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Governor's July Message

Welcome to the 2026-2028 Biennium: Empowering Through Education

Happy July and welcome to the new biennium!

Our theme for this biennium, “**Empowering Through Education**,” reflects exactly what we do best — opening doors, building confidence, and creating opportunities so that women and girls can reach their full potential and live their dreams. I can't wait to see all that we accomplish together over the next two years.

I hope that you have read my [blog](#), posted on the Founder Region website on the first of the month. The blog is how I will communicate with all of you, so be sure to leave a comment or ask any questions — that's the purpose of a blog, after all, to be interactive.

All of the amazing members who stepped up to leadership this year are listed on the [About Us](#) page as well as the members of the committees that are invaluable to help Founder Region run smoothly and administer our programs. Thank you all! I can't emphasize enough the valuable resources to be found on the website. The newsletter will be posted on the Founder Region website on the 15th of each month. Be sure to access the Founder Region Roster on the Resource page. It contains all of the committee, leadership, and club contact information. It is password protected — if you need the password, you can ask your District Director. A special thank you to Webmaster Kris who has been busy updating all of the information on the website as we begin this new biennium.

Congratulations to all of the new club presidents and officers! This will be a great year. Remember to reach out to your District Director if you have any questions. The first Presidents' Round Tables are coming in August. They are a wonderful opportunity to get together with other club presidents to brainstorm and share ideas.

After having curated this newsletter for six years, under three different governors, I am so happy to turn the reins over to our new Public Awareness team beginning with the August issue. You will find articles from Pillar Chairs, Region Committee chairs, and Fellowship — they will continue with our theme of education to keep us all informed of everything happening in Founder Region and SIA.



Founder Region Fellowship

We look forward to President Kay sharing everything going on in Fellowship and news of all of their fundraising efforts. Watch for the Fellowship page beginning with our August newsletter. Be sure to visit the Fellowship website: [LINK](#) You will find the fellowship board and contact information on the About Us page.

Fellowship Directors will be visiting each Presidents' Round Table Meeting to answer any questions presidents may have and to share news of their upcoming fundraising efforts.

CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
August	Live Your Dream (LYD) Portal Opens. Club Chairs, watch for a letter from SIA with login information.
August/September	<u>Violet Richardson Award</u> Applications Open. All applications are posted online.
October 3	Districts I & II District Meeting, Concord Senior Center. Host Clubs: SI/Benicia and SI/Antioch.
October 9	Districts III & IV Meet & Greet, Redwood Valley.
October 10	Districts III & IV District Meeting, Redwood Valley. Host Clubs: SI/Oakmont Wine Country and SI/Crescent City.
October 16	District V Meet & Greet, Honolulu.
October 17	District V District Meeting, Honolulu, Sacred Hearts Academy. Host Clubs: SI/Central Oahu and SI/Honolulu.
October 18	District V Member Meeting/Leadership Review.
November 15	LYD Applications portal closes.
December 1	Nominations Due for the 2027–2029 Nominating Committee.
December 15	Violet Richardson Award Applications Close.
January 1	<u>"S" Club Outstanding Senior Award Application</u> Opens.
January 15	LYD club winners due for an early incentive drawing.
February 1	All LYD club winners due. Violet Richardson Award club winners are due to the Program Chair.
March 1	"S" Club Application Closes.
March 23	Call to Caucus via Zoom.
April 30–May 2	Founder Region Conference, San Ramon Marriott. Host Clubs: SI/American Canyon 2018, SI/Benicia, SI/Oakland–The Founder Club, and SI/Vallejo.
June 30	Big Goal Accelerator Project submission due to SIA.
June 30	Dream It, Be It Reports submission due to SIA.
June TBD	Leadership Trainings.
June 13	Memorial Grove, Prairie Creek State Park.

