

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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Bee the Dream!

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome 2024! After taking a short time off to devote to family, I am now back to club and region activities in full swing! The women and girls we are committed to helping face many challenges and obstacles and that makes our work even more important. I am so proud of our clubs in Founder Region as we continue to use our resources to aid many women and girls in need.

helping half a million women and girls achieve their goals by 2031!

Our 2024 Conference planning is underway so mark your calendars for May 3rd through 5th. Stay tuned for more information as we have it available.



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Founder Region Website:

www.si-founderregion.org

SIA Website:

www.soroptimist.org

SI Website:

www.soroptimistinternational.org

We are now entering our awards season. Hopefully, each club is in the process of selecting their Live Your Dream awardee. Remember, if you received multiple applications, it is important to SIA and the region to give multiple awards if at all possible. As we have been saying at District Meetings over the past few years, consider breaking up a large award into several awards helping more women in the process. Do not give less than \$1,000 per award, but if you are giving \$2,000, \$5,000 or more, you can give several \$1,000 awards instead. If you still need an applicant, contact your district representative for sharing from another club. February 1st is the deadline for district judging, so please have your winner to your district rep by then. If your club is giving a Violet Richardson award, please turn your club winner in to your VRA district representative by February 1st as well. Let us impact as many women and girls as possible to ensure we achieve our Big Goal of

Happy New Year to all of you and may 2024 be an amazing year for you and for your club.

Governor Vicki

***Note: If you do not know the name of your district representative for our awards, look it up in the roster found on the Resources page on the Founder Region website!



Fundraising - Chair Gina Moore

Happy New Year!!!

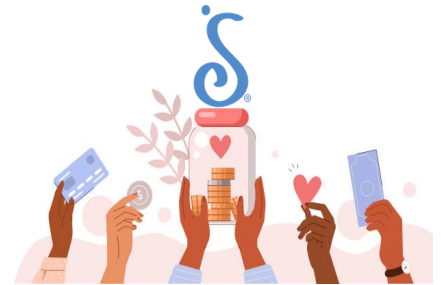
Let's start off Fundraising with a Bang! I know I have talked about Laurel Society, Founders Pennies, and Club Giving but another way to fundraise is through Facebook. If you use social media, you may have noticed that it has its own fundraising platform. It is an incredible way to invest in the dreams of women and girls, get your

family and friends involved, and raise awareness!

How to get started:

1. Create a Facebook Fundraiser (<https://www.facebook.com/fund/soroptimist/>)
2. Share your story and invite your Friends to give
3. Ask Friends for Direct Support
4. Thank your Donors

Finally, for your Birthday create a Fundraiser to help provide hope and opportunity to women and girls around the world; you couldn't give a better gift. Here's to an amazing 2024.



Membership - Chair Lyn Lurbe

BE A CANDLE

This month, I was fortunate enough to attend a Soroptimist Christmas party aside from my own club's party. It was simple, fun, and enjoyable with really good food, good company, and a beautiful setting right on the water. There were so many favors per person on the table because with all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, the party coordinator forgot to assign one-two members to take charge of the favors, so the members who attended made favors for everyone and

each person had at least ten favors (maybe more) on the table! FUN! One of the favors caught my attention, it was a small handmade wooden box with a rolled poem inside. The poem reminded me of who we are as a Soroptimist, and it read.

Be A Candle

A candle is but a little thing,
It starts with just a bit of string,
yet rolled and formed with a patient hand,
It gathers wax upon the strand,
Until complete, red, blue, or white,
it gives at last a lovely light.

Life seems so like that bit of string,
Each deed we do, a simple thing,
Yet day by day if on life's strand,
We work with a patient heart and hand,
It gathers joy, makes dark days bright,
And gives a warm and lovely light.

This holiday season and for the days to come, continue to BE A CANDLE for someone!



Public Awareness - Chair Kris Chorbi

New Year, New Zoom

Dress up your next Zoom meeting with a [beautiful new background](#)! Whether you want to sparkle or show off Soroptimist colors, there is an option for you! Need help applying your Zoom background? [Learn more](#).

Reaching Greater Heights in 2024
A Special New Years Message for Soroptimists!

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

In Memoriam

Susan (Lompa) Joyce

Founder Region Governor
July 1988 - January 1990

1984-1986 SI/A Growth and Development
Committee Member
1986-1988 SI/A Growth and Development
Committee Chair

Soroptimist International of Richmond
Theme: "We Are One in Service Spirit"

She will be dearly missed.



Submit your club event details to kchorbi5@yahoo.com by the 10th of each month for sharing in this newsletter.





SATURDAY, 16 MARCH 2024 FROM 08:30-11:30

Whale Run/Walk 2024

Noyo Headlands Park

Proceeds benefit Soroptimist of Benicia Safehouse in partnership with SafeQuest and projects and programs for women and girls education and training



6TH ANNUAL STP WITH SOROPTIMIST

An evening of Wine Tasting, Food and Music

Raffle | Silent Auction | Wine Pull | Whiskey Tasting

Saturday, February 3, 2024 6:30-10 pm
The Clock Tower, 1189 Washington St. Benicia

For tickets: Eventbrite.com \$85.00 per ticket



BUNCO TOURNAMENT

**SOROPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL
OF ANTIOCH**

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 17, 2024**

NOON - 3:00PM

\$20.00

**FOR TICKETS
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SNACKS

RAFFLE PRIZES

DOOR PRIZE

Soroptimist International of the Delta



**Share the Love
BUNCO**



**Wednesday,
February 7, 2024**

**Doors open 5:30 p.m.
BUNCO starts at 6:30 p.m.**

FOUNDER REGION LINKS

[Website](#)
[Facebook](#)
[Instagram](#)
[Twitter](#)
[Violet Richardson Award](#)
["S" Clubs](#)
[Soroptimists Celebrating Success](#)
[Treasurer Forms](#)

SIA LINKS

[Website](#)
[Facebook](#)
[Live Your Dream](#)
[Dream It, Be It](#)
[Dream Big Campaign](#)
[Best for Women Newsletter](#)

SI LINKS

[Website](#)
[President's Appeal](#)
[SI at the United Nations](#)
[2023 Convention-Dublin, Ireland](#)



CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating their anniversary!

12/9/1995	SI/ St. Helena Sunrise
1/8/1954	SI/ Crescent City
1/9/1954	SI/ Arcata
1/9/1982	SI/ Eel River Valley
1/28/2005	SI/ Windsor



Region Conference

2024 Conference

May 3 - 5, 2024

San Ramon Marriott

San Ramon, CA

Host Clubs:

SI/Novato, SI/Santa Rosa, &

SI/Oakmont Wine Country

[2023 CONFERENCE PAGE](#)

Check out the 2023 conference page to view photos, presentations, recordings and the proceedings of the recent Founder Region Conference.

SIA Convention

2024 Convention

July 24-27, 2024

Bellevue, Washington

Stay tuned for more info!

[Video](#)



SI Convention

2027 Convention

SIA Hosting

July 2027

More details to be announced.

[WEBSITE](#)

