

# 2014 Official Program



# **Founder Region**

Soroptimist International of the Americas
Thirty-eighth Annual Region Conference

Hosted by

Soroptimist International of Rio Vista
Soroptimist International of Antioch
Soroptimist International of The Delta
Soroptimist International of East Contra Costa County
Soroptimist International of Pittsburg

at the

San Ramon Marriott / San Ramon, California

May 2, 3, 4



# Ride the Wave of Change

Dona Gaddis Wolf, Governor

May 2, 2014

Dear Members of Founder Region,

On behalf of the 2012-2014 Founder Region leadership team and our hostess clubs, welcome to the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Founder Region Conference.

This weekend we will reveal and renew as we **ride the wave of change** that will allow us to ensure our legacy. As you know, on October 3, 1921, Soroptimist became a reality in Oakland, California. Our rich history brings with it **great responsibility**. The women who led the way over 92 years ago would be amazed at all that has been done to improve the lives of women and girls. This happened because they shared their vision and worked together in support of each other to make a change. It is our responsibility, as members of Founder Region, to honor these women by accepting the changes that will help us to continue to improve the social and economic empowerment of the women we serve.

As I have travelled the region attending awards programs, recipients repeatedly mentioned that they were so grateful that Soroptimist exists. We provide them with moral support and financial assistance. Our recipients want to **live their dream** and find that inspiration in us. Change can be challenging, but is a necessary function to bring in new members and raise the awareness of our organization. Together let's embrace the changes that will be shared this weekend and continue to lead the way.

Our official federation visitor, Immediate Past President Raquel, will reveal the changes in her speech on Saturday morning "The Measure of Success". The women running for the 2014-2016 region offices will reveal their passion for Soroptimist, and we will elect our new leadership teams. We will be renewed by Governor-elect Bobbi as she reveals her theme for the new biennium and by witnessing the difference we make in the lives of so many on Sunday morning.

One of the changes instituted at last year's conference was a balance between reserved and open seating. Friday evening dinner and Saturday lunch will have reserved seating. The rest of the meals will have open seating. Your response was very positive as it gave you the opportunity to meet members from other clubs and share your Soroptimist journey. I look forward to witnessing all of you making new Soroptimist friends.

I thank you very much for embracing our Shaping the Future of Soroptimist through Increased



**Collective Impact** vision these past two years. I am so grateful for having had the opportunity to serve you, the members of Founder Region as your governor during this exciting and dynamic time for Soroptimist.

Let's continue to Ride the Wave of Change, Governor Dona

<sup>&</sup>quot;Photograph courtesy of Diane Barney

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

May 2—May 4, 2014 San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon

#### **Conference Coordinator**

Mary Ann Redden
Soroptimist International of Antioch

#### **Club Coordinator**

MaryEllen Lamothe
Soroptimist International of Rio Vista

#### **Conference Committee**

Registration Chair Pat Dyer, SI Rio Vista

Credentials Chair Cara Begley, SI Antioch

Floor Committee Chair Laura Dickerson, SI Antioch

Trade Fair Chair Stacia Olsen, SI Rio Vista

Nominating Committee / Gloria Soderbery, SI Pittsburg

**Elections Chair** 

Audiovisual Chair Kris Wiley, SI Novato

Treasurer Pam Parker, Region Treasurer

Governor's Steward **Debbie Miller,** SI Antioch

Governor-elect's Steward **Stephanie Helberg**, SI Antioch

Official Visitor's Steward Jan Schults, SI Delta

"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
Gloria Bragg, Director District I
Bev Gomer, Director District II
Shannon Richards, Director District III
Maddy Leader, Director District IV
Kris Chorbi, Director District V
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

Carolyn Bolton Director District I
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?

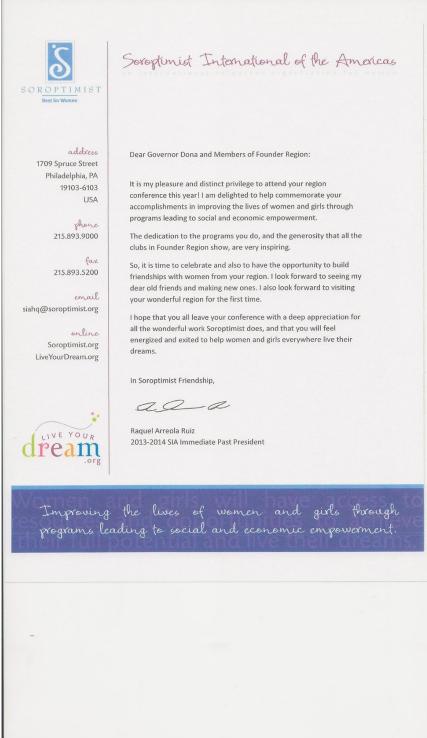
A Soroptimist "Fellow" is a person or club that is indeed a member of an elite group. Every fellow named represents \$1000 in donations to the **Soroptimist Founder Region Fellowship Program**, which provides scholarships to some amazing women. Over 750 Soroptimist women have become Fellows since 1948.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

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#### Official Visitor



# Raquel Arreola Ruiz, Immediate Past President Soroptimist International of the Americas



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#### Meet Cheri & Liz in Vancouver!



# Cheri Fleming, 2013-2014 Soroptimist International of the Americas Federation President

President Cheri Fleming of Valencia, California, began her one-year term as president on September 1, 2013. As president, Fleming oversees strategic planning and program development for the organization. Fleming is a member of SI/Greater Santa Clarita Valley, California, USA, and is a dealer principle for Valencia Acura. A Soroptimist since 1999, Fleming has held several leadership positions, including club president and auction chair; and Camino Real Region governor and district director. In addition to her Soroptimist involvement, she serves as the director of the American Cancer Society unit council, Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Health Foundation, and the Child and Family Center Foundation.



# Elizabeth M. Lucas, CAE, MBA, CEO and Executive Director

Liz Lucas was hired as the executive director if Soroptimist International of the Americas in 2011. She comes to Soroptimist with a diverse professional background, including 15 years with the American Massage Therapy Association and the Massage Therapy Foundation, where she began her tenure as director of marketing and communications, but served the last nine years as executive director. In this position, she guided the strategic development of both organizations, which include 56,000 practitioners, 450 educational institutions, and 51 chapters. As Soroptimist's executive director, Lucas oversees the overall operation



and services provided to members and women around the world. She is active in professional and civic organizations, including the American Society of Association Executives, the Association Forum of Chicagoland, Landmark College, and the Guild of St. Mary.

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

# Legislative Awareness Bullying and Cyberbullying: A Community Concern

#### Gwendolyn Y. Johnson, Moderator

Gwen is serving as the Chair and Moderator for this years'
Legislative Advocacy Committee, and is excited for the
opportunity to highlight and advocate for women and girls. Gwen
has been a member SI Oakland for 19 years and has served as
President, Vice President, Secretary and Delegate multiple times.
Gwen is currently retired from Prevention International No
Cervical Cancer. She also worked for the American Red Cross for
twenty years. 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 fourteen. 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 the First Baptist Church Head Start in Pittsburg, CA and the Treasurer for the ARC Retirees Association and an Autism Advocate. Gwen currently resides in Antioch, CA with her husband of over forty -eight years, Samuel, and enjoys traveling and spending time with her family.

# Raising Awareness Luncheon Bullying, a Timeless and Timely Conversation



**Stephanie Anello** is the Associate Superintendent of Educational Services in the Antioch Unified School District. Prior to that, Ms. Anello served the District as an English teacher, middle grades vice principal, and as Director of Program Improvement. She has been honored by the Association of California School Administrators as Middle Grades Principal of the Year and, most recently, Central Office Administrator of the Year.

Ms. Anello's career has been dedicated to issues of social justice and equity. She believes that schools and classrooms should be places of hope where students learn the academic and critical

skills needed to create a better future and a more just society. As such, fostering school communities where injustice is not accepted and wherein students feel empowered to stand up for themselves and others is critical if we are to address not only bullying but the larger social issues that continues to marginalize particular individuals and groups.

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

- Mother Teresa

### Bullying and Cyberbullying: A Community Concern—Panel

#### **Joy Barnes**

Joy Barnes is a retired English teacher with over 40 years of experience in Los Angeles Unified School District. She has a BA in Education from Arizona State University, with a major in English, minor in history. She also has a master's degree from California State University in education. She has taught English and a variety of other subjects in grades 7-12 and was Dean of Students. She achieved National Board Certification; Language Arts grades 6-9. She is listed in Who's Who in Education. She helped to develop the AAUW presentation on Bullying and Cyberbulling and has made presentations to teachers, parents, and school counselors.



#### Sallyann L. Berendsen



Sallyann L. Berendsen is the founder and chair of the AAUW Bullying and Cyberbulling Task Force in Napa County, California. This Task Force seeks to educate parents, teachers, and interested adults about the hazards and consequences of bullying and cyberbullying and how to help prevent it. She is a past president of the Napa County, California branch of AAUW (American Association of University Women). The Bullying and Cyberbullying Task Force began in 2008 and has given more than 50 presentations. The program has received recognition at both the state and national level of AAUW. Sallyann has forged a coalition with the Napa County Unified School District to address these critical issues. She retired after 34 years of teaching mathematics and computer courses at middle school through high school level in

Maryland, Michigan and New Jersey. She has a BS in Education from Madison College (now James Madison University) and an MA in Mathematics from Montclair State University. She is listed in the Who's Who in American Women and Who's Who in Education. She has three children, two grandchildren and a very understanding husband.

# Leadership Workshop Descriptions

#### **Lead to Succeed**

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

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



#### LISTEN! ABC's and More of Taking Minutes

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



#### **Shared Soroptimist Experience**

Raquel Areola Ruiz, SI La Mesa, Mexico/Centroamerica Region served as our 2012-2013 Soroptimist International of the Americas President. Raquel believes in collaboration, mentoring and has a passion for Soroptimist. Join her as she shares her experience having served in our federation's top leadership position.



#### **Parliamentary Review**

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.



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# Leadership Workshop Descriptions

#### Increasing Collective impact through Social Media—Public Awareness

Let's learn to ride the wave of change! Social media is not a fad..., it's a way of life; and the impact of being online is real. The Public Awareness committee will share best practices on social media, help you get it organized, and show you how to maximize engagement with your audience. 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 on how to integrate members of longer standing with newer members.



#### **Club Procedures**

Once you have updated your club bylaws, it is time to update your club procedures. Join Laws and Resolutions Chair Jeannie Griffitts as she shares with you a club procedure template to capture the "how to" of getting the tasks completely laid out in your club bylaws.



#### **S Clubs**

Many opportunities and rewards can be found by supporting an S Club. Join Lisa Wittke Schaffner, of SI Healdsburg, as she shares those benefits and provides tips on how to start.



#### **How to Write a Soroptimist Club Grant**

Join Joy Swank of SI Vacaville as she helps you navigate through the waters of grant writing. Joy will share a step by step process to assist you in getting started. Handouts will be available to take back to your club. SIAHQ awarded 30 grants last year, Joy successfully wrote and received a \$4,000 grant for SI Vacaville. This is sure to be a joyful experience.



#### **Zumba Time!**

Ditch the Workout, Join the Party with SI of Pittsburg's Sharon Sobel Idul as she leads a short Zumba fitness class. Zumba is a Latin-based, fun, and exciting way to burn calories for a heart-healthy you! Wear comfortable clothing, bring a towel, water and join us!



### **Program**

#### Thursday, May 1

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

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Founder Region Fellowship Board Meeting

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Soroptimist Jeopardy Pizza Party—Highland Oaks Recreation Center & Cabana Club

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#### Friday, May 2

9:00 am - 6:00 pm Registration

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

10:00 am - 11:30 am Bullying and Cyberbullying: A Community Concern - 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 Angie Haramoto, SI Maui

Welcome Carol Smith, SI Napa

Bullying, a Timeless and Timely Conversation Stephanie Anello

Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, AUSD

Announcements Mary Ann Redden,

Conference Coordinator

#### 1:45 pm - 2:30 pm Leadership Workshops (for more detail see pages 9-10)

| Workshop                                 | Participants                         | Session Leader      | Location        |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Lead to Succeed                          | Presidents                           | District Directors  | Salon D & E     |
| It Will All Add Up                       | Treasurers                           | Pam Parker          | Salon G & H     |
| LISTEN! ABC's and More of Taking Minutes | Secretaries                          | Charlene Stamps     | Danville Room   |
| Ready, Willing and Able                  | Vice-Presidents/<br>President-elects | Bobbi Enderlin      | Salon F         |
| Shared Soroptimist Experience            | All welcome                          | Raquel Arreola Ruiz | Pleasanton Room |

#### 2:45 pm - 3:30 pm Leadership Workshops (for more detail see pages 9-10)

| Workshop   | Participants | Session Leader     | Location        |
|--|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Lead to Succeed (Continuation)   | Presidents   | District Directors | Salon D & E     |
| It Will All Add Up (Continuation)                                      | Treasurers   | Pam Parker         | Salon G & H     |
| Public Awareness: Increasing Collective Impact through<br>Social Media | All welcome  | Sylvia Crafton     | Pleasanton Room |
| Membership   | All welcome  | Gina Moore         | Danville Room   |
| Zumba—Heart Health   | All welcome  | Sharon Sobel Idul  | Salon F         |

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm Announcements

Conference Coordinator Mary Ann

#### **Program**

| Friday, May 2 (continued | Friday, | May 2 | (continued |
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4:00 pm - 4:15 pm Delegates Briefing Parliamentarian Barbara Lanier 4:15 pm - 4:30 pm Timekeeper & Pages Instructions Parliamentarian Barbara

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
 Travis Air Force Base Honor Guard

National Anthem
 All

Community Welcome
 Constance Boulware, Vice Mayor, City of

Rio Vista and Member of SI Rio Vista

~ Official Response Governor-elect Bobbi Enderlin

Inspiration
 Carolyn Bolton, Fellowship Director, District I

Welcome
 Harriette Minear, Fellowship Director, District IV

Presentation of Platform Party
 Governor Dona

**Dinner** 

Introduction of Past Fellowship Presidents
 Fellowship President Linda Sue Hansen

#### Founder Region Fellowship Annual Meeting (Delegates bring voting cards)

Call to Order
 President Linda Sue

Adoption of Credentials Report
 Credentials Chair Cara Begley

~ 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 3

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          |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Soroptimist Grants   | All welcome  | Joy Swank             | Pleasanton Room   |
| S Clubs              | All welcome  | Lisa Wittke Schaffner | Danville Room     |
| Parliamentary Review | All welcome  | Barbara Lanier        | Tri-Valley Room 1 |
| Club Procedures      | All welcome  | Jeannie Griffitts     | Tri-Valley Room 2 |

#### 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Founder Region Business Meeting (Delegates bring voting cards)

~ Call to Order Governor Dona

Presentation of Platform Party
 Governor Dona

Adoption of Credentials Report
 Credentials Chair Cara

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

Greetings and Correspondence
 Secretary Charlene

Findings Report for Conference 2017
 Secretary Charlene

~ Treasurer's Report Treasurer Pam Parker

Julia "Bess" Combs

Membership Increase Award Treasurer Pam

The Measure of Success

Federation Update

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~ Credentials Report Chair Cara

Election Procedures
 Chair Gloria

~ Announcements Conference Coordinator Mary Ann

Raquel Arreola Ruiz, Immediate Past President, SIA

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#### Recess—Polls Will Be Open From 12:00 to 12:45 pm

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

InspirationWelcomeDirector LoreneDirector Kris

Director Reports and Club Awards
 Member Sponsor Award
 District Directors
 Treasurer Pam

~ Announcements Conference Coordinator Mary Ann

2:45 pm - 4:45 pm General Session

Election Returns
 Instructions for Additional Balloting (if required)
 Chair Gloria

Membership Committee Report
 Soroptimist Celebrating Success
 43rd Biennial Convention
 Chair Gina Moore
 Governor Dona
 Governor Dona

Soroptimist International of the Americas

Vote on Hostess Club for 2017 Governor Dona
 Drawing for Workshop Participation Governor Dona

~ Presentation of 2014-2016

Founder Region Board of Directors Governor Dona

~ Presentation of 2014-2016

Founder Region Fellowship Directors Governor Dona

~ Appointment of 2014-2016

Founder Region Fellowship President Governor-elect Bobbi

~ 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 "Celebrating Change"

"Celebrating Change" Ballroom

~ Recognition of Past Governors Governor Dona

~ Procession Conference Coordinator Mary Ann

Inspiration
 Welcome
 Welcome
 Werla Chaddick, SI Rio Vista
 MaryEllen Lamothe, SI Rio Vista

~ Installation of 2014-2016

Founder Region Fellowship Board of Directors Past Governor Carol Rose

~ Installation of 2014-2016

Founder Region Board of Directors Past Governor Carol Rose
~ Governor-elect Message Governor-elect Bobbi

~ Governor Message Governor Dona

~ Soroptimist Dream Factor II Conference Coordinator Mary Ann

Music provided by BegaPhina Entertainment

~ Mission Statement Contest Governor Dona

#### Sunday, May 4

7:30 am - 9:00 am Registration

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

"Reflecting the Light of Soroptimist Service"

Awards Program Hosted by Founder Region Board

**Ballroom** 

~ Call to Order Governor Dona

Remembrance of Service
 Governor Dona

**Breakfast** 

~ Inspiration Director Gloria

~ Welcome Director Shannon

Presentation of Platform Party
 Governor Dona

Fundraising Committee Report
 Chair Linda Glantz

Barbara S. Stevenson S Club Awards
 Chair Lisa Wittke Schaffner

Ruby Award
 Governor-elect Bobbi

Violet Richardson Awards
 Chair Norene Lowry

Women's Opportunity Awards
 Committee Member Mary Morris

Club Drawings/Raffles
 Governor Dona

"Ride the Wave of Change" Chair Linda

Attendance Report
 Registration Chair Pat Dyer

Acknowledgments
 Conference Coordinator Mary Ann

Closing Remarks
 Governor Dona

Soroptimist Pledge
 Past Governor Sue Finch

~ Adjournment

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

**Post Conference Board Meetings** 2012-2014 Founder Region Board

2014-2016 Founder Region Board

2014-2016 Founder Region Fellowship Board

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# **Founder Region Award Recipients**

# **Women's Opportunity Awards**

| District I  | Sylvia R. Bracamonte | SI El Cerrito   |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| District II | Shonte Johnson       | SI Diablo Vista |

District III Laura Valencia SI Napa
District IV Holly Phillips SI Windsor
District V Rebecca Shufflin SI Eureka
District VI Anna Keene SI Maui

#### **Violet Richardson Awards**

| District I  | LaMajhane King | SI Richmond |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| District II | Caie Kelley    | SI 24-680   |

District III Amanda Scheideman SI St. Helena Sunrise

District IV Annette Aguilera-Gonzalez SI Novato

District V Anna Gomes SI Eel River Valley

District VI Brittany Amano SI Honolulu

#### **Ruby Award**

Linda Turnbull, Teen Esteem SI San Ramon Valley

#### **Fellowship Recipients**

| Andrea Urqueta Alfaro  | Psychology                       | <b>UC</b> Berkeley |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Rabia Manzoor Chaudhry | <b>Environmental Engineering</b> | <b>UC</b> Berkeley |
| Shannon Leigh Klaus    | Chemical Engineering             | <b>UC</b> Berkeley |
| Dana Jaya Levine       | Chemistry                        | <b>UC</b> Berkeley |
| Xuan Giang Luong       | Integrative Biology              | <b>UC</b> Berkeley |
| Asami Nago             | Anthropology                     | Univ. of Hawaii    |
| Rochelle Layia Terman  | Political Science                | <b>UC</b> Berkeley |

### **Barbara S. Stevenson S Club Recipients**

| Anjelica Barker | Sacred Hearts Academy of Waikiki, Hawaii       |
|-----------------|--|
| Emma Tynan      | Healdsburg High School, Healdsburg, California |

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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 through programs leading to social and economic empowerment

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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

| Credentials Report #1  | Credentials Report #2   |
|--|---|
| Clubs in Founder Region Clubs Eligible to Vote Clubs Not in Good Standing Clubs Registered Total Voting Clubs  | Clubs in Founder Region Clubs Eligible to Vote Clubs Not in Good Standing Clubs Registered Total Voting Clubs   |
| Delegates Registered: Fellowship President Fellowship Directors Club Delegates Total Delegates   | Delegates Registered: Fellowship President Fellowship Directors Club Delegates Total Delegates  |
| Quorum for Opening Session   | Quorum for Opening Session  |
| Founder Region (   | Credentials Reports   |
| Credentials Report #1  | Credentials Report #2   |
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| Credentials Report #3  | Credentials Report #4   |
| Clubs in Founder Region Clubs Eligible to Vote Clubs Not in Good Standing Clubs Registered Total Voting Clubs  | Clubs in Founder Region Clubs Eligible to Vote Clubs Not in Good Standing Clubs Registered Total Voting Clubs   |
| Delegates Registered: Region Officers District Officers Club Delegates Total Delegates   | Delegates Registered: Region Officers District Officers Club Delegates Total Delegates  |
| Quorum for Opening Session   | Quorum for Opening Session  |

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# Founder Region Board Election Results 2014-2016 Biennium



| Governor- | -elect |
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# **District Directors**

| District I   |
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| District II  |
| District III |
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| District V   |
| District VI  |

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# Founder Region Fellowship Election Results 2014-2016 Biennium



| President                             |
|---------------------------------------|
| (Appointed by current Governor-elect) |
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| District   Director                   |
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| District VI Director                  |

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#### "Celebration of Service" Memorial

"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

Colleen Rose Bruhy SI Crescent City

Dr. Irene L. Becker-Lampson SI Santa Rosa

Ellen Dusick SI Eureka

Sue Eaton-Cooley SI Napa

Verda Hixon SI Napa

Betty Humphrey SI Fort Bragg

Christine Lemke SI Vallejo

Peggy Nichols SI Pittsburg

Alice Lorraine Slocum SI Marin County

Carol Stein SI Vacaville

Rena Tedsen SI Crescent City

Naomi Rosalie Vasilieff SI Marin County

Mildred "Millie" Voyles SI Napa

Roylyne Wiegand SI Dixon

Elena Donna Wigger SI Napa

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**

# 56th Annual Memorial Grove Service Sunday, June 8, 2014

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 Debbie Thompson 707-482-2251 or debbiet@treesofmystery.net

### **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,

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

# **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
Catherine M. Burns Federation Vice President, 1980-1982

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   |  |                     |  |
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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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