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**2024**

**FOUNDER REGION**

**Soroptimist International of the Americas  
Nominating Committee Report**

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Directors**

# Nominating Committee Report

This report of nominations for the 2024-2026 Founder Region Board and District Directors is filed in accordance with Founder Region Bylaws.

## Official List of Nominations For the 2024-2026 Founder Region Officers

### **Governor-elect**

Jackie DeVries

### **Secretary**

Kristal Koga  
Jan Schults

### **Treasurer**

Holly S. Hayashi

## Official List of Nominations For the 2024-2026 Founder Region District Directors

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Laura Koehler

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Judith Lloyd

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Crystal Arbuthnot

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## Founder Region 2023-2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Dyann O'Brien</b>	<b>SI/Eureka</b>
<b>District I</b>	<b>Bonnie Mertz</b>	<b>SI/The East Bay</b>
<b>District II</b>	<b>Clara Oakes</b>	<b>SI/Vacaville</b>
<b>District III</b>	<b>Madaliene Peters</b>	<b>SI/Novato</b>
<b>District IV</b>	<b>Vicki Dillard</b>	<b>SI/Arcata</b>
<b>District V</b>	<b>Angie Haramoto</b>	<b>SI/Maui</b>

# Governor-elect Nominee



**Jackie De Vries**

Soroptimist International of Vacaville

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 9**

**Title: Founder Region District II Director**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** Supported the President's appeal since 2016.

**Federation Level:** 43<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Convention; 44<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention; 46<sup>th</sup> Biennial virtual Convention; Second Level Laurel Society Member.

**Region Level:** District II Director (2022-2024); Public Awareness Chair (2018-2022); Curated Region Newsletter (2018-2022); Presenter at Region Conference for Public Awareness (2018-2022); Attended all in-person and virtual conferences since 2017; Conducted online tutorials; Led Presidents' Roundtables (2022-2024); Co-planned District Meeting program (2022-2024); Attended Leadership Training; First level Fellow.

**Club Level:** Charter Secretary SI/Vacaville Twilight; President-elect SI/Vacaville Twilight; President-elect SI/Vacaville; President SI/Vacaville; Chaired LYD (2 times); Chaired DI, BI (3 times); Chaired Bylaws Committee; Chaired Fundraising Committee; member Public Awareness Committee; SI/Vacaville webmaster-created new website; Created online silent auctions during COVID; Create online ticketing for events; Treasurer SI/Rancho Cucamonga (*gap in membership after moving in 1989 and working in education- rejoined after retirement*).

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

Elementary Teacher (1994-2016); NorCal Poodle Rescue Board Secretary (2017-2024); Community member of IRB for Northbay Hospital (2023-); Classroom volunteer (2017-2024); Graduated Law School in 1983; Escrow Officer/manager/part owner (1976-1993).

# Secretary Nominee



## **Kristal Koga**

Soroptimist International of The Marianas

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 27**

**Title: Founder Region Secretary**

### **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** None

**Federation Level:** 2000, 2012 SIA Convention Delegate; 2005 SIA Interim Awards Banquet; 2020, 2022 SIA Virtual Convention; 2023 as FAWA Past President, initiated and facilitated SIA President Bobbi Enderlin as a special guest speaker to the 24th Federation of Asia-Pacific Women's Association Convention in Japan; Laurel Society member.

**Region Level:** 2004, 2010, 2016, 2018 Delegate to Conference; 2000, 2008, 2010-2014, 2016 Delegate to District Meeting; 2007-2008 District VI Public Awareness Representative; 2017-2018 District VI Violet Richardson Award Representative; 2021 Golden West Region Virtual Conference; 2018 as FAWA Past President, initiated and facilitated Gov. Sylvia Crafton as a special guest speaker to the 23rd Federation of Asia-Pacific Women's Association Convention in the Philippines; 2018-2020 District VI Director; 2020-2022 District V Director; 2022-2024 Region Secretary; 2<sup>nd</sup> level Fellow.

**Club Level:** 2002-2003 Vice President; 2003-2004 President-elect; 2004-2005 President; 2006-2007 Immediate Past President; 1999, 2007, 2010 Soroptimist of the Year; 2002 Chair, "Wine, Dine, Bid & Win!" Fundraiser, 2009 Committee Member; 2003 Chair, Cookie Fundraiser; 2003 Chair, Lunch Plate Fundraiser; 2003 Chair, Cake Fundraiser; 2006-present Chair, Annual Christmas Brunch Fundraiser; 2013-2015 Nomination Chair, 2011 Committee Member; 2017 30th Anniversary Committee Member.

### **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

2006 US Small Business Administration Woman in Business Champion; 2006 Interim Executive Director Junior Achievement; 2007-2008 President, Guam Council of Women's Clubs; 2007- 2019 Chairperson, Guam Council of Women's Clubs' Women United Against Cancer Brunch to benefit the American Cancer Society; 2009-2012 Salvation Army's Bell Ringer's Brunch Fundraiser Committee Member; 2010-2012 International President, Federation of Asia-Pacific Women's Association; 2011 Guest Speaker, FAWA Philippines Organization held in the Philippines; 2012 Guest Speaker, 33rd General Assembly International Council of Women-CIF held in South Korea; 2012- 2014, 2017 Women's Veteran's Conference Committee Member; 2014-2018 Appointment by the Governor and Legislature to the Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency Board of Directors; 2019 Guest Presenter, JINED Club Installation with the First Lady held in Republic of the Marshall Islands; 2014-present Advisor to the Board of Directors, Federation of Asia-Pacific Women's Association. Work life includes designing, marketing and retailing The Kristal Kollection and caregiving/hospice for the elderly.

# Secretary Nominee



**Jan Schults**

Soroptimist International of The Delta

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 13**

**Title: Past President**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** N/A

**Federation Level:** Attended SIA Convention – Vancouver, 2014, SIA Virtual Biennial Convention – 2022.

**Region Level:** Attended FR Conferences 2010 – 2023 (sick 2017) – Delta Club Co-host coordinator for 2014 San Ramon Conference; District I & II Conference Secretary 2013, District II LYD Chairperson 2016-2018, FR Fellowship District II Director 2018-2020, District II Nominations Chairperson 2021-2023.

**Club Level:** Webmaster -2011 – 2023, Social Media Coordinator – 2012-2023, VP 2014-2015, President 2014-2016, Various committees – Fundraising, Wine Women and Wisdom Socials, Get Real Academy - 2013 – 2016 & 2018, LYD Chairperson - 2015-2017, Violet Richardson Award Chairperson - 2015- 2016.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

I worked as an Administrator in the Corporate world for 25 years. After moving to Brentwood to raise our children, I continued my administrative tasks by taking minutes and providing other correspondence for my church groups. I have created flyers, programs and newsletters for my Club. I was the Founder Region Fellowship Secretary from 2018-2020.

# Treasurer Nominee



**Holly S. Hayashi**

Soroptimist International of Honolulu

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 13**

**Title: Fundraising Committee Member**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

### **International Level:**

**Federation Level:** Attended 2014 SIA Convention in Vancouver, Canada.

**Region Level:** Attended 2014 Founder Region Conference.

**Club Level:** 2012-2013 Secretary, 2013-2014 President-Elect, 2014-2015 President, 2015-2016 Past President, 2016-2021 Co-Treasurer. Served on Joint Fundraising Committee (registration) and Gala Committee (event treasurer, registration, event co-chair), Membership Committee, attended District Meeting.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

25+ years as a finance professional (Financial Planning & Analysis, Management Reporting); Organization of Women Leaders: member 2018-2022, served on board as Secretary 2019 and Treasurer 2020-2022; Cherry Blossom Festival (Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce) 1998 -2013: Acted as General Chairperson of the 61st Cherry Blossom Festival. Prior roles on the steering committee included: Opening Ceremonies Chair, Fashion Show Chair, Award Donor Coordinator, Contestant Coordinator, Marketing Area Chair, Festival Ball Chair, Contestant Advisor, Treasurer, Souvenir Book Chair.

# District I Director Nominee



**Laura Koehler**

Soroptimist International of The Tri-Valley

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 7**

**Title: President**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** None

**Federation Level:** None

**Region Level:** Conference Delegate

**Club Level:** President, Treasurer, Secretary

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

Board Member for American Sewing Guild and Peninsula Wearable Art Guild.

# District II Director Nominee



**Dana Holve**

Soroptimist International of Vacaville Twilight

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 7**

**Title: Founder Region Fellowship District II Director**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** None

**Federation Level:** Attended SIA 2022 Virtual Convention. Laurel Society member.

**Region Level:** Founder Region Fellowship District II Director 2020-2022 and 2022-2024. Founder Region Fellowship Secretary 2020-2022. Live Your Dream Committee District II Representative 2022-2024. Attended multiple Founder Region Conferences, District Meetings, and Presidents' Round Tables. Region Fellow.

**Club Level:** Charter President 2017-2018. Chaired or served on multiple club committees, including Fundraising, Membership, Public Awareness, Live Your Dream, Violet Richardson, Dream It, Be It, and B.E.S.T.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis 2006

Veterinarian, SPCA of Solano County

Project leader for Operation Christmas Child

Past Director of Classical Conversation



# District II Director Nominee



**Judith Lloyd**

Soroptimist International of Central Solano County

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 7**

**Title: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and Programs Chair**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:**

**Federation Level:**

**Region Level:**

**Club Level:** Secretary 2 years, President 2020, Membership Chair 2 years, Currently 1st VP and Programs Chair. I have served on the following committees: Hands-On, Disbursements Girls Circle, Laws and Resolutions, Fundraising, Violet Richardson.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

Currently serving on the Solano College Cosmetology Advisory Board. Past Board member of Solano Family and Children's Services. Born and raised in Napa. I have three grown sons and four grandchildren. I currently live in Suisun with my two mini- schnauzers. I enjoy reading and creative writing. Recently I have found art as a form of therapy and healing. I have a deep passion to help women and girls and Soroptimist has given me a chance to do just that. I am retired from the field of early childhood education. I have held supervisory positions and owned and operated my own family childcare home. I also have had the privilege of working five years at a Historical Winery in the Napa Valley as the Estate Innkeeper where I learned many new skills and gained a new perspective of life in the valley. At the winery I was able to attend many classes both in person and online. Some of these classes focused on working as a team and interpersonal skills, email etiquette and computer skills.

# District III Director Nominee



**Nancy Koski**

Soroptimist International of Santa Rosa

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 6**

**Title: President**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** Attended 2023 SI Convention in Dublin.

**Federation Level:** SIA Virtual Convention 2020; SIA 100th Anniversary on Zoom.

**Region Level:** Attended 2018 FR Conference, 2019 FR Conference, 2020 FR Virtual Conference, 2021 FR Virtual Conference, 2023 FR Conference. SI/Santa Rosa is co-hosting 2024 FR Conference.

**Club Level:** Secretary 2018-2021, Vice-President 2021-2022, President 2022-2024; Fundraising Committee, Service Committee, DIBI Committee, Scholarship Committee. SI/Santa Rosa co-hosted District III & IV Meeting when previously scheduled host clubs had to bow out of their commitment in 2022.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

BS in Mathematics from SSU in 1990; Auto and Home Insurance Underwriter with AAA, retired 2009; Volunteer with Bird Rescue Center in Santa Rosa, CA, from 1986-1997, where I trained new volunteers, Supervised the Song Bird Room, was Treasurer 4 years

# District IV Director Nominee



**Crystal Arbuthnot**

Soroptimist International of The Redwoods

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 23**

**Title: President**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International:** Attended the International convention in Ireland this past July.

**Federation Level:** Attended the SIA convention in San Francisco.

**Region Level:** Served as Fellowship Director District IV for 2 terms. Attended all Region conferences except 1 or 2 since becoming a member in 2001. I was also Region Chair of the nominating committee before becoming Fellowship Director.

**Club Level:** I served in all positions of our club, except Secretary. I've been president for 6 terms (not consecutive).

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

I am a self-employed bookkeeper and also the office manager of a world famous tourist attraction. I feel those experiences as well as my term as a Fellowship director will serve me well in this position. I like learning new things and hope to be a great district director. I am the treasurer of my local church and also a member of the Lions club. I have been involved previously in PTA serving several offices as well.

# District V Director Nominee



**Teri Lynn Sato**

Soroptimist International of Honolulu

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 16**

**Title: Founder Region District V Director**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** Attended SI Convention in Dublin, Ireland 2023 “Challenge The Future”

**Federation Level:** Attended SIA 47th Biennial Convention in 2022, Keynote Speaker Malala Yousafzai

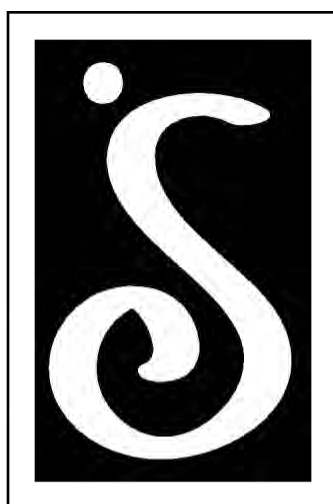
**Region Level:** 2022-2024 District V Director. 2020-2022 Dream It Be It Committee for District V.

**Club Level:** Secretary two years shortly after I joined in 2009, Director and VP Positions. Stepped out of the Board for a while and came back as President Elect 2018-2019. Club President 2019-2020, Past President 2020-2021, Vice President 2021-2022. Served on the Dream It, Be It Committee for SIH 2018-2022. Currently serving on the Oahu Joint Awards Reception Committee since 2009.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

**Business & Professional:** Served on the Hawaii Land Title Association, Mortgage Lenders of Hawaii and Mortgage Bankers of Hawaii Education committee during 30 years in the Title Insurance Industry.

**Community:** 2016, attended 20 weeks of voluntary training with the National Parent Leadership Training Institute-Hawaii Division. Community project culminated into a mother/daughter summer series of 8 weeks at a low-income apartment building in Kaneohe. Included speakers from Ho’ola Na Pua, (an organization that provides a safe haven and a new light for children victims of human trafficking), Middle School Counselor, Honolulu Police Dept, Reading, Vision Boards, Certificate of completion. Served on the School Community Council at Heeia Elementary in the 1990’s. Volunteer and chair experience for Project Graduation 2003-2019. Currently Director on The Family and Friends of Castle Board. Craft Fair Chairperson 2000-present. Served one year as Castle High School Band Aid President. Chartered Organization Rep for St. Ann’s Church Pack and Troop 113 (1998-2023).



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# Fellowship President Nominee



**Vicki Ham**

Soroptimist International of Willits

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 15**

**Title: Founder Region Governor**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** Attended 2023 International Convention in Dublin, Ireland.

**Federation Level:** Attended the 2022 SIA Virtual Convention. Diplomat Level in Laurel Society. Will be attending 2024 SIA Convention in Bellevue, Washington.

**Region Level:** 2022-2024 Founder Region Governor; 2020-2022 Founder Region Governor-elect; January 2015 – June 2020 Founder Region Treasurer; Fourth Level Fellow; I have attended all FR conferences except one since 2009; 2013 FR Conference Registration Chair; I have attended all District Meetings in my district since 2008; attended all District Meetings and Leadership Trainings as a board officer since 2015.

**Club Level:** Club President 2011-2012 and 2012-2013; Treasurer 2009-2011, 2013-2014; Willits Community Phonebook Committee (club fundraiser) 2010-2012, 2020 to present; 2018 to present LYD/VRA Chair; 1971-1973 Manhattan Beach, CA “S” Club Treasurer.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

UC Santa Barbara, BA with Honors 1977; 30+ years’ experience in Corporate Accounting; additional office/accounting experience as part owner of a communications company; American Legion Auxiliary – Treasurer/Chaplain 2009-2015, President 2015-2017; P.E.O (Philanthropic Education Organization) – focus on educating women – past Chaplain, Guard, Way & Means Chair, Corresponding Secretary; Church Council Secretary 2011 to present; Women’s Guild Treasurer; crafting club/fundraising committee; Brown Bag Lunch Program (feeding the homeless).

# Fellowship Treasurer Nominee



**Danelle Tegarden**  
Soroptimist International of Eureka

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 11**

**Title: Fellowship Treasurer**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** N/A

**Federation Level:** N/A

**Region Level:** Founder Region Fellowship Treasurer 1 Term, Financial Review Committee 2 Terms.

**Club Level:** President 3 Years, Treasurer 2 Years, Assistant Treasurer 3 Years, Financial Review Committee 1 Year, LYD Chair 4 years.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

Employed at Coast Central Credit Union for 13 years – I've worked in three different departments: Member Business Services, Accounting and Human Resources. Currently I'm a payroll and benefits analyst. Coast Central has 260 plus employees and 10 – member service branches. I have nearly 40 years of accounting experience and have a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting from Cal Poly Humboldt. Prior to working at the Credit Union, I've usually had a job in the accounting field.

Just recently I completed 6 years as a Board of Director for the Humboldt Botanical Garden, Eureka, CA. I helped with special functions and administrative items.



# District I Fellowship Director Nominee



**Amelia Benko**

Soroptimist International of the Tri-Valley

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 37**

**Title: Director on the 2023-2024 Club Board and LYD Chair**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** 1995 – SAN FRANCISCO

**Federation Level:** 1990, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012 Federation Conventions (Delegate). (2007) Professional Dev. Seminar and (2009) Women’s Leadership Institute.

**Region Level:** Governor 2008-2010, Secretary 2000-2002 and District Director 1992-1994, 1998-2000. Attended ALL Region Conferences since join date 3/1/1987. Region Nominating Committee Chairman, 2018-2020 & 2020-2022, Violet Richardson Award Committee Chairman, Membership Committee Mbr., Fundraising Comm. Chairman (when it was the Soroptimist Foundation 1994-1996).

**Club Level:** All Club Officer positions from Delegate to President. Live Your Dream Club representative, L & R Committee, etc., etc., etc., Also – Served as an Installing Officer for many clubs over the years.

## **Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

Insurance Women’s Association, “Leadership Livermore”, Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission, San Jose Rotary “Youth Speech Contest” judge. I am co-owner of Benko Insurance Agency (brokerage) with my husband as the “Customer Service/Office Manager” since 1996. (Yikes).

I can only add that I have always been a dedicated supporter of Founder Region Fellowship. I have “won” numerous fellowship drawings, gifted at least three of them in the spirit of sharing Fellowships’ mission and served as a Silent Observer for two Fellowship Presidents.

# District II Fellowship Director Nominee



**Kay Kelley**

Soroptimist International of Rio Vista

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 7**

**Title: Current Fundraising Chair**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** Attended the 2023 SI Conference in Ireland

**Federation Level:** None

**Region Level:** I have attended every Founder Region District Meeting and Founder Region Conference since I joined the Rio Vista club. I helped organize a regional hands-on project for clubs wishing to put together Survival Bags for women who are victims of Human Trafficking or Domestic Violence. I am a second level Fellow and have attended the Fellowship receptions.

**Club Level:** I have served as Club President for two years in a row, Board Parliamentarian, Vice President, Treasurer, Chair of the Women's Rights Committee, and current Chair of the Fundraising Committee for second year in a row. We raised \$35,000 under my leadership in a town of 8,000 people and gave \$25,000 in Scholarships, and we give grants to women looking to obtain a higher education. I am a very active and dedicated member of Soroptimist and believe in the mission wholeheartedly.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

I have a thirty-six-year background in not-for-profit management. I retired from the YW (women) CA of the USA, where I served as Executive Director of Training. Prior to that, I was the Regional Executive Director for the YWCA Pacific Region, which serves Associations in California, Texas, New Mexico, Hawaii Island, and Arizona. I served as Executive Director/CEO of the Riverside County, California YWCA, and the Inland Empire Volunteer Center. I served as a Solano County Commissioner for the Commission for Women and Girls from 2018-2021 and preceded to form the non-profit, Friends of the Commission for Women and Girls, whose role is to raise funds for the Commissions Programs. I am the current President of the Board of Directors. I enjoy leadership positions where I can see women and girls thrive. I have been a non-profit educator and trainer at many events and the lead chairperson for bringing about national and local conferences. I was a presenter for the State Department of Health Services Community Challenge Office and the Points of Light Foundation. I served on the State of California Service and Volunteerism Conference Planning Committee and the State Department of Education Service-Learning Taskforce. I have provided training for non-profit organizations in Board and Staff Development, Volunteerism, Fundraising, Supervision, and Membership Development. I facilitated mergers and acquisitions/dissolutions as part of efforts to strengthen community services for area non-profits. I have served on many community boards of directors.

# District III Fellowship Director Nominee



**Colleen Ganaye**

Soroptimist International of Sonoma Valley

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 45**

**Title: Founder Region District III Director**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** Attended SI Convention in Finland

**Federation Level:** Attended SIA Convention in Toronto

**Region Level:** District III Director 2020-2022 and 2022-2024, Attended Founder Region Conferences and District Meetings, and Leadership Trainings.

**Club Level:** President SI/Fremont 1993-1994, Treasurer, Ways and Means Chair, Membership Chair, I have served in all official club positions over the years.

## **Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

I owned a Salon Day Spa for 27 years in Fremont, I had several employees and grew it into the top salon in town.

I was a member of the Newark Chamber of Commerce in charge of fundraising and producing large festivals.

I have had the pleasure of serving as District III Director for past 4 years and would be very happy to serve on the Fellowship Board.

# District IV Fellowship Director Nominee



**Tess Albin-Smith**

Soroptimist International of Noyo Sunrise

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 33**

**Title: Founder Region Treasurer**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

**International Level:** Montreal, Ireland and SI President's Appeal team 2020-2024

**Federation Level:** San Francisco and Philadelphia Conventions

**Region Level:** Founder Region Treasurer 2 terms (2020-2022 and 2022-2024); Fellowship Director 2003-2004, 2010-2012 (appointed), 2012-2016 (elected); 3 terms Legislative Advocacy Committee 2004-2008 (Member), 2008-2012 (Chair); Attendance 24 region conferences; most district and leadership meetings; 6 Years AUDIO-VISUAL co-chair.

**Club Level:** Charter Member SI/Noyo Sunrise; Club President (3,2-year terms); Recording Secretary 2 terms; Conf/Dist Mtg delegate 20 yrs.; Treasurer 15 years.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

**NON-PROFIT BOARD POSITIONS:** Founding member 7 non-profit orgs; member of numerous past and present nonprofits and boards. Current focus is Symphony of the Redwoods and SI/Noyo Sunrise.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:** City Council Member 2 terms (elected 2018); Substitute HS Teacher; Commercial Driver; Computer Instructor Environmental Consultant; Professional Musician; Forester/Recreation/Law Enforcement Spvsr. (Ret. Calfire).

**USEFUL SKILLS AND OTHER INFORMATION:** QuickBooks Expert—treasurer, bookkeeper, and payroll officer for non-profits; Competent using most computer software. I love solving puzzles if something doesn't work; Professional Budget Responsibilities –was responsible for an annual state forest budget of over \$2 million; City Council & Committees – currently serve on 13 committees, including finance, public works, broadband, transportation, events and website, Ocean Collective Group, Econ. Dev., and others; Web Master – created websites for non-profits including the first Founder Region Fellowship website; Computer Tech hobbyist since 1992. Created a database for Founder Region Fellowship to digitalize the lists.

My motto is: "don't stop living just because you might die." I'm happiest when I'm the busiest.

# District V Fellowship Director Nominee



**Cindy Rasmussen**

Soroptimist International of Waikiki Foundation, Inc.

**Years of Soroptimist Membership: 11**

**Title: Vice-President**

## **Soroptimist Experience:**

### **International Level:**

**Federation Level:** Attended the 2018 SIA Convention in Yokohama, Japan.

**Region Level:** I attended Conferences in both Honolulu and San Ramon, more than once. I gladly volunteered to serve as page for Gov. Kris Chorbi and Gov.-Elect Vicki Ham in Honolulu.

**Club Level:** I have served as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Asst. Treasurer, Member of the Fundraising Committee and Current Chair of the Membership Committee. When Hawaii is chosen to host events, I volunteer to serve during the conferences as we co-host together with other O'ahu clubs. It is my pleasure to do whatever is necessary to make the events enjoyable for attendees, especially since some have travelled so far to participate. I am grateful for the enthusiasm of SI ladies.

## **Other Business, Professional and Civic Experience:**

In my every-day life, I am a Realtor. It seems I can never shy away from the never-ending challenges I face as I perform my duties as an agent. I take pride in encouraging and fostering collaboration and cooperation among many. These are vital skills necessary to succeed in all that I do.