

## INSTALLATION CEREMONY - REGIONAL CONFERENCE 1984

Each of us in the past few dyas have been privileged to share in the beauty and the aloha spirit of this, our Hawaiian island state. Each of the eight major Hawaiian islands has an emblem of its own. Except for one, a shell, all are various forms of plant life, flowers, moss, a vine and berry. These flowers and other symbols were officially designated by joint resolution of Hawaii's territorial legislature of 1923. They are included in Hawaiian tradition, culture, story and song and are themes for major statewide events and festivities. All the islands have popular nicknames, nothing officially designated, but so widely used and accepted that they may as well be. The island flowers are separate and distinct from the Hawaii state flower which is the Hibiscus, an indigenous blossom having a variety of color and form.

For this most important event this evening when each of us shares in the pride and excitement of the installation of new leaders for our Founder Region, I should like to combine the colors, flowers and symbols of this special state of our union. However, before doing so, I would have the officers and directors of the biennium which is soon to come to a close, stand, so we may in the true aloha spirit of farewell and in the grateful spirit of mahalo, honor the devote and dedicated time and efforts they have given to each of us in the past two years.

### TO THE DIRECTORS OF DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V

"Just as the hibiscus has a variety of color and form, each District of our Region varies in size and distinction. Tonight, I would liken our five district directors to the big island of Hawaii whose blossom is the Lehua, its color, red, and its nickname the Volcano Island. Added to the responsibilities listed in our regional procedures and policies, each of you should be a volcano of information to your districts. The lava of Soroptimism, which is truly enthusiasm for growth and service, should be channeled by you to each and every club in your district. When lava flows and hardens, it creates new land and reinforces the old with new growth. The information and encouragement you will channel to your districts is essential for the continued progress of our Soroptimist organization. Are each of you willing to accept the responsibilities of your office? It is with great confidence in your ability to perform well as District Directors that I present to you the red lei, symbol of the fire of enthusiasm that I know you will generate in each of your districts and in our region!"

### TO THE TREASURER ELECT

"Purple is the color of Kauai, the Garden Island, and the olive green Mokihana its berry. The treasured Mokihana is hard to get and jealously guarded. I have likened your office as regional treasurer to the Mokihana. The funds of our region and all financial records will be placed in your hands to be jealously guarded as though they were your own. In addition to your fiscal responsibilities as treasurer, you also serve on the board as a valuable financial information source to District Directors and to the Governor. Yours is the added task of keeping the census to record the growth of Founder Region. Do you accept the obligations of this important office? It is with great trust that I present to you the purple lei, symbolic of the island of Kauai and the Mokihana, as purple completes the spectrum of the rainbow.

### TO THE SECRETARY ELECT

"Pale green is the color of Molokai, the Friendly Island, and the white Kukui flower its blossom. Clusters of Kukui flowers, resembling bunches of lilacs grow on an old, useful and beloved Hawaiian tree. Flowers, nuts and bark once were used a medicines and the versatile nuts were made into candles - thus, Kukui became the "candlenut tree." The office of regional secretary is a most demanding one and requires working closely with the Governor, corresponding endlessly with clubs, preparing copy for conference and rosters and always maintaining a friendly smile and offering a helping hand. Truly you hold the candle of Soroptimist service. Do you accept the responsibilities of your office? It is with great reliance on your ability to perform your office in a friendly manner that I present to you the pale green and white lei, symbolic of the friendly island of Molokai.

#### TO THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

"Pink is the color of Maui, the Valley Island, and its flower the Roselani or the Lokelani, which means "Rose of Heaven". This flower thrives best in a temperate climate and although it belongs to the rose family, it is related to the strawberry, raspberry, apple, pear, plum, peach, loquat, cherry and almond. As Lt. Governor your office is charged with the maintenance and close communication with all committees as you are the chairman of the regional service activities committee and act as liaison to the regional board for the regional technical committees. As the Roselani, you are truly related to all of the programs implementing the objects of our Soroptimist organization, as well as maintaining a close relationship with the governor in the event you are called upon to serve in that capacity. Do you accept the responsibilities of your office? It is with great assurance in your abilities that I present to you the pink lei, symbolic of the busy little rose and this beautiful island of Maui!"

#### TO THE GOVERNOR

"The highest office in our Soroptimist regions is the office of Governor. No one works as hard in any office or derives as much satisfaction and sense of purpose as a governor. She is the representative in her region to the Federation and is a member of the Federation Board. As Soroptimist members we honor and respect this office by electing those women we feel will fulfill all the obligations required as the chief officer to represent us. We depend upon her qualities of leadership, wisdom, patience and understanding. Del, for you I have chosen the island of Oahu, known as the Capitol Island or the "Gathering Place". Golden yellow is Oahu's color, and the Ilima, it's flower. A royal aura surrounds the Ilima blossom and it is called the royal lei as it was once reserved for royalty and upper classes. Today, it is the lei most often worn by government officials at state functions. Hundreds, sometimes thousands of tiny blossoms are needed to make one Ilima lei along with several hours of patient meticulous work. I know this high office will truly be a gathering place for you and you will spend many hours of meticulous patient work in the performance of your duties. You will ever be ready to put the welfare of your region above all else in the coming biennium and to subordinate your personal life. As Governor you will be impartial, tactful and just and above all you will be kind. Common sense and willingness will continue to carry you far in the development of communication, understanding, participation and a total Soroptimist viewpoint. Are you willing to accept the many responsibilities of this high office? It is with joyful confidence that I present to you the golden yellow Ilima lei, blossom of the capitol island of Oahu.

I would ask each of you to pledge to do your very best to carry out the requirements of your respective offices, to keep uppermost in mind always the code of ethics and the pledge we all as members give to our great Soroptimist service organization, and to be ever mindful of our objects and purposes for being.

I now declare these officers and directors duly installed in the offices to which they were elected for the ensuing biennium, 1984-1986 and congratulate each of you and leave you with this short Hawaiian verse:

DOWN FROM THE WORLDS RED FURNACE MOUTH  
BLACK EDGED THE LAVA FLOWS,  
WHILE UP FROM THE DARK, COOL OCEAN FLOOR  
LIVE CORAL SLOWLY GROWS.  
ADD AN INCH TO THE LAND WHERE WE WORK AND PLAY  
ADD A FOOT OR AN ACRE THERE!  
VOLCANO AND CORAL BUILD THROUGH THE YEARS  
MORE SOIL FOR OUR CHILDREN TO SHARE.

Marjorie Conley, Installing Officer  
Past Governor, Founder Region