

Founder Region Conference

May 4 - 6, 2018

Official Program



Pam Parker
Governor

Hosted by:
Soroptimist International of Eel River Valley
Soroptimist International of Eureka
Soroptimist International of Humboldt Bay



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Welcome to our 2018 Conference!



Pam Parker
Founder Region
Governor
2016-2018

Greetings to Founder Region Soroptimists and guests,

On behalf of your 2016-2018 Founder Region Leadership team and Host Clubs, I would like to welcome each one of you to our 42nd Annual Founder Region Conference. This year our theme is “Dream Big, Sparkle More, Shine Bright” and our weekend together promises to not only do just that, but even more. Attending our conference gives us so much – laughter, information, sharing and caring, friendships; and we take away such wonderful memories and stories to share. I hope you leave our conference feeling informed, challenged and inspired.

Conference is a time for us to share what we, as a Region, have accomplished and been involved in this past year. It is our time to “Dream Big” by learning from our presentations and take what we learn back to our clubs and our communities to make Soroptimist bigger and better. It is our time to “Sparkle More” when we honor our amazing Live Your Dream Award winners for their efforts in making their lives better for themselves and their families; when we recognize our awesome Violet Richardson Award winners for their volunteerism in their communities; when we thank our incredible Ruby Award winner for her work in helping women. It is our time to “Shine Bright” by thanking our clubs and members for all that we do together to make our world a better place for women and girls.

Thank you for being a part of our conference. Thank you for your gifts of inspiration, talents, ideas, determination and most of all, your friendships.

Thank you. Mahalo. Si Yu’os Ma’ase’ Olomwaay Sulang
Governor Pam



Sylvia Crafton
Founder Region
Governor-elect
2016-2018

To all our delegates, members and guests, a warm “Welcome!” “Aloha!” “Hafa Adai!” & “Alii!”

We hope you enjoy and will be enlightened, engaged, empowered, and inspired by our programs and our theme: “Dream Big, Sparkle More, Shine Bright”. Thank you to our Governor, Founder Region and Fellowship boards, and the 2018 Conference committee who worked hard to put together a meaningful agenda for our 42nd Annual Founder Region Conference.

Technology has brought so many enhancements to our communication and our lives, and our time at conference is where we get to “meetup” face to face. We can be “linked in” to the speakers and ask each other “what’s up?” in person, instead of on “WhatsApp”. We can disconnect from the online community for a little while and be with our Soroptimist community. Soroptimists are all across the globe and bring out the best in communities – wherever you go, you have an instant friend when you meet a Soroptimist. Having a shared vision where “women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams”, gives us an instant connection and a sense of belonging – a sense of community.

Enjoy personal interactions, catching up with friends and making new friends, too this weekend. Be refreshed, renewed and invigorated!

Governor-elect Sylvia

“You are more powerful than you know; you are beautiful just as you are.” ~ Melissa Etheridge

Forty-second Annual Founder Region Conference

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San Ramon Marriott , San Ramon, CA



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Conference Coordinator

Linda Glantz

SI/Dixon

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Heather Bitner, SI/Humboldt Bay

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do." ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

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"The great courageous act that we must all do, is to have the courage to step out of our history and past so that we can live our dreams." ~ Oprah Winfrey

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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.

"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity." ~ Amelia Earhart

Official Visitor



SIA Secretary/Treasurer Kathy King

SIA Secretary/Treasurer Kathy King has been a member of Soroptimist for 29 years, having first joined SI of Davis, California in 1989. While in Davis, Kathy held several officer positions including President Elect before moving to Oregon in 1998 where she transferred her membership to SI of Klamath Falls. She served as club President in 2003-2004. She was named the club's Soroptimist Member of the Year in 2001-2002 and again in 2006-2007. In addition to club activities, King served Northwestern Region as District 2 Secretary, Region Chair of the Violet Richardson Award Committee, District 2 Director, Governor Elect and Governor (2012-2014).

King has a varied professional background. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Corrections from California State University, Sacramento, and worked with the California Department of Justice for 5 years before taking a leave to begin her family. She then entered the media field by becoming the Executive Assistant for McNaughton Newspapers, an independent chain of 5 community newspapers, headquartered in Davis, California; a position she held for nearly 16 years. Upon moving to Oregon, King and her husband Al purchased an 80-acre ranch where they raised hay and beef cattle. King is also the Administrative Assistant for five Vice Presidents at Sky Lakes Medical Center, an acute care hospital in Klamath Falls, a position she has held for the past 19 years.

Official Greetings



SIA President Dawn Marie Lemonds

"I honor every one of you who has made it a priority to attend your region conference, and given your time, talent and resources to make SIA even stronger by that generosity. I wish I could be there with you to give you a hug and personally thank you!"



SIA Executive Director & CEO Elizabeth Lucas

"We want to transform our organization, through cohesive club and region action to transform more women and girls' lives through our brand-unifying Dream Programs. We are making incredible things happen. Come join our collective efforts to create our future and be the organization we want to be!"

"It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan." ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

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 four 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.



"Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it." ~ Maya Angelou

Legislative Advocacy Presenters

Heather Hoffman, 3Strands Global Foundation - PROTECT

Heather is the Director of Urban and Community Education with 3Strands Global Foundation - PROTECT. Prior to that, she was a volunteer educator for 2 years while working a full time job as Assistant Vice President/Branch Manager with U S Bank. Her passion is to support our communities and bring value to those lives that she meets and has yet to meet.



Heather's career began in studying Criminal Justice and beginning the police academy. She worked with the Vacaville Police Department for about 3 years working with the Counterforce/ PAL department. She really enjoyed working with the youth and writing grants for the department to fund projects for the at-risk youth that they were assigning community service hours and quickly realized that was her passion.

Soon after her second child was born, she and her husband moved to Montana for just over 10 years and began working in banking. She learned a great deal about leadership, organization and coaching/development during her banking tenure. She and her husband of 17 years have been fortunate to be leaders in youth groups in their church, as well as with many non-profit organizations both in Montana and California.

She feels very blessed and privileged to be called to this role with 3Strands Global Foundation. She looks forward to implementing their PROTECT curriculum in all 58 counties of California schools and manage that project. This will allow for almost 2 million students as well as staff and County Stakeholders in 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grades to be educated on how to identify the vulnerabilities preyed on by traffickers and exploiters. 3Strands Global is a non-profit organization established to combat human trafficking through prevention education, reintegration and engagement initiatives. They are empowering a global community to combat human trafficking through our growing network of government and law enforcement agencies, individuals, organizations, corporations and non-profits all working together.

Andrew Chapman, Investigator II, Lake County District Attorney's Office

Lake County District Attorney Investigator Andrew Chapman has been a police officer in California for over 20 years. He has worked numerous specialized investigative assignments throughout the state including California Department of Justice Intelligence Liaison, Gang Investigations, Special Investigations and his current assignment as a District Attorney Investigator. Throughout his career, Investigator Chapman has conducted numerous human trafficking/pimping pandering investigations. His talk will focus on the victims of Human Trafficking and their viability as prosecution witnesses as well as their vulnerability as victims during law enforcement investigations.



"Nothing is impossible – the word itself says, 'I'm possible!'" ~ Audrey Hepburn

Legislative Advocacy Presenters

Kathy Wilson, Spokesperson, New Day for Children

Kathy has been working with New Day for Children since its inception 9 years ago. She is the primary spokesperson and wears lots of other hats as this is a small non-profit. Prior to New Day she taught elementary and middle school for 7 years, and had a state licensed home daycare for 4 years when her kids were young. She served on the steering committee for several years for her sons' public charter school and homeschooled her middle son with special needs for 2 years. She is married, raised 3 adopted boys, the youngest of whom is now in college, and has a 3-year old granddaughter. She loves to travel, go to the beach, read, eat chocolate and enjoy the arts.



Elle Snow, President, Game Over

Elle Snow has been recognized by Congress and Senate members for her work in the anti-trafficking movement. A survivor of domestic sex trafficking, she is helping to lead the battle against commercial sexual exploitation. Elle has trained hundreds of social workers, medical staff, youth groups, community members, foster parents, victim advocates and law enforcement agencies throughout the nation. She is a member of the Survivor-Leaders Institute and the National Survivor Network. She is also co-creator of *Jane Doe in Wonderland*, a play written by Dell'Arte students. Elle is a speaker on the Rebecca Bender Initiative Speakers Team and is Board President of Game Over, the anti-trafficking non-profit organization she founded.



Legislative Advocacy Chair

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 vice president of SI/Eel River Valley.



Define success on your own terms, achieve it by your own rules, and build a life you're proud to live."
-- Anne Sweepney

Legislative Advocacy Committee

Dafna Kapshud - District I Representative

SI/San Ramon Valley

Dafna Kapshud has been a Soroptimist for almost three 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)

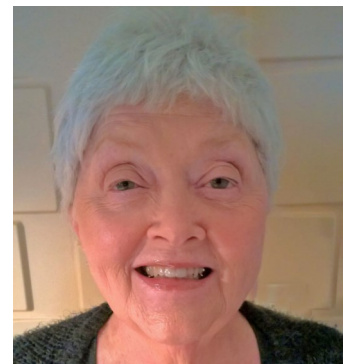
Lenore was born in Long Island, New York. She grew up with her four siblings in a very modest home and was surrounded by family and relatives in a typical Italian-American family that was centered on homemade food and long and large Italian dinners (especially on Sundays). She grew up loving to cook 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.



Carrie Domogalla - District III Representative

SI/Calistoga

Carrie joined SI/Calistoga in February 1989. She has served as president and on the Founder Region Board as District Director. She also has served on the Legislative Advocacy Committee. She is currently working on an anti-sex trafficking proclamation with the city of Calistoga and soon every business in the city will have posted in English and Spanish a sex trafficking Proclamation. She authors newspaper articles on trafficking- education, recognizing trafficking and what you do about it. She has been president of the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce, served two terms on the local school board and is currently President of Hearts & Hands Preschool. Carrie is a retired AT&T Marketing Manager and has a partnership with her husband as Domogalla Consulting, a consulting firm for non-profits.



"Keep your face to the sunshine and you can never see the shadow." ~ Helen Keller

Legislative Advocacy Committee

Linda Witong - District IV Representative SI/Marin County

Linda Witong served as a deputy district attorney in Marin County, California from 1979 to 2011. As a prosecutor, she endorsed and upheld laws to protect women and children who were victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Trafficking, Elder Abuse, Child Abuse, Molestation, Fraud and Homicide. She was also a strong advocate for offender accountability and justice for the community as well as a advocate for victim's rights legislation, victim's services and counseling and rehabilitation for offenders who are responsive to such a option. Upon retiring in 2012, Linda then became the CATCH (Criminal Apprehension Team for Cold Case Homicides) team creator and coordinator. She presently investigates unresolved homicide cases for local police agencies and consults on active investigations. She has served as a NGO delegate to the United Nations for Soroptimist International.



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.



Workshop Presenter

Dona Gaddis Wolf, Past Federation Director & Past Governor

Dona has been a member of SI/Pittsburg, California (Founder Region), since 1983. She has served in a variety of leadership positions on the club, region and federation level. This includes region governor (2012-2014), region secretary, district director, club president, vice president and secretary. She is currently serving as the SIA Federation representative to the Soroptimist International (SI) President's Appeal committee, SIA Healthy Region Task Force member and was recently appointed to a two-year term on the SIA Fundraising Council by the Federation Board of Directors. Believing that the best way to support our mission - to lift up women and girls who have faced systemic barriers such as poverty, violence and teen pregnancy - is to lift each other up, Dona continues to share the importance of working together and strengthening our relationships to increase our collective impact.



*"It took me quite a long
time to develop a voice,
and now that I have it, I
am not going to be silent."
~~ Madeline Albright*

Soroptimist International of the Americas

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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One of the programs we look forward to supporting is the Live Your Dream: Education & Training Award for Women.

Learn more at LiveYourDream.org

"I can be a better me than anyone can." ~ Diana Ross

Conference Agenda

Thursday, May 3

9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Founder Region Board Meeting
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Founder Region Fellowship Board Meeting
12:00 pm - 1:15 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) - Hosted by SI/Fremont & SI/San Ramon Valley Alcosta Senior & Community Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon

Friday, May 4

8:00 am - 5:30 pm	Registration	
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Trade Fair—Salon 1	
10:00 am - 12:15 pm	<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	Governor Pam
	<i>Legislative Advocacy Committee</i>	Chair Sue Finch
	<i>“Awareness, Advocacy, Action - Soroptimists STOP Trafficking”</i>	
	<i>Heather Hoffman, 3Strands Global Foundation Project—PROTECT</i>	
	<i>Andrew Chapman, Investigator II, Lake County District Attorney’s Office, Bureau of Investigations</i>	
12:15 pm - 12:45 pm	Break	
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Luncheon	
	Introductions	Governor Pam
	Inspiration	Linda Witong, SI/Marin County
	Welcome	Lenore Colarusso, SI/24-680 (Walnut Creek)
	<i>Kathy Wilson, New Day for Children</i>	
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<i>Elle Snow, Game Over</i>	
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Proclamation Presentation	SI/Calistoga, President Nushi Safinya
	Group Discussions	
	Announcements	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

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

Conference Agenda

Friday, May 4 (continued)

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

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

Dinner

- ~ Recognition of Past Fellowship Presidents
- ~ Honoring Fellow Jill Hunter

Fellowship Awards

- ~ Presentation of Fellowship Recipients
- ~ Announcements/Recess

Main Ballroom

Governor Pam
De Anza High School, CA-20145,
Air Force JROTC
Past Governor Susan Joyce
Helen Reddy
Ryan Sundberg, Humboldt County 5th
District Supervisor, Presented by
Kelly Sanders, SI/Humboldt Bay
Governor-elect Sylvia Crafton
Fawn Williams, Director, District III
Rena Borja, Director, District VI
Governor Pam

President Bobbi Enderlin
President Bobbi

All Directors
Conference Coordinator Linda

Saturday, May 5

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

7:30 am - 4:30 pm Trade Fair - Salon 1

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
- ~ Founder Region Fellowship Proposed Bylaw Amendment
- ~ Treasurer's Report
- ~ Director's Reports/Announcement of Fellows
- ~ President's Report
- ~ Announcements

Main Ballroom

President Bobbi
Credentials Chair Debbie Scaife
Secretary Cheryl Poncini
Laws & Resolutions Chair
Shannon Richards
Treasurer Fawn Williams
Fellowship Directors
President Bobbi
Conference Coordinator Linda

9:15 am - 9:30 am Break

"Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning." ~ Gloria Steinem

Conference Agenda

Saturday, May 5 (continued)

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

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| ~ Call to Order | Governor Pam |
| ~ Presentation of Platform Party | Governor Pam |
| ~ Adoption of Credentials Report | Credentials Chair Debbie |
| ~ 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 2021 | Secretary Kris |
| ~ Nominations | Past Governor Mary Ann Redden |
| ~ Nominating Committee Report | |
| ~ Nominations from the Floor | |
| ~ Presentation of Candidates | |
| ~ Voice Vote for Unopposed Candidates | |
| ~ Official Visitor Report - "We Believe in You" | Kathy King, SIA Secretary/Treasurer |
| ~ Founder Region Proposed Bylaw Amendment | Laws & Resolutions Chair Shannon |
| ~ Treasurer's Report | Treasurer Vicki Ham |
| ~ Credentials Report | Credentials Chair Debbie |
| ~ Appointment of Tellers (if necessary) | Governor Pam |
| ~ Election Procedures (if necessary) | Governor Pam |
| ~ 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)



"If you are offered a seat on a rocket ship, don't ask what seat! Just get on." ~ Sheryl Sandberg

Conference Agenda

Saturday, May 5 (continued)

12:30 pm - 2:45pm *"Dream Big, Sparkle More, Shine Bright"*

- ~ Introductions
- ~ Director & Club President Processional
- ~ "Shining Star" Recognition
- ~ Inspiration
- ~ Welcome
- ~ Director Reports and Club Drawing
- ~ Laurel Society Honors & Recognition
- ~ New Member Sponsor Drawing
- ~ Soroptimists Celebrating Success Awards
- ~ Public Awareness Committee Report
- ~ Membership Committee Report
- ~ Julia "Bess" Combs Membership Increase Award
- ~ Vote on Host Club for 2021
- ~ Announcements

Luncheon - Hosted by District Directors

- Governor Pam
- Governor Pam
- Governor Pam
- District IV Director Barbara Young
- District I Director Elise Balgley
- District Directors
- Fundraising Chair Gina Moore
- Chair Gina
- Chair Clara Oakes
- Public Awareness Committee
- Chair Lyn Lurbe
- Chair Lyn
- Governor Pam
- Conference Coordinator Linda

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm Break

Last opportunity to shop Trade Fair

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm *"The Value of Being a Soroptimist"*

SIA Secretary/Treasurer Kathy King and
Past Federation Director/Past Governor Dona Gaddis Wolf
Q & A - SIA Secretary/Treasurer Kathy, Past Governor Dona and Pillar Chairs (Program/Membership/
Fundraising/Public Awareness)

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

Main Ballroom

- ~ Inspiration
- ~ Welcome
- ~ Recognition of Past Governors
- ~ **"Installation of 2018-2020 Founder Region & Founder Region Fellowship Boards"**
- ~ Entertainment/Dance Party
- ~ Recess

Jo Anne Center, SI/Eel River Valley
Crystal Hull, SI/Eureka
Governor Pam

"If this is something that you really want to do, if you believe in it ... simply keep forging forward because success will come." ~ Cassandra Sanford

Conference Agenda

Sunday, May 6

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Registration

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Memorial Service

Main Ballroom

Dream Program Awards

- ~ Call to Order
- ~ Celebration of Service (Memorial)

Governor Pam
Governor Pam
Hosted by SI/The Tri-Valley

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 III Director Joy Swank
District V Director Dyann O'Brien
Governor Pam
Chair Gina
Governor-elect Sylvia
Governor-elect Sylvia
Past Governor Amelia Benko
Governor-elect Sylvia
Fundraising Chair Gina
Registration Chair Debbie
Conference Coordinator Linda
Governor Pam
Governor Pam & SIA Secretary/Treasurer Kathy
Governor Pam



S O R O P T I M I S T

Best for Women®

"Don't be intimidated by what you don't know. That can be your greatest strength and ensure that you do things differently from everyone else." ~ Sara Blakely

Founder Region Award Recipients

Fellowship Awards

Rachael Gartner	Social Welfare	UC Berkeley
Elise Harb	Vision Science	UC Berkeley
Kora Iechae-Renoket	Political Science	University of Hawaii, Manoa
Kate Kamdin	Astro Particle Physics	UC Berkeley
Anne Karing	Economics	UC Berkeley
Priscila Leal	Applied Linguistics	University of Hawaii, Manoa
Sanam Mozaffari	Vision Science	UC Berkeley
Nancy Ortiz	Public Health	UC Berkeley
Maura Stephens	Anthropology	University of Hawaii, Manoa
Lori Wiley	Special Education	University of Hawaii, Manoa

Live Your Dream Awards

District I	SI/Oakland, The Founder Club	Amber Benton
District II	SI/Pittsburg	Renee Lovelace
District III	SI/Central Solano County	Andrea Johnson
District IV	SI/Novato	Lydia Rodriguez
District V	SI/Eureka	Lauryn Brawley
District VI	SI/Maui	Chalace Feliciano

Violet Richardson Awards

District I	SI/Tri-Valley	Madeleine Wang
District II	SI/Diablo Vista	Cassidy Tshimbalanga
District III	SI/Central Solano County	Olivia Frenkel
District IV	SI/Windsor	Alejandra Perez
District V	SI/ McKinleyville	Gabby Pole
District VI	SI/Waikiki Foundation, Inc.	Mahealani Sims-Tulba

Ruby Award

Founder Region	Heather Sanderson	SI/Central Solano County
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"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear." ~ Rosa Parks

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 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-Soroptimists.

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 will be made to SIA Club Giving honoring the nominating club and Ruby Award winner.

"It is what you do that counts" - Violet Richardson Ward



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

*"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself,
the other for helping others." ~ Audrey Hepburn*

Founder Region Annual Awards

Julia “Bess” Combs Membership Increase Award

This award is given to the club having the largest net growth in 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 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 chair of the region “S” Club committee announces the winners at region conference.

Founder Region Fellowship—Fellowship/Grants In Aid



Founder Region Fellowship is a non-profit, incorporated entity within Founder Region Soroptimist International of the Americas. There are elected directors seated as the board, one from each district in the region. The Founder Region Governor-elect appoints the president in the second year of the biennium. Fellowships and grants in aid, (totaling not less than \$20,000) are awarded each year to graduate women in the last phase of their studies at a university offering a doctoral degree, within the boundaries of Founder Region. This program is a Founder Region Identifying Project and is administered through Founder Region Fellowship.



“Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass. It’s about learning how to dance in the rain.” ~ Vivian Greene

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 _____

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." ~ Dolly Parton

Founder Region Board Election Results 2018-2020 Biennium



Governor-elect

Secretary

Treasurer

District Directors

District I Director

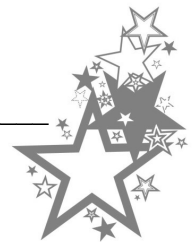
District II Director

District III Director

District IV Director

District V Director

District VI Director



"Many women live like it's a dress rehearsal. Ladies, the curtain is up and you're on." ~ Mikki Taylor

Founder Region Fellowship Board Election Results 2018-2020 Biennium



Fellowship President
(Appointed by current Governor-elect)

Fellowship I Director


Fellowship II Director

Fellowship III Director

Fellowship IV Director

Fellowship V Director

Fellowship VI Director

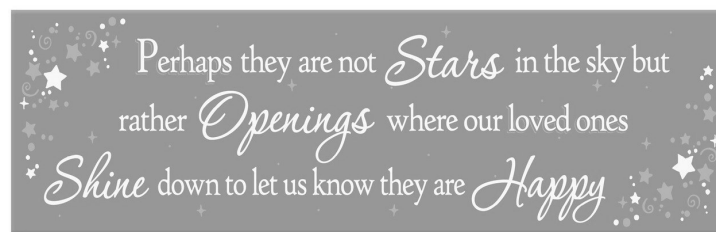


"We're here for a reason. I believe a bit of the reason is to throw little torches out to lead people through the dark." ~ Whoopi Goldberg

"Celebration of Service Memorial"



Jane Parsons	SI/Antioch
Helen Estes	SI/Benicia
Ann Hansen	SI/Benicia
Patricia Moreira	SI/Benicia
Dariann Lopez	SI/Calistoga
Wanda Goforth Harris	SI/Clear Lake
Shirley Norenberg	SI/Crescent City
Gloria Martinucci	SI/El Cerrito
Marie Pike	SI/El Cerrito
Marilyn Hofstetter	SI/Eureka
Suzanne Gillam	SI/Kona
Lilleen Holberg-Olson	SI/Mendocino-Sonoma Coast
Toni Wilson	SI/Mendocino-Sonoma Coast
Audrey Sheeley	SI/Richmond
Joyce Murphy	SI/Sonoma Valley
Conni Wilson	SI/Sonoma Valley
Valerie Testa Stewart	SI/St. Helena Sunrise
Irene Mary Heenan	SI/Vallejo
Phyllis Lorraine Neely	SI/Vallejo
Linda Sue Hansen	SI/Vallejo Gateway



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

Memories of you fill my mind, like thousands of bright stars in the sky.



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60th Annual Redwood Memorial Grove Service Sunday, June 10, 2018

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.

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"My philosophy is that not only are you responsible for your life, but doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment." ~ Oprah Winfrey

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 the 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"

*Deceased

"True leaders understand that leadership is not about them but about those they serve. It is not about exalting themselves but about lifting others up." ~ Sheri L. Dew

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>

"A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be." -- Rosalynn Carter

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 Pam.
- (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

*"I raise up my voice—not so I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard...
we cannot succeed when half of us are held back." ~Malala Yousafzai*

Attendance Report

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

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- **Team Building**
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District I-IV Saturday, June 16, 2018 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM Santa Rosa Alliance Church Santa Rosa	District V Saturday, June 23, 2018 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM The Monday Club Fortuna	District VI Sunday, October 28, 2018 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Location TBD Honolulu
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"If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman." ~ Margaret Thatcher

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We would like to express a sincere **THANK YOU** to all individuals and clubs who have helped 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.

Fellowship President, Bobbi Enderlin, and your Fellowship Directors:

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

www.founderregionfellowship.org

“One of the most courageous things you can do is identify yourself, know who you are, what you believe in and where you want to go.” ~~ Sheila Murray Bethel

Notes



'I hope that my presence on your screen and my face in magazines may lead you young girls on a beautiful journey, that you will feel validation of your external beauty, but also get to the deeper business of being beautiful inside.' ~ Lupita Nyong'o

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