

# 2015 FOUNDER REGION

Soroptimist International of the Americas Thirty-ninth Annual Region Conference

Official Program

San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon, CA



Dear Soroptimist Friends and Special Guests,

On behalf of the Founder Region Board and Hostess Clubs, I welcome you to Founder Region Conference 2015! I am so excited to see all of you here this weekend, and have been anticipating this event for the past year. This weekend will be a time for all of us to share the joy of Soroptimist through education, inspiration and the fun we will have as we celebrate our Soroptimist experience!

We welcome our official federation visitor, Soroptimist International of the Americas Margaret "Poco" Davis, and Robi Kroger of Royal Neighbors of America, one of our Soroptimist corporate sponsors. Be sure to stop and visit with them and take advantage of their workshops. President Poco will be participating in our Legislative Advocacy workshop on Friday, will be conducting a "Teamwork & Communication " workshop early on Saturday morning, as well as inspiring us during our business meeting with her official message. I'm also pleased to have seven past Founder Region Governors in attendance. They have been terrific friends and mentors over the years, always providing support and encouragement. Don't miss the opportunity to learn from these seasoned leaders as they mix and mingle with you.

It is more important than ever that we remember our history, but look to the future to ensure our legacy continues. As I have visited clubs around the region, I have noticed a renewed commitment to our women and girl focused programs. We need to take a look at how flexible we are, and willing to change our club structures as we recruit younger members. When I speak to younger members, they are wanting opportunities to work on projects and raise money for these projects. They don't really care much about where we meet for lunch or dinner – they just want to help women and girls live their dreams. I also have noticed that the clubs that have embraced the new "Dream It, Be It" program for girls have been re-energized! Just take a look at SI/Vacaville, SI/Eureka, or the clubs in District II that have embraced their "Get Real Academy" program for high school girls. So learn as much as you can about working with girls – in my opinion, that is where we will energize our clubs and begin to recruit more members.

Enjoy the conference and please stop by the region suite after the Friday and Saturday events are over — we would love to visit with you and get to know you. Have a joyful weekend!





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

May 1—May 3, 2015 San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon

Hosted by

Soroptimist International of Oakland Soroptimist International of Fremont/Tri-Cities Soroptimist International of Martinez

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#### 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



# Poco Davis, 2014-2015 Soroptimist International of the Americas Federation President

President Poco Davis of North Las Vegas, Nevada, began her one-year term as president on September 1, 2014. As president, Ms. Davis oversees strategic planning and program development for the organization. Ms. Davis is a member of Soroptimist International of Metropolitan Las Vegas. A Soroptimist since 1982, she has held several leadership positions, including region governor, club president and vice president.

"The mission of helping women and girls is the key to changing the future of humanity, and Soroptimist has afforded me the best opportunity as an individual to do my

part in shaping that future" Ms. Davis said. "As president," she added, "I am honored to serve an organization with such an important and vital mission."

Ms. Davis is a drug and alcohol counselor for Bridge Counseling Associates in Las Vegas. She attended the University of Lethbridge, in Alberta, Canada, where she majored in communication and addiction studies.

#### SIA Executive Director

#### Elizabeth M. Lucas, CAE, MBA, CEO

As Soroptimist International of the Americas' Executive Director & CEO, Ms. Lucas oversees the overall direction setting and implementation of our organization's operations in 20 countries and territories. She is working with volunteers and staff to expand support for our mission, develop resources to ensure our financial security, strengthen our brand, and ensure programming is sustainable and measurable to increase our collective impact.

Previously she spent 15 years with the American Massage Therapy Association and the Massage Therapy Foundation. There, she guided the strategic development of both organizations. Her results ranged from the creation of a global

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expansion strategy to growing the organization two fold; establishing research conferences and online education; and successfully advocating for state laws regulating the profession.

Ms. Lucas 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.

# **Conference Speakers**

#### **Bette Levy**

Bette Levy is a Permanent Representative to the United Nations/ New York Centre for Soroptimist International and the World Federation for Mental Health. Ms. Levy is the Treasurer of the NGO Committee for Social Development and was co-chair of the NGO CSocD Civil Society Forum for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Commission on Social Development. She is on the Executive Committee of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women & co-chair of monthly meeting programs and co-chair of Program for the NGO CSW Forum Consultation Day. She is a facilitator of the NGO CSW European/North American Caucus, and serves as the co-chair of the Global Coordinating Committee of the NGO CSW committees



in the regions. She is an active member of the Women's Major Group (Sustainable Development) and a member of the NGO Mental Health committee, the Working Group on Girls and the Post 2015 Women's Coalition.

Prior to retiring in 2011, Ms. Levy worked for the NYS Office of Mental Health for 38 years with an expertise in children/families as well as residential care. She served as the lead disaster mental health & emergency preparedness liaison for NY State Office of Mental Health to the City of NY for over 10 years and had a seat at the NYC Office Emergency Management Command Center.

Currently, she is a Management & Culture Change Consultant (mental health and/or foster care services). She serves as a consultant and primary author of tip sheets and guidebooks for the US Department of Health & Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services. As an expert in Children's residential services, she serves as a consultant for the US Department of Justice, Fraud Division.

Ms. Levy has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Ohio University and from Teachers College, Columbia University, a Master of Arts and a Master of Education. She has presented nationally on youth guided and family driven care. She is the author chapters on the above in several books related to mental health services.

#### **Courtney Ruby**

First elected in 2006, Courtney Ruby served eight years as Oakland's City Auditor. During her tenure, she turned around a troubled agency and made it a model of accountability, transparency, and results. The office was honored in 2014 with a national award for its work and Ms. Ruby was named one of the Most Influential Professionals in Government Auditing. Ms. Ruby was recently a candidate for Mayor of the City of Oakland. She has been an executive in governmental and political organizations for twenty years, including Chief Financial Officer for the State of Illinois Department of Human Rights and Deputy Chief Financial Officer for the Democratic National Committee and the 1996 Democratic



National Convention Committee. A graduate of American University, a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Fraud Examiner, Ms. Ruby has dedicated her life to the service of others, creating organizational change and ensuring organizations manage their financial resources effectively. Prior to becoming Oakland's elected City Auditor, Ms. Ruby spent almost a year in Ghana Africa creating an independent educational support system for children and their families, in addition to providing capacity building for an international NGO. She resides in East Oakland with her two boys, ages six and seven.

# Legislative Advocacy Increased Collective Impact on Human Trafficking—Panel

#### Angie Haramoto, Legislative Advocacy Committee Chair

Ms. Haramoto is serving as the Chair for this years' Legislative Advocacy Committee. She has been working with this entire committee to put together the panel presentation and luncheon for our program on Friday. Ms. Haramoto joined Soroptimist International of Maui on July 1, 1992. She has served in every capacity of the board, and is currently club secretary. She also served on several Region committees: Legislative Advocacy (2012-2014), Laws and Resolution, and the Violet Richardson Award. She has a wonderful husband, two



children, three granddaughters and three great grandchildren, one of which she adopted, and will be eight years old this year - he brings her family great opportunities. Ms. Haramoto currently assists in managing seven retail clothing stores on Maui. She also serves as secretary for a private foundation, whose focus is health and education. Her pastime is golfing with two of her women friends once a month.

#### Linda Witong, Legislative Advocacy Committee—Moderator

Ms. Witong is retired as a Deputy District Attorney for the Marin County District Attorney's Office, and is currently involved in Cold Case investigations for law enforcement agencies in Marin County. She is a member of the Marin County Human Trafficking Task Force. Ms. Witong is the current president of Soroptimist International of Marin County. She has been a delegate for Soroptimist International of the Americas to the UN Commission on the Status of Women in 2013, 2014, and 2015. Although



Ms. Witong is retired from the DA's office, she continues to receive training in the areas of homicide investigation regarding current and unsolved homicides, Human Trafficking, Child Abduction and Elder Abuse. She also continues to receive training by the California District Attorney's Association, the California Homicide Investigator's Association, Homeland Security and the FBI. She has received numerous awards, such as "Outstanding Prosecutor" of Marin County in 1996, and more recently for recognition of service to Marin County by the Marin County Sheriff's Office, Novato Police Department, Sausalito Police Department and many others. Soroptimist International of Marin County sponsored the human trafficking awareness event that was videotaped, and we will be showing that video in Friday's panel.

## Legislative Advocacy Panel

#### **District Attorney Nancy O'Malley**

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors appointed Nancy E. O'Malley as District Attorney of Alameda County on September 18, 2009. She was sworn in as the County's first female elected District Attorney on January 3, 2011.

Ms. O'Malley has been an attorney in the District Attorney's office since 1984, and has held the position of Chief Assistant District Attorney since 1999. During her career in the office, Ms. O'Malley has served in many supervisory roles. She was the head of the Sexual Assault Unit, the leader of a Felony Trial Team as well as the Felony Preliminary Hearing Unit, the assistant team leader of the



Law and Motion Department, and an Assistant Branch Head of the DA's Office at the Wiley Manuel Courthouse in Oakland.

Ms. O'Malley is a nationally recognized expert in the advancement of Victims' Rights. She also has national and statewide recognition as an expert in areas including Violence Against Women and interpersonal violence, including sexual assault, domestic violence, elder abuse, child abuse, stalking/threat management. She is an expert in ethics and discovery and has written statewide protocols in those areas.

Ms. O'Malley has produced numerous training programs and has written several legal articles related to child physical and sexual abuse, and violence against women. She serves as the Technical Advisor for the Sexual Assault Training through the California District Attorney's Association (CDAA) and produced the first statewide Symposium on Violence Against Women. She has produced three statewide 3R Conferences which addresses issues affecting teens, particularly sexual assault of teens.

In 2004, Ms. O'Malley was inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame, Justice Category. In 1998, she was honored by the California Senate with the Woman of the Year award for her leadership in ending Violence Against Women and for her legislative contributions.

Ms. O'Malley was a member of the collaborative who created the Statewide Strategic Plan for ending Sexual Violence in California. She is Chair of the CDAA Sexual Assault Committee and serves on the Domestic Violence, Elder Abuse and Victim's Rights Committees.

Ms. O'Malley has written several bills which have been signed into law, including the expansion of protections for victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Stalking, Elder Abuse as well as stronger protections for child victims and crime victims with disabilities. She serves as both a National and Statewide consultant to Legislators on pending legislation, including issues of Victim's Rights, Violence Against Women, and Sentencing.

Under Ms. O'Malley's leadership and vision, Alameda County opened the Alameda County Family Justice Center, a one-stop shop for victims of family violence, sexual assault, elder abuse and child abuse. The ACFJC is a model throughout the country.

## Legislative Advocacy Panel

#### Susie Foreman

Susie Foreman was born and raised in Vallejo, California. She is 21 years clean of drugs and alcohol, and a victim and survivor of human trafficking. She attended Diablo Valley College in 1999, and became a registered addiction specialist. Ms. Foreman worked for Youth and Family Services for 16 years, where she helped them with the startup of Rosewood House, a transitional house for women coming out of drug treatment, jails and prisons.



In 2012 she started Susie's Project - a home for women that are victims of human trafficking, sexual abuse, prostitution, and domestic violence. Ms. Foreman is a member of Solano Prevention Against Violence, an advisory board to the Solano County Board of Supervisors. She is truly making a difference to women in Solano County. Ms. Foreman enjoys helping women, playing with her granddaughter and traveling.

#### **Cynthia Peterson**

Cynthia D. Peterson has been a leader and an activist in the Women's Movement for 20+ years. She has worked to bring attention to the basic needs of women and children through her community activism. As the Executive Director of CSU's Chico Women's Center, she advocated for policy changes and embraced such issues as Racism, Sexism, Ageism, Poverty, and Homelessness. Ms. Petersen is a graduate of CSU, Chico, were she majored in Social Work and Psychology, minor in Women's Studies.



Ms. Peterson has worked in the field of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence for 24 years. She has developed and conducted training programs for Rape Crisis Advocates and presented workshops and trainings to law enforcement, health care workers, church groups, community organizations, and schools. She has done national presentations that addressed the oppression of women of color.

Ms. Petersen also served as a board member of the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault, as a representative for the Women of Color Caucus, North.

Currently Ms. Peterson is Director of Crisis Intervention Services, Prevention Education, and Anti-Human Trafficking Project for the Rape Crisis Centers of Marin and Contra Costa Counties. She works directly with survivors of sexual violence, administers the crisis intervention programs, and supervises all direct service staff.

Ms. Peterson has received many awards, from the National Council of Negro Women Inc., 2003 Community Service Award to the most recent, the 2014 Contra Costa County District Attorneys' Association Champion of Justice Award.

# Legislative Advocacy Panel

#### **Marty Parker**

Special Agent Marty Parker has been an agent with the FBI in Oakland, California for over 16 years. She has worked Crimes Against Children cases, including child abductions, sex tourism and juvenile prostitution, for almost her entire career. SA Parker is a member of the FBI's Child Abduction Rapid Deployment Team (CARD), and also spearheaded the Child Exploitation Task Force with Oakland and Richmond Police Departments. In 2005, she formed the Bay Area Innocence Lost Working Group, comprised of law enforcement agencies



from throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. The group continues to meet on a regular basis to share intelligence on human trafficking-related matters and strengthen partnerships with other agencies. The Working Group's joint human trafficking operations were the catalyst for the now-nationwide annual Cross Country operations.

## Two Faces of Slavery Luncheon

#### Elmy Bermejo

Elmy Bermejo is the Regional Representative for the Secretary of Labor in CA, UT, NV, AZ, HI, NM, Guam, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. She was appointed to this position in May 2014 by President Barack Obama. In this role she represents the Secretary with key stakeholders and elected officials to promote the priorities and programs of the Department and the Administration. In 2010 Ms. Bermejo was first appointed by President Obama to serve as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington DC. She has been dedicated to public service for over 25 years and has worked in state and federal government as well as the non-profit and small business sector.



Ms. Bermejo is the former President of HOPE, (Hispanas Organized for Political Equality), a non-profit organization committed to ensuring political and economic parity for Latinas, as well as past chair of the Women's Foundation of CA and the CA Commission on the Status of Women. She has participated in international forums in Bolivia, El Salvador and Haiti to talk about the importance of women in public policy and public office.

Ms. Bermejo's leadership has been recognized by Hispanic Magazine, which named her a Latina of Excellence in Community Service, she was profiled by Latino Leaders Magazine and in 2008 she was honored by the League of Women Voters as "Woman Who Could Be President." She recently received the Public Service Award from the San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association.

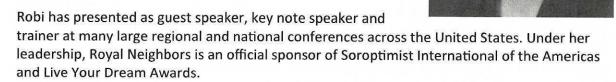
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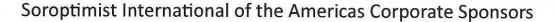


#### Robi Kroger, V.P. Group Marketing

Robi Kroger is Vice President of Group Marketing for Royal Neighbors of America, one of the nation's largest women-led life insurers. An organization that empowers women to

improve their lives, families, and communities; through financial education, protection and aligned philanthropy.





#### Happify

Soroptimist and LiveYourDream.org are proud to join forces with Happify, a New York City-based company pioneering online emotional fitness. Happify provides games, activities and exercises based on scientific research to teach people the skills needed for a happier, healthier and more fulfilling life. Happify's activities are built upon over a decade of research from top institutions like Harvard, Penn and Stanford in positive psychology and positive neuroscience, and its tracks offer a daily, simple and accessible way to boost emotional fitness in everyday life. The company, which offers free and paid subscription offers, is venture-backed and launched publicly in October 2013.



#### Janney Montgomery Scott, LCC

Soroptimist is pleased to announce Janney Montgomery Scott as an official sponsor. This sponsorship demonstrates Janney's investment in women who have worked in extraordinary ways to benefit women and girls. This generous sponsorship supports women and girls, which in turn impacts families, communities, and ultimately the world we live in.

Founded in 1832, Janney is an integral part of the United States' financial history, holding the second oldest continuously operated membership in the New York Stock Exchange. The firm ranks as a major, full service securities broker/dealer, providing individual, corporate and institutional investors with comprehensive financial services and investment banking expertise.

Adrienne Horen of Janney Montgomery Scott is a Soroptimist member and long-time financial advisor to Soroptimist International of the Americas.



# Leadership Workshop Descriptions

#### Leader of the Club

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: Region District Directors

#### It's More Than Just Funds

For club treasurers—learn about 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. The second session will be optional and will be a "Q & A" session to address more specific questions.



Session Leader: Region Treasurer Vicki Ham

#### **Preserving Your Club's History**

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: Region Secretary Charlene Stamps

#### **Stepping Up To Leadership**

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 "step up to leadership" and prepare you for becoming president of your club.



Session Leader: Region Governor-elect Pam Parker

#### **Teamwork & Communication**

This workshop, led by SIA President Poco Davis will highlight how teamwork and communication can help to improve the club experience — see how these two topics can address many of your club issues. Our goal is to have healthy, happy clubs — free of incivility. A healthy club is necessary to attract new members and retain them.



# Leadership Workshop Descriptions

#### Club Protocol and Decorum

This workshop will address questions you might have about the protocol and appropriate behavior while conducting the business of your club—during meetings or the communications that take place. Consider when it is appropriate to use emails versus phone calls. How to make sure your meetings run smoothly—basic protocol that will ensure your meetings are efficient yet productive. Come prepared to ask questions about issues you have been struggling with. Session Leader: Region Parliamentarian Barbara Lanier



#### Food Kills—Obesity is the #2 Killer of Women in the US

This workshop takes a look at the #2 killer of women—obesity. Topics include sugar addiction, the obesity epidemic trends in America, how we measure obesity, a label reading exercise, and solutions to this "out of control" problem. Session Leader: Bambi Reile



#### Girls Just Wanna have FUNDS—Financial Tips for All Women

Learn the most important things women can do for themselves and their financial future. If you are not where you want to be financially, you're not alone! If you feel you are in a good place financially, perhaps it's time to mentor and enlighten other women and girls. Either way, empower yourself now with practical information, actionable strategies and concrete tips. This workshop will be lively, interactive, and a FUN way to talk about FUNDS! Session Leader: Robi Kroger, V.P. Group Marketing, Royal Neighbors of America (SIA Corporate Sponsor)



#### Let's Go Girls—Maximizing Your FUNdraisers

This workshop will provide a forum to discuss how to improve your club fundraisers. Topics will include types of fundraisers, how many you should have, what your objectives are (including FUN), and the myriad of details. This workshop will be interactive with times for brainstorming ideas to make sure



your fundraisers are fun and raise lots of money! Session Leader: Past Governor Sue Finch

#### Making It Easier: Live Your Dream Award

The Live Your Dream Award is Soroptimist International of the America's identifying project. This workshop will provide key learnings from experienced Live Your Dream committee members to help you implement this program successfully in your club. The workshop will address who should be in charge, what information is needed, when the process begins, and where to find applicants. Open to anyone interested in this important life-changing program—



especially if you have struggled to find candidates. Session Leader: Live Your Dream Region Chair Gwen Johnson

# Leadership Workshop Descriptions

#### Membership-R & R Challenge

Every club experiences the challenges of membership—our Membership committee will discuss the challenges of recruitment and retention in your clubs. They will address obstacles you might be facing and lead an interactive discussion to help you and your club address these obstacles. Topics will include how traditions and changes affect both your recruitment and retention efforts. Learn about what resources are available to you to address these challenges. Session Leader: Region Membership Chair Latresa Daniels



#### The New and Improved Soroptimists Celebrating Success Program

Are you asking yourself "what is Soroptimists Celebrating Success" and "why do I need to know"? Have you wondered "where to find the application form" and "what is the deadline"? Answers to these questions and more when you attend this workshop.



Session Leader: Soroptimists Celebrating Success Region Chair Clara Oakes

#### WOW, What a Great Newsletter!

A club newsletter—in electronic or print format—helps inform members about club activities, helps bond club members together, builds interest in activities and functions, and spreads the word about your club to prospective members. Join us to share best practices and tips on effective newsletter tools and techniques. Session Leader: Public Awareness Committee Member Betsy Milan



#### You Are What You Share: Social Media 101

Social Media isn't just for teenagers. Your club can use social media to increase connection among club members, raise awareness about your club, generate a sense of fun, motivate people, and engage others in your community. Join us for basic tips and examples of effective social media. Session Leader: Public Awareness Committee Member Laura Dickerson





# **Conference Program**

#### Thursday, April 30

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

Soroptimist BINGO Party—Highland Oaks Recreation Center & Cabana Club

#### ..... Friday, May 1

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Registration

9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Trade Fair—Sales Room

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Increased Collective Impact on Human Trafficking - Salon D/E Legislative Advocacy Panel

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

**Break** 

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm

Two Faces of Slavery Luncheon - Salon D/E

Presented by Legislative Advocacy

Committee Panel

Governor Bobbi Enderlin

Introductions

Inspiration Terry Comiskey, SI/24-680, Member of

Legislative Advocacy Committee

Welcome Chair Angie Haramoto

Elmy Bermejo, Department of Labor

Linda Witong, Moderator

Dona Gaddis Wolf, Conference

Coordinator

Two Faces of Slavery Q & A Session

**Announcements** 

2:15 pm - 3:00 pm

Leadership Workshops (for more detail see pages 12-14)

Workshop	Participants	Session Leader	Location
Leader of the Club (Part I)	Presidents	District Directors	Salon D & E
It's More Than Just Funds (Part I)	Treasurers	Vicki Ham	Salon G & H
Preserving Your Club's History	Secretaries	Charlene Stamps	Danville Room
Stepping Up to Leadership	Vice-Presidents/ President-elects	Pam Parker	Salon F
Membership—R & R Challenge	All members	Latresa Daniel	Salon 2
Wow, What a Great Newsletter!	All members	Betsy Milan	Pleasanton Room

#### 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm

#### Leadership Workshops (for more detail see pages 12-14)

Workshop	Participants	Session Leader	Location
Leader of the Club (Part II)	Presidents	District Directors	Salon D & E
It's More Than Just Funds (Part II)	Treasurers	Vicki Ham	Salon G & H
Food Kills—Obesity is the #2 Killer of Women	All members	Bambi Reile	Danville Room
Making It Easier: Live Your Dream Award	All members	Gwen Johnson	Salon F
Membership—R & R Challenge	All members	Latresa Daniel	Pleasanton Room
Club Protocol & Decorum	All members	Barbara Lanier	Salon 2

4:15 pm - 4:30 pm 4:30 pm - 4:45 pm

**Delegates Briefing** 

**Timekeeper & Pages Instructions** 

Parliamentarian Barbara Lanier

Parliamentarian Barbara

#### Conference Program

Friday, May 1 (continued)

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Founder Region "Fellow" Reception Patio Area (Fellows only)

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm Fellowship Reception

No Host Cocktails Ballroom Lobby

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

Opening Ceremonies Governor Bobbi

Presentation of Colors & Pledge of Allegiance Mount Diablo High School JROTC Color Guard

National Anthem
 VOENA Children's Choir, Benicia

~ Community Welcome Ms. Candace Anderson, District 2,

Contra Costa County Supervisor

~ Official Response Governor-elect Pam Parker

Inspiration
 Lorene Hopkins, Fellowship Director, District VI

Welcome Terry Enns, Fellowship Director, District II

Presentation of Platform Party Governor Bobbi

~ Entertainment Voena Children's Choir

Dinner

Introduction of Past Fellowship Presidents Fellowship President Carol Steele

**Fellowship Awards** 

~ Awardees and Grant Presentations Fellowship Board

~ Announcements Conference Coordinator Dona

Recess

#### Saturday, May 2

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 12-14)

Workshop	Participants	Session Leader	Location
New & Improved Soroptimists Celebrating Success	All members	Clara Oakes	Salon 2
Teamwork & Communication	All members	Poco Davis	Salon 1
Let's Go Girls—Maximizing Your FUNdraisers	All members	Sue Finch	Tri-Valley Room 2
Girls Just Wanna Have FUNDS (Financial Tips)	All members	Robi Kroger	Danville Room
You Are What You Share—Social Media 101	All members	Laura Dickerson	Tri-Valley Room 1
Food Kills—Obesity is the #2 Killer of Women	All members	Bambi Reille	Pleasanton Room

#### Saturday, May 2 (Continued)

#### Founder Region Fellowship Annual Meeting (Delegates bring voting cards) 9:00 am - 9:45 am

Call to Order

~ Adoption of Credentials Report

~ Minutes of Previous Business Meeting

~ Treasurer's Report

Director's Report

~ President's Report

Announcements

President Carol

Credentials Chair Cheryl Poncini

Secretary Shannon Richards

Treasurer Jo Ann Hunt

**Fellowship Directors** 

President Carol

Conference Coordinator Dona

#### 9:45 am - 10:00 am Break

# 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Founder Region Business Meeting (Delegates bring voting cards)

Call to Conference

Presentation of Platform Party

Adoption of Credentials Report

~ Adoption of Standing Rules

Adoption of Official Conference Program

Introduction of Pages and Stewards

First Time Attendees Recognition

**Public Awareness Committee Report** 

**Nominating Committee Report** 

Nominations from the Floor

Presentation of Candidates

Appointment of Tellers

**Greetings and Correspondence** 

Invitation to Host Conference 2017

Treasurer's Report

Membership Report

Induction of New Members

Federation Update

The Soroptimist Brand—Imagine the Possibilities

Credentials Report

Election Procedures (If needed)

Announcements

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Secretary Charlene Stamps

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Chair Katharine Miller

Chair Gloria Soderbery

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Secretary Charlene

Secretary Charlene

Treasurer Vicki Ham

Chair Latresa Daniel

Governor Bobbi

Poco Davis, President, SIA

Chair Cheryl

Chair Gloria

Conference Coordinator Dona

#### 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Break

#### 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Luncheon "Share the Joy of Soroptimist"

Introductions

**Director and Club President Processional** 

Inspiration

Welcome

**Director Reports and Club Drawing** 

Hosted by District Directors

Governor Bobbi

Governor Bobbi

District II Director Bev Gomer

District I Director Gloria Bragg

**District Directors** 

#### Recess-Polls Will Be Open From 12:00 to 12:30 pm

~ Julia "Bess" Combs Membership Increase

~ New Member Sponsor Drawing

Soroptimists Celebrating Success Awards

~ Announcements

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm Break

2:30 pm - 3:15 pm "Connecting the SI Dots: From

Global To Local"

3:15 pm - 4:45 pm Dream It, Be It Panel Presentation

4:45 pm - 5:00 pm Continue Business Meeting

~ Vote on Hostess Club for 2017

~ Drawing for Workshop Participation

~ Announcements

Chair Latresa

Treasurer Vicki

Chair Clara Oakes

Conference Coordinator Dona

Bette Levy, UN Representative

Introduced by Linda Witong and

Paula Kamena, members of SI/Marin County

Lynn Levin, Moderator

Governor Bobbi

Governor Bobbi

Conference Coordinator Dona

#### Recess

#### Saturday Evening, May 2

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm No Host Cocktails

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Dinner "This One's For the Girls"

Inspiration

~ Welcome

~ Recognition of Past Governors

~ Dinner

Governor Message

Soroptimist Dream Factor III
 Music provided by BegaPhina Entertainment

Dancing

**Ballroom Lobby** 

Ballroom

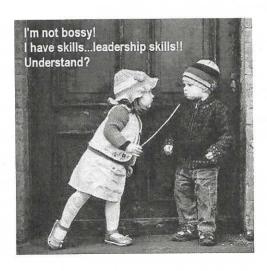
Cheryl Poncini, SI/Oakland

Elise Balgley, SI/Fremont-Tri-Cities

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Emcee—Joy Swank, President, SI/Vacaville



#### Sunday, May 3

7:30 am - 9:00 am Registration

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Ballroom

Awards Program

Call to Order

Celebration of Service

**Breakfast** 

Inspiration

~ Welcome

Presentation of Platform Party

Keynote Speaker

Fundraising Committee Report

Program Awards

Barbara S. Stevenson S Club Awards

~ Ruby Award

Violet Richardson Awards

Live Your Dream Awards

Club Drawings/Raffles

~ "This One's For the Girls Basket Raffle"

~ Attendance Report

Acknowledgments

Closing Remarks

Soroptimist Pledge

~ Adjournment

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

**Post Conference Board Meetings (Joint)** 

Hosted by Founder Region Board

Governor Bobbi

Governor Bobbi

District IV Director Maddy Leader

District VI Director Lyn Lurbe

Governor Bobbi

Courtney Ruby

Chair Linda Glantz

Governor-elect Pam

Chair Lisa Wittke Schaffner

Governor-elect Pam

Governor-elect Pam

Chair Gwen Johnson

Governor Bobbi

Chair Linda

Registration Chair Elise Balgley

Conference Coordinator Dona

Governor Bobbi

Fellowship President and Past Governor

Carol Steele

2014-2016 Founder Region Board

2014-2016 Founder Region Fellowship Board

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## Founder Region Award Recipients

#### **Fellowship Awards**

Donnatello Bellone

Chemistry

**UC Berkeley** 

**Annick Cros** 

Zoology/Population Genetics

University of Hawaii

Sarah Daniels

**Environment, Health Sciences** 

**UC Berkeley** 

Kresten Froistad-Martin Ethics and Social Theory

**Graduate Theological Union** 

Milena Gianfrancesco

Epidemiology, Public Health **Epidemiology** 

**UC Berkeley** 

Rose Kagawa Kathleen Lask

Applied Science & Technology

**UC Berkeley** 

Gita Neupane

Sociology

**UC Berkeley** University of Hawaii

**Christian Phillips** 

**Political Science** 

**UC Berkeley** 

## Live Your Dream Awards

District I

Maria Del Pilar Manriquez

SI/El Cerrito

District II

Jenna Weathers

SI/Martinez & SI/Pittsburg

District III District IV Vanessa R. Rotolo

SI/Vallejo

District V

Gabrielle Glorianne Jackson

SI/Santa Rosa

District VI

Melanie Wrate

SI/Arcata

Rita Reeves

SI/Waikiki Foundation

#### **Violet Richardson Awards**

Morgan Johnson Sophia Haag

SI/Arcata SI/Eureka

Sienna Tubridy

SI/Napa

Valeria Alvarez-Diaz

SI/Sonoma Valley

#### **Ruby Award**

Linda Kekelis and Lyn Gomes, Techbridge

SI/24-680

#### Barbara S. Stevenson S Club Awards

# Soroptimist Dream Programs

#### Live Your Dream Award

The Live Your Dream Award (formerly known as the Women's Opportunity Award) is the identifying project of Soroptimist International of the Americas. This award is given to a woman who is the head of household, and returning to school to improve the economic status of her family. Application begins at the club level with local awards. Applications are then forwarded onto the district level for



judging, and then each district submits their winner to the Region Live Your Dream Chair for further judging. All six winners receive \$1000 from the region at conference. In addition, the overall region winner receives an additional \$5000 funded by Soroptimist International of the Americas and \$3000 to each of the other five district winners. The region winner has her name forwarded to Soroptimist International of the Americas for judging at that level, becoming eligible for one of three additional \$10,000 awards. On all levels, judges are to be non-Soroptimist.

#### Violet Richardson Award

The Violet Richardson Award 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 region awards. This year, Founder Region is presenting four \$250 awards.

#### **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. The winner receives a \$1000 donation to the organization that they work with.



Improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment

# 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.



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# Founder Region Fellowship Credentials Reports

Credentials Report #1	Credentials Report #2
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# Founder Region Nominating Committee Election Results 2015-2017

	Chair	
	(Appointed by current Governor)	
	District I Representative	
40	District II Representative	
	District III Representative	
	District IV Representative	
	District V Representative	9
	District VI Representative	

Deadline: May 31

Club empowering women to live their dreams

# "Celebration of Service"

Marilyn Mitchell

SI/Benicia

**Emily Saxton** 

SI/Calistoga

**Mary Katherine Morris** 

SI/The Delta

Laura Gomez

SI/Dixon

Jan Howard

SI/Dixon

**Shirley Ambro** 

SI/The East Bay

Patricia Hofstetter

SI/Eel River Valley

Roberta (Bobbi) Poulton

SI/Oakland

**Betty Kimlinger** 

SI/St. Helena

**Ilene Jones Addison** 

SI/Sonoma Valley

Viola "Vi" Richardson

SI/Ukiah

Leora Doreene Sandelin

SI/Ukiah

**Ginger Kelly** 

SI/Ukiah

Memories are heartbeats that linger through the years, echoes never fading of our smiles and our tears. Life is a collection of these memories to share, a happiness inside that will always be there.

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

# 57th Annual Memorial Grove Service Sunday, June 7, 2015

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 Redwoods 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 Redwood tree dedicated to

Violet Richardson Ward and the Granite Marker.

Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park is north of Orick, on the Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway.

For assistance with directions or questions contact Debbie Thompson 707-482-2251 or debbiet@treesofmystery.net

When someone you love becomes a Memory That memory becomes a Treascure

# Founder Region Past Governors

Dona Gaddis Wolf, 2012-2014, "Share the Light of Soroptimist Service" 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"

\*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 on to 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

<sup>\*</sup>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

# **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 Bobbi.
- (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

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

**Notes** 

Aspire to live your dream.
Inspire others to live theirs.





# The Soroptimist Pledge



I pledge allegiance to Soroptimist 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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