

“SHINE YOUR BRIGHTEST”

May 5-7, 2017
Founder Region Conference
Official Program



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Welcome to our 2017 Conference!

Welcome! Aloha! Buen Binidu!



Pam Parker
Founder Region
Governor
2016-2018

On behalf of your 2016-2018 Founder Region Leadership Team and Host Clubs, I would like to extend a big WELCOME to our 41st Annual Founder Region Conference. Our weekend together will be a full one – full of laughter and smiles, full of learning and sharing, full of making memories and telling stories, and best of all, full of togetherness. Together we will be challenged, excited, and inspired.

Region Conference is always an exciting time for us as we continue to grow and learn. During these three days, we have an amazing opportunity to develop new relationships with members we haven't met before and to rekindle relationships with members you might only see once a year. Developing and strengthening these relationships is an important part of making sure Soroptimist is able to continue to do all the good that we do all over the world. As we increase our circle of friendships, we increase the power to have a much stronger impact with our efforts to make our world a better place for women and girls.

We are rapidly approaching our big birthday year – 2021 – when Soroptimist celebrates our 100th year. Think back to 1921 when our organization was first founded; think about those eight women who started it all, and then think about those eighty women, all from different professions and backgrounds, and how they made our organization a reality. The reality we continue by creating a legacy for those who follow us along our Soroptimist path. We should all be very proud of where we are today and excited about where we are headed tomorrow.

Your Conference Program is full of information about this weekend. You won't want to miss any part of it! Take your enthusiasm back to your club and share with your members the knowledge and inspiration you have gained this weekend as we continue our mission of "improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment". Help us shape the future of Soroptimist! Remember – Soroptimists Are Shining Stars. Shine Your Brightest.



Sylvia Crafton
Founder Region
Governor-elect
2016-2018

Greetings!

It is a sincere pleasure to welcome all of our delegates, members, and guests to the 41st Annual Founder Region Conference, and welcome back to our "conference home base", the San Ramon Marriott! Our Director's Luncheon theme, "Shine Your Brightest" is particularly appropriate to ensure we are Soroptimists at our best, helping others to be their best while providing opportunities through education and mentoring.

Our Governor and the 2017 Conference committee has worked hard to put together a meaningful agenda, and we hope you will also take the time to personally thank each committee member for their time, effort, enthusiasm and encouragement to bring this conference together. I also want to thank our delegates for taking the time to prepare and be a part of this important conference, and for your commitment to our Soroptimist mission. We hope you will draw on the opportunities to engage in our programs, be enlightened by our speakers and panelists, enjoy our hospitality, and have some fun while you are here, too!

Governor-elect Sylvia

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Forty-first Annual Founder Region Conference

May 5 - May 7, 2017

San Ramon Marriott , San Ramon, CA

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Conference Coordinator

Linda Glantz
SI/Dixon

Conference Committee

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Norma Ferriz, SI/St. Helena Sunrise

Credentials Co-Chair(s)

Patty DiTomaso, SI/St. Helena
Lori Duarte, SI/St. Helena

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Governor-elect's Steward

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Founder Region Board 2016-2018



Pam Parker - Governor



Sylvia Crafton - Governor-elect



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Joy Swank - District III Director



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Angie Haramoto - District VI Director

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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.

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Official Visitor

SIA Past President, Buchenau



Susan "Sam" Collier Buchenau is the Immediate Past President of Soroptimist International of the Americas (2015-2016). She is a member of Soroptimist International of Valley de Oro. A Soroptimist since 1981, she has held numerous elected and appointed leadership positions, including SIA fundraising council chair, Governor of Desert Coast Region, district director, district secretary, and club president.

As SIA president, Sam oversaw strategic planning and program development and chaired the Board of Directors for this global organization representing 20 countries and territories. She currently continues to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of Soroptimist International, and was recently appointed by SIA's Board of Directors to the newly formed Donor Relations Task Force. Sam also chaired SIA's 2017 Fundraising Council Nominating Committee.

Official Greetings



SIA President Rosemary Reid

"You should be very proud of all your achievements and your contributions to the success of our Soroptimist organization – by supporting our Live Your Dream programs you are truly making a measurable difference both locally and globally.

You and your members have made a lot of dreams come true. Together, we can and will continue to make more dreams come true."



SIA Executive Director & CEO Elizabeth Lucas

"As you gather to celebrate, know we have had a year of accelerated Dream Programs growth and a slowing of our membership losses. Let us continue as the organization that innovates, changes and makes progress to shape our future for increased collective impact."

Appointed Region Leadership

Conference Coordinator - Linda Glantz

Linda Glantz has been a member of Soroptimist International of Dixon since 1987, and during that 30 years has served in almost every position on the board, including twice as president. For many years, she was a club delegate and enjoyed attending every conference, having missed only 2 in 30 years! At the region level, she was District III Fellowship Director, and then District III Director on the Founder Region board. In the last four years she served as Founder Region's Fundraising Chair and is honored to be our Conference Coordinator under the leadership of Governor Pam.



Parliamentarian - Barbara Lanier

A retired attorney, Barbara Lanier was inducted into Soroptimist International of El Cerrito in 1995. In 1997, she agreed to serve as club vice president provided she never had to serve as president! That lasted until the fall of 1997 when the club president had to step down and Barbara took on the first of three years serving as club president. On the region level, she served first as District I Women's Opportunity Award Representative, then as District I Fellowship Director from 2002 to 2006 and as Founder Region District I Director from 2006 to 2008. Barbara was honored by Governor Amelia to be selected as Fellowship President 2008 to 2010. Loving her involvement with the incredible women who consistently make up the Founder Region Board, she prepared herself to become a Parliamentarian, joined the National Association of Parliamentarians and has been honored to serve as Parliamentarian for Governors Dona, Bobbi and Pam.



Fellowship President - Bobbi Enderlin

Bobbi Enderlin has been a member of Soroptimist International of Benicia since 1999. She served as Founder Region Governor from 2014-2016. Bobbi currently works as Accounting Manager for Pacific Rim Recycling, however in the past she worked for Pacific Bell in various capacities. She has also been a Meeting Facilitator, and an Instructor at UC Berkeley Extension, teaching communication skills to computer programmers. Bobbi lives in Benicia with her two black cats, loves to RV camp when she has time, and enjoys spending time with her family – her parents, two adult children and five grandchildren. Bobbi grew up in Calistoga in the Napa Valley where her parents still live.



Conference Keynote Speaker

Donna Garske - Executive Director, Center for Domestic Peace

Since 1974, Ms. Garske has worked at local, state, and international levels to advance safety, justice, and equality for women and children. Early in her career, Ms. Garske worked with the prison reform movement in California and Oregon, before becoming the Executive Director of Center for Domestic Peace (C4DP) in 1980. Throughout her tenure at C4DP, she has developed innovative responses to men's violence against women, including an internationally-replicated reeducation program for batterers, and one of the nation's first transitional housing programs for battered women, for which she earned an award from the American Planning Association. She has also worked with the Network of East-West Women to support domestic violence programs in Eastern/Central Europe and the former Soviet Union. Her advocacy efforts have influenced legislation in the US, such as the federal Violence Against Women Act and a California law that establishes minimum requirements for batterers' programs, which she co-wrote.

In 1992, Ms. Garske guided Center for Domestic Peace in creating "Transforming Communities: Creating Safety and Justice for Women and Girls" (TC) as a learning center for the advancement of new thinking, practices, and strategies to prevent violence against woman and girls; TC was recognized as a model approach by the National Academy of Sciences. In 1995, Ms. Garske was one of ten violence experts selected as a National Gimbel Foundation Child and Family Scholar as part of a program to explore new approaches to the prevention of VAW, with her article for the program "Transforming the Culture: Creating Safety, Equality and Justice for Women and Girls" published in *Preventing Violence in America* (Sage Publications,). In 1997, Ms. Garske expanded TC to become TC-TAT, a national technical assistance, training, and resource center dedicated to the prevention of VAW. Ms. Garske has led TC-TAT in developing multiple successful programs that address preventing VAW through youth and young adult education, awareness-building, community involvement and organizational development. She has guided TC-TAT in serving as a leader in facilitating dialogue, advancing learning, and disseminating best practices from model programs among VAW prevention advocates through the training of over 5000 individuals nationwide. In 1997, she was inducted into the Marin Women's Hall of Fame in recognition of her achievements in the area of social change.

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Legislative Advocacy Panel

Marie O'Neill - Padma Life Coaching

Marie O'Neill is the founder of Padma Life Coaching located in Santa Rosa California. She holds a Bachelors of Science in Speech Language Pathology from the University of Utah and an MBA from Westminster College. Marie's life has not followed the usual twists and turns one would expect for an African American female born in poverty during the early 60's. Marie believes each of us is on a QUEST to come home to our indwelling self – to “know thyself” as the ancient Egyptian phrase placed above every temple of learning during the time read. Whether we realize it or not – each chapter of our lives – no matter its content, is a part of this quest and brings us closer to the goal. To learn more about Marie and the services she provides, go to padmalifecoaching.com. Be sure to sign up for the FREE monthly newsletter.



Elle Snow - Founder of Game Over

Elle is currently providing educational training to youth groups, community members, service providers, social workers, medical staff, foster parents, victim advocates, and law enforcement agencies throughout the nation. Elle is a Soroptimist Ruby Award winner and now a member of SI/Eureka. She has been recognized by Congress and Senate Members for her work in the anti-trafficking movement. She is a member of The Survivor-Leaders Institute and The National Survivor Network. Elle is co-creator of *Jane Doe in Wonderland*, a play written by Dell' Arte students: Kate Tobie, Erin Johnson, and Grace Booth. Elle is also currently a Speaker on The Rebecca Bender Initiative Speakers Team, as well as Founder/Board President of GAME OVER.



Lia Venet - WomenSpeak

Lia Venet is a Women's Empowerment Coach that loves to guide women back to their own wisdom and creating the life they desire. She holds space for women one on one as well as facilitates in a circle called WomanSpeak in Northern California. WomanSpeak is where women learn the art and soul of public speaking. Whether they want to improve communication in all of their relationships or speaking on big or small stages, it improves all areas of their life. Women gather two times per month to consistently practice speaking their truth in a safe community (no judgment, no comparison, no fixing what is wrong) where they are seen and celebrated for their brilliance and for being their authentic self.



Legislative Advocacy Committee

Sue Finch, Legislative Advocacy Committee Chair District V - SI/Eel River Valley

Sue joined Soroptimist International of Eel River Valley in June 1996, specifically because of the Women's Opportunity Award, now called the Live Your Dream Award. She served on the region board from 2000 to 2008. Sue is a Founder Region Past Governor, 2006—2008, and her theme was "Creating Magic Through Soroptimist". She is currently the club treasurer and will be club vice president beginning July 1, 2017.



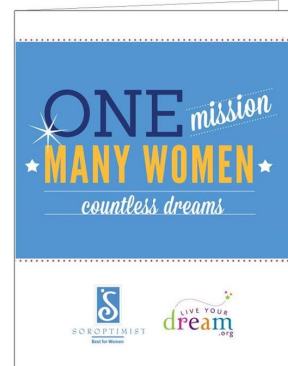
Dafna Kapshud - District I Representative SI/San Ramon Valley

Dafna Kapshud has been a Soroptimist for almost two years. She brings with her experience in marketing, communications, and fundraising for a variety of non profit organizations. In her spare time she enjoys reading, spending time with friends, and watching Nordic crime dramas.



Lenore Colarusso - District II Representative SI/24-680 (Walnut Creek)

Lenore was born in Long Island, New York. She grew up with her four siblings in a very modest home and was surrounded by family and relatives in a typical Italian-American family that was centered on homemade food and long and large Italian dinners (especially on Sundays). She grew up loving to cook and entertain and enjoys sharing her culinary delights with friends. Lenore retired in 2004 after 22 years with AT&T, lastly as a Director of Sales. She and her husband, Richard, own and operate Casse-Croûte Bakery, located in Livermore, CA. Throughout her career, Lenore has focused on providing the best service for her clients and customers. Lenore's passion is for helping people. She is very active in her ministries at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton and her commitment to the Carmelite Order at St. Joseph's Monastery in San Jose.



Legislative Advocacy Committee

Maria Bartolome - District III Representative

SI/Calistoga

Maria is from Ann Arbor, Michigan and is a member of SI/Calistoga. She has been a Soroptimist since July of 2012 and has been active in her club with the Dream Program Awards and club ceremonies. She is an Event Planner for Rutherford Hill Winery.



Linda Witong - District IV Representative

SI/Marin County

Linda 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. Linda 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, 2015 and 2016. She is currently the Research Consultant for the President of Soroptimist International and will be serving in this capacity for another year.



Elle Snow - District V Representative

SI/Eureka

A survivor herself, Elle Snow is fighting sex-trafficking through her non-profit, GAME OVER, which provides advocacy, training, and education on the subject of sex trafficking. She is currently providing educational training to youth groups, community members, service providers, social workers, medical staff, foster parents, victim advocates, and law enforcement agencies throughout the nation. Elle is a two-time Soroptimist Ruby Award winner and has been recognized by Congress and Senate Members for her work in the anti-trafficking movement.



Sandra Simms - District VI Representative

SI/Waikiki Foundation

Sandra has been a member of SI/Waikiki Foundation, Inc. for over 20 years. She has served the mission of Soroptimist in many leadership capacities at the club, district and region levels, including Founder Region Fellowship Director for District VI. She is a proud member of our Laurel Society and a Region Fellow. Outside of Soroptimist, Sandra is a retired Circuit Court Judge. She is currently an adjunct lecturer in criminal justice at Chaminade University and serves on the board of directors for several non-profit organizations, Mental Health America of Hawaii and Family Promise Hawaii. She is also a long time member of The Links, Inc., and a fun loving docent for the Honolulu Museum of Art. She is married to Hank and has 3 adult children (which is why she now has time to do stuff) .

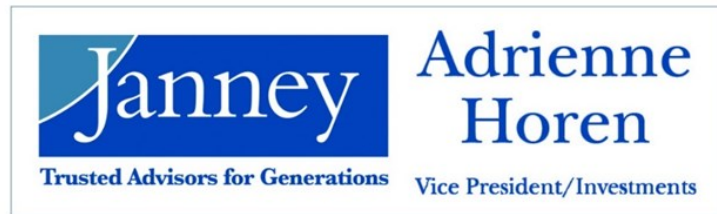


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Partners Make Dreams Come True

As a volunteer organization, we know that team work makes the dream work, which is why we truly value collaborating with companies that share our vision - that all women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

Soroptimist thanks its official sponsor



Soroptimist is pleased to thank Janney Montgomery Scott for their continued support 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.

Adrienne Horen of Janney Montgomery Scott is a Soroptimist member and long time financial advisor to Soroptimist International of the Americas. Visit Adrienne's website at <http://www.adriennehoren.com/>.



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Conference Agenda

Thursday, May 4

9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Founder Region Board Meeting
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Founder Region Fellowship Board Meeting
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Founder Region Board & Fellowship Board Lunch
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Founder Region Board Meeting (continues)
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Early Registration
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Soroptimist BUNCO & Dinner (pre-register) - Highland Oaks Cabana Club Hosted by SI/Tri-Valley

Friday, May 5

8:00 am - 5:30 pm	Registration	
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Trade Fair—Sales Room	
10:00 am - 11:30 am	Legislative Advocacy Committee “Mirror, Mirror On The Wall” Panelists: Pam Parker, Elle Snow, Marie O’Neill, Lia Venet	Main Ballroom Presentation and Panel Discussion
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Break	
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Buffet Luncheon Introductions Inspiration Welcome Keynote Speaker	Governor Pam Sandra Simms, SI/Waikiki Lenore Colarusso, SI/24-680 (Walnut Creek) Donna Garske, Executive Director Center for Domestic Peace “Going Out of Our Minds: Freedom From Internalized Oppression”
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Break	
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	“It’s Game Over” workshop	Presented by Elle Snow
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	Break	
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	“Going Out of Our Minds: Freedom From Internalized Oppression” workshop Announcements	Presented by Donna Garske Conference Coordinator Linda
4:15 pm - 4:30 pm	Delegates Briefing	Parliamentarian Barbara Lanier
4:30 pm - 4:45 pm	Pages and Timekeepers Briefing	Parliamentarian Barbara
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Founder Region “Fellow” Reception	South Courtyard (Invitation Only)
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	No Host Cocktail Party - all meet & greet	Ballroom Lobby

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Conference Agenda

Friday, May 5 (continued)

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Fellowship Dinner & Awards Program

- ~ Call to Order
- ~ Presentation of Colors & Pledge of Allegiance
- ~ National Anthem
- ~ Entertainment
- ~ Community Welcome
- ~ Official Response
- ~ Inspiration
- ~ Welcome
- ~ Presentation of Platform Party

Dinner

- ~ Recognition of Past Fellowship Presidents

Fellowship Awards

- ~ Awardees and Grant Presentations
- ~ Announcements/Recess

Main Ballroom

Governor Pam
Girl Scout Troop 30796 -
Pine Valley Middle School
Celebrated and performed by all
The Voices of St. Benedict
Belia Ramos, Napa County Supervisor
Governor-elect Sylvia Crafton
Linda Bradbrook, District IV Director
Bev Gomer, District II Director
Governor Pam

Fellowship President Bobbi Enderlin

Fellowship Board

Conference Coordinator Linda

Saturday, May 6

7:00 am - 12:00 pm Registration (*Closed during business sessions*)

7:30 am - 3:00 pm Trade Fair - Sales Room

8:30 am - 9:15 am Fellowship Business Meeting
(*Delegates bring voting cards*)

- ~ Call to Order
- ~ Adoption of Credentials Report
- ~ Minutes of Previous Business Meeting
- ~ Treasurer's Report
- ~ Director Reports
- ~ President's Report
- ~ Announcements

Main Ballroom

President Bobbi Enderlin
Credentials Co-Chair Patti DiTomaso
Secretary Cheryl Poncini
Treasurer Rena Borja
Fellowship Directors
President Bobbi Enderlin
Conference Coordinator Linda

9:15 am - 9:30 am Break

Conference Agenda

Saturday, May 6 (continued)

9:30 am - 12:00 pm Founder Region Business Meeting - (Delegates bring voting cards)

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| ~ Call to Order | Governor Pam Parker |
| ~ Presentation of Platform Party | Governor Pam |
| ~ Adoption of Credentials Report | Credentials Co-Chair Patti DiTomaso |
| ~ Adoption of Standing Rules | Secretary Kris Chorbi |
| ~ Adoption of Official Conference Program | Secretary Kris |
| ~ First Time Attendees | Governor Pam |
| ~ Introduction of Pages and Stewards | Governor Pam |
| ~ Greetings and Correspondence | Secretary Kris |
| ~ Invitation to Host Conference 2020 | Secretary Kris |
| ~ Nominations | Chair Crystal Arbuthnot |
| ~ Nominating Committee Report | |
| ~ Nominations from the Floor | |
| ~ Presentation of Candidates | |
| ~ Voice Vote for Unopposed Candidates | |
| ~ Official Visitor Report - "What If?" | SIA Past President Sam Buchenau |
| ~ Proposed Bylaw Changes | Chair Shannon Richards |
| ~ Treasurer's Report | Treasurer Vicki Ham |
| ~ Credentials Report | Co-Chair Patty DiTomaso |
| ~ Appointment of Tellers (if necessary) | Governor Pam Parker |
| ~ Election Procedures (if necessary) | Chair Crystal |
| ~ Announcements | Conference Coordinator Linda |

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Recess - Polls Will Be Open From 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm (if necessary)



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Conference Agenda

Saturday, May 6 (continued)

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm *"Shine Your Brightest" Luncheon*

- ~ Introductions
- ~ Director & Club President Processional
- ~ "Shining Star" Recognition
- ~ Inspiration
- ~ Welcome
- ~ Director Reports and Club Drawing
- ~ Laurel Society Honors & Recognition
- ~ Soroptimists Celebrating Success Awards
- ~ Julia "Bess" Combs Membership Increase Award
- ~ New Member Sponsor Drawing
- ~ Vote on Host Club for 2020
- ~ Announcements

Hosted by District Directors
 Governor Pam
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 District III Director Joy Swank
 District II Director Pat Eileen
 District Directors
 Chair Gina Moore
 Chair Clara Oakes
 Chair Lyn Lurbe
 Chair Gina
 Governor Pam
 Conference Coordinator Linda

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm Break

Last opportunity to shop Trade Fair

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm SIA Past President Sam Buchenau

- ~ Public Awareness Committee Report
- ~ Membership Committee Report
- ~ Q & A - Past President Sam, Pillar Chairs (Program, Membership, Fundraising, Public Awareness)

"How Far Can You Go, and More?"
 Chair Olimpia Garner
 Chair Lyn

4:30 pm Announcements / Recess

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm No Host Cocktails - all meet & greet

Ballroom Lobby

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Dinner - Honor Past Governors

- ~ Inspiration
- ~ Welcome
- ~ Recognition of Past Governors
- ~ "Soroptimist Dancing and Singing With the Stars"
- ~ Recess

Main Ballroom

Nushi Safinya, SI/Calistoga
 Norma Ferriz, SI/St. Helena Sunrise
 Governor Pam
 Entertainment/Dance Party

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Conference Agenda

Sunday, May 7

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Registration

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Memorial Service

Main Ballroom

Dream Program Awards

- ~ Call to Order
- ~ Celebration of Service Memorial

Governor Pam
Governor Pam
Hosted by SI/San Ramon Valley

Buffet Breakfast

- ~ Inspiration
- ~ Welcome
- ~ Presentation of Platform Party
- ~ Fundraising Committee Report
- ~ Program Awards
 - ~ Ruby Award
 - ~ Violet Richardson Awards
 - ~ Live Your Dream Awards
- ~ "Dream Programs Fundraiser"
- ~ Attendance Report
- ~ Acknowledgments
- ~ Closing Remarks
- ~ Soroptimist Pledge
- ~ Adjournment

District V Director Dyann O'Brien
District VI Director Angie Haramoto
Governor Pam
Chair Gina Moore, SI/Antioch
Governor-elect Sylvia
Governor-elect Sylvia
Founder Region Past Governor Amelia Benko
Governor-elect Sylvia
Fundraising Chair Gina
Registration Co-Chair Bonnie Schoch
Conference Coordinator Linda
Governor Pam
Governor Pam & Past President Sam
Governor Pam

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Founder Region Award Recipients

Fellowship Awards

Kimberly Berger	Epidemiology	UC Berkeley
Rachel Bernhard	Political Science	UC Berkeley
Laura Boudreau	Business & Public Policy	UC Berkeley
Carolyn Kierans	Astrophysics	UC Berkeley
Natalie Nimmer	Education	University of Hawaii, Manoa
Egle Ortega	Biology	University of Hawaii, Manoa
Nipuni Sirimalwatta	Botany	University of Hawaii, Manoa
Nicole Tarlton	Infectious Diseases	UC Berkeley
Qiong (Linda) Wu	Civil Engineering	University of Hawaii, Manoa
Navit Zuckerman	Chiropractic	Life Chiropractic College West, Hayward

Live Your Dream Awards

District I	Rebekah Shtayfman	SI/El Cerrito
District II	Jacqueline Soriano	SI/24-680 (Walnut Creek)
District III	Faraha Nia-Showers	SI/Benicia
District IV	Yesenia Rivera Alvarado	SI/Windsor
District V	Ashlee Milenewicz	Si/Willits
District VI	Daniella Wallace	SI/Waikiki Foundation

Violet Richardson Awards

District I	Neziah Whitson	SI/El Cerrito
District II	Daria Dragicevic	SI/Martinez
District III	Jacquelyn Elder	SI/Central Solano
District IV	Nancy Villejas	SI/Ukiah
District V	Amaya Garcia	SI/Mendocino
District VI	Anna Kimata	SI/Honolulu

Ruby Award

Founder Region	Miriam Wong	SI/El Cerrito
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Soroptimist Dream Programs

Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women

The Live Your Dream Award (formerly known as the Women's Opportunity Award) is the identifying program of Soroptimist International of the Americas. This award is given to a woman who is the head of household and is returning to school to improve the economic status of her family. Applications begin at the club level with local awards. Club award recipient applications are then forwarded onto the district level for judging. Those applications are then forwarded to the region chair for judging. The winning applicant from each district will be awarded \$1,000 from Founder Region at conference. The overall Founder Region winner receives an additional \$5,000 funded by Soroptimist International of the Americas. The remaining district winners are presented with \$3,000 each, also funded by Soroptimist International of the Americas. The Region winner's application is forwarded to Soroptimist International of the Americas for judging at the Federation level, thereby 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 Violet Richardson Ward, the first president of the first Soroptimist club in 1921. Her motto was, "It's what you do that counts." The program begins at the club level, with club recipients becoming eligible for district awards. This year Founder Region is presenting a \$500 award to each district winner.

Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women

This award honors non-Soroptimist 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 winner receives recognition at the region conference. A donation to Soroptimist International of the Americas is made in her honor.



"It is What you Do that Counts" - Violet Richardson Ward



**The Soroptimist Ruby Award:
For Women Helping Women**

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Founder Region Annual Awards

Julia “Bess” Combs Membership Increase Award

This award is given to the club having the largest net growth in regular membership during the year from April 1st through March 31st. This net growth is not to include that of a newly chartered Soroptimist club sponsored by the club or region. 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. Awards will be given at the 2018 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

Clubs in Founder Region _____

Clubs Eligible to Vote _____

Clubs Not in Good Standing _____

Clubs Registered _____

Total Voting Clubs _____

Delegates Registered:

Fellowship President _____

Fellowship Directors _____

Club Delegates _____

Total Delegates _____

Quorum for Opening Session _____

Credentials Report #2

Clubs in Founder Region _____

Clubs Eligible to Vote _____

Clubs Not in Good Standing _____

Clubs Registered _____

Total Voting Clubs _____

Delegates Registered:

Fellowship President _____

Fellowship Directors _____

Club Delegates _____

Total Delegates _____

Quorum for Opening Session _____

FOUNDER REGION Credentials Reports

Credentials Report #1

Clubs in Founder Region _____

Clubs Eligible to Vote _____

Clubs Not in Good Standing _____

Clubs Registered _____

Total Voting Clubs _____

Delegates Registered:

Region Officers _____

District Directors _____

Club Delegates _____

Total Delegates _____

Quorum for Opening Session _____

Credentials Report #2

Clubs in Founder Region _____

Clubs Eligible to Vote _____

Clubs Not in Good Standing _____

Clubs Registered _____

Total Voting Clubs _____

Delegates Registered:

Region Officers _____

District Directors _____

Club Delegates _____

Total Delegates _____

Quorum for Opening Session _____

Credentials Report #3

Clubs in Founder Region _____

Clubs Eligible to Vote _____

Clubs Not in Good Standing _____

Clubs Registered _____

Total Voting Clubs _____

Delegates Registered:

Region Officers _____

District Directors _____

Club Delegates _____

Total Delegates _____

Quorum for Opening Session _____

Credentials Report #4

Clubs in Founder Region _____

Clubs Eligible to Vote _____

Clubs Not in Good Standing _____

Clubs Registered _____

Total Voting Clubs _____

Delegates Registered:

Region Officers _____

District Directors _____

Club Delegates _____

Total Delegates _____

Quorum for Opening Session _____

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Founder Region Nominating Committee Election Results 2017-2019



Chair

(Appointed by current Governor)

District I Representative

District II Representative

District III Representative

District IV Representative

District V Representative

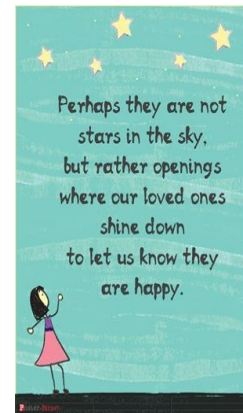
District VI Representative



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"Celebration of Service Memorial"

Bonnie Vukonich	SI/Arcata and SI/McKinleyville
Verna Beard	SI/Diablo Vista
Barbara Connors	SI/Diablo Vista
Gayle Dawson	SI/Diablo Vista
Jean Williams	SI/Dixon
Eleanor "Ellie" Kimbrough	SI/Napa
Alta Kelsey	SI/Richmond
Gloria McGill	SI/Richmond
Joy Augusto	SI/Rio Vista
Elaine Hamilton	SI/Rio Vista
Mary Heath	SI/Rio Vista
Valerie Jackson	SI/Rio Vista
Martha "Marnie" Cunningham	SI/St. Helena
Marie Cronin	SI/The Tri-Valley
Greta Lange	SI/Vallejo
Josefine Stolz	SI/Vallejo
Ursula Theresa Williams	SI/Vallejo



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

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59th Annual Redwood Memorial Grove Service Sunday, June 11, 2017

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

Elk Prairie Picnic Area, Prairie Creek State Park

11:00 am

Followed by the

Memorial Service at the Campfire Center

12:00 noon



Following the service, you are encouraged to drive to the Soroptimist Grove and view the Redwood tree dedicated to Violet Richardson Ward and the Granite Marker. Prairie Creek State Park is north of Orick, California on the Newton B Drury Scenic Highway. For assistance with directions or questions contact Debbie Thompson at 707-954-2973 or by email debbiet@treesofmystery.net or Catherine Burns at 707-442-2301 or by email cmcburns@aol.com.

For lodging in the Klamath area:

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Redwood Hotel (Holiday Inn Express) & Casino 707-482-1777

Requa Inn Bed & Breakfast 707-482-1425 Rhodes Inn Bed & Breakfast 707-482-1654

Motel Trees across from the Trees of Mystery 707-482-3152. Special Rate of 50% off.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE
60TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL GROVE SERVICE**

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Founder Region Past Governors

"If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then, you are an excellent leader." ~ Dolly Parton

Bobbi Enderlin, 2014-2016, *"Share of JOY of Soroptimist"*

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, *"Onward and Upward"*

Southwestern Region, SIA

Julia "Bess" Combs*, 1972-1974, *"Let It Begin With Me"*

Southwestern Region, SIA

Mary Gianotti*, 1966-1968, *"Moving in the Direction of Change"*

Southwestern Region, SIA

Mary Lorentzen-Moser, 1960-1962,

Southwestern Region, SIA

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

"Soroptimists Are Shining Stars"

*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 joy 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
Dona Gaddis Wolf	Federation Director, 2015-2017

*In 1996, as Soroptimist celebrated its 75th 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.

<http://www.si-founderregion.org/history.html>

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 _____ Federation Officers _____ Region Officers _____ District Directors _____ Fellowship President _____ Fellowship Directors _____	Club Delegates _____ Other Soroptimists _____ Guests _____ Total in Attendance _____
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Leadership Program 2017

**Breakout sessions:
President,
Vice President/President-
elect, Secretary, Treasurer**

**Club officers, members,
current and future
leaders for club or
region levels**

SAVE THE DATE!

**Districts I-IV
Saturday, June 17, 2017
9:00 AM—3:00 PM
Galileo Club, Richmond**

**District V Saturday
June 10, 2017
10:00 AM—3:00 PM
Multi-generational Center
Fortuna**

**District VI Sunday
October 29, 2017
9:00 AM—1:00 PM
TBD**

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2016-2018

Founder Region Fellowship Board

“Education Creates Shining Stars”

We would like to express a sincere **THANK YOU** to all individuals and clubs who are helping to support Fellowship during this biennium. And a special **THANK YOU** to the Region Board for their help and endless commitment to continue our identifying project to assist women in the last phase of their doctoral studies.

Sincerely,

President, Bobbi Enderlin
and your Fellowship Directors:

District I	Cheryl Poncini
District II	Bev Gomer
District III	Fawn Williams
District IV	Linda Bradbrook
District V	Sharon Valenti
District VI	Rena Borja



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NEST***

***Prom
Project***

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Closet***

***Fire
Relief***

Community Collaboration to Combat Sex Trafficking

We meet the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month.

Feel free to join us for lunch!

Thank you for supporting Lake County Fire Relief efforts.

Notes



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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.*



A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL

This first year of our 2016-2018 biennium has been fabulous. I could not have asked for better leadership on the Region Board. These amazing women go far beyond expectations of their job duties and we have an awesome "All Star Team". THANK YOU!

I am honored and proud to have the three clubs in my "Up-Valley Napa County territory" serving as Host Clubs. These members have shown their dedication and continuous support in planning and making sure this 2017 Conference runs smoothly and to know that they are a part of my first conference is an incredible feeling. Conference Chair Linda - you are a tremendous asset to our team and are doing a wonderful job. THANK YOU!

To all of our region committee chairs and members - you make our wheels continue to go 'round and round' and you make sure we are doing all we can to make Founder Region be the best in all that we do. THANK YOU!

To our Region Parliamentarian, you hold us together with your parliamentary glue. THANK YOU!

To our members... Thank you for participating, supporting, contributing, sharing, giving, believing, suggesting, creating and doing all that you do to make our communities and our world a much better place for the women and girls we believe in and support. Without you, Soroptimist would not have the strength or impact we need in order to do our best to help women be their best. THANK YOU!

Keep shining your brightest.