



JUNE NEWSLETTER

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2022-2024 Region Board

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Founder Region Website:

www.si-founderregion.org

SIA Website:

www.soroptimist.org

SI Website:

www.soroptimistinternational.org

Bee the Dream!

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members of Founder Region!

As the first year of this biennium is winding down, the Founder Region and Fellowship boards continue to share our love of Soroptimist with our members as we strive to provide women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

Our Founder Region Conference in May, in Oakland where it all began, was a great success! We received a lot of positive feedback. As usual, the highlight of the weekend was the Sunday morning awards program for our "S" Club winner, Violet Richardson winners and amazing support from clubs for our Live Your Dream winners. Let us continue our great work of helping the women and girls who need it most. I am so proud of the selections our clubs made.

So as we begin this next club year, new officers are coming on board with new ideas and beginning to take action in the four pillars – Membership, Fundraising, Program and Public Awareness. If you were able to attend one of our Leadership Training events this month, you were guided through the plethora of information that is available in our [Leadership Handbook](#). You were also shown how to easily navigate our region website for ideas, updates and forms used in the pillars and so much more relating to Soroptimist.

But remember that the region website and handbook are not just for your club leadership, but for all club members.

Many clubs "go dark" during the summer months, so if this is true for your club, relax and enjoy your summer months. But, we must continue to Bee the Dream! for the future of our organization, so we can have a sustainable impact on those who have yet to need our help and support. Continue to think of new ways to apply the foundations of the four pillars and prepare to make this next year an exciting one for all members, continuing the important work of fulfilling our mission. Engage in new ways with your fellow members; and continue to make meaningful impact on the lives of the women and girls you serve on a regular basis.

With Dreams, anything is possible.

In Soroptimist friendship,
Vicki Ham, Governor



Budget for Fellowship

As we are winding down the club year, you will be working on your 2023-2024 club budget. Please consider making Fellowship contributions a line item in your Club Budget so you can plan your support of our Region's identifying project.

- Donate \$1,000/year and name a Fellow every year
- Donate \$500/year and name a Fellow every 2 years
- Budget for more than one Fellow/year to honor more members.
- Donate any amount in honor of your board members for their service.
- Update your bylaws to make Fellowship your "charity of choice" for memorial contributions for members and their immediate

families.

- Honor your members with donations to Fellowship for club milestone anniversaries and special recognitions.

Founder Region Fellowship is almost completely supported financially by our members so I want to share with you all the ways you can ensure Fellowship is around for the next 75 years.

The more you talk about and support Fellowship, the more your members will find value in our mission.

Thank you for your continued support of Founder Region Fellowship and we look forward to a great 2023-2024 club year!



Fellowship Board

President - Kris Chorbi
Treasurer - Danelle Tegarden

Fellowship Directors:

District I - Billie Knight
District II - Dana Holve
District III - Laurie Gallian
District IV - Laura Middlemiss
District V - Angie Burgarin

Website:

www.founderregionfellowship.org

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3505 Pine Street, Eureka, CA 95503

Donate \$75 (or more) to the 75 Year Diamond Jubilee Campaign anytime during the biennium.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Fun Run/Walk Report

Thank you to all the members and clubs who supported the Fellowship Fun Run/Walk last month. Special thanks to our sponsors who contributed \$250 each, which covered our costs.

Edward Jones - Laura Middlemiss
Ledgers - Theresa Karlson
Berkshire Hathaway Homes Services - Lynn Levin
Drive Thru Tree - Crystal Arbuthnot
Trees of Mystery - Debbie Thompson
Avon - Teri Lynn Sato

All 60 participants were entered into a drawing to win a Fellow or Level up.

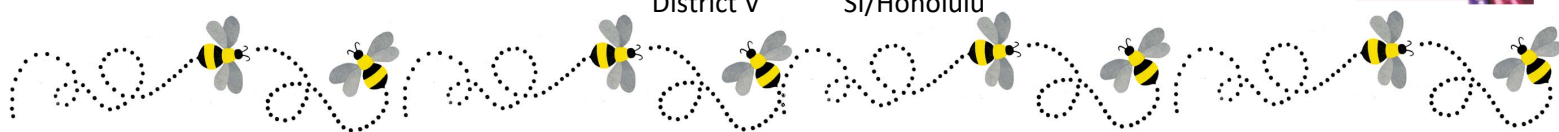
Congratulations to Dawn Allen of SI/The Delta who is the winner of this drawing! This will be her first level Fellow.

SI/The Delta and SI/Humboldt Bay tied for the biggest teams with 9 members each.

21 clubs supported the Fun Run/Walk so we thank you for supporting Founder Region Fellowship!

CLUBS/TEAMS WHO PARTICIPATED

District I	SI/24/680 (Walnut Creek)
District I	SI/Benicia
District I	SI/The East Bay
District II	SI/The Delta
District II	SI/Vacaville
District II	SI/Vacaville Twilight
District II	SI/Vallejo
District III	SI/Oakmont Wine Country
District III	SI/Santa Rosa
District III	SI/Sonoma Valley
District IV	SI/Arcata
District IV	SI/Crescent City
District IV	SI/Eel River Valley
District IV	SI/Eureka
District IV	SI/Fort Bragg
District IV	SI/Humboldt Bay
District IV	SI/The Redwoods
District V	GALS of 96744
District V	SI Maui
District V	SI/Central Oahu
District V	SI/Honolulu



Fundraising - Chair Gina Moore

June is here! Summer is in the air and warmer months ahead of us; summer is where we think about vacations, get away weekends, BBQ's and spending time with family and friends. June also indicates the end of Soroptimists fiscal year; it has been a fantastic year. Before we begin our summer take a moment to look back at your club's accomplishments, the goals you achieved, the events you held, perhaps your club coordinated with another club

(sisterhood at its best!), and most importantly the awards your club has given to those wonderful women. So, celebrate your club's achievements and show your appreciation to those that have taken part and worked diligently to achieve your club's accomplishments.

I want to thank all the Founder Region clubs and individual members who have done so much for Soroptimist's fundraising efforts this past year. Through our work we are making a difference in so many women and girl's lives. "When we

make a difference, we make change".

Let's make this next year an even greater one. Keep up the good work.

CLUB GIVING

Support the Big Goal and extend your clubs reach beyond your local community when you participate in Club Giving. Send in your 10% before July 1.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Membership - Chair Lyn Lurbe

THIS IS IT!

The last month of fiscal year 2022-2023! Wow, that was fast! Time to clean up loose ends and get ready for another exciting year of Soroptimist service to our communities and around the world.

We are so fortunate to have the Founder Region and SIA websites to search through for guidance, templates, and information that we could all refer to during the year. If you find it difficult to find the information that you are looking for, use the website cheat sheets to navigate through the information.

With so much to do but so little time to complete it, the best practice is to create a checklist for yourself on what needs to be done before the year ends and share it with the next set of club officers.

Have you surveyed your members to reveal what events and activities worked well during the year? If not, the SIA and Founder Region websites have templates that you could download or refer to.

Remember to collect and pay your dues on time to avoid being charged a late fee and update your club rosters on the SIA website.

The best one of all is to set your club goals for the next fiscal year! You can continue with what worked for last year or from the previous years, but also add in a few new projects, activities, and events to create some newness to your calendar.

It's a new year, let's all look forward to it!

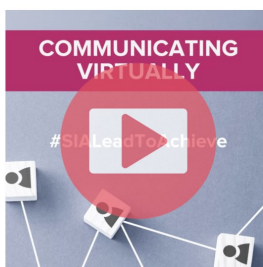


Public Awareness - Chair Kris Chorbi

Tip of the Month

Communicating Virtually Tip #1:
Show Empathy

Technology has allowed us to communicate online in a variety of ways. Always remember to show empathy with others when navigating the virtual world! #SIALeadtoAchieve



Promote Leadership Development Opportunities

Use [publicity toolkit](#) to promote our upcoming leadership development opportunities to members and others. Kit includes logos, news release, social media graphic, printable flyer, engaging video, and tips to use each resource.



What's Happening in SIA This Month

Be on the lookout for these upcoming initiatives and [events](#).

- REGISTER: [2023 Leadership Round Table](#) (June 22 and 23)
- REGISTER: [2023-2024 Soroptimist Leadership Fellows Program](#) (June 24 + additional dates)

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



Program Report - Chair Elise Balgley

OOPS - I made an error last month in this space. Big Goal Accelerator Projects for the 2022-2023 club year must be submitted to SIA by **June 30, 2023**. I have seen that several clubs have submitted their reports. Let's keep it up. Remember the idea is to gather up data so that we can provide potential donors, potential members, and members with specific information as to how many women and girls we are impacting. Remember that I am available to help if there are any questions on your submissions. Also, as you plan for

the next club year, keep Big Goal Accelerator Projects in mind.

This is the lull period for Live Your Dream Awards but use this time. Identify your club's 2023-2024 Live Your Dream chair now. Go to the SIA website and watch the Live Your Dream Awards 101 seminar. Be ready to get on this as soon as the application portal opens in August. Remember, by November 2023, the judging will begin. Let's keep on our path of giving more awards to impact more women rather than fewer large awards.

It's not too early to start thinking about Dream It, Be It programs for 2023-2024.

Have a plan so when the new school year starts you can contact schools if that is part of your plan.

Look for your club's next Violet Richardson award recipient. You may want to consider how that process could qualify as a Big Goal Accelerator Project.

Keep Soroptimist Celebrating Success in mind as well. Our region continues to do that program. Let's share the great things all of our clubs are doing.

Happy Summer!

Year End Forms

Form 200 - CLUB PRESIDENT/ TREASURER /DREAM CHAIRS

We need this form to update the region roster and provide SIA with new officer information. If you do not designate a LYD Chair or DI, BI Chair, the president will be the default. Send to your district director and SIA ASAP or before July 1.

[DOWNLOAD FORM 200](#)

Founder Region Annual Dues Worksheet

Use this form to calculate club and members dues. This fillable form is auto calculating for your convenience to show region and fellowship dues totals. Due on or before July 1.

- Send Region dues to Region Treasurer Tess Albin-Smith.
- Send Fellowship Dues to Fellowship Treasurer Danelle Tegarden.

[DOWNLOAD DUES WORKSHEET](#)

SIA Dues

View instructions and [Guide](#) to Online Roster

When you change one woman's life, it sets off a ripple effect that transforms the lives of countless others.

Management and Paying Dues 2023-2024

View Club Treasurers Training [Video](#):
Online Dues Payment & Roster Maintenance

[Download Form 5008](#)
[SIA Transaction Form](#)

Region Sales

Founder Region will have "Bee the Dream" shirts, license plate frames and bee pins available for purchase on the region website.

"BEE the DREAM" T-SHIRTS \$35

Available any size in Black or Yellow with sparkly lettering and a fun bee! Shirts are true to size.

LICENSE PLATE FRAMES - \$15

Buy 10 get 1 FREE

FOUNDER REGION BEE PINS \$10 or 3/\$20 or 10/\$60

SHOW YOUR "BEE" PRIDE! These bee-u-ti-ful pins come in various styles. Buy 1, 3, or all 10.



"S" Club - Chair Joy Swank

Greetings "S" Clubbers: Here's the review of how our Soroptimist Clubs wrapped up their year with the "S" Club students.

Yay everyone! Here are a few, more celebrations to follow next month.

SI/Honolulu:

Sacred Hearts Academy, Honolulu, HI, S Club ended the year low key. The upcoming 2023-2024 executive council is excited to get started with a vision and aligning programs with the Soroptimist mission. They plan to meet over the summer to strategize, plan and organize for 2023-2024 school year. Their advisor will take some time during summer meet ups to teach leadership.

SI/Rio Vista:



Members gathered on May 19 in the media room to announce the new officers selected for next school year 2023-24. Cupcakes were shared as students discussed their summer plans and said their goodbyes. Several students signed up as volunteers to assist SI/Rio Vista members this summer.

SI/Vacaville:

Two of our "S" Clubs attended a lunch meeting SI/Vacaville hosted. The officers were sworn in and given "S" Club pins. The school advisors were given flowers. Our advisors are committed to assisting them all next year.



SIA News

Dues Increase

Continue making a difference in your community and across the globe by renewing your membership for the 2023-2024 club year! Like many organizations, SIA has felt the impact of the changes in the global economy. For the first time in five years, there will be a dues increase. The new pricing reflects a **\$2.00 COLA increase**, a **\$2.00 liability dues increase** (for club members in the United States), and the

annual increase in the voluntary contribution of Founders Pennies. Your membership is important to the women and girls we serve, and we are taking steps to boost existing member benefits and expand our efforts for you. Please feel free to visit our [frequently asked questions](#) for more information.



Check out back issues of the Best for Women [newsletter](#) for more great information.

Dream It, Be It - Bev Gomer

So you've completed your Dream It, Be It project and submitted your report to SIA. Now what?

Upon review, SIA will send me an Excel spreadsheet listing all of the reports submitted by Founder Region clubs. They will notify me if there are any issues/questions—in which case I will follow up with DI, BI club reps. for clarification. Pos-

sible issues could be that a report is a duplicate, the number of participating girls is not listed, or if a club did not use the Dream It, Be It curriculum. Club reps. should then get back to me ASAP to ensure that Founder Region's reporting is accurate for the club year.

As a reminder, look for an email from SIA about the **new and improved DI, BI report form** that will launch on **July 1, 2023**. An announcement will also appear in *Best For Women*.

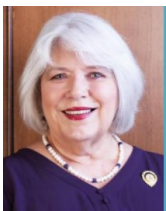
It's hard to believe it's already mid-June. Enjoy your summer!

Thank you for all you do to support women and girls through our Dream Programs!



The Buzz from Bobbi

June is here! We are close to the end of our Soroptimist year and this is a great time to look back and celebrate what we have accomplished! Think about how we as Soroptimist members have made a difference in the lives of women and girls that we have helped through our programs and projects. We have touched their lives by helping them live their dreams and seeing them become empowered. Our belief in them has helped empower them and believe in themselves. This is why we are Soroptimists!



As we come to the end of a year, it is also time to take stock of ourselves. Did we do everything we could to make this world a better place? Did we learn more about the issues facing our world? Did we

really understand why we are Soroptimists and measure our impact on women and girls through our efforts to provide education and training to them that will result in economic empowerment? Take a hard look at what you and your club have accomplished. Have we worked toward our big goal of investing in the dreams of half a million women and girls? Have we invested in our Soroptimist future?

If you have not yet invested in our future by donating to the Dream Big Campaign to support this big goal, please do so now! I have issued a challenge to Founder Region and will match all donations up to \$10,500 that are made to the Dream Big Campaign – click on this link to learn more!

<https://dreambig.soroptimist.org/founderregion>

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Bobbi Enderlin

SIA 2022-2023 President Elect



Region Leadership Spotlight

My name is Gina Moore, I am your Fundraising Chair and member of SI/Antioch.

I have been married to my husband (David) for 39 years. We have two grown daughters (twins) both are married and have blessed us with 3 beautiful grandsons, a granddaughter and one on the way. Being a Mimi is one of my greatest joys. For the past 32 years, my husband and I

member

SPOTLIGHT

have co-owned a construction business.

I have been a member of Soroptimist International of Antioch for the past 17 years. I am a past President, Treasurer, Director, Delegate and now Secretary. Laurel Society is my passion, knowing that contributions are part of a worthy cause and realizing that we really do make dreams come true. As part of the Fundraising committee,



it is so enjoyable to interact with our members and especially the excitement I see on the faces of our members as they level up and receive their beautiful pins.

SIA Recognition

We would love to [recognize](#) the great work your club is doing to help Soroptimist reach its Big Goal of investing in the dreams of half a million women and girls through access to education!

One way we assess your success is by using the [Club Roadmap Metrics](#).

Program Recognition Period: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

- Participation in *Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls*. Submit report by June 30, 2023: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QQXCZ2Q>.
- Reported your club's Big Goal Accelerator Projects. Submit report by June 30, 2023: <https://form.jotform.com/210685659585067>.



Club Roadmap Recognition Deadlines

Updated Dates

Fundraising Recognition:

Club Giving Recognition is based on
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Founder's Pennies Recognition is based on
June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023



For more info, visit our blog or contact us



SI/Oakmont Wine Country is holding a local authors' book faire on Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Admission is FREE! Location: The Berger Center, 6633 Oakmont Drive, Santa Rosa.

Meet 19 local, published authors selling their books. Historical fiction, mysteries set in San Rafael and Petaluma, travel books, romance novels, environmental science, poetry and inspirational writing, cook books, short stories and memoirs. All authors participating in the book faire live in Sonoma County: Glen Ellen, Kenwood, Healdsburg, Sebastopol, Sonoma, Santa Rosa, Oakmont, Wild Oak.

Fresh baked cookies and raffle tickets for a Guy Fieri "Knuckle Sandwich" lunch experience will be available for purchase at the book faire. Raffle winners will be drawn shortly after 2:00 p.m. on book faire day.

Local Authors Book Faire

Presented by

SI Oakmont Wine Country

Saturday, July 15, 2023

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Free Admission

In the Valley of The Moon

Oakmont Berger Center
6633 Oakmont Drive
Santa Rosa, California

19 Local Authors

Historical fiction, romance
novels, mysteries, short
stories, nonfiction, memoirs



Meet published writers from Glen Ellen, Kenwood, Sonoma, Healdsburg, Sebastopol, Santa Rosa
Hear about and buy their books!

Soroptimist International of Antioch



Raffle For a Cause

Proceeds Benefit Education for Women & Girls

Drawing — Wednesday, August 2, 2023

1st Place: One Week Vacation Home, Scottsdale, AZ

2nd Place: Disneyland - Gift Card - \$500 Value

3rd Place: Fandango Casino Package, Carson City, NV

Need Not Be Present To Win - Ticket: \$20.00

Tax ID # 94-6091113

Scottsdale Home



1st Prize

One week at
Beautiful Vacation
Home

This home is minutes to all of the best shopping, dining, golf, and local Scottsdale attractions. It has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, sleeps 6, and includes a swimming pool, bocce court, pool table, and BBQ.

Value \$3,500

Transportation not included



3rd Prize

Fandango Casino Package
Includes

\$100 Dukes Steak House,

2 Movie Tickets,

Overnight stay at the
Courtyard by Marriott

Value \$300

Transportation not included

Carson City, NV.



Paint Night

GRAB SOME FOOD AND
A DRINK...

GRAB A BRUSH

AND LET THE FUN BEGIN!

Friday, June 23rd...6pm

Doors open at 5:50pm



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World Marine Estates

2555 Flosden Road, American Canyon

\$50 per person. Includes food, wine, supplies, fun, camaraderie
and your own beautiful painting!

All proceeds benefit:

Soroptimist International of American Canyon projects such as
Human Trafficking, Girls Empowerment, Senior Isolation and more!

Space is limited.

To reserve your spot please go to www.acsoroptimist.com or
contact Denise at (925) 642-8817



FOUNDER REGION LINKS

[Website](#)
[Facebook](#)
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[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!



6/4/1949	SI/ Ukiah
6/14/2018	SI/ American Canyon 2018
6/15/2017	SI/ Vacaville Twilight
6/28/1975	SI/ Fort Bragg
6/16/1956	SI/ Calistoga
6/17/1958	SI/ El Cerrito
6/10/1939	SI/ Napa
6/20/2002	SI/ Central Solano County
6/24/1984	SI/ The Delta

Region Conference

2024 Conference

May 3 - 5, 2024

San Ramon Marriott

San Ramon, CA

Host Clubs:

SI/Novato, SI/Oakmont Wine Country and SI/Santa Rosa

[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!



SI Convention

2023 Convention

July 27-29, 2023

Dublin, Ireland

Convention Centre Dublin

[Registration](#) Open Now!

[Website](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

