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Conference Proceedings

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“Share the JOY of Soroptimist”

Bobbi Enderlin, Governor

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The fortieth annual Founder Region Conference was held April 29, 30 and May 1, 2016 at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Friday, April 29, 2016

Registration opened at 9:00 am on Friday, April 29, 2016.

The Trade Fair opened at 9:00 am.

Doors were opened at 10:00 am to the Kona Moku Ballroom A/B/C.

Governor Bobbi Enderlin opened the conference at 10:08 am; she asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Governor Bobbi welcomed those in attendance to the pre-conference session “From Battered Teen to Survivor: The Domestic Violence Continuum”; she thanked everyone for investing valuable time in their Soroptimist journey. She introduced the Platform Party: Virginia “Gigie” Penalosa, SIA Federation Director; Tess Albin Smith (SI/Noyo Sunrise); Legislative Advocacy Committee Member; Kata Issari, Executive Director of the Joyful Heart Foundation; Terry Comiskey (SI/24-680) and Legislative Advocacy Committee Member; Stacy Moniz (SI/Maui) and Executive Director of Women Helping Women Shelter, Maui; Angie Haramoto (SI/Maui), Legislative Advocacy Committee Chair; Edwin Flores, Director of Ala Kuola (keynote speaker for the lunchtime program); Elise Balgley (SI/Fremont-TriCities); Legislative Advocacy Committee Member; Dr. Marie Vorsino, Program Director for the Parents and Children Together Family Peace Center; Joy Swank (SI/Vacaville), Legislative Advocacy Committee Member; Maureen Kiehm, member of the State of Hawaii, Judiciary; and Linda Witong (SI/Marin County), Legislative Advocacy Committee Member.

The panel speakers provided valuable information on Domestic Violence from each of their perspectives.

Governor Bobbi thanked Legislative Advocacy Chair Angie and each committee member for their effort in putting the program together.

Conference Coordinator Sylvia Crafton made announcements.

Recessed at 12:00 pm

Reconvened at 12:45 pm

At 12:45 pm, the “Coaching Boys into Men” luncheon was reconvened in the ballroom. Governor Bobbi introduced the Platform Party: Patricia Eileen Fisher (SI/Martinez), Dream It, Be It Committee Member; Bonnie Mertz (SI/East Bay), Dream It, Be It Committee Member; Desiree Ramos (SI/Vacaville), Dream It, Be It Chair; Joy Swank (SI/Vacaville), Legislative Advocacy Committee Member; Linda Witong (SI/Marin County), Legislative Advocacy Member; Tess Albin Smith (SI/Noyo Sunrise), Legislative Advocacy Committee Member; Terry Comiskey (SI/24-680), Legislative Advocacy Committee Member; Angie Haramoto (SI/Maui), Legislative Advocacy Committee Chair; Edwin Flores, Director of Ala Kuola, Keynote Speaker; Elise Balgley, (SI/Fremont-TriCities), Legislative Advocacy Committee Member; Maureen Kiehm, member of the State of Hawaii Judiciary; Pam Parker, Governor-elect and Program Chair; and SIA Federation Director Virginia “Gigie” Penalosa. The Inspiration was provided by Legislative Advocacy Committee District IV member Linda Witong, SI/Marin County, and the Welcome by Legislative Advocacy Committee Chair Angie Haramoto, SI/Maui.

Governor Bobbi announced that there were envelopes with tickets inside on each table. The tickets were \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00, or 7 for \$10.00. The winner will receive a \$50.00 bill and the proceeds will go towards the region’s Dream Program Awards.

Governor Bobbi introduced Angie Haramoto, Legislative Advocacy Chair who introduced Edwin Flores, Keynote Speaker.

Governor Bobbi thanked Mr. Flores for his inspirational speech and introduced Program Chair and Governor-elect Pam Parker who kicked off the Dream It, Be It program.

Governor-elect Pam introduced the Dream It, Be It Committee Chair Desiree Ramos; she and her committee members shared their respective club's Dream It, Be It programs. Patricia Eileen Fisher, (SI/Martinez) talked about District II joint Get Real Academy; Bonnie Mertz (SI/East Bay) talked about the Young Women's Saturday Program; and Desiree talked about STEPS (SI/Vacaville).

Governor Bobbi announced that \$734.00 was raised from the table drawing and that the money will go towards the Dream Programs.

Governor Bobbi announced that after a short break, delegates were requested to return back for a Delegates Briefing at 3:15 pm. She also stated that all FELLOWS were invited to attend a 5:00 pm reception to meet the Fellowship recipients. She further stated that the cocktail reception will begin at 6:00 pm on the Lanai outside of the ballroom with the Dinner and Awards Program beginning at 7:00 pm.

Conference Coordinator Sylvia made announcements.

Governor Bobbi introduced Region Parliamentarian Barbara Lanier who held a Delegates Briefing.

Recessed at 3:45 pm

At 5:00 pm, the Founder Region "Fellow" Reception was held in the Milo 4 & 5 room for Fellows only to meet the 2016 Fellowship recipients. At 6:00 pm the Fellowship Reception began; it was held on the Kona Moku Lanai.

Governor Bobbi declared the fortieth annual conference of Founder Region Soroptimist International of the Americas in session at 7:00 pm with a blowing of the "pu" by Virginia Isbell, SI/Kona and a Welcome Oli (Hawaiian Chant) by Kalani Brady, SI/Waikiki Foundation, Inc.

Governor Bobbi announced that The Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance will be provided by the Sacred Hearts Members of St. Louis and Punahou JROTC Color Guard and that Parliamentarian Barbara Lanier will lead us in the National Anthem. A special surprise for SIA Director Gigie was the national anthem of the Philippines.

Governor Bobbi introduced Donna Tanoue, Vice Chair of the Bank of Hawaii; President, Bank of Hawaii Foundation and former Chair of the FDIC Federal Deposit Corporation in Washington, DC, who provided the Community Welcome on behalf of the four hostess clubs: SI/Central Oahu, SI/Honolulu, SI/Waikiki Foundation, Inc. and SI/Arcata. Governor Bobbi also introduced District I Fellowship Director Carolyn Bolton who gave the Inspiration and District III Fellowship Director Shannon Richards, who gave the Welcome on behalf of the Fellowship board.

Governor Bobbi introduced the Platform Party: Donna Tanoue, Vice Chairman of the Bank of Hawaii; Past Fellowship President Mary Ann Redden (2004-2006), (SI/Antioch); Meghan Zuck, Fellowship Recipient; District IV Fellowship Director Linda Bradbrook (SI/Mendocino Sonoma Coast); Marlee Elston, Fellowship Recipient; District V Fellowship Director and Fellowship Treasurer Jo Ann Hunt (SI/Arcata); Dion Weaver, Past Fellowship President (2006-2008), (SI/Pittsburg); Jessica Maxfield, Fellowship Recipient; District II Fellowship Director Terry Enns (SI/24-680); Nicole Duncan, Fellowship Recipient; District I Fellowship Director Carolyn Bolton (SI/Oakland); Tasha Ryan, University of Hawaii; Gita Neupane, 2015 Fellowship Recipient; Tammy Martin, Fellowship Recipient; District VI Fellowship Director Lorene Hopkins (SI/Waikiki Foundation, Inc.); Leanne Fox, Fellowship Recipient; Fellowship President Carol Steele (SI/Fort Bragg); Barbara Lanier, Past Fellowship President (2008-2010), (SI/EI Cerrito); Yukie Lloyd, Fellowship Recipient; Laurie Chu, Fellowship Recipient; District III Fellowship Director and Fellowship Secretary Shannon Richards (SI/Napa); and SIA Federation Director Virginia "Gigie" Penalosa (from the Philippines).

Governor Bobbi announced that there is an envelope on each table with tickets inside for a drawing. The tickets are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, or 7 for \$10.00; the lucky winner will receive a \$50.00 bill from Fellowship Treasurer Jo Ann Hunt. Or, the Fellowship Board has decided to give

the winner a choice – either accept the \$50.00 or the winner could opt to become a Fellow. The proceeds will go towards Founder Region Fellowship.

Governor Bobbi turned the meeting over to Fellowship President Carol Steele who introduced Past Fellowship Presidents who were in attendance. President Carol welcomed everyone to the Fellowship Awards Banquet and introduced the Past Fellowship Presidents. She announced that there were 107 new Fellows this biennium. She introduced District VI Fellowship Director Lorene Hopkins, who introduced the keynote speaker, 2015 Fellowship Recipient Gita Neupane; Gita was unable to attend our conference last year because she was in Nepal. Gita shared her experiences since receiving her Fellowship Grant.

President Carol introduced District I Fellowship Director Carolyn Bolton who announced that Donna Hubert (SI/Fremont/TriCities) was the recipient of the Dorothy Sarnes Memorial Fellowship. Director Carolyn announced that this is the last year of the awarding of the Dorothy Sarnes Memorial.

Each Fellowship Director announced and made a presentation of the new Fellows of their district.

Each of the following women was awarded a \$10,000.00 fellow; they shared information about their studies and future plans:

- Laurie Elizabeth Urban Chu whose field of study is Astronomy, at the University of Hawaii.
- Nicole Ashley Maria Duncan whose field of study is Physics, at the University of California, Berkeley.
- Marlee Jo Elston whose field of study is Biology and Zoology, at the University of Hawaii.
- Leanne Kealoha Fox whose field of study is Biomedical Science, Clinical Research, at the University of Hawaii.
- Yukie Michelle Lloyd whose field of study is Tropical Medicine, at the University of Hawaii.
- Tammy L. Martin whose field of study is Social Welfare, at the University of Hawaii.
- Jessica Marjorie Maxfield whose field of study is Biology and Zoology, at the University of Hawaii.
- Meghan Elizabeth Zuck whose field of study is Infectious Diseases, at the University of California, Berkeley.

President Carol gave closing remarks.

Governor Bobbi thanked Fellowship President Carol and her directors for picking such worthy recipients.

Rena Borja won the Fellow drawing.

Governor Bobbi congratulated the recipients and new fellows. She thanked the membership for their support of the Founder Region Fellowship program and announced that \$1,054.00 was raised from the table drawing.

Conference Coordinator Sylvia made announcements.

Governor Bobbi announced that we were in recess at 9:55 pm and will reconvene at 8:30 am Saturday morning for the Founder Region Fellowship Business Meeting.

Saturday, April 30, 2016

The Founder Region Fellowship Business Meeting convened at 8:32 am.

Governor Bobbi asked that all cell phones be turned off, identified the delegate area, and asked that those who were not delegates move from the area. Governor Bobbi turned the meeting over to President Carol who called the meeting to order.

President Carol introduced District III Fellowship Director and Secretary Shannon Richards who gave her report. She announced that the minutes of the prior meeting were in the 2015 Conference Proceedings and may be found on the Founder Region website and that any corrections or additions should be directed to the secretary during the conference. The minutes were approved.

President Carol introduced District V Fellowship Director and Treasurer who gave her report. She stated that the balance in all accounts as of March 31, 2016 was \$539,053.23; she stated that the tax returns have been filed for fiscal year end June 30, 2015. She stated that the Profit & Loss Report through March 31, 2016 shows income of \$46,905.62 and expenses of \$19,647.72 with a net income of \$27,257.90. The report will be placed on file for review.

President Carol called upon Credentials Chair Judy Lee to give the Fellowship Credentials Report #1.

Credentials Chair Judy Lee gave Fellowship Credentials Report #1.

Clubs in Founder Region	53		
Clubs Eligible to Vote	53	Fellowship President	1
Clubs Not in Good Standing	0	Fellowship Directors	5 (Director Jo Ann registered as her Club's delegate)
Clubs Registered	47	Club Delegates	125
Total Voting Clubs	47	Total Delegates	131

Quorum for Opening Session: 66

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

Laws and Resolutions Chair Cheryl Poncini read the proposed Fellowship By-laws that were sent out in the Call to Conference. After discussion, each proposed amendment was adopted.

Fellowship Directors from each district gave a brief report and presented certificates and pins to all new fellows. District I had 21 new fellows and \$9,960.50 was raised in 2015-2016; District II had 8 new fellows and \$8,157.50 was raised in 2015-2016; District III had 25 new fellows and \$20,347 was raised in 2015-2016; District IV had 8 new fellows and \$10,255 was raised in 2015-2016; District V had 10 new fellows and \$10,288 was raised in 2015-2016; and District VI had 8 new fellows and \$6,000 was raised in 2015-2016.

President Carol gave her report, provided congratulations and gave her closing remarks.

Conference Coordinator Sylvia made announcements.

The Founder Region Fellowship Business Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 am.

Governor Bobbi called the Founder Region Business Meeting to order at 10:01 am.

Governor Bobbi 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 – Top Tier (left): Katharine Miller, Public Awareness Chair, and Crystal Arbuthnot, Nominating and Elections Chair. Bottom Tier (left): District VI Director Lyn Lurbe, District V Director Kris Chorbi, District IV Director Maddy Leader, District II Director Bev Gomer, District I Director Gloria Bragg, and Parliamentarian Barbara Lanier. She stated that District III Director Helaine Bowles was not present because she is recuperating from surgery. Bottom Tier (right): Cheryl Poncini, Laws and Resolutions Chair, Region Treasurer Vicki Ham, Region Secretary Charlene Stamps, Region Governor-elect Pam Parker, Official Visitor, SIA Director Virginia “Gigie” Penalosa. She introduced two Soroptimist guests from the Northwestern Region, Suzanne Sullivan and Jeanne Androvich.

Governor Bobbi introduced Credentials Chair Judy; Governor Bobbi asked everyone to turn to page 20 in the program. Credential Chair Judy who gave the first credentials report of the Founder Region Business Meeting.

Clubs in Founder Region	53		
Clubs Eligible to Vote	53	Region Officers	4
Clubs Not in Good Standing	0	District Directors	5
Clubs Registered	47	Club Delegates	125
Total Voting Clubs	47	Total Delegates	134

Quorum: 68

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

Governor Bobbi called upon Secretary Charlene to read the Conference Standing Rules on page 27 in the program. She stated that, in the interest of time and with no objections, she will not read the Standing Rules as they are listed in the program. She moved for the adoption of the Conference Standing Rules. The standing rules were adopted by a two-thirds vote.

Governor Bobbi called upon Secretary Charlene to read any corrections to the conference program:

Page 23 – ***Celebration of Service***, add Beth Mitchell (SI/The Redwoods) and Millie Watson (SI/Vallejo). She stated that the names were received after the program went to print.

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 Bobbi announced that she will probably move items around on Saturday's agenda due to time; that there are certain items that must be done by certain times. She thanked Tara Bauman, SI/Vacaville who designed the front cover of the program.

Governor Bobbi acknowledged the pages and stewards for the conference; she stated that the pages can be identified by the white sailor caps. She stated that Angie Bugarin and Karen Bell will serve as timekeepers; and that the Microphone Monitors are Thelma Aiwohi and Puna Nouchi. She stated that Jackie Pactol is the Governor's Steward; Leona Soto is the Governor-elect's Steward; and Susan Lau is SIA Federation Director Gigie's Steward.

Governor Bobbi recognized the First Time attendees who stood and received applause.

Governor Bobbi announced that there will be the reading of greetings and correspondence. She stated that there were dignitaries from the Honolulu City Council and Mayor– Ernie Martin read proclamations and remarks.

Governor Bobbi called upon Secretary Charlene to read the greetings and correspondence. Secretary Charlene stated that a similar message was received from David Ige, Governor of Hawaii. She stated that several letters and greetings were received from Founder Region Past Governors, SIA President Susan "Sam" Buchenau, and Executive Director Elizabeth Lucas; she stated that she would not read their letters as they will appear later in the day and make their greetings. Secretary Charlene read greetings from Past Governor Susan Joyce and Past Governor Dona Gaddis Wolf.

Governor Bobbi stated that Secretary Charlene will provide the results of the invitation to host 2019 Conference. Secretary Charlene stated that SI/Antioch had offered to serve as host for 2019 Conference. Governor Bobbi called for a representative from SI/Antioch to speak to the conference body. President Stephanie Helberg announced that SI/The Delta has offered to help with the hosting. Secretary Charlene moved that we accept the invitation of SI/Antioch and SI/The Delta to serve as conference committee hosts in 2019. The motion was seconded and passed.

Governor Bobbi announced that the agenda will be changed to introduce SIA Director Virginia "Gigie" Penalosa, whose presentation was "Changing the World for Women and Girls". She stated that this was her first time serving as an Official Visitor. She shared the story of *Mulan*; she stated that every good story has five main elements: character, setting, plot, conflict, and resolution. She stated that the setting for Mulan was ancient China where the roles of women were limited by tradition; the plot Mulan's decision to pass as a man and serve in her father's place; the conflict was between Mulan's responsibility as a traditional Chinese woman and her desire to protect her father; and the resolution was that after serving successfully, she returned home victorious. Mulan's gender was revealed. Director Gigie shared the story of how Soroptimist began and its growth in helping women and girls live their dreams. She stated change is needed to ensure that Soroptimist will have the capacity to meet the future needs of women and girls. She stated that Soroptimist members must act as one organization supporting our shared mission if we are to

create the social change we want for the women and girls that we are helping. She stated that our collective actions can be transformative. She stated that collective impact will be the resolution to the Soroptimist story. She shared that in 1996, SIA put together a time capsule that will be opened in 2021. She complimented the Founder Region's identifying project – Fellowship. She stated that SIA is thankful for the contributions and support given by each member.

Governor Bobbi inducted new members – Lee Brightwell (SI/Waikiki Foundation) and Esther Roberts (SI/Honolulu).

Credentials Chair Judy stated that there were no changes to the credentials report; therefore Governor Bobbi asked the conference body if there were any objections to skipping the report. There were no objections.

Governor Bobbi introduced Chair Crystal Arbuthnot to give the Nominations Committee Report. The following names were submitted as nominees for the 2016-2018 Founder Region Board:

Governor-elect

Sylvia Crafton
Charlene Stamps

Region Secretary

Kris Chorbi
Lenore Colarusso

Region Treasurer

Vicki Ham

District I Director

Elise Balgley
Carolyn Bolton
Bonnie Mertz

District II Director

P. Eileen Fisher
Stephanie Helberg

District III Director

Joy Swank

District IV Director

Barbara Young

District V Director

Dyann O'Brien

District VI Director

Wayne Santos

The following names were submitted as nominees for the 2016-2018 Fellowship Board:

District I Director

Billie Knight
Cheryl Poncini

District II Director

Bev Gomer
Stacy Lompa

District III Director

Stephanie Corrington

District IV Director

Linda Bradbrook

District V Director

Crystal Hull

Sharon Valenti

District VI Director

Rena Borja

Governor Bobbi read each nomination by Founder Region office; she asked if there were any nominations from the floor. She stated that if there are none; the chair declared the nominations closed. Elaine Randall, SI/Maui nominated Angie Haramoto from the floor for Founder Region District VI Director. Governor Bobbi asked if the consent from the nominee been obtained and for resumes to be distributed to District VI delegates.

Governor Bobbi read each nomination by Fellowship office; she asked if there were any nominations from the floor. She stated that if there are none; the chair declared the nominations closed. Brenda Crandall, SI/Clear Lake nominated Fawn Williams from the floor for Fellowship District III Director. Governor Bobbi asked if the consent from the nominee been obtained and for resumes to be distributed to District III delegates.

Governor Bobbi asked the candidates for the 2016-2018 Founder Region Board and Fellowship Board to line up starting with the Fellowship District Directors (I-VI), then the Region District Directors (I-VI) , ending with Region officers – Treasurer, Secretary and Governor-elect.

Governor Bobbi stated that each candidate has two minutes to speak. Governor Bobbi stated that Stacy Lompa did not attend conference nor did she send in a script. She stated that Fawn Williams could not attend but did send a video.

Governor Bobbi 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 Bobbi announced that voting for nominees that are unopposed shall be by voice vote.

Governor Bobbi announced that Chair Crystal Arbuthnot, SI/The Redwoods will serve as elections chair. She appointed the following members as tellers: Gretta Taylor, District 1 - SI/San Ramon Valley, Theresa Hoffman, District 2 - SI/Martinez, Suzanne Clark, District 3 - SI/Vacaville, Jean Ehrhorn, District 4 - SI/Waikiki, Sue Galliani, District 5 - SI/Humboldt Bay and Denise Ridge, District 6 - SI/Waikiki. There was no one available to serve as teller from District 4, so a member from one of the host clubs was selected to serve.

Credentials Chair Judy stated that there were no changes; therefore, no Credentials Report was needed.

Governor Bobbi announced that voting will take place in the Waikiki Ballroom.

Recessed at 12:25 pm

Reconvened at 1:07 pm

Governor Bobbi introduced the lunchtime platform party: Top Tier (left) – Clara Oakes (SI/Vacaville), Soroptimists Celebrating Success Chair; Kathryn Xian, Keynote Speaker; Top Tier (right) – Katharine Miller (SI/Oakland), Public Awareness Chair; Bottom Tier (left) – Barbara Lanier (SI/EI Cerrito), Parliamentarian; Bottom Tier (right) – Vicki Ham, Region Treasurer; Charlene Stamps, Region Secretary; Pam Parker, Governor-elect; SIA Federation Director Virginia "Gigie" Penalosa, Official Visitor. The District Directors walked in with their clubs and took their seats on the Bottom Tier (left).

Governor Bobbi introduced District IV Director Maddy Leader who gave the inspiration.

Governor Bobbi introduced District VI Director Lyn Lurbe who gave the welcome on behalf of the District Directors.

Governor Bobbi announced that SI/Central Oahu donated the center pieces on the tables; they are pens masked as flowers for each member.

Governor Bobbi announced that there is an envelope on each table with tickets inside for a drawing. The tickets are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, or 7 for \$10.00; the lucky winner will receive a \$50.00 bill from Region Treasurer Vicki Ham. The money will go towards the Dream Awards.

Governor Bobbi called upon President Carol to do the Fellowship (games) drawing; she was assisted by Fellowship District III Director Shannon Richards. The ten winners are: Treva Black (SI/The Delta); Lynn Havens (SI/Pittsburg); Gayle Keller (SI/Calistoga); Joy Swank (SI/Vacaville); Julie Johansen (SI/Eel River Valley); Sue Galliani (SI/Humboldt Bay); Carolyn Bolton (SI/Oakland); Laura Middlemiss (SI/Humboldt Bay); Barbara Lanier (SI/El Cerrito); and Kelly Slater (SI/Clear Lake).

Governor Bobbi introduced Kathryn Xian, Executive Director of the Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery, as the lunch keynote speaker. Her speech was titled "Women in the Modern World." She spoke about the broad spectrum of violence against women globally. She stated that abuse happens on an epidemic level; that in Hawaii, one in 7 women have been raped. She told us that Hawaii has the highest attempted suicide rate for teens. According to the U. S. Department of Justice, someone is sexually assaulted every two minutes in the United States. She was happy to announce that on Friday, April 29, 2016, she was informed that after eleven years Hawaii will have a sex trafficking law.

Governor Bobbi introduced special guests SIA President Susan "Sam" Buchenau and SIA Executive Director Elizabeth Lucas who had just arrived from their recent trip to the Japan and Korean regions; she stated they will be with us throughout the remainder of the conference.

Governor Bobbi introduced Linda Glantz, Fundraising Chair. She made the following announcements: That there are two first time Laurel Society members – Gloria Bragg (SI/San Ramon Valley) and Nancy Tan (SI/Guam); that Gwendolyn Johnson (SI/Oakland) upgraded to the Envoy Level; and Kathleen Heeren (SI/Vacaville) upgraded to the Diplomat Level.

Governor Bobbi announced the Directors who gave their reports and held a drawing of all the clubs: one club from each district received a \$250 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/24-680

District III – SI/St. Helena

District IV – SI/Novato

District V – SI/Arcata

District VI – SI/Honolulu

Governor Bobbi introduced Treasurer Vicki to present the Julia "Bess' Combs Award for net growth in membership. She stated that as of March 31, 2016, Founder Region membership was 1,467. She announced that there were two clubs that had a growth in membership of seven each; they are SI/Clear Lake and SI/Richmond. Each club received a certificate and a \$250 donation in the club name for Club Giving.

Governor Bobbi introduced Treasurer Vicki to announce the winner of the New Member Sponsor; the winner is Lynn Gursky, SI/The Delta who received a \$1,000 donation to the Laurel Society for sponsoring a new member.

Governor Bobbi introduced Nominations and Elections Chair Crystal who gave the election results:

Fellowship

District I – Billie Knight received 7; Cheryl Poncini received 13 (**winner**)

District II – Bev Gomer received 18 (**winner**); Stacy Lompa received 1

District III – Stephanie Corrington received 14; Fawn Williams received 18 (**winner**)

District IV – Linda Bradbrook (ran unopposed)

District V – Crystal Hull received 10; Sharon Valenti received 16 (**winner**)

District VI – Rena Borja (ran unopposed)

Region

District I – Elise Bagley received 9; Carolyn Bolton received 8; Bonnie Mertz received 2
Re-ballot: Elise Balgley and Carolyn Bolton
District II – P. Eileen Fisher received 13 (**winner**); Stephanie Helberg received 5
District III – Joy Swank (ran unopposed)
District IV – Barbara Young (ran unopposed)
District V – Dyann O'Brien (ran unopposed)
District VI – Angie Haramoto received 13 (**winner**); Wayne Santos received 9
Treasurer – Vicki Ham (ran unopposed)
Secretary – Kris Chorbi received 92 (**winner**); Lenore Colarusso received 40
Governor-elect – Sylvia Crafton received 69 (**winner**); Charlene Stamps received 65

Governor Bobbi announced that \$872 was raised from the table drawing; the money will go to the Dream Programs.

Governor Bobbi introduced Governor-elect Pam who introduced Clara Oakes (SI/Vacaville), Soroptimist Celebrating Success Chair. She reported the following clubs received a participation certificate in the following categories:

Membership – SI/Vallejo & SI/Waikiki
Program – SI/Benicia, SI/Diablo Vista, SI/Vacaville, SI Vallejo, SI/Waikiki
Fundraising – SI/Antioch, SI/Eureka, SI/Mendocino-Sonoma Coast, SI/Pittsburg, SI/Rio Vista, SI/Sonoma Valley & SI/St. Helena Sunrise
Public Awareness – SI/Vacaville, SI/Vallejo & SI/Waikiki

The following clubs were announced as the region winners in each pillar category, will receive a \$250 donation to Club Giving, and submission to SIA for federation judging:

Fundraising – SI/St. Helena Sunrise (Luna Fest)
Membership – SI/Vallejo
Program – SI/Benicia (SCOOP Program)
Public Awareness – SI/Vallejo (Club Anniversary)

Governor Bobbi announced that we have Bylaw changes. She requested that pages and timekeepers set up. In preparation for the presentation, she reviewed the discussion process. She stated that the timekeepers for this session are Angie and Karen; the microphone monitors are Thelma and Puna. Discussion time for each proposed amendment is ten minutes. If a delegate wishes for the discussion time to be extended beyond the ten minutes as provided in the standing rules, such delegate will need to make a proper motion to extend the time. She stated that delegates can speak for or against an issue for two minutes. Governor Bobbi stated that duplicate motion forms are on each table.

Governor Bobbi announced that delegates from District I need to go to the voting room for the re-balloting. She also announced that only delegates are to sit in the delegate section.

Governor Bobbi announced that Cheryl Poncini, Founder Region Laws and Resolutions Chair will read the proposed amendments. Governor Bobbi further stated that if there are no objections, the chair will not repeat the entire proposal. There were no objections therefore the action was adopted.

Chair Cheryl read proposed amendment #1.

Proposed Founder Region Bylaws Amendment #1

Founder Region Bylaws Article VII (Board of Directors), Section 7.8 (Removal).

This article shall be amended by adding Section 7.8 to read as follows:

Section 7.8 The Board may remove any Officer, Director or Elected Committee Member for cause by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all Founder Region Board Officers and Directors then in office, at a regular or special meeting of the Board, provided that Notice of the reason(s) shall be served on the Officer, Director or Elected Committee Member in question at least thirty (30) days before final

action is taken by the Board. The Notice shall include the date and time when, and the place where, the Board is to take evidence on the issue of removal. At that meeting, the Officer, Director or Elected Committee Member in question shall be given the opportunity to address the Board. The issue of removal shall be decided by the Board members, exclusive of the Officer, Director or Elected Committee Member in question, within seven (7) days of the conclusion of the meeting. The Board's decision shall be in writing and shall be effective immediately.

"Cause" includes the failure of the Officer, Director or Elected Committee Member in question to fulfill the obligations and duties of that person's office (see Article IV, Section 4.5 and Article VIII, Section 8.1a of these Bylaws) in a competent, timely or professional manner.

Chair Cheryl did not read these sections: Proposed by; Advantages; Disadvantages; Financial Impact; and Rationale as they are in the proposed amendments that were sent out in the Call to Conference.

Governor Bobbi called for a vote; Proposed Founder Region Bylaws Amendment I, Article 7, Section 7.8 was adopted by the voting delegates.

Chair Cheryl read proposed amendment #2.

Proposed Founder Region Bylaws Amendment #2

Founder Region Bylaws Article VIII (Committees), Section 8.1 (Standing committees).

This article shall be amended by changing item h. Finance Committee to read as follows:

h. Financial Review Committee: A committee consisting of three Founder Region Soroptimist members who have at least two years of experience as an accountant or bookkeeper, and have served at least two years as a club or region treasurer. The committee would be responsible for conducting the financial review of the Treasurer's Books at the end of each biennium.

In addition, this article shall be amended by adding item i. Budget Committee to read as follows:

i. Budget Committee: A committee consisting of the Governor, Governor-elect and Region Treasurer to prepare a proposed budget for the succeeding biennium for proposal to the Region Board. During the biennium, the committee would periodically review and present suggested changes to the Region Board.

In addition, this change would require a change to Founder Region Bylaws Article IX (Finance), Section 9.4 (Financial Review).

This article shall be amended by changing item 9.4 Financial Review as follows:

Section 9.4 Financial Review

A financial review of the Treasurer's books shall be performed by the Financial Review Committee by October 31 following the close of the biennium with copies to the Region board.

In addition, this change would require a change to Founder Region Bylaws Article IV (Officers), Section 4.5 (Duties).

This article shall be amended by changing items 4.5 as follows:

Section 4.5 Duties

a. The Governor shall perform all duties as implied by the office; be the chief executive officer and spokesperson for the Region; coordinate with each member on the Board to ensure their respective duties are fulfilled; preside at meetings of the Region; approve expenditures in accordance with the budget; execute all contracts binding the Region; fill vacancies on the Region Board and committees; serve on the Budget Committee; serve as ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee; appoint the Region Parliamentarian and the Nominating Committee chairperson; be the Region voting delegate for all Federation Conventions and be the Programme Voting Delegate to the Board meeting held immediately prior to the Soroptimist International Conventions.

b. The Governor-elect shall prepare for assuming the office of Governor by becoming familiar with all aspects of the Soroptimist organization; attend all meetings of the Region board; work closely

with, and under the direction of, the Governor, assisting to the fullest extent possible; and, in the absence of the Governor, shall preside at meetings. Commencing on or after January 1 in the second year of her term as Governor-elect, she is empowered to appoint committees to serve during her biennium as Governor; she is empowered to appoint the President of Founder Region Fellowship; she serves as the SIA Program Council Member and serves as a member of the Founder Region Budget Committee.

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d. The Treasurer shall attend meetings of the Region Board; deposit and disburse all funds belonging to the Region or designated as dues to Founder Region Fellowship; send Region dues and fees statements to all clubs; provide financial reports at Board meetings and Region Conferences; and serve as a member of the Budget Committee.

Chair Cheryl stated the c. Secretary is not included because the duties are not impacted.

There was a motion made by Treasurer Vicki Ham at microphone #1. Treasurer Vicki's motion: I move to divide proposed Amendment #2 so as to consider separately the question of creating a budget committee from the questions of changing the name of the composition of the financial review committee. The specific wording of the two amendments to remain the same as projected. The motion was seconded by District V Director Kris Chorbi.

Governor Bobbi explained that the motion would bifurcate (split) the motion into two amendments.

Treasurer Vicki explained that 2(a) addresses the question of whether to change the finance committee to financial review committee and change its composition in Article 8 of the Bylaws and reference in Article 9 of the Bylaws; 2(b) adding the establishment of a budget committee in Article 8 of the Bylaws and reference in Article 4 of the Bylaws.

Governor Bobbi called for a discussion.

Chair Cheryl explained the reason for the split. Chair Cheryl read proposed amendment #2A.

Proposed Founder Region Bylaws Amendment #2A

Founder Region Bylaws Article VIII (Committees), Section 8.1 (Standing Committees).

This article shall be amended by changing item h. Finance Committee to read as follows.

h. Financial Review Committee: A committee consisting of three Founder Region Soroptimist members who have at least two years of experience as an accountant or bookkeeper, and have served at least two years as a club or region treasurer. The committee would be responsible for conducting the financial review of the Treasurer's Books at the end of each biennium.

In addition, this change would require a change to Founder Region Bylaws Article IX (Finance), Section 9.4 (Financial Review).

This article shall be amended by changing item 9.4 Financial Review as follows:

Section 9.4 Financial Review

A financial review of the Treasurer's books shall be performed by the Financial Review Committee by October 31 following the close of the biennium with copies to the Region board.

Proposed Founder Region Bylaws Amendment #2B

Founder Region Bylaws Article VIII (Committees), Section 8.1 (Standing Committees)

This article shall be amended by adding item i. Budget Committee to read as follows:

i. Budget Committee: A committee consisting of the Governor, Governor-elect and Region Treasurer to prepare a proposed budget for the succeeding biennium for the proposal to the Region Board. During the biennium, the committee would periodically review and present suggested changes to the Region Board.

In addition, this change would require a change to Founder Region Bylaws Article IV (Officers), Section 4.5 (Duties).

This article shall be amended by changing items 4.5 as follows:

Section 4.5 Duties

a. The Governor shall perform all duties as implied by the office; be the chief executive officer and spokesperson for the Region; coordinate with each member on the Board to ensure their respective duties are fulfilled; preside at meetings of the Region; approve expenditures in accordance with the budget; execute all contracts binding the Region; fill vacancies on the Region Board and committees; serve on the Budget Committee; serve as ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee; appoint the Region Parliamentarian and the Nominating Committee chairperson; be the Region voting delegate for all Federation Conventions and be the Programme Voting Delegate to the Board meeting held immediately prior to the Soroptimist International Conventions.

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Governor Bobbi acknowledged a question at microphone 2; Lillian Meyers (SI/Sonoma Valley) asked "where are we getting rid of the CPA?" Governor Bobbi explained that what we are talking about now is the bifurcating of the original motion.

Governor Bobbi called for the question; she stated that an amendment to an amendment requires a majority vote. There was a majority vote to split the motion. Governor Bobbi stated that we now have Amendments 2A and 2B.

Treasurer Vicki spoke in favor of Amendment 2A; Lillian Meyers (SI/Sonoma Valley) spoke against the amendment. After much discussion on this matter, the motion passed by a vote of 77 (ayes) to 26 (nays).

Governor Bobbi called for a vote on Amendment 2B (Establishment of a Budget Committee). Amendment 2B was adopted.

Chair Crystal gave the election results for District I Director: Elise Balgley received 10 (**winner**); Carolyn Bolton received 8.

Governor Bobbi instructed Chair Crystal to destroy the ballots.

There was a resolution by Terry Comiskey, SI/24-680: **Be it resolved that Founder Region Soroptimist International of the Americas says NO MORE to domestic Violence and sexual assault.** The resolution passed.

Governor Bobbi presented the 2016-2018 Region Board:

Director District I Elise Balgley
Director District II P. Eileen Fisher
Director District III Joy Swank
Director District IV Barbara Young
Director District V Dyann O'Brien
Director District VI Angie Haramoto
Treasurer Vicki Ham
Secretary Kris Chorbi

Governor-elect Sylvia Crafton

Governor Bobbi presented the 2016-2018 Fellowship Board

Director District I Cheryl Poncini

Director District II Bev Gomer

Director District III Fawn Williams

Director District IV Linda Bradbrook

Director District V Sharon Valenti

Director District VI Rena Borja

Governor-elect Pam announced that Bobbi Enderlin has been appointed to serve as the 2016-2018 Fellowship President.

Recessed at 4:14 pm

Governor Bobbi reconvened the Dinner and Installation at 6:30 pm. She recognized the Past Governors as they processed in: **Carol Steele**, SI/Fort Bragg, 1986-1988; her theme was "Dreams of Soroptimism". She was escorted by SI/Central Oahu President Marilyn Lee. **Mary Ann Redden**, SI/Antioch, 2002-2004; her theme was "Achieve Growth by Sharing". She was escorted by SI/Honolulu Past President Julie Arigo. **Sue Finch**, SI/Eel River Valley, 2006-2008; her theme was "Creating Magic Through Soroptimist". She was escorted by SI/Arcata President Debbie Coles. **Amelia Benko**, SI/Tri-Valley, 2008-2010; her theme was "Making a Difference Matters". She was escorted by SI/Waikiki President Sandra Simms.

Governor Bobbi informed the Past Governors that a donation to the Laurel Society will be made in their names.

The inspiration was given by President Marilyn Lee, SI/Central Oahu on behalf of the four hostess clubs.

The welcome was given by President Sandra Simms, SI/Waikiki Foundation on behalf of the four hostess clubs.

Governor Bobbi introduced special guests SIA Executive Director Liz Lucas and SIA President Susan "Sam" Buchenau; President Sam shared some thoughts.

Governor Bobbi announced that there is an envelope on each table with tickets inside for a drawing. The tickets are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, or 7 for \$10.00; the lucky winner will receive a \$50.00 bill from Region Treasurer Vicki Ham. The money will go towards the Dream Awards.

Dinner was served.

Governor Bobbi announced that \$779 was raised from the table drawing; the money will go to the Dream Programs.

After dinner, Governor Bobbi introduced Mistress of Ceremonies and Assistant Conference Coordinator Gwen Johnson, SI/Oakland. The 2016-2018 Founder Region Board and Fellowship Board was installed by Past Governor Sue Finch. The installation was followed by dancing.

Recessed at 10:00 pm

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Governor Bobbi reconvened the conference at 8:07 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>Millicent Duwall</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Benicia</i>
<i>Delores Featherer</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Benicia</i>
<i>Lilia Gallion</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Calistoga</i>

<i>Joan Aldrich</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Diablo Vista</i>
<i>Eva Giannonni</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Dixon</i>
<i>Colette Bailey</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Fort Bragg</i>
<i>Paula Wurlitzer</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Healdsburg</i>
<i>Louise Worley Smith</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Maui</i>
<i>Lillian Takabayashi</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Maui</i>
<i>Donna Perata</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of McKinleyville</i>
<i>Pauline Stuber</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Novato</i>
<i>Doris Bedford</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Pittsburg</i>
<i>Timi Tumbago</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Pittsburg</i>
<i>Beth Mitchell</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of The Redwoods</i>
<i>Lola Bauman</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Rio Vista</i>
<i>Donna Hamilton</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Rio Vista</i>
<i>Elizabeth Louise "Lee" Peele</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Santa Rosa</i>
<i>Millie Watson</i>	<i>Soroptimist International of Vallejo</i>

Governor Bobbi announced that we lost additional members after the deadline date and they will be officially honored next year.

Governor Bobbi made an announcement about Memorial Grove on June 12, 2016; she stated that in June 2018, we will celebrate the 60th Anniversary Annual Memorial Grove Service. She thanked the Memorial Grove Committee: Debbie Thompson, Dyann O'Brien, Crystal Hull, and Past Governor Kate Burns.

Breakfast was served.

Governor Bobbi introduced District V Director Kris Chorbi who gave the inspiration.

Governor Bobbi introduced District I Director Gloria Bragg who welcomed everyone on behalf of the Board.

Governor Bobbi introduced the platform party. Bottom Tier (left): Linda Glantz, Fundraising Chair; District VI Director Lyn Lurbe; District V Director Kris Chorbi; District VI Director Maddy Leader; District II Director Bev Gomer; and District I Director Gloria Bragg. Bottom Tier (right): Gwen Johnson, Live Your Dream Award Chair; Treasurer Vicki Ham; Secretary Charlene Stamps; Governor-elect Pam Parker; and SIA Director Virginia "Gigie" Penalosa.

Governor Bobbi announced that there is an envelope on each table with tickets inside for a drawing. The tickets are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, or 7 for \$10.00; the lucky winner will receive a \$50.00 bill from Region Treasurer Vicki Ham. The money will go towards the Dream Program Awards.

Governor Bobbi announced that Fellowship President Carol had a special presentation. President Carol announced that Fellowship will be awarding the pins and certificates that were won on Saturday. She stated that there will be some surprise presentations. She called upon Fellowship District III Director Shannon Richards to assist her:

Gayle Keller, SI/Calistoga
 Joy Swank, SI/Vacaville
 Carolyn Bolton, SI/Oakland (4th level Fellow – Diamond pin)
 Laura Middlemiss, SI/Humboldt Bay
 Julie Johansen, SI Eel River Valley
 Sue Galliani, SI/Humboldt Bay (3rd level – Sapphire pin)
 Barbara Lanier, SI/EI Cerrito (3rd level – Sapphire pin)
 Lynn Havens, SI/Pittsburg
 Rena Borja, SI/Guam (Table Envelope Drawing)
 SIA Director Gigie was granted a Fellow by the Fellowship Board

Governor Bobbi introduced Fundraising Chair Linda Glantz who gave her report. She introduced the Fundraising Committee members. She stated that in February, SIA held Town Hall calls. She stated it is the Club Giving that allows us to help on the international level; she stated that 90% of what is raised by the clubs stays in the clubs and 10% fund the Dream Programs. She stated that \$1,739,444 was raised last year; that 39% came from Club Giving, 35% came from the Laurel Society and 10% came from Founders Pennies. She stated that last year, 50 of our 54 clubs donated to Club Giving. She stated that 37 of the 50 clubs gave at the \$500 level. She stated that (so far) four clubs in Founder Region gave at the Dream Builders Level (\$2,500-\$4,999); they are SI/Calistoga, SI/St. Helena, SI/Vacaville and SI/Vallejo. She talked about Founders Pennies; she stated that they are calculated by $.06 \times 95$ (years) which equals \$5.70 per member times the number of members in the clubs. She stated that with the 53 clubs in Founder Region, \$8,300 was given to Founders Pennies. She stated that Founder Region (for 6th year in a row) had 100% participation.

She stated that since 1994, more than 6,000 members have given nearly \$10 million to Laurel Society. She stated that there are 244 Laurel Society members in Founder Region. She stated that Founder Region has one member (Heather McLaughlin, SI/Benicia) who is at the Ambassador Level (\$10,000-\$24,999); the pin has a pearl in it. She stated that Founder Region has 6 members at the Diplomat Level – Lolita Beltramo, SI/McKinleyville; Dona Gaddis Wolf, SI/Pittsburg; Linda Sue Hansen, SI/Vallejo Gateway; Lorene Hopkins, SI/Waikiki Foundation; Paula Kamena, SI/Marin County; and Karen Schlegel, SI/Calistoga. Two more members were added as Diplomats after she prepared her report: Kathleen Heeren, SI/Vacaville and Governor Bobbi Enderlin, SI/Benicia, bringing our region total to 8 Diplomats.

Treasurer Vicki made a special presentation to Governor Bobbi on behalf of all the region clubs; \$1,000 will be donated to the Laurel Society in her name.

Fundraising Chair Linda announced that there are 13 Laurel Legacy members in Founder Region.

Governor Bobbi introduced Governor-elect Pam Parker as the emcee for the Dream Program Awards. In addition to her duties as Governor-elect, she serves as the Founder Region Program Chair.

Governor-elect Pam spoke about the Founder Region project this year – The Valley Fire Project – a wildfire in 2015 that destroyed over 76,067 acres. She stated that a total of 1,281 homes, 27 multi-family structures, 66 commercial properties, and 581 other minor structures were destroyed. To assist, she reached out to clubs in Founder Region for donations of gift cards that SI/Clear Lake could give to those in need. She contacted President Olga Martin Steele with the idea.

Governor-elect Pam introduced President Olga who gave an update. She stated that to date, \$21,300 in gift cards have been distributed to 141 families. She stated that they focused their efforts with the shelters. She stated that the project will go to the end of this year and that they still have \$4,000 to give away.

Governor-elect Pam announced that the 2016 Ruby Award winner is Patricia Nicodemus, who was nominated by SI/Vacaville. Due to a family emergency, Patricia could not make it to conference. President Desiree Ramos, SI/Vacaville accepted the award on her behalf. President Desiree read a statement by Patricia. Governor-elect Pam stated that \$500 each will be sent to the two organizations that Patricia has chosen, Susie's Place, a non-profit agency serving women who have been victims of violence and/or sexual exploitation; and Abundant Place, a non-profit agency promoting awareness of reentry needs of women.

Governor-elect Pam gave a history of the Violet Richardson Award program that began in 2000 and slightly revamped by Founder Region in 2015, as a way to recognize young women between the ages of 14 and 18 who make a difference in their community and world. The award is named after Violet Richardson Ward, the first president of the first Soroptimist club founded in 1921 in Oakland, CA. Governor-elect Pam asked each representative with a District winner to sit in the chairs next to the dais and when prompted, share a bit about their service. The recipients are Apoorva Rajanala, sponsored by SI/Fremont\TriCities; Claryssa Wilson, sponsored by SI/Antioch;

Shanneil Turner, sponsored by SI/Vacaville; Cloe Grechis, sponsored by SI/Novato; Mary Elise Conzelmann, sponsored by SI/Willits; and Britnee Akau, sponsored by SI/Honolulu. Each recipient received a certificate and a check for \$500.

The conference was recessed for ten minutes.

Governor-elect Pam asked the winners and club representatives of the Live Your Dream Award to come to the chairs to the side of the dais for the presentation of the awards and to remain during the presentation. She instructed them to not open the envelopes until they are told.

Governor-elect Pam introduced Gwen Johnson (SI/Oakland), Chair of the Live Your Dream Award Program. Chair Gwen thanked all 53 clubs for 100% participation in the Live Your Dream Award Program. She recognized the Live Your Dream Award Committee members. She stated that 92% of the recipients report an improved standard of living for themselves and their dependent; 92% report an increase in self-esteem; 100% report feeling like a positive role model for their children; and 76% report a career goal of helping others. She stated that since 1972, the Live Your Dream Award Program has distributed more than \$30 million. She stated that last year clubs gave over \$1.7 million dollars to over 1,200 women; another \$410,000 was awarded to region and federation finalists.

Chair Gwen introduced the six district recipients: Anna Lilia Minauri (represented by President Melissa Arciniega), sponsored by SI/EI Cerrito; Saundra N. Martinez (represented by President Jan Schults), sponsored by SI/The Delta; Raquelmarie Z. Clark (represented by President-elect Mary Anne Branch), sponsored by SI/Benicia; Capella Parrish, sponsored by SI/Mendocino-Sonoma Coast; Ajlal Z., sponsored by SI/The Redwoods; and Rufina Flores Olupomar, sponsored by SI/Northern Mariana Islands. Each recipient received a \$1000 check from Founder Region; 5 recipients received a check for \$3000 from SIA and 1 recipient received a check for \$5000 from SIA.

Governor-elect Pam introduced Divora Stern, President, SI/Willits and a former Women's Opportunity Award winner in 1992-93 from SI/Ukiah; she shared her story.

Governor-elect Pam announced that Georgette Kahao was supposed to speak, but due to an emergency, she could not attend. Governor-elect Pam shared an email that she recently received from Georgette.

Governor-elect Pam announced that Rufina Flores Olupomar was selected as the Founder Region Live Your Dream Award winner. Her name will be submitted to the federation level judging. Governor-elect Pam shared Rufina's video where she shared her story through music and poetry.

Governor-elect Pam thanked Cynthia Laskey, Violet Richardson Award Chair and Gwen Johnson, Live Your Dream Award Chair for their service.

Governor Bobbi announced that we are nearing the end of the program and conference. She stated that the recipients and their families could take this time to leave if they would like.

Governor Bobbi shared an inspirational story by Maya Angelou that was on a YouTube video.

Governor Bobbi requested that President Marilyn Lee come to the dais for a special presentation of an honorary certificate from the State Senator of Hawaii.

Governor Bobbi announced that Treasurer Vicki will give the Treasurer's Report. She stated that the financial reports are located in the white envelope. She is available to answer any questions.

Governor Bobbi made the announcement that Tess Albin Smith will pull a name for the club's drawings. Sandra Simms, SI/Waikiki, won a case of wine from the drawing.

Governor Bobbi welcomed back Fundraising Chair Linda who gave a report on the Opportunity Drawing. She stated that there were 52 envelopes and that SIA President Sam, Director Gigie and Executive Director Liz were the judges of the decorated envelopes. The best decorated envelope was from SI/Central Oahu. They will receive a donation of \$250 to Club Giving. Honorable mention was given to SI/St. Helena Sunrise.

Chair Linda stated that \$11,845 was raised in the ticket sales and \$1,335 from the table sales for a total of \$13,180. She gave instructions on picking up the envelopes.

Governor Bobbi welcomed Registration Chair Patti Clinton to present the Fortieth Annual Founder Region Conference attendance report:

International Officers	0	Club Delegates	125
Federation Officers	2	Other Soroptimist	73
Region Officers	4	Guests	72
District Directors	5		
Fellowship President	1		
Fellowship Directors	6	Total in Attendance	288

Conference Coordinator Sylvia made her final announcements. She made an announcement of lost items. Sylvia requested that members turn in the evaluation forms. She gave information on the luau. She thanked the conference committee.

Governor Bobbi announced that \$510 was raised from the table drawing; the money will go to the Dream Programs.

Governor Bobbi announced that Gloria Utley, SI/Diablo Vista was the winner of the Attendance Incentive for free registration and meals for the 2017 Conference.

Governor Bobbi gave her closing remarks. Fellowship District VI Director Lorene Hopkins led us in the Soroptimist Pledge in Hawaiian and English.

Governor Bobbi adjourned the Fortieth Annual Founder Region Conference sine die at 12:21 pm.

Charlene Stamps
Founder Region Secretary (2014-2016)



Saturday April 30, 2016

President Carol called the Business Meeting of Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. to order at 8:32 a.m.

Fellowship Secretary Shannon Richards announced that the minutes of the prior business meeting were in the 2015 Conference Proceedings and may be found online at sifounderregion.org; any corrections should be directed to the Founder Region Secretary during this Conference.

The Treasurer's Report was given by JoAnn Hunt, District V Director who stated that the balance in all accounts as of March 31, 2016 was \$539,053.23 and indicated tax returns have been filed for fiscal year end June 30, 2015. The Profit & Loss Report through March 31, 2016 shows income of \$46,905.62 and expenses of \$19,647.72 for net income of \$27,257.90. The report will be placed on file for review.

Credentials Report was given by Credentials Chair Judy Lee: Clubs in Founder Region 53; Clubs Eligible to Vote 53; Clubs Not in Good Standing -0-; Clubs Registered 47; Total Voting Clubs 47. Delegates Registered: Fellowship President 1; Fellowship Directors 5 [JoAnn registered as her Club Delegate]; Club Delegates 125; Total Delegates 131. Quorum for Session = 66.

Proposed By-Laws as sent out in the *Call to Conference* were reviewed; a copy is attached hereto and incorporated herein. After discussion each proposed amendment was adopted by the Membership.

Fellowship Directors from each District gave summary reports as follows:

District I: 21 new fellows, \$ 9,960.50 were raised in the 2015-2016 year.

District II: 8 new fellows, \$8,157.50 were raised in the 2015-2016 year.

District III: 25 new fellows, since last Conference; \$20,347 was raised in the 2015-2016 year.

District IV: 8 new fellows, \$10,255 were raised in the 2015-2016 year.

District V: 10 new fellows, \$10,228 were raised in the 2015-2016 year.

District VI: 8 new fellows, approximately \$6,000 were raised in the 2015-2016 year.

President Carol Steele provided Congratulations and Closing Remarks.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Shannon Richards, Secretary
Founder Region Fellowship 2014-2016