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**FOUNDER REGION**

**Soroptimist International of the Americas  
Nominating Committee Report**

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Directors**

# Nominating Committee Report

This report of nominations for the 2026-2028 Founder Region Officers and District Directors is filed in accordance with Founder Region Bylaws.

## Official List of Nominations For the 2026-2028 Founder Region Officers

### **Governor-elect**

Kristal Koga

### **Secretary**

Jan Schults

### **Treasurer**

Holly S. Hayashi

## Official List of Nominations For the 2026-2028 Founder Region District Directors

### **District I**

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Paulette Williams

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## Founder Region 2025-2027 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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<b>District I</b>	<b>Bev Gomer</b>	<b>SI/Martinez</b>
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<b>District V</b>	<b>Carmela Rapadas</b>	<b>SI/The Marianas</b>

# Governor-elect Nominee



## **Kristal Koga**

Soroptimist International of The Marianas

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 29**

**Title: Founder Region Secretary**

### **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** None

**Federation Level:** 2000 and 2012 SIA Convention Delegate, Honolulu; 2005 SIA Interim Awards Banquet, Los Angeles; 2020 and 2022 SIA Virtual Convention; 2023 facilitated SIA President Bobbi Enderlin as a special guest speaker to the 24<sup>th</sup> Federation of Asia-Pacific Women's Associations (FAWA) Convention, Japan; Laurel Society 2<sup>nd</sup> level Envoy; attended many virtual webinars/trainings; Stargazer monthly donor.

**Region Level:** 2004, 2010, 2016, 2018 Conference Delegate; 2000, 2008, 2010-2014, 2016 District Meeting Delegate; 2007-2008 District VI Public Awareness Representative; 2017-2018 District VI Violet Richardson Award Representative; 2018 facilitated Governor Sylvia Crafton as a special guest speaker to the 23rd FAWA Convention, Philippines; 2021 Golden West Region Virtual Conference; 2018-2020 District VI Director; 2020-2022 District V Director; 2022-2024 and 2024-2026 Region Secretary; 2<sup>nd</sup> level Fellow; 2022-2026 as Secretary attended the Hawaii Fellowship interviews as a silent observer.

**Club Level:** 2002-2003 Vice-President; 2003-2004 President-elect; 2004-2005 President; 2005-2006 Immediate Past President; 1999, 2007, 2010 Soroptimist of the Year; 2002 Chair, "Wine, Dine, Bid & Win!" Fundraiser, 2009 Committee Member; 2003 Chair, Cookie Fundraiser; 2003 Chair, Lunch Plate Fundraiser; 2003 Chair, Cake Fundraiser; 2006-present Chair, Annual Christmas Lunch Fundraiser; 2013-2015 Nomination Chair, 2011 Committee Member; 2017 30th Anniversary Committee Member.

### **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

2006 US Small Business Administration Woman in Business Champion; 2006 Interim Executive Director Junior Achievement; 2007-2008 President, Guam Council of Women's Clubs; 2007-2019 Chair, Guam Council of Women's Clubs' Women United Against Cancer Brunch benefiting the American Cancer Society; 2009-2012 Salvation Army's Bell Ringer's Brunch Fundraiser Committee Member; 2010-2012 FAWA International President; 2011 Guest Speaker, FAWA Philippines Organization, Philippines; 2012 Guest Speaker, 33rd General Assembly International Council of Women, South Korea; 2012-2014, 2017 Women's Veteran's Conference Committee Member; 2014-2018 Appointment by Guam Governor and Legislature to the Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency Board of Directors; 2019 Guest Speaker, JINED Club Installation with the First Lady, Republic of the Marshall Islands; 2014-present FAWA Advisor; 2025 facilitated the invitation of General Federation of Women's Clubs' International President Suellen Brazil to the 25<sup>th</sup> FAWA Taiwan Convention; B.S. Liberal Studies Cum Laude, Oregon State University; Designing and retailing The Kristal Kollection; Caregiving/hospice for the elderly.

# Secretary Nominee



**Jan Schults**

Soroptimist International of The Delta

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 15**

**Title: Past President**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** None

**Federation Level:** Attended SIA Convention – Vancouver, 2014, SIA Virtual Biennial Convention – 2022.

**Region Level:** Attended FR Conferences 2010-2023 (sick 2017) - Delta Club Co-host coordinator for 2014 San Ramon Conference, District I & II District Meeting Secretary 2013, District II LYD Representative 2016-2018, FR Fellowship District II Director 2018-2020, District II Nominations Representative 2021-2023, District II VRA Representative 2024-2026.

**Club Level:** Webmaster - 2011-2023, Social Media Coordinator - 2012-2023, VP 2013-2014, President 2014-2016, Various committees – Fundraising, Wine Women and Wisdom Socials, Get Real Academy - 2013-2016 & 2018, LYD Chairperson - 2015-2017, Violet Richardson Award Chairperson - 2015-2016, 2023-2024.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

I worked as an Administrator in the Corporate world for 25 years. After moving to Brentwood to raise our children, I continued my administrative tasks by taking minutes, creating bulletins and providing other correspondence for my church groups. I have created flyers, programs and newsletters for my Club. I was the Founder Region Fellowship Secretary from 2018-2020.

# Treasurer Nominee



**Holly S. Hayashi**

Soroptimist International of Honolulu

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 15**

**Title: Founder Region Treasurer**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** None

**Federation Level:** Attended 2014 SIA Convention in Vancouver, Canada.

**Region Level:** 2024-2026 Treasurer; Attended 2005, 2004, 2014 Founder Region Conference.

**Club Level:** 2012-2013 Secretary, 2013-2014 President-Elect, 2014-2015 President, 2015-2016 Past President, 2016-2021 Co-Treasurer. Served on Joint Fundraising Committee (registration) and Gala Committee (event treasurer, registration, event co-chair), Membership Committee, attended District Meeting.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

20+ years as a finance professional (Financial Planning & Analysis, Management Reporting); Organization of Women Leaders: member 2018-2022, served on board as Secretary 2019 and Treasurer 2020-2022; Cherry Blossom Festival (Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce) 1998 -2013: Acted as General Chairperson of the 61st Cherry Blossom Festival. Prior roles on the steering committee included: Opening Ceremonies Chair, Fashion Show Chair, Award Donor Coordinator, Contestant Coordinator, Marketing Area Chair, Festival Ball Chair, Contestant Advisor, Treasurer, Souvenir Book Chair.

# District I Director Nominee



**Jennifer Chiarelli**

Soroptimist International of Martinez

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 9**

**Title: President**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** None

**Federation Level:** None

**Region Level:** Fellow, Level 3; District I Live Your Dream Representative, 2024-2026; Attended 2024 FR Conference as a Delegate; Attended 2025 FR Conference as a Non-Delegate; Attended District Meetings in Richmond, and President Roundtables.

**Club Level:** President, 2025-2026 and 2022-2023; Treasurer, February - June 2024, 2021-2022; Live Your Dream Chair 2019-2022; Co-Chair Dream It, Be It 2023-2026. Chaired or served on multiple club committees including: Awards Event, Membership/Social Events, Fundraising-Bingo & Bunco, and Public Awareness.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

MA in Education/School Counseling; BA in Liberal Studies; Credentialed in Multiple Subjects, School Counseling, Special Education, and Administrative; Retired July 2021 following a 30-year career in Education as a teacher and an administrator; the last seven years as an Assistant Director and Director of Special Education; Board Member, Region 6, Association of California School Administrators; Owner, JC Educational Consulting, LLC; Treasurer, St. Helena Historical Society; Corresponding Secretary, Cal-RTA, Division 52; Helper for St. Thomas Aquinas' First Communion Class; Former President, League Representative, Martinez Community Swim Team. I feel my leadership experience in Soroptimist, combined with my professional career and volunteer experience, will serve me well in the position of Founder Region District I Director.

# District II Director Nominee



**Dana Holve**

Soroptimist International of Vacaville Twilight

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 9**

**Title: Founder Region District II Director**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** None

**Federation Level:** Attended SIA 2020 Virtual Convention. Leadership Roundtable 2025. Laurel Society Member.

**Region Level:** Founder Region District II Director, 2024–2026. Founder Region Fellowship District II Director, 2020–2022 and 2022–2024. Founder Region Fellowship Secretary, 2020–2022. Legislative Advocacy Committee, 2025–2026. Dream It, Be It Committee, District II Representative, 2025–2026. Live Your Dream Committee, District II Representative, 2022–2024. Pillars of Success Poster Session Lead, 2024–2026. Attended multiple Founder Region Conferences, District Meetings, Leadership Trainings, and Presidents' Round Tables. Region Fellow.

**Club Level:** Charter President, 2017–2018, assisting in the establishment of SI/Vacaville Twilight, including development of club structure, processes, and culture. Chaired or served on multiple committees, including Fundraising, Membership, Public Awareness, Programs, Live Your Dream, Violet Richardson, Dream It, Be It, and Best, with a focus on membership growth, program impact, and community visibility.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

Veterinarian, SPCA of Solano County, 2016–Present.

Project Leader, Operation Christmas Child, 2022–Present.

Past Teacher, Classical Conversations, 2018–2023.

Past Director, Classical Conversations, 2019–2021.

# District III Director Nominee



**Nancy Koski**

Soroptimist International of Santa Rosa

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 8**

**Title: Founder Region District III Director**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** Attended 2023 SI Convention in Dublin, Ireland.

**Federation Level:** Attended 2020 SIA Virtual Convention; 2021 SIA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Zoom; 2024 SIA Convention in Bellevue, WA.

**Region Level:** Attended 2018 FR Conference, San Ramon; 2019 FR Conference, San Ramon; 2020 Virtual FR Conference; 2021 Virtual FR Conference; 2023 FR Conference, Oakland; 2024 FR Conference, San Ramon; SI/Santa Rosa co-hosted 2024 FR Conference, I was Floor Committee Chair. Elected District III Director 2024-2026.

**Club Level:** 2018-2021 Secretary; 2021-2022 Vice-President; 2022-2024 President; Fundraising Committee, Service Committee, DIBI Committee, Scholarship Committee. SI/Santa Rosa co-hosted District III & IV Meeting when previously scheduled host clubs had to bow out of their commitment in 2022. 2022-present knit baby blankets for new mothers being mentored by Public Health Nurses to accompany grants given by SI/Santa Rosa.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

BS in Mathematics from SSU in 1990; Auto and Home insurance underwriter with AAA, retired 2009; Volunteer with Bird Rescue Center in Santa Rosa, CA from 1986-1997 where I trained new volunteers, supervised the Song Bird Room, and was Treasurer 4 years.

# District IV Director Nominee



**Crystal Arbuthnot**

Soroptimist International of The Redwoods

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 25**

**Title: Founder Region District IV Director**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** Attended the International convention in Ireland.

**Federation Level:** Attended the SIA convention in San Francisco.

**Region Level:** Served as Fellowship Director District IV for 2 terms. Attended all Region conferences except 1 or 2 since becoming a member in 2001. I was also Region Chair of the nominating committee before becoming Fellowship Director. Current District IV Director.

**Club Level:** President – 5 terms; Treasurer – 2 or 3 terms; 1st VP (Fundraising); Delegate.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

I am a self-employed bookkeeper and the office manager of a world-famous tourist attraction. I feel those experiences as well as my term as a Fellowship director will serve me well in this position. I am the treasurer of my local church and a member of the Lions club. I have been involved previously in PTA serving several offices as well.

# District V Director Nominee



**Lisa Ma**

Soroptimist International of Honolulu

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 10**

**Title: Treasurer**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** None

**Federation Level:** Laurel Society member.

**Region Level:** Attended the 2017, 2022 and 2024 Region Conferences. Founder Region Fellow.

**Club Level:** Served as Club President 2017-2018; Served as Club Treasurer 2019-current; Served as Fundraiser Co-chair 2019-current; Served on Awards Committee 2018-current; during my presidential year we established our DIBI program.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

Sales Director at Xerox Corporation 1992-current; Board Member for Organization of Women Leaders in Honolulu 2018-current; recognized by Pacific Edge Magazine, Women in Business Edition for excellence in Business and Community Service.

# District V Director Nominee



## **Paulette Williams**

Soroptimist International of Waikiki Foundation, Inc.

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 3-1/2**

**Title: President**

### **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** None

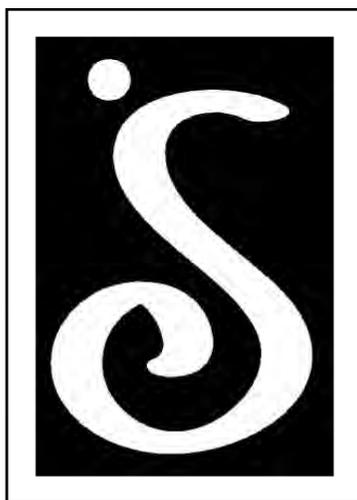
**Federation Level:** None

**Region Level:** Attended Region Conference 2023 - 2025.

**Club Level:** Chair, Membership Committee; President-Elect; Current President.

### **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

Served as President for Toastmasters clubs, Susan G. Komen Hawaii, and National Speakers Association Hawaii. District Director for District 49 Toastmasters and all levels of leadership within the District. Military Officer retiring rank of Lieutenant Colonel.



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Elise Balgley  
Kay Kelley

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# Fellowship President Nominee



**Tess Albin-Smith**

Soroptimist International of Noyo Sunrise

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 34**

**Title: Fellowship District IV Director**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** Montreal, Dublin Ireland, and served on SI President's International Appeal board 2020-2024.

**Federation Level:** San Francisco, Philadelphia, Honolulu, Virtual 2020, Virtual 2022, Bellevue, (planning Korea 2026).

**Region Level:** Fellowship Director 9 years 2024-2026, 2012-2016, 2010-2012, 2003-4; Founder Region Treasurer 2 terms (2020-2022 and 2022-2024); Legislative Advocacy Committee 4 terms: 2004-2008 (Member), 2008-2012 (Chair); Attended 26 region conferences and most District and Leadership meetings; 8 Years Audio-Visual co-chair.

**Club Level:** Charter Member SI/Noyo Sunrise 34 years; Club President (3 two-year terms); Club Recording Secretary 2 terms; Treas/bookkeeper 25 years; Conf/District Meeting voting delegate 22 yrs.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

I have good leadership skills, am a team player, and have a long history with the Fellowship mission; Web Master – I created the Fellowship Website in 2016, which exists today (updated by others since); Techie – In 2016 I created the Database for Fellowship to digitalize and standardize the paper lists; I created the first online fill-in application form for Fellowship candidates; City Council Member; Ret. Calfire Forester/Recreation/Law Enforcement Spvsr.; Substitute HS Teacher; Commercial Driver; Computer Instructor; Environmental Consultant; Professional Musician; QuickBooks Expert - I know how to read treasurer reports and develop a budget; City Council Committees – currently serve and/or chair many local, district, and state committees.

# Fellowship President Nominee



**Elise Balgley**

Soroptimist International of The Tri-Valley

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 19**

**Title: Founder Region Governor**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** None

**Federation Level:** Attended 48<sup>th</sup> SIA Convention in Bellevue Washington-2024.

**Region Level:** 2024-26 Region Governor; 2021-22 Region Fundraising Chair; 2020-22 District I Dream It, Be It Representative; 2016-20 District I Director; 2015 Conference Registration Co-Chair; 2014-16 Legislative Advocacy Committee.

**Club Level:** I have served in every club office, other than Treasurer, at least once. I have also served as my club's Live Your Dream and Violet Richardson Award chair as well as on the club membership committee.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

I have served as Chair of the Board of two local Chambers of Commerce as well as on the Boards of several local non-profit organizations.

# Fellowship President Nominee



**Kay Kelley**

Soroptimist International of Rio Vista

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 9**

**Title: Fellowship District II Director**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** Attended the 2023 Convention in Dublin, Ireland.

**Federation Level:** None

**Region Level:** Served on the Founder Region Fellowship Board, 2024-2026. As a board member, I rewrote all the forms (Financial Transaction, Monthly Giving, Application Rubric, Interview Questions, and other forms) to make them more user-friendly for our board and club members. I updated the Fellowship Grant application process and developed a new Brochure to encourage more members to donate to Fellowship. I also designed promotional flyers and maintained our Facebook page.

**Club Level:** 2017-2018, Chair of Women's Rights Committee, 2018-2019, Served as Vice President, 2019-2021, Served in a two-year term as President, 2021-2022, Served as Treasurer, 2022-2023, Club Parliamentarian, and 2022-2024, Served as Chair, Fundraising Committee.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

In my professional career, I have over 30 years of experience working in the non-profit sector, 20 of those years in an executive/CEO capacity. As a non-profit leader, I have raised thousands of dollars and managed large budgets and multiple grants. Over 16 years at the YWCA (formerly, Young Women's Christian Association), I worked locally, regionally, and nationally as an executive, which gave me a comprehensive understanding and passion for advancing women's rights through education, economic stability, and social awareness. Upon my retirement, Soroptimist was the perfect volunteer opportunity to continue my work. I have served on different community non-profit Boards of Directors. Most recently, I was appointed by the mayor of Rio Vista to represent our community on the Solano County Commission for Women and Girls. After completing my 6-year term as commissioner, I founded a nonprofit organization, Friends of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls, which served as the Commission's fundraising arm to keep it viable. I served a two-year term as president. I was instrumental in forming the Rio Vista Non-Profit Council, and I enjoy volunteering at community events and activities with Soroptimist and other organizations. I wish to continue my Soroptimist efforts by using my skills at the regional/national level.

# Fellowship Treasurer Nominee



**Cara Begley**  
Soroptimist International of Antioch

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 40**

**Title: Conference Treasurer**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** None

**Federation Level:** None

**Region Level:** Conference Treasurer, Credentials Chair, have attended Region Conference at least 30+ times over the last 40 years.

**Club Level:** President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Club Delegate.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

Banking - 20 years, Bookkeeping - 4 years, accounting/income tax - 25 years, currently serving as a Chamber Ambassador for the Antioch Chamber of Commerce representing SI Antioch.

# Fellowship District I Director Nominee



## **Kenya Broadnax**

Soroptimist International of Oakland – The Founder Club

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 4**

**Title: President**

### **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** None

**Federation Level:** None

**Region Level:** None

**Club Level:** Served as delegate, Secretary (2022-2023), Served as President (2023-Present), as well as served as chair for club fundraising events.

### **Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

As a dedicated and passionate individual, I bring a wealth of experience to the office I am seeking. Notably, I have served as Co-Chair of the Department of Energy Fleet managers Working Group, where I contributed to the efficient management of resources and assets. In addition to my professional experience, I have a strong background in community service and leadership. I have had the privilege of serving as Secretary and Asset Manager of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated-Oakland/Berkeley Chapter, where I honed my organizational and management skills. My commitment to the sorority's mission and values has instilled in me a sense of responsibility and compassion for others. Furthermore, I have been actively involved in fundraising and community outreach initiatives, including serving as the fundraising chair for the San Leandro Relay for Life event. This experience has not only deepened my understanding of the importance of community engagement but also fueled my passion for helping others and promoting excellence. Throughout my endeavors, I have consistently demonstrated my dedication, work ethics, and ability to lead and collaborate with others. I am excited about the prospect of bringing my skill and experience to this new role and contributing to the betterment of our community and program.

# Fellowship District I Director Nominee



**Susan Yeazel**

Soroptimist International of El Cerrito

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 9**

**Title: Assistant Treasurer**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** None

**Federation Level:** None

**Region Level:** Founder Region 2023 Conference Committee Floor Chair, A Host Club President for FR Conference 2023, Attended 7 FR Conferences 2018-2025, Club Delegate for 6 Conferences, Oakland International Friendship Club Meeting attendee 2023-2025.

**Club Level:** SIEC Treasurer 4 years (2018-2022), SIEC President 2 years (2022-2024), SIEC Vice President 2024/2025, current SIEC Assistant Treasurer. Active on Fundraising Committee, Budget Committee and award judge. Enthusiastic participant in Club events, social events, and fundraisers. Second Level Fellow – SIEC Club Fellow in 2019, 2021.

## **Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

Listening to the Fellowship Award Recipients speak at Conference is my favorite Soroptimist moment. I'm humbled by the enthusiasm, intelligence, perseverance and dedication of the recipients. My educational background gives me a solid chance of actually understanding the high-level research and plans these amazing, advanced degree candidates are describing. I enjoy learning about research projects and I'm adept at plowing through scientific and academic writing. I earned a Bachelors in Zoology from UW Madison and a Master's in Public Health from UC Berkeley. Life experience gives me insight into obstacles - like mixing motherhood and advanced education. I spent a trimester on bedrest for preterm labor and managed to walk the stage on schedule for my Masters; with my 2-month-old baby in tow. Life experience gives me gratitude for the organizations and people that helped me complete higher education. An Educational Resource Center grant from NIOSH provided tuition, fees, and a stipend for two full years at Cal. That funding meant leaving full-time work for full-time academia was financially possible. My empathetic advisor - a full professor and mother of three - sat down with me in my first trimester and strategized how to finish my Masters on time with a newborn. Her encouragement meant finishing my degree was emotionally possible. Obtaining my MPH was life changing. My career as a Certified Industrial Hygienist (Occupational Health and Safety) gives me experience analyzing and understanding the real-life impact of academic projects. I'm comfortable with the technical to practical leap due to my work in healthcare and local government conducting health assessments, air monitoring, and technical training. Founder Region Fellowship is one of the brightest spots in Soroptimists. I would be honored to be part of the Board that provides these thoughtful evaluations and meaningful awards.

# Fellowship District II Director Nominee



**Debi Schrader**

Soroptimist International of Vacaville

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 3**

**Title: Co-President**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** None

**Federation Level:** None

**Region Level:** Attended Founder Region Conference, 2nd Level Fellow, Soroptimist Stargazer.

**Club Level:** Currently Club Co-President, S-Club Liaison, work on several committees including Dream It Be It, Fundraising, Violet Richardson, and our Club's WRAP program which helps women re-entering society following incarceration.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

35 years experience as a K-8 teacher.

# Fellowship District III Director Nominee



**Nancy Weber**

Soroptimist International of Novato

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 12+**  
**Title: Past President**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** SI Delegate to UN CSW meetings since 2019. I have been attending UN Commission on the Status of Women meetings in New York since 2017.

**Federation Level:** None

**Region Level:** Founder Region Membership Chair 2018-2020. Fellowship Director for District III 2016-2018.

**Club Level:** President, Treasurer (2 terms), Director (7+? Terms). Chair for Inclusion, Diversity, Education and Action (IDEA). Committee Chair or member (at various times) for Fundraising, Social, Membership, Programs, Communication, Soroptimist Liaison for Anti-Human Trafficking organizations, and the Novato Chamber of Commerce.

## **Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

League of Women Voters of Marin County - Board Member and Chair of Justice Committee; United Nations Association of San Francisco (UNA-SF) - Board Member and Chair of Advocacy; Asian American Alliance of Marin - Board Member; Asian American Pacific Islander Coalition of the North Bay - Board Member; City of Novato - Recreation, Cultural, and Community Services Commissioner; San Francisco Collaboration Against Human Trafficking - Planning Committee; Marin County Coalition to End Human Trafficking - Public Awareness Committee.

# Fellowship District IV Director Nominee



**Loretta Tognoli**

Soroptimist International of Ukiah

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 14**

**Title: Past President**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** None

**Federation Level:** None

**Region Level:** I was slated to be the registration chair for the 2020 Founder Region conference, which became a virtual conference. My minor involvement was limited to the online voting process and supporting Past Governor Sylvia Crafton as she gracefully managed the entire conference seamlessly. I purchased my Fellow through the monthly giving program which was amazing and painless.

**Club Level:** I learned about SI Ukiah September 2011 after attending an information meeting with a friend who had been invited. I was her plus one. I joined; she did not. After my first year I was elected to my club's board advancing through the positions until my term as president ended June 2019. Having taken some time as a member at large and a full year's absence from participation due to work requirements, I have fully embraced my commitment to Soroptimists. I was elected to serve as my club's secretary for 2026. I also recently resumed the lead role for our largest fundraiser, which requires all club member participation. Organization and communication are keys for a successful event.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

The Fellowship program has been one of my favorite programs for quite some time. Now that I am retired, I can travel freely as needed for the Fellowship District IV Director position.

# Fellowship District V Director Nominee



**Teri Lynn Sato**

Soroptimist International of Waikiki Foundation, Inc.

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 17**

**Title: Founder Region District V Director**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** Attended Dublin Convention July 2023 “Challenge The Future”

**Federation Level:** Attended SIA 47<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in 2022, Keynote Speaker Malala Yousafzai.

**Region Level:** 2020 - 2022 Dream It Be It Committee Representative for District V, 2020 – 2022 District V Public Awareness Representative, 2022 - 2024 & 2024 - 2026 Founder Region District V Director.

**Club Level:** Secretary two years; Director and VP Positions thereafter. President Elect 2018-2019. Club President 2019-2020, PP 2020-2021, VP 2021-2022. Served on the DIBI Committee 2018-2022. Fundraising Chair 2024-2025. Membership Chair 2025-2026. Serving on the Oahu Joint Awards Reception Committee since 2009. Much experience through past membership in SI Honolulu Club.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

Secretary on the Hawaii Land Title Association and Committee Member of the Mortgage Lenders of Hawaii & Mortgage Bankers of Hawaii in the 1990's. In 2016, I attended 20 weeks of training with the National Parent Leadership Training Institution, thus my community project was an 8-week mother/daughter summer series at a low-income apartment complex. Invited speakers on Human Trafficking, Middle School Counselor, Police Dept, Read Aloud Activities, and others. Served a term as President of Castle Band Association. Served as Chartered Organization Rep for St. Ann's Church Boy Scout Pack and Troop 113 (1998-2023). Served at the Elementary School Community Council. Chaired Castle High School Project Graduation 2005 and Co-Chaired 2008, been serving since 2003 to present. Chair the Annual Windward Holiday Craft Fair 2010-present, serving Family and Friends of Castle.