

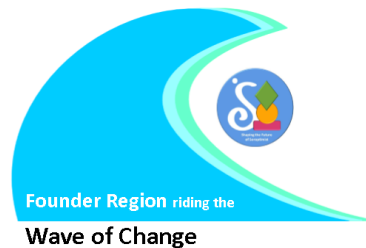


2014
FOUNDER REGION
Soroptimist International of the Americas
Thirty-eighth Annual Region Conference



Conference Proceedings

San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon, CA
May 2, 3, 4



“Ride the Wave of Change”
Dona Gaddis Wolf, Governor

Thirty-eighth Annual Founder Region Conference Proceedings

The thirty-eighth annual Founder Region Conference was held May 2, 3 and 4, 2014 at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel, San Ramon, California.

Friday, May 2, 2014

Registration opened at 9:00 am on Friday, May 2, 2014.

The Trade Fair opened at 9:00 am.

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

Governor Dona Gaddis Wolf welcomed those in attendance to the pre-conference session "Bullying and Cyberbullying: A Community Concern" at 10:00 am; she thanked everyone for investing valuable time in their Soroptimist journey. She asked that all electronic devices be silenced. She introduced the Platform Party - Legislative Advocacy Committee members: Chair Gwen Johnson, Mary Rocha, Carol Smith, Patti Dutton, Angie Haramoto and the panelists/presenters: Stephanie Anello, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, AUSD, Sallyann Berendsen, American Association of University Women member, and Joy Barnes, American Association of University Women member.

Governor Dona thanked Legislative Advocacy Chair Gwen Johnson and each committee member for their effort in putting the program together. Chair Gwen introduced each featured panelist whose goal was to raise awareness on bullying and cyberbullying.

At 12:05 pm, the "Legislative Awareness" luncheon was held in the Ballroom, presented by the Legislative Advocacy Committee. Governor Dona presented the Platform Party and introduced our Official Visitor, Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) Past President Raquel Arreola Ruiz. The Inspiration was provided by Legislative Advocacy Committee District VI member Angie Haramoto, SI Maui, and the Welcome by Legislative Advocacy Committee District III member Carol Smith, SI Napa. Governor Dona re-introduced Chair Gwen who introduced guest speaker Stephanie Anello, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, Antioch Unified School District (AUSD) whose topic was "Bullying, A Timeless and Timely Conversation." Announcements were made by Conference Coordinator Mary Ann Redden.

Two members became Laurel Society members by making a donation of \$1,000 each - Linda Witong, SI Marin County and Barbara Young, SI Santa Rosa

Governor Dona announced that there were envelopes with tickets inside on each table for a raffle. The tickets were \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The winner will receive a \$50.00 bill and the proceeds will go towards the Women's Opportunity Awards.

Governor Dona commented on the lunch time presentation and asked the audience to show appreciation to the panel participants, keynote speaker and the Legislative Advocacy committee for the program.

Governor Dona announced that \$589.00 was raised from the table drawing.

Members were encouraged to attend the leadership workshops and have their participation card signed for a chance to win a \$250 donation towards their Laurel Society membership.

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm

Workshop	Participants	Session Leader	Location
<i>Lead to Succeed</i>	Presidents	District Directors	Salon D & E
<i>It Will All Add Up</i>	Treasurers	Pam Parker	Salon G & H
<i>LISTEN! ABC's and More of Taking Minutes</i>	Secretaries	Charlene Stamps	Salon 2
<i>Ready, Willing and Able</i>	Vice-Presidents/ President-elect	Bobbi Enderlin	Salon F

<i>Shared Soroptimist Experience</i>	All welcome	Raquel Arreola Ruiz	Salon 1
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2:45 pm – 3:30 pm

Workshop	Participants	Session Leader	Location
<i>Lead to Succeed (Continuation)</i>	Presidents	District Directors	Salon D & E
<i>It Will All Add Up (Continuation)</i>	Treasurers	Pam Parker	Salon G & H
<i>Public Awareness: Increasing Collective Impact through Social Media</i>	All welcome	Sylvia Crafton	Salon 1
<i>Membership</i>	All welcome	Gina Moore	Salon 2
<i>Zumba - Heart Health</i>	All welcome	Sharon Sobel Idul	Salon F

Members returned back to the ballroom from the workshops at 3:45 pm.

Conference Coordinator Mary Ann made announcements.

Governor Dona introduced Region Parliamentarian Barbara Lanier who held a Delegates Briefing followed by Timekeepers and Pages instructions.

Recessed at 4:30 pm

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

The presentation of colors was provided by the Travis Air Force Base Honor Guard; they led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The National Anthem was sung by all in attendance.

Governor Dona introduced Constance Boulware, Vice Mayor, City of Rio Vista and a member of SI Rio Vista, who provided the Community Welcome. Governor Dona also introduced District I Fellowship Director Carolyn Bolton who gave the Inspiration and District IV Fellowship Director Harriette Minear, who gave the Welcome on behalf of the Fellowship board.

Governor Dona introduced the platform party.

Governor Dona announced that there is an envelope on each table with tickets inside for a raffle. The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00; the lucky winner will receive a \$50.00 bill and the proceeds will go towards Founder Region Fellowship.

Governor Dona turned the meeting over to Fellowship President Linda Sue Hansen who called the Fellowship Business meeting to order and introduced past Fellowship Presidents who were in attendance. President Linda welcomed everyone to the Fellowship dinner, "Shining the Light on Education." She also announced that \$70,000.00 will be awarded to the recipients.

The credentials report was given by Credential Chair Cara Begley. There are 56 clubs in Founder Region and all clubs were eligible to vote; 51 clubs were registered and there were 50 voting clubs. The delegates registered were Fellowship President (1); Fellowship Directors (6); Club Delegates (127); Total Delegates (134); Quorum for Opening Session (68).

Fellowship District V Director Grace Sharples, Secretary, announced that the minutes of the previous meeting were in the 2013 Conference Proceedings and that any corrections or additions should be directed to the secretary during the conference.

The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Bonnie Silveria, District III Director who stated that the balance in all accounts as of April 30, 2014 is \$548,290.09. The report will be placed on file for review.

Fellowship Directors from each district gave a brief report and presented certificates and pins to all new fellows. District I raised \$10,000; District II raised \$9,000; District III raised \$15,000; District IV raised \$10,000; District V raised \$8,000 and District VI raised \$5,000 for a total of \$57,000.

The following women were awarded a \$10,000 fellow and shared information about their studies and future plans:

- Andrea Urqueta Alfaro whose field of study is Psychology, at the University of California, Berkeley.
- Dana Jaya Levine whose field of study is Chemistry, at the University of California, Berkeley.
- Shannon Leigh Klaus whose field of study is Chemical Engineering, at the University of California, Berkeley.
- Rabia Manzoor Chaudry whose field of study is Environmental Engineering, at the University of California, Berkeley.
- Rochelle Layia Terman whose field of study is Political Science, at the University of California, Berkeley.
- Xuan Giang Luong whose field of study Integrative Biology, at the University of California, Berkeley.
- Asami Nago whose field of study is Cultural Anthropology, at the University of Hawai'i.

President Linda Sue gave closing remarks and adjourned the Fellowship meeting at 9:38 pm.

Governor Dona thanked Fellowship President Linda Sue and her directors for picking such worthy recipients.

Governor Dona congratulated the recipients and new fellows. She thanked the membership for their support of the Founder Region Fellowship program and announced that \$1,119.00 was raised from the table drawing. She thanked the hostess clubs for hosting the dinner.

Governor Dona reminded members that we have additional workshops scheduled for 8:00 am on Saturday and encouraged everyone to participate in these workshops.

8:00 am – 8:45 am

Workshop	Participants	Session Leader	Location
<i>Soroptimist Grants</i>	All welcome	Joy Swank	Pleasanton Room
<i>S Clubs</i>	All welcome	Lisa Wittke Schaffner	Danville Room
<i>Parliamentary Review</i>	All welcome	Barbara Lanier	Tri-Valley Room 1
<i>Club Procedures</i>	All Welcome	Jeannie Griffiths	Tri-Valley Room 2

Conference Coordinator Mary Ann made announcements.

Governor Dona announced that we were in recess at 9:45 pm and will reconvene at 9:00 am Saturday morning for the Founder Region Business Meeting.

Saturday, May 3, 2014

The Founder Region Business Meeting convened at 9:05 am Saturday morning.

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

Governor Dona introduced Credentials Chair Cara Begley who gave the first credentials report.

Clubs in Founder Region	56	Delegates Registered:	
Clubs Eligible to Vote	56	Region Officers	4
Clubs Not in Good Standing	0	District Directors	6
Clubs Registered	52	Club Delegates	137
Total Voting Clubs	52	Total Delegates	147
			Quorum: 75

Chair Cara moved the adoption of the credentials report. The first credentials report was adopted by a majority vote.

Secretary Charlene read the Conference Standing Rules and moved their adoption. The standing rules were adopted by a two-thirds vote.

Secretary Charlene read the corrections to the conference program:

Page 11 – Workshops (1:45 pm – 2:30 pm) – LISTEN! ABC's and More of Taking Minutes moved from the Danville Room to Salon 2 and Shared Soroptimist Experience moved from the Pleasanton Room to Salon 1.

Page 11 – Workshops (2:45 pm – 3:30 pm) – Public Awareness: Increasing Collective Impact through Social Media moved from the Pleasanton Room to Salon 1 and Membership moved from the Danville Room to Salon 2.

Secretary Charlene 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.

Governor Dona acknowledged the pages and stewards for the conference.

Governor Dona recognized the First Time attendees, who stood and received the Fireworks applause.

Governor Dona mentioned that Soroptimist is changing, and we are all a part of the transition team. She shared the four pillars of success that will lead the way as we increase our collective impact: Program, Membership, Public Awareness, and Fundraising. The first to speak was Public Awareness Chair Sylvia Crafton, who spoke on the Live Your Dream initiative and branding to increase the image of Soroptimist. We were encouraged to continue to promote the Soroptimist mission and increase our public awareness by promoting the Women's Opportunity Awards, promote women and girls focused projects, promote and support Live Your Dream, connect our visual identity, develop club websites and use social media. The Women's Opportunity Awards is our signature project.

Before Nominating Committee Chair Gloria Soderbery gave her report, Governor Dona made the delegates aware of the position of the microphones on the floor. The microphone monitors were Betty Smith, and Debbie Miller.

Governor Dona announced that we had an updated credentials report and called Credentials Chair Cara to provide credentials report #2:

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Clubs Eligible to Vote	56	Region Officers	4
Clubs Not in Good Standing	0	District Directors	6
Clubs Registered	52	Club Delegates	139
Total Voting Clubs	52	Total Delegates	149
			Quorum: 75

Chair Cara moved the adoption of the credentials report. Credentials report #2 was adopted by a majority vote.

Governor Dona stated that there was a motion from the floor. Carol Dippel, SI El Cerrito who made the motion to suspend the rule to allow consideration by resolution directed to SIA to retain the name Violet Richardson in the title of the new SIA program, temporarily titled the New Girl Project.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS
FOUNDER REGION MOTION

I move TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW
CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION
DIRECTED TO SIA TO RETAIN
THE NAME VIOLET RICHARDSON
IN THE TITLE OF THE NEW
SIA PROGRAM TEMPORARILY ENTITLED
'NEW GIRL PROJECT'.

Motion made by CAROL DIPPEL (President/Delegate/Board Member)
Soroptimist International of EL CERRITO

Motion #: _____ Date: 5/3/14 Time: _____ ☒ Conference ☐ Board Meeting ©2011

There was a second to the motion.

Governor Dona called upon Parliamentarian Barbara Lanier to explain the motion to the delegates. The motion requires a second, it is not debatable or amendable; it requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote in the affirmative to suspend the rules. The vote is either yes or no whether to suspend the rules to allow the member to present the resolution for consideration.

There was a majority vote to allow the member to present the motion. The motion reads: I move to adopt the following resolution. Be it resolved that Founder Region makes a request to the SIA board in support of keeping the name of "Violet Richardson", our founding president in the title of the new SIA program, temporarily titled the New Girl Project.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS
FOUNDER REGION MOTION

I move TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION
BE IT RESOLVED THAT FOUNDER REGION
MAKES A REQUEST TO THE SIA BOARD
IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING THE NAME
OF VIOLET RICHARDSON, OUR FOUNDING
PRESIDENT, IN THE TITLE OF THE
NEW SIA PROGRAM TEMPORARILY
ENTITLED 'NEW GIRL PROJECT'.

Motion made by CAROL DIPPEL (President/Delegate/Board Member)
Soroptimist International of EL CERRITO

Motion #: _____ Date: 5/3/14 Time: _____ ☒ Conference ☐ Board Meeting ©2011

There was a second to the motion.

The delegate explained the reason for the motion. There was a majority affirmative vote to send the resolution to SIA.

Governor Dona introduced Nominations Chair Gloria Soderbery to give the Nominating Committee report. The following names were submitted as nominees to the 2014-2016 Fellowship Board:

Fellowship Director, District I

Carolyn Bolton

Fellowship Director, District II

Terry Enns

Fellowship Director, District III

Glenda Goode

MaryEllen Lamothe

Shannon Richards

Fellowship Director, District IV

Linda Bradbrook

Fellowship Director, District V

Jo Ann Hunt

Sharon Valenti; submitted a letter to the region requesting that her name to be withdrawn for personal reasons.

Fellowship Director, District VI

Rena Borja

Lorene Hopkins

Governor Dona read each nomination by office, asking if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none; the chair declared the nominations closed.

Nominating Committee Chair Gloria presented the following names of nominees for the 2014-2016 Founder Region Board:

Governor-elect

Pam Parker

Secretary

Charlene Stamps

Treasurer

Sylvia Crafton

Jeannie Griffiths

Vicki Ham

District Director, District I

Gloria Bragg

Latresa Daniel

District Director, District II

Beverly Gomer

District Director, District III

Helaine Bowles

District Director, District IV

Maddy Leader

District Director, District V

Kris Chorbi

District Director, District VI

Jessica Castro

Lynette Lurbe

Governor Dona read each nomination by office, asking if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none; the chair declared the nominations closed.

Governor Dona presented the candidates, beginning with the Fellowship Directors, District Directors and Region Board officers, instructing them that they had two minutes to speak. When they finished speaking, they were to stand to the right of the platform and remain standing until all candidates had spoken.

Governor Dona introduced the time keepers Laura Glass and Louise Agnew of SI Antioch.

Governor Dona announced that according to Article V, Section 5.2 Elections (a) of the region bylaws, "Voting shall be by ballot unless there is only one candidate for office; in such event voting shall be by voice vote." Governor Dona announced that we would begin voting for the candidates running unopposed. All remaining contested officers will be determined by ballot voting.

The following candidates for the Fellowship Board were elected by voice vote:

Fellowship Director, District I

Carolyn Bolton

Fellowship Director, District II

Terry Enns

Fellowship Director, District IV

Linda Bradbrook

Fellowship Director, District V

Jo Ann Hunt

The following candidates for the Region Board were elected by voice vote:

District Director, District II

Beverly Gomer

District Director, District III

Helaine Bowles

District Director, District IV

Maddy Leader

District Director, District V

Kris Chorbi

The following candidates for the Region Board officers were elected by voice vote:

Secretary

Charlene Stamps

Governor-elect

Pam Parker

Governor Dona stated that the following members agreed to be tellers for the ballot voting: Holly Ito, Stephanie Mittlestadt, Elise Balgley, Donna Fox, Ginger Marsh, Marge Dimmick, Shelia Bearden and Mary Ellen Hester.

Secretary Charlene stated that there were several letters of greeting; she read the letter from SIA President Cheri Fleming and Executive Director Liz Lucas. Also, she announced that at this time, no club has submitted a letter stating that they would host the 2017 Conference. She made an announcement seeking clubs to see if they want to be a hostess club.

Governor Dona made an announcement for the tellers to report to the voting room.

Governor Dona introduced Treasurer Pam Parker to give the Treasurer's Report and announce the winner of the Julia "Bess" Combs Membership Increase Award. Treasurer Pam announced that in the conference portfolio is the financial report. The documents included were the 2012-2014

budget vs actual report and the 2014-2016 proposed budgets. In the interest of time, she would answer questions that anyone may have during the breaks throughout the conference. Treasurer Pam announced that as of March 31, 2014, Founder Region membership is 1,608. Next, Treasurer Pam announced the Julia "Bess Combs" Membership Increase Award; that the top three clubs had a net growth of eight (8), nine (9) and ten (10) new members from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014. SI Sonoma Valley had a net growth of 8 members, SI Honolulu had a net growth of 9 members, and SI Calistoga had a net growth of 10 members. The award went to SI Calistoga who received a certificate of recognition and a donation of \$500 to the Club Giving Campaign.

Recessed at 11:06 am

Reconvened at 11:22 am

Governor Dona introduced Soroptimist International of the Americas Past President Raquel Arreola Ruiz who shared with us the Federation update. Past President Raquel spoke about success. She stated that Reba McIntire said that to succeed in life we need three things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone; Past President Raquel changed it a bit and said for our organization to succeed, we need a backbone, a wish bone and a fun bone. She stated that our wishbone is our greatest collective wish empowering women and girls to realize their full potential. Our back bone can mean strength of character; having fun is one of the values members receive as a Soroptimist. She stated that we will continue to increase our collective impact. She stated that Live your Dream has more than 33,000 participants and that SIA is using our goodwill for greater resources.

She stated that the Women's Opportunity Awards Program helps women in four key areas: (1) quality of life, (2) building confidence, (3) strengthening self-determination, and (4) multiplying the cycle of employment. 80% of women reported an improvement in the standard of living; 65% of women reported an increase in higher payment in employment. 100% reported an improvement in self-esteem. She stated that the SIA board has decided to rename the Women's Opportunity Awards the Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women. The new due date for applications is November 15.

She stated that at the SIA Convention in Vancouver, SIA will unveil a new girls program.

Past President Raquel stated that at convention, we will vote on the new member criteria. The new criteria states that twelve (12) members are needed to charter and maintain a club. Also, no club will be considered in low standing as long as all financial obligations to the federation and regions are met.

She stated that our backbone is our infrastructure. To understand the future, we must go back in time to 85 years ago when SIA was established as a federation. In 1988, members requested more professional support from SIA to advance service and not administration. SIA has lost 7,000 members in ten (10) years. SIA is proposing a dues increase of \$20 over three (3) years.

Governor Dona thanked Past President Raquel and announced that Founder Region will be making a donation of \$250.00 towards the Laurel Society in her name.

Governor Dona announced that Credentials Chair Cara will give credentials report #3:

Clubs in Founder Region	56	Delegates Registered:		
Clubs Eligible to Vote	56	Region Officers	4	
Clubs Not in Good Standing	0	District Directors	6	
Clubs Registered	52	Club Delegates	140	
Total Voting Clubs	52	Total Delegates	150	Quorum: 76

Chair Cara moved the adoption of the credentials report. Credentials report #3 was adopted by a majority vote.

Governor Dona called Nominating Committee Chair Gloria to give the voting instructions; voting was held in the Danville Room. Governor Dona stated that the polls will be opened from 12:00 to 12:45 pm.

Conference Coordinator Mary Ann made announcements.

Recessed at 12:09 pm

Governor Dona reconvened the meeting at 12:56 for the "Share the Light of Soroptimist Service" Luncheon. She introduced the platform and the Directors, who led their club presidents into the ballroom where there was special seating for the presidents.

Governor Dona introduced District VI Director Lorene Hopkins who gave the inspiration.

Governor Dona introduced District V Director Kris Chorbi who gave the welcome on behalf of the District Directors.

Governor Dona announced that there is an envelope on each table with tickets inside for a raffle. The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00; the lucky winner will receive a \$50.00 bill and the proceeds will go towards the Women's Opportunity Award with the goal of increasing the amount we award to each district winner next year.

Governor Dona announced that Stacia Olsen received a fellowship from the drawing by Deanna Hanks.

Governor Dona announced that two members, Stacy Lompa, SI Martinez and Gerry Humes, SI Santa Rosa made donations in the amount of \$1,000 each to the Laurel Society. They were congratulated and pinned by Governor Dona and Past President Raquel.

Governor Dona announced that the Directors who gave their reports and presented the club awards to those clubs who completed and submitted the Soroptimist International of the Americas Club Award form online at Soroptimist Headquarters. Each club that completed the form had their name placed in a drawing; one club from each district received a \$500 donation to Club Giving in the club's name. The following club names were pulled for the Club Giving donation:

District I – SI San Ramon Valley

District II – SI Pittsburg

District III – SI Vallejo Gateway

District IV – SI Ukiah

District V – SI Eel River Valley

District VI – SI Guam

Governor Dona introduced Treasurer Pam who explained the Member Sponsor Award and to draw the name of the lucky sponsor. The recipient will receive a \$1000 donation to the Laurel Society in their name or to their membership if already an existing Laurel Society member. The winner was Carla Della-Zoppa, SI Richmond.

Governor Dona announced that the table raffle raised \$922. The money will be donated to the newly named Live Your Dream Award formerly the Women's Opportunity Award for 2015 conference.

Governor Dona made the announcements for Conference Coordinator Mary Ann.

Recessed at 2:07 pm

Governor Dona reconvened the business meeting at 2:50 pm; she called upon Nominating & Elections Committee Chair Gloria to announce the election returns for Fellowship Director District III. Chair Gloria stated that 36 were eligible to vote, 36 votes were cast and necessary for election was 19 to declare a winner.

Fellowship Director, District III

Glenda Goode - 4

MaryEllen Lamothe - 11

Shannon Richards – 21

Governor Dona declared Shannon Richards the 2014-2016 District III Fellowship Director.

Chair Gloria announced the election returns for Fellowship Director District VI. Chair Gloria stated that 17 were eligible to vote, 17 votes were cast and necessary for election was 9 to declare a winner.

Fellowship Director, District VI

Rena Borja - 4

Lorene Hopkins -13

Governor Dona declared Lorene Hopkins the 2014-2016 District VI Fellowship Director.

Chair Gloria announced the election returns for Founder Region Director District I. Chair Gloria stated that 25 were eligible to vote, 25 votes were cast and necessary for election was 13 to declare a winner.

District Director, District I

Gloria Bragg -17

Latresa Daniel – 8

Governor Dona declared Gloria Bragg the 2014-2016 District I Director.

Chair Gloria announced the election returns for Founder Region Director District VI. Chair Gloria stated that 17 were eligible to vote, 17 votes were cast and necessary for election was 9 to declare a winner.

District Director, District VI

Jessica Castro - 5

Lynette Lurbe – 12

Governor Dona declared Lynette Lurbe the 2014-2016 District VI Director.

Chair Gloria announced the election returns for Founder Region Treasurer. Chair Gloria stated that 150 were eligible to vote, 149 votes were cast and necessary for election was 76 to declare a winner.

Treasurer

Sylvia Crafton - 44

Jeannie Griffiths - 58

Vicki Ham - 47

A majority was not received by any candidate.

Governor Dona announced that per Founder Region bylaws – Article V Nominations, Section 5.2 Elections – b. A majority shall elect. If a majority is not received on the first ballot, a re-ballot shall occur between the two candidates receiving the most votes. Since a majority to elect wasn't received by any candidate there shall be a re-ballot between Jeannie Griffiths and Vicki Ham for region treasurer by all delegates to conference.

Chair Gloria provided the delegates with instructions on the re-voting process, starting with District I, followed by the remaining districts and the region board.

Governor Dona announced that Credentials Chair Cara will give credentials report #4:

Clubs in Founder Region	56	Delegates Registered:		
Clubs Eligible to Vote	56	Region Officers	4	
Clubs Not in Good Standing	0	District Directors	6	
Clubs Registered	52	Club Delegates	139	
Total Voting Clubs	52	Total Delegates	149	Quorum: 75

Chair Cara moved the adoption of the credentials report. Credentials report #4 was adopted by a majority vote.

Governor Dona called upon Membership Pillar Chair Gina Moore to give her report after casting her ballot.

While waiting, Fundraising Chair Linda Glantz announced that we have a fifth Laurel Society member. Governor Dona asked Joan Mora (SI Windsor) to come up and receive her pin.

Membership Chair Gina presented her report which stated that collective impact adds value to our membership. As members, we execute our mission. We need to recruit and retain more members to keep Soroptimist alive. She stated that collective impact builds strong and better leaders; creates civility among members; adds value to attract prospective members; creating a welcoming atmosphere for members and helps us to move forward.

She introduced and announced the Power of Eight Award for clubs who maintained 90% of its membership from April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013. This award will be presented annually at District Meeting to encourage clubs to retain members. The following clubs received certificates:

District I – SI East Bay, SI El Cerrito, SI Fremont, SI Livermore, SI Pleasanton-Dublin, SI Richmond and SI San Ramon Valley

District II – SI Antioch, SI Delta, SI Diablo Vista, SI Martinez and SI Pittsburg

District III – SI Benicia, SI Calistoga, SI Central Solano County, SI Clear Lake, SI Dixon, SI Napa, SI Rio Vista, SI St. Helena, SI St. Helena Sunrise, SI Vacaville, SI Vallejo and SI Vallejo Gateway

District IV – SI Cloverdale, SI Healdsburg, SI Marin County, SI Mendocino Sonoma Coast, SI Novato, SI Santa Rosa, SI Ukiah and SI Windsor

District V – SI Arcata, SI Eureka, SI Eel River Valley, SI Fort Bragg, SI Humboldt Bay, SI McKinleyville, SI Mendocino, SI Noyo Sunrise and SI Willits

District VI – SI Central Oahu, SI Guam, SI Honolulu, SI Kona, SI Marianas, SI Maui, SI Waikiki and SI West Maui

While members of the platform party were voting, Fellowship President Linda Sue Hansen called the names of the new fellows from the purchase of the bracelets; Debbie Thompson won a fellow and presented it to SIA Past President Raquel.

Governor Dona spoke about the Soroptimist Celebrating Success Awards conducting a workshop with the assistance of the region board which shared the changes to the awards. Members completed the newly revised Soroptimist Celebrating Success form and shared the results with the conference body. Beginning in the 2014-2015 club year, there will be a region level of the award. Clubs only need to apply once; the first deadline is July 1, 2014. Clara Oakes was named the Region Chair of the Soroptimist Celebrating Success Awards. The following clubs were named the region winner in the four pillars for 2013-2014 club year and will advance to the federation level for judging:

Fundraising – SI Guam

Membership – SI Vacaville

Program – SI Vacaville

Public Awareness – SI Rio Vista

Governor Dona asked Chair Gloria to provide the elections returns for the office of treasurer. Chair Gloria announced that 150 were eligible to vote, 142 votes were cast and necessary for election was 76 to declare a winner.

Treasurer

Jeannie Griffiths – 88

Vicki Ham – 54

Governor Dona declared Jeannie Griffiths the 2014-2016 Founder Region Treasurer.

Governor Dona thanked Chair Gloria who requested permission to destroy the ballots; permission was granted.

Governor Dona showed a clip of President Cheri Fleming inviting everyone to attend the SIA 43rd Biennial Convention in Vancouver.

Governor Dona called upon Secretary Charlene to make a report on the hostess clubs for the 2017 Founder Region Conference. Secretary Charlene stated that SI St. Helena Sunrise, SI St. Helena and SI Calistoga agreed to be the hostess clubs. The hostess clubs were approved by a majority vote of the conference body.

Governor Dona announced the Workshop Participation drawing winner; Arletta Cortright, SI Central Solano was the winner and will receive a \$250 donation to the Laurel Society.

Governor Dona presented the 2014-2016 Founder Region Board of Officers & Directors and the 2014-2016 Fellowship Directors.

Governor-elect Bobbi appointed Carol Steele as the 2014-2016 Fellowship President.

Governor Dona called Conference Coordinator to make announcements.

At 4:20 pm, Governor announced that we were recessed until 6 pm in the evening.

Governor Dona reconvened the evening at 6 pm for the Celebrating Change Dinner. Governor Dona recognized the Past Governors. A donation to the Laurel Society will be made in the name of each of our Past Governors.

Conference Coordinator Mary Ann introduced the procession of the 2014-2016 Founder Region Fellowship Board of Directors and the 2014-2016 Founder Region Board of Directors as well as the 2012-2014 Fellowship and Region boards.

Governor Dona introduced Verla Chaddick, SI Rio Vista who gave the inspiration.

Governor Dona introduced MaryEllen Lamothe, SI Rio Vista who gave the welcome.

Governor Dona announced that there is an envelope on each table with tickets inside for a raffle. The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00; the lucky winner will receive a \$50.00 bill and the proceeds will go towards the Live Your Dream Award with the goal of increasing the amount we award to each district winner next year.

SI Benicia along with Governor-elect Bobbi performed for the members.

Dinner was served.

Past Governor Carol Rose installed the Fellowship and Region Boards.

Governor-elect Bobbi gave her message for the 2014-2016 biennium and Governor Dona gave her outgoing message.

After dinner and the installation, the 2012-2014 Founder Region Board performed before Soroptimist Dream Factor II began.

The Soroptimist Dream Factor was developed as a FUN way to help you embrace live your dream and become familiar with Shaping the Future of Soroptimist. We thought we would bring it back this year to celebrate the **Wave of Change** that will help to ensure our legacy.

Four clubs performed: SI of the Delta – Fun, Fun, Fun; SI of Humboldt Bay – Catch a Wave; SI of Vacaville – Surfin' Safari and SI of Oakland – I Get Around. The winning club was SI of Vacaville; a \$500.00 donation to Club Giving will be made in their name.

Governor Dona announced the winner of the SIA Mission Statement Poster Contest: SI of Eel River Valley. A \$500.00 donation to Club Giving will be made in their name.

Members danced to music provided by a DJ.

Recessed at 10:00 pm

Sunday, May 4, 2014

Governor Dona reconvened the conference at 8:06 am Sunday morning with the "Celebration of Service" remembrance of the 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:

<i>Colleen Rose Bruhy</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Crescent City</i>
<i>Dr. Irene L Becker-Lampson</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Santa Rosa</i>
<i>Ellen Dusick</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Eureka</i>
<i>Sue Eaton-Cooley</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Napa</i>
<i>Verda Hixon</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Napa</i>
<i>Betty Humphrey</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Fort Bragg</i>
<i>Christine Lemke</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Vallejo</i>
<i>Peggy Nichols</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Pittsburg</i>
<i>Alice Lorraine Slocum</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Marin County</i>
<i>Carol Stein</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Vacaville</i>
<i>Rena Tedsen</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Crescent City</i>
<i>Naomi Rosalie Vasilieff</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Marin County</i>
<i>Mildred "Millie" Voyles</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Napa</i>
<i>Roylyne Wiegand</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Dixon</i>
<i>Elena Donna Wigger</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Napa</i>

Governor Dona introduced District I Director Gloria Bragg who gave the inspiration.

Governor Dona introduced District III Director Shannon Richards who welcomed everyone on behalf of the Board.

Governor Dona introduced the platform party.

Governor Dona announced that there is an envelope on each table with tickets inside for a raffle. The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00; the lucky winner will receive a \$50.00 bill and the proceeds will go towards the Live Your Dream Award with the goal of increasing the amount we award to each district winner next year.

Governor Dona introduced Past Governor Amelia who made a presentation. Past Governor Amelia presented Jackie DeMartini, Governor-elect of the Sierra Nevada region with a fellowship pin.

Governor Dona introduced Fundraising Chair Linda Glantz who gave her report; she began by introducing the Fundraising Committee members. She stated that clubs can help raise funds by donating to Club Giving and Founder's Pennies. She stated that last year, 43 clubs in Founder Region contributed to Club Giving; the total amount given by the clubs was \$43,461.53. Twenty of the clubs reported that they met the challenge of Past President Raquel by giving 10% of their funds to Club Giving. She recognized the 20 clubs who gave 10% to Club Giving: SI Oakland, SI East Bay, SI Fremont, SI Pittsburg, SI Diablo Vista, SI Calistoga, SI Clear Lake, SI Napa, SI St. Helena Sunrise, SI Vacaville, SI Cloverdale, SI Santa Rosa, SI Mendocino-Sonoma Coast, SI Windsor, SI Arcata, SI Eureka, SI Mendocino, SI Redwoods, SI Honolulu and SI Marianas. Each club received a pin. She stated that when she left home, 25 of the 56 clubs had contributed to Club Giving. On Saturday six clubs names were drawn (one from each district) and contributions will be made in their names to Club giving; the clubs were SI San Ramon Valley, SI Pittsburg, SI Vallejo Gateway, SI Ukiah, SI Eel River Valley and SI Guam. These clubs increased the number to 29 of the 56 clubs contributing to Club Giving at 10%. She stated that SI Vacaville and SI Calistoga are at the Dream Builders level by contributing between \$2,500 and \$4,999 to Club Giving.

She stated that all clubs in Founder Region contributed to Founder's Pennies in an amount over \$8,000.

She stated that contributing to the Laurel Society is another way raise funds. She stated that SI Humboldt Bay made a \$1000 donation to honor Patti Dutton.

She stated that Founder Region has 293 members in the Laurel Society and that over the weekend, five new members were added. Carla Della Zoppa of SI Richmond received her pin to Laurel Society through the member sponsor drawing. Also, Treva Black and Lynn Gursky of SI the Delta increased their contribution and received their pins.

Governor Dona introduced S Club Committee Chair Lisa Wittke Schaffner who gave a report on S Clubs. She stated that Angelica Barker of Sacred Hearts Academy of Waikiki, Hawaii received the Barbara S. Stevenson Award. Also, Emma Tynan of Healdsburg High School, Healdsburg, California received the award. Each recipient received \$750.00.

Governor Dona introduced Governor-elect Bobbi who also is the Founder Region Program Chair. Chair Bobbi stated that the Ruby Award is named for Ruby Lee Minar, the first president of the National Soroptimist Club, now SIA. She stated that 17 clubs submitted an applicant for the award and donated \$6,600 to the organizations the women serve. She introduced the Ruby Award winner Linda Turnbull, Teen Esteem; who was sponsored by SI San Ramon Valley. After sharing her story of the evolution of Teen Esteem, Governor-elect Bobbi presented Linda with a check for \$1000 for Teen Esteem and a certificate and Ruby paperweight.

Governor Dona introduced Violet Richardson Award Chair Norene Lowry. Chair Norene gave a history of the Violet Richardson Award program that began in 2000 and named after Violet Richardson Ward, the first president of the first Soroptimist club founded in 1921 in Oakland, CA. Chair Norene stated that during the 2012-2013 club year, 55% of Soroptimist International of the Americas clubs participated, recognizing 724 girls; over \$140,000 was donated to the recipients volunteer organizations. For the 2013-2014 club year Founder Region had 85% participation; 51 award recipients and runner-ups received \$29,175 and \$6,825 was donated to their charities. She thanked the committee members, Latresa Daniel, District I; Cynthia Laskey, District II; Fawn Williams, District III; Sydney Sciani, District IV; Elizabeth Sinofsky, District V; and Lou Sablan, District VI.

Chair Norene asked the Violet Richardson Award district winners or their sponsoring club representative to come forward and be seated by the stage. The district winners were: LaMajhane King, sponsored by SI Richmond; Caie Kelley, sponsored by SI 24-680; Amanda Scheideman, sponsored by SI St. Helena Sunrise; Annette Aguilera-Gonzalez, sponsored by SI Novato; Anna Gomes, sponsored by SI Eel River Valley; and Brittany Amano, sponsored by SI Honolulu. Governor Dona presented each winner with a certificate, a \$500 check, a Live Your Dream magnet and pen and a check for \$250.00 for their charity of choice. Chair Norene announced that Brittany Amano was selected as the region winner and that her application has been forwarded to Soroptimist International of the Americas for federation judging. Brittany was awarded \$1,000 by Soroptimist International of the Americas with matching funds to her organization.

Recessed at 10:27 am

Reconvened at 10:45 am

Governor Dona announced that Women's Opportunity Award Chair Dr. Christine Naber could not attend and that District II Representative Mary Morris will make the presentations. Mary reminded everyone that the Women's Opportunity Award has been renamed to the Live Your Dream Award. She stated that the Women's Opportunity Award was established in 1972 and is the signature program for Soroptimist International of the Americas; more than \$30 million has been distributed to help women live their dreams. There was 74% participation by Soroptimist International of the Americas clubs. The results follow: 72% reported an improved standard of living; 100% reported an increase in self-esteem and self-confidence; 100% reported they would like a positive role model for their children; 79% reported a career goal to help others live their dream. On behalf of Chair Christine, she thanked and recognized the committee members: Elise Balgley, District I; Mary

Morris, District II; Helaine Bowles, District III; Katie Kight, District IV, Crystal Hull, District V; and Lisa Nelson, District VI. Special recognition went to District III who gave 19 awards and District VI who gave \$36,506. We had 100% participation with 77 women recognized, giving a total of \$119,750. This is an increase of 53% in giving from last year, representing over \$4,000 more in awards.

Mary asked the Women's Opportunity Award district winners or their sponsoring club representative to come forward and be seated by the stage. The district winners were Sylvia R. Bracamonte, sponsored by SI El Cerrito; Shonte Johnson, sponsored by SI Diablo Vista; Laura Valencia, sponsored by SI Napa; Holly Phillips, sponsored by SI Windsor; Rebecca Shufflin, sponsored by SI Eureka; and Anna Keene, sponsored by SI Maui. 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 and a Live Your Dream magnet and pen.

Governor Dona asked President Dyann, SI Eureka to come up and received the region award on behalf of Rebecca Schufflin who received an additional award of \$5000 and a laptop. Rebecca's name will be forwarded to Soroptimist International of the Americas for federation judging.

Sunday's brunch table raffle donation was \$991; the money will be donated to the Life Your Dream Award for 2015 conference.

Recessed at 11:35 am

Reconvened at 11:45 am

Governor Dona introduced Governor-elect Bobbi who made a short announcement: she stated the names of the 2014-2016 Pillars of Success Chairs: Program – Governor-elect Pam Parker, SI St. Helena Sunrise; Membership – Latresa Daniel, SI Livermore; Public Awareness – Katharine Miller, SI Oakland; and Fundraising – Linda Glantz, SI Dixon.

Governor Dona announced that Linda Glantz will read the names of the winners of the basket opportunity raffles.

On behalf of all the clubs in Founder Region, Governor Dona is receiving a contribution of \$1000 to the Laurel Society.

Registration Chair Pat Dyer gave the Thirty-eighth Annual Founder Region Conference attendance report:

International Officers	0	Club Delegates	141
Federation Officers	1	Other Soroptimist	201
Region Officers	4	Guests	56
District Directors	6		
Fellowship President	1		
Fellowship Directors	6	Total in Attendance	416

Governor Dona announced that Carol Bennett, SI Novato was the incentive winner of the conference attendance and will receive a registration and meal packet to the 2015 Region Conference.

Conference Coordinator Mary Ann made her final announcements.

Governor Dona thanked Past President Raquel; a donation to Laurel Society will be made in her name. She thanked the visitors, the past governors, the region committee chairs, the hostess clubs, registration chairs, and conference committee members. The hostess clubs (SI Rio Vista, SI Antioch, SI of East Contra Costa, SI of the Delta and SI Pittsburg) were presented with a certificate of appreciation and each club will receive a \$500 donation in the club's name to Club Giving.

Governor Dona announced that donations will be made to the Laurel Society for the following: Past Governors, Conference Coordinator, District Directors, Parliamentarian Barbara Lanier, Public Awareness Chair Sylvia Crafton, Fundraising Chair Linda Glantz, Violet Richardson Chair Noreen Lowry, Women's Opportunity Award Chair Christine Naber, S Club Chair Lisa Schaffner,

Nominations and Elections Chair Gloria Soderbery, Laws & Resolutions Chair Jeannie Griffiths, Historian (3 bienniums) Jackie Buccellato, Gina Moore, Laura Dickerson and Gwen Johnson.

Governor Dona gave her closing remarks; Past Governor Sue Finch led us in the Soroptimist Pledge.

Governor Dona adjourned the Thirty-eighth Annual Founder Region Conference sine die at 12:10 pm.

Charlene Stamps
Founder Region Secretary



**Founder Region Fellowship, Inc.
Minutes of Annual Business Meeting
May 2, 2014
San Ramon Marriott Hotel**

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Sue Hansen at 7:45 PM.

Secretary Grace Sharples reported that the minutes of the previous meeting were in the 2013 Conference Proceedings. Any corrections or additions could be directed to the Secretary during the Conference.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Bonnie Silveria. The balance in all accounts as of 4-30-14 was \$548,290.09. The Treasurer's report will be filed for review.

The seven awardees were each given a certificate and a check for \$10,000.00.
Andrea Urqueta Alfaro - Psychology, University of California at Berkeley
Rabia Manzoor Chaudry – Environmental Engineering, University of California at Berkeley
Shannon Leigh Klaus – Chemical Engineering, University of California at Berkeley
Dana Jaya Levine – Chemistry, University of California at Berkeley
Xuan Giang Luong – Integrative Biology, University of California at Berkeley
Asami Nago - Anthropology, University of Hawaii
Rochelle Layia Terman, Political Science, University of California at Berkeley

District Directors from each District gave a brief report and presented certificates and pins to all new Fellows.

Closing remarks were given by President Linda Sue Hansen.

The meeting adjourned 9:38 PM

Submitted by,
Grace Sharples
Secretary
Founder Region Fellowship, Inc