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Welcome



Welcome back to the Founder Region Newsletter! Our Public Awareness Committee is working to keep all channels of communication open to appeal to all types of members. We hope you enjoy it, and we would love to feature articles from our clubs or region committees in future issues.

Lots has been happening in our Soroptimist world since the 2018-2020 biennium began on July 1. Several committees have taken advantage of technology and been meeting in online conference calls. We have activated committees and set the course to have an exciting and effective agenda for our District Meetings.

For all who were able to attend, we had a wonderful experience at our Soroptimist International of the Americas 45th Biennial Convention. Check out the convention recap on my Governor's Blog - Stars Dreams & Wishes from Yokohama Japan at the link: Governor's Blog

Governor Sylvia



Region Board Meeting



The Region Board had a busy agenda at the August board meeting. We received updates from our District Directors on all the wonderful activities and events clubs are working on and the Officers all gave their reports and we shared our goals and worked on our Strategic Plan.

We laid out our intentions for programming for the district meetings. We reviewed updates from SIA.

We changed the date of the deadline for Barbara Stevenson "S" Club awards to **March 1** (from April 15), and approved for the "S" Club committee to award one \$500.00 Barbara Stevenson "S" Club award each year of the biennium.

We reviewed the Founder Region Bylaws and Procedures for potential revisions which we will be talking about at our District Meetings.

Violet Richardson



Founder Region is so named because the first Soroptimist club met and was chartered in Oakland, California in 1921 when the first club, Soroptimist Association of Alameda County (Now know as Soroptimist International of Oakland- The Founder Club) was formed. The Constitution of that first club stated the purpose of Soroptimist was "To foster the spirit of service..." That purpose drives every Soroptimist club, district, region, and the federation to this day.



The Fundraising committee needs volunteers. If you are interested please contact [Governor Sylvia](#)

Founder Region



Committees

Name	Club	District
Live Your Dream		
Lou Sablan	SI/Guam	Chair
Jennifer Logan	SI/Fremont	I
Jackie Buccellato	SI/Antioch	II
Nushi Safinya	SI/Calistoga	III
Michelle Bowen	SI/Windsor	IV
Debbie Coles	SI/Arcata	V
Wendy MacDonald	SI/Maui	VI
Dream It, Be It		
Karen Jameson	SI/Diablo Vista	Chair
Leanne Davis	SI/Oakland, The Founder Club	I
Jay Villalta-Romiti	SI/Antioch	II
Maddy Leader	SI/Sonoma Valley	IV
Donna Ayres	SI/Eureka	V
Violet Richardson		
Carol Dippel	SI/Oakland, The Founder Club	I
Lisa Schibler	SI/24/680 (Walnut Creek)	II
Patty Herdell-DiTomaso	SI/St. Helena	III
Vicki Campbell	SI/Novato	IV
Tess Albin Smith	SI/Noyo Sunrise	V
Jina Rojas	SI/Guam	VI
Membership		
Bobbi Enderlin	SI/Benicia	Chair
Elise Balgley	SI/Fremont	I
Beverly Gomer	SI/Martinez	II
Joy Swank	SI/Vacaville	III
Barbara Young	SI/Santa Rosa	IV
Dyann O'Brien	SI/Eureka	V
Kristal Koga	SI/The Marianas	VI
Fundraising		
Still need Volunteers		
Lyn Lurbe	SI/Central Oahu	Chair
Bonnie Mertz	SI/East Bay	I
Vacant		II
Vacant		III
Sandy Frazer	SI/Santa Rosa	IV
Vacant		V
Denise Ridge	SI/Waikiki Foundation, Inc.	VI

Do you have an idea for an article for our newsletter, or know of a subject you would like to learn more about? Email:

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Key Messaging

- Change for the Future
- Providing a Positive Club Experience
- Branding SIA
- Dream Programs- Our impact
- How Contributions Support our Dream Programs

[Key Message Flyer](#)



Public Awareness

Jackie De Vries	SI/Vacaville Twilight	Chair
Kathy Johanson	SI/Eureka	V
Vicki Dillard	SI/McKinleyville	V
Patti Dutton	SI/Humboldt Bay	V

Celebrating Success

Deborah Scaife	SI/Eel River Valley	V
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Laws & Resolution

Sheila Bearden	SI/Humboldt Bay	Chair
Arletta Cortright	SI/Central Solano County	III
Lillian Meyers	SI/Sonoma Valley	IV
Barbara Nobles	SI/Sonoma Valley	IV

Legislative Advocacy

Linda Witong	SI/Marin County	Chair
Carrie Domogalla	SI/Calistoga	III
Madalienne Peters	SI/Novato	IV
Gina Vucci	SI/Marin County	IV
Angie Haramoto	SI/Maui	VI
Sandra Simms	SI/Waikiki Foundation, Inc.	VI

Financial Review

Patti Clinton	SI Arcata	V
Jo Ann Hunt	SI/Arcata	V
Danelle Tegarden	SI/Eureka	V

Historian

Sandra Low	SI/The Marianas	VI
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Redwood Memorial Grove

Debbie Thompson	SI/Eureka	Chair
Catherine "Kate" Burns	SI/Eureka	Mentor
Elaine Reed	SI/Eureka	V
Vicki Baldwin	SI/Crescent City	V
Marjorie Dimmick	SI/Arcata	V

Friendship Links

Marjorie Dimmick	SI/Arcata	V
Joanne Frazer	SI/Fort Bragg	V

S Club

Colleen Berumen	SI/Vacaville	Chair
Jessica Castro	SI/The Marianas	VI
Judy Lee	SI/Waikiki Foundation, Inc.	VI



Region Board

Governor Sylvia Crafton
Governor- elect Kris Chorbi
Secretary Pat Eileen Fisher
Treasurer Vicki Ham



Directors

Elise Balgley, Dist. I
Beverly Gomer, Dist. II
Joy Swank, Dist. III
Barbara Young, Dist. IV
Dyann O'Brien, Dist. V
Kristal Koga, Dist. VI



District Meetings



October 6, 2018

District III & IV Meeting Registration Deadline September 26, 2018

Sat 9 AM PDT

[Call to District III Meeting](#)

[Call to District IV Meeting](#)

October 13, 2018

District V Meeting Registration Deadline October 3, 2018

Sat 9 AM PDT · Red Lion Hotel Eureka · Eureka, California

[Call to District V Meeting](#)

October 20, 2018

District I & II Meeting Registration Deadline October 10, 2018

Sat 9 AM PDT · Lone Tree Golf & Event Center · Antioch, California

[Call to District I Meeting](#)

[Call to District II Meeting](#)

October 26-28, 2018

District VI Meeting Registration Deadline October 16, 2018

Sat 9 AM HST · Sacred Hearts Academy 3253 Waiialae Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii

[Call to District VI Meeting](#)

Live Your



Dream Portal



Live Your Dream Awards **NEW** Application Portal

Deadline: November 15, 2018

Club Live Your Dream Award Chairs have a New Application Portal to manage all of your club's applications in one place.

Step One: Check out the new training video on the SIA website

Step Two: Confirm with your Club President that your club roster is up-to-date online and you are designated as the Club Chair.

Step Three: Check your email for your account log-in invitation. Then Log in to "My Application Portal"



Diamond Campaign



Membership



Roll out the welcome mat!

Thank you for working with your club's membership team to recruit new members!

Are you making them feel welcome and getting them involved with your club as soon as possible?

Some say if a new member is not involved after **90 days**, chances are they won't come to your meetings and they will not renew their membership.

[Check out these steps](#) to welcoming members and guests who visit your club who you can encourage to become full-fledged members!

Check Your Profile!

Has your email inbox been quiet lately? If you aren't receiving regular important emails and alerts from Soroptimist Headquarters, then your profile may need be updated. Make sure you are taking advantage of your membership by checking and updating your profile [here](#).

Fellowship

Each club has received their Raffle Tickets for the "Butterfly Kisses" gift baskets at the District Meetings. Please sell your tickets.

The proceeds benefit [Founder Region Fellowship](#). For each \$1,000.00 raised in ticket sales a member will be drawn to receive a Fellowship!

Clubs, remember to bring your baskets (\$75.00 value) to the District Meeting.



How to Become a Fellow

Contribute \$1,000 to Founder Region Fellowship.

Members can win fellowships by participating in raffles.

Donations to Fellowship can be made by anyone, including non-members.

[Set up a Monthly Pledge of \\$25](#) or more to become a fellow.

Governor



Sylvia Crafton



Welcome our new governor, Sylvia Anderson Crafton. Sylvia lives in Guam, with her husband of 38 years, Andrew. Sylvia is retired from



United Airlines. She attended the University of Akron in Ohio where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Music. Gov. Sylvia enjoys playing the French horn, with her husband, Andrew, in the Guam Symphony Society.

She has been making beautiful music with Soroptimist since 1991 as a member of SI/The Marianas. Her **club level** involvement included being the club parliamentarian, a member of the Board of Directors, 2 terms as President, President-elect, and chair of various committees.

At a **Region/District level** she has served many times as a conference delegate. She was the director for District VI for 2 terms, Conference Coordinator 2016, Governor-elect 2016-2018 and now our Governor.

At the **Federation level** Governor Sylvia was the Public Awareness Founder Region chair for 2012-2014, Program Founder Region chair 2016-2018, and convention Delegate, 2018, 2014, 2010, 2006, 2004, 1992.

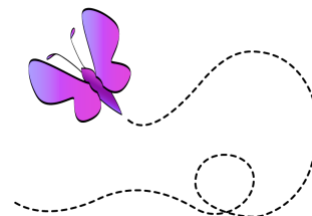
On an **International level** she was a delegate in 2007 in Glasgow, Scotland and a delegate at the 2011 convention in Montreal, Canada.

She was honored in the **Laurel Society** for her service at the region level. She was also honored with a Dorothy Sames Fellow in 2012. What an amazing legacy of service!

Governor Sylvia also finds time to be active in her local community. She joined the Federation of Asia-Pacific Woman's Association in 1998 and was the convention chair in 2012. She is a member of the Guam Council of Women's Club. She also finds time to be the Adult Teacher and Youth Leader at the Lighthouse Baptist Church.

Governor Sylvia epitomizes the expression that if you want something done, give it to a busy person.

Governor Sylvia's theme for this biennium is **Empowering Change**, with the symbol of butterflies. Around the world, people view the butterfly as representing endurance, change, hope, and life. This is a fitting symbol to represent Governor Sylvia, who has worked so hard for the rights of others.



Social



Media

'Donate' a Tweet a Day to raise awareness about Soroptimist International

JustCoz.org is an online relay system that lets you donate a tweet a day to help raise awareness for causes that matter to you. SI will be able to send one tweet every 24 hours directly to your Twitter followers, helping us to grow and spread the word. Now you can be a part our awareness raising campaigns! [Click here](#) to learn more and donate your tweets.

The Founder Region Public Awareness Committee will be posting “**Trick and Tips**” on the Founder Region website. Be sure and check them out [here](#).

See You at the District Meeting

