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# Founder Region

Soroptimist International of the Americas  
Forty-fifth Annual Region Conference

## Conference Proceedings

Virtual Conference  
April 28- May 2, 2021



**Kris Chorbi, Governor**

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the Founder Region Conference took place via live Zoom. The Caucus Conference Call took place on March 31, 2021 at 7:00pm PDT. The report is included as part of the proceedings since all bylaws were presented on the Caucus Call and were voted on electronically prior to the Conference Business Meeting.

**Conference Schedule of Events** (all times are Pacific Standard Time)

Wednesday April 28,2021	Fellowship Reception 6:00pm-7:30pm PDT	President Cheryl
Thursday April 29, 2021	Legislative Advocacy Program 6:00pm-8:00pm	Governor Kris and Chair Linda Witong
Friday April 30, 2021	Fellowship Awards Gala 7:00pm-9:00pm	President Cheryl and Fellowship Board
Saturday May 1, 2021	10:30am-12:00pm Keynote Speaker	SI President Sharon Fisher
	1:00pm-3:00pm Fellowship Business Meeting Founder Region Business Meeting	President Cheryl and Governor Kris
	3:00pm-3:30pm - Q&A with SIA Official Visitor	SIA Director Freda Powell
	6:00pm-7:00pm Social 7:00pm-9:00pm - 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration	Governor Kris and Founder Region Board
Sunday May 2, 2021	11:00am-1:00pm - Memorial Tribute & Dream Awards Programs	Governor- elect Vicki and Governor Kris

**March 31, 2021 Caucus Conference Call- 7:00pm PDT**

Governor Kris welcomed everyone and introduced Parliamentarian Barbara Lanier. The proposed amendments to the Founder Region Bylaws were read and discussed. Callers were advised to send any amendments to the proposed amendments via email by April 7, 2021 to Laws & Resolutions Chair Sheila Bearden & Parliamentarian Barbara Lanier.

Roll Call - Laws & Resolutions Chair Sheila Bearden conducted the roll call by District with 119 members present.

Chair Sheila facilitated the Laws & Resolutions portion of the call. Founder Region Bylaws Proposed Amendments - Laws & Resolutions Chair Sheila Bearden read the Current and Proposed Language for each Bylaw Amendment. Participants were called upon in order as seen in the Chat box and then by raised hands.

**ARTICLE Nominations Section 5.2 d. Elections V, (New)**

<b>CURRENT LANGUAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED LANGUAGE</b>
	<p><b>d.</b> If due to an emergency requiring the cancellation of in-person meetings, the board of directors determines that the region cannot undertake regular methods of voting, including but not limited to the election of region leaders and voting to amend region governing documents, the region may use mail ballots or electronic balloting methods of voting for so long as the board determines that the emergency persists. Results of mail ballots or electronic balloting shall be communicated to all members in the region by the region officer or committee chair responsible for the vote upon the conclusion of the vote. The results should be noted in the minutes of the meeting where the voting took place and/or reported publicly to all members of the region.</p>

**Proposed by:** The Founder Region Board of Directors.

**Advantages:** This amendment will allow the region to proceed with voting in the case of an emergency without waiting for SIA to give higher law instruction.

**Disadvantages:** This is not the preferred method of voting because It would bypass the usual in-person discussions prior to voting at conference. More time would need to be allowed at caucus for discussion, further amendments; and for more time to send and receive mail ballots.

**Financial Impact:** There may be a minimal cost to the region for an online voting subscription.

**Rationale:** Our struggle with the novel coronavirus has taught us that emergencies do occur requiring departure from the normal way of voting and meeting to continue the operation and viability of our organization. The region board considered defining the term “emergency” but decided to leave it unrestricted so it could include unforeseen emergencies in the future.

**ARTICLE VI, Meetings Section 6.6 Meetings (New)**

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
	<p><b>Section 6.6</b> If due to an emergency requiring the cancellation of in-person meetings, the board of directors determines that the region cannot hold regular meetings, including but not limited to the annual conference, district meetings, and leadership training, the region may hold such meetings electronically (preferably by audiovisual means) provided the means of communication allows all persons participating in the meeting the ability to hear and speak to each other.</p>

**Proposed by: The Founder Region Board of Directors**

**Advantages:** This amendment will allow the region to proceed with meeting in the case of an emergency without waiting for SIA to give higher law instruction.

**Disadvantages:** It would bypass the usual in-person discussions that a meeting allows.

**Financial Impact:** There may be a minimal cost to the region for an online video conferencing subscription.

**Rationale:** Our struggle with the novel coronavirus has taught us that emergencies do occur requiring departure from the normal way of meeting to continue the operation and viability of our organization. The region board considered defining the term “emergency” but decided to leave it unrestricted so it could include unforeseen emergencies in the future.

**ARTICLE VII, Board of Directors Section 7.9 Board of Directors (New)**

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
	<p><b>Section 7.9</b> In the event of an emergency requiring the cancellation of in-person board meetings, the board of directors may undertake any regular business of the region at meetings held electronically (preferably by audiovisual means) provided the means of communication allows all persons participating in the meeting the ability to hear and speak to each other.</p> <p>In a non-emergency situation, any individual board member may seek approval from the Region Governor to attend a region business meeting electronically (preferably by audiovisual means) upon presentation of an acceptable reason for inability or great hardship to attend in person.</p>

**Proposed by: The Founder Region Board of Directors**

**Advantages:** This amendment will allow the region board of directors to proceed with meeting in the case of an emergency without waiting for SIA to give higher law instruction.

**Disadvantages:** It would bypass the usual in-person discussions that a meeting allows.

**Financial Impact:** There may be a minimal cost to the region for an online video conferencing subscription.

**Rationale:** Our struggle with the novel coronavirus has taught us that emergencies do occur requiring departure from the normal way of meeting to continue the operation and viability of our organization. The region board considered defining the term “emergency” but decided to leave it unrestricted so it could include unforeseen emergencies in the future.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Committees Section**  
**8.3 Committees (New)**

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
	<p><b>Section 8.3 Meetings:</b> Any Standing Committee or Special Committee appointed by the Region Governor may meet electronically, by telephone conference call, audiovisual means, or other means of communication by which all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear and speak to each other.</p>

**Proposed by:** The Founder Region Board of Directors

**Advantages:** This amendment will allow the committee members to proceed with meeting other than in person. It would allow for a more efficient way to meet and more members would be able to participate.

**Disadvantages:** It would bypass in-person discussions that a meeting allows.

**Financial Impact:** There may be a minimal cost to the region for an online video conferencing subscription.

**Rationale:** Travel restrictions, distances, and emergencies can make it challenging to meet in person. Allowing other means to meet requires a departure from the in-person way of meeting to continue the operation and viability of our organization.

**ARTICLE IV, Officers**

<b>CURRENT LANGUAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED LANGUAGE</b>
<p><b>Section 4.5 Duties. b.</b> The Governor-elect shall prepare for assuming the office of Governor by becoming familiar with all aspects of the Soroptimist organization; attend all meetings of the Region board; work closely with, and under the direction of the Governor, assisting to the fullest extent possible; and, in the absence of the Governor, she/he shall preside at meetings. Commencing on or after January 1 in the second year of her/his term as Governor-elect, she/he is empowered to appoint committees to serve during her/his biennium as Governor. In addition, she/he is empowered to appoint the President of Founder Region Fellowship, serve as the SIA Program Chair and serve as a member of the Budget Committee.</p>	<p><b>Section 4.5 Duties. b.</b> The Governor-elect shall prepare for assuming the office of Governor by becoming familiar with all aspects of the Soroptimist organization; attend all meetings of the Region board; work closely with, and under the direction of, the Governor, assisting to the fullest extent possible; and, in the absence of the Governor, she/he shall preside at meetings. In addition, she/he is empowered to serve as the SIA Program Chair and serve as a member of the Budget Committee. Commencing on or after January 1 in the second year of her/ his term as Governor-elect, she/he is empowered to appoint committees to serve during her/his biennium as Governor.</p>

**ARTICLE X, Founder Region Fellowship, Inc.**

<b>CURRENT LANGUAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED LANGUAGE</b>
<p><b>Section 10.1</b> Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. is a non-profit corporation for the purpose of maintaining an endowment fund. All clubs of the Region shall be voting members of the corporation with three (3) votes per club. The voting body shall consist of three (3) delegates from each club. A Board of Directors shall consist of a president appointed by the Governor-elect in the second year of the biennium and directors elected from each district.</p>	<p><b>Section 10.1</b> Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. is a non-profit corporation for the purpose of maintaining an endowment fund to provide scholarships to women in the final phase of their doctoral programs. All clubs of the Region shall be voting members of the corporation with three (3) votes per club. The voting body shall consist of three (3) delegates from each club. A Board of Directors shall consist of an elected president, treasurer, and directors from each district.</p>

**Proposed by:** An ad hoc committee appointed by the Founder Region Governor consisting of the following members: Chair Bobbi Enderlin, Pam Parker, Sylvia Crafton, Dona Gaddis Wolf, Mary Ann Redden, Amelia Benko, Barbara Lanier, Sue Finch, Susan Joyce, Carol Steele, Dion Weaver, Patsy Daniels, and Kate Burns. These members are either past governors or past Fellowship presidents or both. Ex-officio members (non-voting) of the committee were Governor Kris Chorbi, Governor-elect Vicki Ham, and FRF President Cheryl Poncini.

**Advantages:** Founder Region Fellowship is a separate 501(c)3 entity and should have a president that is elected by the conference delegates. Since the bylaws were changed to elect a treasurer, the committee felt that the President should also be an elected position. It is unusual for the head of one nonprofit corporation to select the president of another nonprofit corporation.

**Disadvantages:**

**Financial Impact:** None.

**Rationale:** FRF began as a committee of Founder Region, and at the time, it made sense for the Governor to appoint the Chair of the committee. Once the entity was established as a separate corporation and acquired its own tax-exempt status, we began electing the FRF Directors. The committee feels that it is now important that we take another timely step forward in protecting our interests in and ownership of FRF. After reviewing the structure of FRF with a nonprofit corporation attorney, the recommendation is that the President be elected. Historically, some governor-elects have chosen the immediate past governor while others have chosen to appoint past directors of the Fellowship Board. We believe that the nominee should continue to be considered from these same sources. The criteria should include that the nominee has served as a Founder Region Governor, based on her working relationship with the FRF Board and applicant interviews or have served on the FRF Board as a director or treasurer demonstrating they understand the FRF process.

**Fellowship Bylaws proposals were then presented by Law and Resolutions Chair Sheila Rearden and Fellowship President Cheryl Poncini. Bylaws were read by Chair Sheila**

**ARTICLE V – Officers and Directors**

<b>CURRENT LANGUAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED LANGUAGE</b>
<p><b>Section 2.</b> There shall be five (5) directors who are representatives of the five (5) districts of Founder Region. They shall serve for a biennium or until their successors take office.</p>	<p><b>Section 2.</b> There shall be five (5) elected directors who are representatives of the five (5) districts of Founder Region. They shall serve for a biennium or until their successors take office.</p>

**Proposed by:** 2020 – 2022 Founder Region Fellowship Board

**Advantages:** To make the language in Section 2 consistent with the language in other sections in Article V.

**Disadvantages:** None

**Financial Impact:** None

**Rationale:** To clarify that the Founder Region Fellowship directors are elected, not appointed.

**ARTICLE V – Officers and Directors**

<b>CURRENT LANGUAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED LANGUAGE</b>
<p><b>Section 4.</b> A treasurer shall be elected from the membership at the annual conference beginning in 2022. For the 2020-2022 biennium, the treasurer shall be appointed by the incoming Founder Region Fellowship (FRF) President from applications submitted by members of Founder Region. The Treasurer shall be a voting member of the board of directors.</p>	<p><b>Section 4.</b> A treasurer shall be elected at the annual conference beginning in 2022. For the 2020-2022 biennium, the treasurer shall be appointed by the incoming Founder Region Fellowship (FRF) President from applications submitted by members of Founder Region. The Treasurer shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors.</p>

**Proposed by:** 2020 – 2022 Founder Region Fellowship Board

**Advantages:** To further clarify that the position of treasurer will be an elected position at annual conference in 2022.

**Disadvantages:** None

**Financial Impact:** Zero

**Rationale:** To make the language in Section 4 consistent with the language in other sections in Article V.

**ARTICLE V – Officers and Directors**

<b>CURRENT LANGUAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED LANGUAGE</b>
<p><b>Section 7.</b> No director shall hold more than one elected office within the Soroptimist organization in accordance with SIA Bylaws.</p>	<p><b>Section 7.</b> No officer or director shall hold more than one elected office within the Soroptimist organization in accordance with SIA Bylaws.</p>

**Proposed by** 2020 – 2022 Founder Region Fellowship Board

**Advantages:** Makes clear that the prohibition against holding more than one elected position applies to both officers and directors of Founder Region Fellowship.

**Disadvantages:** None

**Financial Impact:** None

**Rationale:** Pursuant to Fellowship Bylaws amendment passed in May 2020, effective in 2022, the Fellowship Treasurer, an officer, shall be an elected position. Under SIA Bylaws and Founder Region Bylaws, an elected Fellowship officer shall not hold more than one elected office within the Soroptimist organization.

<b>CURRENT LANGUAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED LANGUAGE</b>
<b>Section 1.</b> The Board of Directors shall consist of a president and six (6) directors who represent the six (6) districts of Founder Region?	<b>Section 1.</b> The Board of Directors shall consist of a president, a treasurer and five (5) directors who represent the five (5) districts of Founder Region.

**Proposed By:** 2020 – 2022 Founder Region Fellowship Board

**Advantages:** To make the language of this section consistent with the language in other sections of the Fellowship Bylaws.

**Disadvantages:** None

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Rationale:** To be consistent with other parts of the Fellowship Bylaws as well as with the Founder Region redistricting plan which went into effect on July 1, 2020.

<b>CURRENT LANGUAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED LANGUAGE</b>
<b>Section 3. Meetings.</b> The meetings of the Board of Directors shall ...  <b>[Proposed language is not a part of the current FRF Bylaws.]</b>	<b>Section 3. Meetings.</b> The meetings of the Board of Directors shall: ...  d. be held in person or, if deemed necessary for any reason by the Board President, electronically via <del>Zoom or a similar</del> (updated from Ballot #1) a videoconferencing platform.

**Proposed By:** 2020-2022 Founder Region Fellowship Board

**Advantages:** Makes clear that board meetings can be held electronically if deemed necessary for any reason by the Board President.

**Disadvantages:** None

**Financial Impact:** Minimal cost to Fellowship for a Zoom or similar videoconferencing subscription to facilitate virtual meetings.

**Rationale:** Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, we have learned the value of meeting via internet platforms such a Zoom to continue to do the work of Founder Region Fellowship while keeping each other healthy by observing social distancing.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
<p>Section 1. The primary sources of income include:</p> <p>a. The mandatory annual assessments[sic (plural)] of two dollars (\$2) to every member of each club within Founder Region.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>Section 1. The primary source of income include:</p> <p>a. The mandatory annual assessment of seven dollars (\$7) to every member of each club within FounderRegion.</p> <p>...</p>

**Proposed by** 2020 – 2022 Founder Region Fellowship Board

**Advantages:** Recognizes that costs for everything have increased over the last 25-plus years and helps to reduce that disparity.

**Disadvantages:** None.

**Financial Impact:** Increases Founder Region Fellowship dues amount by \$5.00 per year for each Founder Region Soroptimist.

**Rationale for the Amendment:** For over twenty-five years, the per member annual dues for Founder Region’s identifying program, Fellowship, has been \$2.00. Meanwhile, costs for everything have increased. This \$5.00 increase will guarantee every member the opportunity to financially assist Fellowship.

**ARTICLE V, Directors and Officers**

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
<p><b>Section 1.</b> The president of the board shall be appointed by the governor-elect of Founder Region following conference in the second year of the biennium and shall serve for a biennium or until a successor is appointed.</p>	<p><b>Section 1.</b> The president of the board shall be elected by the delegates at the annual conference in the second year of the biennium, commencing with the 2022 conference, and shall serve for a biennium or, in the case of a vacancy, until a successor is appointed.</p>

<p><b>Section 6. Nominations.</b> Each club may submit the names of regular members to the Founder Region Nominating Committee for treasurer, and director. Each District in Founder Region shall thereafter elect one (1) member from that district to be a director. The Founder Region membership, beginning in biennium 2022-2024, shall thereafter elect one (1) member of Founder Region to be treasurer. Nominations and elections shall be in accordance with Founder Region Bylaws.</p>	<p><b>Section 6. Nominations. a.</b> Each club may submit the names of regular members to the Founder Region Nominating Committee for president, treasurer, and director. Each District in Founder Region shall thereafter elect one (1) member from that district to be a director. The Founder Region Fellowship delegates, beginning in biennium 2022-2024, shall thereafter elect one (1) member of Founder Region to be president, and one (1) member to be treasurer. Nominations and elections shall be in accordance with Founder Region Bylaws.</p>
	<p><b>Section 6. Nominations. b.</b> To be eligible for election to office, candidates must be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regular members in good standing who have served as club president.</li> <li>2. For the office of President, the member shall have served on the Region Board as governor, or on the FRF board within six years prior to the term for which she/he is being nominated.</li> <li>3. For the office of district director, the member shall be a member of a club in that district.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Section 10. Vacancies. a.</b> If a vacancy occurs in the office of president, the Founder Region governor shall appoint a successor.</p>	<p><b>Section 10. Vacancies. a.</b> If a vacancy occurs in the office of president, the FRF Board of Directors shall appoint a president from the membership of FR to serve until the annual meeting where an election to fill such a vacancy is held, providing the nominee meets the requirements as set forth in these bylaws. A vacancy or vacancies in the office of president shall be deemed to exist in the event of a death, resignation, or absence/removal of president.</p>

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**Disadvantages:** None.

**Financial Impact:** None.

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An amendment to a proposed Fellowship bylaw amendment was made during Caucus. Article VII, Board of Directors, Section 3. Meetings. ... d. be held in person or, if deemed necessary for any reason by the Board President, electronically via a video conferencing platform.

**(Deleted "Zoom or a similar" from the original proposal.)**

Callers were advised to send any amendments via email by April 7, 2021.

Governor Kris introduced Nominating Committee Chair Amelia Benko who introduced the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee.

District I Karen Jameson SI/Diablo Vista  
District IV Loretta Tognoli SI/Ukiah  
District IV Mary-Ruth Rheinschild SI/Crescent City  
District V Brihinia Habin SI/Guam

The Nominating Committee Report was provided for the 2021-2023 Nominating Committee. Chair Amelia Benko announced, “the Nominating Committee submits the following nominations for the 2021-2023 Founder Region Nominating Committee as presented in the Call to Conference”:

District I Heather C. McLaughlin, SI/Benicia  
District I Bonnie Mertz, SI/The East Bay  
District II Jan Schults, SI/The Delta  
District III Barbara Young, SI/Santa Rosa  
District IV Dyann O’Brien, SI/Eureka  
District V Angie Haramoto, SI/Maui

Invitation for Nominations from the Caucus floor - Governor Kris repeated the nominations and asked if there are any further nominations for each position.

Hearing no further nominations, the Chair declared the nominations for the 2021-2023 Nominating Committee closed.

On April 8, 2021, it was moved by Credentials Chair Dona Gaddis Wolf to adopt the Founder Region Credentials Report #1 and Fellowship Credentials Report #1 via email. The question to adopt the Founder Region Credentials Report #1 will be included in the electronic ballot: “Adopt the Founder Region and Fellowship Credentials Report #1”. Choices: For, Against, Abstain

Results of the electronic ballot#1 opened from April 9-15, 2021. Credentials Chair Dona Gadis Wolf moved to adopt the Founder Region Credentials Report #2 and Fellowship Credentials Report #2 via email. The question will be included on the electronic ballot: “Adopt the Founder Region Credentials and Fellowship Report #2”. Choices: For, Against, Abstain

#### Adoption of the Standing Rules

The Standing Rules have been modified to facilitate a Virtual Conference. The question will be included on the electronic ballot: “Adopt the Founder Region Virtual Conference Standing Rules.” Choices: For, Against, Abstain

**Conclusion of the Caucus Call:** Governor Kris thanked everyone, and the Caucus Call was adjourned. Results of the election, including the proposed Bylaws changes, will be announced at the Founder Region Business Meeting on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

As of April 7, 2021 Delegate registration was closed for the electronic ballot addressing the amendments to the proposed bylaws amendments which was brought forward on the Caucus Conference Call.

April 8      Credential Report #1 verified  
 April 9-15    Electronic Ballot #1 open  
 April 15      Delegates briefing via email  
 April 8-15    Late registrations accepted  
 April 16      Credential Report #2 verified  
 April 17-30   Electronic Ballot #2 open  
 May 1        Voting results announced.

## CREDENTIAL REPORTS FOR THE 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FOUNDER REGION VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

### 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Founder Region Conference 2021 Virtual Conference

#### Founder Region Credentials Report #1

April 8, 2021

(as of April 7, 2021, at 11:59 pm Pacific Time)

Clubs in Founder Region	53
Clubs Eligible to Vote	53
Clubs Not in Good Standing	0
Clubs Registered	45
Delegates Registered:	
Region Officers	4
District Directors	5
Club Delegates	133
Total Delegates	142
Quorum for Opening Session	72

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#### Founder Region Credentials Report #2

April 16, 2021

(as of April 15, 2021, at 11:59 pm Pacific Time)

Clubs in Founder Region	53
Clubs Eligible to Vote	53
Clubs Not in Good Standing	0
Clubs Registered	47
Delegates Registered:	
Region Officers	4
District Directors	5
Club Delegates	138
Total Delegates	147
Quorum for Opening Session	74

#### Founder Region Fellowship Credentials Report #1

April 8, 2021

(as of April 7, 2021, at 11:59 pm Pacific Time)

Clubs in Founder Region	53
Clubs Eligible to Vote	53
Clubs Not in Good Standing	0
Clubs Registered	45
Delegates Registered:	
Fellowship President	1
Fellowship Treasurer	1
Fellowship Directors	5
Region Officers	4
District Directors	5
Club Delegates	133
Total Delegates	149
Quorum for Opening Session	75

#### Founder Region Fellowship Credentials Report #2

April 16, 2021

(as of April 15, 2021, at 11:59 pm Pacific Time)

Clubs in Founder Region	53
Clubs Eligible to Vote	53
Clubs Not in Good Standing	0
Clubs Registered	47
Delegates Registered:	
Fellowship President	1
Fellowship Treasurer	1
Fellowship Directors	5
Region Officers	4
District Directors	5
Club Delegates	138
Total Delegates	154
Quorum for Opening Session	78

**Wednesday, April 28, 2021**  
**Fellowship Reception**  
**6:00pm-7:30pm PDT live via Zoom**

Governor Kris welcomed everyone to the Fellowship Reception and turned the evening over to Fellowship President Cheryl. Traditionally this reception is open to Fellows to meet the women selected to receive awards (see list of awardees on Friday night proceedings).

President Cheryl welcomed all and explained that we would be going into breakout rooms, which included two awardees in each room, to learn more about them. There was an opportunity to go into two breakout rooms. The Fellowship directors, along with Peacock Challenge winners, introduced the awardees and facilitated the breakout rooms.

**Thursday, April 29, 2021**  
**Legislative Advocacy**  
**6:00pm-7:30pm PDT live via Zoom**

The Founder Region Legislative Advocacy presentation took place on Thursday, April 29, 2021 during a 2-hour Live Zoom presentation beginning at 6:00 pm PDT. Recording of this event is located on the [Founder Region Website](#).

Governor Kris welcomed all attendees to the Legislative Advocacy Program entitled: *“We’ve come a long way.... but not nearly far enough”*.

Joni Hiramoto from SI/El Cerrito provided the Inspiration. Governor Kris introduced the line-up of speakers.

- Former Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, California State Senate
- Surina Khan, CEO Women's Foundation California
- Honorable Sandra A. Simms, Retired from the District Court of Hawaii
- Freda Powell, Amarillo, TX City Council Member & SIA Director

[Link to speaker’s bios](#)

Chair Linda Witong introduced her committee and began the program: Phyllis Gordon, SI/The Delta, Madalienne Peters, SI/Novato, Angie Haramoto, SI/Maui, Laura Middlemiss, SI/Humboldt Bay, and Rachel Farac, SI/Novato.

Rachel Farac introduced the video, “Powerful Women [The Women Are Coming](#),” to set the tone for the program.

Phyllis Gordon introduced the first speaker, Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, who addressed the attendees.

Laura Middlemiss introduced the next speaker, Surina Khan, who addressed the attendees.

Angie Haramoto introduced our next speaker, Honorable Sandra A. Simms, who addressed the attendees.

Governor Kris explained the process for entering the breakout rooms for the small group Q&A with the speakers. After 15 minutes, attendees switched rooms. Committee members were in each room to assist in the discussion.

Madalienne Peters welcomed everyone back and introduced SIA Director Freda Powell. Director Freda spoke about her experiences in politics in Texas and other experiences. Members were invited to attend a Q&A with Director Freda on Saturday after the business meeting.

Chair Linda shared an invitation to a film screening sponsored by Soroptimist International of Novato for attendees and guests at the Founder Region Conference listed on the Sales Page.

Governor Kris bid everyone good night.

**Friday, April 30, 2021**  
**Fellowship Awards Gala**  
**7:00pm-9:00pm PDT Live via Zoom.**

A link to the Fellowship presentation can be found on the Founder Region website: The [2021 Gala Program](#) can be accessed as well.

Governor Kris welcomed all to the Fellowship Awards Gala and turned the program over to President Cheryl who then introduced the 2020-2021 Fellowship Board:

Treasurer Teresa Karlson - SI/San Ramon Valley  
District I Fellowship Director Billie Knight - SI/The East Bay  
District II Fellowship Director Dana Holve - SI/Vacaville Twilight  
District III Fellowship Director Fawn Williams - SI/Clear Lake  
District IV Fellowship Director Crystal Arbuthnot - SI/The Redwoods  
District V Fellowship Director Denise Ridge - SI/Waikiki Foundation, Inc.

Director Billie Knight gave an overview of the Fellowship Program. The inspiration was provided by Director Fawn Williams.

President Cheryl thanked the college liaisons and introduced the guest speaker, former recipient Rachel Bernard, Ph.D. who was in the final phase of obtaining her degree in political science from UC Berkeley in 2017. She was working on research about why voters select men versus women candidates that year. In 2018 she received her doctorate degree and went on to other academic challenges. Rachel discussed how the award had an impact on her life.

Introduction of the Fellowship Awardees:

**Emily Barnes** – Sociology

University of California, Berkeley

Introduced by District III Director Fawn Williams & Peacock Challenge Raffle Winner Sally Munger (SI/Clear Lake)

**Erica Bufanda** – Astronomy

University of Hawaii at Manoa

Introduced by President Cheryl Poncini & Peacock Challenge Raffle Winner Amelia Benko  
(SI/The Tri-Valley)

**Andrea Johnson** – Educational Leadership

California State University, East Bay

Introduced by District I Director Billie Knight & Peacock Challenge Raffle Winner Lynn Levin  
(SI/East Bay)

**Tamara Kerzhner** – Urban Planning

University of California, Berkeley

Introduced by District II Director Dana Holve

(she was unable to attend due to travel restrictions in the country where she is conducting her research)

**Ashley McGuigan** – Botany

University of Hawaii at Manoa

Introduced by District V Director Denise Ridge & Peacock Challenge Raffle Winner Barbara Yamashita (SI/Waikiki Foundation, Inc.)

**Kendra Watanabe Nip** – Educational Psychology

University of Hawaii at Manoa

Introduced by District V Director Denise Ridge & Peacock Challenge Raffle Winner Barbara Yamashita (SI/Waikiki Foundation, Inc.)

**Caitlin Williams** – Tropical Medicine

University of Hawaii at Manoa

Introduced by District IV Director Crystal Arbuthnot

**Bernadette Zermeno** – Educational Leadership

Mills College

Introduced by Fellowship Treasurer Teresa Karlson

President Cheryl stated fundraising brought in \$69,000 this year and thanked those who bid on Deanna's pins.

Governor Kris bid everyone a good night and reminded them to attend our Keynote Speaker Program tomorrow morning with SI President, Sharon Fisher.

**Saturday, May 1, 2021**  
**Keynote Speaker, SI President Sharon Fisher**  
**10:30am -11:30am PDT Live via Zoom**

Governor Kris welcomed everyone to the Keynote Speaker session and introduced Soroptimist International President Sharon Fisher.

View Sharon's [Keynote address](#). Her presentation was on the work of Soroptimist International's Global work and an update on the President's Appeal, "Road to Equality"

Governor Kris thanked our speaker for sharing her trip on the "Road to Equality" with us and reminded everyone to join us for the Business Meeting and the 100-year Celebration later that day.

**Founder Region and Fellowship Business Meeting**  
**1:00pm-3:00pm PDT Live via Zoom**

**Business Meeting**

Governor Kris opened the business meeting and welcomed Sharon Fisher and SIA official visitor Freda Powell. The Inspiration was given by Bonnie Mertz of SI/The East Bay. Governor-elect Vicki lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fellowship President Cheryl conducted the Founder Region Fellowship Meeting (**see minutes at the end of the proceedings**).

**Founder Region Business Meeting:**

Governor Kris welcomed the first-time attendees, each of whom received a commemorative Founder Region pen in the mail as a gift.

Host Clubs for upcoming Conferences were announced.

Host Clubs for the 2023 conference at the Oakland City Center Marriott will be SI/El Cerrito, SI/Oakland-The Founder Club, SI/The East Bay and SI/The Tri-Valley. They had been slated to host this year but because of the virtual format, their services were not needed.

Host Clubs the 2024 conference at the San Ramon Marriott will be SI/Novato, SI/Oakmont Wine Country and SI/Marin County.

Official Visitor Freda Powell from SI/Amarillo addressed the meeting. She stressed supporting Soroptimist with a gift of personal significance.

Governor Kris thanked our official visitor and invited everyone to join us for a Q&A with Director Freda at 3:00pm.

Treasurer report is available upon request to Treasurer Tess.

Governor Kris announced the new Laurel Society members and members who leveled up for the 2020-2021 club year. She then introduced SIA Fundraising Committee member Tana Elizondo who announced those who reached the Ambassador Level.

### **Laurel Society recognition:**

<b>Attaché Level</b>	<b>Envoy Level</b>	<b>Diplomat Level</b>	<b>Ambassador Level</b>
Tracie M. Young	Beverly R. Gomer	Leanne C. Davis	Jan Schults
Karen Tappin	Marsha McFadden	Rena K. Borja	Pam Parker
Judy Montero	Crystal Arbuthnot	Angelita Haramoto	Bobbi Enderlin
Kristl Ito-Lau	Nushi Safinya	Jackie Buccellato	Dona Gaddis Wolf
Mary Dickey	Stephanie Helberg	Lyn Lurbe	
Diane Barney	Laurie Gallian		
SI/Benicia Member	Mamie Bramlett		
Elise Carmody	Pat Eileen Fisher		
	Cara Begley		

The winner of the New Member Sponsor drawing for \$1,000 to Laurel Society was Mandy Marquez from SI/Eureka.

### **Voting Results:** [Credential Reports posted on website.](#)

Bylaws - all amendments passed.

### **Election of the 2021-2023 Nominating Committee**

District I Bonnie Mertz received 16 votes. Heather McLaughlin received 10 votes. Bonnie Mertz was declared the winner.

District II - Jan Schults ran unopposed and was declared the winner.

District III - Barbara Young ran unopposed and was declared the winner.

District IV - Dyann O'Brien ran unopposed and was declared the winner.

District V - Angie Haramoto ran unopposed and was declared the winner.

### **Club Recognitions**

Each year one club per district is drawn to receive a donation of \$250.00 to Club Giving in their honor. The directors held a drawing at our April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and the following clubs were chosen.

District I - SI/Benicia

District II - SI/The Delta

District III - SI/Napa

District IV - SI/Eel River Valley

District V - SI/Honolulu

### **Club Giving**

Governor Kris thanked all the clubs who donated to Club Giving and reminded them to submit any Club Giving funds by May 31, 2021 to SIA. All clubs giving at the Dreamers level or above, clubs who marked their \$250+ contribution as 10%, AND clubs that increased their gift by more than 10% over the previous year will be entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 *Live Your Dream Award* by SIA. This award provides additional funding for a locally chosen recipient in the 2021-2022 club year.

20 2021 Founder Region Virtual Conference Proceedings *Dream BIG for the future.*

Twenty-eight clubs donated to club giving so far this club year. The following clubs designated a Club Giving amount of 10%:

SI/Oakland-The Founder Club

SI/Pittsburg

SI/24-680 (Walnut Creek)

SI/Clear Lake

SI/Benicia

SI/Arcata

SI/Eureka

SI/Waikiki Foundation, Inc.

### **Julia “Bess” Combs Membership Increase Award**

This award is given to the club with the largest net growth in regular membership and is named after Past Governor Julia “Bess” Combs from Southwestern Region.

Governor Kris reported that Founder Region has retained 94% of their members this club year and each district is over 90% retention. She congratulated the clubs for staying engaged with their members, so they feel connected and for continuing to introduce Soroptimist to new members. SI/Novato was announced the winner who had a net growth in membership of 9 new members and 15 new members overall, which was a 30% increase over the period. They will receive a \$500.00 donation to club giving in their honor.

### **Membership Incentive**

The clubs who achieved the Membership Incentive (5 new members from 1/1/21-5/31/21) are SI/Sonoma Valley, SI/Guam, and SI/Windsor. They each received \$500 to use toward their local mission focused service projects.

### **Celebrating Success Awards**

Governor Kris introduced Chair Debbie Scaife of SI/Eel River Valley, who presented the awards for 2020-2021 (which reported on projects from 2019-2020). Twenty-eight entries were received from 16 clubs and the winners in each pillar are:

- Fundraising: SI/Vallejo – Diamonds, Pearls and Girls 2019
- Membership: SI/Vacaville – Celebrating 60 Years of Community Service
- Programs: SI/Calistoga – Collective Impact in Education & Dream Programs
- Public Awareness: SI/Vacaville – Response to the Pandemic Public Awareness

Founder Region will be making a \$250 donation to Club Giving in honor of these outstanding clubs. These winners will be submitted for further judging at the Federation level. The Soroptimist Board of Directors reviews the region finalists from all the regions and selects the top entry in each of the four categories. These four federation finalists will be announced this July. Remember that July 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for this year’s submission.

Governor Kris thanked Chair Debbie for chairing this award for a second biennium and for coordinating the judging of the applications.

### **Dream Program Raffle**

The Dream Program Conference Fundraiser went virtual, and clubs rose to the challenge. It was suggested that each club present gift cards from local women owned businesses within the community as the raffle prize. It was inspired by SI/Vacaville and their “Women Mean Business” grant campaign.

Governor Kris reported that \$13,216 was raised for our region dream programs. Each club who sold all their raffle numbers (excluding the extra) was entered into a drawing to receive a \$250 donation to Club Giving in their honor. Forty-two clubs sold all their tickets and there was 100% participation from District I and District IV. SI/Clear Lake was drawn as the winner. One ticket was also drawn from all the tickets purchased for a \$1,000.00 Laurel Society donation and the winner was SI/The Tri-Valley, who will need to designate a club member for this donation to their Laurel Society membership.

### **Live Your Dream Incentive**

To increase Live Your Dream award participation, clubs were given a special incentive and entered into a drawing for each LYD award they presented. Fifty clubs distributed 85 awards worth \$178,850 during this difficult year. The winner was SI/The Marianas, who will receive \$1,000 to give an additional LYD award for 2021-2022 club year.

### **Attendance Drawing**

Governor Kris announced that Yvonne White, SI/Arcata, the 2019 winner for the 2020 registration and meals (which was then deferred to the 2021 conference) will be given a \$1,000 donation to Laurel Society since both conferences had been virtual. The attendance incentive drawing for registration/meals at the 2022 Conference was then drawn and the winner was Cathy Nakahara from SI/Central Oahu.

Those who attend ALL sessions (Thursday-Saturday) of our virtual conference will be entered into a drawing to win a \$1,000 Fellow (or level up), in support of Founder Region Fellowship and will be drawn on Sunday at the end of conference.

### **Conference Service Project**

Governor Kris thanked all who participated in the “Dress A Girl Around the World” conference service project and reported that 285 dresses were received. She then thanked Cara Begley from SI/Antioch for coordinating the project and announced they would be collecting dresses until the end of May for members who still wish to participate.

Governor Kris reminded everyone to visit the Club Sales page on the region website to support fundraising efforts in the region.

### **Dream Big for the Future Awards**

Governor Kris reported that the “**Dream BIG for the future! Awards**” had been posted daily to the Founder Region Facebook page leading up to conference. These will be compiled into one newsletter and emailed to all members after conference. She then thanked Public Awareness Chair Jackie DeVries and Secretary Joy Swank for coordinating the awards. It was so much fun to see who was honored and read about their contributions to our organization. Although we only honored one member from each club, each and every club member is vital in order to fulfill our mission, so keep up the great work and continue to “Dream BIG for the future!”. The deadline was extended to May 10, 2021 if clubs still wanted to participate.

Public Awareness Chair Jackie De Vries then announced the “Brand Warrior” winners from each district who will also be posted to the region Facebook page after conference.

<b>DISTRICT I</b> Benicia The Tri-Valley	<b>DISTRICT II</b> Central Solana County The Delta Vacaville Vacaville Twilight Vallejo	<b>DISTRICT III</b> Calistoga Napa Novato Oakmont Wine Country West Sonoma County	<b>DISTRICT IV</b> Arcata Eureka Humboldt Bay Willits	<b>DISTRICT V</b> Central Oahu
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Chair Jackie then announced a special recognition as the “Hashtag Hero”, which was given to SI/Willits for their use of the region hashtag, #SoroptimistsDreamBig!

**Pillar Breakout Sessions**

Governor Kris thanked Fundraising Chair Leanne Davis, Membership Chair Nancy Weber, Program Chair Vicki Ham, and Public Awareness Chair Jackie DeVries for serving as our Pillar Chairs this biennium. Members were given the opportunity to watch the pre-recorded Pillar Presentations and should have come prepared with questions for discussion. Attendees had 15 minutes to attend two breakout sessions with the Pillar Chairs.

After the breakout sessions, Governor Kris thanked everyone for attending the Business Meetings today and reminded attendees to join us for more frivolity and fun tonight at 6:00pm for cocktails and games and at 7:00pm to celebrate our 100 Year Anniversary. She then read the recipe for the Soroptimist Blue...Berry Spritz Cocktail/Mocktail, a signature cocktail created by SIA.

**Ingredients:**

- Champagne or sparkling water
- Lemon juice or lemonade
- Fresh Blueberries

Mix the ingredients above to your desired taste and join your fellow Soroptimist members in a toast to our next 100 years!

Governor Kris invited everyone to dress up in their 1920’s costume and help us toast to the next 100 years and adjourned the business meeting.

**Q&A with SIA Director Freda Powell**  
3:00pm-3:30pm PDT Live via Zoom

Attendees were given the opportunity to ask Director Freda questions concerning SIA programs and the Big Goal.

**Cocktail Party/Social Hour**  
**6:00pm-7:00pm PDT Live via Zoom**

Governor Kris welcomed members, music played and a fun [“Bad Girls Through History”](#) Trivia game was played to set the tone for tonight’s celebration of 100 years. All winners of the Trivia Game will be mailed commemorative pens.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**7:00pm-9:00pm PDT Live via Zoom**

The Saturday night program was a celebration of the 100 years of Soroptimist. Governor Kris welcomed everyone to tonight's program.

The inspiration was given by Carolyn Bolton, President of our first club, SI/Oakland-The Founder Club.

The past Governors in attendance were introduced and had the opportunity to reflect on their term as Governor and what they wish for Soroptimist in the next 100 years.

Sylvia Crafton - 2018-2020 Theme: Empowering Change

Pam Parker - 2016-2018 Theme: Soroptimists are Shining Stars

Bobbi Enderlin - 2014-2016 Theme: Share the Joy of Soroptimist

Dona Gaddis Wolf - 2012-2014 Theme: Share the Light of Soroptimist Service

Amelia Benko - 2008-2010 Theme: Making a Difference Matters

Mary Ann Redden -2002-2004 Theme: Achieve Growth by Sharing (Secretary Joy read a message from Past Governor Mary Ann.)

Linda McDoniels - 1998-2000 Theme: Making a Difference Together (Secretary Joy read a message from Past Governor Linda)

Susan Joyce - 1988-1990 Theme: We are One in Service Spirit (Secretary Joy read a message from Past Governor Susan)

Carol Steele - 1986-1988 Theme: Dreams of Soroptimism

Kate Burns -1978-1980 Theme Let Us Grow (Secretary Joy read a message from Past Governor Kate).

More information on the Past Governors can be found on the [Founder Region Website](#).

Governor Kris and the Founder Region Board presented a skit on "The Power of 8" spotlighting the eight women who created a legacy that has spanned 100 years.

Governor Kris introduced SIA Associate Director of Records and Curator of SIA Archives, Lisa Mangiafico. Lisa shared a presentation: "Parallel Paths: Two Roads Leading to Soroptimist International", highlighting the parallel paths taken by Soroptimist and the Venture club in Great Britain, and their eventual merging into Soroptimist International.

Governor Kris then introduced Carol Dippel from SI/Oakland-The Founder Club, who shared many untold stories of Violet Richardson Ward.

The Founder Region board then took the members through a presentation on events, music & movies through the decades of Soroptimist from 1920-to present time. The program was adjourned for the night and members were reminded to attend the Dream Awards Program Sunday at 11:00am via Live zoom link.

**Sunday May 2, 2021**  
**Memorial Tribute & Dream Awards Program**  
**11:00am-1:00pm PDT Live via Zoom**

Governor Kris welcomed everyone to the Sunday program and presented a slide show honoring the members we have lost this past year.

Mary Waldkirch, SI/Arcata Inducted in 1973, 47 Year Member  
Helene Wood, SI/El Cerrito Inducted in 2019, 2-year member  
Vina Marie Simmons, SI/Eureka Inducted in 1974, 47-year member  
Janice McNair, SI/Richmond Inducted 2002, 16-year member  
Lorraine Komor, SI/Santa Rosa-Past Governor 1990-1992 Inducted in 1976, 45-year member  
Sharon Valenti SI/Fort Bragg Inducted in 2005, 16-year member  
Carolyn Small, SI/Santa Rosa Inducted in 1985, 35-year member  
Helen Fernandez, SI/Sonoma Valley Inducted in 1960, 60-year member.

Governor Kris announced the 2021 Virtual Redwood Memorial Grove Service will be held on Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 11:00am via Zoom. The service will be moderated by Chair Debbie Thompson from SI/Eureka and presented by members of the Founder Region Board. It will include a virtual walking tour through the Redwoods, history of the Grove, and a special presentation about our Northern California State Parks.

Governor Kris announced today's program, the 2021 Conference Dream Awards Program, where we honor women and girls who are striving to make a better life for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Governor Kris invited Claudia McCormick from SI/The Tri-Valley to deliver the inspiration. Claudia delivered the Inspiration and turned the program back to Governor Kris, who introduced Governor-elect Vicki Ham, the emcee for the Awards program.

Governor-elect Vicki invited "S" Club chair, Beth A. Rowe to present the Barbara Stevenson "S" Club Award.

Chair Beth explained the process and then announced the winner:

The 2021 Barbara Stevenson "S" Club award recipient is Rachel Nelson, from the "S" Club at Vacaville Christian High School, sponsored by SI/Vacaville. Beth introduced Rachel to speak about her club experience and future plans.

Rachael received a check for \$1,000 and a personalized Congressional certificate from Congressman Jared Huffman and a Congressional certificate signed by Congressman James Wood and Senator Mike McGuire, as well as a certificate from Founder Region.

Governor-elect Vicki announced The Violet Richardson Award, a recognition program for young women between the ages of 14 and 18 who make the world a better place through their volunteer efforts.

This year, 30 clubs participated by honoring 38 young ladies receiving a Violet Richardson Award.

The 2020-2021 Violet Richardson winners are:

District I - Raishma Anwar, submitted by SI/24-680 Walnut Creek

District II - Malia Yancey, submitted by SI/the Delta

District III - Beza Mesfin, submitted by SI/Napa

District IV - Klayre Barres, submitted by SI/Eureka

District V - Katrina Kuo, submitted by SI/Honolulu

Each recipient spoke briefly about their future plans. Each district VRA winner received a check for \$1,000 and a personalized Congressional certificate from Congressman Jared Huffman and a Congressional certificate signed by Congressman James Wood and Senator Mike McGuire, as well as a certificate from Founder Region.

Governor-elect Vicki thanked the Violet Richardson Committee:

District I - Carol Dippel, SI/Oakland-The Founder Club

District II - Susan Avery, SI/Dixon

District III - Debbie Goodman, SI/Napa

District IV- Heather Bitner, SI/Humboldt Bay

District V- Rene Tokunaga, SI/Central Oahu

Governor-elect Vicki reported that Founder Region contributed to Soroptimist's global impact through the Live Your Dream Award program by honoring 85 women with \$178,850 in funding and additional support valued at \$9,220. She then introduced the Live Your Dream Award Chair, Debbie Coles, SI/Arcata.

Chair Debbie introduced the Region Live Your Dream Award Committee:

District I - Shannie Eubanks SI/24-680 Walnut Creek

District II - Mariam Aboudamous SI/American Canyon 2018

District III - Maida Herbst SI/Sonoma Valley

District IV- Heidi Ahders SI/Willits

District V -Wendy MacDonald SI/Maui

And the Region Level Judges were thanked, Jennifer Swift, Humboldt State Business Office, Judy Aronoff, retired, and Joan Tempas, retired.

Chair Debbie introduced the 2020-2021 Live Your Dream award winners.

Each winner addressed the attendees.

District I winner, Asia Cole is from Fremont, CA and is sponsored by SI/Fremont

District II winner, Amara Jones, is from Pleasant Hill, CA and is sponsored by SI/Pittsburg

District III winner, Jessica McAllister is from Napa, CA and is sponsored by SI/Napa

District IV winner, Lindsay McCovey is from Hoopa, CA and is sponsored by SI/Humboldt Bay (**Region winner**)

District V, Tiah Davidson, is from Kaneohe, HI and is sponsored by SI/Central Oahu

The Region winner received \$5,000 from SIA, a \$2,000 check and \$500 Amazon gift card from Founder Region for a total of \$7,500 and has the opportunity for further awards at the Federation level.

The other four winners received \$3,000 from SIA, a \$2,000 check and \$100 amazon Gift Card from Founder Region. They also received a Congressional certificate from Congressman Jared Huffman and a Congressional certificate signed by Congressman James Wood and Senator Mike McGuire, as well as a certificate from Founder Region and SIA.

Governor-elect Vicki turned the proceedings back over to Governor Kris who announced the winner of the **Perfect Attendance** award was Lisa Cobb from SI/Novato (first time attendee), who will receive \$1,000 donation to Fellowship in her honor.

Governor Kris gave her closing remarks and closed the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Founder Region Conference.

The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Founder Region Conference will be held on April 29 - May 1, 2022 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Host Clubs: SI/Maui, SI/Central Oahu, SI/Honolulu, SI/Waikiki Foundation, Inc. (District V)



**FOUNDER REGION FELLOWSHIP  
2021 VIRTUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
May 1, 2021  
Via Zoom Conference**

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**Saturday, May 1, 2021**

Governor Kris Chorbi opened the session at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Virtual Founder Region Conference. She introduced President Cheryl Poncini, who continued our Founder Region Business Meeting.

I. **Welcome** – President Cheryl welcomed everyone to the Founder Region Fellowship Business Meeting

**II. Founder Region Fellowship Proposed Bylaw Amendments – 2021**

a. The following FRF 2021 proposed bylaw amendments were previously presented, With the membership using electronic voting which ended on April 30, 2021, each proposed amendment passed.

<b>BYLAWS SECTION &amp; ARTICLE</b>	<b>TITLE OF BYLAW</b>	<b>VOTING RESULT</b>
Article V, Section 2	Directors & Officers	PASSED
Article V, Section 4	Directors & Officers	PASSED
Article V, Section 7	Directors & Officers	PASSED
Article VII, Section 1	Board of Directors	PASSED
Article VII, Section 3	Board of Directors	PASSED
Article VIII, Section I	Finance	PASSED
<b>Add Hoc Committee:</b>		
Article V, Section 1	Directors & Officers	PASSED
Article V, Section 6	Directors & Officers	PASSED
Article V, Section 10	Directors & Officers	PASSED

b. The language of the 2021 Fellowship Bylaws Amendments:

**ARTICLE V – Directors and Officers**

<b>CURRENT LANGUAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED LANGUAGE</b>
<b>Section 2.</b> There shall be five (5) directors	<b>Section 2.</b> There shall be five (5) elected

who are representatives of the five (5) districts of Founder Region. They shall serve for a biennium or until their successors take office.	directors who are representatives of the five (5) districts of Founder Region. They shall serve for a biennium or until their successors take office.
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**PROPOSED BY:** 2020 – 2022 Founder Region Fellowship Board

**ADVANTAGES:** To make the language in Section 2 consistent with the language in other sections in Article.

**DISADVANTAGES:** None

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** None

**RATIONALE:** To clarify that the Founder Region Fellowship directors are elected, not appointed.

**ARTICLE V – Directors and Officers**

<b>CURRENT LANGUAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED LANGUAGE</b>
<b>Section 4.</b> A treasurer shall be elected from the membership at the annual conference beginning in 2022. For the 2020-2022 biennium, the treasurer shall be appointed by the incoming Founder Region Fellowship (FRF) President from applications submitted by members of Founder Region. The Treasurer shall be a voting member of the board of Directors.	<b>Section 4.</b> A treasurer shall be elected at the annual conference beginning in 2022. For the 2020-2022 biennium, the treasurer shall be appointed by the incoming Founder Region Fellowship (FRF) President from applications submitted by members of Founder Region. The Treasurer shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors.

**PROPOSED BY:** 2020 – 2022 Founder Region Fellowship Board

**ADVANTAGES:** To further clarify that the position of treasurer will be an elected position as of the annual conference in 2022.

**DISADVANTAGES:** None

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Zero

**RATIONALE:** To make the language in Section 4 consistent with the language in other sections in Article V.

**ARTICLE V – Directors and Officers**

<b>CURRENT LANGUAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED LANGUAGE</b>
<b>Section 7.</b> No director shall hold more than one elected office within the Soroptimist organization in accordance with SIA Bylaws.	<b>Section 7.</b> No officer or director shall hold more than one elected office within the Soroptimist organization in accordance with SIA Bylaws.

**PROPOSED BY:** 2020 – 2022 Founder Region Fellowship Board<sup>[1]</sup>

**ADVANTAGES:** Makes clear that the prohibition against holding more than one elected position applies to both officers and directors of Founder Region Fellowship.

**DISADVANTAGES:** None

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** None

**RATIONALE:** Pursuant to Fellowship Bylaws amendment passed in May 2020, effective in 2022, the Fellowship Treasurer, an officer, shall be an elected position. Under SIA Bylaws and Founder Region Bylaws, an elected Fellowship officer shall not hold more than one elected office within the Soroptimist organization.

**ARTICLE VII – Board of Directors**

<b>CURRENT LANGUAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED LANGUAGE</b>
<b>Section 1.</b> The Board of Directors shall consist of a president and six (6) directors who represent the six (6) districts of Founder Region.	<b>Section 1.</b> The Board of Directors shall consist of a president, a treasurer and five (5) directors who represent the five (5) districts of Founder Region.

**PROPOSED BY:** 2020 – 2022 Founder Region Fellowship Board

**ADVANTAGES:** To make the language of this section consistent with the language in other sections of the Fellowship Bylaws.

**DISADVANTAGES:** None

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

**RATIONALE:** To be consistent with other parts of the Fellowship Bylaws as well as with the Founder Region redistricting plan which went into effect on July 1, 2020.

**ARTICLE VII – Board of Directors**

<b>CURRENT LANGUAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED LANGUAGE</b>
<p><b>Section 3. Meetings.</b> The meetings of the Board of Directors shall<sup>[1]</sup><del>SEP</del>...</p> <p><b>[Proposed language is not a part of the current FRF Bylaws.]</b></p>	<p><b>Section 3. Meetings.</b> The meetings of the Board of Directors shall: ...</p> <p>d. be held in person or, if deemed necessary for any reason by the Board President, electronically via videoconferencing</p>

**PROPOSED BY:** 2020-2022 Founder Region Fellowship Board

**ADVANTAGES:** Makes clear that board meetings can be held electronically if deemed necessary for any reason by the Board President.

**DISADVANTAGES:** None

**FINACIAL IMPACT:** Minimal cost to Fellowship for a videoconferencing subscription to facilitate virtual meetings.

**RATIONALE:** Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, we have learned the value of meeting via internet platforms continue to do the work of Founder Region Fellowship while keeping each other healthy by observing social distancing.

**ARTICLE VIII – Finance**

<b>CURRENT LANGUAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED LANGUAGE</b>
<p>Section 1. The primary sources of income include:</p> <p>a. The mandatory annual assessments [sic (plural)] of two dollars (\$2) to every member of each club within Founder Region.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>Section 1. The primary source of income include:</p> <p>a. The mandatory annual assessment of seven dollars (\$7) to every member of each club within Founder Region.</p> <p>...</p>

**PROPOSED BY:** 2020 – 2022 Founder Region Fellowship Board<sup>[1]</sup>~~SEP~~

**ADVANTAGES:** Recognizes that costs for everything have increased over the last 25-plus years and helps to reduce that disparity.

**DISADVANTAGES:** None

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Increases Founder Region Fellowship dues amount by \$5.00 per year for each Founder Region Soroptimist.

**RATIONALE:** For over twenty-five years, the per member annual dues for Founder Region’s identifying program, Fellowship, has been \$2.00. Meanwhile, costs for everything have increased. This \$5.00 increase will guarantee every member the opportunity to financially assist Fellowship.

**ARTICLE V - Directors and Officers**

<b>CURRENT LANGUAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED LANGUAGE</b>
<p><b>Section 1.</b> The president of the board shall be appointed by the governor-elect of Founder Region following conference in the second year of the biennium and shall serve for a biennium or until a successor is appointed.</p>	<p><b>Section 1.</b> The president of the board shall be elected by the delegates at the annual conference in the second year of the biennium, commencing with the 2022 conference, and shall serve for a biennium or, in the case of a vacancy, until a successor is appointed.</p>
<p><b>Section 6. Nominations.</b> Each club may submit the names of regular members to the Founder Region Nominating Committee for treasurer, and director. Each District in Founder Region shall thereafter elect one (1) member from that district to be a director. The Founder Region membership, beginning in biennium 2022-2024, shall thereafter elect one (1) member of Founder Region to be treasurer. Nominations and elections shall be in accordance with Founder Region Bylaws.</p>	<p><b>Section 6. Nominations.</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Each club may submit the names of regular members to the Founder Region Nominating Committee for president, treasurer, and director. Each District in Founder Region shall thereafter elect one (1) member from that district to be a director. The Founder Region Fellowship delegates, beginning in biennium 2022-2024, shall thereafter elect one (1) member of Founder Region to be president, and one (1) member to be treasurer. Nominations and elections shall be in accordance with Founder Region Bylaws.</p>
	<p><b>Section 6. Nominations.</b></p> <p><b>b.</b> To be eligible for election to office, candidates must be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regular members in good standing who have served as club president.</li> <li>2. For the office of President, the member shall have served on the Region Board as governor, or on the FRF board within six</li> </ol>

	years prior to the term for which she/he is being nominated. For the office of district director, the member shall be a member of a club in that district.
<p><b>Section 10. Vacancies.</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> If a vacancy occurs in the office of president, the Founder Region governor shall appoint a successor.</p>	<p><b>Section 10. Vacancies.</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> If a vacancy occurs in the office of president, the FRF Board of Directors shall appoint a president from the membership of FR to serve until the annual meeting where an election to fill such a vacancy is held, providing the nominee meets the requirements as set forth in these bylaws. A vacancy or vacancies in the office of president shall be deemed to exist in the event of a death, resignation, or absence/removal of the president.</p>

**PROPOSED BY:** An ad hoc committee appointed by the Founder Region Governor consisting of the following members: Chair Bobbi Enderlin, Pam Parker, Sylvia Crafton, Dona Gaddis Wolf, Mary Ann Redden, Amelia Benko, Barbara Lanier, Sue Finch, Susan Joyce, Carol Steele, Dion Weaver, Patsy Daniels, and Kate Burns. These members are either past governors or past Fellowship presidents or both. Ex-officio members (non-voting) of the committee were Governor Kris Chorbi, Governor-elect Vicki Ham, and FRF President Cheryl Poncini.

**ADVANTAGES:** Founder Region Fellowship is a separate 501(c)(3) entity and should have a president that is elected by the conference delegates. Since the bylaws were changed to elect a treasurer, the committee felt that the President should also be an elected position. It is unusual for the head of one nonprofit corporation to select the president of another nonprofit corporation.

**DISADVANTAGES:** None

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** None

**RATIONALE:** FRF began as a committee of Founder Region and at the time, it made sense for the Governor to appoint the Chair of the committee. Once the entity was established as a separate corporation and acquired its own tax exempt status, we began electing the FRF Directors. The committee feels that it is now important that we take another timely step forward in protecting our interests in and ownership of FRF. After reviewing the structure of FRF with a nonprofit corporation attorney, the recommendation is that the President be elected. Historically, some governor-elects have chosen the immediate past governor while others have chosen to appoint past directors of the Fellowship Board. We believe that the nominee should continue to be considered from these same sources. The criteria should include that the nominee has served as a Founder Region Governor, based on her/his working relationship with the FRF Board and applicant interviews or have served on the FRF Board as a director or treasurer demonstrating they understand the FRF process.

### III. Minutes

Secretary Dana presented the minutes.

- a. Minutes of the 2020 Founder Region Fellowship Business Meeting, held on May 2, 2020, were distributed with the 2020 Conference Proceedings to clubs via e-mail, and are also posted on the Founder Region Conference website
- b. There were no corrections to the minutes. President Cheryl declared the May 2, 2020, Founder Region Business Meeting minutes approved as presented.

### IV. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Teresa Karlson

- a. A copy of the Founder Region Fellowship Financial Report, covering the period July 1, 2020, through March 31, 2020, has been, and continues to be, available by contacting Treasurer Teresa as noted on the Region Conference website.

### V. Fellowship Board Reports – See reports attached.

All Fellowship Board Reports will be posted on the Conference website.

### VI. Peacock Challenge Raffle Summary Results were announced orally and via a PowerPoint Presentation.

- a. Gift Cards
  - i. Mary Dickey – SI/ Vacaville
  - ii. Lisa Morrow – SI/ Clear Lake
- b. Reception and Gala Co-Hosts and Silent Observer for Two Fellowship Applicant Interviews in 2022
  - i. Lynn Levin SI- The East Bay
  - ii. Amelia Benko – SI/ The Tri-Valley
  - iii. Sally Munger – SI/ Clear Lake
  - iv. Barbara Yamashita – SI/ Waikiki Foundation, Inc.
- c. Tea/Lunch Saturday, June 5, 2021
  - i. Holly Ito – SI/ San Ramon Valley
  - ii. Carol Ann Walton – SI/ Noyo Sunrise
  - iii. Sue Bias – SI/ Waikiki Foundation
- d. Fellows or Level-Ups
  - i. Billie Knight – SI/ East Bay
  - ii. Fawn Williams – SI/ Clear Lake
  - iii. Jeanne Kearns – SI/ Santa Rosa
  - iv. Nancy Koski – SI/ Santa Rosa
  - v. Laura Middlemiss – SI/ Humboldt Bay
  - vi. Debra Zedalis – SI/ Central Oahu

### VII. 2021 Virtual Silent Auction Results were Announced Orally and Via a PowerPoint Presentation

- a. Total Amount Earned \$2,450
- b. Highest Bidders:

HIGHEST BIDDER	DESCRIPTION OF PIN	BID VALUE
Rena Borja	Owl	\$40
Rea Borja	Angel	\$40
Heather McLaughlin	Golf	\$40

Laurie Gallian	Green	\$50
Lenore Fuller	Anchor	\$50
Heather McLaughlin	Cat and Dog	\$60
Vicki Ham	Theater	\$60
Sharon Silva	Gold	\$60
Elizabeth Lewelllyn	Music	\$70
Barbara Yamashita	Pearl	\$70
Colleen Ganaye	Gold Leaf	\$80
Angela Bugarin	Gold Rectangle Pendant	\$85
Katherine Miller	Gold Circle	\$100
Lilian Meyers	Pink Flower	\$100
Lilian Meyers	Gold Flower	\$100
Kris Chorbi	Blue Gold Pendant	\$100
Tess Albin-Smith	Oval Flower	\$100
Hima Patel	Fellowship	\$115
Lauri Gallian	Gold Flower Six Petals	\$120
Barbara Yamashita	Clown on a Bike	\$170
Joy Swank	Butterfly	\$200
Cindy Rasmussen	Five-Petal Flower	\$250
Hima Patel	Pendant Tiny Petals	\$300

**VIII. Silent Auction “Raffle” Winners Fellow or Level-Up were Announced Orally and Via a PowerPoint Presentation**

- a. Barbara Yamashita
- b. Sharon Silvia

**IX. Dorothy Sarnes Memorial July 1, 2020-April 15, 2021 Donations – In Memory/In Honor of Donations**

- a. In Memory of Dorothy Sarnes & Violet Richardson Ward
  - i. Marlene Leverett
- b. In Memory of Past Governor Lorraine Komar
  - i. Sally Munger
  - ii. 2020-2022 Fellowship Board – Crystal Arbuthnot, Dana Holve, Teresa Karlson, Billie Knight, Cheryl Poncini, Denise Ridge, Fawn Williams
- c. In Memory of Sharon Valenti – Past Fellowship Board Member
  - i. Cheryl Poncini
- d. In Memory of Betty Neueker
  - i. SI/ Diablo Vista
- e. In Memory of Erla Jadro
  - i. Ann Bettiga
- f. In Memory of Vina Simmons
  - i. SI/ Eureka
- g. In Memory of Hannah Winnan’s Father
  - i. Hannah Winnans

**X. President’s Presentation** – President Cheryl commented about the 2020-2021 Founder Region Fellowship year.

- XI. **Closing** – The 2020-2022 Fellowship Board looks forward to finishing this year and working with all of you for the 2021-2022 year. A reminder was also made about the upcoming Fellowship Fun Walk/Run fundraiser.

**President Cheryl called the 2020-2021 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Founder Region Fellowship Business Meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Dana Holwe  
Secretary – Founder Region Fellowship  
District II Fellowship Director  
Soroptimist International of the Americas**

See Fellowship Board Reports Below

### **Board Reports for 2020-2021**



### **REMARKS BY PRESIDENT CHERYL PONCINI AT THE MAY 1, 2021, FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS MEETING**

#### **Founder Region Members & Honored Guests:**

As most of us have said countless times in our personal and professional lives, this has been quite a year – and, in this case, an interesting 10 months since the 2020-2022 Fellowship Board began its journey on July 1 last year. Like many boards before us, we began as a group of 7 people, mostly strangers to each other and, I think, have bonded together to be a working team. Our bond has been forged under the challenges of a global pandemic and learning to navigate new and different internet and tech capabilities to help us do our jobs effectively as Fellowship board members.

The results you have seen at this Conference with the eight remarkable women the Board selected to receive the 2021 Fellowship Awards speak to the hard work, dedication, and success of this board.

What you don't see and what members oftentimes may not realize is that the selection of our award recipients goes hand-in-hand with extensive fundraising efforts. There, too, the board continues to think outside the box to make the financial part of these awards possible. For example, we pivoted:

- from the old norm of selling hard copy raffle tickets in person to the new standard of using number logs;

- from selling items such as jewelry in person to creating Fellowship experience raffle prizes that can occur online;
- from in person fundraising to embracing internet platforms to create fundraisers such as the silent auction or the upcoming Fun walk for Education.

What's coming in the next 14 months? Our Fellowship Board is already thinking about it. Possibilities include:

- A fun fundraiser over the summer such as an online painting or cooking class;
- Another virtual auction -- If any of you are interested in donating your Deanna pins back to Fellowship, we would consider doing another auction later this year or early next. Let me know your thoughts.
- A virtual auction with other auction items.
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The possibilities are there. We are limited only by the boundaries of our collective imaginations.

In closing, thank you Governor Kris for selecting me to be the Fellowship President this biennium. It is an honor, but it is also a huge responsibility.

Thank you, board members, for your hard work.

Thank you, members, for your support of this truly amazing and unique program.



## **FOUNDER REGION FELLOWSHIP BOARD OFFICERS/DIRECTORS REPORT**

**OFFICER/DIRECTOR:** Teresa Karlson

**OFFICER TITLE:** Treasurer

**REPORTING PERIOD:** August 22, 2020 – April 16, 2021

**DATE OF THIS REPORT:** April 16, 2021

It has been an interesting year so far in the Fellowship world. My first meeting as the Treasurer was on Friday July 31<sup>st</sup> 2020. This was the first introduction to what was to come. August came and we began the planning. With meetings on Zoom we have been able to continue our program.

Attended District I and II virtual meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Always great to see members from other Soroptimist clubs that offer different perspectives.

November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> We held our board meeting on Zoom in preparation for our fellowship applicants review.

**December 16<sup>th</sup> – Special Meeting held**

**January 8<sup>th</sup> – Special meeting held**

**February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> – Choosing Fellowship Applicants to interview**

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March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> – University of Hawaii Interviews  
 March 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> – California Universities Interviews

**FOUNDER REGION FELLOWSHIP  
 DISTRICT I FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT,**

**DIRECTOR:** BILLIE KNIGHT  
**REPORT DATE:** April 15, 2021  
**COVERING:** JULY 1, 2020 TO APRIL 15, 2021

DIST. 1 CLUB # 11  
 DIST. 1  
 FELLOWS 236 AS OF APRIL 15, 2021  
 NEW OR LEVELING UP FELLOWS SINCE JULY 1, 2020:

	Last Name	First Name	Club	Level	Achieved By:	Achieved By:
1	Sherman	Kaelyn	24-680	1	Apr.	Club
2	Bovo	Brooke	Benicia	1	Oct.	Raffle
3	Enderlin	Bobbi	Benicia	3	Apr.	Monthly
4	Geddes	Kathy	Diablo Vista	1	Apr.	Club
5	Knight	Billie	East Bay	2	Apr.	Raffle
6	McGary	Jeff	East Bay	1	Feb.	Club
7	Agostinelli	Gina	El Cerrito	2	Mar.	Gifted
8	Balgley	Elise	Fremont	2	Oct.	Raffle
9	Vigil	Bert	Martinez	2	Oct.	Raffle
10	Poncini	Cheryl	Oakland	8	Nov.	Personal
11	Pinkas	Catherine	Oakland	2		Personal
12	Debbie	Marshall	Richmond San Ramon	1	Mar.	Club
13	Tocci	Teresa	Valley San Ramon	1	Dec.	Club
14	Ormiston	Jenny	Valley	1	Dec.	Gifted

CLUBS FUNDING A CLUB FELLOW TO BE AWARDED LATER THIS YEAR:

- Benicia
- El Cerrito
- Oakland
- Tri-Valley

NUMBER OF MONTHLY GIVING PARTICIPANTS: 2	
FUNDS RAISED BY NEW OR LEVELING UP FELLOWS	\$11,950.00
FUNDS RAISED BY DIST. 1 MEETING RAFFLE	\$3,355.00
FUNDS RAISED BY DIST. 1 PEACOCK CHALLENGE RAFFLE:	\$1,900.00
FUNDS RAISED BY FUN FOR FELLOWSHIP	\$500.00

TOTAL INCOME FROM DIST 1

\$17,705.00

It has been my pleasure to serve on the Fellowship Board over the past 9 months. I have particularly enjoyed the opportunity to attend club meetings around the district, getting to know the various members and club personalities. It has also been a pleasure getting to know my fellow Fellowship Directors, Treasurer Teresa and President Cheryl. It was an honor to review the various Fellowship applications, but a heartbreak that we could not give an award to every single applicant. Thank you to the entire district for allowing me this unique experience.

## **FOUNDER REGION FELLOWSHIP**

### **DISTRICT II DIRECTOR REPORT**

**FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR:** Dana Holve

**REPORTING PERIOD:** July 1, 2020 – April 29, 2021

**DATE OF THIS REPORT:** April 29, 2021

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**Number of Clubs in District II:** 10

**Number of Fellows in District II:** 247

**Number of Monthly Giving Participants:** Four

**Total Funds raised for District II:** \$17,230

#### **Funds Raised by District II during Fundraisers:**

District Meeting Raffle: \$3,465

Peacock Challenge: \$125

Fun Run Sponsors: \$250

**Funds Raised in Dorothy Sarnes Memorial Donations:** \$25

**Funds Raised naming Club and Personal Fellows or Leveling up:** \$12,000

**Funds Raised during Monthly Giving:** \$1,414

#### **New or Leveling Up Fellows:**

##### **District Meeting Raffle Drawing:**

Amy Pretti – Second Level Fellow, SI Dixon

Beverley Brun – First Level Fellow, SI Central Solano

Cathy Rojas – Second Level Fellow, SI

**Club Fellows:**

SI American Canyon, Pamela Chappell, First Level Fellow

SI Dixon, Linda Green, Second Level Fellow

SI Rio Vista, Addie Sullivan, First Level Fellow

SI Rio Vista, Kay Kelley, First Level Fellow

SI Vacaville, Beth Rowe, First Level Fellow

SI Vacaville Twilight, Alexa Roemer, First Level Fellow

SI Vallejo, Elizabeth (Liz) Lewellyn, First Level Fellow

SI Vallejo, Hima Patel, First Level Fellow

SI Vallejo, Leilani Condez, First Level Fellow

**Personal Fellows:**

Charlie Ricketts, Friend of SI Vacaville, First Level Fellow

Linda Johnson, SI Vacaville, First Level Fellow

Sandra Esparza, SI Vacaville, First Level Fellow

**Monthly Giving Fellows:**

Colleen Berumen, First Level Fellow, SI Vacaville Twilight

Mary Dickey, Second Level Fellow, SI Vacaville

**Duties Performed As District II Fellowship Director:** I have enjoyed virtually being able to performed Fellowship and/or Fellow presentations with all 10 clubs, as well as attending several clubs' awards presentations via Zoom virtual platform.

Thank you to our District II Clubs for your support of Fellowship during this difficult time. We truly appreciate all of your support of or women finishing their doctorates during a pandemic.

**FOUNDER REGION FELLOWSHIP  
DISTRICT III DIRECTOR REPORT**

**DIRECTOR:** Fawn Williams

**Date:** April 15, 2021

14 Clubs with 199 Fellows in District III

Monthly Giving Signups: 4

District III Funds Raised:

	Fellows New or Leveled Up
2020-2021	\$13,500.00
Fellowship District Meeting Raffle Tickets and other Sales	
2020-2021	\$4,305.00
Peacock Challenge:	
2020-2021	\$1,785.00
Fun Walk Run Sponsors/walkers	
2020-2021	\$775.00
Fun For Fellowship:	
2020-2021	\$30.00

New Fellows or Level up's as of July 1, 2020

- 1<sup>st</sup> Level – Shaun Cooper – SI Novato
- 1<sup>st</sup> Level – Mary Coussan – SI Wine Country Oakmont
- 6<sup>th</sup> Level – Paula Kamena – SI Marin County
- 1<sup>st</sup> Level – Janet Flink – SI Wine Country Oakmont
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Level – Fawn Williams – SI Clearlake
- 1<sup>st</sup> Level – Sarah Goff – SI Napa
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Level – Phyllis Rogers – SI Santa Rosa
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Level – Barbara Young – SI Santa Rosa
- 5<sup>th</sup> Level – Madalienne Peters – SI Novato
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Level – Joan Mora – SI Windsor
- 1<sup>st</sup> Level – Vicki Re – SI Novato
- 1<sup>st</sup> Level – Barbara Nobles – SI Sonoma Valley

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**FOUNDER REGION FELLOWSHIP  
DISTRICT IV DIRECTORS REPORT**

**DIRECTOR:** Crystal Arbuthnot Fellowship Director

- There are 10 clubs in my district.
- 177 Fellows and all Dist IV clubs are Fellows
- I did zoom Fellowship and/or Fellow presentations to 9 clubs
- District meeting raffle - \$2520.00 – named 2 Fellows.
  - Marge Dimmick-SI Arcata, 2<sup>nd</sup> level Fellow
  - SI Eureka club, gifted to friend – Denise Young, 1<sup>st</sup> level Fellow

- Raffle overage drawing – Yvett Magallon-SI Ukiah, 1<sup>st</sup> level Fellow
- Total club fellows totally \$3000
  - SI/Arcata, Lynn Horrigan, 1<sup>st</sup> level Fellow
  - SI/Eureka, Donna Ayers, 4<sup>th</sup> level Fellow
  - SI/Crescent City, Cheryl Kolstad, 1<sup>st</sup> level Fellow
- 2 clubs sent in “partial fellow” payments and will complete the fellow level next year: SI/Redwoods, SI/Fort Bragg & SI/Eureka for a total of \$1375.00
- I presented prior biennium fellows to:
  - Willy Fogg - SI/Eel River Valley, 1<sup>st</sup> level Fellow
  - Debbie Archer - SI/Redwoods, 1<sup>st</sup> level Fellow
  - Linda Moore - SI/Noyo Sunrise, 1<sup>st</sup> level Fellow
  - Amie McClellan – SI/Redwoods, 1<sup>st</sup> level Fellow, monthly giving
- 1 monthly giving Fellow - \$1000.00
  - Mary Wallaker – SI/Humboldt Bay, 1<sup>st</sup> level Fellow
- Dorothy Sarnes Memorial Donations - \$160.00
- Fun Run Sponsors - \$750.00
- Peacock Challenge Donations - \$1230.00
- Other Monthly giving donations - \$215.00

Total money raised so far by District IV as of April 27, 2021 is \$10,250.00

Thank you. District IV for supporting Fellowship.

You all are truly AWESOME.

**FOUNDER REGION FELLOWSHIP  
 DISTRICT V FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR’S REPORT  
 FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR:** Denise Ridge  
**REPORTING PERIOD:** July 1, 2020 – April 29, 2021  
**DATE OF THIS REPORT:** April 29, 2021

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**Number of Clubs in District V:** Eight clubs, 4 in the State of Hawaii, 2 in the Territory of Guam, 1 in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, and 1 in the Republic of Palau. Six clubs are Fellows.

**Number of Fellows in District V:** 121

**Number of Monthly Giving Participants:** One

**Funds Raised by District V during Fundraisers:** \$ 3,799

**Funds Raised naming New Fellows or Leveling up:** \$6000

**New or Leveling up Fellows:**

Debra Zedalis-SI Central Oahu 1st level Fellow- District Meeting drawing  
2nd level Fellow- FR Conference drawing  
Suzanne Sullivan -SI Waikiki Foundation, Inc. 1st level Fellow District  
Meeting drawing  
Denise Ridge -SI Waikiki Foundation, Inc. 4th level Fellow (donation)  
Lorene Hopkins -SI Waikiki Foundation, Inc. 3rd level Fellow (donation)  
Esther Roberts - SI Honolulu 1st Level Fellow (monthly giving)  
Anita Haban-Nakamaejo- SI Waikiki 2020 Club Fellow-4th Level Fellow  
Elise Carmody - SI Central Oahu Club Fellow-1st level Fellow  
Melany Balauro- SI Guam Club Fellow-1st level Fellow  
Cindy Rasmussen- SI Waikiki 2021 Club Fellow-2nd Level Fellow

**What I Love About being the District V Fellowship Director:** I love having the opportunity to attend Zoom Meetings throughout District V to honor Fellows and inform members about Fellowship and about opportunities to contribute to the amazing women who receive the Fellowships. I enjoyed reading the interviews of the 46 applicants and interviewing 23 of them.

**Mahalo** to our District V Clubs for your support of Fellowship during the time of this worldwide pandemic. Your burdens were great, but you still thought of the Fellowship recipients and their challenges. Si Yu'us Ma'ase. Mesulang!