



2012
FOUNDER REGION
Soroptimist International of the
Americas
Thirty-sixth Annual Region Conference

Conference Proceedings

San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon, CA
May 4 – May 6

“Just Imagine...”
Linda Sue Hansen, Governor

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The thirty-sixth annual Founder Region Conference was held May 4, 5 and 6, 2012 at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel, San Ramon, California.

Friday, May 4, 2012

Registration opened at 9:00 am on Friday, May 4, 2012.

The Trade Fair opened at 9:00 am.

Doors were opened at 10:00 am to the Ballroom.

Governor Linda Sue Hansen welcomed those in attendance to the pre-conference session “Prescription Drug Awareness at 10:00 am; asked that all electronic devices be silenced; and introduced Legislative Advocacy Committee Chair Dion Weaver. She also introduced the Committee members: Carol Dippel, Joan Silva, Gloria Scoggin, Carrie Domogalla, Ada Kornmeyer and Toni Pera.

Legislative Chair Dion introduced featured speaker April Rovero, SI San Ramon Valley, who gave a presentation on Prescription Drug Awareness. April also introduced additional speakers.

At 11:45 am, the “Legislative Awareness” luncheon was held in the Ballroom, presented by the Legislative Advocacy Committee. Inspiration was provided by District V Director Patti Clinton, and the Welcome by District VI Director Sylvia Crafton. Governor Linda Sue introduced the platform party as well as special visitors from Sierra Pacific Region, Past Governor Barbara G. and Governor-elect Pat Jones. Governor Linda Sue introduced guest speaker April Rovero, SI San Ramon Valley who spoke about “Taking Your Passion and Implementing Change.” Announcements were presented by Conference Coordinator Debbie Thompson.

Governor Linda Sue announced that each table has a “Safari Fan” on the table for a raffle. These were for sale at \$2.00 each. The winner will receive a \$50.00 bill and the proceeds will go towards the Founder Region International Project – the Kenya school.

Leadership General Assembly was held in the Ballroom from 12:45 to 1:00 pm, led by Governor Linda Sue Hansen. Participants then attended Leadership Workshops from 1:00 – 1:45, and from 2:00 – 2:45 pm.

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm

Workshop	Participants	Session Leader	Location
<i>Step Up! You're Their Leader!</i> (Session 1) - President's Training	Presidents/VPs	District Directors	Salon G
<i>Keep Your Books Straight</i> (Session 1) - Treasurer Training	Treasurers	Pam Parker	Salon H
<i>Keep the History Straight</i> —Secretary Training	Secretaries	Bobbi Enderlin	Salon F

<i>Have Suitcase, Will Travel</i> – Come learn about SIA and SI through Sharon’s travels	All welcome	Sharon Fisher	Ballroom
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2:00 pm – 2:45 pm

Workshop	Participants	Session Leader	Location
<i>Step Up! You’re Their Leader! (Session 2) - President’s Training</i>	Presidents/VPs	District Directors	Salon G
<i>Keep Your Books Straight (Session 2) - Treasurer’s Training</i>	Treasurers	Pam Parker	Salon H
<i>Protect Yourself – Self Defense</i>	All welcome	Becky Rupp	Salon F
<i>Trafficking Update</i>	All welcome	Jennifer Alderete	Ballroom

A General Leadership Session was held in the Ballroom from 3:00-4:00 pm, led by Governor Linda Sue. She provided a video on Women and the Vote.

A delegates briefing presented by Region Parliamentarian Linda McDoniels was held on Friday, May 4 from 4:00-4:30 pm.

Conference Coordinator Debbie Thompson made announcements.

Recess 4:30 pm

A reception was held in the lobby from 6:00 to 6:30 pm to honor and meet the Fellowship recipients.

Governor Linda Sue declared the thirty-sixth annual conference of Founder Region Soroptimist International of the Americas in session at 6:30 pm.

The presentation of colors was provided by the Girl Scout Troop #32396, San Ramon.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country was led by Governor Linda Sue. The National Anthem was led by Barbara Lanier, Past Fellowship President of Founder Region.

Governor Linda Sue introduced Mayor Bill Clarkson, City of San Ramon, who provided the Community Welcome. Governor-elect Dona offered the official response on behalf of Founder Region. Governor Linda Sue also introduced Eileen Sheridan, President of Soroptimist International of San Ramon Valley who gave the inspiration and Lenore Colarusso, President of Soroptimist International of 24/680 who gave the welcome.

Governor Linda Sue introduced the platform party. She also introduced special guests, the Honorable Tina Muna-Barnes, Senator from Guam, as well as Sue Camp, Past Governor, Sierra Nevada Region, Governor-elect Jackie De Martini, SI Loomis Basin, Sierra Nevada Region, and Jackie Hawley, SI Glendale, Camino Real Region.

Governor Linda Sue announced that each table has a “lock and key” on the table for a raffle. These were for sale at \$2.00 each. The winner will receive a \$50.00 bill and the proceeds will go towards Founder Region Fellowship.

Governor Linda Sue turned the meeting over to Fellowship President Joyce Strand who introduced past Fellowship Presidents who were in attendance. She welcomed everyone to the Fellowship dinner, "Keys of Knowledge." She also announced that \$60,000.00 will be given away tonight.

Brief highlights: (see official minutes for the Fellowship board meeting at the end of these proceedings):

Directors announced the following new Fellows from each district, totaling \$61,000 raised by clubs for 2011-2012:

- District I – 8
- District II – 8
- District III – 19
- District IV – 11
- District V – 7
- District VI – 8

Director Tess introduced recipient Fatima Alleyne whose field of study is Materials Science & Engineering, at the University of California, Berkeley. Fatima shared information about her studies and future plans. Fatima received a \$10,000.00 award.

Director Linda introduced Liana Chan, whose field of study is Infectious Diseases at University of California, Berkeley. Liana shared information about her studies and future plans. Liana received a \$10,000.00 award.

Director Terry introduced recipient Reeta Hernes whose field of study is Clinical Psychology at JFK University. Reeta shared information about her studies and future plans. Reeta received a \$10,000.00 award.

Director Judy introduced recipient Tientien Yuan whose field of study is Astronomy at University of Hawaii. Tientien shared information about her studies and future plans. Tientien received a \$10,000.00 award.

President Joyce introduced recipient Ruth Goldstein whose field of study is Anthropology at the University of California at Berkeley. Ruth shared information about her studies and future plans. Ruth received a \$12,000.00 award.

Director Lynn introduced recipient Denia Djokic whose field of study is Nuclear Engineering at the University of California, Berkley. Denia shared information about her studies and future plans. Denia received an \$8,000.00 award.

Governor Linda Sue thanked Fellowship President Joyce and her directors for picking such worthy recipients and congratulated the new fellows.

Winners of the "Key" Games/and other Fellowship Drawings

Green Game	Frances Veasey (SI East Bay)
Black Game	Linda Green (SI Dixon)
Baby Blue Game	Fran Riedmiller (SI Rio Vista)
Silver Game	Norma Niblack (SI Crescent City)
White Game	Holly Ito (SI San Ramon Valley)
Ruby Red Game	Sarah Turner (SI Eel River)
Mint Green Game	Linda Glantz (SI Dixon)
Gold Game	Donna Ayers (SI Eureka, she is gifting to Dyann O'Brian)

Pale Pink Game Lisa Nelson (SI West Maui)

1st drawing for Deanna Hanks Pins Kathy Besio-Borg (SI Healdsburg)
2nd drawing for Deanna Hanks Pins Sharon Fisher (Past SIA President)

Dorothy Sarnes Award Sylvia Crafton (SI The Marianas)

Conference Coordinator Debbie announced lost items and collected money for Fellowship. Raffle tickets for Sunday's raffle can be given to Susan Lau, Fundraising Chair, who will have a table on Saturday in the Trade Fair area.

Governor Linda Sue announced that the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm to reconvene at 10:00 am Saturday morning with Leadership Workshops starting at 8:00 am.

Saturday, May 5, 2012

The following Leadership Workshops were held from 8:00 – 8:45 am and were well attended.

Workshop	Participants	Session Leader	Location
<i>Yes, You Can Step Up to the Mic!</i> - Public Speaking	All welcome	Sue Finch	Ballroom
<i>Look At Us, World!</i> – Public Awareness	All welcome	Betsy Milan	Pleasanton Room
<i>Membership – Get'em</i> - Membership Recruitment	All welcome	Bonnie Silveria	Danville Room
<i>Open</i>	All welcome	Linda Sue Hansen	Tri Valley I

The following Leadership Workshops were held from 9:00-9:45 am and were well attended.

Workshop	Participants	Session Leader	Location
<i>Technology</i> – unraveling the mysteries	All welcome	Clara Oakes	Ballroom
<i>You Are Extraordinary!</i> Truly know your value as a woman, be more than ordinary. Dare to be extraordinary.	All welcome	Joan Silva	Pleasanton Room
<i>Membership – Keep 'em</i> - Membership Retention	All welcome	Bonnie Silveria	Danville Room
<i>Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness</i> - what everyone needs to know to avoid the impact of prescription drug dependence and abuse	All welcome	April Rovero	Tri Valley II

The Founder Region Business Meeting convened at 10:00 am Saturday morning.

Governor Linda Sue asked that all cell phones be turned off, identified the delegate area, and asked that those who were not delegates to move from the area and introduced the platform party.

Credentials Report #1

Governor Linda Sue introduced Credentials Chair Holly Ito who gave the first credentials report.

Clubs in Founder Region	56	Delegates Registered:	
Clubs Eligible to Vote	54	Region Officers	4
Clubs Not in Good Standing	2	District Directors	6
Clubs Registered	53	Club Delegates	143
Total Voting Clubs	51	Total Delegates	153

Quorum needed for opening session: 77

Chairperson Holly moved the adoption of the credentials report. The first credentials report was adopted by a majority vote.

Conference Standing Rules

Governor Linda Sue asked if there were no objections, she would like to dispense with the reading out loud of the Conference Standing Rules, since they are available in the Conference Program. There were no objections. The standing rules were adopted by a two-thirds vote.

Program Corrections

Secretary Bobbi read the corrections to the conference program;

Page 7 - Becky Rupp is a member of SI The Redwoods, not SI Garberville
Page 11 – The time scheduled for the Founder Region business meeting is 10:00-12:00, not 10:00-12:30. The recess will be for voting and a break.

Secretary Bobbi moved the adoption of the Official Program as corrected and subject to changes that may be necessary to expedite the business of the conference. The Official Program was adopted by a majority vote.

Acknowledgment of Pages

Governor Linda Sue acknowledged the pages for the conference: Gloria Bragg, SI San Ramon Valley, Lenore Colarusso, SI 24.680, and Patty Gilchrist, SI San Ramon Valley

WHOO Awards

Governor Linda Sue gave the following WHOO (We Honor Our Own) Awards:

- Eileen Sheridan (SI San Ramon Valley) - Eileen Sheridan is always ahead of responding to deadlines. She is a great leader and excellent motivator for SI San Ramon Valley. She has a very pleasant and calming attitude. She is a whiz at delegating.
- Elise Balgley (SI Fremont/Tri-Cities) - Elise found her greatest strength the second time as president; she kept her club motivated and focused. She has a positive attitude and has worked hard to bring up membership. She is a great motivator.
- Terry Comiskey - (SI 24-680) - developer of the Get Real Academy feeling strongly that Senior girls needed a place to become informed of what to expect after graduation.
- Doris Bedford - (SI Pittsburg) - Doris has chaired the Kidz on Target project for the Pittsburg Club for last several years raising funds to give low income students clothing and supplies for school.

Nominating Committee Report

Governor Linda Sue introduced Nominations Chair Carolyn Bolton to give the Nominating Committee report. The following names were submitted as nominees to the 2012-2014 Founder Region Board:

Governor-Elect

Bobbi Enderlin, SI Benicia

Governor Linda Sue read the nomination, and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, she declared the nominations closed. As there was only one candidate, a voice vote was called for and Bobbi Enderlin was declared the winner for Governor-elect.

Secretary

Jeannie Griffiths, SI Cloverdale

Ada Kornmeyer, SI Fort Bragg,

Charlene Stamps, SI Oakland

Governor Linda Sue read the nominations, and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, she declared the nominations closed.

Treasurer

Pam Parker, SI St. Helena Sunrise

Governor Linda Sue read the nomination, and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, she declared the nominations closed. As there was only one candidate, a voice vote was called for and Pam Parker was declared the winner for Treasurer.

District I Director

Elise Balgley, SI Fremont/Tri-Cities

Gloria Bragg, SI San Ramon Valley

Governor Linda Sue read the nominations, and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, she declared the nominations closed.

District II Director

Beverly Gomer, SI Martinez

Gloria Utley, SI Diablo Vista

Governor Linda Sue read the nominations, and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, she declared the nominations closed.

District III Director

Shannon Richards, SI Napa

Governor Linda Sue read the nomination, and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, she declared the nominations closed. As there was only one candidate, a voice vote was called for and Shannon Richards was declared the winner for District III Director.

District IV Director

Maddy Leader, SI Sonoma Valley

Governor Linda Sue read the nomination, and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, she declared the nominations closed. As there was only one candidate, a voice vote was called for and Maddy Leader was declared the winner for District IV Director.

District V Director

Valerie Stapleton, SI Crescent City has withdrawn as a candidate. Nominations were open to the floor. Delegate Donna Ayres, SI Eureka submitted the name of Kristin Chorbi. The delegate advised they had permission of the candidate, and resumes were handed out. No further nominations were received, and the chair declared the nominations closed. As there was only one candidate, a voice vote was called for and Kristin Chorbi was declared the winner for District V Director.

District VI Director

Lorene Hopkins, SI Honolulu

Kelly Shaw, SI Kona

Governor Linda Sue read the nominations, and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, she declared the nominations closed.

Chair Carolyn read the Nominations report for the 2012-2014 Fellowship Board:

District I Fellowship Director

Carolyn Bolton, SI Oakland

Governor Linda Sue read the nomination, and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, she declared the nominations closed. As there was only one candidate, a voice vote was called for and Carolyn Bolton was declared the winner for District I Fellowship Director.

District II Fellowship Director

Lenore Colarusso, SI 24/680

Governor Linda Sue read the nomination, and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, she declared the nominations closed. As there was only one candidate, a voice vote was called for and Lenore Colarusso was declared the winner for District II Fellowship Director.

District III Fellowship Director

Bonnie Silveria, SI Benicia

Governor Linda Sue read the nomination, and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, she declared the nominations closed. As there was only one candidate, a voice vote was called for and Bonnie Silveria was declared the winner for District III Fellowship Director.

District IV Fellowship Director

Harriette Minear, SI Novato

Governor Linda Sue read the nomination, and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, she declared the nominations closed. As there was only one candidate, a voice vote was called for and Harriette Minear was declared the winner for District IV Fellowship Director.

District V Fellowship Director

Grace Sharples, SI Fort Bragg

Governor Linda Sue read the nomination, and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, she declared the nominations closed. As there was only one candidate, a voice vote was called for and Grace Sharples was declared the winner for District V Fellowship Director.

District VI Fellowship Director

Suzanne Gillam, SI Kona

Judy Lee, SI Waikiki Foundation

Governor Linda Sue read the nominations, and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, she declared the nominations closed

Governor Linda Sue invited all the candidates to line up and speak to the Conference body about themselves.

Governor Linda Sue identified members of the Nominating Committee that have agreed to act as tellers for the election. She then explained the election procedures and location of the election.

Credentials Report #2

Governor Linda Sue introduced Credentials Chair Holly who gave the second credentials report.

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Quorum needed:	78		

Chairperson Holly moved the adoption of the credentials report. The second credentials report was adopted by a majority vote.

Official Greetings

Secretary Bobbi read letters of greeting from Governor Michelle Memmott of Camino Real Region, Elizabeth Lucas, Executive Director of Soroptimist International of the Americas, and Pat Donahue, President of Soroptimist International of the Americas. Similar letters of greeting and best wishes were received from the Governors of the following regions: Northwest, Desert Coast, Golden West, Sierra Pacific, and Western Canada.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Pam Parker announced that copies of the Founder Region Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual were available in the conference bags. The report is through March 31, 2012. Also available in the conference bags is the 2012-2014 Proposed Budget. She is available to answer any questions the membership may have.

Finance Committee Report

Debbie Derham, member of the Finance Committee reported that the budget and finances were reviewed and that the reports presented by Treasurer Pam are true and correct.

Official Visitor

Governor Linda Sue introduced Soroptimist International of the Americas Past President Sharon Fisher. The topic of Sharon's presentation was "Dreams"; she talked about many different dreams and how Soroptimists help women live their dreams. She told stories about several women that we have helped live their dreams through the Women's Opportunity Award program. She also talked about how things are changing in Soroptimist, and introduced us to the new Live Your Dream website, an opportunity for new ways for people to support Soroptimist. The program will be officially introduced at the SIA Convention in Hawaii. Past President Sharon also talked about what is needed is strong clubs. We need to support The Women's Opportunity Award – this program has a huge impact on women and their dreams. She inspired us to support the new International Focus "Educate To Lead." She ended with an inspiring quote: "It takes an ocean of women, a tsunami of women to make dreams come true and change the world."

SIA Fundraising Report

Governor Linda Sue provided information about the SIA Fundraiser, "Drive for Dreams." The prize is a one-year lease on an Acura TSX Tech or US \$10,000 cash prize. The drawing will take place

during the 42nd SIA Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, July 18-21, 2012. Donation is \$50 for one ticket, \$100 for three tickets.

Governor Linda Sue introduced Founder Region's Fundraising Chair Susan Lau who encouraged members to contribute to SIA by enrolling in the Monthly Giving Program. This program allows members to make a monthly contribution to the Laurel Society at a rate of \$50.00 per month. Any one signing up today for this program will receive a special purse hanger. Chair Susan also said she has a table where you can still purchase tickets for the baskets that will be raffled Sunday morning.

First Time Attendees

Governor Linda Sue asked all the First Time Attendees to stand – there were 79 first time attendees registered for this conference. All were given WHOO awards for attending.

Membership Awards

Governor Linda Sue introduced Treasurer Pam to present the Julia "Bess" Combs Membership Increase Award. The club with the highest net growth with sixteen (16) new members was Soroptimist International of Guam. \$500.00 will be donated in their name to the Annual Club Giving Campaign.

An important aspect of growing our organization is the current members that sponsor new members. All members that sponsored new members this year were put in a drawing – a Laurel Society membership will be given to Margo Roche-Green, Soroptimist International of The East Bay, a member of District I. Due to all of you that sponsored new members, our region increased over the biennium from 1405 to 1563, a net increase of 158 members.

New Member Induction

Governor Linda Sue inducted a new member – Sandy Norona, Soroptimist International of East Contra Costa. Her sponsor is Dee Pruitt, and was represented by President Delores Henderson.

Conference Coordinator Debbie concluded the morning session with announcements.

The meeting was recessed at 12:05.

"Just Imagine – Celebrating Success" Luncheon

Governor Linda Sue reconvened the meeting at 12:45 pm for the "Just Imagine – Celebrating Success" Luncheon.

Governor Linda Sue asked Elections Chair Kathy if all eligible members had voted. She stated they had, and Governor Linda Sue declared the election closed.

District III Director Linda Glantz gave the inspiration.

District II Director Gloria Soderbery welcomed everyone on behalf of all the Directors.

Governor Linda Sue introduced the platform party. She also introduced the Past Governors in attendance: Kate Burns, Del Nickerson, Susan Joyce, Nancy Walker, Linda McDoniels, Mary Ann Redden, Sue Finch, and Amelia Benko.

Governor Linda Sue announced that each table has animals in honor of the Past Governors for sale at \$2.00 each. The winner will receive a \$50.00 bill and the proceeds will go towards the Kenya project

The SI Dixon club presented their 90th Anniversary of Soroptimist skit in honor of the Past Governors.

Director's Reports

The District Directors each gave a brief presentation on their clubs. They presented clubs with 25 or more points on the Founder Region Club Award form with a certificate. Clubs with more than 40 points were entered in a drawing for a donation of \$500 to the Club Giving campaign. Here are the results by district:

District I – Director Charlene had 7 clubs with more than 40 points – the winner of the drawing was SI Fremont/Tri-Cities

District II – Director Gloria had all clubs with more than 40 points – the winner of the drawing was SI Antioch

District III – Director Linda had 12 clubs with 25 or more points, and 6 clubs with more than 50 points – the winner of the drawing was SI Dixon

District IV – Director Jeannie had 10 clubs with more than 40 points, and the winner of the drawing was SI Marin County

District V – Director Patti had 58 members in attendance at conference, and 6 clubs with more than 40 points – the winner of the drawing was SI Humboldt Bay

District VI – Director Sylvia had all clubs with over 25 points and over 40 points and the winner of the drawing was SI Honolulu

WHOO Awards

Governor Linda Sue gave WHOO Awards to the following:

- Kelly Barfield, SI St. Helena, for her work in the community and for her club
- Jill Hunter, SI Vacaville, for her 500 mile trip to Camino Santiago
- Carolyn Small, SI Santa Rosa, for her work on the club website
- Carole Bennett, SI Novato, and Linda Bradbrook, SI Mendocino Sonoma Coast, for their work on an Excel video that has been put on the Soroptimist International website – excellent job and a great partnership from two clubs

Findings 2015 Report

Governor Linda Sue asked Secretary Bobbi for the Findings Report. She reported that no clubs had come forward to host the Region Conference in 2015. She asked the conference body if anyone would volunteer to host the conference, and three clubs agreed to do so: SI Oakland, SI Martinez, and SI Fremont/Tri-Cities. Voting took place and the hostess clubs were declared to be SI Oakland, SI Martinez and SI Fremont/Tri-Cities.

SIA Convention

Governor Linda Sue invited all attendees to consider attending the SIA 42nd Biennial Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii July 18-21, 2012. She encouraged members to attend and stay at the convention hotel to support SIA and help fulfill our contractual obligations. She also encouraged attendees to volunteer for the convention, and to contact Past Governor Cathy Mitchell if you are available.

Election Results

Governor Linda Sue announced there would be a re-ballot for the office of Secretary.

WHOO Awards

- Debbie Coles – for being such a great club secretary
- Karen Lorenzo – SI Humboldt Bay– served as president for 2 years and did an excellent job
- Lou Sablan – SI Guam and Liliana Reyes – SI of the Marianas – for working together and encouraging children to participate in the Live of Your Dream Art Contest

Election Results

Parliamentarian Linda McDoniels read Teller's Report #1:

Secretary

Jeannie Griffiths	58 votes
Ada Kornmeyer	29 votes
Charlene Stamps	65 votes

Eligible to vote	153
Votes Cast	152
Illegal Votes	1
Votes necessary for election	76

The chair declared a re-vote is necessary.

District I Director

Elise Balgley	7 votes
Gloria Bragg	17 votes

Eligible to vote	24
Votes Cast	24
Illegal Votes	0
Votes necessary for election	13

The chair declared Gloria Bragg the winner.

District II Director

Beverly Gomer	17 votes
Gloria Utley	6 votes

Eligible to vote	23
Votes Cast	23
Illegal Votes	0
Votes necessary for election	13

The chair declared Beverly Gomer the winner.

District VI Director

Lorene Hopkins	14 votes
Kelly Shaw	3 votes

Eligible to vote	17
Votes Cast	17
Illegal Votes	0
Votes necessary for election	9

The chair declared Lorene Hopkins the winner.

Fellowship District VI Director

Suzanne Gillam	8 votes
Judy Lee	9 votes

Eligible to vote	17
Votes Cast	18
Illegal Votes	1
Votes necessary for election	9

The chair declared Judy Lee the winner.

Celebrating Success Awards

SIA Past President Sharon presented certificates to clubs that submitted applications to the Celebrating Success program – the Founder Region award winners are: Fundraising - SI of Waikiki Taste of the Arts project; Membership: - SI of Guam for their project 2011 Membership Tea; Public Awareness - SI of Guam for their Making a Difference for Women Radio Show;. Program – SI of 24/680, SII Antioch, SI The Delta, SI Diablo Vista, SI East Contra Costa, SI Martinez, SI Pittsburg for their Get Real Academy; These clubs will be submitted for the Federation Awards to be announced at the Soroptimist Convention in Hawaii in July. Founder Region had 21 entries submitted for the 2011-2012 which is a big increase of last year.

Election Results

Governor Linda Sue presented Tellers Report #2

Secretary

Jeannie Griffitts	60 votes
Ada Kornmeyer	26 votes
Charlene Stamps	68 votes

Eligible to vote	154
Votes Cast	154
Illegal Votes	0
Votes necessary for election	78

The chair declared a re-vote is necessary, and excused the delegates to vote again.

Laurel Society

Past President Sharon presented Laurel Society memberships to the following members:

On behalf of the Founder Region Board – a donation of \$1000 was made to Jeannie Griffitts and Linda Glantz. SI Humboldt Bay made a donation for Sharon Redd, SI Humboldt Bay.

Election Results

Election Chair Kathy presented Teller's Report #3:

Secretary

Jeannie Griffitts	73 votes
Charlene Stamps	80 votes

Eligible to vote	154
Votes Cast	153
Illegal Votes	0
Votes necessary for election	78

The chair declared Charlene Stamps the winner.

Laws & Resolution Report

Governor Linda Sue introduced Laws and Resolution Chair Shannon Richards who presented the complete revision of the Founder Region Bylaws. It was agreed by the conference body that it was not necessary to read the existing bylaws, only the proposed changes will be read.

Article I was passed without any changes.
Article II was passed without any changes.

Article III – Secretary Bobbi Enderlin moved to amend Article III, Section 3.1 to delete the phrase “and their members residing” from the section. The amendment was seconded, and discussion was held. The amendment was voted on and did not pass. Delegate Barbara Lanier moved to amend the article, and after much discussion dropped her amendment, and recommended we revote on the first amendment. The amendment passed. The Article was then passed; Section 3.1 now reads:

Soroptimist International clubs with the territorial limits of the Region shall be considered members of the Region.

Article IV – Delegate Helen Sager moved to amend Section 4.3 to substitute the word “office” for the word “job” in the last sentence. The amendment was seconded, discussion was held, and the amendment passed. The Article was passed as amended. The last sentence is Section 4.3 now reads: The Governor-elect upon completing her two year term will automatically assume the office of Governor.

Article V was passed without any changes.

It was agreed by the conference body that it was not necessary to read the articles before voting on them.

Article VI was passed without any changes.

Article VII was passed without any changes.

Article VIII was passed without any changes.

Article IX was passed without any changes.

Article X was passed without any changes.

Article XI was passed without any changes.

Article XII was passed without any changes.

Article XIII – Delegate Amelia Benko moved to amend Section 13.1 to remove the term “or winding up”. The amendment was seconded and discussion held. Chair Shannon said this language was from Robert’s Rules of Order, and recommended it be left in. The amendment was defeated. The original article was passed.

Presentation of 2012-2014 Boards

Governor Linda Sue presented the 2012-2014 Boards to the conference body. Newly elected Governor Dona Gaddis Wolf announced the following appointments for 2012-2014 terms:

Fellowship President	“Past Governor” Linda Sue Hansen, SI Vallejo Gateway
Program Council:	Governor-elect Bobbi Enderlin, SI Benicia
Fundraising Chair:	Linda Glantz, SI Dixon
Membership Chair:	Gina Moore, SI Antioch
Public Awareness Chair:	Sylvia Crafton, SI The Marianas
Conference Coordinator:	Past Governor Mary Anne Redden, SI Antioch
Parliamentarian:	Past Fellowship President Barbara Lanier, SI El Cerrito

Conference Coordinator Debbie made announcements.

The meeting was recessed at 4:14 pm.

Conference Coordinator Debbie, as Mistress of Ceremonies, opened the banquet at 7:00 pm hosted by the Founder Region Board.

The Board led the festivities with a “Flash Mob” dance.

The inspiration was given by Mary Ann Redden, Past Governor.

The Welcome was given by Del Nickerson, Past President, SIA.

Governor Linda Sue announced that each table has “Cinco de Mayo” hats for sale at \$2.00 each. The winner will receive a \$50.00 bill and the proceeds will go towards the Kenya project.

Governor Linda Sue presented a video “Just Imagine...Why We are Here.”

Dinner was served at 7:30 pm.

Installations

Nancy Walker, Past President of SIA was the installing officer for both the Fellowship Board of Directors and the Founder Region Board of Directors.

Newly installed Governor Dona Gaddis Wolf gave a presentation and introduced her theme “Sharing the Light of Soroptimist Service” with a PowerPoint presentation of all the clubs.

Governor Linda Sue Hansen gave a presentation on her biennium highlights.

Conference Coordinator Debbie closed the evening with an invitation to celebrate with dancing.

Recessed at 10:00 pm.

Sunday, May 6, 2012

Governor Linda Sue reconvened the conference at 8:30 am Sunday morning with the “Remembrance of Service” memorial designed to celebrate the years of service contributed by those members who had lost their lives this past year. The service, a power-point presentation, featured the names and photographs of the deceased members.

They will be missed in our hearts and remembered for their dedication to the ideals of Soroptimist:

Dr. Alice Challen	SI Alameda
Beverly Sperry Fernandez	SI Antioch
Virginia Fleming	SI Antioch
Zoe Raines	SI Antioch
Florence Morreale	SI Arcata
Joan Pierson	SI Arcata
Barbara Knapp Norton	SI Arcata
Lois Barberis	SI Calistoga
Pat Blanche Hill	SI Diablo Vista
Eleanor Philp	SI Fort Bragg
Wattie Mae Hedemann	SI Kona
Nellie Lamp	SI Lamorinda
Edna Pauline Luebberke Slavich	SI Marin County
Margarette Biaggi	SI Mendocino Sonoma Coast

Phyllis Bennuchi	SI Mendocino Sonoma Coast
Elin Sundborg	SI Novato
Marybell O'Connell	SI Rio Vista
Margaret Dixon	SI Santa Rosa
Ann Baumann	SI Santa Rosa
Shirley Grover	SI Ukiah
Gloria Thompson	SI Ukiah
Kathryn Louise Calkins	SI Vallejo Gateway
Mattie Young	SI Vallejo Gateway

Governor Linda Sue encouraged clubs to send representatives to the Annual Memorial Grove Service on Sunday, June 10, 2012. This event is hosted by Soroptimist International of Eureka and Soroptimist International of Crescent City. There will be a brunch at the Elk Prairie Picnic Area, Prairie Creek State Park at 11:00 am, followed by the Memorial Service at the Campfire Center, 12:00 noon.

The inspiration was given by Secretary Bobbi.

Treasurer Pam welcomed everyone on behalf of the Board.

Governor Linda Sue announced that each table has pencils for sale at \$2.00 each. The winner will receive a \$50.00 bill and the proceeds will go towards the Kenya project. Attendees were encouraged to donate their pencils back to send to the Kenya project.

The meeting was in recess at 8:30 while breakfast was served. The meeting was reconvened at 9:15.

Governor Linda Sue introduced the platform party.

S Club Awards

Governor Linda Sue gave a brief description of "S Clubs" – a high school extension of Soroptimist. She presented checks for \$250.00 and certificates, along with certificates from California Superintendent of Schools Tom Torlakson, and Congressman Jerry McNerney to the following S Club members:

Vaishnai Sitarama – California High School – sponsored by SI San Ramon Valley

Megan Leon Guerrero - Academy of Our Lady of Guam - sponsored by SI Guam

Aileen Fabia - Academy of Our Lady of Guam - sponsored by SI Guam

None of the girls were present, so the awards were accepted by a representative from each of the sponsoring Soroptimist clubs.

Violet Richardson Awards

Program Council Dona then gave a history of the Violet Richardson Award, begun in 2000, named after Violet Richardson Ward, the first Soroptimist president in 1921. Violet was committed to creating opportunities for girls and young women through her affiliations with Soroptimist, the Girl Scout Council and the American Association of University Women. Her passion for community service, particularly as it affected women and girls, has been an inspiration to Soroptimist throughout the years. During the 2010-2011 club year, 54% of Soroptimist International of the

Americas clubs participated, recognizing 854 girls. For the 2011-2012 club year, Founder Region had 93% participation in the Violet Richardson Award. 58 award recipients and runners up receiving \$25,825 received and \$8,575 was donated to their respective charities. Dona thanked the members of the Violet Richardson Award committee: Chair Norene Lowry, District I – Gloria Bragg, District II – Judi Parent-Smith, District III – Kelly Barfield, District IV – Conni Wilson, District V – Hannah Winans, and District VI – Angie Haramoto. Dona asked the young women or their sponsoring club representative to come forward to share volunteer activities and receive recognition. Each winner or representative was presented with a certificate and a \$500 check from Founder Region by Governor Linda Sue, a check for \$250 to their organization of choice, and certificates from California Superintendent of Schools Tom Torlakson, and Congressman Jerry McNerney. The district winners were: Amelia Abramson, District I, sponsored by Soroptimist International of San Ramon Valley; Nicole Hohenstein, District II, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Diablo Vista; Becca Brookes, District III, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Clear Lake; Lizbeth Cabrera, District IV, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Sonoma Valley; Shoshana Lescht-Smith, District V, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Arcata and Sheena Choy, District VI, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Honolulu. The region winner whose name will be forwarded to Soroptimist International of the Americas was Lizbeth Cabrera. Lizbeth was awarded \$1,000 by Soroptimist International of the Americas with matching funds to her organization, ***Nuestra Voz***.

Women's Opportunity Award

Program Council Dona then gave a history of the Women's Opportunity Award which has been in effect since 1972. During the 2010-2011 club year, \$1.5 million dollars in club, region, and federation funds were awarded to more than 1,221 women from 1,037 clubs in Soroptimist International of the Americas in 19 member countries and territories. The women receiving these financial awards may use them for any costs associated with their educational efforts, including tuition, books, child care, and transportation. There was 75% participation by Soroptimist International of the Americas clubs. For 2011-2012, Founder Region had 100% participation. For the 2010-2011 Women's Opportunity award impact report, Soroptimist International of the Americas sent surveys to 102 region level recipients from the 2007-2008 club year. The results of the survey are as follows: 97% of region award survey respondents reported an increased sense of self-esteem and self-confidence; 69% of region award survey respondents reported earning an educational degree/certification; 54% of region award survey respondents reported securing higher-paying employment; 80% of region award survey respondents reported an improved standard of living for themselves and their dependents; and 88% of region award survey respondents reported serving as a role model for their dependents.

Dona thanked the members of the Women's Opportunity Award committee: Chair Dr. Christine Naber, District I – Barbara Lanier, District II – Jay-Marie Garcia, District III – Pam Herrera, District IV – Sandy Frazer, District V – Ada Kornmeyer, and District VI – Christine Ku Scott-Smith. She then asked the recipients to come forward to share their goals, life experiences and receive recognition. Each winner was presented with a certificate and two checks, one for \$1000 from Founder Region and one for \$3000 from Soroptimist International of the Americas, as well as certificates from California Superintendent of Schools Tom Torlakson, and Congressman Jerry McNerney. The district winners were: Felicia Wilson, District I, sponsored by Soroptimist International of El Cerrito; Anitra Eaton, District II, sponsored by Soroptimist International of 24/680; Angelique Longino, District III, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Vallejo Gateway; June Farmer, District IV, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Marin County; Nicole Macan, District V, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Eureka; and Georgette Leimomi Reynon, District VI, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Waikiki. The region winner whose name will be forwarded to Soroptimist International of the Americas was Angelique Longino. Angelique also

received a laptop computer and a laptop case from Founder Region and an additional \$2,000 check from Soroptimist International of the Americas.

Ruby Award

Program Council Dona Gaddis Wolf continued the morning awards program by presenting the Ruby Award. She explained the purpose of the award and reviewed past winners. This year, 45% of Founder Region clubs participated in this award program, donating \$9,650.00 to organizations these women are associated with. Dona introduced and shared the activities of this year's winner, Attorney General of Guam Alicia Limtiaco sponsored by Soroptimist International of The Marianas. Alicia was unable to be present, however President Lillian Reyes told briefly about her work creating a task force on Human Trafficking. Governor Linda Sue presented President Lillian with a check for \$500 and a ruby shaped engraved paperweight, certificates from California Superintendent of Schools Tom Torkelson, and Congressman Jerry McNerney.

Operation Orphans International – Secondary School in Kenya

Governor Linda Sue introduced Tricia and Anthony Isayi, with Operation Orphans International who provided an update on their school in Kenya. She also announced that we have raised over \$15,000 from region members. Marge Dimmick, SI Eureka presented them with a check for \$1800 from funds raised by her church. Cindy Hardy from the Gold Refinery presented them with \$780 as a result of the Gold fundraiser at conference.

Attendance Report

Registration Chair Toni Pera gave the attendance report:

International Officers	0	Fellowship Directors	6
Federation Officers	1	Club Delegates	145
Region Officers	4	Other Soroptimist	235
District Directors	6	Guests	58
Fellowship President	1		
			Total in Attendance 455

Thank-Yous

Governor Linda was presented with a scrapbook, and a donation is being made to her Laurel Society membership to increase her to the Diplomat Level.

The Governor Linda Sue thanked her region committee chairpersons, hostess clubs and conference committee members. She also thanked Conference Coordinator Debbie and our Official Visitor Sharon Fisher.

Drawings

The Gold Refinery had a drawing and Gloria Utley received \$100. The basket raffle was conducted.

Table Drawings

Here are the net results of the table drawings:

Friday Lunch:	\$225.00 – to FR Intl Project – School in Kenya
Friday Dinner:	\$449.26 – To Founder Region Fellowship
Saturday Lunch:	\$547.00– to FR Intl Project – School in Kenya
Saturday Dinner:	\$565.60– to FR Intl Project – School in Kenya
Sunday Brunch:	\$369.50– to FR Intl Project – School in Kenya

Governor Linda Sue adjourned the Thirty-sixth Annual Founder Region Conference sine die at 11:40 am. The conference ended with the pledge to Soroptimist led by Past Governor Del.

Submitted by:
Bobbi Enderlin
Founder Region Secretary

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The meeting was called to order by President Joyce Strand at 7:25 P.M.

Secretary Terry Comiskey asked the membership if there were any corrections or additions to the previous year's annual minutes as were printed in the proceedings of the 2011 conference. There being none the minutes were approved and will be filed.

Treasurer Linda Simon reported that the current balance as of 4-30-12 in all accounts was \$509,236.42. Treasurer Linda also stated that a complete budget for the 2010-2012 Biennium was included in the registration packets that everyone received. The treasurer's report will be filed for review.

In the interest of time, Fellowship Directors reports were done during the course of the evening program between presentations of the Fellowship Awards.

President Joyce adjourned the annual business meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Submitted by:
Terry Comiskey
Secretary
Founder Region Fellowship, Inc.