

Golden West Region
36th Annual Spring Conference
Regular Business Meeting ~ Official Minutes
June 5-7, 2014



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Official Minutes and Overview
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Soroptimist International of the
Americas, Inc.*

**Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino
Chandler, AZ**

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The thirty-sixth annual Spring Conference, Golden West Region (GWR), Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. (SIA), was held at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino, Chandler, AZ on June 5-7, 2014.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2014

The 2014 Spring Conference commenced with the Registration process for members and guests beginning at 2:00pm. A reunion of GWR DIVAs, REGALs and DOÑAs was held in the Classics lounge from 5-6pm followed by a Meet & Greet reception for all members. At 7:00pm, Cyndi Monroe, SI Corona, served as mistress of ceremony for the Governor's Appreciation Dinner. Recognition certificates were distributed to 2012-2014 committee members and Board Members during a high energy atmosphere involving beach balls, bubbles, and clappers.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2014

Registration for members attending the conference began at 7:00am. Interested members participated in an art project led by Ann Rice, SI Saguaro Foothills, and her friend/fellow artist Lee Anne Park to create a garden painting that incorporated brooches donated by club members. The painting called "The Garden of Hope" was then auctioned at the Celebrating Soroptimist Banquet with the proceeds allocated to the 2014-2015 GWR Service Fund.

Registration and Exhibit Room set-up opened at 7:00am. DOÑA Fran Ballard-Miller, parliamentarian, SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley, and Margie Burke, Laws & Resolutions Committee Coordinator, SI Phoenix, led the Delegates Briefing which began at 8:00am.

OPENING SESSION

The opening session was called to order at 9:00am by Debbie-Dematteis-Miller, Spring Conference Coordinator, SI Corona, followed by a procession of GWR DOÑAs and the GWR Board. Presentation of the Flags and the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by the Chandler, Arizona Girl Scout Troop #604.

CALL TO CONFERENCE, INSPIRATION, AND WELCOME

Governor Linda welcomed the attendees to the conference and introduced Karina Bland, columnist for the Arizona Republic Newspaper, who complemented the members with her comments that women volunteers are committed to improving lives and busy women do not say no.

GWR Secretary Penny Babb, SI Happy Valley, read the Call to Conference.

Governor Linda Nixon, SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley, provided an overview of the 2012-2014 Biennium which included: the 2012-2014 GWR Board installation theme of the Happiest Place on Earth; increased communications with members included the unveiling of a new GWR website in 2012 which was restructured in 2013, directed content in the website newsletter, held two Town Hall electronic meetings, held conference calls with club leaders, produced a Little Black Book of Fundraising, updated and separated the SIA Club Guide into the New Member Handbook and the Club Management Guide, produced a video of GWR members sharing thoughts of Soroptimist membership, and held meetings using Skype and GoToMeeting; offered a Leadership Training Retreat theme of Creating Happiness

utilizing the Zappos.com leadership book; distributed new messages such as We Are Soroptimist Rising, Shaping the Future, Be the Wave of Change and Increased Collective Impact; clubs continued to participate in WOA at 100% and participation in Club Giving increased to 80%; and SIA presented GWR with the 1st Place award in Program and Honorable Mention in Public Awareness in 2013.

CLUB PARTICIPATION AWARDS

Governor-elect Sandi Cvercko, SI Mountain Morning, presented the Club Participation Awards by asking each club to receive a packet containing certificates as their clubs participation was shown on the conference screens.

DISTRICT	CLUB NAME	WOA	VRA	RUBY	PFR
1	Apple Valley	X	X		X
1	Baldy View	X	X	X	
1	Barstow Area	X			X
1	Chino Hills/Inland Empire	X	X	X	X
1	Chino Valley, Inc.	X	X	X	X
1	Corona	X		X	X
1	Foothills, Inc.	X		X	X
1	Montclair/Inland Valley	X	X		
1	Rim of the World	X	X		X
1	Riverside	X	X	X	X
1	San Bernardino	X		X	X
1	Silver Lakes/Helendale	X	X		
1	Victor Valley, Inc.	X			X
2	Beaumont-Banning	X	X		
2	Big Bear Valley, Inc.	X	X	X	
2	Desert Cities of the Coachella Valley	X			
2	Idyllwild	X			
2	La Quinta	X	X		X
2	Moreno Valley	X	X		X
2	Palm Desert	X	X		X
2	Palm Springs	X	X	X	
2	Perris Valley	X			
2	Redlands	X			
2	SI San Jacinto Hemet Valley	X			X
2	Twentynine Palms	X			
2	Yucca Valley	X			
3	Arizona Peaks	X	X	X	X
3	Blythe	X			X
3	Bullhead City/Laughlin	X	X	X	X
3	Central Yavapai Sunrise	X	X		
3	Flagstaff	X	X	X	X
3	Gallup	X			X
3	Kingman	X			X

3	Lake Havasu City	X	X	X	X
3	Mountain Morning	X	X		X
3	Parker	X	X		
3	Prescott, Inc.	X	X	X	
3	Prescott Valley, Inc.	X			X
3	Wickenburg, Inc.	X			X
3	Winslow	X	X		
3	Zane Grey Country	X			
4	Albuquerque	X			X
4	Apache Junction	X			
4	Desert Tucson	X	X		X
4	Gold Canyon	X	X		X
4	Happy Valley	X			X
4	Kachinas, Inc.	X			X
4	Las Cruces	X		X	X
4	Mesa, Inc.	X	X		
4	Phoenix, Inc.	X	X		X
4	Saguaro Foothills, Inc.	X	X		X
4	San Tans, Inc.	X	X	X	X
4	Valley of the Sun, Inc.	X	X		X

Thirty-four clubs who wrote a Program Focus Report were entered into a drawing for \$250 to be used for their WOA program. Governor Linda drew SI Desert Tucson as the winner.

FUNDRAISING

Laurie Moses, Fundraising Chair, SI Parker, advised the membership of the fundraising opportunities for the conference that included the What a Girl Wants silent auction, and the pick-a-prize raffle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

After announcements by the Spring Conference Coordinator, Debbie Dematteis-Miller, the opening session was adjourned.

WORKSHOP #1

Cynthia Hiett, MC, LPC presented "Motivating Your Club Members" to the assembly.

FRIDAY LUNCH

Governor Linda Nixon introduced the procession of club presidents and welcomed the members to the luncheon. District 1 Director Carol Duncan, SI Chino Valley, provided the inspiration.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Poco Davis, SIA President-elect, SIA Official Visitor, SI Metropolitan Las Vegas, presented the SIA message "Wishbone, Backbone, and Funny Bone." The new name for Women's Opportunity Award will be Live Your Dream Education & Training Award for Women. During the 2014 SIA Convention, members will be presented with a request for a dues increase. Mail ballots will be sent to the SIA clubs in good standing.

FIRST TIME ATTENDEES RECOGNITION

District 3 Director Mandy Mann, SI Flagstaff, and her fellow District Directors recognized members who were attending the spring conference for the first time as “New-bees” with a flower & bee pin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After announcements by the Spring Conference Coordinator, Debbie Dematteis-Miller, members were encouraged to attend the afternoon session.

WORKSHOP #2

Governor Linda presented “Soroptimist Smart Projects” to the assembly. The GWR Saturday of Service Task Force developed an outline for organizing successful Soroptimist projects which was distributed to the members. After hearing a presentation by GWR Treasurer Lori Reed, SI Phoenix, on the Soroptimist mission, members were asked to complete the outline with a project to address community need and the Soroptimist mission. The members were further asked to complete the outline with advantages of developing partnerships and to utilize the outline when developing future projects.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

GWR Governor Linda Nixon called the first business session to order at 3:45pm. Governor-elect Sandi Cvercko provided the inspiration.

FIRST CREDENTIALS REPORT

Credentials & Elections Committee Coordinator, Betty Covell, SI Blythe, presented the first credentials report based on registration at 3:26pm on June 6, 2014. The total registration was 308 with a voting strength of 141 members. Coordinator Betty Covell moved adoption of the report as presented. Without objection, Governor Linda declared the Credentials Report accepted as presented. (Credentials Report attached.)

ADOPTION OF THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM AND STANDING RULES

GWR Secretary Penny Babb stated that every delegate had been provided with a copy of the standing rules in the GWR Spring Conference program on page 12 and also in the Call to Conference. Since these standing rules do not change from year to year, she stated that unless there was an objection, the standing rules would not be read. Without objection, Governor Linda declared the Standing Rules adopted as printed in the program.

Secretary Penny then announced that each attendee was given a copy of the Official Program and asked if there were any content corrections. Corrections of changing 2013 to 2014 were identified. Secretary Penny moved the adoption of the program as corrected. Without objection, Governor Linda declared the Official Program adopted as corrected.

INTRODUCTION OF TIMEKEEPER AND TELLERS

Governor Linda introduced Joyce Jameson, SI Gold Canyon, as the official conference timekeeper, and the following members as tellers for the GWR 2014 Spring Conference and thanked them for their participation:

- District 1 Teller – Lorraine Morris – SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire
- District 2 Teller – Lori Oliver – SI Palm Desert
- District 3 Teller – Sue Trumpp – SI Mountain Morning
- District 4 Teller – Karen Saelens – SI Phoenix

LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Margie Burke, Laws and Resolutions Coordinator, SI Phoenix, introduced and thanked her committee members:

- Carol Jones, SI Redlands
- Barbara Plante, SI Gold Canyon

She then presented the Laws and Resolutions report with the proposed index which was presented in the Call, during the Delegates Briefing, and appeared on the audio/visual screen in the meeting room:

Index #1.

Proposed Amendment to Region Bylaws, Section 7.5 Voting Members.

Current Bylaws read:

The voting members of the conference shall be the GWR officers, district directors, past governors of the GWR who are members of a club within the GWR and the three accredited delegates of each club in good standing. In order to be in good standing, a club must maintain 15 or more regular members and remain current in all financial obligations to the GWR and SIA.

Proposed change:

The voting members of the conference shall be the GWR officers, district directors, past governors of the GWR who are members of a club within the GWR and the three accredited delegates of each club in good standing with SIA.

Proposed by: GWR Board

Reason Given: SIA no longer requires clubs to maintain 15 or more regular members to be in good standing. In addition, instead of restating the new SIA Procedures definition of a club in good standing in the region bylaws, this section now only references "in good standing with SIA". This change will eliminate the need to change the region bylaws should the SIA Board make future amendments to the SIA Procedures related to the definition of a club in good standing.

Margie moved for adoption. As this recommendation came from the committee, no second was required. The members voted unanimously to approve the index.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

DOÑA Gloria Hill, GWR Nominating Committee Coordinator, SI Palm Springs, presented the following candidates for the 2014-2016 GWR Board:

<i>POSITION</i>	<i>CANDIDATE</i>	<i>CLUB</i>
Governor-elect	Penny Babb	SI Happy Valley
Secretary	Mandy Mann	SI Flagstaff
Treasurer	Lori Reed	SI Phoenix
District 1 Director	Mary (MJ) De La Peña	SI of Chino Hills/Inland Empire
District 1 Director	Reñe Myers	SI of the Foothills
District 2 Director	Liz Glowka	SI Palm Desert
District 3 Director	Laurie Moses	SI Parker
District 4 Director	Deborah Case	SI Happy Valley

DOÑA Gloria Hill moved for the adoption of the slate of officers presented by the committee. After the members approved, Governor Linda declared that without objection, the slate of officers was adopted as presented.

Governor Linda called for nominations from the floor for Governor-elect. There were no nominations from the floor. Without objection, Governor Linda declared Penny Babb the Governor-elect for the 2014-2016 biennium.

Governor Linda called for nominations from the floor for Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor. Without objection, Governor Linda declared Mandy Mann the Secretary for the 2014-2016 biennium.

Governor Linda called for nominations from the floor for Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. Without objection, Governor Linda declared Lori Reed the Treasurer for the 2014-2016 biennium.

Governor Linda called for nominations from the floor for District 1 Director. There were no nominations from the floor. Governor Linda announced the election for District 1 Director would be held from 8:00-8:30am on Saturday, June 7, 2014.

Governor Linda called for nominations from the floor for District 2 Director. There were no nominations from the floor. Without objection, Governor Linda declared Liz Glowka the District 2 Director for the 2014-2016 biennium.

Governor Linda called for nominations from the floor for District 3 Director. There were no nominations from the floor. Without objection, Governor Linda declared Laurie Moses the District 3 Director for the 2014-2016 biennium.

Governor Linda called for nominations from the floor for District 4 Director. There were no nominations from the floor. Without objection, Governor Linda declared Deborah Case the District 4 Director for the 2014-2016 biennium.

Candidates/winners were each given two minutes to introduce themselves to the conference delegates, members and guests.

DOÑA Gloria Hill thanked her Nominating Committee for their work and dedication:

- Ginny Durand, District 1, SI Rim of the World
- Susan Browne Rosenberg, District 2, SI Palm Desert
- Patti Whitney, District 3, SI Blythe
- Patsy Fimbres, District 4, SI Mesa

GOVERNOR'S AWARD PRESENTATION – PROGRAM

With assistance of the GWR Program chair Carol Roddy, Governor Linda presented the Program Awards to:

- 1st Place: SI Baldy View
- Honorable Mention: SI Moreno Valley

GOVERNOR'S AWARD PRESENTATION – PUBLIC AWARENESS

With assistance of the GWR Public Awareness chair Pam Field, Governor Linda presented the Public Awareness Awards to:

- 1st Place: SI Apple Valley
- Honorable Mention: SI Lake Havasu City

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

After announcements by the Spring Conference Coordinator, Debbie Dematteis-Miller, the First Business session was adjourned at 4:50pm.

MEET THE CANDIDATES RECEPTION AND WHAT A GIRL WANTS AUCTION & BANQUET

A meet the candidates reception and What a Girl Wants themed auction and Pick-a-Prize was held from 5:30-6:30pm.

At 6:45pm, the keynote speaker, Cinthia Hiatt, MC, LPC, presented What a Girl Really Wants highlighting gender differences in needs, desires, and communications.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2014

Registration and Exhibit Room opened from 7:30-8:55am. Delegate voting for the District 1 Director was held from 8:00-8:30am.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

Governor Linda called the second business session to order at 9:05am. District 2 Director Liz Glowka, SI Palm Desert, provided the inspiration in the form of a poem called Nurturing – This is How the Flowers Grow.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GWR Treasurer Lori Reed directed the membership to the Statement of Expenses and the Budget vs. Actual which was given to the delegates at registration and at the delegates briefing. She noted that the current assets would be reduced as some expenses for the biennium were paid in the last quarter of the fiscal year, including spring conference expenses and reimbursement requests from region board members and committee coordinators. She also reminded the membership that the Service Fund is based on funds available on March 31, 2014 but the Awards distributed during the Spring Conference will deplete the Service Fund account. There were no questions or discussions from the members. The report will be filed for audit purposes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT AND BUDGET PRESENTATION

Barbara Grode, GWR Finance Committee Coordinator, SI Apple Valley, thanked her committee for their work during the year:

- District 1 & 2: Maxine Reese, SI Apple Valley
- District 3 & 4: Mary Mallory, SI Prescott Valley

She advised that it is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to work with the GWR Treasurer to review the quarterly financials and develop the proposed budget for GWR. Coordinator Barbara reported that quarterly financials were reviewed by the committee and she met with the GWR Board to develop the proposed budget for GWR for 2014-2015. She stressed that the GWR Board and the GWR committees are all very cost conscientious in all of their expenditures. The General Fund is based on all regular members which was estimated as 1225. The Designated and Service Funds are based on all members which was estimated as 1325.

Coordinator Barbara presented the recommendation of the Finance Committee to move for the adoption of the 2014-2015 proposed budget which was distributed in the Call to Conference. There were no questions or discussions, and the members approved the 2014-2015 GWR budget.

SECOND CREDENTIALS REPORT

Credentials & Elections Committee Coordinator, Betty Covell, presented the second credentials report based on registration at 9:16am on June 7, 2014. The total registration was 347 with a voting strength of

150 members. Coordinator Betty Covell moved adoption of the report as presented. Without objection, Governor Linda declared the Credentials Report accepted as presented. (Credentials Report attached.)

GOVERNOR'S AWARD PRESENTATION – FUNDRAISING

With assistance of the GWR Fundraising chair Laurie Moses, Governor Linda presented the Fundraising Awards to:

- 1st Place: SI Kachinas
- Honorable Mention: SI Arizona Peaks

GOVERNOR'S AWARD PRESENTATION – MEMBERSHIP

With assistance of the GWR Membership chair Doris Churry, Governor Linda presented the Membership Awards to:

- 1st Place: SI Lake Havasu City
- Honorable Mention: SI Kachinas

RESULTS OF BALLOT FOR DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR

GWR Credentials and Elections Coordinator Betty Covell announced the ballot results for District 1 Director. Thirty-seven votes were cast with nineteen votes required for the majority. Mary de la Peña received ten votes and Reñe Myers received twenty-seven votes. Governor Linda declared Reñe Myers as elected to serve as the 2014-2016 District 1 Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

After announcements by the Spring Conference Coordinator, Debbie Dematteis-Miller, the Second Business session was adjourned at 9:45am.

WORKSHOP #3

The third workshop of the conference was a presentation by Dan Ehrmann, president of ClubExpress, a company that provides clubs and associations with an Internet platform to manage their operations. ClubExpress is the Internet platform used by the Golden West Region and the decision of region clubs to participate will allow benefits to the region and clubs.

LIVE YOUR DREAM LUNCHEON

After a welcome by Governor Linda, District 4 Director Maryann Erickson, SI Gold Canyon, provided the inspiration.

GWR Program Chair Carol Roddy, SI Chino-Hills-Inland Empire, hosted the Soroptimist Award ceremony. She announced that GWR clubs honored 35 Violet Richardson Award girls and awarded \$19,000 to the girls and their organizations. GWR clubs honored 16 women with the Ruby Award and donated \$3,000 to their organizations. All 53 GWR clubs (100%) recognized women in the community with the Women's Opportunity Award; 75 women were awarded nearly \$90,000.

The GWR WOA, VRA and Ruby chairs formed committees to review the club applications and selected the following to receive region awards. The recipients and their awards were as follows:

Women's Opportunity Award:

GWR: 1st Place = \$1,500 plus \$500 Gift Card; all others \$1,400 = \$9,000

SIA: 1st Place = \$5,000; all others \$3,000 = \$20,000

Total: \$29,000

- 1st Place - April Mae Macak, sponsored by SI San Tans
- Rebecca Grace, sponsored by SI La Quinta

- Fatima Mandene, sponsored by SI Baldy View
- Khadij Mitchell, sponsored by SI Las Cruces
- Melissa Sangamatong, sponsored by SI Foothills
- Judith Vasquez, sponsored by SI Moreno Valley

Violet Richardson Award:

GWR: 2nd-4th Place = \$400 plus \$200 for charity = \$1,800

SIA: 1st Place = \$1,000 plus \$1,000 for charity = \$2,000

Total: \$3,800

- 1st Place - Xing Yen Quek, sponsored by SI Chino Hills - Inland Empire, Chino Hills James S. Thalman Branch Library
- Shelby Waldron, sponsored by SI Beaumont – Banning, Shelby's Locker
- Megan Dressler, sponsored by SI Bullhead City - Laughlin, Interact Club of Mohave High School
- Lindsey Chew, sponsored by SI San Tans, Chandler Regional Medical Center

Ruby Award:

GWR: \$250 to Operation Safe House

Impromptu “pass the hat” by members collected an additional \$1,620 for Operation Safe House

Total: \$1,870

- Jennifer O’Farrell, Operation Safe House, sponsored by SI Moreno Valley
- An impromptu “pass the hat” resulted in a collection of \$1,620 for Operation Safe House

2014 Total Distribution

- GWR: \$12,670 plus \$1,422 (meals: \$572 & rooms: \$850) = 14,092.
- SIA: \$22,000
- **Total distribution of \$36,092 at the Spring Conference and \$112,000 at the club level.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After announcements by the Spring Conference Coordinator, Debbie Dematteis-Miller, members were encouraged to attend the Closing Session.

CLOSING SESSION

Governor Linda called the Closing Session to order at 3:00pm. The inspiration was given by District 3 Director, Mandy Mann, SI Flagstaff.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

District 4 Director Maryann Erickson provided an inspiring recognition of the ten GWR Soroptimist members who passed away since the 2013 Spring Conference. DONA Lynn Wurth, SI Phoenix, provided a special memorial for REGAL Bridgitte Page.

- Laurie Armstrong - SI Apache Junction
- Dorothy Ellis – SI Beaumont-Banning
- Donna Fitzpatrick - SI San Bernardino
- Robin Jenkins - SI Kingman
- REGAL Bridgitte Page – SI Beaumont-Banning
- Nan Rankin - SI Mountain Morning
- Lynda Riffle - SI Kachinas (District 4 Director)
- Nicole Rodarte - SI Bullhead City/Laughlin
- Ruth Stevens - SI Saguaro Foothills
- Arloene Watts - SI Corona

- Pat Wells - Lake Havasu City

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

DAME DIVA DOÑA Alice Wells, Immediate Past President of Soroptimist International, SI Kachinas, provided an invitation to the SI Convention being held in Istanbul, Turkey in July 2015.

SIA INVITATION TO 2014 SIA CONVENTION

An invitation to the 2014 SIA Convention in 43rd Biennial Convention was given to the membership via video by SIA President Cheri Fleming. The convention is being held July 23-26, 2014 in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

CALL TO 2015 SPRING CONFERENCE

Debbie Dematteis-Miller, Spring Conference Coordinator, and members of the hosting clubs: SI Corona and SI Riverside, invited members to the 2015 Spring Conference to be held June 4-6, 2015 at the Riverside Convention Center in Riverside, California. The theme is “Inspiring Women to Blossom.”

INTRODUCTION OF 2014-2016 GWR BOARD

Governor Linda introduced the 2014-2016 GWR Board:

POSITION	NAME	CLUB
Governor	Sandi Cvercko	SI Mountain Morning
Governor-elect	Penny Babb	SI Happy Valley
Secretary	Mandy Mann	SI Flagstaff
Treasurer	Lori Reed	SI Phoenix
District 1 Director	Reñe Myers	SI of the Foothills
District 2 Director	Liz Glowka	SI Palm Desert
District 3 Director	Laurie Moses	SI Parker
District 4 Director	Deborah Case	SI Happy Valley

SPRING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOGNITION

Governor Linda introduced and thanked the members of the 2014 Spring Conference Committee including the hosting clubs: SI Gold Canyon, SI San Tans, and SI Zane Grey Country.

Spring Conference Committee		
Chair	Debbie DeMattis Miller	SI Corona
Registration Chair	Denise Hammer	SI Silverlakes/Helendale
Finance Chair	Debra Murphy	SI Corona
Programs & Publicity Chair	Deb Liverance	SI Kingman

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

After announcements by Spring Conference Coordinator, Debbie Dematteis-Miller, Governor Linda Nixon adjourned the meeting and led the members in the Soroptimist Pledge.

CELEBRATING SOROPTIMIST BANQUET & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The members gathered at 6:00pm for the no host reception and to meet the 2014-2016 GWR Board members. Governor Linda welcomed the members and guests to the banquet and installation. She then

introduced the keynote speaker, Tracy Falls, SI Barstow Area, who shared her story as a WOA recipient that led to her Soroptimist membership.

LAUREL SOCIETY DRAWING & INDUCTIONS

GWR Fundraising Chair, Laurie Moses, announced that the GWR has 23 members who belong to Laurel Legacy and 210 members who are in Laurel Society. Throughout the conference, her committee was collecting chances to win a Laurel Society membership. The winners of the Laurel Society Drawing were:

- Tanya Hiatt from SI Flagstaff
- Mary Ellen Crane from SI San Tans

Although funds were still being collected, Laurie projected the proceeds for all GWR Fundraising efforts to be \$9,331. Those funds are allocated to the GWR Service Fund from which the 2015 Soroptimist Awards will be distributed to finalists and recipients.

Laurie announced that 43 of 53 GWR clubs donated to Club Giving for a total of \$37,794.24 and 25 of those clubs designated that it was 10% of funds raised by club. She stated that District 1 had 100% participation in Club Giving. For the past twelve years, GWR has had 100% participation in Founders Pennies. However, this past year, two clubs did not contribute. Fifty-one clubs donated \$6,953.56 to Founders Pennies.

SIA CELEBRATING SUCCESS AWARDS

Governor Linda and SIA President-elect Poco Davis presented the SIA Celebrating Success Awards which are given by SIA to recognize club projects that improve the lives of women and girls or that promote Soroptimist as an organization that improves the lives of women and girls. This award celebrates the best practices of Soroptimist clubs in the four pillar areas: fundraising, membership, program and public awareness.

- Fundraising - SI the Arizona Peaks - Sip-N-Stroll event
- Membership - SI Corona - Inspiring Women Through Soroptimism
- Program - SI the Arizona Peaks - Hope's Closet
- Public Awareness - SI Moreno Valley - Human Trafficking Awareness

These four GWR finalists were automatically advanced to the federation-level judging. Entries from region finalists from all 28 regions have been reviewed, and the top entry in each of the four categories will be announced at the 43rd Biennial Convention in Vancouver in July 2014.

GOVERNOR'S OUTSTANDING CLUB AWARD

Governor Linda recognized three clubs who excelled in all four pillar areas: Fundraising, Membership, Program, and Public Awareness.

- 1st Place: SI Corona
- 2nd Place: SI Parker
- 3rd Place: SI Las Cruces

LIVE AUCTION & DOOR PRIZES

Cyndi Monroe, SI Corona, acted as the auctioneer for the artwork called "The Garden of Hope" created by the members under the direction of Lee Anne Park and Ann Rice, SI Saguaro Foothills, which incorporated the brooches donated by club presidents. The winner was Petey Keavy, SI Parker, with a winning bid of \$800. Governor Linda then drew names from those registered for the banquet for a variety of Soroptimist related door prizes.

INSTALLATION OF 2014-2016 GOLDEN WEST REGION BOARD

DOÑA Karen Haughey installed the newly elected 2014-2016 Golden West Region Board with Governor-elect Sandi's theme "It's Good to Bee a Soroptimist." Members of the 2014-2016 Golden West Region Board are:

POSITION	NAME	CLUB
Governor	Sandi Cvercko	SI Mountain Morning
Governor-elect	Penny Babb	SI Happy Valley
Secretary	Mandy Mann	SI Flagstaff
Treasurer	Lori Reed	SI Phoenix
District 1 Director	Reñe Myers	SI of the Foothills
District 2 Director	Liz Glowka	SI Palm Desert
District 3 Director	Laurie Moses	SI Parker
District 4 Director	Deborah Case	SI Happy Valley

PRESENTATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S PIN

Governor-elect Sandi announced to the gathering that Governor Linda has not yet designed her Governor's pin which is a gift from club members, committee members and board members. She announced that funds gathered from committee members will be donated to the Laurel Society.

INCOMING GOVERNOR'S PRESENTATION

After being installed as Governor for the 2014-2016 biennium, Governor-elect Sandi thanked the members for the opportunity of being the GWR Governor and specifically thanked the DOÑAs she has worked with and her family for their support. She explained her choice of the "bee" for her theme for their sense of determination and community as our organization experiences some fundamental changes. She encouraged clubs to embrace the education of women in our community and explained that the region board was created to provide support for the work of our clubs.

Sandi introduced and thanked the members who will be the 2014-2016 chairs for the region:

- Membership: Lori Oliver
- Public Awareness: Pam Field
- Programs: Carol Duncan
- Fundraising: Kimberly Cook

She ended her presentation with her theme: It's Good to Bee a Soroptimist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

After announcements by Spring Conference Coordinator, Debbie Dematteis-Miller, Governor Linda Nixon adjourned the 2014 Spring Conference on June 7, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by,

Penny Babb
GWR Secretary 2012-2014

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CREDENTIALS REPORT	FIRST REPORT		SECOND REPORT	
	DATE	JUNE 6, 2014	DATE	JUNE 7, 2014
	TIME	3:26PM	TIME	9:16AM
CLUBS IN REGION (53)	53		53	
CLUBS REGISTERED	48		50	
REGION OFFICERS REGISTERED	4		4	
DISTRICT DIRECTORS REGISTERED	4		4	
PAST GOVERNORS REGISTERED	10		10	
DELEGATES REGISTERED				
DISTRICT 1 (13 CLUBS)	33		35	
DISTRICT 2 (13 CLUBS)	24		25	
DISTRICT 3 (15 CLUBS)	34		39	
DISTRICT 4 (12 CLUBS)	32		33	
TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH	141		150	
NON-DELEGATES REGISTERED				
DISTRICT 1 (13 CLUBS)	28		33	
DISTRICT 2 (13 CLUBS)	19		18	
DISTRICT 3 (15 CLUBS)	51		58	
DISTRICT 4 (12 CLUBS)	33		35	
TOTAL NON-DELEGATES	131		144	
GUESTS				
SOROPTIMIST-OTHER REGIONS	1		1	
VENTURE	0		0	
NON-SOROPTIMIST	34		51	
INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS	0		0	
FEDERATION OFFICERS	2		2	
TOTAL REGISTRATION	308		347	