

Founder Region

Soroptimist International of the Americas

Call to Conference May 3 - May 5, 2024

San Ramon Marriott San Ramon, California

Host Clubs: SI/Novato SI/Oakmont Wine Country SI/Santa Rosa

> Vicki Ham, Governor 2022-2024

Bee the Dream!



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It is my honor to invite you to the 48th Annual Founder Region Conference at the San Ramon Marriott. We have several exciting and engaging events planned as we gather together from May 3 - May 5, 2024. The Founder Region Board, along with the Founder Region Fellowship Board, hope you will come along to "BEE Creative" as we continue to "Bee the Dream!"

Thursday night we will have a "Meet & Greet" with the Founder Region and Fellowship Boards. Come meet us in the hotel lobby then enjoy a tasty beverage or snack at the Bishop Grill Restaurant and Bar and a "Meet & Greet" with the candidates running for the Founder Region and Fellowship Boards. Please note that this is a "no-host" event.

On Friday, the Legislative Advocacy Committee has planned an informative presentation on "Safeguarding—cyber & personal", protective measures to keep you and your family safe. We will focus on all ages, as this is not only for us, but our parents, children, and grandchildren.

Friday evening, don your best as Founder Region Fellowship presents this year's Fellowship recipients. Prepare to be inspired with our Fellowship Presentation as we hear about the recipients' amazing research.

Join us Saturday morning to conduct the business of the Region and our Foundation and elect our 2024-2026 Founder Region and Fellowship Boards. Saturday afternoon we will announce election results and hear from our official visitor, SIA Director Vivian Walczesky. We will share the successes of region clubs, announce our Soroptimists Celebrating Success region winners, and more! Join us Saturday night to honor our Past Governors, thank the outgoing boards, and celebrate the new leadership of the 2024-2026 biennium. Dress in black and white attire and as time permits, we will then dance the night away as we celebrate our old and new leadership.

Sunday morning we will have our annual "Celebration of Service" memorial tribute. We will end our time together by honoring our districts and region Live Your Dream Award, Violet Richardson Award, and "S" Club Outstanding Senior Award recipients. Hear from our awardees as the LYD winners share their stories of resilience, and the innovative ways our VRA winners provide service to our communities. This is the highlight of our weekend and you don't want to miss it!

We have so many opportunities to get involved and have some fun! (see flyers for details).

- ◆ Attend all sessions at conference to be entered into a drawing to win free registration and meals for the 2025 Founder Region Conference at the Concord Hilton Hotel.
- Visit the Conference Trade Fair and support fundraisers in our region.
- Check out the SIA store items that will be available for purchase.

I cannot wait to come together with members from around our far-reaching boundaries of Founder Region. I look forward to seeing you in San Ramon!

Thank you, Governor Vicki

Bee the Dream!

CALL TO FOUNDER REGION CONFERENCE

WHEN:	May 3 - May 5, 2024
WHERE:	San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon, CA
REGISTRATION :	Registration Chair: Laura Glass Phone: (925) 321-6899 Email: <u>ltg4696@gmail.com</u>
	Thursday May 2, 2024 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Friday May 3, 2024 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM Saturday May 4, 2024 7:30 AM - Noon Closed during business sessions Sunday May 5, 2024 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Closed during business sessions
DELEGATES:	Each club may be represented by 3 delegates pursuant to SIA Bylaws. After completing registration, any alternate selected by the club board of directors to fill a vacancy in the club's representation shall present a statement, signed by the club president or secretary, showing that she/he was duly approved giving the date of such approval and certifying that she/he is a regular member. Delegates (only) must be seated in the delegates section 5 minutes prior to the opening of the business session.
CREDENTIALS:	Credential Cards for each delegate shall be filled out by the Credentials Chair and will be made avail- able at the Credentials desk. We will not be mailing them to you. Please fill out the credential regis- tration section completely – remember to print clearly. If you have questions, contact: Shaun Faherty Cooper, Credentials Chair Phone: (415) 985-5351 Email: <u>coopshaun88@yahoo.com</u>
VOTING BODY:	The voting body of the Conference shall be the Region Board members and the accredited delegates of each club in good standing. A club shall be deemed in good standing if all requirements of the Founder Region Bylaws and those established by the region conference, region board, and federation bylaws and procedures, have been met at the time its delegates register. A delegate shall represent only the club in which the delegate's membership is held.
NON-DELEGATES: A	Soroptimists and guests are encouraged to attend.

REGISTRATION FEE:	All Soroptimists shall pay a registration fee. (\$50.00 per club late fee applies)	\$85.00	
	SUNDAY ONLY REGISTRATION FEE		\$55.00
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MEAL PACKAGE:	Friday Lunch	\$50.00	
	Friday Dinner	\$90.00	
	Saturday Lunch	\$50.00	
	Saturday Dinner	\$95.00	
	Sunday Breakfast	\$55.00	
		\$340.00	

TOTAL REGISTRATION & MEALS

Registration and meal reservations must be received by 4/10/2024. In the event that a registrant is not able to attend the conference, any requests for refunds must be made in writing to Dona Gaddis Wolf, Conference Coordinator, via email to gaddiswolf@comcast.net. Written email requests received after 4/10/2024 will be considered for meal fees only (and are not guaranteed) by the Founder Region Governor after closing the conference books.

\$425.00

LATE FEE: A \$50.00 late fee shall be imposed on club registrations postmarked later than April 10, 2024.

2024 PRESIDENTS:

Please review the Call to Conference in its entirety at your next meeting and email a copy to all of your members. Be sure that all three delegates and non-delegate attendees have a copy. The club treasurer should submit one complete registration for all attendees and one check for payment.

Complete the Registration and Meal Form (make a copy for your files) and mail with a check, payable to FOUNDER REGION CONFERENCE 2024, for all meals and registration fees, to:

Cara Begley, Conference Treasurer 2401 Silverado Drive, Antioch, CA 94509

For registration questions, contact Cara by email at <u>jakesnana@rocketmail.com</u> or by phone at (925) 550-4924

ROOM RESERVATIONS:





San Ramon Marriott



Book San Ramon Marriott: 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon, CA 94583

Reservations for the Event will be made by individual attendees directly with Marriott reservations at

1 (800) 228-9290 or (925) 867-9200.

Room Rate: \$137.00 single/double occupancy. Hotel room rates are subject to applicable hotel tax (10% plus \$2.50 tourism fee). **Deadline to book is Wednesday, April 10, 2024**.

Reservations can be made through this link:

BOOK HOTEL NOW

AIRLINE INFORMATION for District V members:



Discount on airfare provided through Hawaiian Airlines. Hawaiian Airlines Preferred Affiliate Program Booking a reservation: Step 1: Log in to <u>www.hawaiianairlines.com/our-services/products-</u> <u>and-programs/preferred-affiliate</u> Step 2: Enter program code on home page: **FRINC**

Responsibilities of Club Delegates

The elected club delegates should have a working knowledge of Soroptimist International and Federation Bylaws, Region Bylaws, the objectives and ideals of the organization, and experience as a member of a club board or committee. An understanding of parliamentary procedure and a spirit of goodwill and understanding will help the delegate, the club, and the conference body.

The Club President, who serves as a delegate and the leader of the club delegation, should:

- 1. Allocate time at a business meeting to discuss Proposed Candidates and Bylaw Amendments and solicit club opinion or direction.
- 2. Arrange with the other delegates for assigning sections of the report on conference to be given to non-attending club members.
- 3. As soon as possible after conference, schedule time at a club meeting for delegates to present their reports.

Prior to Conference, Delegates should:

- 1. Study the **Call to Conference** which indicates the tentative agenda listing business to be transacted, forms, presentations, social events & attendance incentives.
- 2. Verify with Club President or Treasurer that the **Club Registration & payment** have been submitted for all members attending conference before the deadline.
- 3. Participate in the Caucus Call to learn about the Proposed Bylaw Amendments.
- 4. Study the Proposed Bylaw Amendments and review Resumes of Candidates and discuss with your club.
- 5. Bring to conference the Call to Conference, Proposed Bylaw changes, Candidate Resumes, & Soroptimist pin.

During Conference, Delegates should:

- 1. Register promptly. Wear your name badge so others can identify you and your club.
- 2. Check in at the Credentials Table at conference to receive credentials materials.
- 3. Attend the Delegates' Briefing on Friday afternoon.
- 4. Be on time. Time schedules at conference are important. Don't leave early. Guests invited to address the conference body deserve consideration.
- 5. Attend all sessions and take notes for precise reporting back to club.
- 6. Vote with the club viewpoint in mind.

After Conference, Delegates should:

- 1. Prepare a report to present to your club that may include action taken during the business meeting and reason for each action.
- 2. Discuss awards who won them and why? How can your club participate next year?
- 3. Present their personal evaluation of the conference and encourage increased club attendance at future meetings and conferences.

Candidate Resumes will be sent out separately by 3/5/2024.

REGISTRATION AND MEAL FORM

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District VI

REGISTRATION AND MEAL FORM

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club Email: sidreamville@soroptimist.net

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**For Credentials, I hereby certify that the above named delegates are members in good standing of this club.

Questions? Contact Cara by email at jakesnana@rocketmail.com or by phone at (925) 550-4924.

Mary Millenium, President

Signature of President or Secretary: _

Reset Form

Date: 04/01/24

Indicate any food allergy and to whom it applies: Most of us require gluten free, and Gina is Lactose intolerant

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Founder Region Call to Caucus Conference Call 2024

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Club Presidents and Conference Delegates

Please join us for the Region Caucus Conference Call where you will have the opportunity to learn about the proposed amendments to Founder Region Bylaws that will be voted on at our 2024 Conference in May.

Voting/Elections Timeline:					
March 5	Call to Conference released				
March 5	Candidate resumes released				
March 5 Proposed Bylaws Amendments					
April 5	Deadline to submit video if Candidate not attending Conference (2 minutes)				
April 10	Delegates registration deadline - included in club registration				
May 4	Candidate Speeches (2 minutes)				
May 4 Voting at Conference					
May 5	2024-2026 Post Conference Board Meetings				

2024 Founder Region Conference

May 3 - 5, 2024

San Ramon Marriott

2600 Bishop Dr., San Ramon, CA 94583



TIME OF CALL:

6:30 pm - California time

3:30 pm - Hawaii time

11:30 am March 27 - Guam/Saipan

Please <u>register</u> in advance of the Caucus Conference Zoom

(Ctr/+ Click to follow link)

Once registered, you will receive the instructions to join the meeting via Zoom.

Download the proposed amendments in advancefrom the <u>conference</u> page on the Founder Region website.

All members are welcome.

www.si-founderregion.org

For Information Contact:

Laws & Resolutions Region Chair Sheila Bearden - <u>shebehere@aol.com</u>

or

Governor Vicki - vickiham01@gmail.com

2024 Founder Region Conference SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, May 2	Activity	Location			
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Region Board Meeting	Mt. Diablo			
12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Region/Fellowship Lunch	Pacific Room			
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	SIA Topic Discussion w/Official Visitor Vivian	Mt. Diablo			
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Fellowship Board Meeting	Tri Valley 1			
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Early Registration Open	Contra Costa Foyer			
4:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Meet & Greet; Meet the Candidates	Hotel Lobby/Bishop Grill			
Friday, May 3	Activity	Location			
6:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Trade Fair Set Up	Salon 1			
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Trade Fair Open	Salon 1			
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Registration Open	Contra Costa Foyer			
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Legislative Advocacy Program	Bishop Ranch Ballroom			
12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	Break	Trade Fair Open			
12:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Legislative Advocacy Luncheon	Bishop Ranch Ballroom			
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Legislative Advocacy Program (cont.)	Bishop Ranch Ballroom			
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	Delegates Briefing	Bishop Ranch Ballroom			
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Timekeepers/Microphone Monitors Briefing	Bishop Ranch Ballroom			
5:00 PM - 6:15 PM	No-Host Cocktail Party	Bishop Ranch Foyer			
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Fellowship Awards Gala & Dinner	Bishop Ranch Ballroom			
Saturday, May 4	Activity	Location			
7:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Registration Open	Contra Costa Foyer			
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Trade Fair Open	Salon 1			
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	Fellowship Business Meeting	Bishop Ranch Ballroom			
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Region Business Meeting	Bishop Ranch Ballroom			
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Election Voting for Region/Fellowship Offices	Pleasanton/Danville			
12:30 PM - 1:45 PM	"Bee the Dream!" Luncheon	Bishop Ranch Ballroom			
1:45 PM - 4:30 PM	Region Business Meeting (continued)	Bishop Ranch Ballroom			
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	All Member Social	Bishop Ranch Foyer			
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Dinner & Installation of 2024-2026 Boards	Bishop Ranch Ballroom			
Sunday, May 5	Activity	Location			
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration Open	Contra Costa Foyer			
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Bishop Ranch Ballroom			
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Memorial Service & Region Awards Program	Bishop Ranch Ballroom			
CONFERENCE ADJOURNED					
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Post Conference Region Board Meeting	Mt. Diablo			
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Presidents' Checklist

Share the Call to Conference materials with your club by emailing to all your members. Review Nominees' resumes and Founder Region Bylaw Amendments.
NOTE: Remind club treasurers that the SIA 5008 forms and Founder Region New Member forms must be received by <i>Tess Albin-Smith, Treasurer</i> by March 31, 2024 to qualify for the Julia "Bess" Combs Membership Increase Award.
Tentative Agenda (see enclosed agenda for details): You will not want to miss any of the events we are planning for our 48th Annual Founder Region Conference.
Delegates' Registration: Credential Cards will be filled out by the Credentials Chair and will be available at Registration Check-in at conference. Contact Shaun Faherty Cooper, Credentials Chair, with any questions at (415) 985-5351 or email at coopshaun88@yahoo.com.
Dream Programs Fundraiser Baskets: Sell or purchase drawing tickets and submit with club check to your District Representative by April 10, 2024. Provide a \$150 value basket for conference.
Registration and Meal Form: Complete the forms ASAP and send to Cara Begley, Conference Treasurer. A late fee of \$50.00 applies to club registrations received after the April 10, 2024 deadline. Vegetarian options are available for each meal. If you prefer a vegetarian meal, please indicate that choice by marking the box "Veg" for each meal on the registration form. Contact Laura Glass, Registration Chair, with any questions at ltg4696@gmail.com or call (925) 321-6899.
First Time Attendees, Fellows, and Laurel Society : Be sure to designate these members appropriately on the Registration and Meal Form so they can be properly recognized at conference.
Marriott Hotel Reservations: Deadline April 10, 2024. Make reservations early to request the accom- modations you prefer. <u>BOOK HOTEL</u> .
"Celebration of Service" Memorial Tribute: Send completed memorial form to Governor Vicki Ham at vickiham01@gmail.com by April 10, 2024.
Club Sales Registration Form: Send completed information as indicated on the Trade Fair form if your club intends to sell items at the Conference. Deadline April 10, 2024 .
Pre-Conference Founder Region Board Meeting Silent Observer Registration Form. Return to Secretary Kristal at secretarykristal@gmail.com by April 10, 2024.
Pre-Conference Fellowship Board Meeting Silent Observer Registration Form. Return to Billie Knight,
Fellowship Secretary, at billie.frfellowship@aol.com by April 10, 2024.
Candidate Resumes: Share and discuss with club members prior to conference so the delegates will be ready to vote. Download from the Founder Region website at <u>www.si-founderregion.org</u> .

2024 CONFERENCE MEALS

FRIDAY LUNCH

SPRING VEGETABLE MINESTRONE GRILLED CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD Sliced Chicken, Romaine Hearts, Shaved Parmesan Reggiano VEGETARIAN OPTION: VEGETABLE PAELLA Spanish Rice, Saffron Broth, Seasonal Vegetables (GF, VE) CARROT CAKE | CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

FRIDAY DINNER

WATERMELON STRAWBERRY SALAD Baby Kale, Candied Walnuts, Gorgonzola, EVOO, Cracked Black Pepper SEARED SALMON (GF) Herbed Quinoa, Lemon Beurre Blanc VEGETARIAN OPTION: BUTTERNUT RAVIOLI Sautéed Shitake, Parmesan Cheese, Sage Cream Sauce CHOCOLATE MOUSSE CAKE

SATURDAY LUNCH

CHICKEN TORTILLA SOUP Tortilla Strips, Cotija Cheese TRADITIONAL CHOPPED COBB Chopped Iceberg, Diced Tomato, Avocado, Crumbled Blue Cheese, Applewood Smoked Bacon, Chicken, Creamy Parmesan Dressing VEGETARIAN OPTION: VEGETABLE WELLINGTON Green and Yellow Zucchini, Carrots, Eggplant, Mushrooms, Puff Pastry, Marinara Sauce CARAMEL APPLE TART

SATURDAY DINNER

BABY SPINACH SALAD Candied Walnuts, Pears, Gorgonzola, Herb Vinaigrette (V, GF) BRAISED SHORT RIB (GF) Whipped Sweet Potato, Espresso Demi VEGETARIAN OPTION: RATATOUILLE STUFFED EGGPLANT Wild Rice (VE, GF) NY STYLE CHEESECAKE | FRUIT COULIS

SUNDAY BRUNCH

ALL AMERICAN PLATED BREAKFAST Orange Juice Chef's Choice Pre-Set Breakfast Breads Fresh Scrambled Eggs (GF) Bacon Breakfast Potatoes (GF, V)

V = Vegetarian, VE = Vegan, GF = Gluten Free

Founder Region

Pre-Conference Board Meeting

Thursday, May 2, 2024

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Mt. Diablo Room, San Ramon Marriott

Silent Observer Registration

Members interested in attending the open board meeting must pre-register with the Region Secretary. Members must be in "good standing" to be eligible to attend.

Submit Registrations to: Secretary Kristal at secretarykristal@gmail.com

Or mail to: Kristal Koga, 5320 Keikilani Circle, Honolulu, HI 96821

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Attendees:	1
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	DEADLINE APRIL 10, 2024



Founder Region Fellowship, Inc.

"Improving the lives of women and girls locally and globally by awarding fellowships to women who will truly make a difference in the world."

Dear Founder Region Soroptimists,

The 2022-2024 Founder Region Fellowship Board invites you to attend the 2024 **Fellowship Awards Dinner & Gala** on Friday night at the Founder Region Conference. The Friday night Fellows Reception is being merged with Founder Region and all members are invited to attend and meet the 2024 Fellowship recipients. Not able to attend conference, then join us on April 7th for a **Fellowship Town Hall** to meet our recipients. Become a Conference sponsor at \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000 or \$10,000 to support Fellowship. (See flyer for more details). Here is a recap of our efforts this year.

"Bee" the Dream through Education is our theme for this biennium and the theme of the District Meeting fundraiser. Members were generous with ticket purchases and we were able to draw for 11 Fellows. Three members leveled up, 6 members signed up for Monthly Giving, and sales of SI pin brooches, bee merchandise, and Fellowship tote bags helped us reach a fundraising total of \$16,000. Fellowship is supported almost entirely by our members, so we thank you for your participation and generosity.

The Fellowship Grant application process continues to utilize the Community Force scholarship program. Applicants submitted their applications, uploaded documents, and obtained references through this online portal. We received 64 initial interests with a final 38 completed applications from 7 different colleges/universities within Founder Region. Fifteen applicants will be interviewed and grants will be awarded to the finalists on Friday night at Conference.

In February we held a **"Fun for Fellowship"** online event to promote Founder Region's identifying project. Members enjoyed playing Fellowship Trivia Bingo and hearing from a past recipient. Donations during the event were generous and we were able to draw for a Fellow. Congratulations to Governor-elect Elise Balgley, who was able to move up to level 3! All attendees are also entered into a drawing to be held at Conference. Clubs were provided with other opportunities to raise funds during February with a Fellowship Calendar. In addition, a Fellowship informational presentation for clubs to utilize anytime is available on the "Fellowship Resources" page on the FRF website.

The **Fun Run for Fellowhship 2024** will be open from May 1 - June 15. Join in the fun and run, walk, or lounge on the couch to support Fellowship. Your club team is set up so all you have to do is register and set a date to have some fun. All participants are entered into a drawing for a Fellow (or level up). Become a sponsor for \$300. See enclosed flyer for more details. **Stop by our table and sign up to receive a free gift!**

We have much in store for our membership at the 2024 Conference. Visit our table and take a spin on the "**Prize Wheel**" to win prizes, discounts, and even an **Instant Fellow**. **Sign up for Monthly Giving and receive a free tote bag**. As mentioned above, the Friday night reception is open to all members to meet the 2024 Fellowship recipients, followed by our Dinner and Gala to present \$10,000 grants to the finalists.

Please make sure to have all club and individual donations submitted to Fellowship no later than April 1, 2024 to be recognized at Conference. Reach out to Treasurer Danelle Tegarden at FRFellowshipTreasurer2022.2024@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you at conference.

With gratitude,

Founder Region Fellowship Board

President Kris, Treasurer Danelle, and Directors: Billie, Dana, Laurie, Laura & Angie







Founder Region Fellowship Annual Business Meeting

Agenda

Saturday, May 4, 2024 8:30 a.m. Call to Order Credentials Report Minutes of the 2023 Business Meeting Treasurer's Report Directors' Reports President's Report Adjournment

(Fellow presentations will be held on Sunday.)

"Bee" the Dream through Education

Call for Sponsors

Invitation to SPONSOR our annual Reception & Awards Gala or fund a Fellowship Grant at our 2024 Founder Region Conference in May.

Founder Region Fellowship, Inc. invites you - Soroptimist Clubs, Soroptimist members and businesses in our communities - to become a SPONSOR of Founder Region Fellowship. We invite you to join others by contributing \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000 or \$10,000 to help support this program so we can help more women in the final phase of their doctoral programs. We offer grants to women attending educational institutions within our boundaries of Northern California, the State of Hawaii, U.S. Territory of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of Palau, including: UC Berkeley, CSU East Bay, St. Mary's College and University of Hawaii at Manoa to name a few.

Founder Region members are invited to a reception on Friday night at our annual Founder Region Conference where they have an opportunity to meet our Fellowship recipients before our Awards Banquet. Anticipated attendance of 350 will include members from throughout the Region, Official Visitor from our Federation, as well as local speakers and dignitaries, and will take place at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel.

Our vision is to improve the lives of women and girls locally and globally by awarding fellowships to women who will truly make a difference in the world. What an amazing opportunity for our members to meet these phenomenal women and give our award recipients a special "thank you"?

OUR MISSION: To advance the Soroptimist mission by awarding grants to outstanding women in the final phase of their doctoral program within Founder Region.

SPONSOR LEVELS

Marquise Level: \$1,000 (Includes signage at Friday Reception and logo on social media)

Jubilee Level: \$2,500 (Includes 1/2 page black/white ad in Fellowship Program, signage at Reception & Award's Gala, logo on website and social media)

Diamond Level: \$5,000

- Premium Full Page Color Ad in Fellowship commemorative program booklet
- Premium banner placement around convention area (sponsor to provide banner)
- Premium logo placement on all media mentions
- Option to provide promotional item on tables during Fellowship Dinner & Gala (sponsor provide 350 items)

Black Diamond Level: \$10,000 (Fellowship Grant Sponsor)

- Name on Fellowship Grant Certificate and on screen during presentation
- Premium Full Page Color Ad in Fellowship commemorative program booklet
- Premium banner placement around convention area (sponsor to provide banner)
- Premium logo placement on all media mentions
- Option to provide promotional item on tables during Fellowship Dinner & Gala (sponsor provide 350 items)
- Logo listed on website in perpetuity

Contact the Founder Region Fellowship Board for more information:

Kris Chorbi, President Danelle Tegarden, Treasurer Billie Knight, District I Dana Holve, District II Laurie Gallian, District III Laura Middlemiss, District IV Angie Bugarin, District V kchorbi5@yahoo.com FRFellowshipTreasurer2022.2024@gmail.com billie.frfellowship@aol.com danaholve@gmail.com galbride@comcast.net missmiddle@suddenlink.net abugarin53@gmail.com



2024 VIRTUAL FUN RUN/WALK

"Bee" the Dream through Education

May 1 - June 15, 2024



Cost: \$45



(Sign up at Conference to receive a free gift)

REGISTRATION OPENS ON MAY 1st

Search for "Fun Run for Fellowship 2024" and look for our logo.

- You choose the distance, whether you run or walk.
- You choose the location and the day/time.
- You can even use your treadmill.
- All participants entered into a drawing for a Fellow.
- Gather pledges to increase chances to win (every \$45 donated is 1 chance).
- For every \$1,000 raised, we will draw for a Fellow (or level up).
- Event sponsorships available for \$300 (includes logo on event home page, website & social media).

CLUB TEAMS

Teams will also be eligible to name a Fellow when their total reaches \$1,000, so be sure to **choose your club team when registering**. Invite your family and friends to join the fun!

For more information or questions, contact Kris Chorbi at kchorbi5@yahoo.com or call (707) 498-9711.

Pre-Conference Town Hall

Founder Region Fellowship invites you to join us on April 7, 2024 at 6:00pm for a Town Hall online event with our 2024 Fellowship Recipients.

Hear what inspired them to achieve their doctoral degree, who mentored them along the way, and how they mentor the next generation of girls.

All members are invited to attend!

Register in advance through the QR Code.

Attend conference to hear more...



SCAN ME

SI Pin Brooch Auction









Founder Region Fellowship is offering our members an opportunity to purchase the remaining custom designed SI Pin Brooches through Rally-up online auction. For those members who did not attend District Meetings in the fall and cannot attend conference, we wanted to give you the opportunity to own one of these beautiful pins.

Auction opens on April 1 and closes on April 15.

Supplies are limited & "Buy Now" options are available at \$60. Pins will be mailed to winners in time for conference.

All purchases will be entered into a drawing at conference to win a Fellow (or level up).

The link to bid will be posted on our Facebook page.

Founder Region Fellowship Pre-conference Board Meeting

We invite you to join the Founder Region Fellowship Board at our pre-conference board meeting on

Thursday, May 2, 2024

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

San Ramon Marriott, Tri-Valley 1 Room

Silent Observer Registration

Members interested in attending the open board meeting must pre-register with the Founder Region Fellowship Secretary. Members must be in "good standing" to be eligible to attend.

Submit registrations to: **Billie Knight at 5910 Horsemans Canyon Drive** #6A, Walnut Creek, CA 94595 or email billie.frfellowship@aol.com.

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DEADLINE: APRIL 10, 2024



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DREAM PROGRAMS FUNDRAISER 2024

"Improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment"

It is once again that time of year to promote our Region Program Fundraiser. We are asking each club to participate.



Sell or purchase raffle tickets \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00



Provide a Basket valued at \$150.00

(Keep in mind our fellow Soroptimists from the Islands)

Basket Theme: "Bee Creative!"

Bee the Dream!

Each club should bring their basket to Conference

(May 3rd, 4th & 5th at the San Ramon Marriott) Deliver basket to ballroom on Sunday, May 5th between 7:00 a.m.-7:30 a.m.

Return one check from your club with ticket stubs

{Payable to: Founder Region} by *April 10, 2024* to your District Fundraising Committee Representative (address below) (If your club needs additional tickets, please contact Treasurer Tess at tess@alumni.ucdavis.edu)

Please note "Program Fundraiser" on check and return any unsold tickets with check and stubs.

Make sure the club name is on each ticket stub

Please contact your District Representative for more information

Gina Moore	Chair	(510) 719-0071	P.O. Box 2234, Bethel Island, CA 94511
Lisa Schibler	District I	(925) 462-7586	4298 Fairlands Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588
Gina Moore	District II	(510) 719-0071	P.O. Box 2234, Bethel Island, CA 94511
Madalienne Peters	District III	(415) 827-5968	P.O. Box 5158, Novato, CA 94948-5158
Heather Ellison	District IV	(917) 583-4661	P.O. Box 13, Miranda, CA 95553
Angie Gibbons	District V	(671) 688-1811	P.O. Box 10598, Tamuning, Guam 96931

Proceeds benefit Region and Federation Dream Programs

Legislative Advocacy Program Friday, May 3, 2024 "Safeguarding - Cyber & Personal"



Guest Speakers Include:

Austin Shaver, Special agent in charge of Homeland Security investigation (NorCal)

Marlène Capra, Founder of Speak Safe which deals with children and Cybersecurity

Alison Yakebe, Lead analyst in Cyber Security for law enforcement in the South Bay

Safeguarding - - measures to protect the health, wellbeing and human rights of individuals, which allow people—especially children, young people and vulnerable adults—to live free from abuse, harm and neglect.





Attendance Incentive

All club members attending the full 2024 Conference (including all meals) will be automatically entered into a drawing. One (1) Founder Region Soroptimist club member attending our 2024 Conference will receive one (1) FREE registration and meal package to attend our 2025 Conference to be held at the Concord Hilton, Concord, CA, May 2 - May 4, 2025.

- Package good for one (1) person and cannot be broken up. (No monetary value)
- Transportation and lodging fees are not included.
- Package is non-transferable.
- Attendance at the 2024 conference must be verified.
- Winner announced at close of 2024 Conference. MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

(Excludes Founder Region Board and Fellowship Board members)

Dream Fundraiser Incentive

Clubs selling all their drawing tickets will be entered into a drawing for a \$250 donation toward Club Giving.





Invitation to Host 2027 Conference

To: All Clubs in Founder Region

From: Kristal Koga, Region Secretary

Subject: Invitation to Host Region Conference 2027

According to Founder Region Bylaws, it is time for clubs to submit invitations to host the region conference to be held in May 2027 at a location within the boundaries of Districts I through IV.

Article VI – Meetings

Section 6.1 – The Region shall hold an annual conference the first weekend in May that does not include Mother's Day for the purpose of conducting the business of the Region, promoting Soroptimist projects and programs and in order to provide opportunities for leadership and personal development of members.

If you would like to take advantage of this fun and exciting opportunity, please send your offer to host a conference by April 10, 2024 to:

Kristal Koga at secretarykristal@gmail.com

Future Founder Region Conferences

YEAR	LOCATION	HOST CLUBS
2024	Marriott Hotel San Ramon, CA	Soroptimist International of Santa Rosa Soroptimist International of Novato Soroptimist International of Oakmont Wine Country
2025	Concord Hilton Concord, CA	Soroptimist International of The Delta Soroptimist International of Vacaville Soroptimist International of Vacaville Twilight
2026	Marriott Hotel San Ramon, CA	Soroptimist International of The Redwoods Soroptimist International of Eel River Valley TBD Soroptimist International of Noyo Sunrise TBD

Trade Fair

Clubs are invited to participate in selling items at conference this year. Remember that all items, especially items that use Soroptimist's registered trademarks, are to be pre-approved by Governor Vicki. Please observe the licensing rules/ fees due to SIA if you have used the Soroptimist registered trademarks.*

Contact your District Director if you have any questions. Please have a raffle permit if you are conducting a raffle.

If you wish to take part in this fundraising activity, complete this form so that the conference committee can plan the space effectively. Space is limited, so register early. Every effort will be made to accommodate registrations on a "first come, first served" basis.

Location and hours for the Trade Fair will be:

San Ramon Marriott - Salon 1

 Friday - Set up
 6:30 am - 8:00 am

 Friday - Open
 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

 Saturday - Open
 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Sales Tables are to be closed prior to the Saturday banquet.

*Please refer to the Use of SIA Registered Marks Policies, Licensing Frequently Asked Questions and Licensing Application/Fee Payment information available on the SIA website before placing any orders for items to sell within the region. An application must be sent to SIA, along with a \$50 fee, for each item/form (for items not previously granted permission to sell from SIA). Use of SIA's registered marks is governed by the Use of SIA Registered Marks Policies and SIA Bylaws and Procedures. http://www.soroptimist.org/members/fedinfo/fed_info.html.

Trade Fair Registration Form

Club or Business Name:	
Club or Business Address:	
Contact Name/ Phone No:	
E-Mail Address:	
Website:	
Description of Item(s):	

\$50.00 - Cost for six-foot table space for members (Two clubs may share a table) \$100.00 - Cost for six-foot table space for non-members

RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO FOUNDER REGION CONFERENCE 2024 BY April 10, 2024 TO: Cara Begley, Conference Treasurer 2401 Silverado Drive, Antioch, CA 94509 Email: jakesnana@rocketmail.com Phone: (925) 550-4924.



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Founder Region Leadership Training

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Red Lion Hotel 9:30am - 2:30pm

1929 4th St., Eureka, CA

(same weekend as Redwood Memorial Grove)



Or

Saturday, June 22, 2024

Concord Senior Center 9:30am - 2:30pm 2727 Parkside Circle, Concord, CA 94519

Something for Everyone: Club Officers, Members, Current & Future Leaders

For ALL Soroptimist Clubs:

- ⇒ President, Vice President/President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, General Membership
- ⇒ Leadership Handbook 101
- ⇒ Barriers, Solutions, Benefits to Leadership
- ⇒ How Benefits Outweigh the Challenges
- \Rightarrow Club Sharing
- \Rightarrow And more...





If you have a suggestion for this training, please email Governor Vicki at vickiham01@gmail.com.

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"Celebration of Service" - Memorial Form 2023-2024

We would like to honor those Soroptimist members who have passed away since March 15, 2023. Please complete this form to provide us with your deceased member's information and send us a photograph so we may include them in the Sunday morning "Celebration of Service" Memorial at Conference. Additionally, your member will be recorded in the memorial album maintained in conjunction with the Founder Region Memorial Redwood Grove.

Please invite someone from your club to participate in the Memorial Service. Members will proceed to the front with a flower to honor deceased members. If you have more than one member to include in the program, please complete a form for each member and identify a club participant on each form.

Please type or print legibly:

Soroptimist International of						
Name of deceased member:		Date of Death:				
Year Inducted:or number of years of service:						
Club President:	Email:	Phone:				
Participant:	Email:	Phone:				

Please complete a separate form for each deceased member and submit with photo to Vicki Ham, Governor at vickiham01@gmail.com or mail to 22970 Davis Lane, Willits, CA 95490.

Deadline to submit form and photo is April 10, 2024.

Please mark your calendar: The 2024 Redwood Memorial Grove Service will be held Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 11:00am at Prairie Creek State Park. The service is moderated by Chair Debbie Thompson and presented by members of the Founder Region Board. The drive to the Grove may be long from the Bay Area, but it is spectacular. All members should consider attending this inspiring and moving service.

Annual Redwood Memorial Grove Service Sunday, June 9, 2024

You are invited to join the Founder Region Board, SI/ Eureka, SI/Crescent City and SI/Arcata for Brunch at Elk Prairie Picnic Area, Prairie Creek State Park 11:00 a.m. **Followed by the**

Memorial Service at the Campfire Center 12:00 noon



Following the service, you are encouraged to drive to the Soroptimist Grove and view the Redwood tree dedicated to Violet Richardson Ward and the Granite Marker. Prairie Creek State Park is north of Orick, California on the Newton B. Drury Scenic Highway. For assistance with directions or questions contact Debbie Thompson at 707-954-2973 or by email <u>debbiet@treesofmystery.net</u>

For lodging in the Klamath area:

Redwood Hotel (Holiday Inn Express) & Casino 707-482-1777

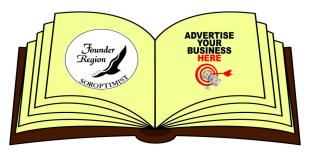
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I hereby agree to purchase and advertise in the Founder Region Conference Program for the following rate:

ream Level Ad \$100.00 Business Card (black & white)		
Dream It, Be It Level Ad	\$250.00 ¼ page (black & white)	
Live Your Dream Level Ad	.\$350.00 ½ page (black & white)	
Dream BIG Level Ad	.\$500.00 Full page (b&w) or \$1,000 Full page (color)	
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CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP (package #1):\$ 2,500.00

- ◆ Full Page Color Ad in commemorative program booklet worth \$1,000.
- Banner placement in main meeting room (sponsor to provide banner-max 3'x10').
- Oral mentions throughout conference Thursday Sunday.
- Table in vendor area to promote your business (\$100 value).
- Option to provide Two (2) promotional items to be included in the attendee conference bag (sponsor to provide item good for 250 bags) submit by March 30.

CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP (package #2):\$ 1,000.00

- Quarter Page Ad in commemorative program booklet worth \$250 (black & white).
- Banner placement in main meeting room (sponsor to provide banner-max 3'x10').
- Oral mentions throughout conference Thursday Sunday.
- Option to provide One (1) promotional item to be included in the attendee conference bag (sponsor to provide item good for 250 bags) submit by March 30.

Name:	Club:			
Email:	Phone:			
Dream Level	Dream It, Be It Level	Live Your Dream Level		
Dream BIG Level: b&w color	Conference Sponsorship #1	#2		
Send your check & form to: Conference Treasurer, Cara Begley: 2401 Silverado Drive, Antioch, CA 94509. Please email your business card or camera-ready ads (jpeg or pdf format) to Governor Vicki at <u>vickiham01@gmail.com</u> by March 29, 2024.				