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Celebrating our Legacy
Living our Dreams

Official Call to 34th Conference
March 31, April 1, and April 2, 2006

Mystic Hilton
20 Coogan Boulevard
Mystic, Connecticut

Heidi McNamar, Governor

Cheryl Kelly, Conference Chair

Northeastern Region
Thirty Years of Service
1976-2006



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Dear Soroptimist Members & Friends,

Our Spring Conference is fast approaching. It is with pride and excitement that I ask every member to join us in Mystic, CT for this opportunity to celebrate our achievements. Conference Chair, Cheryl Kelly and hostess clubs Southeastern and New Haven have worked hard to make this a very special weekend for you.

On Friday evening we will hear our past governors talk about the history of the Northeastern Region. This will be an evening filled with fun as well as a time to honor our past accomplishments. We have so much to celebrate.

On Saturday we will have two very special Federation guests. Director, JoAnn Stallings from the South Central Region will update us on what is happening on the Federation level. Public Relations Director, Kamali Brooks will tell us how to get in touch with the media. They will share their knowledge and enthusiasm for Soroptimist and give us a preview of the Philadelphia Convention in July.

Author and motivational speaker, Snowden McFall will get us 'Fired Up' to live our dreams. She will speak at 11:30 on Saturday so invite a friend to join us for lunch to hear her positive message. The Farmington Valley Club has a wonderful program that will leave our guests with the feeling that joining Soroptimist may be right for them!!

At lunch we will recognize our Women's Opportunity Award Winner, Violet Richardson Award Winner and our Making a Difference for Women Honoree.

I hope that you will attend the entire Conference. If this is not possible, it would be wonderful to see you all there on Saturday for the Awards Luncheon and the Installation Dinner for your new Region Board. The Willimantic Club has planned a night to remember.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Soroptimist while enjoying the company of members from other clubs. I hope to see you all there.

Governor Heidi

Northeastern Region Official Call To Spring Conference 2006

Celebrating our Legacy of Service Living our Dreams

When: Friday March 31, Saturday April 1, and Sunday April 2, 2006
Where: Mystic Hilton
20 Coogan Boulevard
Mystic, Connecticut

Registration: Friday March 31 4:00-6:00 PM
Saturday April 1 7:30 AM
Sunday April 2

Delegates: Three elected delegates or alternates must be regular members. Any alternate elected by the club Board of Directors to fill a vacancy in the club's representation shall present a statement signed by the club secretary showing that she was duly elected and giving the date of such election and certifying that she is a regular member.
Delegates must be seated prior to opening of the business session.

Credentials: Presidents must fill out credential form and mail to Cheryl Kelly.

Voting Body: Northeastern Region Bylaws Section 10: The voting body shall be the members of the region board and the accredited delegates of each attending club in good standing.

Non- Delegates: All Soroptimists and guests are encouraged to attend.

Registration Fee: **All Soroptimists shall pay a \$45.00 registration fee.**
Delegate's registration fee will be paid by club.

Hostess Club Southeastern/New Haven Goodie bags, city welcome, assistance to conference chairs

Protocol JoAnn Bostrom Assist Federation guest and advise Governor Heidi

Registration Hartford Print badges and open registration table

Credentials Bridgeport Verify credentials and file report with Secretary

Fundraiser Haverhill Goal to raise \$1,000 for Laurel Society

Conference Program Governor-Elect Joan Merritt

Luncheon Farmington Valley Print program and provide decorations

Event Planning Meriden Saturday afternoon activity

Banquet Willimantic Print program and provide decorations and banquet entertainment

First Time Attendee and Memorial Service Directors Gary Pitts and Stephanie Tercyak Morgan

All clubs should bring a basket for raffle to benefit Laurel Society



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Northeastern Region Spring Conference Tentative Agenda

March 31- April 2, 2006
Mystic, Connecticut

Friday March 31, 2006

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| 4:00 PM | Pre-Conference Board Meeting |
| 4:00-6:00 | Registration
Mini Mall Open |
| 6:00 | Social and Dinner |
| 8:30 | Opening Ceremonies: Presentation of Colors
Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance
Welcome and Introductions <i>Governor Heidi</i>
Welcome by City Official
Recognition of First Time Attendees
Announcements and Appointment of Tellers
Bylaw Changes |
| 9:30-10:15 | Celebrating Our Legacy of Service
Honoring our Governors
JoAnn Blake
Mary Prunty
Frances Avella
Shirley Ann Dunbar-Rose
Rosemarie Burton |

Saturday April 1, 2006

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| 7:00-8:00 AM | Buffet Breakfast and Mini Mall Open |
| 7:45-8:25 | Registration |
| 8:30 | Opening of Business Meeting
Credentials Report
Delegate Roll Call
Official Correspondence <i>Secretary Pat</i>
Adoption of the Official Program
Reading of Standing Rules <i>Parliamentarian Mary</i> |

8:40 AM Recognition of First Time Attendees
Directors Stephanie and Gary
Appointment of Readers
Appointment of Audit Committee *Governor Heidi*
Bylaw changes

9:00 Financial Report and Presentation of Budget
Treasurer Pattie

9:15-9:30 Presentation of 2006-2008 Slate of Officers
Chair Sally Vernile

9:30-10:30 Federation Report *JoAnn Stallings*
10:30-11:15 Getting in Touch with the Media *Kamali Brooks*
11:15 Business Meeting Recessed

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30-12:25 Fired up: How to Succeed and Make Your Dreams Come True
Author and Motivational Speaker Snowden McFall

12:30-2:30 Awards Luncheon *Hosted by Farmington Valley*

Member Recognition *Governor Heidi*
Honoring our Soroptimist of the Year *Governor Heidi*
Women's Opportunity Award *Chair Pam*
Violet Richardson Award *Chair Lydia*
Making a Difference for Women Award *Chair Joyce*

Living Well is the Best Revenge
Creator of My Avenging Angel, Susan Omilian

2:40-4:00 Membership Meeting *Hosted by chair Michele*

6:00 PM Cocktails and Conversation
7:00 Celebration Dinner *Hosted by Willimantic*

8:30 Installation of Officers
Entertainment and Celebration

Sunday April 2, 2006

8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet and Mini Mall Open <i>First Time Attendees have reserved seating with Governor Heidi and Governor-Elect Joan</i>
9:00	Memorial Service <i>Directors Stephanie and Gary</i>
9:15	Business Meeting Resumes Credentials Report
9:15-9:30	Laurel Society Basket Raffle <i>Haverhill</i>
9:30-10:00	Clubs Celebrating Success
10:00-10:20	Break
10:20-11:30	Clubs Celebrating Success
11:30-11:45	Our Goals for the Biennium <i>Joan Merritt</i>
11:45-12:00	Closing Remarks <i>Governor Heidi McNamar</i>
12:00	Soroptimist Pledge Adjournment and Retiring of the Flags
12:15-1:00	Post-Conference Board Meeting

I pledge allegiance to Soroptimism and to the ideals for which it stands:

The Sincerity of Friendship
The Joy of Achievement
The Dignity of Service
The Integrity of Profession
The Love of Country

I will put forth my greatest effort to promote, uphold and defend these ideals, for a larger fellowship in home, in society, in business-
for Country and for God.

for updated information log on to: www.soroptimistnortheasternregion.org

*Soroptimist International of the Americas
Northeastern Region*

*Spring Conference 2006
Registration and Meal Reservation Form*

Mail this form ASAP to:

**Cheryl Kelly
28 Coles Way, Atkinson, NH 03811
ckell@adelphia.net
603-362-9876**

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Club Name _____

Check here if you are attending Spring Conference for the first time ()

Check here if you are a delegate () (Registration fee will be paid by club)

	<u>Registration fee:</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>
Meal Reservations:		
	<u>Friday Buffet</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>
	<u>Saturday-Sunday Package</u>	<u>\$115.00</u>
Includes: Saturday Breakfast, Luncheon, Banquet and Sunday Breakfast		
	<u>Total due with registration</u>	<u>\$195.00</u>

Late registration fee if postmarked after March 10 **\$15.00**

Additional Guest Meal Ticket *Saturday Luncheon* **\$32.00**
Saturday Dinner **\$50.00**

Total Enclosed

Make checks payable to SI NE Region Conference

Dietary
Restrictions _____

CONFERENCE MENU

Friday Neapolitan Buffet

Minestrone Soup

Antipasto Display to include: Genoa Salami, Cappicola, Prosciutto, Sharp Provolone, Fresh Mozzarella, Roasted Peppers, Marinated Artichoke Hearts, Olives and Cherry Tomatoes

Panzanella Bread Salad

Caesar Salad with Crisp Romaine, Parmesan Cheese, and Creamy Caesar Dressing

Herb Battered Chicken Breast with Basil Marinara and Mozzarella Cheese

Baked Vegetable Lasagna with Pesto Drizzle

Baked Eggplant and Portabella Mushroom Parmesan, Hot Sausage and Peppers

Large Spicy Meatball, Warm Rolls and Garlic Bread Sticks

Plain and Chocolate Cannoli, Tiramisu and Biscotti

Freshly Brewed Coffee and Herbal Teas

Saturday Deluxe Continental Breakfast

Selection of Chilled Juice, Sliced Fresh Fruit

Fruit & Cheese Danish, Croissants, Muffins & Crumb Cakes

Freshly Brewed Coffee and Herbal Teas

Saturday Awards Luncheon

Cavatelli Pasta Primavera

Roasted Seasonal Vegetables, Baby Spinach, Wild Mushrooms and

Roasted Garlic Asiago Cream Sauce

Dessert, Freshly Brewed Coffee and Herbal Teas

Saturday Celebration Buffet

New England Clam Chowder

Fresh Garden Salad, Caesar Salad

Grilled Vegetable Pasta Salad with Peppercorn Pesto Dressing

Breast of Chicken Stuffed with Boursin Cheese, Wild Mushrooms and Spinach

Old Bay Spice Salmon Fillet with Crab and Artichoke Fondue

Yukon Gold Chive Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Fresh Vegetables

Dessert, Freshly Brewed Coffee and Herbal Teas

Sunday Classic Breakfast Buffet

Selection of Chilled Juice, Warm Apple Crisp

Hot Oatmeal with Brown Sugar, Fruit and Cheese Danish

Buttermilk Biscuits with Sausage Gravy

Scrambled Eggs with Diced Onions, Peppers and Ham

Crisp Strips of Bacon and Sausage Patties

Hash Brown Potatoes, Belgian Waffles with Warm Syrup

Freshly Brewed Coffee and Herbal Teas

Speakers

Federation Director Jo Ann Stallings

Jo Ann Stallings is Native Texas and Native American, who was born and raised in Houston, Texas, graduated from the public school system and attended Southwestern Business University. A member since 1989, her Soroptimist offices include club president, South Central Region district director, governor elect and governor. While a member of the Dallas club she served as president and chair of the board of directors of Camp Soroptimist, a camp for the developmentally delayed and physically handicapped. She is currently a member of Soroptimist International of Tyler, Texas.

As co-owner of the Rockin'S Ranch, she handles the finances of the operation. She is a member of the advisory board of the Kilgore Henderson Crisis Center, the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation, the Texas A&M 12th Man Foundation and the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Association.

She has been married for 47 years to her best friend and the "love of her life." To emphasize this love, they moved five times during the first year of their marriage and she didn't complain much. Ron and Jon Ann have one child, a son, who is a major in the United States Air Force, a wonderful daughter-in-law and two beautiful grandchildren.

When time allows outside of the Soroptimist World she enjoys working on the ranch, attending leadership lectures at the George Bush Library, working in her church, spending time with her family and friends, reading and traveling.

When asked what is the best Soroptimist Project you have worked on? Her answer is: **"The Next One."**

Kamali Brooks

Kamali Brooks serves as Soroptimist International of the America's Public Relations Coordinator. She works closely with SIA's public awareness chairs, creates PR tools for clubs, and assists members with their local public relations activities. She contributes articles to Best for Women magazine and What's New, SIA's online newsletter.

Kamali holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Delaware, and a master's in public relations from Rowan University. Prior to working for SIA, Kamali was the public relations coordinator at AtlantiCare, an integrated healthcare system in Southeastern New Jersey. kamali@soroptimist.org

Fired Up! How to Succeed by Making Your Dreams Come True™ **Snowden McFall**

In today's world with so much violence and suffering, it's easy to become cynical and negative, and yet that's the opposite of what you need. To make your dreams come true and live a joyous, fulfilling life, you need to have a clear vision of where you're going and what you want. And most of all, you need to be Fired Up! about your life and your work, doing what you love with people you enjoy. In this highly interactive and positive presentation, Snowden McFall will show you:

- how to tap into your natural enthusiasm- at any time and any place
- how to maximize your success and use it as a reference point in the future
- how to think in the most powerful way possible
- how to make your dream become reality
- how to overcome obstacles with humor and inspiration
- how to maintain a Fired Up! Attitude every day

Snowden McFall, M.A.T., motivational, speaker, author, and trainer, is President and Owner of 23 year old Brightwork Advertising & Training, and 10 year old Fired Up!, She speaks on communication, burnout, marketing and motivation, and is best known for her inspiring, enthusiastic style.

Snowden is a passionate community citizen whose work with women entrepreneurs garnered her national media attention. The SBA named her National Women in Business Advocate of the Year, which led to a White House ceremony & Congressional luncheon. Inc. Magazine later chose Snowden as finalist for "NE Entrepreneur of the Year."

A graduate of Vassar College with a Master's Degree from Brown, Snowden has authored and co-authored four books, including Fired Up-How to Succeed By Making Your Dreams Come True (which has sold over 60,000 copies.) .

www.firedupnow.com www.brightworkadvertising.com

Susan Omilian is the award-winning originator and facilitator of My Avenging Angel Workshops.™ Based on the idea that "living well is the best revenge," these workshops provide the critical "next step" for women who wish to break permanently out of the cycle of violence and reclaim their lives. An attorney and published fiction and non-fiction writer, Susan has advocated to end violence against women for the last 30 years. Susan's idea for the workshops came after her niece, Maggie, a 19-year old college student, was murdered by her ex-boyfriend who then killed himself.

For her work, Susan was presented with the 2004 *Woman of Character* Award by the Hartford Courant and Hoffman Auto Group, recognizing her as a woman who has the courage and compassion to change her community. She was featured in the 2005 *Women Who Dare to Make A Difference* Calendar of the Great Hartford National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) and was the recipient of the 2005 *Women Making A Difference* Award by the Greater Hartford Soroptimist.

She is the author of three legal books on sex discrimination and has been published as a fiction and non-fiction writer in newspapers and magazines. Susan holds a Bachelor in Arts degree in Journalism from the University of Michigan and a law degree from Wayne State University in Detroit. She is licensed to practice law in the states of Connecticut and Michigan. She resides in West Hartford, Connecticut.

2006-2008 Northeastern Region Slate of Officers

Nominations will be taken from the conference delegation on Friday evening March 31. Vote will take place on Saturday morning, April 1.

Governor: Joan Merritt

Member of Soroptimist International of Willimantic since 1994.
Served as President 2001-2002. Also served as Vice-President and Director.
Served on various committees including Service and Environmental.
Chaired the Ways and Means Committee for several years.
Delegate at the SIA Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii and attended the Train the Trainers Seminar in Philadelphia PA. Soroptimist of the Year in 2003.
Governor-Elect Northeastern Region 2004-2006, Secretary 2002-2004.
Member planning committee Windham Relay for Life.
Manager Interior Landscaping Department, Foxwoods Resort Casino.
Married to Steve for 32 years and have 2 sons, John, 29 and Stephen, 27.
Looking forward to working with our Northeastern clubs in their work to improve the lives of women and girls.

Governor Elect: Patricia Shea:

Member of Soroptimist International of Haverhill/Merrimack Valley since 1993.
Served as President from 1995-2000.
Served as Treasurer Northeastern Region 2002-2006.
Assistant Vice President of E.A. Kelley Agency of Massachusetts.
Member of Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce.
Treasurer of Haverhill Downtown Association.
Volunteer American Cancer Society's Reach for Recovery Program.

Treasurer: Michele Jenks:

Co-President and Co-Founder Soroptimist International of Farmington Valley.
Member of Soroptimist International of Meriden for over 20 years. Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and served on several committees.
Chair of Region Membership committee 2004-2006.
Soroptimist of the Year 2005
Information Systems Project Manager, NewAlliance Bank.
Worked in banking and data processing for over 25 years.

Secretary: Barbara Straub:

Member Soroptimist International of Willimantic since 1993. Past President and Past Recording Secretary as well as past director. Presently Club Parliamentarian, Chair of Finance & Budget Committee, Chair of Bylaws & Resolutions and Webmaster.
Served as Soroptimist Northeastern Region Acting Recording Secretary, chair of Woman's Opportunity Award, and Chair of Bylaws & Resolutions Committee.
Currently the Webmaster of the Northeastern Region Website.

Barbara Straub, continued

Connecticut licensed insurance agent and Notary Public.
Owned and operated an independent insurance agency for 26 years.
Currently a Personal Lines Agent and Administrative Assistant for Arbella Insurance Group as well as a computer consultant with own business .
Charter member and past secretary of the Mansfield Numismatic Society, and life member of the New England Numismatic Society.
Past secretary of the Willimantic Gun Club.
Member of Joshua's Trust and the Windham Textile & History Museum.
Very active and involved with Letterboxing North America.
Married for 31 years to Chuck. Live in Mansfield with their chocolate lab Molly and 3 cats.

Director: Mary Ann Reid

Member of Soroptimist International of Greater Hartford since 1997.
Former small business owner specializing in the field of substance abuse treatment.
Worked in the hotel industry in St Kitts, West Indies.
Master’s degree in Public Administration from the University of Hartford.
Served on many Boards of non-profit organizations.
Currently on the Board of Trustees at South Congregational Church in Hartford.
Board member Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. in Virginia Beach, Virginia.
Member of various committees of the Hartford Club.
Three adult sons and four grandchildren who are a joy in her life.
Enjoy participating in projects that are beneficial to improving the status of women.
Looking forward to being a participant in the continued growth and success of SIA.

Director: Deirdre Green

Member of Soroptimist International of Greater Bridgeport club since June 2001.
Club President 2004-2006. Chaired Women’s Opportunity Award 2003-2006.
Served as parliamentarian and vice chair of the Milford Inland Wetlands Agency.
Teach seventh grade science at Hamden Middle School in Hamden, Connecticut.
B.S. from the University of Connecticut and a Masters degree from Quinnipiac University.
Married to Conrad for 20 years. Two children Natalie and Curtis.

Directions to Mystic Hilton

I 95 exit 90 toward downtown/Seaport

Turn right onto CT 27 .01 miles

Turn left on Coogan Blvd .01 miles

Mystic Hilton is on right across from Mystic Aquarium



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Standing Rules

1. The voting body of the Conference shall be the Northeastern Region Board, the Presidents, the duly accredited Delegates or their alternates.
2. The Official Program and the Agenda shall be the order of the day,
3. All voting delegates must be seated in a designated section of the Conference Hall promptly at the opening of each session.
4. Those Delegates not answering the Roll Call at the beginning of each session, if tardy, shall be detained by the Credential Committee until duly recognized and recorded as voting Delegates for that particular session.
5. On a discussion a member shall rise, be recognized, address the Chair, and state her name and Club clearly.
6. A voting Delegate shall take precedence over an attending member in being recognized.
7. The first Delegate to rise shall be recognized, providing she has not already spoken on the question.
8. A voting Delegate may speak twice only on the same question for two minutes at a time.
9. A Soroptimist who is not a voting Delegate may speak once only on a question, for not more than two minutes.
10. All substantive motions shall be submitted in writing to the Chair on the prescribed form.
11. A voting Delegate may not leave the Conference session when there is a motion on the floor unless given permission by the Chair.

Northeastern Region Spring Conference 2006

The following Bylaw changes are put forth for your consideration and vote.

Copy of bylaws approved April, 2003 and revised 4/2/05 can be downloaded from website. Please bring a copy with you to conference.

Rationale for all changes: to streamline the bylaws as they pertain to Region board member and committee structure and responsibilities.

ARTICLE III

Elected Officers of the Region

Section 4: Vacancies:

Add Section:

(d) In the event of the temporary inability in any other office, other than Governor, the region board shall appoint a temporary replacement until that officer is able to resume duties. The temporary replacement shall have the same voting rights as the officer temporarily replaced.

Section 5. Duties:

Currently reads:

(C) Secretary: shall keep the minutes of region board meetings; shall mail a copy of minutes to each officer and region board member within 14 days of such meeting; any necessary corrections must be submitted to the Secretary with a copy to the Governor within ten days of mailing; shall be custodian of the records; shall give notice of meetings as directed by the Governor; shall submit such reports to the Federation as may be required by Federation Bylaws and Procedures; shall answer correspondence, conduct polls or questionnaires and other correspondence as assigned by the Governor.

Will read:

(C) Secretary: shall keep the minutes of region board meetings; ***shall edit the Policy Decisions record to assure it is current with board and conference decisions; shall mail or email*** a copy of minutes to each officer and region board member within 14 days of such meeting; any necessary corrections must be submitted to the Secretary with a copy to the Governor within ten days of mailing; shall be custodian of the records; shall give notice of meetings as directed by the Governor; shall submit such reports to the Federation as may be required by Federation Bylaws and Procedures; shall answer correspondence, conduct polls or questionnaires and other correspondence as assigned by the Governor.

Currently reads:

(d) Treasurer: Shall receive the funds of the region and deposit them in the financial institutions authorized by the region board; shall pay bills authorized by the region board; shall mail region dues and fees statements to all clubs in the region by May 1st of each year and notify the Governor of those clubs delinquent; shall prepare financial statements and budget reports at least semi-annually or as requested by the Governor with copies being sent to each region board member; shall serve as ex-officio member of the region finance committee; shall file all reports and forms necessary on an annual basis to the Internal Revenue Service; shall file a copy of the biennial region report with the Federation Treasurer within 30 days after the report is prepared when required by Federation procedures; shall arrange to have the books audited by three members appointed by the Governor prior to the books being turned over at each election; shall arrange for appropriate bonding if approved by the region board; shall prepare financial statements and comparative budget reports to distribute to all clubs at the region conference; prepare any financial reports as may be required.

Will read:

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**Article VIII
Region Committees & Duties**

Currently reads:

Section 1. Audit Committee: This committee, appointed by the Governor, shall be responsible for auditing the region's books prior to a new treasurer being appointed and shall give a written statement to the region board as to the outcome of the audit.

Will read:

Section 1. Audit Committee: ***This committee, appointed by the Governor, shall be composed of two regular members, as defined in the Constitution of Soroptimist International and Federation Bylaws. The Governor, in selecting the committee, shall not consider the Region Treasurer, members of the Region Board or the Finance Committee to be eligible for their period of service. This committee shall be responsible for auditing the regions' books prior to a new treasurer being appointed and shall give a written statement to the region board as to the outcome of the audit. This committee shall also be responsible for examining the biennial financial statement.***

Currently reads:

Section 2: Conference and Workshop Committee: This committee shall be responsible for the implementation and planning of the conference and workshop in consultation with the conference chair.

Will read:

Section 2: Conference and Workshop Committee: This committee, ***appointed by the region board***, shall be responsible for the implementation and planning of the conference and workshop in consultation with the conference chair.

Currently reads:

Section 3. Finance Committee: This committee, one of whom shall be the Region Treasurer, ex-officio, shall periodically review the financial affairs of the region, make recommendations to the board and/or conference relative to financial planning of the region and shall prepare the proposed budget for the next biennium.

No Changes

New Section:

Section 4. Fundraising & Soroptimist Sales: This committee shall coordinate fundraising activities for the region and the sale of authorized Soroptimist materials at all region meetings.

Currently reads:

Section 4: Laws and Resolutions Committee: This committee shall receive and edit amendments and resolutions as provided for in the Region Bylaws, prepare and propose amendments and resolutions and present such amendments and resolutions for conference action in the Call to Conference. This committee shall review each club's bylaws as to accuracy according to Federation bylaws within the biennium.

Will read:

Section 5: Laws and Resolutions Committee: This committee, ***appointed by the region board and chaired by the region parliamentarian***, shall receive and

edit amendments and resolutions as provided for in the Region Bylaws, prepare and propose amendments and resolutions and present such amendments and resolutions for conference action in the Call to Conference. This committee shall review each club's bylaws as to accuracy according to Federation bylaws within the biennium.

Currently reads:

Section 5: Policy Decisions: A member of the region board shall be assigned to edit the Policy Decisions record to assure it is current with board and conference decisions.

Delete this section; included with Secretary duties.

New Section:

Section 6: Membership: This committee shall promote the retention of current members of clubs and assist clubs in increasing club membership and chartering new clubs.

Currently reads:

Section 6: Programs of Service Committees:

(a) Economic & Social Development: Encourage clubs to use the media to create a positive image and promotes information and education on developing issues relevant to women.

(b) Education: Present programs to educate members of the Region and encourages clubs to be involved. Activities are to ensure quality access to education and enable the girl child to reach her full potential.

(c) Environment: Communicates with each club to determine current environmental activities and project recommendations.

(d) Health: Surveys clubs to determine current health concerns and provide resources, information, program and project ideas.

(e) Human Rights/Status of Women: Communicates with clubs to encourage participation in Women Helping Women, Women of Distinction, and Advancing the Status of Women Recognition Programs. Requests nominations from clubs to be presented at spring conference.

(f) International Goodwill and Understanding: surveys clubs to determine current activities and promotes projects and activities including Friendship Links.

Will read:

Section 7: ***Program Committee:***

This committee chaired by the Program Council Member, appointed by the Region Board tracks club programs to determine activities are in keeping with the Soroptimist Strategic Plan. This committee promotes projects and activities including Friendship Links, that improve the lives of women and girls: facilitates the region-level *Making A Difference For Women Award Program*. Subcommittees may be appointed as needed.

Currently reads:

Section 7: Public Relations Committee: This committee shall promote favorable public relations within the region, promote and enhance the public image of Soroptimist, work with appropriate Federation elected and appointed personnel in this activity and educate clubs about public relations and encourage their promotion of public goodwill.

Will read:

Section 8: Public **Awareness** Committee: This committee shall promote favorable public relations within the region, promote and enhance the public image of Soroptimist, work with appropriate Federation elected and appointed personnel in this activity and educate clubs about public **awareness** and encourage their promotion of public goodwill.

Currently reads:

Section 8: Recruitment and Retention Committee: This committee shall promote the retention of current members of clubs and assist clubs in increasing club membership and chartering new clubs.

Delete this section; now Section 5: Membership

Currently reads:

Section 9: Regional Newsletter/Website: This committee shall be responsible for writing and publishing the region newsletter and keeping region website updated on a regular basis.

Will read:

Section 9: Region Newsletter: This committee shall be responsible for writing and publishing the region newsletter.

Section 10: Region Website: This committee shall be responsible for keeping the region website updated on a regular basis.

Currently reads:

Section 10: Regional Roster: This committee shall publish a roster of the clubs and officers of the region, such publication to be made available at the beginning of each biennium.

Delete this section; Board of Directors' responsibility.

Currently reads:

Section 11: Regional Service Project Committee: This committee shall be responsible for providing region clubs with information and forms about the "Advancing The Status of Women Grant". This annual grant, presently at \$2,000, will be given to an organization to start or continue a project in the community that benefits women. The proposed project must fulfill all of the following requirements: Must benefit women by improving their social/economic status and opportunity or quality of life and must address a demonstrated need in the

community. The Region Board of Directors will review the proposals received and select the recipient.

Delete this section; Board of Directors' responsibility.

Currently reads:

Section 12: Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership (SOLT) Committee: This committee shall have general charge of educating Soroptimist members as to the purpose, objects, policies and programs of the organization and in preparing Soroptimists for leadership within the organization and in their own communities.

Will read:

Section **11**: Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership (SOLT) Committee: This committee shall have general charge of educating Soroptimist members as to the purpose, objects, policies and programs of the organization and in preparing Soroptimists for leadership within the organization and in their own communities.

Currently reads:

Section 13: Soroptimist Sales: This committee shall coordinate the sale of authorized Soroptimist materials at all regional meetings.

Delete this section; included with Section 4, Fundraising...

No changes to following sections except to renumber each section accordingly:

Section 14: **(Section 12)** United Nations: Encourages clubs to increase awareness of the UN and advocate and educate local communities about information, policies and issues affecting them at the UN.

Section 15: **(Section 13)** Women's Opportunity Award Committee: This committee shall encourage clubs to participate in this identifying project of SIA. The chair of the committee will select a three-member judging panel to determine region award recipients. The region chair will submit the first place winner from the region to Federation by the deadline mandated by Federation for consideration of additional monetary awards.

Section 16: **(Section 14)** Venture Clubs, Sigma Societies & "S" Clubs: This committee shall work with local clubs to promote sponsoring "junior" community service groups: an "S" Club is a group of high school students who wish to serve their school and community by working on worthwhile service projects; a Sigma Society is a group of college-level students seeking an avenue for community service. Both groups strive to build communities through service, to work with school authorities in building schools with high standards and ideals, and to prepare members to assume leadership roles in the business and professional world. Venture Clubs of America exist under the sponsorship and encouragement of Soroptimist International of the Americas as its oldest service project, begun in 1927. Venture provides women with the opportunity to develop

leadership skills, build friendships with women of similar interests and goals and associate with executive and professional women who are Soroptimists. Venture is an organization of young, professional women (ages 18-40) committed to making a difference in their community through volunteering in community service, professional development and personal growth.

Section 17: (**Section 15**) Violet Richardson Award Committee: This committee shall encourage clubs to participate in this identifying project of SIA. The chair of the committee will select a three-member judging panel to determine region award recipients. The region chair will submit the winner from the region to Federation by the deadline mandated by Federation for consideration of additional monetary awards.

Article XIII Budget, Financial Statement, Audit

Currently Reads:

Section 3. The biennial financial statement shall be examined by an Audit Committee, appointed by the Governor, composed of three regular members, as defined in the Constitution of Soroptimist International and Federation Bylaws. The Governor, in selecting the committee, shall not consider the Region Treasurer, members of the Region Board or the Finance Committee to be eligible for their period of service. The Audit Committee shall make its report to the Region Board and Finance Committee by September 1st.

Will Read:

Section 3. **The biennial financial statement shall be examined by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall make its report to the Region Board and Finance Committee by September 1st.**