

# 2013 Official Program



# **Founder Region**

Soroptimist International of the Americas
Thirty-seventh Annual Region Conference

Hosted by

Soroptimist International of Fort Bragg
Soroptimist International of Mendocino
Soroptimist International of Mendocino-Sonoma Coast
Soroptimist International of Noyo Sunrise
Soroptimist International of Ukiah
Soroptimist International of Willits

at the

San Ramon Marriott / San Ramon, California

May 3, 4, 5



"Share the Light of Soroptimist Service"

Dona Gaddis Wolf, Governor

On behalf of the 2012-2014 Founder Region Leadership Team and our Hostess Clubs, welcome to the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Founder Region Conference.

"In organizations, real power and energy is generated through relationships. The patterns of relationships and the capacities to form them are more important than tasks, functions, roles, and positions." - Margaret Wheatley, Writer and Management Consultant

I first heard this quote when it was shared by Soroptimist International of Napa's Violet Richardson Award recipient Katie Gallagher, a student at American Canyon High School. Katie spoke of the importance of developing relationships to ensure that her fellow students felt fully engaged. This quote holds great meaning to her, and she always keeps it in mind as she goes about her volunteer activities.

When Katie recited this quote, from memory, I thought how appropriately it reflected Soroptimist. Our greatest power and energy comes from the relationships we begin and nurture with other Soroptimists. Our annual conference is the perfect place to develop and form the relationships that will provide us with the power and energy to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world.

Conference offers us the opportunity to interact with each other, to share our perspectives and experiences to engage each other. We gain valuable information at this annual meeting which makes us better Soroptimists and individuals.

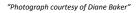
The success of our organization is based on our relationships. Take the time this weekend to meet someone new. If you are sitting in a workshop and you don't know the person next to you, introduce yourself. If you have room at your table during a meal that does not have reserved seating (Friday dinner and Saturday lunch), ask someone new to join you. Take a look at the ribbons that are being worn on your name badges and engage a first time attendee or a Past Governor. Once we take the time to develop our Soroptimist relationships, our tasks, functions and roles will be more productive.

In order for us to successfully shape the future of Soroptimist through increased collective impact we must develop strong relationships with each other. Take a risk,

share your Soroptimist story, listen to the stories of others and embrace your journey as a member of Soroptimist. Share your light to inspire others.

Let's enjoy the weekend together.

Governor Dona



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# **Thirty-seventh Annual Founder Region Conference**

May 3—May 5, 2013 San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon

#### **Conference Coordinator**

Mary Ann Redden
Soroptimist International of Antioch

### **Club Coordinator**

Carol Steele Soroptimist International of Fort Bragg

### **Conference Committee**

Registration Chair Vicki Ham, SI Willits

Credentials Chair Tess Albin-Smith, SI Noyo Sunrise

Floor Committee Chair Ada Kornmeyer, SI Fort Bragg

Trade Fair Chair Lorraine Murphy, SI Fort Bragg

Nominating Committee /

**Elections Chair** 

**Gloria Soderbery** , SI Pittsburg

Leadership Workshop Chair Susan Weaver, SI Mendocino

Audiovisual Chair Kris Wiley, SI Novato

Treasurer Pam Parker, Region Treasurer

Governor's Steward Linda Bradbrook, SI Mendocino-Sonoma

Coast

Governor-elect's Steward Edith Goble, SI Fort Bragg

Official Visitor's Steward Francis Andrews, SI Fort Bragg

"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."
- Mattie Stepanek

# Founder Region Board 2012 - 2014





Dona Gaddis Wolf, Governor
Bobbi Enderlin, Governor-elect
Charlene Stamps, Secretary
Pam Parker, Treasurer
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Shannon Richards, Director District III
Maddy Leader, Director District IV
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Lorene Hopkins, Director District VI
Barbara Lanier, Parliamentarian (not pictured)

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# Founder Region Fellowship Board of Directors 2012-2014

Linda Sue Hansen President

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Lenore Colarusso Director District II

Bonnie Silveria Director District III, Treasurer

Harriette Minear Director District IV

Grace Sharples Director District V, Secretary

Judy Lee Director District VI





#### What is a Soroptimist Fellow?

A Soroptimist "Fellow" is a person or club that is indeed a member of an elite group. Every fellow named represents \$1000 in donations to the **Soroptimist Founder Region Fellowship Program**, which provides scholarships to some amazing women. Over 750 Soroptimist women have become Fellows since 1948. Five hundred women are active members, and many have multiple fellowships and/or have donated fellowships to other Soroptimist women.

#### Official Visitor



# Cheri Fleming, President-elect Soroptimist International of the Americas

Cheri is a wife, mother and grandmother and among the rarest of women business owners. She is the dealer principal of an automobile dealership. Since taking ownership in 1997, she has transformed Valencia Acura from an underperformer to one of the top independent Acura dealers in the United States and

a model of success for other dealerships nationwide. Inspired by her mother's life of service and involvement, she has also dedicated her boundless energy to improving the lives of women and contributing to the social, political and non-profit life of her community.

In 1999, Cheri found a true passion when she joined the local Soroptimist club in the Santa Clarita Valley. Cheri currently serves the organization at the federation level as President-elect of Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA), which encompasses 36,000 members in 19 different countries and territories. She previously held several other leadership positions including Secretary/Treasurer of Soroptimist International of the Americas, Governor of the Camino Real Region, region district director, club president, club vice president and auction chair. In 2009, 2010, and 2013 she attended the annual Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York City.

In her community of Santa Clarita, Cheri is a past chair of the Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Health Foundation, the Child and Family Center Foundation, the Arthritis Foundation Walk, and the American Cancer Society Unit Council; while also being involved annually with the Boys & Girls Club Benefit Auction, the Child & Family Center's Taste of the Town, and the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. Cheri feels so fortunate to have received many awards over the past 15 years. In addition to being selected as Los Angeles County 5th Supervisorial District and the Commission for Women's "Woman of the Year for 2012", and the "Santa Clarita Valley Woman of the Year for 2004"; one of Cheri's proudest honors was being named the 2006 American International Automobile Dealer Association and Newsweek Magazine "Dealer of the Year" for her exemplary business practices and community service.

# **Civility Workshop**

#### Dr. Michelle Donohue-Mendoza

Dr. Michelle Donohue-Mendoza has served West Valley College in Saratoga for over six years as the Director of Student Development. She has worked in higher education both in four-year universities and two-year community colleges for over 21 years, with significant responsibilities for employee performance management, conflict resolution, staff selection and training, and professional development. Michelle earned her Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from San Francisco State University, her Master of Arts in Student Affairs & Counseling in Higher Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and



finally, her Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from Sonoma State University.

In addition to her administrative role at West Valley College, Michelle has taught as an adjunct faculty for 17 years for the California State University system in Business Administration, Health & Wellness, and Student Development & First Year Experience Studies. She has coordinated the Peer Mentoring Support Program for San Francisco State University Doctor of Education program and enjoys serving as a mentor to four women administrators currently pursuing their doctoral degrees. Michelle has been a member of Soroptimist since 1996 and is currently a member of SI of Watsonville in the Sierra Pacific Region.



#### Dr. Valarie Brown-Klingelhoefer

Dr. Valarie Brown-Klingekhoefer started her career in Higher Education Administration in the late 1980s and transitioned to Health Administration in 2007. She currently works at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula serving as the Administrative Coordinator for the Tyler Heart Institute and facilitates the CHOMP Community Employer AED Partnership Program. Since 1990, she has run BK-MAPS (Management, Assessment and Planning Services) Consulting Group. Her group specializes in facilitating employee relations training, marketing & publications, event management, career coaching & life skills

development services for business groups. Clients have included UC Davis, Bethany College, West Los Angeles Community College, CSU Monterey Bay, Cal Maritime, AT&T/Pac Bell & the Western Association of College & University Housing Officers.

Valarie earned her PhD in College Student Personnel Administration & Organizational Management and her MA-ED in Educational Leadership & Policy Students from the University of Northern Colorado and received her BA degree in Communications from UC Berkeley. In her spare time Valarie serves as the President of SI Monterey Coast and the Division Director of the ELIMINATE Project for the Kiwanis International Marina Club.

THINK before you speak - Is it True? Is it Helpful? Is it Inspiring? Is it Nice? Is it Kind?

# Legislative Awareness Issues Facing Women in the Military—Panel

#### Gwendolyn Y. Johnson, Moderator

Gwen is the Chair of the Legislative Advocacy Committee, and is excited for the opportunity to highlight and advocate for 'women in the military'. Gwen has been a member of SI Oakland for 18 years and has served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Delegate. Gwen currently works as Executive Assistant for PINCC (Prevention International: No Cervical Cancer) after retiring from the Red Cross after 20 years of service. She holds degrees in Juvenile Justice and Criminal Justice, and was a Juvenile Justice Commissioner for Contra Costa County for 12 years. Gwen is the



mother of six children and grandmother of thirteen. She became particularly interested in the issues facing women veterans because of the incredible journey of her daughter-in-law who has served two tours in Afghanistan. Gwen has always volunteered in the community and encouraged her children and grandchildren to do the same, motivated by the mantra, "but for the grace of God, there go I..." She is currently the Board Chair of First Baptist Church Head Start in Pittsburg, CA, the Treasurer for the ARC Retirees Association and an Autism Advocate. Gwen currently resides in Antioch, CA with her husband of over forty five years, Samuel, and enjoys traveling and spending time with her family.

# Military Panel



**Rebecca Elizabeth Blanton**, current Executive Director of the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls. Rebecca holds a PH.D (ABD) in political science with an emphasis in political psychology from the City University of New York, Graduate Center. She has a B.A. in Psychology from the University of California, Davis. Rebecca has worked as a non-partisan researcher for the California Research Bureau, where she wrote extensively about the needs of California's women veterans, charter school oversight, and criminal justice issues.

Her publications include *California's Women Veterans: Responses to the 2011 Survey* and *California Charter Oversight: Key Elements and Costs.* Other professional highlights include teaching at John Jay College in New York City for 6 years and working for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

- Mother Teresa

# Military Panel

#### Esther "Eve" Purvis-Allen, M.ED., NCC

Esther "Eve" Purvis-Allen is a Disabled Gulf War Veteran. Eve is the proud wife of Robert G. Allen II (also a Gulf War Era Veteran) and mother of four. Eve is a national educator, an advocate of community and redevelopment empowerment. In 2007-2010, Mayor Ronald V. Dellums appointed Eve to the Commission Oakland Housing Authority. In 2009, she received her Commissioner's Housing and Redevelopment Certification. From 2009 to present, Board of Supervisor (BOS) Miley appointed Eve to the Alameda County Commission on the Status on Women in which she currently still serves as Secretary and in 2011 (BOS) Miley appointed her to the Alameda County Veterans



Commission. Eve completed her Bachelors of Science education: in Vocational Teacher Education, Corporate Training, and holds a Master's in Education. She is in pursuit of her Doctorate's Degree. Her passion is: "greater service, greater progress" to helping veterans and communities.

**Eve's Favorite Quote and Inspiration**: "Strive to do something in life that the world would care about for years after you have passed on"

#### TaiAri Zimmerman



TaiAri grew up in the small town of Greenville, located up in the mountains of northern California. She joined the Army right after high school graduation in 1998 and made her way to Fort Jackson, SC where she completed eight weeks of basic training. Then she was sent to Fort Huachuca, AZ where she completed three months of job training, learning Morse Code. Her first duty station was Schofield Barracks, HI, where she worked for the intelligence community for 3 years. Her next duty station was Fort Meade, MD, where she worked for the National Security Agency (NSA).

After two years, she was sent to Camp Humphreys, Korea, where she submitted her application to become a CID Special Agent. CID is the Army's Criminal Investigation Division, where she would investigate felony-level crimes. After Korea, she returned to Fort Meade, and shortly after left for CID school at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. After four months, she was an accredited federal agent and once again returned to Fort Meade to work as a CID Agent. In 2007 she was deployed to Kuwait and Iraq. She returned to Fort Meade in 2008 where she stayed until the end of her service in 2010.

After she separated from the Army, she moved back home to California, this time in the Bay Area. She is surrounded by family and is taking advantage of her VA benefits with the Post 9/11 GI Bill. She obtained a B.A. in Criminal Justice in the fall of 2010 and is currently in graduate school to obtain a master's in counseling in hopes of working with veterans and their families.

# Military Panel

#### **Elise Bauer**

Elise began her military career two weeks after high school graduation. Following Boot Camp and Technical School, she served as a member of Security Forces with the United States Air Force. She was stationed in Japan for five years and traveled the world extensively before transitioning back into civilian life in the States.

After returning stateside, Elsie used the Montgomery GI Bill to put herself through Solano Community College, where she earned three Associate Arts Degrees: Criminal Justice, General



Science, and Liberal Arts. Following her graduation, she entered the Napa Valley Police Academy and served for a time with a local police department. But her natural strength has always been in social work; so when the Military and Veteran Liaison position opened up on Congressman George Miller's staff, it was a perfect fit.

Elise says that working as a Veterans liaison and caseworker has been an easy transition from her previous professions. She understands the struggles that Veterans face when they return from deployment and she is passionate about providing the resources that can prevent their lives from falling apart.

Like many of the constituents she has assisted, Elsie is using the Post 9/11 GI Bill to continue her education. She is currently working toward her BSW at CSU East Bay.

# Raising Awareness Luncheon What Happens When a Woman Leaves the Military?

#### Mary E. Baker, LCSW

Mary is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and Team Leader of the Redwoods Vet Center in Eureka, CA. She is a 20-year Army Veteran and a graduate of the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. Mary has an extensive background in the treatment of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). She is a Military Sexual Trauma Therapist and Bereavement Specialist. She joined the Redwood Vet Center from the Central Region of RCS from the Vet Center in Kansas City, Missouri.



Prior to receiving her Master's Degree in Social Work, Mary was an outreach coordinator for a non-profit battered woman's shelter and later was an investigator with the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, Department of Child Welfare in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mary is married to a 30-year Army veteran who served two tours in Vietnam. Husband Allen is a retired Social Worker and an Alumni of the University of Kansas. Her son, Eric, has completed two deployments in Iraq and one to Afghanistan with the Army. Her daughter, Marisa, followed her parents into the social work field and is a social worker in Kansas.

# Leadership Workshop Descriptions

#### Lead to Succeed (Session 1 and 2)

For club presidents —to discuss tools to make your presidency the best ever. Topics include: suggestions for success, parliamentary procedures, meeting agendas, conducting meetings, legal issues of 501(c)(3) organizations, meeting deadlines, managing calendars, and email tips. Plan to attend both sessions. Session Leader: Your District Directors

#### It Will All Add Up (Session 1 and 2)

For club treasurers—learn about all the financial aspects of your club, and review pertinent forms and procedures. Includes a detailed manual with everything a treasurer needs to know to help your club be financially fit and in compliance with government regulations. Plan to attend both sessions. Session Leader: Treasurer Pam Parker



#### **Minutes and More**

For club secretaries—learn about what is required in your new position. Review the importance of accurate minute taking for your board and business meetings. Learn some techniques to help make the job easier, and discuss what the requirements are for keeping historical documents. Session Leader: Secretary Charlene Stamps



#### Ready, Willing and Able

Open to anyone that is a vice-president, president-elect or considering a leadership position in your club. The workshop includes tips for a happy and successful club. Learn about resources for great programs, fundraisers, and service projects. This will help you to "hit the ground running" and prepare you for becoming president of your club. Session Leader: Governor-elect Bobbi Enderlin



#### Soroptimist 101

Shaping our future is dependent on understanding our past. Everyone is invited to join President-elect Cheri Fleming in this valuable workshop as she shares the history of our organization and the important part each of us as members can play to ensure our legacy.



#### **History of Founder Region Fellowship**

Learn about the history of Founder Region Fellowship from two Past Fellowship Presidents. Del Nickerson and Dion Weaver will share the history of our region identifying project as a lead into Friday night's Fellowship dinner. Did you know that Del was the first District II Fellowship Director? And that Dion served as the President of Fellowship during the 60th anniversary year? Fun facts and wonderful history will be shared with you.



# Leadership Workshop Descriptions

#### Sparkle in the Limelight—Public Awareness

Broaden your perspective and comprehension of Public Awareness and how Soroptimist around the globe sharing a common goal of working to improve the lives of women and girls creates the synergy to increase Soroptimist recognition and garner an increased collective impact. Discover what "collective impact" means, and what all clubs should be doing to increase it which will, in turn, lead to increased recognition. We will cover internet and Web Social Media opportunities. We will share information on how to get government recognition such as Proclamations and Legislative Resolutions. We will also share how to be recognized in the Congressional Record and how these prestigious honors can promote your club to higher awareness within your community, and make a strong impression with potential supporters. And then, we will "Sparkle in the Limelight!" Session Leader: Public Awareness Chair Sylvia Crafton

#### **Wanted: Soroptimist Members**

Each member is important to ensuring the legacy of our organization; we wouldn't exist without them. Join Founder Region Membership Chair Gina Moore and her committee as together you will explore and share ideas relating to recruiting and retaining members.



#### **Parliamentary Procedures**

Founder Region Parliamentarian Barbara Lanier will take the time to share with you the importance of using parliamentary procedures to ensure that everyone has a voice and that meetings are conducted in an orderly manner. Parliamentary procedures help turn unproductive meetings into productive meetings, saving time and energy.



#### **Bylaws Template**

The purpose of bylaws is to lay out the rules of conduct and authority for your board of directors and officers. Join Laws and Resolutions Chairperson Jeannie Griffitts as she shares with you a variety of tools to assist in understanding the structure and importance of club bylaws.



#### **Threads for Teens**

Please join Soroptimist International of the Americas 2011 Violet Richardson Award Recipient Allyson Ahlstrom as she shares her dream with us. Allyson founded Threads for Teens on January 17, 2010, when she was 14 years old. In September 2011, Threads for Teens officially became a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and now Allyson is taking her program on the road. Learn all about Allyson's vision and plans for this summer tour.

# **Program**

#### Thursday, May 2

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Founder Region Board Meeting

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Founder Region Fellowship Board Meeting

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Pizza Party/Scavenger Hunt - Sycamore Homes Association

#### Friday, May 3

9:00 am - 6:00 pm Registration

9:00 am - 5:30 pm Trade Fair—Sales Room

10:00 am - 11:30 am Issues Facing Women in the Military - Salon D/E Legislative Awareness Panel

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Raising Awareness Luncheon - Salon D/E Presented by Legislative Advocacy

Committee Chair Gwen Johnson

Introductions Governor Dona Gaddis Wolf

Inspiration Carol Smith, SI Napa

Welcome Patti Dutton, SI Humboldt Bay

What Happens When a Woman Leaves the Military? Mary E. Baker, LCSW

Announcements Mary Ann Redden,

**Conference Coordinator** 

1:45 pm - 2:30 pm Leadership Workshops (for more detail see pages 10-11)

Workshop	Participants	Session Leader	Location
Lead to Succeed (Session 1)	Presidents	District Directors	Salon G /H
It Will All Add Up (Session 1)	Treasurers	Pam Parker	Pleasanton Room
Minutes and More	Secretaries	Charlene Stamps	Danville Room
Ready, Willing and Able	Vice-Presidents/ President-elect	Bobbi Enderlin	Salon F
Soroptimist 101	All welcome	Cheri Fleming	Salon D /E (Ballroom)

#### 2:45 pm - 3:30 pm Leadership Workshops (for more detail see pages 10-11)

Workshop	Participants	Session Leader	Location
Lead to Succeed (Session 2)	Presidents	District Directors	Salon G /H
It Will All Add Up (Session 2)	Treasurers	Pam Parker	Pleasanton Room
History of Founder Region Fellowship	All welcome	Del Nickerson & Dion Weaver	Danville Room
Membership	All welcome	Gina Moore	Salon F
Threads for Teens 2013 Tour	All welcome	Allyson Ahlstrom	Salon D /E (Ballroom)

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm Announcements Conference Coordinator Mary Ann 4:00 pm - 4:15 pm Delegates Briefing Parliamentarian Barbara Lanier

4:15 pm - 4:30 pm Timekeeper & Pages Instructions Parliamentarian Barbara

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### **Program**

Friday, May 3 (continued)

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Fellowship Reception

No Host Cocktails Ballroom Lobby

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm Fellowship Banquet Ballroom

Opening Ceremonies Governor Dona

Presentation of Colors & Pledge of Allegiance
 Crane Ridge 4H, Livermore

~ National Anthem All

Community Welcome
 Madeleine Melo, Jere Melo Foundation

~ Official Response Governor-elect Bobbi Enderlin

Inspiration
 Judy Lee, Fellowship Director, District VI

Welcome Lenore Colarusso, Fellowship Director,

District II

Presentation of Platform Party
 Governor Dona

Dinner

Introduction of Past Fellowship Presidents
 Fellowship President Linda Sue Hansen

**Founder Region Fellowship Annual Meeting** 

Call to Order
 President Linda Sue

Adoption of Credentials Report
 Credentials Chair Tess Albin-Smith

Minutes of Previous Business Meeting
 Secretary Grace Sharples

~ Treasurer's Report Treasurer Bonnie Silveria

Director's Reports
 Fellowship Directors

President's Report
 President Linda Sue

**Fellowship Awards** 

Awardees and Grant Presentations
 Fellowship Board

~ Announcements Conference Coordinator Mary Ann

Recess

"It takes a lot of courage to show your dreams to someone else."

- Erma Bombeck

#### Saturday, May 4

7:00 am - Noon Registration (Closed during business sessions)

7:30 am - 5:30 pm Trade Fair

#### 8:00 am - 8:45 am Leadership Workshops (for more detail see pages 10-11)

Workshop	Participants	Session Leader	Location
Membership	All welcome	Gina Moore	Pleasanton Room
Public Awareness	All welcome	Sylvia Crafton	Danville Room
Parliamentary Procedure	All welcome	Barbara Lanier	Tri-Valley Room 1
Bylaw Template	All welcome	Jeannie Griffitts	Tri-Valley Room 2

#### 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Founder Region Business Meeting

~ Call to Order Governor Dona

Presentation of Platform Party
 Governor Dona

Adoption of Credentials Report
 Credentials Chair Tess

Adoption of Standing Rules
 Secretary Charlene Stamps

Adoption of Official Conference Program
 Secretary Charlene

Introduction of Pages and Stewards Governor Dona

First Time Attendees Recognition
 Governor Dona

Public Awareness Committee Report
 Chair Sylvia Crafton

Nominating Committee Report
 Chair Gloria Soderbery

Nominations from the Floor
 Governor Dona

Presentation of Candidates
 Governor Dona

Appointment of Tellers Governor Dona

~ Election Procedures Chair Gloria

Credentials Report
 Credentials Chair Tess

Greetings and Correspondence
 Secretary Charlene

Findings Report for Conference 2016
 Secretary Charlene

Treasurer's Report
 Treasurer Pam Parker

Julia "Bess" Combs

Membership Increase Award Treasurer Pam

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws
 Chair Jeannie Griffitts

Federation Update
 Cheri Fleming, President-elect, SIA

Presentation of 2013-2015 Nominating Committee

~ Appointment of 2013-2015 Nominating Committee Chair

**Announcements** 

Governor Dona

Governor Dona

Conference Coordinator Mary Ann

**Recess** 

12:30 pm - 2:15 pm Luncheon

"Share the Light of Soroptimist Service" Hosted by District Directors

Introductions Governor Dona

Director and Club President Processional Governor Dona

Inspiration **Director Bev Gomer** 

Welcome Director Maddy Leader

Director Reports and Club Awards **District Directors** 

Member Sponsor Award Treasurer Pam

Announcements Conference Coordinator Mary Ann

2:45 pm - 4:45 pm General Session

Membership Committee Report Chair Gina Moore

"Soroptimist Civility" Governor Dona

Presented by

Dr. Michelle Donohue-Mendoza Dr. Valarie Brown-Klingekhoefer

 Vote on Hostess Club for 2016 Governor Dona **Drawing for Workshop Participation** Governor Dona

**Announcements** Conference Coordinator Mary Ann

Recess

**Saturday Evening** 

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm No Host Cocktails **Ballroom Lobby** 

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Dinner Ballroom

**Recognition of Past Governors** Governor Dona

Inspiration Mary Kay Hoffman, President, SI of Fort Bragg

~ Welcome Allyne Brown, SI of Ukiah

Soroptimist Dream Factor Vicky Watts, SI of Fort Bragg

Music provided by BegaPhina Entertainment

**Announcements** Conference Coordinator Mary Ann

#### Sunday, May 5

**Ballroom** 

Hosted by Founder Region Officers

7:30 am - 9:00 am Registration

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

"Reflecting the Light of Soroptimist Service"

**Awards Program** 

Call to Order Governor Dona

Remembrance of Service Governor Dona

**Breakfast** 

~ Inspiration Treasurer Pam

Welcome Secretary Charlene

Presentation of Platform Party
 Governor Dona

Fundraising Committee Report
 Chair Linda Glantz

S Club Committee Report
 Chair Lisa Wittke Schaffner

Ruby Award
 Governor-elect Bobbi

~ Violet Richardson Awards Chair Norene Lowry

Women's Opportunity Awards
 Committee Member Paula Kamena

~ Club Drawings/Raffles Governor Dona

~ "Share the Light: Be a Soroptimist

Firework" Fundraiser Chair Linda

~ Attendance Report Registration Chair Vicki Ham

Acknowledgments
 Conference Coordinator Mary Ann

Closing Remarks
 Governor Dona

Soroptimist Pledge
 Past Governor Carol Steele

~ Adjournment

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

**Post Conference Board Meeting** 

2012-2014 Founder Region Board

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# **Founder Region Award Recipients**

# **Women's Opportunity Awards**

District I	Irene Lopez	SI El Cerrito
District II	Jenny Tran	SI Pittsburg

District III Fahima Khoram SI Central Solano County

District IV Dani Foreman SI Ukiah District V Sarah Pobiecke SI Arcata

District VI Amber Carlson SI Waikiki Foundation

#### **Violet Richardson Awards**

I Pleasanton/Dublin

District II Isabel Bustamante SI Diablo Vista

District III Nesrine Majzoub SI Central Solano County

District IV Gianna Pendleton SI Santa Rosa
District V Hannah Christen SI Humboldt Bay

District VI Mahealani Yoshida SI Kona

### **Ruby Award**

Robin Weidman, Princess House SI Central Solano County

# **Fellowship Recipients**

Andrea Maile Aiona	Education	Univ. of Hawaii
Elizabeth Carlisle	Geography	<b>UC</b> Berkeley
Irenka Dominguez-Pareto	Education	<b>UC</b> Berkeley
Michelle Galloway	Nuclear Engineering	<b>UC</b> Berkeley
Gina Anne Jibrin	Education	<b>UC</b> Berkeley
Jennifer Lawson	Social Welfare	<b>UC Berkeley</b>

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# Soroptimist International of the Americas Annual Awards

#### **Violet Richardson Award**

The Violet Richardson Award, which is funded by Soroptimist International of the Americas, recognizes young women who make the community and world a better place through volunteer efforts. The award is named for the first president of the first Soroptimist club in 1921, whose motto was, 'It's what you do that counts.' The program begins on the club level, with club recipients becoming eligible for district-level awards. Additional monies will be contributed to the district-level winners and their volunteer organizations from the region. One winner is chosen from among the region-level recipients to receive a finalist award, which includes a contribution of \$1,000 to the winner's organization.

#### Women's Opportunity Award

The Women's Opportunity Award is funded by Soroptimist International of the Americas and is designed to assist mature women in gaining upward mobility and in their efforts toward training for re-entry into the labor market. Application begins at the club level with local awards. Applications are then forwarded onto the district level for judging. The winning applicant from each district will be awarded not less than \$500 annually at the region conference. Those applications are then forwarded to the region chair for judging. Each district winner is presented an award by Founder Region at the annual conference funded by the region. At the conference, the overall Region winner receives \$5000. The remaining district winners are presented with \$3000 each, all funded by Federation. The Region Winner has her name forwarded to Federation for judging at that level, becoming eligible for one of three additional \$10,000 awards. On all levels, judges are to be non-Soroptimist.

#### **Ruby Award**

This award honors women who are making extraordinary differences in the lives of other women. The award begins at the local level where clubs recognize a woman in their community. Clubs submit their entry to the region level, where the region selects a woman to honor at the region conference.



Improving the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world.

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# **Founder Region Annual Awards**

#### Julia "Bess" Combs Membership Increase Award

This award is given to the club having the largest <u>net</u> growth in regular membership during the year from April 1 through March 31st. This net growth is <u>not</u> to include that of a newly chartered Soroptimist club sponsored by the club. Net growth is understood to mean increase above and beyond current regular membership minus those who resign or regular 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 of 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 chairman 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. There are elected directors seated as the board, one from each district in the region. The Founder Region Governor-elect appoints the president in the second year of the biennium. 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 a Founder Region Identifying Project and is administered through Founder Region Fellowship.

"We shall go wild with fireworks...and they will plunge into the sky and shatter the darkness" Natsuki Takaya

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# Founder Region Fellowship Credentials Reports

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# 2013-2015 Founder Region Nominating Committee

Chair
(Appointed by current Governor)
District I Representative
District II Representative
District III Representative
District in Representative
District IV Representative
District V Representative
District VI Representative

"In politics, If you want anything said, ask a man.
If you want anything done, ask a woman."
- Margaret Thatcher

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### In Remembrance of Service

"If ever there is a tomorrow when we're not together, there is something you must always remember. You are braver then you believe, stronger then you seem, and smarter then you think. But the most important thing is, even if we're apart, I'll always be with you."

A.A. Milne



Our best efforts were made to include all member names provided before the publishing date.

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# **Conference Standing Rules**

#### 1. Registration

All members must be registered before being admitted to Conference meetings.

#### 2. Credentials

- (a) The Credentials Committee shall provide identification badges for voting delegates, Soroptimist members, and guests at the time of registration.
- (b) Identification badges shall be worn at all times and are not transferable.
- (c) 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 Dona.
- (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**

# Annual Memorial Grove Service Sunday, June 9, 2013

You are invited to join the
Founder Region Board,
Soroptimist International of Eureka
and
Soroptimist International of Crescent City

for Brunch at

Elk Prairie Picnic Area
Prairie Creek State Park

11:00 am

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 tree dedicated to

Violet Richardson Ward and the Granite Marker.

Prairie Creek State Park is north of Orick, on the Newton Drury Scenic Highway.

For assistance with directions or questions contact Catherine Burns 707-442-2301 or cmcburns@aol.com

# **Founder Region Past Governors**

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,

Southwestern Region, SIA "Onward and Upward"

Julia "Bess" Combs\*, 1972-1974,

Southwestern Region, SIA "Let It Begin With Me"

Mary Gianotti\*, 1966-1968,

ividity Giarrotti , 1900 1900,

Southwestern Region, SIA

"Moving in the Direction of Change"

Mary Lorentzen-Moser, 1960-1962,

Southwestern Region, SIA

"Song of Soroptimist-Beat the Drums Loud and Clear"

<sup>\*</sup>Deceased

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# **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".

Since the very beginning Founder Region has had a rich legacy of leadership. Past Governors listed in our Conference Program have gone onto serve in elected Federation and International offices.

The following is an effort to Share the Light of their Federation (SIA) and International (SI) Service:

Mary Gianotti	Federation Vice President, 1972-1974
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Marjorie T. Conley Foundation (Fundraising Council) Director, 1982-1984; Federation Treasurer,

1984-1988; Foundation (Fundraising Council) Treasurer, 1988-1992

Patricia D. Daniels\* Federation Vice President, 1984-1986; Federation President-elect, 1986-1988;

Federation President, 1988-1990; Federation Past President, 1990-1992; Elected International President-elect, Fall-1993; International President, 1995-1997;

International Past President, 1997-1998

Del Nickerson\* Foundation (Fundraising Council) Director, 1990-1992; Foundation (Fundraising

Council) President, 1992-1994; Federation Director, 1994-1996; Federation

President, 1996-1997

Nancy Walker Federation Director, 1999-2000; Federation Secretary/Treasurer, 2000-2001;

Federation President-elect, 2001-2002; Federation President, 2002-2003

Linda McDoniels Fund Development Council (Fundraising Council) Member, 2004-2006; Fund

Development Council (Fundraising Council) Chair, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008

Carol Rose Federation Director, 2003-2005

Cathy Mitchell Federation Director, 2007-2009

\*In 1996, as Soroptimist celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> 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. <a href="http://www.si-founderregion.org/history.html">http://www.si-founderregion.org/history.html</a>

<sup>&</sup>quot;If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday." ~ Pearl S. Buck

Attendance Report			
International Officers		Club Delegates	
Federation Officers		Other Soroptimists	
Region Officers		Guests	
District Directors			
Fellowship President		Total in Attendance	
Fellowship Directors			
Notes			



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# Notes



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# The Soroptimist Pledge



I pledge allegiance to Soroptimism 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.



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