

Founder Region Conference



May 3-5, 2019

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Sylvia Crafton
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San Ramon Marriott
2600 Bishop Dr., San Ramon, CA



Women, Water & Leadership
SI President's Appeal 2017-2019

Welcome to our 2019 Conference!

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

We are excited to see everyone here at our 43rd Annual Founder Region Conference, and we look forward to “Empowering Change” this weekend through awareness, advocacy and action.

We have an exciting lineup of speakers for our Legislative Advocacy sessions on Friday, including SI President Mariet Verhoef- Cohen, SIA President Elizabeth Di Geronimo, and SI Director of Advocacy Bev Bucur. We have an action project for everyone to participate in on Saturday, and we have more action planned for Saturday night with our Club Entertainment and Dance Party. We look forward to meeting awardees throughout the weekend, as we can see we are definitely empowering change in the lives of the women and girls we support through Fellowship Doctoral grants, Live Your Dream Awards, and more. We also look forward to celebrating the successes of our clubs and members, to show appreciation for all of the good work you do in your communities and the impact you are making in the lives of women and girls.

Enjoy the conference, be inspired and take the opportunity to catch up with familiar faces, renew friendships, and make new friends, too.

Sylvia Crafton—Governor



Sylvia Crafton
Founder Region
Governor
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Dear Members and Friends of Founder Region,

As I reflect on this biennium’s theme, “*Empowering Change*”, I am reminded of all the award recipients that we are empowering to make a change. They may never before felt empowered in their lives. They have often had to overcome obstacles & circumstances that happened to them. They may not have had the power over their own lives, over their children, or even over their own bodies. Just think about how that would have made you feel.

“Empower” is a great word. It sounds strong, powerful and courageous. Change takes perseverance, bravery, and a belief that you can succeed. The women and girls we help need our strength and encouragement to believe in themselves. They need & DESERVE empowerment so they can achieve their goals and dream big. When these women are empowered, they become an example of the power of change for their friends, for their families and for their communities.

I am proud to be a Soroptimist and to see how our members and clubs are “*Empowering Change*” in these beautiful, powerful and courageous women and girls who can now dream of a brighter future. I hope you will feel empowered when you attend our Dream Program on Sunday morning to do more, to give more and to help more women and girls to live their dreams.

Kris Chorbi – Governor-elect



Kris Chorbi
Founder Region
Governor-elect
2018-2020

“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples.”~ Mother Teresa

Forty-third Annual Founder Region Conference

May 3 - May 5, 2019

San Ramon Marriott , San Ramon, CA

Hosted by

Soroptimist International of Antioch
Soroptimist International of The Delta

Conference Coordinator

Mary Ann Redden

SI/Antioch

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Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. ~Elizabeth Andrew

Founder Region Board 2018-2020



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"Step out of the history that is holding you back. Step into the new story you are willing to create." -
Oprah Winfrey

Founder Region Fellowship Board of Directors



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What is a Soroptimist Fellow?

A Soroptimist “**Fellow**” is a person or club who is a supporter of **Founder Region Fellowship**, which is our region’s identifying project. Every Fellow named represents \$1,000 in donations to our **Founder Region Fellowship Program**, which awards scholarship grants to amazing women in the last year of their doctoral studies. Hundreds of Soroptimist members, as well as non-members, have become Fellows since our inception in 1948. Many have multiple Fellow levels, with some members gifting their Fellow recognition to other Soroptimist members.

Thank you for your continued support. Without your contributions, we would not be able to support so many deserving women who will truly make a difference in our world.

“Cautious, careful people, always casting about to preserve their reputations can never effect a reform.” - Susan B. Anthony

Official Visitor Greetings

SIA President Elizabeth Di Geronimo

As president, Elizabeth Di Geronimo oversees strategic planning and program development for the organization. She will also lead Soroptimist's efforts to increase its collective impact in helping women and girls around the world to lead better lives. A member since 1998, she has held several leadership positions at all levels of the organization including region governor, and club president and treasurer.

Ms. Di Geronimo is a civil engineer and serves on the board of directors of a medical and shopping center complex. We are excited that she is attending our Conference as our Official Visitor, and look forward to hearing news of our organization's strategic plan for the future as she welcomes us in her own words:



"On behalf of your SIA Board of Directors, I extend greetings for your region conference. I welcome you all and hope you have a wonderful conference filled with learning, inspiration and friends. As you enjoy your conference, please reflect on what an exciting time it is to be a woman, and part of an organization that works to create a better world for girls, women and their families. It's been about 100 years since women won the right to vote in many countries throughout the world. And it's almost been 100 years since Soroptimist began in Oakland, California, USA. Dream big about our organization's bright past and brilliant future and don't forget to use my hashtag, #SpotlightSoroptimist, on the 25th of each month to post about all the support you're providing to women and girls through our Dream Programs and your local club projects."

Official Greetings

SIA Executive Director & CEO Elizabeth Lucas

"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success. And success is what you are making possible by working together as one! In the last seven years, we have increased the average number of new clubs chartered by 17%; increased the annual number of women who receive our Live Your Dream Awards by 34%; and launched our Soroptimist Dream, It Be It Program in 2014 and reached 35,000 participants as of June 2018. Thank you for working together to make all this success possible. With your growing support, we can continue to change the world through the impact our brand unifying Dream Programs have on the women and girls we seek to help. Enjoy this time at region conference. Refuel, reconnect and rekindle to create our future successes."



"You get in life what you have the courage to ask for." Oprah Winfrey

Appointed Region Leadership



Conference Coordinator - Mary Ann Redden

Mary Ann Redden has been a member of Soroptimist International of Antioch since 1984, and during that time she has served in every position on the board at least twice. She has served on the Region Board as District Director, Secretary, Governor-Elect and then Governor in 2002-2004. She has also served on the Fellowship Board as Director and then as President. She has been Conference Coordinator and is proud to serve again as Conference Coordinator under the leadership of Governor Sylvia.



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, Pam, and Sylvia.



Fellowship President - Pam Parker

Pam Parker has been a member of Soroptimist International of St. Helena Sunrise since 1998. She served in many club leadership positions as well as serving in her first Region level position as the Fundraising Chair during 2004-2006. She served as Founder Region Treasurer from 2010-2014, Governor-elect from 2014-2016 and most recently, as Founder Region Governor from 2016-2018. Pam currently works as the Office and Accounting Manager for a vineyard management company in St. Helena. She has two grown children – Sarah, who returned to Boston to live, where she graduated from Suffolk Law School, and Graham, who lives in Santa Cruz, Chile, growing Cabernet Sauvignon grapes and making wine with Yasna, his significant other and Lola, their daughter. She and Frank (her spousal equivalent) live in St. Helena and enjoy traveling and cooking together. Pam enjoys her cats - Stinky, Shadda and Josey, and Frank tolerates them. Pam was born and raised in Alabama, lived in Georgia and Florida and traveled across the United States in making her way to California after deciding, when she was 15 years old, that California is where she would end up.

"The purpose of life is to believe, to hope, and to strive.."—Indira Gandhi

Legislative Advocacy Presenters

Mariet Verhoef-Cohen – President, Soroptimist International

Mariet was educated in the Netherlands, studied, worked and lived in Brussels, Belgium from 1974 then, moved to the UK in 1985 where she worked in Hampshire and Buckinghamshire as a translator and subtitle editor for Discovery Channel, London. She joined Soroptimist International Club Zwolle, Union of the Netherlands in 1997 and, after serving as Governor of the SI Union of the Netherlands, served as President of Soroptimist International of Europe (SIE) in 2007. During this time she met many Soroptimists in the 58 countries of SIE who inspired her to do her utmost for the empowerment of women, the support of women as agents of change and the alleviation of poverty through water, education and leadership. Mariet explains: “I started my projects for the SIE water theme *‘Soroptimists Go For Water’* in 2006. Together we collected over 2 million Euro and I am currently assisting and training African Soroptimists to create their own Future African Federation. I have represented SIE in Women for Water Partnership (WfWP) and am now serving as the President.” For her work in Africa, in 2008, Mariet was awarded the ‘Chevalier à l’ordre National de la République de Madagascar’. 2017 saw her co-chairing the steering committee International Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture (WASAG), an initiative with FAO. Also, in 2017 Mariet was awarded Women of the Decade Creating a Better World for All by the Women Economic Forum and All Ladies League. That same year she became SI President and was honored with the Dutch Royal Honor of Officer in the order of Orange Nassau during her inauguration for her work with Soroptimist and WfWP.



Recognized as an expert on the topic of water and how it impacts the lives of women and girls it is no surprise that her President’s Appeal is “Women, Water & Leadership” where she hopes to start projects on 5 continents to empower women through Water.

Beverly Bucur SI Director of Advocacy –2017-2019

Bev became a Soroptimist in 1993 and her vast experience includes her current position as Soroptimist International Director of Advocacy 2017-2019, in addition to previous roles on the Leadership Development Committee (2015-2017), on the Soroptimist International of the Americas Board of Directors (2014-2016) and the Soroptimist International of the Americas Program Council, where she was the founding member in Education. Her advocacy training and experience includes Domestic Violence Training for victim advocacy and representing SIA as part of a coalition of women representing NGOs at a meeting with Illinois Senator Richard Durbin. Working as part of a national group of educators for the ISTE- International Society for Technology in Education, Bev advocated for increased funding for technology hardware, software, and training for teachers in order to increase student access to technology in areas of poverty. Today, advocacy is the most important job we have as Soroptimists. As an NGO with ECOSOC General Consultative Status we are in the position to be that global voice for women and girls. We must ensure that we maintain this status by continuing to be visible in the United Nations. We must also increase our advocacy efforts locally, nationally and internationally to ensure our voice is heard”.



“She made broken look beautiful and strong look invincible. She walked with the Universe on her shoulders and made it look like a pair of wings.”-Ariana Dancu

Legislative Advocacy Presenters



Theo (Theodore) Tsoukalas, Ph.D

Theo (Theodore) Tsoukalas Ph.D., has earned his doctoral degree from the University of Illinois, and has earned a certificate of post-doctoral studies in health policy from the University of California-San Francisco School of Medicine. His award winning doctoral thesis research titled *Political Crisis and the Politics of Water Pollution Control in the 1970s* focused on an analysis of the social, political, and economic dynamics that led to the passage of two crucial federal water quality laws in the 1970s. His interest in the connections between environmental quality and human health led him to conduct and publish pioneering research on the forces driving the setting of the national research agenda on the impacts of leaded gasoline on pediatric and adult health. In addition to his research activities, Dr. Tsoukalas has also been active as a recent TV documentary producer. In a collaboration with Novato's community television station (NCTV), he produced and hosted a 3 part documentary series on drought, water management, and climate change in Marin County and California.



Nick Tipon

Nick Tipon gives us a different but needed perspective on the water crisis. His views emphasize indigenous heritage and how it is viewed and evaluated through only a Western lens; which ignores Indigenous values, beliefs and that the knowledge systems are fundamentally different. The different values are reflected in our current reaction to changes in the environment, dating from the last ice age when the sea levels were over 300 feet lower. The examination of how native people adapted to these and other changes provides critical information for current climate change. Nick is a retired teacher and an enrolled member and elder of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria. Nick has lectured at local Universities and at the Universities of Moscow and Saint Petersburg. His work has included consultation with indigenous people from Canadian, Russia and New Zealand on preservation of their cultural resources in the face of climate change and how each of their national governments have responded.



Rev. Sally Grover Bingham—Canon for the Environment

The Reverend Canon Sally Grover Bingham, a priest and canon for the environment in the Episcopal Diocese of California, has been active in the environmental community for 35 years. She is founder and president Emeritus of The Regeneration Project and its Interfaith Power and Light campaign, a religious response to climate change. The IPL campaign includes a national network of over 20,000 congregations with affiliated programs in 40 states. Sally is the lead author of *Love God Heal Earth*, a collection of 21 essays on environmental stewardship, published by St. Lynn's Press in 2009. Sally has received numerous awards, including the 2007 US EPA Climate Protection Award, the Purpose Prize, the Energy Globe Award, and recognition as a "sacred gift to the planet" by the World Wildlife Fund. She has been awarded honorary Doctorates from the Church Divinity School of Religion, College of the Holy Cross and the University of the South. Sally was named one of the top 15 green religious leaders by *Grist* and has received honorary doctorates of divinity from the University of the South, the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, and the College of the Holy Cross.

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

Legislative Advocacy Presenters

Elizabeth Emerson—Director, Evergreen Leaders' Project

Elizabeth Emerson, M.A., is the Director of the Evergreen Leaders' Project where she helps elected and other leaders develop personal resilience. She is a co-author of the upcoming book: ***Help Your Brain and Body Cope with Work!*** A European native, Elizabeth has presented on disease prevention and public health topics on five continents including a project with 23 countries for the World Health Organization. As a licensed, certified HeartMath® Institute Facilitator, Elizabeth also provided burnout prevention and cross cultural resilience training to local health departments, Travis Air Force Base officers and for the California State Legislature health care staff as well as other public service groups. In February 2019 Elizabeth presented a live-stream presentation to social workers across California called: *"Add Heart to Work: Your Body has to Outlast Your Job!"*



Elizabeth just launched a new international project called **Resilience Media**, where she creates therapeutic media for fire fighters, safety officers, emergency medics, military and other public servants to help them cope with trauma-related insomnia. Elizabeth received the 2012 Marin Human Rights Commission's "Humanitarian of the Year" award. Her late brother was an International Red Cross Engineer who developed water sanitation systems for several African countries for 14 years and invented a well that brought water to villages in deserts. He was kidnapped twice during his service in Africa and the International Red Cross called him their most dedicated volunteer in their organization's history after he lost his life in Kenya. In his memory, Elizabeth's mission is to compassionately support both paid and unpaid public servants and advocates with work-life balance and personal resilience and restorative practices.

Marissa Elder -Digital Media Specialist

Marissa is a professional in the media field, refining her craft since 2012 when she graduated with a bachelor's degree, Multimedia Design in Development. She documents a range of events from music festivals to corporate events to small gatherings and intimate portraits.

While seeking fulfilling projects to achieve her career goals, she was introduced to Soroptimist International of Novato and is instrumental in their television and online program, ***e-luminate***, formally known as ***Sounding Board***. In her affiliation with them, Marissa has worked as video producer and sound engineer on projects showcasing women in law enforcement, a local philanthropist involved in building a hospital and clinics in Nepal, the global water crisis, and a school for tribal girls in Kenya, Africa. Marissa looks forward to continuing her work by engaging in more of these meaningful projects with Soroptimist club members and the organizations they support.



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." - Eleanor Roosevelt

Legislative Advocacy Chair



Linda Witong - 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 an advocate for victim's rights legislation, victim's services and counseling and rehabilitation for offenders who are responsive to such an 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, and is currently the SI Special Advisor to SI Advocacy 2017-2019.

Legislative Advocacy Committee



Sandra Simms - SI/Waikiki Foundation, Inc.

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.



Angie Haramoto—SI/Maui

Angie is a member of Soroptimist International of Maui and served as the Director of District VI from 2016 to 2018. She is very involved in the community, serving as a member of Pukalani Elementary School Community Council, working on the Maui Fair Committee, participating on the Maui County Committee on Status of Women, and finally, involved with CASA (Volunteer Guardian ad Litem) (Second Circuit Court). Her activities are not only through Soroptimist, but also include long standing membership in the Lions Club. She is currently serving from 2018-2019 as the District Governor-elect, District 50 Hawaii Lions and will be installed next year in Milan, Italy as Governor. She is the retired owner of Young's Food Brokerage and served as past Secretary of the Meat and Poultry Association of Hawaii. She resides in Pukalani, Maui with her husband, Donald and her adopted great-grandson.

"Don't look at your feet to see if you are doing it right. Just dance." - Anne Lamott

Legislative Advocacy Committee

Fredda Kaplan, Vice President—SI/Novato

As an Educational Technology and Media Director, Fredda integrated computers, video, and animation throughout the elementary and middle school academic curriculum. Fredda also taught media and photography classes in community colleges, and on the university level. Collaborating with Dr. Madalienne Peters at Dominican University, she wrote and implemented grant programs that improved teachers' ability to use communication media in the classroom to increase achievement and individualize student learning.



Fredda has been a member of Soroptimist International of Novato for eleven years, and the Executive Producer of their unique community television program *e-luminate*. To view programs about the world water crisis, consumer fraud, community non-profit groups, senior citizens, local museums, scientists, teens, women in the police force, and the arts, go to: <https://www.e-luminate.online>

Madalienne F. Peters, Ed.D —Professor Emerita School of Education, Dominican University of CA

As a member of the faculty from 1975 until her retirement in 2017, Madalienne worked in the education department, preparing students to enter the California workforce as classroom teachers. She collaborated with local professionals writing and leading federal and state grant projects aimed at increasing teacher proficiency using technology in the classroom, from computers and software applications, to websites, to video productions. Madalienne spent the majority of her university career as an advisor to students earning a master's degree in education. She also developed an online journal, Scholarship and Engagement in Education (SEED) to showcase graduate student scholarship.



A member of Soroptimist International of Novato since 1993, Madalienne held every position on the board, including 4 terms as club president. In 2017 and in 2018 Madalienne served as a delegate to the Commission on the Status of Women conference held annually at the United Nations, New York City. She returned to the UN again in 2019.

Carrie Domogalla - 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.



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Conference Agenda

Thursday, May 2

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
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	"Meet & Greet" in hotel lobby bar (no host)
6:00 pm	Dinner on your own at nearby restaurants

Friday, May 3

8:00 am - 5:30 pm	Registration	
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Trade Fair	
10:00 am - 11:30 am	Welcome and Introductions	Governor Sylvia Crafton
	Legislative Advocacy Committee Presentation	Chair Linda Witong
	"Water Crisis and Climate Change Challenges—Empowering Change for our Future"	
	Dr. Theo Tsoukalas—Perspective on impact in the Bay Area & California	
	SI Director of Advocacy Bev Bucur—Perspective on impact within the U.S.	
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Break	
12:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Luncheon	
	Introductions	Governor Sylvia
	Inspiration	Sandra Simms, SI/Waikiki Foundation
	Welcome	Carrie Domogalla, SI/Calistoga
	Introduction of Speaker	SIA President Elizabeth Di Geronimo
	Keynote Speaker	SI President Mariet Verhoef-Cohen
	"Women, Water, & Leadership"—Perspective on Global Impact	
1:45 pm—2:00 pm	Break	
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	<i>Nick Tipon — Perspective on Traditional Environmental Knowledge of Native People</i>	
	Panel Discussion—Mariet Verhoef-Cohen, Elizabeth Emerson, Reverend Sally Bingham, Theo Tsoukalas, Nick Tipon, Elizabeth Di Geronimo, Bev Bucur	
	Announcements	Conference Coordinator Mary Ann
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 - 6:15 pm	Founder Region "Fellow" Reception	Outside Ballroom Patio (Fellows Only)
6:15 pm - 7:00 pm	No Host Cocktail Party - all meet & greet Ballroom Lobby	

"If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one." - Dolly Parton

Conference Agenda

Friday, May 3 (continued)

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

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

Dinner

- ~ Recognition of Past Fellowship Presidents
- ~ Recognition of Special Friend of Fellowship

Fellowship Awards

- ~ Presentation of Fellowship Recipients
- ~ Closing Remarks
- ~ Announcements/Recess

Main Ballroom

Governor Sylvia
De Anza High School Color Guard
Past Governor Susan Joyce
Past Governor Susan
Sean Wright, Mayor of Antioch
Governor-elect Kris Chorb
Cheryl Poncini, Director, District I
Teri Malkin, Director, District III
Governor Sylvia

President Pam Parker
President Pam

All Directors
President Pam
Conference Coordinator Mary Ann

Saturday, May 4

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

7:30 am - 4:30 pm Trade Fair

8:00 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
- ~ Founder Region Fellowship Proposed Bylaw Amendments
- ~ Director's Reports and Announcement of Fellows
- ~ President's Report
- ~ Announcements

Main Ballroom

President Pam
Credentials Chair Louise Agnew
Secretary Jan Schults
Treasurer Crystal Arbuthnot
Laws & Resolutions Chair
Sheila Bearden
President Pam
President Pam
Conference Coordinator Mary Ann

9:15 am - 9:30 am Break

"The most courageous act is still to think for yourself. Aloud." –Coco Chanel

Conference Agenda

Saturday, May 4 (continued)

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

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| ~ Call to Order | Governor Sylvia |
| ~ Presentation of Platform Party | Governor Sylvia |
| ~ Adoption of Credentials Report | Credentials Chair Louise |
| ~ Adoption of Standing Rules | Secretary Pat Eileen Fisher |
| ~ Adoption of Official Conference Program | Secretary Pat Eileen |
| ~ First Time Attendees | Governor Sylvia |
| ~ Introduction of Pages and Stewards | Governor Sylvia |
| ~ Greetings and Correspondence | Secretary Pat Eileen |
| ~ Invitation to Host Conference 2022 | Secretary Pat Eileen |
| ~ Nominations | Teresa Enns |
| ~ Nominating Committee Report | |
| ~ Nominations from the Floor | |
| ~ Presentation of Candidates | |
| ~ Voice Vote for Unopposed Candidates | |
| ~ Official Visitor Report | SIA President Elizabeth |
| <i>"From Seedlings to Flowers: Growing Our Soroptimist Garden"</i> | |
| ~ Founder Region Proposed Bylaw Amendments | Laws & Resolutions Chair Sheila |
| ~ Treasurer's Report | Treasurer Vicki Ham |
| ~ Credentials Report | Credentials Chair Louise |
| ~ Appointment of Tellers (if necessary) | Governor Sylvia |
| ~ Election Procedures (if necessary) | Governor Sylvia |
| ~ Announcements | Conference Coordinator Mary Ann |

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

12:30 pm - 2:30pm "*Empowering Change*" Luncheon

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| ~ Introductions | Hosted by District Directors |
| ~ Director & Club President Processional | Governor Sylvia |
| ~ " <i>Empowering Change</i> " Recognition | Governor Sylvia |
| ~ Inspiration | District III Director Joy Swank |
| ~ Welcome | District II Director Bev Gomer |

"To garden is to believe in the future." - Audrey Hepburn

Conference Agenda

Saturday, May 4 (continued)

“Empowering Change” Luncheon (continues)

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| ~ Director Reports and Club Drawing | District Directors |
| ~ Keynote Speaker | SI Director of Advocacy Bev Bucur |
| <i>“ Soroptimist International Work at the United Nations, Commission on the Status of Women, and the SI President’s Appeal”</i> | |
| ~ 21st International Convention Invitation | SI President Mariet |
| ~ Announcements | Conference Coordinator Mary Ann |

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm Break Last opportunity to shop Trade Fair

2:45 pm - 4:30 pm “Business Meeting continues”

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| ~ Laurel Society Honors & Recognition | Fundraising Chair Lyn Lurbe |
| ~ New Member Sponsor Drawing | Chair Lyn |
| ~ Soroptimists Celebrating Success Awards | Chair Debbie Scaife |
| ~ Public Awareness Committee Report | Public Awareness Chair Jackie DeVries |
| ~ Membership Committee Report | Membership Chair Bobbi Enderlin |
| ~ Julia “Bess” Combs Membership Increase Award | Chair Bobbi |
| ~ Business Meeting Recess | Governor Sylvia |
| ~ Announcements | Conference Coordinator Mary Ann |

4:30 pm –6:00 pm Hands On Group Project Danville Room
Assembly of “Survival Bags” for victims of human trafficking and domestic violence

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	Maria Landski, SI The Delta
~ Welcome	Mary Ann Redden, SI/Antioch
~ Recognition of Past Governors	Governor Sylvia
~ Club Entertainment & Dance Party “Rolling on the River”	
~ Recess	

“Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us.” — Wilma Rudolph

Conference Agenda

Sunday, May 5

7:00 am - 9:00 am Registration

7:00 am—7:30 am Deliver Baskets to Ballroom

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Memorial Service
Dream Program Awards

Main Ballroom

~ Call to Order

Governor Sylvia

~ Celebration of Service (Memorial)

Governor Sylvia

Hosted by SI/The Tri-Valley

Breakfast

~ Inspiration

District I Director Elise Balgley

~ Welcome

District IV Director Barbara Young

~ Presentation of Platform Party

Governor Sylvia

~ Fundraising Committee Report

Chair Lyn

~ Program Awards

Governor-elect Kris

~ Barbara Stevenson "S" Club Award

Governor-elect Kris

~ Ruby Award

Governor-elect Kris

~ Violet Richardson Awards

Governor-elect Kris

~ Live Your Dream Awards

Governor-elect Kris

~ Dream It Be It: Career Support for Girls Incentive Award

Governor Sylvia

~ SIA 46th Biennial Convention Invitation

General Session Chair Kathy King

~ "Dream Programs Fundraiser"

Fundraising Chair Lyn

~ Attendance Report

Registration Chair Laura Glass

~ Attendance Incentive Drawing

Governor Sylvia & Chair Laura

~ Acknowledgments

Conference Coordinator Mary Ann

~ Closing Remarks

Governor Sylvia

~ Soroptimist Pledge

Governor Sylvia

~ Adjournment

Governor Sylvia

"I learned a long time ago that there is something worse than missing the goal, and that's not pulling the trigger."

~ Mia Hamm

Founder Region Award Recipients

Fellowship Awards

Saalem Adera	Hydrology (Geography Department)	UC Berkeley
Erika Brown	Public Health (Epidemiology)	UC Berkeley
Julia Garcia	Social Health and Social Media	Saybrook University
Lisa Ann Ho'okano	Curriculum Studies	University of Hawaii/Manoa
Sigrid Luhr	Sociology	UC Berkeley
Mika Nakashige	Chemistry	University of Hawaii/Manoa
Kate Pennington	Political, Reproductive Urban Economics	UC Berkeley
Michelle Phillips	Sociology	UC Berkeley
Alana Siegner	Energy and Resources	UC Berkeley
Theresa Burruel Stone	Education	UC Berkeley

Live Your Dream Awards

District I	SI/San Ramon Valley	Dina Valdelomar
District II	SI/Diablo Vista	Mai Saleh
District III	SI/St. Helena Sunrise	Maria Cortez
District IV	SI/Santa Rosa	Senait Haile
District V	SI/Crescent City	Janee Strauss
District VI	SI/Central Oahu	Shanelle Acain

Violet Richardson Awards

District I	SI/East Bay	Camille Batiste
District II	SI/Diablo Vista	Aava Farhadi
District III	SI/Napa	Marianne Homer
District IV	SI/Novato	Julia Schulman
District V	SI/Fort Bragg	Sunny Andersen
District VI	SI/Central Oahu	Lyric Medeiros

Ruby Award

District III	SI/Vacaville	Deanna Allen
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Barbara Stevenson "S" Club Award

Founder Region	"S" Club of Sacred Hearts Academy	Ashley Ung
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"Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement." - Golda Meir

Soroptimist Dream Programs

Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women

The Live Your Dream 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 \$1,500 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**

*"Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities.
Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning." — Gloria Steinem*

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 _____
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Delegates Registered:
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 Fellowship Directors _____
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Delegates Registered:
 Region Officers _____
 District Directors _____
 Club Delegates _____
 Total Delegates _____

Quorum for Opening Session _____

Credentials Report #2

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Delegates Registered:
 Region Officers _____
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 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 question isn’t who is going to let me; it’s who is going to stop me.” - Ayn Rand

Founder Region Nominating Committee Election Results 2019-2021

Chair

(Appointed by current Governor)

District I Representative

District II Representative

District III Representative

District IV Representative

District V Representative

District VI Representative

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

"Celebration of Service Memorial"

Shirley Fukumoto	SI/Central Oahu
Betsy Price	SI/Central Solano County
Treva Black	SI/The Delta
Marcella Colarich	SI/Diablo Vista
Ginger Marsh	SI/Diablo Vista
Barbara Pendergrass	SI/Diablo Vista
Deanna Hanks	SI/Dixon
Margaritte Kittyle	SI/Dixon
Brenda Rinearson	SI/Dixon
Mary Vides	SI/Eel River Valley
Norma Arndt	SI/Napa
Edith Burch	SI/Napa
Marjorie Conley	SI/Santa Rosa
Edythe Cordellos	SI/Sonoma Valley
Tina Wolfenden	SI/Sonoma Valley
Sharon Barker	SI/Ukiah
Eloise Grothe	SI/Ukiah
Mary Harris	SI/Vacaville
Wendy Wasserman	SI/Vacaville
Anne Sutton	SI/Waikiki Foundation, Inc.



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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61st Annual Redwood Memorial Grove Service Sunday, June 9, 2019

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 a.m.

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.

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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

Pam Parker, 2016-2018, *"Soroptimists Are Shining Stars"*

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

*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", and now renamed the Soroptimist International of Oakland—The Founder 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; Fundraising Council Member, 2018-2019

*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 Sylvia.
- (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*



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District IV & V

June 8, 2019

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Red Lion Hotel
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District I, II & III

June 15, 2019

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fratellanza Club
1140 66th St.
Oakland

District VI

October 27, 2019

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

J. Walter Cameron Center
95 Mahalani St.
Wailuku, Maui, HI

"If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman." ~ Margaret Thatcher

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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for Victims of Sexual Exploitation**

For Parents: 6:00pm-8:30 pm

**School Campus Safety Training;
Prevention of Sex Trafficking;
Dangers and Prevalence of
Pornography Amidst Our Youth**

Presenter:

Deepa Patel, CSOTP, LCSW

***Executive Director and Co-
Founder Of Trauma and Hope***

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for Professionals

11:30a.m. –12:00pm

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Presentation

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6:30pm– 8:30 pm Presentation

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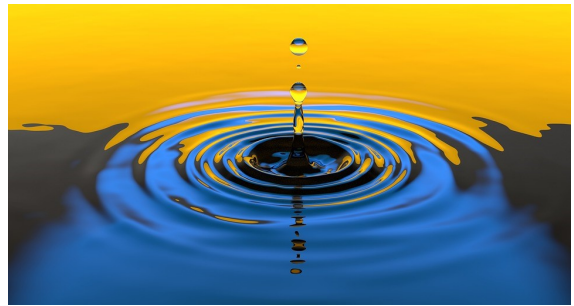
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