people speak and just shut everyone up. Knowledge is always the loudest voice."
~ Zendaya*

Official Visitor & Greetings

Bobbi Enderlin, SIA President-elect, Official Visitor

Bobbi Enderlin is currently serving as President-Elect for Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) for 2022-2023. She has been a Soroptimist for 23 years, as a member of SI/Benicia, Founder Region, in California. She joined Soroptimist in 2000 because a friend invited her and has been a passionate member ever since, serving on the club board for many years holding the office of club president and treasurer twice. She went on to serve at the region level as district director, region secretary, governor-elect, and as governor from 2014-2016. She then served as president of Founder Region Fellowship, our foundation to provide scholarships to women finalizing their doctoral programs, giving away \$100,000 to ten women each year of her term. She then served as Region Membership Chair and helped charter two clubs that year. Traveling with Soroptimist has been a great side benefit of being a member - attending Region, SI and SIA conferences have allowed her to travel to Guam, Hawaii, Palau, Scotland, Turkey, Montreal, Vancouver, BC, Orlando, Florida, and Philadelphia. She is passionate about Soroptimist and believes that educating women and girls is a way to ensure that women always will have a seat at the table where decisions are being made.

Bobbi currently works part time as a property manager in Benicia. She has had various careers starting with customer service at Pacific Bell where she retired in 1992. She has been a management consultant, accounting manager, and various direct sales positions (Mary Kay and Pampered Chef). She is an avid "Stampin Up" hobbyist and loves making greeting cards. She has an adorable dog Buttons, two grown children, 5 grandchildren and a great grandson. She is also currently a caregiver for her 95 year old mom in Calistoga, where she spends most of her time.



"There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish." ~ Michelle Obama



Federation Greetings

Stephanie Smith, SIA President

Greetings Soroptimists!

What a pleasure it is to welcome you all to your spring conference on behalf of the SIA Board of Directors and staff.

Around our federation the regions are coming together to celebrate achievements and connect with members from around their regions. This is always a special time of year and I know that we have so much to be thankful for as we gather. I always am excited about the opportunity to participate in the fun and informative activities that bring our membership closer together and to discover new opportunities to help women and girls.

You know, each and every day, Soroptimists like you and I work to help women and girls pursue their economic goals and reach their personal best. Because I deeply believe in our mission, I am committed to doing everything I can to support our Big Goal of investing in half a million women and girls through access to education by 2031. To me, the possibilities for helping seem endless. And that's so exciting!

Remember the first region conference you attended? Or maybe this one is your first! I was in awe of the speakers, the workshops, the official visitors, and hearing about the amazing projects that the clubs were doing. Not much has changed for me—I'm still in awe of the important work we have the privilege of doing. The work that allows us to make life-long friends. The work that creates opportunities for our own personal growth and development. The work that allows us to help women and girls DREAM BIG!

I passionately believe that empowered women empower women. And, because of our unity and strength, I believe we are helping build a future in which there are no limits on women's and girls' dreams—and that's just one of many reasons I'm proud to be a Soroptimist. Together, we will make a difference and help the dreams of more women and girls come true.

Before I close, I'd like to thank each of you for attending your region conference. You have the vision, the knowledge and the experience to help us pave our way into the future. Throughout this conference, please stay engaged, keep us proactive and help us shape the future of Soroptimist.

Dreaming Big Together,



Stephanie Smith
2022-2023 SIA President



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"She needed a hero, so that's what she became." ~ Unknown

Federation Greetings

Michelle Burnett, SIA CEO and Executive Director

Hello Soroptimists,

I'd like to personally welcome each of you to the 2023 Founder Region Conference. It's an exciting time for Soroptimist as we enter a new century with an increased focus on our collective mission, Big Goal, and working with our United Nations representatives to remain a strong global champion for women's equality.

Many of us know firsthand the road to equality often begins with equal access to education. And that education is the gateway to economic empowerment. Through education, women can find their true path. Their confidence. Their autonomy. Their inner strength. And they can fight to lift their family out of hardship, setting them on a course that will provide success for generations to come.

For these reasons, we aimed high and committed to a Big Goal of investing in the education of half a million women and girls by 2031. I know clubs around the federation are working hard to unite efforts in support of our Dream Programs and Big Goal Accelerator projects, and for this we thank you.

I am excited to announce that we have committed to strengthening our relationship with our United Nations representatives. By working more closely and aligning our efforts, we will drive increased impact for women and girls, aiding our journey toward reaching our Big Goal.

I hope you can feel the excitement, because I sure can! Let us unite in our efforts to continue to make dreams come true. A world where all women and girls can pursue their dreams of education. A world where women and girls can achieve economic empowerment. A world where they create a wave of change that impacts not just themselves but also their families and communities for the better. Together we will transform the lives of women and girls across the globe.

It is an absolute pleasure to serve as your Executive Director/CEO and to work beside such an amazing group of Soroptimists dedicated to making dreams come true. Because, after all, we are in the "dream business."

Sincerely,



Michelle Burnett
Executive Director/CEO



*"There are two powers in the world; one is the sword and the other is the pen.
There is a third power stronger than both, that of women." ~ Malala Yousafzai*



Appointed Leadership

Dona Gaddis Wolf - 2023 Conference Coordinator



Dona attended San Diego State University and began her career in the local printing industry as a designer and typographer in Pittsburg. Ultimately, she began working for the City of Pittsburg, where she became the manager of both the Pittsburg Senior Center and Small World Park (amusement and theme park). Dona has been a member of Soroptimist since 1983. She is currently a member of SI/Antioch. Dona has served in a variety of leadership positions on the club, region and federation level. This includes Founder Region Governor (2012-2014), Region Secretary and District Director, and several club offices. Dona served as SIA Director 2015-2017, federation representative to the Soroptimist International (SI) President's Appeal committee (Women, Water & Leadership 2017-2019) and a two-year term on the Soroptimist International of the Americas Fundraising Council (2018 -2020). Dona is currently serving as a federation Dream Big Campaign ambassador and as the 2022-2023 Chairperson for the Fundraising Council Nominating Committee.

Sylvia Crafton - Parliamentarian



Sylvia joined Soroptimist International of the Marianas after moving to Guam in 1990. She twice held the office of President and was elected as District Director and served on the Founder Region board for two consecutive terms (2008-2010 + 2010-2012). She served as the Region Public Awareness Chair before being elected to the Governor-elect position for the 2016-2018 biennium. Sylvia then served as Governor for the 2018-2020 biennium and, with the help of her talented board, led the transition to virtual meeting formats necessitated by the COVID pandemic. Additionally, Sylvia served as her club's parliamentarian for several terms, and served as delegate to conferences and conventions at region, federation, and international levels. She served on the organizing committee when the region conference was held on Guam in 2004, and she was the Conference Coordinator for the 2016 Founder Region Conference held in Honolulu, Hawaii. Sylvia was honored to accept Governor Vicki's invitation to serve as the Founder Region Parliamentarian for this biennium.

Cara Begley, Conference Treasurer



I worked in banking for the first half of my professional career, about 20 years. After that, I started working as a bookkeeper for a few small firms which then led me to accounting and tax preparation for a CPA firm. I retired in October of 2022 after 25 years with the firm.

I joined Soroptimist in 1985. At the time I was the operations manager of the Antioch branch of Hibernia Bank. My branch manager strongly encouraged me to join a service organization to promote the bank. He suggested Soroptimist and the rest is history.

I've held all board position except for Secretary. I was president twice, vice president once and treasurer too many times to count.



"Champions keep playing until they get it right." ~ Billie Jean King

Pillar Chairs

Fundraising Chair, Gina Moore



Gina has been married to her husband (David) for 39 years. They have two grown daughters (twins) both are married and have blessed them with 3 beautiful grandsons, a granddaughter and one on the way. Being a Mimi is one of her greatest joys. For the past 32 years, she and her husband have co-owned a construction business. She has been a member of Soroptimist International of Antioch for the past 17 years. She is a past President, Treasurer, Director, Delegate and now Secretary. Laurel Society is her passion, knowing that contributions are part of a worthy cause and realizing that we really do make dreams come true. As part of the Fundraising committee, it is so enjoyable to interact with our members and especially the excitement she sees on the faces of our members as they level up and receive their beautiful pins.

Membership Chair, Lyn Lurbe



Lyn joined Soroptimist in 2007 after seeing an article about a club that serves women and girls. Curious to know what it was all about and how to pronounce the name; she contacted the club and that's how her life began as a devoted Soroptimist. Fifteen years later, she continues to serve at the club, region, and federation level. She served as Conference Coordinator for the 2022 conference in Hawai'i and also serves as one of five members in SIA's Fundraising Council. She is a member of SI/North Oahu, which she helped charter last year. Sharing in the "Aloha" spirit wherever she goes, she delights in the many friendships, experiences, and knowledge that she has gained through her years in Soroptimist.

Program Chair, Elise Balgley



Elise is a member of SI/The Tri-Valley and a Soroptimist member since 2007. She owns her own law firm in Fremont, CA. The role of Founder Region Program Chair provides an opportunity to see the full breadth of the Soroptimist mission. From the teenage girls/young women participating in Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls, to other teenage girls/young women being recognized for their community contributions with Violet Richardson Awards, to young women receiving Live Your Dream awards to help them achieve their individual goals; it's all there. We are making a real difference and it's wonderful to see. Be proud.

Public Awareness Chair & Fellowship President, Kris Chorbi



Kris is a 32 year member of SI/Eureka who joined when her mother, a charter member of SI/Eel River Valley, encouraged her to promote their family florist. She ran for District Director when her daughter went off to college and continued serving on the Founder Region board until she became Governor from 2020-2022. She has worked at College of the Redwoods for the last 8 years and runs the Foster & Kinship Care Education Program and the Basic Needs Center. She is serving as Fellowship President, where she brainstorms new fundraising ideas, and Public Awareness Chair, where she creates the region newsletter each month and updates the region website. She loves creating websites and using her graphic design abilities to help promote Soroptimist.

"My best successes came on the heels of failures." ~ Barbara Corcoran



Legislative Advocacy Presenters

Maria L Fornella-Oehninger, Soroptimist International

Maria L Fornella-Oehninger recently served as the Co-Chair of the UN NGO Committee on Social Development from 2020-2022. She is also one of six Soroptimist International Representatives at the UN in New York. Prior to those appointments, Maria taught and directed International Politics and the Model UN Program at the Old Dominion University in Virginia for 23 years. She has also worked as a human rights advocate, a lecturer in Comparative Politics and International Relations and has engaged in public speaking for advocacy as an expert in forums including the UN regarding the UN Sustainable Development goals which includes discussing the challenges and the human rights of women and girls. She has also spoken as an expert in Inter-American consultancy as well as Cultural Awareness training for teachers, government officials and the military. She was the co-chair of the policy committee for the American Association of University Women for 2017-2018 and holds degrees in English, French and International Law from the School of Law and Social Sciences at the University of the Republic of Uruguay as well as a Masters Degree in International Politics from Old Dominion University.



Rosemary Fox, By the Bay Health

Rosemary Fox is an experienced executive with a demonstrated history of working in the hospital & health care industry. She is skilled in Healthcare Consulting, Coaching, Strategic Planning, Team Building, Business Process Improvement, Population Health, and Care Coordination. Recently she worked to build a complex care management service with a team of professionals for MediCare and MediCal patients. Rosemary is a strong healthcare services professional with a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) focused in Health/Health Care Administration/Management from Golden Gate University.

Rosemary is an experienced and uniquely qualified healthcare executive whose success has been built upon accomplishing strategic and operational change in integrated delivery systems, hospitals, ambulatory care facilities, care management and the dialysis industry. She is known for being creative and achieving her goals in an innovative and timely way. She is able to manage both capital and operating budgets with sustainable results. Her leadership style is passionate and energetic; she always exhibits integrity, collaboration, and the ability to maximize her team's attributes to produce outstanding results. She has built her successes by partnering with physicians, developing high performing management teams, growing volume, improving the patient experience, implementing innovative operational improvements and cost management initiatives. Rosemary enjoys challenges and finding new solutions to common problems.



"I know my worth. I embrace my power. I say if I'm beautiful. I say if I'm strong. You will not determine my story. I will." ~ Amy Schumer

Legislative Advocacy Presenters

Debbie Toth, Choice in Aging

Debbie Toth joined the Choice in Aging team in 2002 and worked in various positions until she was promoted in 2012 to CEO. She was then elected to the Board of Directors and became President in 2017. Debbie oversees CiA's two adult day health care programs at Mt. Diablo Center in Pleasant Hill and The Bedford Center in Antioch, as well as advocating for seniors rights at the federal, state, and local level. Under Debbie's leadership CiA has expanded to include the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) for Contra Costa, Napa and Solano Counties, the California Community Transitions (CCT) project in Contra Costa, Solano and Sacramento Counties, and the Prevention and Early Access Program for Seniors (PEAS) in Solano. In 2017 Debbie realized her dream of adding intergenerational programming to CiA when Choice in Learning Montessori preschool was integrated into the Pleasant Hill Campus. Debbie has been honored with numerous awards for her work and advocacy, including Woman of the Year in 2015 in Susan Bonilla's Assembly District 14. Debbie is the mother of three children, grandmother of three cats and two fishermen at home. She is a tireless advocate for seniors, persons with disabilities, and the underserved.



Susannah Meyer, Empowered Aging

In early 2022, Susannah joined Empowered Aging as their Director of Programs, where she led and oversaw the administration of all Empowered Aging programs, which included planning, organizing, staffing, leading program activities, as well as monitoring outcomes, and supervising evaluation efforts. In July of 2022, Susannah was appointed Executive Director and is thrilled for the opportunity to build upon the foundation of the last 50+ years, taking the organization well into the future.

In 2020, Susannah was recognized by the Red Cross NorCal for establishing monthly government/nonprofit collaborative calls to address the impacts of COVID on communities in need. Susannah is currently serving on the Technical Advisory Panel for the Solano Family Justice Center (SFJC) Advisory Committee, the Council for Age-Friendly Communities in Alameda County, and she was invited to participate in the Contra Costa Family Justice Center Strategic Plan Focus Group. In 2022, Susannah was appointed to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan Task Force, and was asked to be on the Contra Costa's Master Plan Local Playbook IMPACT Steering Committee – a group that meets regularly to formulate plans to adopt the Governor's Master Plan for Aging on a local level.

Outside of her professional life, Susannah is a self-described foodie, treasure hunter, crafter, performer, and decorator who can frequently be seen occupying the passenger seat of her husband's red 1962 Thunderbird, Maybellene. She is mother to two wonderful adult sons, a fantastic new daughter-in-law, and a large rescue dog named Ziggy.



"I encourage women to step up. Don't wait for somebody to ask you." ~ Reese Witherspoon



Legislative Advocacy Presenters

Adrienne Horen, Janney Investments

Adrienne has been a pioneer in advising women with their financial affairs. She firmly believes "Developing and Maintaining Financial Strength Allows Women to Lead the Life They Choose."

In her practice, her main focus is helping women manage their financial assets. Using experience gained over the course of her career, she was able to identify the specific problems that face women in today's environment. Women on average outlive men. Women are usually caregivers to children and aging parents. Women have historically earned less than men in the workforce and on their investments. It is imperative that women have a strong financial road map to preserve and grow their wealth. She provides financial recommendations and services that can help design that road map.

Deep trust is pivotal to her relationship with her clients. This allows for effective communication which is necessary for ongoing collaboration.

This has been her commitment to her clients--individuals, families, and not-for-profit organizations--for over twenty years in an effort to protect and increase their wealth, and bring peace of mind by helping to improve their financial well-being.



Linda Witong, Chair - SI/Novato

Linda Witong served as a deputy district attorney in Marin County, California from 1979 to 2011. As a prosecutor, she endorsed and upheld laws to protect women and children who were victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, elder abuse, child abuse, molestation, fraud and homicide. She was also a strong advocate for offender accountability and justice for the community as well as an advocate for victim's rights legislation, victim's services and counseling and rehabilitation for offenders who are responsive to such an option. Upon retiring in 2012, Linda then became the CATCH (Criminal Apprehension Team for Cold Case Homicides) team creator and coordinator. She presently investigates unresolved homicide cases for local police agencies and consults on active investigations. She has served as an NGO delegate to the United Nations for Soroptimist International.



Thank you to the Legislative Advocacy Committee for their commitment in delivering amazing & thought provoking presentations during this biennium.

Phyllis Gordon - SI/The Delta

Angie Haramoto - SI/Maui

Madalienne Peters - SI/Novato

Sandra Simms - SI/Waikiki Foundation, Inc.

Sylvia Crafton - SI/The Marianas



"Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else."

~Judy Garland

Conference Agenda

Thursday, May 4, 2023

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| 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Region Board Meeting | Oakland Room |
| 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Fellowship Board Meeting | California Room |
| 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM | Region/Fellowship Lunch | Iron & Oak Restaurant |
| 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM | Region Board Discussion w/Official Visitor | Oakland Room |
| 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Early Registration Open | Grand Ballroom Foyer |
| 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM | Meet & Greet | Foyer/Atrium/Iron & Oak Bar |

Friday, May 5, 2023

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| 6:30 AM - 8:00 AM | Trade Fair Set Up | Foyer/Atrium |
| 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Trade Fair Open | Foyer/Atrium |
| 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM | Registration Open | Grand Ballroom Foyer |
| 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Legislative Advocacy Program - "The Sandwich Generation" | Grand Ballroom |
| | Our Greatest Gift & Our Heaviest Burden | |
| | * Welcome & Introductions | Governor Vicki Ham |
| | * Legislative Advocacy Committee | Chair Linda Witong |
| | * Maria L. Fornella-Oehninger, Soroptimist International Representative to the United Nations | Madalienne Peters |
| | | Phyllis Gordon |
| | Morning Panel | Sandra Simms |
| | * Rosemary Fox, By the Bay Health, Beyond Hospice, SI/Novato | Angie Haramoto |
| | | Sylvia Crafton |
| | * Adrienne Horen, Janney Investments, Financial Advisor, Vice President | |
| | * Susannah Meyer, Empowered Aging, Executive Director | |
| | * Debbie Toth, Choice in Aging, President & CEO | |
| 12:00 PM - 12:15 PM | Break | Trade Fair Open |
| 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM | Legislative Advocacy Luncheon | Grand Ballroom |
| | * Introductions | Governor Vicki |
| | * Inspiration | Lydia Justice, President, SI/The Tri-Valley |
| | * Welcome | Bonnie Mertz, President, SI/The East Bay |
| | * Debbie Toth, Choice in Aging, President & CEO | Keynote Speaker |
| | * Letter Writing Activity | |
| | Afternoon Panel | |
| | * Rosemary Fox | |
| | * Adrienne Horen | |
| | * Susannah Meyer | |
| | * Debbie Toth | |
| | * Announcements | Conference Coordinator Dona Gaddis Wolf |

"Beauty begins the moment you decide to be yourself." ~ Coco Chanel



Conference Agenda

Friday, May 5, 2023 (continued)

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| 3:30 PM - 3:45 PM | Break | Trade Fair Open |
| 3:45 PM - 4:00 PM | Delegates Briefing Parliamentarian Sylvia Crafton | Grand Ballroom |
| 4:00 PM - 4:15 PM | Timekeepers/Microphone Monitors Briefing Parliamentarian Sylvia | Grand Ballroom |
| 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM | Founder Region Fellow Reception (Invitation Only) | Skyline Room (21st Floor) |
| 6:15 PM - 7:00 PM | No Host Cocktail Party - All Member Social | Grand Ballroom Atrium |
| 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Fellowship Awards Dinner & Gala | Grand Ballroom |
| | * Call to Order | Governor Vicki Ham |
| | * Presentation of Colors & Pledge of Allegiance | Girl Scouts of Northern California |
| | * Community Welcome | |
| | * Official Response | Governor-elect Elise Balgley |
| | * Inspiration | Danelle Tegarden, Fellowship Treasurer |
| | * Welcome | Laurie Gallian, Fellowship Director, District III |
| | * Presentation of Platform Party | Governor Vicki |
| | Dinner | |
| | * Recognition of Past Fellowship Presidents | President Kris Chorbi |
| | * Keynote Speaker | Dr. Eric Haas, J.D., Ph.D., CSU East Bay |
| | Fellowship Awards | |
| | * Presentation of 2023 Fellowship Recipients | Fellowship Board |
| | * Closing Remarks | President Kris |
| | * Announcements | Conference Coordinator Dona |
| | * Recess | Governor Vicki |



"In a world that wants women to whisper, I choose to yell." ~ Luvvie Ajayi

Conference Agenda

Saturday, May 6, 2023

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| 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Registration Open (Closed during business sessions) | Grand Ballroom Foyer |
| 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM | Trade Fair Open | Foyer/Atrium |
| 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM | Fellowship Business Meeting (Delegates bring voting cards) * Call to Order * Adoption of Credentials Report * Minutes of Previous Business Meeting * Treasurer's Report * Director's Reports/Announcement of Fellows * President's Report * Announcements | Grand Ballroom President Kris Chorbi Credentials Chair Patricia Costello Secretary Billie Knight Treasurer Danelle Tegarden Fellowship Directors President Kris Conference Coordinator Dona |
| 9:15 AM - 9:30 AM | BREAK | |
| 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Region Business Meeting (Delegates bring voting cards) * Call to Order * Presentation of Platform Party * Adoption of Credentials Report * Adoption of Standing Rules * Adoption of Official Conference Program * First Time Attendee Recognition * Introduction of Pages and Stewards * Greetings and Correspondence * Invitation to Host Conference 2026 * Nominations ~ Nominating Committee Report ~ Nominations from the Floor ~ Presentation of Candidates ~ Voice Vote for Unopposed Candidates * Official Visitor Report - " <i>Power of the Collective: Small Deeds Bring Big Dreams</i> " * Treasurer's Report * SI President's Appeal * Philanthropy Presentation * Laurel Society Honors & Recognition * Credentials Report * Appointment of Tellers (if necessary) * Announcements | Grand Ballroom Governor Vicki Ham Governor Vicki Credentials Chair Patricia Secretary Kristal Koga Secretary Kristal Governor Vicki Governor Vicki Secretary Kristal Secretary Kristal Past Governor Amelia Benko Bobbi Enderlin, SIA President-elect Treasurer Tess Albin-Smith Treasurer Tess Fundraising Chair Gina Moore Fundraising Chair Gina Credentials Chair Patricia Governor Vicki Conference Coordinator Dona |

"I'd rather regret the things I've done than regret the things I haven't done." ~ Lucille Ball



Conference Agenda

Saturday, May 6, 2023 (continued)

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| 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM | Election Voting for Nominating Committee | Oakland Room |
| | Recess - Polls Will Be Open From 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm (if necessary) | |
| 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM | "Bee the Dream!" Luncheon | Grand Ballroom |
| | * Introductions | |
| | * Director & Club President Processional | |
| | * Inspiration | Elaine Reed, District IV Director |
| | * Welcome | Teri Sato, District V Director |
| | * District Reports and Club Drawing | |
| 1:45 PM - 2:00 PM | BREAK | Grand Ballroom |
| 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM | Region Business Meeting (continues) | |
| | * Engagement Presentation | Membership Chair Lyn Lurbe |
| | * Recognition Presentation | Public Awareness Chair Kris Chorbi |
| | * Impact Presentation | Program Chair Governor-elect Elise Balgley |
| | * New Member Sponsor Drawing | Treasurer Tess |
| | * Julia "Bess" Combs Membership Increase Award | Treasurer Tess |
| | * Soroptimists Celebrating Success Awards | SCSA Chair Debbie Scaife |
| | * "Soropardy" Game | Jackie De Vries, District II Director |
| | | Colleen Ganaye, District III Director |
| | * Fellow Presentations | President Kris |
| | * SIA Events & Updates | SIA President-elect Bobbi |
| | * 2024 SIA Convention Video | |
| | * Announcements | Conference Coordinator Dona |
| | * Business Meeting Recess | Governor Vicki |
| 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | All Member Social | Grand Ballroom Atrium |
| 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Dinner - Honoring our Past Governors | Grand Ballroom |
| | * Inspiration - SI/Oakland-The Founder Club | Kay Taylor, President |
| | | Carolyn Bolton, Immediate Past President |
| | * Welcome | Susan Yeazel, President, SI/El Cerrito |
| | * Recognition of Past Governors | Governor Vicki |
| | * Dinner | |
| | * Founder Region's Got Talent | Featuring Club Talent |
| | * Dance Party | Fashion Through the Decades! |
| | | MC Lenore Colarusso, District I Director |



"This is the year I will be stronger, braver, kinder, and unstoppable. This year I will be fierce." ~ Unknown

Conference Agenda

Sunday, May 7, 2023

| | | |
|--------------------|--|--|
| 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM | Registration Open | Grand Ballroom Foyer |
| 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM | Deliver Dream Drawing Baskets | Grand Ballroom |
| 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Memorial Service & Dream Awards Program | Grand Ballroom |
| | * Call to Order | |
| | * Celebration of Service Memorial | SI/Oakland-The Founder Club |
| | * "Hallelujah" - Laura Middlemiss | Fellowship Director, District IV |
| | Breakfast | |
| | * Inspiration | Jackie De Vries, District II Director |
| | * Welcome | Colleen Ganaye, District III Director |
| | * Presentation of Platform Party | Governor Vicki |
| | Dream Program Awards Presentation | |
| | * Barbara Stevenson "S" Club Award | "S" Club Chair Joy Swank |
| | * Violet Richardson Awards | Governor-elect Elise |
| | * Live Your Dream Awards | LYD Chair Debbie Coles |
| | * Dream It, Be It Report | Governor-elect Elise |
| | * Attendance Report | Registration Chair Laura Glass |
| | * Attendance Incentive Drawing | Registration Chair Laura |
| | * Fundraising Committee Report | Fundraising Chair Gina Moore |
| | * "Dream Programs" Fundraiser | Fundraising Chair Gina |
| | * Conference Acknowledgments | Governor Vicki |
| | * Host Club Certificates | Governor Vicki |
| | * Closing Remarks | Governor Vicki |
| | * Soroptimist Pledge | 2024 Conference Host Clubs: Nancy Koski, President, SI/Santa Rosa Kris Wiley, SI/Novato Denise Bickert, President, SI/Oakmont Wine Country |
| | * CONFERENCE ADJOURNED | |
| | Post Conference Events | |
| 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM | Post Conference Region Board Meeting | Oakland Room |



"A girl should be two things: who and what she wants." ~ Coco Chanel



2023 Fellowship Recipients

ALINA NGUYEN

UC Berkeley
Integrative Biology



JENNIFER TAYLOR EDENS

CSU East Bay
Social Justice in Education



AMY VAR

UH Mānoa
Learning Design & Technology



JOANNE QINA`AU

UH Mānoa
Clinical Psychology



BABALWA KWANELE

CSU East Bay
Educational Leadership for
Social Justice



NEHAL ELDEEB

UC Berkeley
Social Welfare



ERIN MCCONKEY

UH Mānoa
Anthropology



RANDI ROLLINS

UH Mānoa
Zoology & Disease Ecology



JASMINE JAN

UC Berkeley
Electrical Engineering &
Computer Sciences



TEENA BAJAJ

UC Berkeley
Comparative Biochemistry



“Bee” the Dream through Education!

“She Believed She Could, So She Did.” ~ R. S. Grey



Violet Richardson Award Recipients

DISTRICT I

Andrea Martinez
SI/The East Bay



DISTRICT II

Caitlin Peck
SI/Vacaville



DISTRICT III

Kalyani Ryaru
SI/Novato



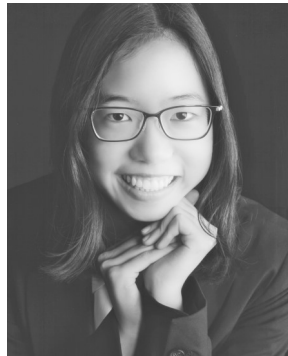
DISTRICT IV

Laelia Maynor
SI/Humboldt Bay



DISTRICT V

Esther Chan
SI/Honolulu



BARBARA STEVENSON "S" CLUB AWARD WINNER

Emily Keas
SI/The Delta



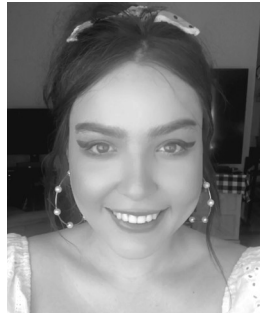
The award is named after **Violet Richardson**, the president of the first Soroptimist club in Alameda County in 1921. Richardson believed in personal responsibility and the motto, **"It's what you do that counts."** She lived her life accordingly, as an active member in her community who was committed to creating opportunities for girls and young women. Soroptimist established this award to honor the memory of this unique woman and her dedication to volunteer action.



Live Your Dream Award Recipients

DISTRICT I

Sarrah Jessa
 SI/Martinez
 Diablo Valley College
 Business Administration



DISTRICT II

Cari Loftin
 SI/Dixon
 Liberty University
 Psychology



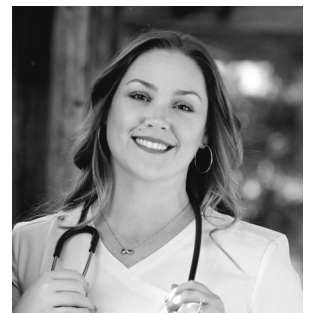
DISTRICT III

Rashel Waite
 SI/Oakmont Wine Country
 Santa Rosa Junior College
 Human Services



DISTRICT IV

Emily Newton
 SI/Noyo Sunrise
 Ukiah Adult School
 Vocational Nursing



DISTRICT V

Ssents Bobbie Erler
 SI/Central Oahu
 Windward Community
 College
 Nutrition



Each district winner will receive \$3,000 from SIA and \$2,000 from Founder Region. The Region winner will receive an additional \$2,000 from SIA and a \$500 Amazon Gift card from Founder Region. The Region winner will be announced during the Dream Award's Program on Sunday at Conference. Her name will then be forwarded to SIA for federation level judging.



*One Live Your Dream winner says:
 "It's been a long road and it feels like every step of
 the way was worth it to get here - with a job,
 a home, and healthy children"*



"You've always had the power my dear, you just had to learn it for yourself." ~ Glinda, The Wizard of Oz

Founder Region Election

2023-2025 NOMINEES-NOMINATING COMMITTEE

DISTRICT I

Bonnie Mertz
SI/The East Bay



DISTRICT II

Clara Oakes
SI/Vacaville



DISTRICT III

Madalienne Peters
SI/Novato



DISTRICT IV

Vicki Dillard
SI/Arcata



DISTRICT V

Angie Haramoto
SI/Maui



Thank you to the Founder Region 2021-2023
Nominating Committee for your service.

Chairperson: Amelia Benko
District I: Bonnie Mertz
District II: Jan Schults
District III: Barbara Young
District IV: Dyann O'Brien
District V: Angie Haramoto



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Nominations can still be made from the floor.

Voting will take place during the lunch break on Saturday.
Take your delegate credentials to cast your vote in the
Oakland Room on the 3rd floor.

"Don't call it a dream, call it a plan." ~ Unknown





Election Results

2023-2025 Nominating Committee

Chair
(Appointed by the Governor)

District I Representative

District II Representative

District III Representative

District IV Representative

District V Representative



"The most alluring thing a woman can have is confidence." ~ Beyoncé

“Celebration of Service” Memorial

Elena David
SI/Arcata
48 Year Member



Geraldine “Gerry” Pigg
SI/Arcata
46 Year Member



Betsy Stahle
SI/Clear Lake
59 Year Member



Mary Ruth Rheinschild
SI/Crescent City
42 Year Member



Joanne Byer
SI/The Delta
39 Year Member



Sally Adams
SI/Dixon
25 Year Member



Janet Abelson
SI/El Cerrito
22 Year Member



Lonnie Mitchell
SI/Fort Bragg
47 Year Member



Kay Rutherford
SI/St. Helena
44 Year Member



Gloria Bragg
SI/San Ramon Valley
28 Year Member
(Name not included in 2022 program)



Elaine Bacigalupi
SI/Santa Rosa
49 Year Member



Caroline Dillman
SI/Sonoma Valley
63 Year Member



Carol Monahan
SI/The Tri-Valley
14 Year Member



“Nothing Can Dim The Light That Shines From Within.” ~ Maya Angelou



Annual Redwood Memorial Grove Service

Sunday, June 11, 2023

You are invited to join the Founder Region Board,
SI/ Eureka, SI/Crescent City and SI/Arcata for Brunch at
Elk Prairie Picnic Area, Prairie Creek State Park 11:00 a.m.
Followed by the
Memorial Service at the Campfire Center 12:00 noon.



Following the service, you are encouraged to drive to the Soroptimist Grove and view the Redwood tree dedicated to Violet Richardson Ward and the Granite Marker. Prairie Creek State Park is north of Orick, California on the Newton B Drury Scenic Highway. For assistance with directions or questions contact Debbie Thompson at 707-954-2973 or by email debbiet@treesofmystery.net.

For lodging in the Klamath area:

Redwood Hotel (Holiday Inn Express) & Casino 707-482-1777

Requa Inn Bed & Breakfast 707-482-1425

Motel Trees across from the Trees of Mystery. Book online at www.moteltrees.com. Call 707-482-3152 and mention "Soroptimist" to receive your Special Rate of 50% off.



"A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform." ~ Diane Mariechild

Founder Region Annual Awards

Julia “Bess” Combs Membership Increase Award



This award is given to the club having the largest net growth in membership during the year from April 1st through March 31st. This net growth is not to include that of a newly chartered Soroptimist club sponsored by a club or region. Net growth is understood to mean increase above and beyond current regular membership minus those who resign or membership terminated for other reasons. This award is presented annually at 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 Stevenson “S” Club Award



This award is used for the sole purpose of honoring outstanding high school senior members of “S” clubs in 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 chair of the region “S” Club committee announces the winners at region conference.

Founder Region Fellowship—Fellowship/Grants In Aid



Founder Region Fellowship is a non-profit, incorporated entity within Founder Region Soroptimist International of the Americas. The board consists of an elected President, Treasurer & directors, one from each district in the region. 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 the Founder Region identifying project and is administered through Founder Region Fellowship, Inc.



“Someday, everything will make perfect sense. So for now, laugh at the confusion, smile through the tears, and keep reminding yourself that everything happens for a reason.” ~ John Mayer



Soroptimists Celebrating Success Awards

2021-2022 Soroptimists Celebrating Success Award Entries

| FUNDRAISING PILLAR | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| SI/Arcata | Coast Central Credit Union Grant |
| SI/The Delta | Share the Love BUNCO Night & Be a Dear & Donate a Brassiere |
| SI/The Delta | Halloween Bingo Fundraiser |
| SI/Eureka | Quarter Craze |
| SI/Napa | Give Campaign—Soroptimist Celebrating 100 Years |
| SI/The Marianas | '16th Annual SI/the Marianas' Christmas Brunch 'Gone Virtual' |
| SI/Noyo Sunrise | Craft Fairs for Easy Money |
| SI/Sonoma Valley | Local Chocolate Fundraising |
| SI/Vacaville | Lola Gets a Pardon-Drive-Thru Fundraiser |
| MEMBERSHIP PILLAR | |
| SI/Arcata | Yards Signs Requesting Support for SI/Arcata Scholarships & Awards |
| SI/Benicia | We Talked! They Listened! 15 New Members! |
| SI/The Delta | Next Level Soroptimist Uncorked |
| SI/Eureka | Membership Retention |
| SI/Vacaville | The Three R's of Membership |
| PROGRAM PILLAR | |
| SI/Arcata | Little Free Library |
| SI/Benicia | The Benicia Elementary Literacy Tour |
| SI/Crescent City | Harrington House Wish List |
| SI/Eureka & SI/Eel River Valley | Joint Awards Presentation |
| SI/Eureka | 100 Remarkable Women of Humboldt |
| SI/Noyo Sunrise | Mendocino High School Girls College Scholarship |
| SI/Santa Rosa | Redemption House of the Bay Area |
| PUBLIC AWARENESS PILLAR | |
| SI/Arcata | Soroptimist of Arcata Sponsor Blood Drive |
| SI/Benicia | Community Impact |
| SI/The Delta | Public Awareness in our Community |
| SI/Eureka | Public Awareness |
| SI/Maui | SI/Maui Centennial Project |
| SI/Napa | Earth Day |
| SI/Noyo Sunrise | Roses for Mammograms |
| SI/Vacaville | Countdown to 100 Years |
| SI/Willits | Easter Bunny Photos |



"If I ever let my head down it will be just to admire my shoes." ~ Marilyn Monroe

Soroptimist Dream Programs

Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women

The Live Your Dream Award is the identifying program of Soroptimist International of the Americas. This award is given to a woman who is the head of household and is returning to school to improve the economic status of her family. Applications begin at the club level with local awards. Club award recipient applications are forwarded on to the district level for judging. Those applications are then forwarded to the region chair for judging. The winning applicant from each district will be awarded \$2,000 from Founder Region at conference. The overall Founder Region winner receives an additional \$5,000 funded by Soroptimist International of the Americas. The remaining district winners are presented with \$3,000 each, also funded by Soroptimist International of the Americas. The Region winner's application is forwarded to Soroptimist International of the Americas for judging at the Federation level, thereby becoming eligible for one of three additional \$10,000 awards. On all levels, judges are to be non-Soroptimists.



Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls

Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls gives girls the tools they need to achieve their education and career goals, empowering them to break cycles of poverty, violence, and abuse. Dream It, Be It targets girls in secondary school who face obstacles to their future success. It provides girls with access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live their dreams. Soroptimist clubs will work in partnership with girls in small groups or a conference setting to provide them with the information and resources they want and need to be successful. The topics covered include career opportunities, setting and achieving goals, overcoming obstacles to success and how to move forward after setbacks or failures.



Violet Richardson Award

The Violet Richardson Award recognizes young women who make the community and world a better place through volunteer efforts. The award is named for Violet Richardson Ward, the first president of the first Soroptimist club in 1921. Her motto was, "It's what you do that counts." The program begins at the club level, with club recipients becoming eligible for district awards. This year Founder Region is presenting a \$500 award to each district winner.



"It is what you do that counts" - Violet Richardson Ward

"Never apologize for being a powerful woman." ~ Unknown



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 Officers _____
 Fellowship Directors _____
 Region Board Delegates _____
 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 Officers _____
 Fellowship Directors _____
 Region Board Delegates _____
 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 #4

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 _____



Fun Run for Fellowship 2023

“Bee” the Dream through Education



April 1 - May 15, 2023

Cost: \$45

(Price includes keepsake item)



REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Go to www.raceroster.com to register.

Search for “Fun Run for Fellowship 2023”
and look for our logo.

- ◆ You choose the distance, whether you run or walk.
- ◆ You choose the location and the day/time.
- ◆ You can even use your treadmill.
- ◆ All participants entered into a drawing for a Fellow.
- ◆ Gather pledges to increase chances to win (every \$45 donated is 1 chance).
- ◆ For every \$1,000 raised, we will draw for a Fellow (or level up).
- ◆ **Event sponsorships available for \$250 (includes logo on event home page, website & social media).**



CLUB TEAMS

Teams will also be eligible to name a Fellow when their total reaches \$1,000, so be sure to **choose your club team when registering**. Invite your family and friends to join the fun!

For more information or questions, contact
Laura Middlemiss at missmiddle@suddenlink.net
or call (707) 845-2057.

"We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated." ~ Maya Angelou



Founder Region Leadership Training

In-person: Saturday, June 10, 2023

Red Lion Hotel, Eureka 10:00pm - 3:00pm
(same weekend as Redwood Memorial Grove)

Or

Virtually: Saturday, June 17, 2023

On Zoom 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Register in advance of meeting.



**Something for Everyone:
Club Officers, Members, Current & Future Leaders**

For ALL Soroptimist Clubs:

- ⇒ President, Vice President/President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, General Membership
- ⇒ Leadership Handbook 101
- ⇒ Top Recruitment Tips for 2023
- ⇒ Big Goal Club Fundraising
- ⇒ Successful Club Strategies in the 4 Pillars
- ⇒ And more...



If you have a suggestion for this training, please email Governor Vicki at vickiham01@gmail.com.

Bee the Dream! 



Founder Region Past Governors

"Think like a queen. A queen is not afraid to fail. Failure is another stepping stone to greatness." ~Oprah Winfrey

Kris Chorbi, 2020-2022, *"Dream BIG for the Future!"*

Sylvia Crafton, 2018-2020, *"Empowering Change"*

Pam Parker, 2016-2018, *"Soroptimists Are Shining Stars"*

Bobbi Enderlin, 2014-2016, *"Share the JOY of Soroptimist"*

Dona Gaddis Wolf, 2012-2014, *"Share the Light of Soroptimist Service"*

Linda Sue Hansen*, 2010-2012, *"Just Imagine..."*

Amelia Benko, 2008-2010, *"Making a Difference Matters"*

Sue Finch, 2006-2008, *"Creating Magic Through Soroptimist"*

Cathy Mitchell, 2004-2006, *"Together We Can"*

Mary Ann Redden, 2002-2004, *"Achieve Growth By Sharing"*

Carol Rose, 2000-2002, *"Soroptimists Soar Into The New Century"*

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, *"Onward and Upward"*

Southwestern Region, SIA

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

Southwestern Region, SIA

*Deceased

Mary Gianotti*, 1966-1968, *"Moving in the Direction of Change"*



Our Rich History

The first Soroptimist Club in the world was chartered the evening of October 3, 1921, in the West room of the Hotel Oakland. The name of the first club was the Soroptimist Club of Alameda County, with Violet Richardson serving as its charter president. In 1928, with the chartering of the Berkeley club, the Alameda County Club was renamed the Soroptimist Club of Oakland, also known as "the Mother Club", and now renamed Soroptimist International of Oakland - The Founder Club. Since the very beginning Founder Region has had a rich legacy of leadership. Past Governors listed in our Conference Program have gone on to serve in elected Federation and International offices.



Mary Gianotti
Federation Vice President
1972-1974



Patricia D. Daniels*
Federation Vice President, 1984-1986;
Federation President-elect, 1986-1988;
Federation President, 1988-1990;
Federation Past President, 1990-1992;
International President-elect, Fall-1993
International President, 1995-1997;
International Past President, 1997-1998



Marjorie T. Conley
Foundation (Fundraising Council)
Director, 1982-1984;
Federation Treasurer, 1984-1988;
Foundation (Fundraising Council)
Treasurer, 1988-1992



Nancy Walker
Federation Director, 1999-2000;
Federation Secretary/Treasurer, 2000-2001;
Federation President-elect, 2001-2002;
Federation President, 2002-2003



Del Nickerson*
Foundation (Fundraising Council)
Director, 1990-1992; Foundation
(Fundraising Council) President,
1992-1994; Federation Director,
1994-1996; Federation President,
1996-1997



Carol Rose
Federation Director
2003-2005



Linda McDoniels
Fund Development Council
(Fundraising Council) Member,
2004-2006; Fund Development
Council (Fundraising Council)
Chair, 2006-2007 & 2007-2008



Dona Gaddis Wolf
Federation Director, 2015-2017
Fundraising Council Member, 2018-2020
Dream Big Campaign Ambassador - present
Fundraising Council Nominating
Chairperson, 2022-2023



Cathy Mitchell
Federation Director
2007-2009



Bobbi Enderlin
Federation Secretary/Treasurer, 2021-2022
Federation President-elect, 2022-2023



Catherine M. Burns
Federation Vice President
1980-1982

*In 1996, as Soroptimist celebrated its 75th Anniversary, Founder Region was proudly represented with Patsy Daniels serving as the Soroptimist International President and Del Nickerson serving as the Soroptimist International of the Americas President. We encourage you to learn more about the history of Founder Region by going to the region website to read the valuable information that was compiled from various sources by Past Governor Susan Joyce.
www.si-founderregion.org/history



"The world needs strong women. Women who will lift and build others, who will love and be loved, women who live bravely, both tender and fierce, women of indomitable will." ~ Amy Tenney

Conference Standing Rules

1. Registration

- a) All members must be registered before being admitted to Conference meetings.
- b) The Registration Chair shall provide identification badges for Soroptimist members and guests at the time of registration.
- c) Identification badges shall be worn at all times and are not transferable.

2. Credentials

- a) The Credentials Chair shall provide credential cards for voting delegates.
- b) 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 Vicki.
- 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 chairs 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) Members should be respectful of those around them and turn off any equipment that would distract from the meeting: cell phones on vibrate, computers on silent 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



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"Ask yourself if what you're doing today is getting you closer to where you want to be tomorrow." ~ unknown



Attendance Report

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

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As a volunteer organization, we know that team work makes the dream work, which is why we truly value collaborating with companies that share our vision - that all women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

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Google.com is the most widely used search engine in the world. Several other Google services also figure in the top 100 most visited websites, including YouTube and Blogger. Since 2013, Google has helped LiveYourDream.org exponentially increase our visibility through their Google Ad Grants program. Originally \$10,000 a month, Google currently grants LiveYourDream.org \$40,000 a month (\$480,000 a year) in in-kind advertising to attract new visitors, drive awareness and recruit more volunteers and activists.

JAFRA

JAFRA Cosmetics International is one of the world's leading manufacturers of beauty products, offering a complete range of skincare, fragrance, makeup and bath and body lines. Founded in Malibu, California in 1956 by Jan and Frank Day, JAFRA creates beauty products and business opportunities that cater to all that women need, allowing them to explore, discover, reinvent and reveal their true selves and their potential.



"Clothes aren't going to change the world, the women who wear them will." ~ Anne Klein

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2023 District Meetings

District I & II Meeting

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Host Clubs:

SI/Richmond & SI/Vacaville
Galileo Club, Richmond

District III & IV Meeting

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Host Clubs:

SI/Sonoma Valley, SI/Humboldt Bay
Ukiah Valley Conference Center

District V Meeting

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Host Clubs:

SI/Guam, SI/The Marianas, SI/Northern
Mariana Islands, SI/Palau
Venue TBD, Guam

District V Leadership Training

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Venue TBD, Guam

"Don't let anyone ever dull your sparkle." ~ Unknown



NOTES



"A smile is a curve that sets everything straight." ~ Phyllis Diller

Thank you for attending!



Soroptimist Pledge

*I pledge allegiance to Soroptimist
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.*

