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Soroptimist Structure and History of the Golden West Region

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SOROPTIMIST STRUCTURE

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INTRODUCTION

Clap your hands! It makes quite a noise, doesn't it? If everyone in your club claps their hands, the noise is even greater. *Now try to imagine over 90,000 members - over 3,000 clubs in over 124 countries* - clapping their hands - it's awesome. Picture now those same hands stretched out in service - 180*,000 hands!* There is so much we can do, when we do it together.

It starts with you - with your hands, your service. You belong to a club - Soroptimist International of Somewhere, Golden West Region, Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc., Soroptimist International. Within that club, you work for the goals of service in your community, your region, your federation, and through Soroptimist International. Soroptimist International and our Federation are, among other things, official consultants to the United Nations. This makes it possible to join with yet even more hands across the world!

But back to you - to your hands. You are an important member of your club - essential to its' success. The diversity of personalities, backgrounds, knowledge and interests of all the individual Soroptimists all over the world give yet another dimension - brain and soul (or call it love). If you become negligent in your attendance - if you don't work on the club ways and means projects - then your club, your region, your federation, and the extended fellowship of Soroptimist International all lose out. It's a lot to think about, isn't it?

CLUB

The most important component of the entire structure is the *club*. Here we have the grass roots and the foundation of Soroptimism. In all of the federations, clubs are organized with at least 15 qualified executive business and professional women who meet the membership and classification requirements.

Each club receives a *charter* at the time it is established and retains that charter as long as all of the requirements of higher law are fulfilled. Each club operates through the *Soroptimist International Constitution, Federation Bylaws and Procedures, Region Bylaws/ Standing Rules/Procedures, and Club Bylaws and Standing Rules*. Club procedures meet local requirements, but must not conflict with higher law.

The *Board of Directors* of the club has administrative control over the affairs, funds, and property of the club <u>*except*</u> that of modifying any action taken by the club. The *President*, as chief executive officer of the club, appoints all standing and special committees. The club elects *delegates*, in addition to the President who is usually a delegate.

Within the club, rules and guidelines are set to guarantee that the will of the majority is carried out, without violating the rights of the individual. In order to maintain the diversity, which is so important to the organization, each club is controlled by means of classification. *Membership is by invitation only* - it is an honor and a joy to join with Soroptimists all over the world to show we care.

DISTRICTS

For the purposes of holding *fall meetings* in the months of October and November, the clubs are grouped into *geographical districts*. Each *district* elects one *district director* to the Regional Board, who then represents the clubs in that *district* on the Board, and makes visits to those clubs during the biennium.

REGIONS

In order to join together in service, a *regional level of service* was developed. There are currently 28 regions in Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. Our Golden West Region is one of these. Regions have conferences. The *Region Conference* is set up as the policy-making body of the region. It establishes financial policies, makes rules for carrying on regional business, and elects the officers and members of the Region Board. Each region supplies leadership to the clubs by assisting in the development of new clubs, and providing education for all. It provides control over boundaries, policies, and some of the necessary fees and dues. The region Governor sits on the International Board of Soroptimists as a programme delegate. Most important of all, Golden West Region provides inspiration by promoting the objects as stated by the Federation. With 62 clubs, this is no small job!

Golden West Region allows *three voting delegates* from each club to conference. These delegates are the accredited delegates of each club *in good standing*. To be in good standing, a club must have paid its region and federation obligations, and must maintain 15 active members.

The *officers* of our Golden West Region are: *Governor, Governor-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and four District Directors* (elected from each of the four districts of the region). The *Region Board* is the administrative body of the region.

FEDERATION

Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. (SIA) is one of the four federations within Soroptimist International. The others are:

Soroptimist International of Europe
Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland
Soroptimist International of the Southwest Pacific

Currently, there are 36,212 members in 1,404 clubs in 19 countries in SIA, which holds conventions biennially, and may hold additional self-supporting meetings during the odd years.

SIA underwent a dramatic change in 1990 with the passage of a *plan for restructuring*. In this new plan, mail ballots replaced convention voting, and the Federation Board was drastically reduced from 33 (6 executive officers elected at-large at conventions and 27 regional governors who served as Board Members) to 13 Board Members elected for rotating two-year terms from *Electoral Areas* representative of the countries and languages of our Federation. The Board of Directors conducts, manages and directs the business and affairs of our Federation. The 14 (in 2004, Chair of the Fund Development Council was added to the board) members include a President, President-elect, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The President-elect is elected by all the clubs of the Federation from within this ~~13~~ 14 member board, and the Secretary/Treasurer is elected by the Federation Board at its first board meeting each year. The Federation Board also implements the decisions reached in mail ballots, provides control over regional boundaries, fees and dues, policies and programs, and promotes the *five identifying programs – the Violet Richardson Award (VRA), the Women's Opportunity Award (WOA), Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls, Soroptimist Workplace Campaign to end Domestic Violence, and Making A Difference for Women (MADFW).*

It is at *Federation Conventions* that the development and reinforcement of Soroptimist objects is addressed - and your club is a part of it through its *Federation Club Delegate*. The club has the privilege and the responsibility to send one delegate to vote and speak for its members at the *Biennial Convention* of the Federation. The Convention is held every two years in even-numbered years. In addition to the club delegates, Federation Board members, Federation Past Presidents, and regional governors vote.

The *Bylaws* of the Federation may be amended by a two-thirds mail ballot of clubs, after the matter has been presented to the Federation Convention for discussion and amendment by voting delegates at the Biennial Convention.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Soroptimist International is the *top organizational level* in Soroptimist. Clubs are represented in Soroptimist International through the Federation (and regions/unions). Soroptimist International extends to 124 countries - 3,000+ clubs with approximately 90,000+ members.

Soroptimist International *Conventions are quadrennial* (every four years in the odd year) - in 2007 the Convention was in Glasgow, Scotland. At International, policies and programmes of service are set in which we all join hands.

Even though federations have been in existence since 1928, there was no formal structure for Soroptimist International until 1952. At present, there are *four officers: an International President, Treasurer, President-elect, and Im mediate Past President* . They all serve for two years. The President and Treasurer are elected in rotation from the four Federations. The President-elect is elected by mail ballot three months prior to the Interim Board Meeting in the current biennium. The President-elect resigns from any other Federation office upon election, thereupon serving as President-elect.

The *International Board* consists of the officers of Soroptimist International, the President of each Federation, and two representatives selected in accordance with the procedures of each Federation. For instance, SIA law requires the three representatives to be: the President in office, the President-elect and one other Soroptimist elected by the Board.

At the moment, the *International Constitution* allows each delegation to bring one or two people to act as consultants, to help write official motions, and to look up references to past minutes, the "Record of Decisions" and the Constitution. In addition, the following may attend: the Programme Co-ordinators; the International Representatives Liaison; the Procedural Consultant, the Programme Liaison, the Extension Co-ordinator; the chairs of Standing Technical Committees; such chairs of special committees and such other persons as the Pres ident may from time to time invite. At the meeting of the Board held at the time of the International Convention, a delegate from each region or union, and a delegate from each club or group of clubs established by, or associated with, a Federation and not within a region or union may attend.

On all matters of policy, management, and programme of Soroptimist International, the President of each Federation and the two representatives from each Federation are the only voting members of the Board. The exception to this is that at the Board Meeting preceding Convention, each delegate who is present has one vote in the adoption of any item of programme of Soroptimist International. At all other times, other members in attendance have a voice but no vote. *International Board meetings* are held once a year, unless it is deemed necessary to hold them at additional times.

STRUCTURE OF THE OTHER FEDERATIONS

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF EUROPE (SIE)

Soroptimist International of Europe has *unions* as opposed to our regions. The union holds at least one meeting a year. The clubs send two voting delegates to the union to which the club belongs. Each country with three clubs is entitled to have a union.

The Union is composed of the *Council of Delegates and the Board* . The Council of Delegates administers the union, elects the President of the union and other members of the Board, and elects two active members, either present delegates or past delegates of their Council of Delegates, to represent the union at meetings of the *Committee of Governors* of the Federation. The Committee of Governors is the voting body for this Federation.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND (SIGB&I)

This Federation has *divisional unions* in place of our regions and SIE's unions. Every member of a Soroptimist club is a member of the Federation. For purposes of unity of clubs, extension, and to promote the objects of Soroptimism, the clubs in the British Commonwealth and other countries within the Federation are segregated into the divisional unions.

The divisional unions, in turn, elect two representatives to the *Executive Committee*. The Executive Committee is the Federation's voting unit. Clubs, however, have a direct voice in ratifying certain actions of the Executive Committee at the annual Federation *Conference* (convention).

National Councils are established within countries of the Federation for the same purposes as divisional unions and also to provide a link with governmental and other national or provincial bodies. *Area Councils* comprised of any group of countries within the territorial limits of the Federation may also be established.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (SISWP)

Clubs in this Federation are assigned to *regions*, and all clubs are members of the Federation. Two members from each club, elected by the club, serve on the *Regional Council* of their area. The Regional Council holds an *Annual General Meeting* at which all members of clubs within the region may attend. The voting delegates of the club in attendance at a Regional Council meeting elect the officers of the region (except the secretary) and also elect two delegates from the region to the *Federation Council*. The regional Secretary is appointed on the recommendation of the Regional President with the approval of the Council. Only club delegates are entitled to vote at meetings of the Regional Council.

The Federation Council consists of the Federation officers and the two elected delegates from each Regional Council.

Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific has its *Conference* (convention) biennially. Club delegates vote on the issues at conference; if they are unable to attend, they may vote by proxy.

So there you have it - this is the structure of Soroptimist, built by the hands of Soroptimists during the past 90 years. Quite an organization, isn't it? And it all started with you, a member of an individual club - with your hands, your talents, your caring. Use those hands to build and create - have those hands present at club, district, region and federation meetings. With your help, we will meet the goals of International Goodwill and Understanding . . . and the Advancement of the Status of Women all over the world. *SOROPTIMIST - the best of or for women - if we make it that way!*

HISTORY OF GOLDEN WEST REGION

THIS HISTORY BEGINS

by Clota Bowen, SI of Blythe

In the spring of 1921, Mr. Stuart Morrow, a professional organizer for men's service clubs, called upon a secretarial school to interest A. E. Goddard in joining such a club. To his surprise, he found Adelaide E. Goddard, who expressed interest in having a classified service club for women.

Thus began the Soroptimist Club of Alameda County. It was chartered on *October 3, 1921*, with 80 founder members. The Charter President was Violet Richardson, later to become Mrs. Ward. The name *Soroptimist* was chosen and incorporated by Mr. Morrow.

After chartering clubs in Canada, England, and France, Mr. Morrow incorporated the *International Association of Soroptimist Clubs*. By 1927, eight of the ten existing clubs, representing 602 members, met and voted to purchase all rights to Soroptimist Clubs from Mr. Morrow for a total price of $5,500.00. This sum, which amounted to $9.25 per member, was raised in 30 days with money from England, France, Canada, and the United States.

Soroptimism progressed rapidly, becoming a worldwide organization with *four federations*. *Districts* became *regions* and the name *Southwestern Region* was given to the Founding area.

By 1952, Southwestern Region had 118 clubs, and was divided into Southwestern and Pacific Regions. *Pacific Region* was the fourteenth region in the *American Federation*, which is now called *Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.* The late Mary Ellen Pangle of Riverside, California, was Charter Governor. The new Region had about 500 members in 67 clubs in Southern California, Southern Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, and Mexico and covered 227,716 square miles. Later, Mexico was dropped and two clubs in Texas were added.

By 1978, Pacific Region had 154 clubs with over 5,000 members, and was divided into *Desert Coast, Camino Real, and Golden West Regions*. In the words of Miss Mary Ellen Pangle: "From the beginning decisions were made together, leadership developed and accepted, service sought and given with eagerness - these made Pacific Region great. Now the next move. We do not divide; we multiply. Long live the spirit of Pacific Region!"

Golden West Region was formed with about 1,700 members, in 56 clubs, covering an area of 25,980 square miles. It had a beginning allotment of $8,352.00 from Pacific Region. The territorial limits were as follows:

> *"San Bernardino and Riverside Counties in California; Arizona, except Yuma; New Mexico; the city of El Paso, and the surrounding territory in Texas not to exceed the distance of 75 miles from the city of El Paso and the city of Farwell, Texas; and that portion of Nevada adjacent to Bullhead City, Arizona."*

1978 - 1980 BIENNIUM

Governor:	Lucile E. Toller, SI of Parker, AZ
Lt. Governor:	LeOra Lindteigen, SI of Mesa, AZ
Secretary:	Petty Zimmerman, SI of San Bernardino, CA
Treasurer:	Winona Matchner, SI of Bullhead City, AZ
Board Members:	Jane Parker, SI of Prescott, AZ
	Margaret "Pinkie" Wong, SI of Flagstaff, AZ
	Lynn R. Wurth, SI Phoenix, AZ
Governor's Theme:	United for a Better Tomorrow
Federation Theme:	Working Together Works

CONFERENCES

In the beginning biennium, it was decided that two Conferences be held per year: one in the spring, and one in the fall. The first Conference, hostessed by SI of Flagstaff, was held in Flagstaff, Arizona at the Little America Hotel in October 1978, with 325 members in attendance.

The second Conference, hostessed by SI of San Bernardino, was held in San Bernardino, California, in April 1979. The Convention Center was the site of the meetings and the Hilton Hotel provided accommodations for the 335 members in attendance.

The third Conference was held in El Paso, Texas, in October, 1979, at the Holiday Inn, with 263 members in attendance. Hostess club SI of El Paso said, "Let's Be Amigos" and concluded the Conference with an optional tour of Juarez, Mexico.

The final Conference of the first biennium of Golden West Region was held at Griswold's in Claremont, California in April 1980. SI of Ontario was the hostess club. The special theme of the Conference was "Fiesta of the Bells." Governor Lucile and the Charter Board of Golden West Region were toasted by the many bells rung by the 398 members in attendance.

CONFERENCE ACTION

The first item of business for the new Region was to adopt the Golden West Regional Record, which:

- divided the Region into six geographical divisions rather than establishing districts.
- assigned the regional officers and board members as liaison officers to each of the newly formed divisions.
- established a charter fee of $3.00 per member of each new club chartered.
- established that the Regional Board select the meeting sites for conferences from invitations by the clubs.
- established a mandatory club fee of $15.00 for fall meetings with the registration fee to be decided by the Board.
- established holding one regional Conference in the spring of each year.
- established regional participation in the Foundations Youth Seminars (now Youth Forum) program.
- established a $5.00 registration fee for all Soroptimists attending Conferences.
- established a mandatory $1.00 fee per member of Golden West Region, including Life and Honorary members, to be placed in the Regional Service Fund to be used for SYCA and TAP Awards.
- established an ad hoc committee of three members, each to represent one of the three combined divisions, to study all aspects of districting Golden West Region.

As the result of a regional contest, each past Governor of Golden West Region was granted the privilege of using the title "DONA". This title is revered in Spanish heritage but was given the translation of "Don't Offer Needless Advice." Charter Governor Lucile E. Toller, SI of Parker, AZ became DONA Lucile.

AWARDS

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN awards were presented as follows:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club
1979	Joan Stabilla	SI/Lake Havasu City
1980	Joan Rhodes	SI/Phoenix

SOROPTIMIST YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS, Federation and Region:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1979	Victoria Ann Wakefield	SI/Twentynine Palms	F/R
	Julia Guillemo Fernandez	SI/Palm Desert	R
	Angela Garcia	SI/Prescott	R
	Mark Robert Ranselm	SI/El Paso	R
	John Daniel Roff	SI/Camelback	R
	Margaret Ann Spencer	SI/Montclair	R
1980	Kim Fenderson	SI/Prescott	F/R
	Katherine Wirtes	SI/Ontario R	
	Crista Dean	SI/Saguaro Foothills	R

THE TRAINING AWARDS PROGRAM winners received monies from McCall's Pattern Div., $2,500 for the first two in the first year of the biennium, and $2,250 for first place in the second year. Additionally, Federation Awards of $1,250 were given to the next two winners each year, and all winners received money from the Regional Service Fund:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1979	Carol P. Wamble	SI/Needles	MP/R
	Helen Running	SI/Flagstaff	MP/R
	Gloria J. Milton	SI/Camelback	F/R
	Melinda Huie	SI/Desert Tucson	F/R
	Erlinda Duncan	SI/Banning	R
	Joanne Dillon	SI/Montclair	R
1980	Anamae Perry	SI/Flagstaff	MP/R
	Gail Nicholson	SI/Corona F/R	
	Nancy Eades	SI/Camelback	F/R

Enthusiasm for service was at a high as over 30 clubs received the **GOLDEN GAVEL AWARD** from Federation President Janet Simonds at the 1980 Convention in Denver, Colorado.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The publication "Nuggets of Knowledge" was compiled by the Growth and Development - Existing Clubs Committee for distribution to all members of the Region.

Governor Lucile spearheaded a Growth & Development drive both in new members and in new clubs, and in 1979 **Growth Awards** were given to SI/Lake Elsinore (CA); SI/Las Cruces (NM); and SI/Valley of the Sun (AZ) for membership growth. In 1980, SI/Idyllwild (CA) was the winner.
New clubs chartered during the biennium were:

Charter Date	Club Name	Sponsored by
5/5/89	SI/Big Bear Valley (CA)	SI/Lake Arrowhead
4/18/80	SI/Crestline (CA)	SI/Lake Arrowhead
5/10/80	SI/the Kachinas (Phoenix, AZ)	SI/Camelback
6/20/80	SI/High Desert (Barstow, CA)	SI/Victor Valley
6/29/80	SI/Sun City (CA)	Golden West Region

Note: SI of Roswell, NM disbanded

Golden West Region now boasted 60 clubs and 1,875 members.

Venture Clubs were chartered in Kingman, AZ and Palm Desert, CA.

1980 - 1982 BIENNIUM

Governor:	LeOra Lindteigen, SI/Mesa, AZ
Lt. Governor:	Petty Zimmerman, SI/San Bernardino, CA
Secretary:	Jeannette Wilkins, SI/Albuquerque, NM (Resigned)
	Mary Jo Livix, SI/Camelback, AZ
Treasurer:	Winona Matchner, SI/Bullhead City, AZ
Board Members:	Pat Creason, SI/Lake Havasu City,
	Moya Easterling, SI/Phoenix, AZ
	Marie Seybold, SI/Lake Arrowhead, CA
Governor's Theme:	Ascending to New Heights
Federation Theme:	Quality of Life: Keystone in Tomorrow's World

CONFERENCES

The **1981 Spring Conference** "Ascending to New Heights," hostessed by SI ofAlbuquerque, was held at the Hilton Inn in Albuquerque, NM on May 1-2, with 424 enthusiastic Soroptimists and guests ready to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of Soroptimist in 1921.

On Friday night, many showed they remembered the "Flapper Days" with appropriate dress and many Charleston steps as they paraded across the stage.

A tableau of "Soroptimist Heritage" was written and narrated by Pam DeAtley of SI of Needles, CA. Nine presidents of clubs in the region portrayed important characters in Soroptimist history. REGALs Dottie Kissinger, Brigitte Page and Maxine Parsons and DONA Lucile Toller portrayed themselves.

The **1982 Spring Conference** "Ascending to New Heights - with New Leaders," hostessed by SI of Saguaro Foothills, was held at the Carefree Inn in Carefree, AZ on April 30-May 1. Attendance continued to grow with 470 Soroptimists attending the Conference.

At the close of the final Conference of the biennium in Carefree, GovernorLeOra presented her report on the state of the Region under the heading, "Miracles are Hard Work." The "Miracles" that were performed by the members of Golden West Region took many avenues: the appointment of Sandra Day O'Connor of SI of Phoenix to the United States Supreme Court; appointment of legislative advocates from the states in our region; and the "Mracle" of clubs working together as evidenced by the establishment of the House of Hope.

CONFERENCE ACTION

Golden West Region Procedures and Record were edited so that the Record contained only Board action and the Procedures contained all Conference Action. In other action, the delegates:

- eliminated reading of the Treasurer's Report and Budget at Conference.
- established that the Regional Board would select Conference sites two years in advance.
- established the Youth Citizenship Awards Program, Training Awards Program and Women Helping Women Program as the identifying projects of Golden West Region.
- established Regional dues of $5.00 per member except Life and Honorary members.
- established a yearly registration fee of $15.00 to be paid by each club for their three delegates to Conference.
- established that each club pay $15.00 for each fall meeting.
- established that the Regional Board shall set the registration fee for each member attending a fall meeting.
- established a travel pool.
- resolved that a Legislative Advocate would be appointed each biennium for each state represented in Golden West Region.

- resolved that donations held in the Regional Service Fund for the Health Care Facility be used to finance the ad hoc committee as well as start-up costs after the approval of the regional Conference delegates and that the adhoc committee make afull report at the 1983 Conference in Palm Springs, CA.
- decided to form an ad hoc committee to study the request from SI of Ontario (CA) club to leave Golden West Region and join the Desert Coast Region.

AWARDS

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN Awards were presented as follows:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club
1981	Mary Dent Crisp	SI/Camelback
	Anne Hardy	SI/Desert Hot Springs
1982	Anne Hardy*	SI/Desert Hot Springs
	Dr. Ardeth Cropper	SI/Camelback
	Betsy Bolding	SI/Desert Tucson
	Joan Phelan	SI/Phoenix
	Claire Miller	SI/Desert Hot Springs

*Also recognized at Federation level

SOROPTIMIST YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS, Federation and Region:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1981	Leland Einbender	SI/Camelback	F/R
	John Eng	SI/Blythe	R
	Lori Dudgeon	SI/Crestline	R
1982	Kimberly Ann Morrisette	SI/Kingman	F/R
	Heather Miller	SI/Ontario	R
	Anne Mari Karkkainen	SI/Albuquerque	R

TRAINING AWARDS PROGRAM winners were no longer receiving grants from the McCall's Pattern Div., but received awards from Federation and Region:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1981	Andrea Douglas	SI/Albuquerque	F/R
	Lenore Delgado	SI/Corona	F/R
	Karen Kemden	SI/Phoenix	R
1982	Leora Nash	SI/Riverside	F/R
	Mary Liz Dax	SI/El Paso	R
	Joelle Katen	SI/Scottsdale	R

FALL MEETINGS

In 1980, the first fall division meetings were held. These smaller meetings offered more opportunities to have workshops on education, leadership and servic e. It also provided many new Soroptimists experience in presenting programs and panels. R egional Officers and Board Members were in attendance, giving them the opportunity to have a closer relationship with the general membership. The meetings were as follows:

Year	Divisions	Hostess	Attendance
1980	I & II	SI/San Jacinto-Hemet Valley	156
	III & IV	SI/Phoenix	101
	V & VI	SI/Sedona	128
1981	I & II	SI/Big Bear Valley	248
	III & IV	SI/Needles	
	V & VI	SI/Mesa	124

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Golden West Region continued to grow both in clubs and members. The**Governor's Award** for the greatest increase in club membership went to SI/Palm Desert (CA) in 1981, and to SI/Prescott (AZ) and SI/Riverside (CA) in 1982.

Growth and Development - New Clubs continued enthusiastically. New clubs chartered during the biennium were:

Charter Date	Club Name	Sponsored by
5/23/81	SI/Norco (CA)	SI/Corona
11/7/81	SI/Arlington Heights (CA)	SI/Riverside
12/6/81	SI/Verde Valley (AZ)	SI/Sedona
3/20/82	SI/Cathedral City (CA)	SI/Palm Springs

Golden West Region had now grown to 64 clubs, with 2,025 members.

Venture Clubs increased to a total of three:

Charter Date	Club Name	Sponsored by
5/7/81	Venture Club of Riverside	SI/Riverside

Note: Venture Club of Palm Desert, CA disbanded.

1982 - 1984 BIENNIUM

Governor:	Petty Zimmerman, SI of San Bernardino, CA
Lt. Governor:	Lynn R. Wurth, SI of Phoenix, Inc., AZ
Secretary:	Sandra Dannenfeldt, SI of Flagstaff, AZ
Treasurer:	Marie Seybold, SI of Lake Arrowhead, CA
Board Members:	Frances Keeler, SI of Albuquerque Heights, NM
	Dottie Randall, SI of Parker, AZ
	Frankie Wyatt, SI of Desert Tucson, AZ
Governor's Theme:	Biennium of Progress
Federation Theme:	United in Service

CONFERENCES

The **1983 Spring Conference**, hostessed by SI of Palm Springs, was held at the Hilton Riviera Hotel in Palm Springs, CA on April 29-30 under the special theme, "Sun, Fun and Service." Conference enthusiasm brought together a record 520 delegates, members and guests.

The **1984 Spring Conference**, hostessed by SI of Desert Tucson, SI of Santa Cruz and SI of Tucson, was held in Tucson, AZ on April 27-28 at the Doubletree Inn under the theme, "Galloping Toward Progress." Despite the absence of four clubs, there was a record registration of 593 delegates, members and guests.

CONFERENCE ACTION

The delegates voted overwhelmingly to keep SI of Ontario in our region.

After a detailed report, the delegates made a "Landmark" vote when they agreed to establish the development of a proposed retirement center and health care facility as an identifying service project for Golden West Region. In the 1984 update, donations and pledges of $45,000 towards the proposed total of $300,000 needed to begin the project had been received. Property in Riverside County, California and in the Phoenix, Arizona area was being investigated. The Care Board was chaired by Dr. Mary Jo Livix of SI/Camelback and DONA LeOra Lindteigen, SI/Mesa; REGAL Brigitte Page, SI/Banning; Ruth Davies, SI/Albuquerque; and Bess Havens, SI/Victor Valley served as board members. Governor Petty Zimmerman served as an ex-officio member of the board. Each club in Golden West Region was encouraged to have a representative on the Advisory Council. Bylaws were approved, and the Care Board started procedures for incorporation and tax-exempt status.
In other action, the delegates:

- established that one Board Member would be elected from and represent each of the three combined divisions.
- established that each club pays an annual registration fee of $50.00 plus $1.00 per active member for the spring Conference, fall meeting and leadership workshops combined.
- agreed that the Regional Board resolves territorial disputes between or among clubs.
- established guidelines for the person and the payment for Golden West Region's representative to the International Convention each quadrennium.

AWARDS

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN Awards were given as follows:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club
1983	REGAL Brigitte Page	SI/Banning, SI/Desert Hot Springs, and SI/Yucca Valley
	Carolyn Desjardens	SI/Phoenix
1984	Celia Halas	SI/Phoenix

SOROPTIMIST YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS, Federation and Region:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1983	Jackie Whelan	SI/Parker	F/R
	Karen Moore	SI/Albuquerque Heights	F/R
	Peter Moraga	SI/the Kachinas (Phoenix)	R
1984	Thomas Dorn	SI/Lake Havasu City	F/R
	Nancy Walker	SI/Yucaipa Valley	F/R
	Keith A. Bee	SI/Desert Tucson	R

TRAINING AWARD PROGRAM winners, Federation and Region:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1983	Gayle Mendenville	SI/Ontario	F/R
	Frances Thompson	SI/Apache Junction	F/R
	Margaret Loar	SI/Camelback	R
1984	Gail Carlson	SI/Tucson	F/R
	Nellie Moore	SI/Flagstaff East	F/R
	Ida Anna Jones	SI/Ontario	R

YOUTH SEMINAR delegates chosen at the first Golden West Region Youth Seminar held in March, 1984, were Tracie Quick, Glendale High School, sponsored by SI/the Kachinas (Phoenix), and Scott Steward, Parker High School, sponsored by SI/Parker. These two young people attended Conference, and then joined youth from all over the world exchanging ideas on what to expect of the world in the year 2001 at the Federation Youth Seminar to be held in Pomona, California, in May, 1984.

In recognition of their service work, 11 clubs were presented with the **1981 FEDERATION AWARD CERTIFICATE** by Governor Petty, and 21 clubs were presented the **1982 FEDERATION AWARD CERTIFICATE**.

FALL MEETINGS

Governor Petty asked that the fall meetings be based on the theme of "Back to Basics." Fall meetings were held:

Year	Divisions	Hostess	Attendance
1982	I, II, & III	SI/San Bernardino	192
	III & IV	SI/Kingman	112
	V & VI	SI/Tucson	127
1983	I, II, & III	SI/Riverside	178
	IV, V, & VI	SI/Camelback	190

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Recognizing the need for officer training, Leadership Workshops were established and held in several locations throughout the Region. These workshops will continue to be held in May or June of each year in addition to the Fall Division Meetings and Spring Conferences.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The **1983 Governor's Award** for the club having the largest increase in membership went to SI/Saguaro Foothills (AZ) in 1983, with SI/Apache Junction (AZ) and SI/Montclair (CA) tied for second place, and SI/Lake Havasu City (AZ) taking third.

The **1984 Governor's Award** went to SI/Tempe (AZ) with recognition to SI/Saguaro Foothills (AZ) and SI/the Foothills (CA).

Growth and Development - New Clubs soared, with nine new clubs chartered during the biennium:

Charter Date	Club Name	Sponsored by
12/4/82	SI/High Country (CA)	SI/Idyllwild and SI/Palm Desert
4/22/83	SI/Moreno Valley (CA)	SI/Riverside
4/27/83	SI/Foothills (CA)	SI/Ontario
7/11/83	SI/Rancho Temecula (CA)	SI/San Jacinto-Hemet Valley
1/12/84	SI/the San Tans (AZ)	SI/Mesa
1/29/84	SI/Running Springs Area (CA)	SI/Big Bear Valley
3/17/84	SI/Joshua Tree (CA)	SI/Twentynine Palms
4/6/84	SI/Alamagordo (NM)	SI/Las Cruces
7/7/84	SI/La Quinta (CA)	SI/Coachella Valley, SI/Palm Desert, and SI/Rancho Mirage

Golden West Region now included 73 clubs with a membership of 2,500.

1984 - 1986 BIENNIUM

Governor:	Lynn R. Wurth, SI/Phoenix, Inc., AZ
Lt. Governor:	Marie Seybold, SI/Lake Arrowhead, CA
Secretary:	Sandra Dannenfeldt, SI/Flagstaff, AZ
Treasurer:	Frances Keeler, SI/Albuquerque Heights, NM
Board Members:	Fran Hall, SI/San Jacinto-Hemet Valley, CA
	Kathy Malin, SI/Yucca Valley, CA
	Alice Wells, SI/the Kachinas, (Phoenix) AZ
Governor's Theme:	Live, Love, Laugh
Federation Theme:	Together We Make A Difference

CONFERENCES

The **1985 Spring Conference**, hostessed by SI of Phoenix, Inc., was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona on May 3-4 under the special theme of, "Live, Love and Laugh" with a record registration of 604 delegates, members and guests.

The **1986 Spring Conference**, hostessed by SI of Ontario, Inc., was held at the Red Lion Inn in Ontario, California on April 25-26 with the theme of "Live, Love, Laugh." Attendance broke all existing records - bringing together 684 delegates, members and guests.

CONFERENCE ACTION

At the 1985 Conference, the delegates heard a detailed update on the status of the Soroptimist Care Foundation, first presented in 1980. A fact sheet was sent to each club, with a straw ballot to ascertain the feelings of the members. At the 1986 Conference, a resolution was presented to dissolve the Foundation and was overwhelmingly approved.

In other action, the delegates:

- defeated a resolution to propose an amendment to the Constitution of Soroptimist International to allow membership by men in Soroptimist.
- approved a change in the laws to make the Governor of the region the regional delegate to the International convention.
- approved a clarification relating to Venture/Youth Activities and Foundations.

AWARDS

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN Awards were given as follows:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club
1985	Nita Claypool	SI/Needles
	Barbara Wendy Hershey	SI/Las Cruces
1986	Eileen Jacobi	SI/El Paso
	B. Carolyn Knight	SI/Sun City, CA

SOROPTIMIST YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS, Federation and Region:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1985	Todd Trafford	SI/Prescott	F/R
	Tana Ellers	SI/Scottsdale	F/R
	Anthony Zehenni	SI/Lake Arrowhead	R
1986	Quihn Pham	SI/Redlands	F/R
	John Fuller	SI/Kingman	F/R
	Christian Cole	SI/Albuquerque Heights	R

TRAINING AWARD PROGRAM winners, Federation and Region:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1985	Joan Scott	SI/San Bernardino	F/R
	Anne Mattison	SI/Verde Valley	F/R
	Cynthia Olander	SI/Tucson	R
1986	Edith Kilany	SI/Tempe	F/R
	Deborah Stephenson	SI/Sun City, CA	F/R
	Marie Ellena Uretga	SI/El Paso	R

YOUTH SEMINAR delegates chosen were Don Pruitt, sponsored by SI/El Paso, and Stacey Lewis, sponsored by SI/Lake Havasu City.

FEDERATION CLUB AWARD patches for Excellent, Superior and Meritorious service were presented to 13 clubs in 1983-1984 by Governor Lynn, and patches for Gold, Silver and Bronze awards to 46 clubs in 1984-1985.

FALL MEETINGS

Year	Divisions	Hostess	Attendance
1984	I & II	SI/Sun City, CA	176
	III & IV	SI/Flagstaff	123
	V & VI	SI/Scottsdale	153
1985	I & II	SI/Montclair	180
	III & IV	SI/Lake Havasu City	161
	V & VI	SI/Las Cruces	108

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

In May and June of 1985 and 1986, workshops were held in each of the six Divisions to assist new officers with their club duties.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The **1985 Governor's Award** for the clubs having the largest percentage increase in membership went to SI/Verde Valley (AZ), first place; SI/Rancho Temecula (CA), second place; and SI/Tempe (AZ), third place.

The **1986 Governor's Award** went to SI/Apache Junction (AZ), SI/the Foothills (CA), second place; and SI/Rancho Temecula (CA), third place. Several other clubs received honorable mentions.

SOROPTIMIST TRIVIA Awards were developed by the Growth and Development, New Clubs, Committee and were awarded to:

Year	Recipient
1985	SI/Idyllwild
1986	SI/Flagstaff-East (now Arizona Peaks)

Four new clubs were chartered during the biennium:

Charter Date	Club Name	Sponsored by
7/7/84	SI/La Quinta (CA)	SI/Coachella Valley, SI/Palm Desert, and SI/Rancho Mirage
12/5/84	SI/Metro Phoenix (AZ)	SI/the Kachinas
4/28/85	SI/Woodcrest (CA)	SI/Riverside
6/20/86	SI/Redlands-Sunrise (CA)	SI/Redlands

Golden West Region now had 76 clubs with a membership of 2,982.

Venture Clubs increased by five clubs this biennium, encouraging Golden West Region to begin inquiries into having its own Venture Region:

Club Name	Sponsored by
Venture Club of Yucca Valley	SI/Yucca Valley
Venture Club of Mesa	SI/Mesa, Inc.
Venture Club of Big Bear Valley	SI/Big Bear Valley
Venture Club of Prescott	SI/Prescott
Venture Club of Lake Havasu City	SI/Lake Havasu City

1986 - 1988 BIENNIUM

Governor:	Marie Seybold, SI/Lake Arrowhead, CA
Lt. Governor:	Sandra Dannenfeldt, SI/Flagstaff, AZ
Secretary:	Fran Hall, SI/San Jacinto-Hemet Valley, CA
Treasurer:	Frances Keeler, SI/the Sandias, NM
Board Members:	Glenda Lanford, SI/Riverside, CA
	Kathy Malin, SI/Yucca Valley, CA
	Alice Wells, SI/the Kachinas, (Phoenix) AZ
Governor's Theme:	Reach Out in Friendship
Federation Theme:	Communication is the Key

CONFERENCES

The **1987 Spring Conference**, hostessed by SI of Riverside, was held at Raincross Square, Riverside, California, on May 1-2, under the special theme of "Reach Out in Friendship", with a registration of 609 delegates, members and guests.

The **1988 Spring Conference**, hostessed by SI of Mesa, was held at Centennial Hall in Mesa, Arizona, on May 6-7, under the theme "Celebrating Friendship", with 664 delegates, members and guests celebrating the 10th anniversary of Golden West Region.

The birthday celebrants heard the highlights of each biennium, given by the DONAs of Golden West Region:

DONA Lucile Toller, deceased*	SI/Parker, Arizona
DONA LeOra Lindteigen	SI/Mesa, Arizona
DONA Petty Zimmerman	SI/San Bernardino, California
DONA Lynn Wurth	SI/Phoenix, Inc., Arizona
Governor Marie Seybold	SI/Lake Arrowhead, California

*Represented by Charlene McConnell, President, SI/Parker, Arizona

Federation guests included Vice President Tomiko Sen, SI/Kyoto, Japan at the 1987 Conference; and President-elect Patricia Daniels, SI/Santa Rosa, California, at the 1988 Conference.

CONFERENCE ACTION

At the 1987 Conference, the delegates:

- approved raising the registration fees to $50.00 per club and $2.00 per member.
- supported the Nairobi Forward Looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women.
- supported the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
- defeated a resolution which recommended the admission of men to membership.

In further action, DONA Lynn Wurth, SI/Phoenix, Inc., was elected to represent the Region on the Federation Nominating Committee, with Mary Jo Livix, SI/Camelback, elected Alternate; and Carole Koenig, SI/Big Bear Valley, was elected to serve on the Regional Nominating Committee, with Shirley Patrick, SI/the Foothills, elected Alternate.

The membership heard from Ellen Hadorn, SI/Phoenix, Inc., Necklace of Lights Project Chair, that $5,200 had been contributed and a plaque would be placed on a light standard at Lake Merritt near Oakland, California.

REGAL Brigitte Page, SI/Banning, Federation Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Division of the Federation explained the report of her committee.

At the 1988 Conference, the delegates:

- increased the Regional dues of active members from $5.00 to $10.00 payable by July 1.
- eliminated all club boundaries within the Region.
- recommended to the Pacific Region Venture Board that all age limits be abolished.
- voted to propose an amendment to the Soroptimist International Constitution that men be allowed membership in U.S. clubs.

After a presentation by REGAL Brigitte Page, SI/Banning, Federation Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Division of the Federation, the members adopted a resolution to restructure the Federation rather than divide.

Study committees were mandated to report at the 1989 Conference on establishing guidelines to remove the current restrictions placed on candidates for office and on making the Region more cost-effective.

AWARDS

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN Awards were given as follows:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club
1987	Dr. Myra Dinnerstein	SI/Desert Tucson
	Judy Campbell	SI/Palm Desert
1988	Lucy Acosta	SI/El Paso
	Janet Nix	SI/the Foothills

SOROPTIMIST YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS, Federation and Region:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1987	Karen Casper	SI/El Paso	F/R
	Carol Thurman	SI/Valley of the Sun	F/R
	Andrew Arledge	SI/Lake Havasu City	R
1988	Robin Ann Olsen	SI/Flagstaff	F/R
	Jackie A. Meck, Jr.	SI/Estrella	F/R
	Kelly Lynn Gilden	SI/Idyllwild	R

TRAINING AWARDS PROGRAM winners, Federation and Region:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1987	Marcie Lidberg	SI/Flagstaff	F/R
	Karen O'Connor	SI/Tempe	F/R
	Sherrie Risser	SI/Montclair	R
1988	Paula Hart	SI/Verde Valley	F/R
	Kara Hubert	SI/the Sandias	F/R
	Susan Calloway	SI/Victor Valley	R

FEDERATION YOUTH SEMINAR delegates chosen were Marissa Clark, sponsored by SI/High Desert, and Jennifer Jones, sponsored by SI/Idyllwild.

FEDERATION CLUB AWARD patches were given as follows:

Gold Award	1987 - 10 clubs	1988 - 13 clubs
Silver Award	1987 - 25 clubs	1988 - 23 clubs
Bronze Award	1987 - 18 clubs	1988 - 18 clubs

FALL MEETINGS

Year	Divisions	Hostess	Attendance
1986	I & II	SI/Victor Valley	130
	III & IV	SI/Parker	200
	V & VI	SI/Saguaro Foothills	184
1987	I & II	SI/Big Bear Valley	96
	III & IV	SI/Bullhead City	218
	V & VI	SI/the Kachinas (Phoenix)	134

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Year	Division	Hostess	Division	Hostess
1987	I	SI/Moreno Valley	IV	SI/Sedona
	II	SI/Perris Valley	V	SI/Apache Junction
	III	SI/Beaumont & SI/Banning	VI	SI/Clovis
1988	I	SI/the Foothills	IV	SI/Verde Valley
	II	SI/Idyllwild	V	SI/the San Tans
	III	SI/Palm Springs	VI	SI/Gallup

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The **1987 Governor's Award** for the clubs having the largest percentage increase in membership went to SI/La Quinta (CA); SI/Wickenburg, Inc. (AZ); and SI/the Foothills (CA).

The **1988 Governor's Award** for clubs with 40 or more members went to SI/Flagstaff (AZ); forclubs with 16 to 39 members went to SI/Ontario (CA); SI/Prescott (AZ); and SI/Blythe (CA). Many clubs received honorable mention.

Susan Lompa, SI/Albany, California, Federation Advisor, Growth and Development, conducted workshops in California and Arizona in January, 1988.
Six new clubs were chartered during the biennium:

Charter Date	Club Name	Sponsored by
4/10/87	SI/Copper Canyon (AZ)	SI/Verde Valley
4/11/87	SI/Page/Lake Powell (AZ)	SI/Flagstaff
12/6/87	SI/Palm Desert-Sunrise (CA)	SI/Palm Desert, SI/Rancho Mirage and SI/La Quinta
1/10/88	SI/Hemacinto (CA)	SI/San Jacinto-Hemet Valley
5/4/88	SI/Western Pinal Valley (AZ)	SI/Phoenix, Inc.
6/30/88	SI/Conchilla (CA)	SI/Coachella Valley

Note: SI of Alamogordo, NM and SI of Woodcrest, CA disbanded.

Golden West Region had 80 clubs with an active membership of 2,678 and a total membership of 3,240 (as of March 31, 1988).

SPONSORED ORGANIZATIONS

Venture Clubs increased by four clubs this biennium:

Charter Date	Club Name	Sponsored by
11/22/86	Venture Club of Desert Tucson	SI/Desert Tucson
1/10/87	Venture Club of Phoenix	SI/Phoenix, Inc.
6/18/87	Venture Club of Desert Communities	SI/Rancho Mirage, SI/Palm Desert, SI/Cathedral City, SI/La Quinta, SI/Coachella Valley, and SI/Palm Springs
6/4/88	Venture Club of Idyllwild	SI/Idyllwild

Golden West Region sponsors nine Venture Clubs including: VentureClub of Big Bear Valley, Lake Havasu City, Mesa, Prescott, and Yucca Valley.

Note: Venture Club of Kingman disbanded.

A new **"S" CLUB** was chartered at South Mountain High School by SI/Phoenix Thunderbird.

1988 - 1990 BIENNIUM

Governor:	Sandra Dannenfeldt, SI/Flagstaff, AZ
Lt. Governor:	Fran Hall, SI/San Jacinto-Hemet Valley, CA
Secretary:	Alice Wells, SI/the Kachinas, (Phoenix) AZ
Treasurer:	Glenda Lanford, SI/Riverside, CA
Board Members:	Ellen Hadorn Russell, SI/Phoenix, Inc., AZ
	Lynn Suhay, SI/Big Bear Valley, CA
	Pat Tanzer, SI/Lake Havasu City, AZ
Governor's Theme:	Look to This Day
Federation Theme:	An Invitation to Excellence

CONFERENCES

The **1989 Spring Conference**, hostessed by SI of El Paso, was held in El Paso, TX , at the Westin Paso Del Norte Hotel on April 28-29 with the theme of "We're Hot Stuff!" Therewere 571 delegates, members, and guests in attendance.

The **1990 Spring Conference** was held in San Bernardino, CA at the Maruko Hotel on April 27-28 with the theme of "We're the Tops." Hostess clubs were SIs of Big Bear Valley, Crestline, Lake Arrowhead, and Running Springs Area. There were 684 delegates, members, and guests registered.

The Federation guest at the 1989 Conference was Vice President Roberta Porter, SI of Eugene, Oregon; and 1990 Conference guests included Phyllis Hunewill, Task Force Member, SI of Smith Valley, Nevada; Loretta Mayer, Federation Youth Forum Advisor, SI of La Mesa, California; and Sue Van Vleck, Venture Pacific Region Governor.

CONFERENCE ACTION

At the 1989 Conference, delegates:

- approved eliminating club boundaries and the position of boundary coordinator.
- brought regional procedures into compliance with Bylaws and clarified selection dates for choosing nominees.
- deleted classification review of charter members of new clubs.
- increased charter dues to conform to othermember dues; approved dues billing date of July 1 of each year.
- voted to replace Lt. Governor with Governor-elect.
- approved the eligibility requirement of previousservice as club president for all members of the Regional Board.
- approved holding conferences after May 15 in non-convention years.
- approved a resolution to Federation expanding circularization of information/campaign materials.
- approved a revision of nomination and elections procedures.

DONA Marie Seybold, SI/Lake Arrowhead, was elected to the Federation Nominating Committee. Elected to the Regional Nominating Committee was Dianne Swaffer, SI/Parker; who joined Kathy Malin, SI/Yucca Valley, appointed by the Regional Board; and Nancy Kilgore, SI/Desert Tucson, appointed by the Governor to chair the committee.

At the 1990 Conference, delegates approved:

- representation of each combined division on the nominating committee.
- publishing the Roster only biennially.
- adding one member to the Laws and Resolutions Committee and reducing the needed copies of club procedures submitted for approval from four to two.
- selecting TAP and SYCA winners from the three combined divisions instead of one from each division.
- eliminating the travel pool.

DONA Lynn Wurth presented the rationale for approving a dues increase at the Federation Convention in Kyoto, and Phyllis Hunewill presented the report of the Task Force on recommending changes at the Federation level to be voted upon in Kyoto.

AWARDS

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN Awards were given as follows:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club
1989	Myrna Deckert	SI/El Paso
	Jodi Pelusi, R.N.	SI/the Kachinas (Phoenix)
1990	Margaret Walsh	SI/Camelback (Phoenix)
	Louise Zaki	SI/Beaumont

SOROPTIMIST YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS, Federation and Region:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1989	Michael Bayle	SI/Camelback (Phoenix)	F/R
	Melissa Ho	SI/San Bernardino	F/R
	Michele Barrett	SI/Lake Havasu City	R
1990	Kenric Tsethlikai	SI/Camelback (Phoenix)	F/R
	Stacey R. Cannon	SI/Parker	F/R
	Oden G. Alger	SI/Idyllwild	R

TRAINING AWARDS PROGRAM winners, Federation and Region:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1989	Shirley Hudson	SI/Idyllwild	F/R
	Angelia Spencer	SI/Las Cruces	F/R
	Althea Frenette	SI/Mesa-Sunset	R
1990	LaDonna Molyneaux	SI/Clovis	F/R
	Daryl Fenstra	SI/Crestline	F/R
	Deborah Voelker	SI/Flagstaff	R

FEDERATION YOUTH FORUM delegate chosen was Ann Willem, sponsored by SI/Las Cruces.

FEDERATION CLUB AWARD patches were given as follows:

1989	56 out of 83 clubs received Award of Excellence Patches - 67%
1990	47 out of 84 clubs received Award of Excellence Patches - 56%

FALL MEETINGS

Year	Divisions	Hostess	Attendance
1988	I & II	SI/San Bernardino	139
	III & IV	SI/the Arizona Peaks	206
	V & VI	SI/Phoenix, Inc.	139
1989	I & II	SI/Sun City & SI/Perris Valley	131
	III & IV	SI/Page/Lake Powell	139
	V & VI	SI/Metro Phoenix & SI/Tempe	119

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Year	Division	Hostess	Division	Hostess
1989	I	SI/Ontario	IV	SI/Prescott
	II	SI/Lake Arrowhead	V	SI/Valley of the Sun
	III	SI/Lake Havasu City	VI	SI/Las Cruces

In 1990, Training the Leaders Workshops were held in Beaumont, CA; Phoenix, AZ; and Albuquerque, NM to replace the Leadership Training Workshops for that year.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

In 1989, **Growth Awards** were awarded to 11 clubs in Div. I; 14 clubs in Div. II; 14 clubs in Div. III; 7 clubs in Div. IV; 7 clubs in Div. V; and 4 clubs in Div. VI.

In 1990, **A+ Growth Patches** were awarded to 12 clubs in Div. I; 11 clubs in Div. II; 9 clubs in Div III; 8 clubs in Div. IV; 4 clubs in Div. V; and 3 clubs in Div. VI.

Eight new clubs were chartered during the biennium:

Charter Date	Club Name	Sponsored by
10/14/88	SI/Baldy View (CA)	SI/Ontario
12/4/88	SI/Amigas de Medio Dia (AZ)	SI/Verde Valley
12/7/88	SI/Mesa-Sunset (AZ)	SI/Mesa
3/31/89	SI/Yucaipa Valley Dawn-Seekers (CA)	SI/Yucaipa Valley
4/1/89	SI/Hesperia (CA)	SI/Victor Valley
5/5/89	SI/Mesa-Tri-City (AZ)	SI/Mesa
9/24/89	SI/the Valleys (CA)	SI/Rancho Temecula
3/2/90	SI/Menifee Valley (CA)	SI/Rancho Temecula

Note: Four clubs disbanded: SI of Albuquerque, NM
SI of Santa Cruz Valley, AZ
SI of Lake Elsinore, CA
SI of Copper Canyon, AZ

Golden West Region ended the biennium with 84 clubs with an active membership of 2,511 (83 clubs in 1989 with 1,914 active members.)

SPONSORED ORGANIZATIONS

One new **Venture Club** was chartered during the biennium:

Charter Date	Club Name	Sponsored by
5/7/89	Venture Club of Riverside	SI/Riverside

Golden West Region sponsors seven Venture Clubs: Big Bear Valley, CA; Desert Tucson, AZ; Idyllwild, CA; Lake Havasu City, AZ; Mesa, AZ; Phoenix, AZ; and Riverside, CA.

The Venture Clubs of Desert Communities, CA; Prescott, AZ; and Yucca Valley, CA were disbanded.

Golden West Region sponsors nine **"S" Clubs**:

High School	Sponsoring Club
Palo Verde High School, Blythe, CA	SI/Blythe
Mohave Union High School, Bullhead City, AZ	SI/Bullhead City
Alta Loma High School, Alta Loma, CA	SI/the Foothills
Kingman High School, Kingman, AZ	SI/Kingman
Rim of the World High School, Lake Arrowhead, CA	SI/Lake Arrowhead
Lake Havasu High School, Lake Havasu City, AZ	SI/Lake Havasu City
South Mountain High School, Phoenix, AZ	SI/Phoenix Thunderbird
Black Mountain High School, Carefree, AZ	SI/Saguaro Foothills
Winslow High School, Winslow, AZ	SI/Winslow

1990 - 1992 BIENNIUM

Governor:	Fran Hall, SI/San Jacinto-Hemet Valley, CA
Governor-elect:	Alice Wells, SI/Kachinas (Phoenix), AZ
1990-91 Secretary:	Pat Tanzer, SI/Lake Havasu City, AZ
1991-92 Secretary:	Ellen Russell, SI/Phoenix, Inc., AZ
Treasurer:	Glenda Lanford, SI/Riverside, CA
Board Members:	Donna James, SI/Montclair, CA
	Margaret Henderson, SI/Palm Desert, CA
	Donna Walker, SI/Desert Tucson, AZ
Governor's Theme:	Soroptimism, Enthusiasm & Service
Federation Theme:	Building Bridges

CONFERENCES

The **1991 Spring Conference** was held at the Marriott Desert Springs June 7-8 with a theme of "Resort to the Desert." Hostess clubs were SI's of Cathedral City, Coachella Valley, Conchilla, Desert Hot Springs, Joshua Tree, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Desert-Sunrise, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Twentynine Palms, and Yucca Valley.

Leadership Workshops were incorporated into the Conference, which started early Friday morning. A total of 747 enthusiastic Soroptimists and guests were in attendance to celebrate Soroptimism's 70th Birthday, led by Glenda Lanford, Regional Treasurer, who assigned various clubs to each of the different decades of Soroptimist history. The following Federation visitors led workshops and participated in the Conference: President Joyce Byrne, Immediate Past President Patsy Daniels, Treasurer Alicia Zachman, and Secretary Sandra Dannenfeldt. First time Conference attendees were recognized with carnations presented by the Regional Board.

The **1992 Spring Conference** was held at the Hyatt Regency Downtown Phoenix on May 8-9 with a theme of "Desert Fiesta." Hostess clubs were SI of the Kachinas and SI of Camelback, with SI of Metro Phoenix providing greeters and transportation. A total of 12 Leadership Workshops were held in conjunction with Conference. Federation President Dr. Joyce Byrne trained incoming club presidents. A total of 543 dedicated Soroptimists and guests were in attendance on this Mother's Day weekend. The first time attendee awards were continued.

CONFERENCE ACTION

The Regional Procedures were brought up to date with The Plan. Federation Electoral Area Nominating procedures were established, with Golden West Region rotating with Desert Coast Region. One additional Board Member was added to the Regional Board as four new divisions were substituted for the previous six divisions (three combined.) Soroptimist Youth Forum replaced Women Helping Women Awards in projects paid from the Regional Service Fund. A Legislative Advocate Committee, including a chair and one member from California and one from Arizona replaced the Advocates from each state. The procedures were amended so that:

- Conferences could be selected up to 5 years in advance.
- Annual Registration Fees would fund Conferences only, with Fall Meetings and Leadership Workshops self-supporting.
- The Regional Board would take office on July 1 instead of at the close of convention.
- Ballots could be destroyed at the end of Conference.
- An Adjustment Task Force appointed by the Governor for each situation replaced the standing Adjustment Committee.
- Conference Locations Coordinator replaced the committee of the same name.
- Recruitment and Retention Committee replaced Growth and Development New and Existing Clubs Committees.
- The Soroptimist Structure and Regional History was added to the list of publications required to be purchased by clubs.

AWARDS

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN AWARDS were given as follows:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club
1991	Cindy Resnick	SI/Desert Tucson
	Cheri Robertson	SI/Temecula Valley
	Mary Jo West	SI/Camelback
1992	Dr. Donna G. Horn	SI/Scottsdale
	Marian Louise Ammerman	SI/Lake Havasu City
	Mary Lou Balitori	SI/San Bernardino

SOROPTIMIST YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS, Federation and Region:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1991	Andrea Gurney	SI/Tucson	F/R
	Shirish Gupta	SI/Corona	F/R
	Ian Larkin	SI/Flagstaff	R
1992	Chuck Wong	SI/Mountain Morning	F/R
	Benjamin Dalton-Brush	SI/Desert Tucson	F/R
	Frank Boroch	SI/Ontario	R

TRAINING AWARDS PROGRAM winners, Federation and Region:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1991	Karen Sue Scales	SI/Zane Grey Country	F/R
	Annie Louise Logston	SI/Flagstaff	F/R
	Tamara Huff	SI/Scottsdale	R
1992	Dauna Frazier	SI/Hemacinto	F/R
	Jenny Mary David	SI/Camelback	F/R
	Patricia Ballesteros	SI/Las Cruces	R

FEDERATION YOUTH FORUM delegates chosen were Kate Bermingham, sponsored by SI/Flagstaff and Amanda McCuen, sponsored by SI/Chino. Kate described the Federation Youth Forum held in Callaway Gardens, Georgia.

SERVICE Awards were instituted in all six program areas this biennium, with selection from Programme Focus Reports. Because of this competition, one third of the total Programme Focus Reports submitted in Soroptimist International came from clubs in GoldenWest Region, and we were formally commended by the International President. The awards were given as follows:

Economic & Social Development:

1991: Soroptimist Second Chance Thrift Store, SI/High Country (Anza), CA
Thrift Shop, SI/Valley of the Sun, AZ
Woman to Woman - A Day of Growth for Women, SI/Lake Arrowhead, CA

1992: Soroptimists Mentoring Women, SI/Mesa, Inc., AZ
Mountain Communities Needy Family Program, SI/Lake Arrowhead, CA

Education:

1991: Book Drive for Literacy, SI/Yucca Valley, CA
Support School Library, SI/High Country (Anza), CA

1992: Literacy for Spanish Speaking Women & Children, SI/El Paso, TX
Kindergarten Read-In, SI/Kachinas, AZ

Environment:
1991: Keep America Beautiful, SI/La Quinta, CA
City Recycling & Collection Stations, SI/Dawn-Seekers of Yucaipa, CA
1992: The Packing Peanut, SI/Yucca Valley, CA
People Against Cholla, SI/Valley of the Sun, AZ

Health:
1991: Women's Health Fair, SI/Lake Havasu City, AZ
CPR and Standard First Aid Clinic, SI/Running Springs Area, CA
1992: Lifespan, SI/Bullhead City, AZ
Wellness Promotion, SI/Mesa, Inc., AZ

Human Rights/Status of Women:
1991: Desert Transition House, SI/Rancho Mirage, CA
Operation Warm Blankets, SI/the Kachinas, AZ
1992: Homeless Outreach, SI/the Foothills, CA
Tres Caminos, SI/Baldy View, CA

International Goodwill & Understanding:
1991: LIGA: Medical Help for Mexican Poor, SI/Palm Desert, CA
Avenue of Flags, SI/Lake Havasu City, AZ
1992: Tibetian Women, SI/Scottsdale, AZ
Tesapaco Clinic, SI/La Quinta, CA

Special Recognition:
1992: Rainbow Kids Club, SI/Big Bear Valley, CA
Lynx Lake Project, SI/Prescott, AZ

CLUB IDENTIFYING COSTUME awards were instituted to much hilarity at the Saturday breakfast at the 1991 Conference, with Venturists in attendance serving as judges. The awards were as follows:

Fantastic on the Fringe, SI/Tucson, AZ; *Building Bridges Theme*, SI/the Foothills, CA; *Original Hats Off*, SI/Montclair, CA; *Best Use of Club Name*, SI/the Kachinas, AZ; *Most Descriptive of Area*, SI/Desert Tucson, AZ; *Best Use of Southwest Theme*, SI/Parker, AZ; *Most Assertive*, SI/Lake Havasu City, AZ; *Cutest*, SI/Sun City, CA; *Environmental*, SI/Verde Valley, AZ. Honorable Mention went to SI/Palm Desert, CA for *Sexiest*; SI/Blythe, CA for *Most Patriotic*, and SI/Running Springs Area, CA for *Sweetest*. The *Best Dressed Committee Chair* award went to Maxine Lyman, Chair, Public Relations, and the *Venture Award* went to the Golden West Regional Board.

A **POSTER CONTEST** was begun at each of the two Regional Conferences, with DONAs and REGALs of the Region serving as judges. Posters decorated the meeting hall, with judging based on best use of the Biennial Theme, Soroptimism, Enthusiasm, and Service.

1991 Winners: First Place: SI/La Quinta, CA; Second Place: SI/Lake Havasu City, AZ; Third Place: SI/Mesa, Inc., AZ.
1992 Winners: First Place: SI/Mesa, Inc., AZ; Second Place: SI/Kingman, AZ; Third Place: SI/Mesa-Sunset, AZ.

FEDERATION BUILDING BRIDGES CLUB AWARD patches were given as follows:
1991 43 out of 85 clubs - 51%
1992 46 out of 82 clubs - 56%

FALL MEETINGS

Year	Divisions	Hostess	Attendance
1990	I & II	SI/Idyllwild	142
	III & IV	SI/Kingman	173
	V & VI	SI/Gallup	109
1991	I & II	SI/Dawn-Seekers of Yucaipa, CA	174
	III & IV	SI/Verde Valley	133
	V & VI	SI/the San Tans	121

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

In 1992, **Recruitment and Retention Workshops** were hosted by SI/Palm Springs, CA and SI/Tempe, AZ. Although competition from the Spring Conference forced the cancellation of the Tempe workshop, the workshop in Palm Springs was well attended and productive. Recruitment and Retention workshops were held at each Conference, with two sessions at the 1992 Conference held in Phoenix.

1991 S.A.R.A. (Soroptimist Achievement Recognition Awards) for 25% or more growth went to SIs of: the Arizona Peaks, Page/Lake Powell, Sedona, Tempe, Valley of the Sun and Zane Grey Country in Arizona; Hemacinto, High Desert, Lake Arrowhead, La Quinta, Rancho Mirage, and San Jacinto-Hemet Valley in California; and the Sandias in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

1992 S.A.R.A. awards for any growth went to SIs of: Kingman, Lake Havasu City, Mesa, Mountain Morning, Parker, San Tans, Tucson, and Winslow in Arizona; Beaumont, Blythe, Coachella Valley, Dawn-Seekers of Yucaipa, Desert Hot Springs, Foothills, Moreno Valley, Ontario, Palm Springs, Perris Valley, Redlands-Sunrise, Riverside, and Running Springs Area in California; and Gallup and Las Cruces in New Mexico.

Two new clubs were chartered during the biennium:

Charter Date	Club Name	Sponosored by
8/4/90	SI/Prescott Valley (AZ)	SI/Prescott
4/28/91	SI/Mountain Morning (Flagstaff, AZ)	SI/Flagstaff

Note: One club disbanded: SI/Western Pinal Valley, AZ

Six clubs merged: SI/Conchilla with SI/Coachella Valley, CA
SI/Joshua Tree with SI/Yucca Valley, CA
SI/Mesa Tri City with SI/Mesa, Inc.

Golden West Region ended the biennium with 82 clubs with an active membership of 2,034.

SPONSORED ORGANIZATIONS

Venture played an active role in Golden West Region during the biennium with Venturists serving as pages at both Conferences, and Venture Clubs of the Americas President Sue Van Vleck, Pacific Region's Governor Debbi Ortego, Secretary Marcelle Voorhies, and Treasurer Patti Tucker the official visitors at the 1991 Spring Conference, and Governor-elect Marcelle Voorhies the official visitor at the 1992 Spring Conference.

Five new Venture Clubs were chartered during the biennium, earning Golden West Region the **Gold Award** from Venture Clubs of the Americas President Sue Van Vleck.

Charter Date	Club Name	Sponsored by
1/13/91	Venture Club of Kingman	SI/Kingman
10/25/91	Venture Club of the San Tans	SI/the San Tans
3/21/92	Venture Club of the Foothills	SI/the Foothills
6/12/92	Venture Club of Tucson	SI/Tucson
6/28/92	Venture Club of San Jacinto Valley	SI/Hemacinto and San Jacinto-Hemet Valley

31st BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS

Amidst the splendor of historic Kyoto, Japan, our own DONA Sandra Dannenfeldt, Golden West Region Governor 1988-90, SI/Flagstaff, was elected SIA Secretary 1990-91. Sandra was nominated from the floor, making her successful bid even more memorable!

SIA FOUNDATIONS AND FEDERATION ELECTIONS

DONA Petty Zimmerman was elected Foundations Board Director for a four-year term (1990-94) and served as Foundations Secretary-Treasurer during the last two years of her term. With the passage of The Plan, Golden West Region became eligible to elect a Federation Board Member from Electoral Area 9 in 1992. A nominating committee was formed with DONA Sandra Dannenfeldt chairing, with members DONA Marie Seybold and Desert Coast Region's Janice Patronite. Nomination forms were mailed to all clubs, with mail ballots following. Fran Hall was elected to the Federation Board.

1992 - 1994 BIENNIUM

Governor:	Alice Wells, SI/Kachinas (Phoenix), AZ
Governor-elect:	Donna Walker, SI/Desert Tucson, AZ
Secretary:	Sharon Jones, SI/Mountain Morning (Flagstaff), AZ
Treasurer:	Donna James, SI/Montclair/Inland Valley, CA
Board Members:	Gary Pitts, SI/Dawn-Seekers of Yucaipa, CA
	Margaret Henderson, SI/Palm Desert, CA
	Helen Horstman, SI/Flagstaff, AZ
	Judy Thomas, SI/Kachinas (Phoenix), AZ
Governor's Theme:	Catch the Spirit!
Federation Theme:	Discover New Horizons

CONFERENCES

The **1993 Spring Conference** was held on June 11 & 12 at The Westin La Paloma, Tucson, Arizona, under the theme of "Soroptimist Sizzle! Tucson Style." SI of Desert Tucson, assisted by SI of Tucson, hosted the Conference.

Workshops offering Soroptimist and leadership training were followed by divisional luncheons, which preceded the opening ceremonies. A total of 503 Soroptimists and guests were in attendance. DONA Fran Hall, SIA Board Member, was the official Federation visitor. Delegates elected division members to the 1993-95 GWR Nominating Committee. A "mini" Legislative Workshop was initiated to familiarize Golden West Region members with the Soroptimist Legislative Workshop, which is held each March in Sacramento, California.

The **1994 Spring Conference**, hosted by SI of Riverside, was held at the Holiday Inn and Riverside Convention Center, Riverside, California, April 29 & 30, under the theme of "Catch the Spirit!...it Sparkles in Riverside!" A total of 538 Soroptimists and guests were in attendance.

Twelve leadership and professional development workshops were held in conjunction with Conference. SIA President-elect Cherryl Liddle, SI of Del Amo/Torrance, California, was the official Federation visitor. Attendees heard the success story of a former TAP winner. A second "mini" Legislative Workshop dealt with the HIV virus and AIDS pandemic that has increased dramatically over the past ten years. Delegates elected officers and board members for the 1994-96 Biennium.

CONFERENCE ACTION

Regional Procedures continued to be "fine tuned" in accordance with changes brought about by the implementation of The Plan. The procedures were amended to:

- insure that a review board independent of the regional board would be provided in the case of removal from office of an officer or board member;
- define to whom the Laws & Resolutions Committee's report is given and when;
- clarify the definition of a club in "good standing."

During the 1993 Conference, a resolution proposing that Golden West Region be formed into two new regions by July 1, 1994, was defeated. Delegates approved an index proposing that SIA amend Federation Bylaws to allow the Convention body, in the year of Convention, even numbered years, to elect the President-elect and to elect the President-elect by mail ballot in the odd numbered years. A resolution was submitted to SIA opposing the Federation Board Policy, which excludes Soroptimist members, SIA employees and their immediate families from eligibility for any monetary award available to the public.

AWARDS

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN AWARDS were given as follows:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club
1993	Dr. Pauline H. Don Carlos	SI/Prescott, Inc.
	Ann Barker	SI/Mesa, Inc.
	Ann Young	SI/Desert Tucson
1994	Helen W. Meyers	SI/Lake Arrowhead
	LaVergne Rosow	SI/Beaumont
	Paula Hoemann	SI/Blythe

SOROPTIMIST YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS, Federation and Region:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1993	Quyhn Le	SI/Foothills, Inc.	F/R
	Bree De Moss	SI/San Jacinto/Hemet Valley	F/R
	Alexa Franco	SI/La Quinta	R
1994	Tiffany Griego	SI/Camelback, Inc.	F/R
	Hung Sa Rath Kloeung	SI/Kachinas, Inc.	F/R
	Kristin Rene Herdman	SI/Riverside	R

TRAINING AWARDS PROGRAM winners, Federation and Region:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1993	Holleen Kay Lawrence	SI/Valley of the Sun, Inc.	F/R
	Dana Janine White	SI/Corona	F/R
	Venancia White	SI/Las Cruces	R
1994	Donna Palivos	SI/Cathedral City	F/R
	Donna Forman	SI/Mesa Sunset	F/R
	Betty McGarry	SI/Redlands	R

FEDERATION YOUTH FORUM delegates representing Golden West Region in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, January 26-30, 1994 were Manish Desai of Ontario sponsored by SIs/ Baldy View, Chino, the Foothills, Inc. and Montclair/Inland Valley, and Catherine Campbell of Hemet sponsored by SI/San Jacinto-Hemet Valley. Catherine related her experiences at the 1994 Spring Conference.

A **FOUNDATION SILENT AUCTION** was held at each Conference with the total net proceeds of approximately $3,500.00 benefiting the regional SYCA, TAP and Youth Forum programs and the SIA Foundation.

SERVICE Awards continued in each of the six programs of service areas this biennium under the direction of the regional Service Committee. Clubs submitted 213 Program Focus Reports during the 1992-93 club year, and 241 Program Focus Reports during the 1993-94 club year. The awards were given as follows:

Economic & Social Development:

1993: Senior Emergency Fund, SI/Dawn-Seekers of Yucaipa, CA
Child Care, SI/Big Bear Valley, Inc., CA

1994: Child Care, SI/Big Bear Valley, Inc., CA
Business Attire for Women, SI/Apache Junction, AZ

Education:

1993: "Pretty Woman Inside & Out," SI/Running Springs Area, CA
Center of New Directions Mentoring Forum/Luncheon, SI/Mesa, Inc., AZ

1994: "March into your Future," SI/Lake Havasu City, AZ
San Bernardino Mountains Coloring Book, SI/Crestline, CA

Environment:

1993: Mountain Environmental Watch, SI/Lake Arrowhead, CA
Environmental Plant Sale, SI/El Paso, TX

1994: Adopt-a-Trail, SI/Tucson, AZ
Daffodils, SI/Running Springs Area, CA

Health:

1993: International Guiding Eyes, SI/Baldy View, CA
Crippled Children's Hospital Van, SI/Coachella Valley, CA

1994: Well Baby Clinic, SI/Hesperia, CA
Cleft Palate and Facial Abnormalities Clinic, SI/El Paso, TX

Human Rights/Status of Women:

1993: Leaping Into Your Future, SI/Lake Havasu City, AZ
Rape Care Kits, SI/Camelback, Inc., AZ

1994: Kathryn Finch Special Education Class, SI/Palm Springs, CA
Senior Ladies, SI/Blythe, CA

International Goodwill & Understanding:

1993: Flying Doctors, SI/La Quinta, CA
Inter-Racial Conference, SI/Foothills, Inc., CA

1994: Orphanage - Clothing & Food, SI/Moreno Valley, CA
Foreign Exchange Student Christmas Party, SI/Dawn-Seekers of Yucaipa, CA

A **CLUB BROCHURE CONTEST** was implemented by the Recruitment & Retention Committee to recognize clubs that developed brochures used as a sales tool for prospective members. The awards were as follows:

1993 - "Best Overall Club Brochure"
1st place: SI/Running Springs Area
2nd place: SI/the Arizona Peaks
3rd place: SI/Twentynine Palms

1994 - "Best Content and Message"
1st place: SI/Flagstaff

1994 - "Best Layout and Readability"
1st place: SI/Mesa Sunset

The **CLUB NEWSLETTER CONTEST** continued. Clubs were recognized in various categories and the top three "Best Overall Club Newsletter" recipients were awarded a ribbon, certificate of appreciation and a banner patch:

1993 Winners: First Place: SI/Phoenix, Inc., AZ; Second Place: SI/La Quinta, CA; Third Place: SI/Dawn-Seekers of Yucaipa, CA.

1994 Winners: First Place: SI/Riverside, CA; Second Place: SI/La Quinta, CA; Third Place: SI/Running Springs Area, CA.

FEDERATION CLUB AWARD patches were given as follows:

1991-92 club year 45 out of 83 clubs - 54%
1992-93 club year 43 out of 85 clubs - 51%

FALL MEETINGS

Year	Divisions	Hostess	Attendance
1992	I	SI/Corona & SI/Norco	117
	II	SI/Coachella Valley	168
	III	SI/Zane Grey Country	90
	IV	SI/Clovis	84
1993	I	SI/Big Bear Valley, Inc.	129
	II	SI/Banning & SI/Beaumont	142
	III	SI/Wickenburg, Inc.	159
	IV	SI/Scottsdale, SI/Saguaro Foothills and SI/Valley of the Sun	118

The regional board approved a specially designed banner patch which will be awarded to all clubs who have hosted a Fall Meeting since Golden West Region was formed in 1978.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

1993 S.A.R.A. (Soroptimist Achievement Recognition Awards) for 25% or more growth during the 1991-92 club year were awarded to SIs of: the Arizona Peaks, Kingman, Parker, Sedona, and Wickenburg in Arizona; Baldy View, Chino, La Quinta, Lake Arrowhead, Moreno Valley, Needles, Palm Desert-Sunrise, Running Springs Area, Temecula Valley, Twentynine Palms, the Valleys, and Victor Valley in California; Clovis in New Mexico; and El Paso in Texas.

1994 S.A.R.A. (Soroptimists Actively Seeking Apples) awards were presented to all clubs which achieved "positive" growth during the 1992-1994 Bi ennium: SIs of Apache Junction, the Arizona Peaks, Bullhead City/Laughlin, Desert Tucson, Flagstaff, Lake Havasu City, Mesa Sunset, Phoenix, Prescott, Prescott Valley, Tempe, Valley of the Sun, and Verde Valley in Arizona; SIs of Beaumont, Blythe, Desert Hot Springs, the Foothills, Idyllwild, La Quinta, Norco, Palm Desert-Sunrise, Perris Valley, San Bernardino, Twentynine Palms, and Yucaipa Valley in California; and SIs of Clovis and Gallup in New Mexico. SI of Apache Junction was awarded a special plaque for 65% growth.

Emphasis was placed on membership retention during the biennium. Active membership figures increased despite the fact that the region experienced the disbanding and merging of a number of clubs:

Four clubs disbanded: SI/Arlington Heights
SI/Menifee Valley
SI/Metro Phoenix
SI/Phoenix Thunderbird

Six clubs merged: SI/Amigas de Medio Dia with SI/Verde Valley
SI/Ontario with SI/Baldy View
SI/Redlands Sunrise with SI/Redlands

Golden West Region ended the biennium with 75 clubs with an active membership of 2,155.

SPONSORED ORGANIZATIONS

Venture continued to play an active role in Golden West Region during the biennium with Venturists in attendance at both Conferences. Pacific Region Governor Marcelle Voorhies was the official visitor at the 1993 Spring Conference. Lorie Allen, Pacific Region Governor-elect, Venture Club of Riverside, was the official visitor at the 1994 Spring Conference.

Two new Venture Clubs were chartered during the biennium:

Charter Date	Club Name	Sponsored by
7/24/93	Venture Club of the Inland Valley	SI/Montclair/Inland Valley
12/2/93	Venture Club of Victor Valley	SI/Victor Valley

Note: Venture Club of San Jacinto Valley and Venture Club of the San Tans disbanded.

"S" Clubs received renewed attention this biennium:

Charter Date	Club Name	Sponsored by
5/11/94	"S" Club of Barstow	SI/the Barstow Area
5/25/94	"S" Club of River Valley High School	SI/Bullhead City/Laughlin

Note: "S" Clubs at Alta Loma High School (Alta Loma, CA), Rim of the World High School (Lake Arrowhead, CA) and South Mountain High School (Phoenix, AZ) disbanded.

32nd BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS

Co-chairs DONA Lynn Wurth and Sue Ayars, SI of Phoenix, Inc., assisted by Golden West Region Soroptimists, hosted the 1992 Federation Convention held at the Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona, on July 16-20.

1994 - 1996 BIENNIUM

Governor:	Donna Walker, SI/Desert Tucson, AZ
Governor-elect:	Margaret Henderson, SI/Palm Desert, CA
Secretary:	Sharon Jones, SI/the Arizona Peaks (Flagstaff), AZ
Treasurer:	Donna James, SI/Montclair/Inland Valley, CA
District 1 Director:	Gladys Weems, SI/San Bernardino, CA
District 2 Director:	Sherrie Yoshimura, SI/La Quinta, CA
District 3 Director:	Helen Horstman, SI/Flagstaff, AZ
District 4 Director:	Lori Daniels, SI/the San Tans, Inc. (Phoenix), AZ
Governor's Theme:	Find A Need & Fill It!
Federation Theme:	A World of Possibilities

CONFERENCES

The **1995 Spring Conference**, "Where Dreams Take Flight," was held on May 5-6 at the Red Lion Inn in Ontario, California. SIs of Baldy View, Chino, Inc., the Foothills, Inc. and Montclair/Inland Valley hosted the Conference, which was attended by a total of 466 Soroptimists and guests. Betty King, member of the SIA Board of Directors, was the official Federation visitor. Delegates elected 1995-97 GWR Nominating Committee members. "News in Flight," the first Conference newsletter, was distributed to attendees.

The **1996 Spring Conference**, "A Gathering of Stars," was held on May 3-4 at the DoubleTree Paradise Valley Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. A total of 528 Soroptimists and guests attended the Conference, which was hosted by SIs of Scottsdale, Inc., Phoenix, Inc., Saguaro Foothills, Inc., and the San Tans, Inc. Betty King, 1995-96 Secretary/Treasurer of the SIA Board of Directors, was again welcomed as the official Federation visitor. Patricia "Patsy" Daniels, 1995-97 President, Soroptimist International, was the keynote speaker addressing the 1995-1999 International theme, "Soroptimist...A Global Voice for Women."

CONFERENCE ACTION

Regional procedures were amended to:

- include past governors in mail ballot voting;
- substitute districts/district directors in place of divisions/division board members;
- define the selection of electoral area nominating committee members;
- increase regional dues from $10.00 to $15.00 per member with the exception of Active Life and Retired Life Members effective July 1, 1996;
- change the due date for regional dues to June 1;
- add provisions for the handling of delinquent dues.

During the 1996 Conference, the resolution "Women's Vote 96: The Deciding Vote" was approved.

AWARDS

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN AWARDS were given as follows:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club
1995	Nancy Bergman	SI/Desert Tucson
	Linda Comacho	SI/Twentynine Palms
	Dr. Ruth Tan Lim	SI/Mesa-Sunset
1996	Kathleen Mitchell	SI/Phoenix, Inc.
	Mara E. Cantelo	SI/Yucca Valley
	Virginia McKechnie	SI/Lake Havasu City

SOROPTIMIST YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS, Federation and Region:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1995	Ana Pederson	SI/Kingman	F/R
	Ramon Dominguez Jr.	SI/El Paso	F/R
	Autumn Anderson	SI/Hemacinto	R
1996	Monica Arriola	SI/the Chino Valley, Inc.	F/R
	Virginia Ramos	SI/El Paso	F/R
	Stephen Massey	SI/Camelback, Inc.	R

TRAINING AWARDS PROGRAM winners, Federation and Region:

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1995	Elaine Louise Conway	SI/Camelback, Inc.	F/R
	Mary Rodriguez	SI/Estrella	F/R
	Sheila DeLeon Lewis	SI/Parker	R
1996	Kim Maxwell	SI/Yucca Valley	F/R
	Linda Fray	SI/Redlands	F/R
	Lynda Louise Gunderson	SI/Desert Hot Springs, Inc.	R

YOUTH FORUM continued to provide the opportunity for young people throughout Golden West Region to debate issues pertinent to today's society and as future leaders, to suggest possible solutions to build a better world. Jared Rivera, the March 1995 GWR Youth Forum winner, and Josephine Holmon, the November 1995 GWR Youth Forum winner, represented Golden West Region at the 1996 Federation Youth Forum in Valle de la Huasca, Hidalgo, Mexico, in January.

The **GWR FOUNDATION COMMITTEE** raised a record $13,078.94 during the Biennium to benefit the regional YCA, TAP and Youth Forum programs and the SIA Foundation. Fund raising projects included District Fall Meeting raffles, the sale of personal safety alarms, Birthday Challenge, and Silent Auctions at Conference, which featured theme gift baskets.

SERVICE

Golden West Region clubs continued to submit record numbers of Program Focus Reports describing a wide variety of projects. Outstanding projects in each of the six programs of service areas were recognized:

Economic & Social Development:

1995: Taking Our Daughters to Work - SI/Twentynine Palms
Network Night - SI/Yucca Valley
Back to School Back Packs - SI/Palm Desert-Sunrise

1996: Returning/Joining the Workplace - SI/Coachella Valley
Women as Entrepreneurs - SIs of Coachella Valley, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Desert-Sunrise, Cathedral City-Rancho Mirage, and Palm Springs

Education:

1995: Self Esteem Workshops for Middle Schools Girls - shared by SIs of Lake Havasu City, Palm Desert, Palm Desert-Sunrise and Saguaro Foothills, Inc.
Multiple Activities Benefiting Young People - SI/Kingman

1996: Right to Read - SI/Apache Junction
Multi-Agency Library - SI/Palm Desert

Environment:

1995: Fish City/Fish Condos - SI/Mesa-Sunset
Adopt A Trail/Santa Catalina Mountains - SI/Tucson
Establishment of Sunset Park - SI/Wickenburg, Inc.

1996: Wild Haven - SI/Lake Arrowhead, Inc.
Earth Day Celebration - SI/the San Tans, Inc.

Health:

1995: Mammogram Program - SI/Big Bear Valley, Inc.
For the Love of a Child - SI/Riverside
Women's Health Fair - SI/Lake Havasu City

1996: Cans + Exams = Life - SI/the Chino Valley, Inc.
World AIDS Day Workplace Education - SI/the San Tans, Inc.

Human Rights/Status of Women:

1995: Sex Assault Kits - SI/Camelback, Inc.
Public Service Video Urging Women to Vote - SI/San Bernardino
Women's Symposium 1995 - SI/Prescott Valley, Inc.

1996: Clothes for Kids at Christmas - SI/Big Bear Valley, Inc.
Caravan of Care - SI/Palm Desert-Sunrise

International Goodwill & Understanding:

1995: Flying Doctors - SI/La Quinta
Genesis Shelter Services - SI/Riverside
Books to Foreign Countries - SI/Kingman

1996: Books to Foreign Countries - SI/Kingman
International Soroptimist Fiesta - SI/Dawn-Seekers of Yucaipa, CA

A **HAT PARADE** during the 1996 Spring Conference provided a fun way for clubs to create hats depicting their service projects. Thirty four clubs participated and three clubs each received a $25 GWR Service Fund check for their service account: Most Beautiful--SI/Montclair/Inland Valley; Most Humorous--SI/Blythe; and Best Depiction of a Service Project--SI/Sedona, Inc.

CLUB NEWSLETTER certificates of participation in the Regional Newsletter Network were presented to 52 clubs and one Venture club in 1995, and to 51 clubs and one Venture club in 1996. SI/Riverside's newsletter, "Riversidelines," was inducted into the GWR Newsletter Hall of Fame in 1995. Best overall newsletter awards were presented to:

1995	1st Place:	"The Valley Viewpoint"	SI/Montclair/Inland Valley
	2nd Place:	"SoroptiMoos"	SI/Chino, Inc.
	3rd Place:	"Bear Details"	SI/Big Bear Valley, Inc.
	Honorable Mention:	"Soroptalk"	SI/Sedona
1996	1st Place:	"Network"	SI/Desert Tucson
	2nd Place:	"Bear Facts"	SI/Idyllwild
	3rd Place:	"Hot Bytes"	SI/El Paso

Certificates were presented to clubs for newsletter excellence in specialty categories, and to clubs that participated in the Media Recognition Program by submitting information on club publicity.

FEDERATION CLUB AWARD banner patches were awarded as follows:

1993-94 club year	32 out of 75 clubs (43%)
1994-95 club year	48 out of 73 clubs (66%)
1995-96 club year	43 out of 73 clubs (59%)

SOROPTIMISTS CELEBRATING SUCCESS!, the Federation Awards Program recognizing successful club projects in ten categories and regional projects in five categories, was well represented by Golden West Region and clubs:

1994-95 club year	18 club entries, 1 region entry, 6 semi-finalists, 1 finalist
1995-96 club year	31 club entries, 1 region entry, 6 semi-finalists, 1 finalist

FALL MEETINGS

Year	Divisions	Hostess	Attendance
1994	I	SI/Barstow Area	157
	II	SI/San Jacinto-Hemet Valley	146
	III	SI/Blythe	97
	IV	SI/Las Cruces	102
Year	**Districts**	**Hostess**	
1995	1	SI/Montclair/Inland Valley	92
	2	SI/Idyllwild	111
	3	SI/Sedona, Inc.	131
	4	SI/Tucson	101

SPRING CONFERENCE BANNER PATCH

An embroidered butterfly banner patch was presented to each of the 25 clubs, which hosted a Golden West Region Spring Conference since the Region was formed in 1978. A gold butterfly charm will be attached to the banner patch for each additional Conference hosted. This tradition will be carried on into the future.

PRESIDENTS' RETREAT

The Presidents' Retreat was initiated to provide incoming club presidents with leadership training, resources, and the opportunity to network with other club presidents. The first annual Presidents' Retreat was held in July, 1994, with 54 out of 74 Golden West Region clubs represented. In 1995, participation increased to 57 out of 73 Golden West Region clubs and one Venture Club.

SOROPTIMIST DAY AT THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE I

On Wednesday, April 5, 1995, a pioneer group of 36 Soroptimists representing 11 Arizona clubs met together at the Arizona State Capitol in Phoenix for the first state legislative workshop, "Dorothy Vale Kissinger Legislative Advocacy Workshop." At the 1996 Soroptimist Day at the Legislature II, participation doubled to 74 Soroptimists representing 28 clubs from Arizona, California and Nevada.

GWR FRIENDSHIP GRANT

A Friendship Grant was developed in 1996, which offers an opportunity for Soroptimist members residing outside the Federation boundaries of Soroptimist International of the Americas to visit areas within Golden West Region. A total of six applications were received and two recipients were selected to visit District 3 clubs in the Fall of 1996. Future invitations will rotate among the four Districts of Golden West Region.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

The Recruitment & Retention Committee continued to work with Golden West Region clubs to combat the high attrition rate that is being felt within all regions of SIA. Club efforts were awarded as follows:

1995	Positive Growth	(7/1/94 - 5/1/95)	43 out of 73 clubs
1996	Recruitment Recognition	(7/1/95 - 3/31/96)	22 out of 73 clubs
	Retention Recognition	(7/1/91 - 6/30/95)	44 out of 73 clubs

One club disbanded: SI/Tempe
Golden West Region ended the biennium with 73 clubs with an active membership of 2,049.

SPONSORED ORGANIZATIONS

Venture continued to play an active role in Golden West Region. 1994-96 Venture Pacific Region Governor Lorie Yeager, Venture Club of Riverside, was the official visitor at the 1995 and 1996 Spring Conferences. Governor Lorie will become the second Venture member from a Golden West Region-sponsored Venture Club to be elected to the position of President, Venture Clubs of the Americas. Governor Lorie will be installed as the 1996-98 President.

Two new **Venture Clubs** were chartered during the biennium:

Charter Date	Club Name	Sponsored by
8/13/94	Venture Club of the Flagstaff Peaks	SI/Flagstaff and SI/the Arizona Peaks
7/22/95	Venture Club of San Bernardino	SI/San Bernardino

Golden West Region now sponsors 11 Venture Clubs: Big Bear Valley, CA; Desert Tucson, AZ; the Flagstaff Peaks, AZ; Inland Valley, CA; Kingman, AZ; Mesa, AZ; Phoenix, AZ; Riverside, CA; San Bernardino, CA; Tucson, AZ; and Victor Valley, CA.

Venture Club of the Foothills and Venture Club of Lake Havasu City disbanded.

One **"S" Club** was chartered this biennium:

Charter Date	Club Name	Sponsored by
12/16/94	"S" Club of Yucca Valley	SI/Yucca Valley

Golden West Region now sponsors nine "S" Clubs: Barstow High School, Barstow, CA; Palo Verde High School, Blythe, CA; Mohave Union High School, Bullhead City, AZ; River Valley High School, Mohave Valley, AZ; Hamilton High School, Anza, CA; Kingman High School, Kingman, AZ; Lake Havasu City High School, Lake Havasu City, AZ ; Winslow High School, Winslow, AZ; and Yucca Valley High School, Yucca Valley, CA.

33rd BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS

Golden West Region Soroptimists participated in the July 1-5, 1994, Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, which was attended by 1,200 Soroptimists, guests and friends. Monday, July 4, Independence Day for U.S. attendees, was dedicated to the idea of legislative advocacy–what it is and how to accomplish social action through employment of advocacy techniques and strategies. Governors of the six western regions, including Golden West Region, participated in the daylong program, "Advocacy–Soroptimist Style."

XV SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION

For the first time in 18 years, the International Convention was held in the United States of America. Over 2,700 Soroptimists representing 68 of 112 countries gathered together in San Francisco, California, on July 2-6, 1995, for the XV Soroptimist International Convention. Golden West Region members assisted in the registration process for this Convention. Dr. Cornelio Sommaruga, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross accepted a check for ,73,400 Sterling given by Soroptimists to help unite families in former Yugoslavia, and wished Soroptimist International a happy 75th birthday "keeping in mind the motto of the Red Cross: `Per Humanitatem ad pacem' (Through humanity to peace). We shall apply it together!"

34th BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS

Golden West Region Soroptimists were among the 1,559 Soroptimists, guests and friends who celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Soroptimist during the 34th Biennial Convention of Soroptimist International of the Americas on June 21-24, 1996, in Anaheim, California. A commemorative booklet, "Soroptimist International of the Americas, Serving Communities for 75 Years," was published to commemorate 75 years of distinguished history and service, and to honor every Soroptimist member for adding her own footprints to the great mark that Soroptimist has made on the world. Golden West Region memorabilia was placed in the time capsule, which will be opened in the Year 2021. 1994-96 Governor Donna L. Walker, SI of Desert Tucson, was installed as Member, 1996-98 Board of Directors, Soroptimist International of the Americas, Electoral Area 9 Representative.

1996 - 1998 BIENNIUM

Governor	Margaret Henderson, SI of Palm Desert, CA
Governor-Elect	Donna James, SI of Montclair/Inland Valley, CA
Secretary	Pam Bradford, SI of Riverside, CA
Treasurer	Beverly Truett, SI of the San Tans, Inc., AZ
District 1 Director	Gladys Weems, SI of San Bernardino, CA
District 2 Director	Sherrie Yoshimura, SI of La Quinta, CA
District 3 Director	Brenda Martinson, SI of Flagstaff, AZ
District 4 Director	Donna Cranswick, SI of Camelback, AZ
Governor's Theme	Soroptimists Are Real!
Federation Theme:	Making A Difference For Women

CONFERENCES

The 1997 Spring Conference, "The Real Desert - Soroptimist Style," was held on June 6-7 at the La Quinta Resort and Club in La Quinta, California. SI of Palm Desert, SI of Cathedral City-Rancho Mirage, SI of Coachella Valley, SI of La Quinta, SI of Palm Desert-Sunrise, SI of Twentynine Palms, and SI of Yucca Valley hosted the Conference, which was attended by a total of 754 Soroptimists and guests. DONA Donna Walker, SI of Desert Tucson, member of the SIA Board of Directors, was the official Federation visitor. Delegates elected the 1997-99 GWR Nominating Committee members. The conference was highlighted by the "Real Stars on the Desert" Dinner where Soroptimists came dressed as their favorite movie stars and danced the night away.

The 1998 Spring Conference, "Soroptimists Are Real Winners," was held on June 5-6 at the Gold River Resort and Casino in Laughlin, Nevada. SI of Blythe, SI of Bullhead City-Laughlin, SI of Kingman, SI of Lake Havasu City, SI of Needles, and SI of Parker hosted the Conference, which was attended by a total of 624 Soroptimists and guests. Dolores Crawford, SI of Colon, Republic of Panama, member of the SIA Board of Directors, was the official Federation visitor. Delegates elected the 1998-2000 Golden West Region Officers and District Directors. The conference was highlighted by the Golden West Region's 20th Anniversary Party, which included a special toast by DONA LeOra Lindteigen, SI of Mesa, Inc., and a special presentation by REGAL Brigitta Page, SI of Banning, on the history of the Golden West Region.

CONFERENCE ACTION

1997 Regional Procedures were amended to:

~ Update the GWR Procedures to comply with Federation changing the word "procedure" to "bylaw"
~ Clarify GWR Procedure R-24 by removing the title "Additional Duties of Technical Committees"

1998 Regional Bylaws were amended to:

~ Reword Bylaw R-6 Adjustment Committee
~ Delete Bylaw R-11 Alternate Member to the Nominating Committee
~ Clarify eligibility standards for the office of governor (Bylaw R-14)
~ Delete Adjustment Committee from Bylaw R-22
~ Clarify conference locations coordinator job description (Bylaw R-22)
~ Update the GWR Bylaws (full document) to comply with Federation changing Training Awards Program (TAP) to Women's Opportunity Award (WOA)
~ Enable the GWR Board to increase the number of Regional Service Awards presented (ie: WOA, YCA, Youth Forum) when additional funds are available (Bylaw R-23)
~ Update the duties of the Publications Committee (Bylaw R-24)
~ Ensure that all club bylaws are reviewed each biennium (Bylaw R-24)
~ Change deadline date for regional dues from June 1 to July 1
~ Add Bylaw R-32 Parliamentary Authority

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN AWARDS

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club
1997	Mary Jane Naylor	SI of Norco
	Mary L. Wright	SI of San Jacinto-Hemet Valley
	Sister Barbara Ann Stowasser	SI of Desert Tucson
1998	Betty Delle Corte-Ryan	SI of Phoenix, Inc.
	Pamela A. Martin, Ph.D.	SI of Phoenix, Inc.
	Sheila Tobias	SI of Desert Tucson

YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS ~ FEDERATION AND REGION

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1997	Katrina (Katie) Petersen *	SI of the Arizona Peaks	F/R
	Brandi Baumkirchner	SI of Lake Havasu City	F/R
	Talana Overton	SI of Clovis	R
	* Received the 1997 Federation Youth Citizenship Award		
1998	Augustine Bartning	SI of Phoenix, Inc.	F/R
	Teresita Hurtado	SI of the Kachinas, Inc.	F/R
	Shana Baumgartner	SI of San Bernardino	R

TRAINING AWARDS PROGRAM (1997)
WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARDS (1998)
FEDERATION AND REGION

Year	Recipient	Sponsoring Club	
1997	Marie Ottesen	SI of Mesa, Inc.	F/R
	Sandra Fuentes	SI of Lake Arrowhead, Inc.	F/R
	Yolanda Hernandez	SI of Tucson	R
1998	Theresa Navone	SI of Crestline	F/R
	Brittany Done	SI of Scottsdale, Inc.	F/R
	Marie Ottesen	SI of Mesa, Inc.	R

YOUTH FORUM

The 1996 GWR Youth Forum was held on November 22-24 at the Ontario Airport Marriott in Ontario, California. Forty students attended with Michael Easton, sponsored by SI of Kingman, being chosen to represent the Golden West Region at the SIA Federation Youth Forum.

The 1997 GWR Youth Forum was held on November 21-23 at the Quality Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona. Forty students attended with Erica Westenberg, sponsored by SI of Phoenix, Inc., being chosen to represent the Golden West Region at the SIA Federation Youth Forum.

Erica, Michael, and Linda Orr, 1996-98 GWR Youth Forum Coordinator, attended the SIA Federation Youth Forum held in Nara, Japan, on January 20-25, 1998.

GOLDEN WEST REGION FOUNDATION

The GWR Foundation committee raised more than $11,000 over the last two years; $405 from sale and raffle of Soroptimist Music Boxes, $190 from a District 4 Fall Meeting raffle, $4,667 from the 1997 Spring Conference Silent Auction, and $5,917 from the 1998 Spring Conference Silent Auction.

PROGRAMS OF SERVICE AWARDS

Golden West Region clubs continued to submit record numbers of Program Focus Reports describing a wide variety of projects. Outstanding projects in each of the six programs of service areas were recognized:

Economic and Social Development:

1997	Domestic Violence, SI of Scottsdale, Inc. Birthday Parties for Patients of Coronado Nursing Home, SI of El Paso
1998	Foundation Grants - Homeward Bound, SI of Phoenix, Inc. Caravan of Care, SI of Palm Desert-Sunrise

Human Rights/Status of Women:

1997	Autumn House, SI of Apache Junction The Elderly, SI of San Jacinto-Hemet Valley
1998	W.I.N.G.S. - Women in Need of Support, SI of Hemacinto 1997 Arizona Women's Town Hall, Arizona Women - Igniting the Power of Community, SI of Phoenix, Inc.

Education:

1997	Making the U.S. Our Playground, SI of the Chino Valley, Inc. Kindergarten Back Packs, SI of the High Country
1998	Teen Self-Esteem Day, SI of Big Bear Valley, Inc. Dreams and Decisions, SI of Corona

Health:

1997	Women's Health and Beauty Fair, SI of Apache Junction Make A Difference Day Food Collection,Community CPR Class andCommunity Health Fair, SI of Crestline
1998	Senior Emergency Fund, SI Dawn-Seekers of Yucaipa Tobacco Education in Schools, SI of San Bernardino

International Goodwill and Understanding:

1997	International Women's Day, SI of Scottsdale, Inc. Christian Children's Fund, SI of Crestline
1998	"See" You at El Reino de los Ninos (The Kid's Kingdom), SI of Moreno Valley Friendship Link - Here Comes Santa Claus, SI of the Kachinas, Inc.

Environment:

1997	Poppy Planting, SI of Yucca Valley Crafton Hills Conservancy, SI Dawn-Seekers of Yucaipa
1998	50 Trees for 50 Years of Service to Our Community, SI of Coachella Valley Trail Clean Up at Catalina State Park, SI of Tucson

Multi-Area Service Project:

1998	Women's Expo, SI of Kingman

PUBLIC RELATIONS RECOGNITION

Club Newsletter Awards were presented to:

1997	Hall of Fame	"Network"	SI of Desert Tucson
	1st Place	"SOL"	SI of Phoenix, Inc.
	2nd Place	"Soropti-Moos"	SI of the Chino Valley, Inc.
	3rd Place	"The Valley Viewpoint"	SI of Montclair/Inland Valley
1998	1st Place - Tie	"The Sun Times"	SI of Palm Desert-Sunrise
	1st Place - Tie	"Soropti-Moos"	SI of the Chino Valley, Inc.
	2nd Place	"Cactus Communiqué"	SI of Victor Valley, Inc.
	3rd Place	"Soroptinews"	SI of Kingman
	Honorable Mention	"Covey of Gems"	SI of La Quinta

Newsletter Specialty Category Awards were presented to:

1997	SI of San Bernardino	SI of Prescott, Inc.
	SI of Big Bear Valley, Inc.	SI of El Paso
	Venture Club Pacific Region	SI of Kingman
	SI of Sedona	SI of San Jacinto-Hemet Valley
	SI of Scottsdale, Inc.	SI of Lake Havasu City
	SI of Flagstaff	SI of Baldy View
	SI of Zane Grey Country	
1998	SI of Montclair/Inland Valley	SI of Prescott, Inc.
	SI of Big Bear Valley, Inc.	SI of Beaumont
	SI of Baldy View	SI of San Bernardino
	SI of Flagstaff	SI of Prescott Valley, Inc.
	SI of the San Tans, Inc.	SI of Saguaro Foothills, Inc.
	SI of Sun City	SI of San Jacinto-Hemet Valley
	SI of Page/Lake Powell	SI of Parker
	SI of Zane Grey Country	SI of Desert Tucson
	SI of Estrella	SI of Phoenix, Inc.

Soroptimist Image Awards were presented to:

1997	1st Place	SI	of Kingman
	2nd Place		SI of Montclair/Inland Valley
	3rd Place		SI of Coachella Valley
1998	1st Place		SI of Victor Valley, Inc.
	2nd Place	SI	of Kingman
	3rd Place	SI	of Beaumont
	Honorable Mention		SI Dawn-Seekers of Yucaipa

Logo Contest Awards were presented to:

1997	Golden West Region Logo	Designed by Marilyn Waters, SI of the Chino Valley
	District 3 Logo	Designed by Lisa Kelly, SI of Kingman
1998	District 1 Logo	Designed by Pam Bradford, SI of Riverside

Regional Newsletter Network Awards were presented to 43 clubs in 1997 and 44 clubs in 1998.

SUNFLOWERS FOR SENIORS

The regional project for the biennium was "Sunflowers For Seniors." The goal of this project was to develop awareness for the very special needs of senior citizens. It was our desire to do something special that would add quality to the lives of those elderly women and men who have worked so hard and given so much of themselves to others. There were many "sunflowers" that creative Soroptimists could "plant" that would help to brighten a senior's day and many clubs have supported the project in a wide variety of activities. Recognition awards were presented to 26 clubs in 1997 and 34 clubs in 1998.

STAMPS FOR SIAM

Many clubs in the Golden West Region participated in this program by collecting cancelled stamps to benefit the Soroptimist International Aids Mediation project. Cancelled stamps were sent to a central collection point in Derby, England, where a retired Soroptimist, who was also a stamp collector, packaged the stamps by the pound and sold them to stamp collectors from around the world. The money from the sale of these stamps went to the SIAM project, which helps young women in Thailand learn income-generating skills so they can stay out of the commercial sex trade. Clubs within the Golden West Region contributed over 100 pounds of stamps to this Soroptimist International project during the 1997-98 year.

FEDERATION CLUB AWARDS

Federation Club Award banner patches were presented as follows:

1996-97 Club Year	39 out of 71 clubs (55%)
1997-98 Club Year	46 out of 68 clubs (67%)

SOROPTIMIST CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Federation Soroptimist Celebrating Success Awards were presented to the following clubs:

	Club	Project
1997	SI of the Chino Valley, Inc.	Making the U.S. Our Playground
	SI of the Chino Valley, Inc.	Save A Life
	SI of the Chino Valley, Inc.	Open Your Heart to Haiti
	SI of the Chino Valley, Inc.	Annual Western Hoedown
	SI of the Chino Valley, Inc.	40th Anniversary Celebration
	SI of Kingman	Women's Expo
1998	SI of Big Bear Valley	Christmas Auction
	SI of the Chino Valley, Inc.	The "Business" of Recruitment
	SI of Kingman	Club SOLTing

MAKING A DIFFERENCE GRANTS

Federation Making A Difference Grants were awarded to the following clubs:

	Club	Amount	Project
1997	SI of Kingman	$ 3,000	Women's Expo
	SI of Corona	2,000	Dreams and Decisions
1998	SI of La Quinta	$ 1,500	Coachella Valley Women's Health Fair
	SI of Palm Desert-Sunrise	10,000	Caravan of Care Project

FALL MEETINGS

Year	District	Hostess	Attendance
1996	1	SI of Big Bear Valley	135
	2	SI of Twentynine Palms	100
	3	SI of Lake Havasu City	130
	4	SI of Apache Junction	102
1997	1	SI of Hesperia	102
	2	SI of Temecula	101
	3	SI of Payson	97
	4	SI of El Paso	82

PRESIDENT'S RETREAT

The Presidents Retreat was initiated to provide incoming club presidents with leadership training, resources, and the opportunity to network with other club presidents. The 1996 Presidents Retreat was held on July 26-27 in Phoenix, Arizona, with 89 participants. The 1997 Presidents Retreat was held on July 25-26 in Ontario, California, with 83 participants.

SOROPTIMIST DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE (ARIZONA)

The third annual Arizona Soroptimist Day of Legislation (SDL III) was held on January 29, 1997 in Phoenix. Sixty-six Soroptimists and friends gathered to study the main issues facing the Arizona state legislature during the 1997 legislative session; a more equitable method of funding education and planning for the aging population. SIA President Dee Nickerson attended SDL III and a reception in her honor was held the previous evening.

Arizona Soroptimist Day of Legislation IV was expanded to a two-day event and began with a visit to the state capitol/legislature and dinner for women legislators sponsored by SI of Phoenix on January 29, 1998. The following day participants heard from legislators, lobbyists, and a TV investigative reporter about current health topics to be considered by the state legislature; the Governor's proposal to use tobacco tax money to provide healthcare for children of the working poor (Kid's Care), alternative medicine, and personal and environmental health issues.

SOROPTIMIST LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP (CALIFORNIA)

The 1997 Soroptimist Legislative Workshop was held on March 16-18 at the Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn in Sacramento, California. The workshop included speakers on domestic violence, trafficking of women in third world countries, nutrition and cancer prevention, the mental aging process, and a presentation by Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl discussing current legislative issues.

The 1998 Soroptimist Legislative Workshop was held on March 22-24 at the Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn in Sacramento, California. The workshop included a panel discussion on land mines moderated by Past International President Patsy Daniels and presentations by representatives from the Senate and Theresa A. Loer, Senior Coordinator for International Women's Issues for the U.S. State Department and Director of the President's Inter-Agency Council on Women.

GOLDEN WEST REGION FRIENDSHIP GRANT

Deanny Fremaux, SI of Reims, France, SI Federation of Europe, was the first recipient of the Golden West Region Friendship Grant, a new Regional project under the IGU Program of Service area. Deanny was hosted by the 19 clubs in District 3. During her three weeks in the Golden West Region, May-June 1997, each club had the opportunity of meeting Deanny, either individually or collectively. During these meetings, Deanny shared the service, fundraising, and social activities of her club in Reims. The District 3 clubs reciprocated by sharing their projects with her. Deanny was responsible for her airfare to and from the Golden West Region. Home hospitality, intra-region travel, and recreational activities were provided by the hosting clubs.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

The Recruitment and Retention Committee continued to work with Golden West Region clubs to combat the high attrition rate that is being felt within all regions of SIA. Club efforts were awarded as follows:

25% Increase (7-1-96 through 4-1-97)	SI Dawn-Seekers of Yucaipa
	SI of Norco
	SI of Banning
	SI of the Arizona Peaks
	SI of Blythe
	SI of Verde Valley
	SI of Zane Grey Country
	SI of Apache Junction
	SI of the Kachinas, Inc.

It was decided during this biennium that growth awards would be calculated based on 25% or more increases in membership for the period beginning July 1 and ending June 30 with awards presented at Fall Meetings. (Growth awards for the 1997-98 club year will be presented in October 1998.)

Disbanded Clubs:

1996-97	SI of the Valleys
	SI of Palm Springs
1997-98	SI of the Sandias
	SI of Clovis
	SI of Mesa Sunset

Golden West Region ended the biennium with 68 clubs with an active membership of 2,317.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION WORKSHOPS

Year	District	Hostess
1997	1	SI of Moreno Valley
	2	Cancelled
	3	SI of Zane Grey Country
	4	SI of Camelback, Inc.
1998	1	SI of Victor Valley, Inc.
	2	SI of Perris Valley
	3	SI of Verde Valley
	4	SI of Estrella

VENTURE CLUB

Venture continued to play an active roll in the Golden West Region. Margie Burke, Venture Club of Phoenix, Arizona, held the office of 1996-98 Venture Clubs Pacific Region Governor.

One new Venture Club was chartered during this biennium:

Charter Date	Club Name Sponsored	By
January 18, 1997	Venture Club of Corona	SI of Corona

Venture Club of Riverside disbanded.

The Golden West Region now sponsors ten Venture Clubs: Big Bear Valley, CA; Corona, CA; Desert Tucson, AZ; Flagstaff Peaks; AZ, Inland Valley, AZ; Kingman, AZ; Phoenix, AZ; San Bernardino, CA; Tucson, AZ; and Victor Valley, CA.

"S" CLUBS

It was a banner year for Golden West Region "S" Clubs. Four new clubs were chartered during this biennium:

Charter Date	Club Name Sponsored	By
August 21, 1996	"S" Club of Sultana High School	SI of Hesperia
February 19, 1997	"S" Club of Montclair High School	SI of Montclair/Inland Valley
May 4, 1997	"S" Club of Palm Desert High School	SI of Palm-Desert Sunrise
May 30, 1998	"S" Club of Etiwanda High School	SI of Montclair/Inland Valley

The Golden West Region now sponsors eleven "S" Clubs: Barstow High School, Barstow, CA; Paolo Verde High School, Blythe, CA; Sultana High School, Hesperia, CA; Hamilton High School, Anza, CA; Kingman High School, Kingman, AZ; Lake Havasu City High School, Lake Havasu City, AZ; Montclair High School, Montclair, CA; Eiwanda High School, Etiwanda, CA; Palm Desert High School, Palm Desert, CA; Winslow High School, Winslow, AZ; and Yucca Valley High School, Yucca Valley, CA.

FEDERATION SOLT CONFERENCE

The Federation Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training Conference was held on June 26-29, 1997, at the Chicago Hilton and Towers, in Chicago, Illinois. General sessions focused on all levels of Soroptimist; member, club, region, federation and international. Workshops topics included leadership, fundraising, membership recruitment, advocacy, and personal development tips for balancing work, family, and volunteering. Recognition was given for Soroptimists Celebrating Success, Women in Action, and Federation TAP and YCA programs. The Golden West Region was honored when first place regional YCA winner, Katrina (Katie) Petersen, was awarded the 1997 Federation Youth Citizenship Award. Additionally, DONA Donna Walker, SI of Desert-Tucson, was installed as Federation President-Elect.

1998-2000 BIENNIUM

Governor	Donna James, SI of Montclair/Inland Valley, CA
Governor-elect	Gladys Weems, SI of San Bernardino, CA
Secretary	Sherrie Yoshimura, SI La Quinta/Coachella Valley, CA
Treasurer	Dr. Donna Cranswick, SI of Camelback, AZ
District 1 Director	Kathy McElvany, SI of the Foothills, CA
District 2 Director	Janie Currey, SI of Temecula Valley
District 3 Director	Victoria Nuth, SI of Wickenburg, AZ
District 4 Director	Vicki Piña, SI of Phoenix, AZ
Governor's Theme	"Soroptimists Are Faithful 100%"
Federation Theme	"Making A Difference For Women"

CONFERENCES

The 1999 Spring Conference, "Soroptimists…Always Giving 100%" was held on May 13-15, 1999 at the Mission Inn and the Riverside Convention Center, Riverside, California. SI of Norco and Corona hosted the Conference, which was attended by a total of 462 Soroptimist and guests. Avis DeRuyter, of Richland Washington, member of the SIA Board of Directors was the official visitor from Federation. Delegates elected the 1999-2001 Nominating Committee members. The Conference was highlighted by the final banquet, "Back to the Past," as members and clubs dressed as their favorite decade. Live music was offered and everyone danced to the music of the 20's, 30's, 40's and old time rock and roll.

The 2000 Spring Conference, "Celebrate A New Century of Soroptimism" was held May 18-20, 2000 at the Hilton El Paso Airport, in El Paso Texas. The Conference was hosted by SI of El Paso and SI of Las Cruses. Dawn Marie Lemonds, SI of Newport Harbor, CA, member of the SIA Board of Directors was the official Federation visitor. Delegates elected the 2000-2002 Golden West Region Officers and District Directors. The Conference concluded with the installation of the new GWR Board conducted by SIA Immediate Past President, DONA Donna Walker, SI of Desert Tuscon.

CONFERENCE ACTION

1999

- Bylaw Article VII, Section 2, to change the word Record to Procedure in the first line.
- Bylaw Article XII, Section 5, Voting Members of the Conference – clarify that Region Officers and past Governors of the Region who are members of a club within the Region shall be considered voting members of the conference.
- Bylaws Article XIV, moved the Youth Citizenship Award from Polices to Bylaws.
- Bylaws Article XVI, Section 1, prorated GWR dues for those joining a club after January 1.
- Elected the Nominating Committee for 1999-2001: District 1 - Diane Wells, District 2 - Gretchen Perez, District 3 - Carol Ann Beard, District 4 - Jo Lewandowski

2000

- Bylaws Article XIV, Section 7, clarify that the Publications Coordinator may be responsible for additional publications as directed by the Region Board.
- Bylaws Article XV, Section 2, clarify that the Region shall pay the reasonable expenses of the Region Delegate to the International Board.
- Elected Golden West Region Board for 2000-2002: Governor-Elect - Dr. Donna Cranswick, Secretary - Vicki Piña, Treasurer - Kathy McElvany, District 1 Director - Judy Harris, District 2 Director - Gloria Hill, District 3 Director - Victoria Nuth, District 4 Director - Beverly Truett.

FEDERATION CLUBS CELEBRATING SUCCESS AWARDS

1999 The 5th Arizona Day of Legislation was a winner of the Federation "Soroptimist Celebrating Success Award" in the "Region Programs of Service" category.

1999 Finalist

SI of Big Bear Valley	Human Rights/Status of Women

Semi-Finalists

SI of the Chino Valley	For three projects: Fund Raising, Human Rights/Status of Women and Public Relations
SI of Riverside	Recruitment and Retention
SI of Big Bear Valley	Fund Raising

2000 Finalist

SI of The Chino Valley	Economic & Social Development -"Soroptimist Mentoring and Resource Team" S.M.A.R.T

Semi-Finalist

SI of The Chino Valley	Health - "Breast Cancer Health Education and Awareness"
SI of The Chino Valley	Human Rights/Status of Women - "Domestic Violence Awareness"
SI of El Paso	International Goodwill and Understanding - "Kosovo Kids"

FOUNDATION

1999 Golden West Region Clubs contributed $ 7,379 to Federation Foundation.
Silent Auction Baskets Income for 1999 - $ 5,320.

2000 Golden West Region Clubs contributed $9,002 to Federation Foundation
Silent Auction Baskets Income for 2000 - $6,772.

WOMEN OPPORTUNITY AWARDS

1999 Region Clubs awarded: $47,525 (53 clubs participated)

Recipient	Award	Sponsoring Club
Diana Sanchez	$ 10,000 F/R	SI of Las Cruces
Carrie Mathews	$ 7,000 F/R	SI of the Foothills
Alaina Murphy	$ 6,000 F/R	SI of San Jacinto/Hemet Valley

2000

Region Clubs Awarded: $50,000 (45 clubs participated)

Recipient	Award	Sponsoring Club
Cheri Atkinson	9,000 F/R	SI of Moreno Valley
Lauren Phillips	$6,000 F/R	SI of Palm Desert-Sunrise
Stephine Wofford	$5,000 F/R	SI of the Foothills

YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS
FEDERATION AND REGION

1999 Region Clubs awarded: $32,200 (82% of GWR clubs participated)

Recipient			Sponsoring Club
Prakash Ramsinghani		SI	of Camelback
Nicole	Wolterman	SI	of Lake Havasu City
Corey	Ray Houman	SI	of Lake Arrowhead

2000 Region Clubs Awarded: $28,900

Recipient	Award		Sponsoring Club
Kristen Stewart	$ 2,450	F/R	SI of Victor Valley
Kenneth Rosenblum	$ 2,250	F/R	SI of Moreno Valley
Joshua Davis	$ 800	R	SI of Page/Lake Powell

FOUNDATION PATCHES

1999 Total Region Contribution $ 5,118.75

Apache Junction		High Country	Sun City
Cathedral City/Rancho Mirage		La Quinta	Tucson
Chino Valley		Montclair/Inland Valley	Valley of the Sun
Desert Tucson		Palm Desert	Yucca Valley
Flagstaff		Parker	
Foothills, The		San Bernardino	

2000 Total Region Contribution $9,002

Barstow	La Quinta/Coachella Valley	San Jacinto/Hemet Valley
	Phoenix, Inc.	San Tans
		Valley of the Sun

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR WOMEN AWARDS

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN AWARDS

1999 20 clubs submitted 26 nominees (29% club participation)

Recipient			Sponsoring Club
Nancy Bissell		SI	of Desert Tucson
Peggy	Bilsten	SI	of Phoenix, Inc.
Dr.	Doris Brooks	SI	of Kingman

2000 18 clubs submitted 18 nominees (27% club participation)

Recipient			Sponsoring Club
Joyce Anne Longfellow			SI of Phoenix
Jan	Barnett	SI	of Palm Desert
Catherine	Migette	SI	of the San Tans

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

1999 24 clubs submitted 40 nominees (35% club participation)

Recipient	Sponsoring Club
Dr. Scotti Bear Dole	SI of the Barstow Area
Yolanda Proa/Margaret Mary Soto Perry	SI of Needles
Margaret Hougton SI	of Desert Tucson

2000 Clubs submitted 31 nominees (22% club participation)

Recipient	Sponsoring Club
Nola Wetterman	SI of the Barstow Area
Myrna Deckert	SI of El Paso
Sandy Avery SI	of Palm Desert

ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN AWARDS

1999 14 clubs submitted 16 nominees (21% participation rate)

Recipient	Sponsoring Club
Girls Ranch, Inc. of Arizona	SI of the San Tans, Inc.
Southern Arizona Women's Fund	SI of Desert Tucson
San Bernardino Communities Against Drugs	SI of San Bernardino

2000 12 clubs submitted 12 nominees (18% club participation)

Recipient	Sponsoring Club
Supercuts SI	of Palm Desert
Family Violence Outreach Program	SI of Lake Arrowhead
Arizona Foundation for Women	SI of the San Tans

PROGRAMS OF SERVICE AWARDS

Environment:

1999	SI of Riverside	"The Riverside Country Courthouse Rose Garden"
	SI of Lake Havasu City	"Avenue of the Flags"
2000	SI Palm Desert	"Sewer Project for the House of Hope"
	SI Apache Junction	"Superstition Mountain Wilderness Trail Cleanup"

Human Rights/Status of Women:

1999	SI of Phoenix, Inc.	"Thunderbird Village Classroom"
	SI of Parker	"Best Dam Bike Race"
2000	SI of The Arizona Peaks	"Hope's Closet"
	SI of The Chino Valley	"Soroptimist Mentoring and Resource Team"

Economic and Social Development:

1999	SI of Beaumont	"GAP – Grandparents As Parents – Bridging the Gap"
SI	of Flagstaff "The	Duffel Bag"
2000	SI of Palm Desert	"Job Won Project"
	SI of La Quinta/Coachella Valley	"Shoes for Children"

Education:

1999	SI of Victor Valley "Turning	Points"
SI	of Riverside "Second	Annual Women's Conference"
2000	SI of Baldy View	"Books for Babes"
	SI of Palm Desert-Sunrise	"The Tenth Annual Back-to School Project"

International Goodwill and Understanding:

1999	SI of Zane Grey County	"Rwanda Orphan Relief"
SI	of Moreno Valley "Angels	for Education"
2000	SI of Wickenburg	"Kosovo Refugee and Relief Fund"
	SI of El Paso	"Toys for Displaced and/or Kosovo Kids"

Health:

1999	SI of Kingman "1999	Women's Expo"
	SI of the San Tans, Inc.	"The Desert Cancer Foundation of Arizona Luncheon"
2000	SI of Moreno Valley	"Orange Picking for the Hungry"
	SI of the San Tans	"Toiletry Bags"

FRIENDSHIP GRANT

1999 The clubs of District 4 hosted the Friendship Grant visitors from France.

ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP

1999 Held January 28 & 29, 1999, Phoenix, Arizona.
The 5th Annual Workshop topic was " Halt Violence Against Women and Girls."
Clubs received banner patches for sponsorship:
SI of the San Tans, Inc., SI of Apache Junction, SI of Camelback, SI of Mesa, SI of Wickenburg,
SI of Phoenix, Inc. SI of Valley of the Sun, SI of Desert Tucson.

2000

Arizona Day of Legislation 2000: Held February 3 & 4, 2000, in Phoenix, Arizona with 60 attendees. Topic: "Rape Crisis and Prevention." 14 Soroptimist clubs were sponsors.
First Annual Dorothy Vale Kissinger Advocacy Award: SI Apache Junction for Expo 1999.

PUBLIC RELATIONS RECOGNITION

1999

Newsletter Awards

		Honorable Mention	
1st Place	SI of Riverside	SI of San Bernardino	SI of La Quinta
2nd Place	SI of Big Bear Valley	SI of Montclair/Inland Valley	SI of Victor Valley
3rd Place	SI of the Chino Valley, Inc.		

2000

1st Place	SI of Victor Valley
2nd Place	SI of the San Tans
3rd Place	SI of San Bernardino

Image Awards

1999

1st Place	SI of Victor Valley
2nd Place	SI of Big Bear Valley
3rd Place	SI of the San Tans

2000

1st Place	SI of the Chino Valley
2nd Place	SI of the San Tans
3rd Place	SI of La Quinta/Coachella Valley

YOUTH FORUM

1999 A Region Youth Forum was held on November 20-22, 1998, in Ontario, CA
Region cash awards were given to the top three winners.

2000 A Region Youth Forum was held on February 11-13, 2000 in Phoenix, AZ.
Region cash awards were given to the top three winners.

FALL MEETING PATCHES

	District	Club	Attendance	Award
1998	District 1	SI of the Chino Valley	127	Patch
	District 2	SI of Cathedral City/Rancho Mirage	129	Patch
	District 3	SI of Arizona Peaks	118	Leaf Cluster
		SI of Flagstaff		Leaf Cluster
		SI of Mountain Morning		Patch
	District 4	SI of the San Tans	129	Patch

	District	Club	Attendance	Award
1999	District 1	SI of Lake Arrowhead	151	Patch
		SI of Running Springs		Patch
		SI of Crestline		Patch
	District 2	SI Palm Desert	133	Patch
		SI of Palm Desert-Sunrise		Patch
	District 3	SI of Winslow	99	Patch
	District 4	SI of Saguaro Foothills	90	Leaf Cluster

SPRING CONFERENCE PATCHES

	Club:	Award:
1999	SI of Corona	Patch
	SI of Norco	Patch
2000	SI of El Paso	Butterfly Charm
	SI of Las Cruces	Butterfly Patch

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

1999 Awards:

District 1	SI of Crestline, SI of Norco
District 2	SI of San Jacinto/Hemet Valley, SI of Yucca Valley
District 3	SI of Gallup, SI of Needles, SI of Zane Grey Country
District 4	SI of Valley of the Sun

2000 Recruitment and Retention Workshops were held in conjunction with the District Fall Meetings in 1999.
A separate R & R meeting was held in District 1 on January 22, 1000 in San Bernardino.

Awards:	District 1	SI of the Foothills	37%
	District 3	SI of Bullhead City/Laughlin	90%
		SI of Mountain Morning	27%
		SI of Prescott Valley	31%
	District 4	SI of Estrella	38%

Merger of four clubs: SI La Quinta/Coachella Valley
SI Hesperia/Victor Valley

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

1999
During the 1999 Spring Conference Governor Donna James recognized clubs members who have been members for 25 years or more with a certificate: “Soroptimists Are Faithful 100%”.

2000
During the 2000 Spring Conference Governor Donna James recognized members who were chosen by their own club members as their “Faithful Gems”. Criteria for the certificate was as follows: has consistent attendance at club meetings; is always ready and willing to help in every way she can; is gracious to new members and makes them feel welcome; mentors club members with kindly wisdom and is a resource for Soroptimist information

DISASTER RELIEF

In 1999 34 Golden West Region clubs collected $5,137.88 for the victims of hurricane “Mitch” in South America to replenish the Federation Disaster Relief Fund.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP

On March 31, 2000 SI of Palm Desert hosted the first GWR California Legislative Workshop at the Rancho Mirage Country Club in Rancho Mirage, California. Members of clubs from Districts 1 and 2 attended. A panel of speakers from various local and state government agencies presented information about the availability of affordable housing. SIA Area 9 Director Dawn Marie Lemonds and Janet Antman from Desert Coast Region discussed Soroptimist Advocacy.

PRESIDENTS’ RETREAT

A GWR Presidents’ Retreat was held on July 23-24, 1999 in Ontario, California. The theme was “A Soroptimist Safari.” The 2000 Presidents’ Retreat was held on July 21-22, 2000 in Phoenix, Arizona. The theme was “Make It Happen – Soroptimist Style.” These meetings gave incoming presidents the opportunity for training, a resource notebook, and time to network with other presidents.

2000-2002 BIENNIUM

Governor	Gladys Weems, SI San Bernardino
Governor-elect	Donna Cranswick, SI Camelback
Governor-elect	Victoria Nuth, SI Wickenburg
Secretary	Vicki Pina, SI Phoenix
Treasurer	Kathy McElvany, SI of the Foothills
District 1 Director	Judy Harris, SI Big Bear Valley
District 2 Director	Gloria Hill, SI Palm Desert
District 3 Director	Victoria Nuth, SI Wickenburg
District 4 Director	Beverly Truett, SI San Tans
Governor's Theme	"Make It So"
Federation Theme	"Making A Difference for Women"

CONFERENCES

The 2001 Spring Conference "2001 A Soroptimist Odyssey" was held on June 7-9, 2001 at the Sheraton El Conquistador Resort and Country Club in Tucson, Arizona. SI Desert Tucson and SI Tucson hosted the conference, which was attended by 378 Soroptimists and guests. Nordelia Gradowski, President-elect, Soroptimist International of the Americas was the official visitor. Delegates elected the 2001-2003 Nominating Committee members. The conference was highlighted by the Saturday evening banquet "Party on 10 Forward". Members and guests dressed as their favorite alien. Live music was offered and everyone had a grand time dancing.

The 2002 Spring Conference "Celebrate the Harvest" was held May 2-4, 2002 at the DoubleTree Inn in Ontario, CA. The conference was hosted by SI Baldy View, SI Chino Valley, SI of the Foothills and SI Montclair/Inland Valley. 366 Soroptimists and their guests attended the conference. Anne Rogers, Federation Board member was the official SIA visitor. Delegates elected the 2002-2004 Golden West Region Officers and District Directors. The conference concluded with the installation of the new GWR Board conducted by Dona Lynn Wurth and Dona Alice Wells.

CONFERENCE ACTION

2001

- Bylaws Article XIV, Sections 4 and 5. Delete all reference to Youth Citizenship Awards and insert in it place "Violet Richardson Award".
- Bylaws Article XIV, Section 4. B. Change to assign district judging to committee members rather than district directors for VRA and WOA. Also change "category" to "program" for consistent wording.

2002

- Bylaws Article IX, Mail Ballots, Section 1. Change first sentence by adding the words, "fax or -email".
- Bylaws Article X, Nominations and Elections, Section 4. D. Items 1 and 2. Reword the first sentence by eliminating the words "the applicable year to nominate one or more candidates for each office to be filled and adding the words "each election year, the nominating committee shall arrive at an agreed upon slate of one or more candidates for each office to be filled.
- Bylaws Article XIV, Committees, Section 2. Credentials and Elections Committee. Change the first sentence by deleting the words "at least three members" and adding the words "four members, one representative of each district to serve as tellers, appointed by the governor prior to each conference.
- Bylaws Article XIV, Committees. Section 5. Foundations Awards Sub-Committee. Change the Section 5 title by deleting the words "Award Sub".
- Bylaws, Article XIV, Committees, Section 7 B. Laws and Resolutions Committee. Change Item 1 by adding the word "of" after two copies. In addition by adding the words, "with the exception of clubs chartered during the biennium" and deleting the words "except for new clubs".

- Bylaws, Article XVI, Dues and Fees, Section 3 B. Fees. Change “2.00 to $5.00 and delete the words “regular members” and add the words “all members”. Change annual registration fee for each club from $50.00 to $100.00.
- Bylaws, Article XVI, Dues and Fees. Section 5A. Delinquent Dues and Fees. Change by adding the words “a written notice of the delinquency to the club’s president and treasurer, and deleting the words “a notice of delinquency to the club’s president and treasurer by mail for which there is evidence of delivery”.

FOUNDATIONS

Silent Auction Baskets income for 2001 was $ 6,458.00. Silent Auction Baskets income for 2002 was $7,821.00. Clubs were very creative in their baskets. Many of the clubs who did not enter a basket donated cash to the foundation.

WOMEN’S OPPORTUNITY AWARDS

2001 GWR Clubs awarded $ 51,800 to their individual winners. (50 clubs participated)

Recipient	Award	Sponsoring	Club
Rosa Silvestre	$8000	SI	Corona
Jalaporn Hamilton	$5000	SI	Las Cruces
Gloria Fay Smith	$4000	SI	Victor Valley

2002 Clubs awarded $ 43,659 to their individual winners. (46 clubs participated)

Recipient	Award	Sponsoring	Club
Sharon Ramirez	$8000	SI	Prescott Valley
Melinda Johnson	$5000	SI	Moreno Valley
Gloria Grigg	$4000	SI	Kingman

YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

This was the last year of the Youth Citizenship Awards. This program was replaced at the Federation and GWR level with the Violet Richardson Awards.

2001

Recipient	Award	Sponsoring	Club
Jennifer Minneci	$1000	SI	Camelback
Sera Gray	$ 600	SI	Prescott Valley
Stephanie Gomez	$ 400	SI	Beaumont

VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARDS

Many of the clubs in the region participated the first year of the biennium in the newly adopted program from SIA Federation. The second year of the biennium brought even more participation.

2001

Recipient	Award	Sponsoring	Club
Liza Fimbres	$1900*	SI	Moreno Valley
Kara Weisman	$ 700*	SI	Tucson
Jessica Sigel	$ 400*	SI	Lake Havasu City

2002

Recipient	Award	Sponsoring	Club
Tamara Stuart	$1900	SI	Palm Desert
Deborah Hsieh	$ 700*	SI	Mesa
Megan Nielsen	$ 400*	SI	Yucca Valley

* An equal amount donated to winner’s service organization

PROGRAMS OF SERVICE AWARDS

2001	Economic & Social Development	SI Blythe	Fall Gardening Seminar
		SI Idyllwild	Gun Buy Back Program
		SI Palm Desert	Santa to an Angel
	Education	SI Crestline	CRP Saturday
	Health	SI San Tans	Desert Cancer Foundation
2002	Environment	SI Chino Valley	Use a Stamp, Save a Tree
	Human Rights/Status of Women	SI Hemacinto	La Vista Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Program
	Economic and d Social Development	SI Big Bear Valley	Man About Town
	Education	SI LaQuinta/ Coachella Valley	Girls' Time
	International Goodwill and Understanding	SI Kachinas	Healthy Kids Never Smoke
	Health	SI Lake Havasu City	Health Fair Extravaganza
	Special Recognition	District 4 Clubs	SOS Saturday of Service

MAKING A DIFFERNCE FOR WOMEN AWARDS

2001 Women Helping Women awarded to Linda Rosenthal submitted by SI Phoenix.
Women of Distinction awarded to Mary Blankenship submitted by SI Beaumont.
Advancing the Status of Women awarded to Women's Center of Yucaipa submitted by SI Yucaipa.

2002 Women Helping Women awarded to Dr. Cheyenne Bonnell submitted by SI Yucca Valley.
Women of Distinction awarded to Dr Arlene Popka submitted by SI Lake Arrowhead.
Advancing the Status of Women awarded to AWEE submitted by SI Prescott.

ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP

2001 The Arizona Legislative workshop was held in Apache Junction, Arizona on February 2, 2001. The Dorothy Vale Kissinger award was presented to SI Desert Tucson for their project – Bethany House Renovation and Education Support. Clubs receiving banner patches for sponsorship: SI of the San Tans, SI Apache Junction, SI Camelback, SI Mesa, SI Wickenburg, SI Phoenix, SI Kachinas, SI Desert Tucson, SI Kingman, SI Valley of the Sun, SI Winslow, SI Arizona Peaks, SI Flagstaff, SI Estrella, SI Sagurao Foothills, SI Sedona and SI Tucson.

2002 The event was held in Phoenix. The theme was Mental Health in These Challenging Times. The winner of Dorothy Vale Kissinger award was SI Phoenix for their project "Empowering Domestic Violence Victims/Homeless Women in the Homeward Bound Program".
Banner patches presented to: SI of the San Tans, SI Apache Junction, SI Camelback, SI Mesa, SI Wickenburg, SI Phoenix SI Desert Tucson, SI Kingman, SI Valley of the Sun, SI Winslow, SI Arizona Peaks, SI Kachinas, SI Flagstaff, SI Sedona, SI Tucson and SI Mountain Morning.

CALIFORNIA WORKSHOP

2001 The California event was held on March 9, 2001. The overall theme was "Women in Politics".

2002 The 2002 event was cancelled due to speaker cancellation.

YOUTH FORUM

2001 The 2001 region youth forum was held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Ontario, California on March 30 to April lst. Ten clubs sent students: SI of Chino Valley, SI Montclair/Inland Valley, SI Hemacinto, SI Idyllwild, SI Kingman, SI La Quinta/Coachella, SI San Bernardino, SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley.
Twenty-three students attended. The winners were: Richard Virgen sponsored by SI San Bernardino ($250), Daniet Tarango sponsored by SI La Quinta/Coachella Valley ($150) and Christy Barbieri sponsored by SI of the Chino Valley and Montclair/Inland Valley ($100).

2002 The 2002 region Youth Forum was held at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Ontario, California on April 12-14th. Eight clubs sent students: SI of Chino Valley, SI Montclair/Inland Valley, SI Corona, SI Hemacinto, SI Idyllwild, SI San Bernardino, SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley and SI Victor Valley. Winners were: Vikram Gamu sponsored by SI Corona ($250), Brady Blair sponsored by SI Corona ($150) and Richard Virgen sponsored by SI San Bernardino ($100).

FALL MEETING PATCHES

2001 Fall Meeting patches were presented to:

SI Victor Valley	District 1	SI Yucca Valley	District 2
SI Winslow	District 3	SI Estrella & SI Valley of the Sun	District 4

2002 Fall Meeting patches presented to:

Big Bear Valley	District 1	La Quinta/Coachella Valley	District 2
Prescott & Prescott Valley	District 3	Apache Junction & Mesa	District 4

SPRING CONFERENCE PATCHES

2001 Spring Conference patches were presented to SI El Paso and SI Las Cruses – District 4

2002 Spring Conference patches were presented to SI Desert Tucson and SI Tucson – District 4

RECUITMENT AND RETENTION

In June of 2000, the Golden West Region had 66 clubs and 2107 members. One year later, the region had 65 clubs and 2068 members. During this time frame the rules for Life Members changed and many active members chose to become Life Members.

DISASTER RELIEF

The Golden West Region donated a total of $6,769.16 to the SIA Disaster Relief fund in November of 2001for the victims of September 11, 2002. This represented $5,769.16 from clubs and $1,00.00 form the Golden West Region Service fund.

PRESIDENTS' RETREAT

2001 The first President's Retreat of the biennium was held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Ontario, California. Presidents and other clubs members as well as GWR Board of Directors attended the retreat lead by Gov- elect Donna Cranswick in July.

2002 Governor-elect Victoria Nuth conducted the second President's Retreat in July. The training was held in Phoenix at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The GWR incoming board attended as well as over 100 members of Soroptimist clubs.

VENTURE

Five Venture Clubs were sponsored by GWR Clubs: Venture of Big Bear Valley, Venture Club of Desert Tucson, Venture Club of Kingman, Venture Club of Phoenix and Venture Club of San Bernardino.

"S" CLUBS

Ten "S" Clubs were sponsored by GWR Clubs: Barstow High School, Palo Verde High School, Sultana High School, Hamilton High School, Lake Havasu High School, Etiwanda High School, Palm Desert High School, Winslow High School and Yucca Valley High School.

CLUB CHARTERING/ MERGING/ DISBANDING

No new clubs were chartered in 2001. SI Needles and SI Verde Valley disbanded. SI Yucaipa Valley disbanded in 2002. Several new clubs were chartered during the second year of the biennium: SI Albuquerque & SI Palm Springs. SI Sun City and SI Temecula Valley merged into
SI Tri-Valley.

Soroptimist International

Number of clubs	3,125
Number of countries	119
Number of members	95,500

SI Federations

Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific

Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.

Soroptimist International of Great Britain & Ireland

Soroptimist International of Europe

SI of the Americas, Inc.

Number of clubs	1,519
Number of countries	19
Number of members	46,521

SIA Regions

America del Sur
Brazil
Camino Real
Caribbean
Desert Coast
Founder
Golden West

Japan
Japan Chuo
Higashi
Kita
Minami
Rocky Mountain
Sierra Nevada

North Atlantic
Central
Northeastern
Philippines
Sierra Pacific

South Atlantic
South Central
Southern
Taiwan
Western Canada

Golden West Region

Governor	Gladys Weems
Number of clubs	63
Number of districts	4
Number of members	2,068

District 1

Baldy View
Banning
Barstow Area
Beaumont
Big Bear Valley, Inc.
Chino Valley, Inc.
Corona Desert
Crestline Hemacinto
Dawn-Seekers of Yucaipa
Foothills, Inc.
Lake Arrowhead, Inc.
Montclair/Inland Valley
Moreno Valley
Norco
Palm Springs
Perris Valley
Redlands
Riverside
Running Springs Area
San Bernardino
Tri Victor Valley, Inc.

District 2

Cathedral City/Rancho Mirage
Hot Springs, Inc.
Idyllwild
La Quinta/Coachella Valley
Palm Desert
Palm Desert-Sunrise
Twentynine Palms
Yucca Valley

District 3

Albuquerque
Arizona Peaks
Blythe
Bullhead City
Camelback, Desert
Estrella
Flagstaff
Gallup
High Country
Kachinas, Inc.
Kingman
Las Cruces
Lake Havasu City
Mesa, Inc.
Mountain Morning
Page/Lake Powell
Parker
Prescott, Inc.
Prescott Valley, Inc.
San Jacinto-Hemet Valley
Sedona, Inc.
Tucson
Valley of the Sun
Wickenburg, Inc
Winslow
Zane Grey Country

District 4

Apache Junction
Chandler, Inc.
Green Valley
Phoenix, Inc.
Saguaro Foothills
Tans, Inc.
Tucson
Valley
El Paso

2002-2004 BIENNIUM

Governor	Victoria Nuth, SI Wickenburg
Governor-elect	Kathy McElvany, SI the Foothills
Governor-elect	Vicki Piña, SI Phoenix
Secretary	Vicki Piña, SI Phoenix
Secretary	Judy Harris, SI Big Bear Valley
Treasurer	Karen Haughey, SI the Chino Valley
District 1 Director	Judy Harris, SI Big Bear Valley
District 1 Director	Gayle Webb, SI Riverside
District 2 Director	Gloria Hill, SI Palm Springs
District 3 Director	Linda Orr, SI Kingman
District 3 Director	Carol Blann, SI Zane Grey Country
District 4 Director	Terry Parker, SI Phoenix

CONFERENCES

The 2003 Spring Conference "Catch the Dream" was held on June 5-7, 2003 at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa in Phoenix, Arizona. Soroptimist International of Phoenix, Inc. hosted the conference, which was attended by 459 Soroptimists and guests. Sue Held, Secretary, Soroptimist International of the Americas, was the official visitor. Delegates elected the 2003-2005 Nominating Committee members. The conference was highlighted by the inspirational keynote address given by Mary Thomas, Lt. Governor of the Gila River Indian Community. The Soroptimist Membership present voted to accept Soroptimist Saturday of Service as a Region Service Project. The Saturday evening banquet included entertainment by the "Laughing Stock Comedy Club'

The 2004 Spring Conference "Paradise Under the Palms" was held June 3-5, 2004 at the Palm Springs Riviera Resort & Racquet Club in Palm Springs, California. The Conference was hosted by Soroptimist International of Palm Desert. 565 Soroptimists and their guests attended the conference. Carol Kirkby, Federation Board member, was the official Soroptimist International of the Americas visitor. Delegates elected the 2004-2006 Golden West Region Officers and District Directors. This conference saw additional workshops added to the agenda. The conference concluded with the installation of the new Golden West Region Board conducted by DONA Lynn Wurth and DONA Alice Wells.

CONFERENCE ACTION

2003

- Bylaws Article IV, Section 1 and 2. Clarify the definition of Officers, District Directors, and Board of Directors. Officers include governor, governor-elect, secretary and treasurer. District Directors represent each of the four Golden West Region Districts and the Board of Directors includes the four officers and the four district directors.
- Bylaws, Article VII, Change to read Duties of the Region Board for clarification.
- Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2. Amend Governor-elect duties to read: The governor-elect shall have such duties and powers as listed in the region procedures and that arise from membership on the board of directors or as assigned by the governor, region board, region conference, or federation. The governor-elect shall appoint all committees for the following biennium in the second year of the biennium prior to the installation of officers at Conference.
- Bylaws, Article XIV, Section 1. Change Conference Locations Committee to Conference Locations Coordinator since this is a one-person committee.
- Bylaws, Article XIV, Section 7-A. Change Publications Committee to Publications Coordinator since this is also a one-person committee.
- Bylaws, Article XIV, Section 4, paragraph A, page 9, add #4, Making a Difference for Women.
- Bylaws, Article XIV, Section 4, page 8, delete the words Service Projects Awards Sub-Committees and substitute Golden West Region Awards Sub-Committees.
- Resolution 1. Soroptimist Saturday of Service is the Region Identifying Project.

FOUNDATION / FUND DEVELOPMENT

Silent Auction Baskets income for 2003 was $7,705.00. Silent Auction Baskets income for 2004 was $10,545. Many clubs donated cash if they were unable to enter a basket for the silent auction.

WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARDS

2003 70 % of the Golden West Region Clubs participated in the WOA Program.

Recipient	Award	Sponsoring	Club
Aime Jones	$10,000	SI	Hemacinto
Judi Lee	$ 6,000	SI	Lake Havasu City
Sarah Raymo	$ 5,000	SI	Winslow

2004 63% of the Golden West Region Clubs participated in the WOA Program.

Recipient	Award	Sponsoring	Club
Daniella Douglas	$10,000	SI	Page/Lake Powell
Monica Oakley	$ 7,000	SI	Zane Grey Country
Sena Kimbrell	$ 6,000	SI	Desert Tucson

VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARDS

2003 41 Clubs participated in this program with a total of $12,500.00 presented to VRA applicants and $6,550.00 presented to the applicants chosen volunteer organizations.

Recipient	Award / Volunteer Organization	Sponsoring Club
Sarah Jensen	$1000 / $1000 – Diabetes Assoc.	SI Blythe
Jessica Molinar	$ 750 / $ 750 – Rescue Mission	SI El Paso
Jessica Van der Stad	$ 500 / $ 500 – Cancer Society	SI Cathedral City / Rancho Mirage

2004 42 Clubs participated in this program with a total of $14,700.00 presented to VRA applicants and $6,300.00 presented to the applicants chosen volunteer organizations.

Recipient	Award / Volunteer Organization	Sponsoring Club
Elizabeth Conlan	$1000 / $1000 – Salvation Army	SI Norco
Megan Horning	$ 750 / $ 750 – Come to Banquet	SI Page Lake Powell
Brittany Gordien	$ 500 / $ 500 – Assisteens	SI the Foothills

PROGRAMS OF SERVICE AWARDS

2003 Clubs submitted 369 program focus reports. The following awards were presented for outstanding projects:

Economic and Social Development	SI Arizona Peaks	Hope's Closet
Education SI	Corona Dreams	& Decisions
Environment SI	Blythe SOS	Beautification
Health SI	Arizona Peaks	Cell Phones
Human Rights	SI Big Bear Valley	Teen Self Esteem Day
Intl Goodwill & Understanding	SI Chino Valley	Heart Warmers
Special Recognition	Donna Davis / Tara Jackson	SOS Saturday of Service

2004 Clubs submitted 303 program focus reports. The following awards were presented for outstanding projects:

Economic and Social Development	SI Lake Arrowhead	Disaster Relief Program
Education	SI La Quinta / Coachella Valley	Girl's Time

Environment		SI Running Springs	Build a Bathroom
Health	SI	Big Bear Valley	Mammogram Program
Human Rights		SI Mountain Morning	Best Face Forward
Intl. Goodwill & Understanding		SI Albuquerque	Women Survivors Of War Luncheon

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR WOMEN AWARDS

2003 Women Helping Women awarded to Jannah Scott submitted by SI Phoenix
Women of Distinction awarded to Elodie Silva McGuirk submitted by SI of the Foothills.
Advancing the Status of Women awarded to Chico's Store submitted by SI La Quinta /Coachella Valley.

2004 Women Helping Women Awarded to Linda Gutierrez submitted by SI Phoenix
Women of Distinction awarded to Victoria Nuth submitted by SI Wickenburg
Advancing the Status of Women awarded to Inland Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross submitted by SI Montclair / Inland Valley.

ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP

2003 The 2003 Arizona Legislative Workshop was held in March in Prescott. The topic was Education in Arizona with many Arizona legislators, educators and lobbyists present.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP

2003 The 2003 California Legislative Workshop was held in April in San Bernardino. The topics were Keeping Our Children Save and Domestic violence.

2004 The 2004 California Legislative Workshop was held in April in San Bernardino. The topic was Education in California. The Superintendent of Schools from both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties attended and addressed this important issue.

YOUTH FORUM

2003 The 2003 Youth Forum was held in April 2003 at the Holiday Inn in Ontario California. The event was attended by 22 teens representing 12 clubs in the Golden West Region.

FALL MEETING PATCHES

2002 Fall Meeting Patches were presented to:

SI Corona	District 1	SI Page/ Lake Powell	District 3
SI Desert Hot Springs	District 2	SI Kachinas	District 4

2003 Fall Meeting Patches were presented to:

SI San Bernardino	District 1	SI Parker	District 3
SI Tri-Valley	District 2	SI Albuquerque	District 4

SPRING CONFERENCE PATCHES

2003 Spring Conference patch was presented to SI of Phoenix, Inc., - District 4

2004 Spring Conference patch was presented to SI of Palm Desert, - District 2

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

The region continues to lose members during the biennium. As of April 30, 2004 the region had 63 clubs with 1958 members. The region supports the clubs and has money available to help clubs increase their membership. Outside pressures seem to be the major factors that are keeping the organization and clubs from gaining new members.

SOROPTIMIST SATURDAY OF SERVICE

2003 The region adopted Soroptimist Saturday of Service as the Region Identifying Project. Over 150 clubs throughout Soroptimist International participated. The date was changed to the first Saturday in March to coincide with International Woman's Day.

2004 All four Federations of Soroptimist International participated in Soroptimist Saturday of Service this year. In the Golden West Region 36 of 63 clubs reported they had participated. In the United States of America, 95 clubs participated in 10 of the 15 regions.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING RETREAT

2003 The first Leadership Training Retreat of the biennium was held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Ontario, California on June 20-21, 2003. The theme was "Building A Strong Foundation of Soroptimist Leaders with Heart," and was lead by Governor-elect Kathy McElvany. Speakers included Dawn Marie Lemonds, SI 2003-2007 Quadrennial Project Chairman and Kay Presto, Presto Productions.

2004 The second Leadership Training Retreat of the biennium was held at the Embassy Suites Airport in Phoenix, Arizona on July 16 –17, 2004. The theme was "In the End, It's All Pig Farming" was the theme and the retreat was lead by incoming Governor Vicki Piña. Speakers included Cathy Sumeracki who spoke on the relationship of pig farming and leading volunteers.

VENTURE

Four Venture Clubs were sponsored by GWR Clubs: Venture of Big Bear Valley, Venture Club of Desert Tucson, Venture Club of Kingman, Venture Club of Phoenix.

S" CLUBS

Eleven "S" Clubs were sponsored by GWR Clubs: Barstow High School sponsored by SI Barstow, Palo Verde High School sponsored by SI Blythe, Don Lugo High School sponsored by SI the Chino Valley, Sultana High School sponsored by SI Victor Valley,
Hamilton High School sponsored by SI the High Country, Kingman High School sponsored by SI Kingman, Lake Havasu High School sponsored by SI Lake Havasu, Etiwanda High School sponsored by SI Montclair/Inland Valley, Palm Desert High School sponsored by SI Palm Desert-Sunrise, Winslow High School sponsored by SI Winslow and Yucca Valley High School sponsored by SI Yucca Valley.

CLUB CHARTERING / MERGING / DISBANDING

No new clubs were charted in the 2002-2004 Biennium. No clubs disbanded during the biennium and no clubs merged.

Soroptimist International

Number of clubs	3,125
Number of countries	119
Number of members	95,500

SI Federations

Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific

Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.

Soroptimist International of Great Britain & Ireland

Soroptimist International of Europe

SI of the Americas, Inc.

Number of clubs	1468
Number of countries	19
Number of members	42813

SIA Regions

America del Sur
Brazil
Camino Real
North Central
Desert Coast
Eastern Canada
Founder

Golden West
Japan
Chuo
Higashi
Kita
Minami
Nishi
Japan
Korea

Mexico/Centroamerica
Midwestern
North Atlantic
Northeastern
Northwestern
Philippines
Rocky Mountain

Sierra Nevada
Pacific
Sierra South Atlantic
South Central
Southern
Taiwan
Western Canada

Golden West Region

Governor	**Victoria Nuth**
Number of clubs	63
Number of districts	4
Number of members	1958

District 1
Baldy View
Barstow Area
Big Bear Valley, Inc.
The Chino Valley, Inc.
Corona
Crestline
DawnSeekers of Yucaipa
The Foothills, Inc.
Lake Arrowhead, Inc.
Montclair/Inland Valley
Moreno Valley
Norco
Redlands
Riverside
Running Springs Area
San Bernardino
Victor Valley Inc.

District 2
Banning
Beaumont
Cathedral City/
Rancho Mirage
Desert Hemacinto
Hot Springs, Inc.
High Country
La Quinta/Coachella Valley
Palm Desert
Palm Desert – Sunrise
Palm Springs
Perris Valley
San Jacinto-Hemet Valley
Tri-Valley
Twentynine Palms
Yucca Valley

District 3
Arizona Peaks
Blythe
Bullhead City
Flagstaff
Gallup
Kingman
Lake Havasu City
Mountain Morning
Page/Lake Powell
Parker
Prescott, Inc.
Prescott Valley, Inc.
Sedona, Inc.
Wickenburg, Inc.
Winslow
Zane Grey Country

District 4
Albuquerque
Apache Junction.
Camelback, Inc.
Desert Tucson
El Paso Estrella
Kachinas, Inc.
Las Cruces
Mesa, Inc..
Phoenix, Inc.
Saguaro Foothills.
San Tans, Inc.
Tucson
Valley of the Sun

2004-2006 BIENNIUM

Governor	Vicki Piña, SI Phoenix, Inc.
Governor-elect	Judy Harris, SI Big Bear Valley, Inc.
Secretary	Karen Haughey, SI the Chino Valley, Inc.
Treasurer	Gloria Hill, SI Palm Springs
District 1 Director	Denise Hammer, SI Corona
District 2 Director	Linda Nixon, SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley
District 3 Director	Carol Blann, SI Zane Grey Country
District 4 Director	Eileen Birin, SI of the Kachinas, Inc.

CONFERENCES

The 2005 Spring Conference "Fun On The River" was held on May 12-14, 2005 at the Flamingo Laughlin, Laughlin, Nevada. SI Bullhead City/Laughlin, SI Kingman, SI Lake Havasu City, and SI Parker hosted the conference, which was attended by 526 Soroptimists and guests. Jean Barth, President-elect, Soroptimist International of the Americas, was the official visitor. Delegates elected the 2005-2007 Nominating Committee members. The conference was highlighted by the motivational keynote address given by Vicki Hitzges, CSP and Saturday Night Golden Mike Award where members danced and sang Karaoke.

The 2006 Spring Conference "California Dreamin'" was held May 4-6, 2006 at the Riverside Convention Center in Riverside, California. SI Riverside, SI Moreno Valley, and SI Tri-Valley hosted the conference, which was attended by 433 Soroptimists and their guests. Carmen Diez de Vuelvas, Federation Board member, was the official Soroptimist International of the Americas visitor. Delegates elected the 2006-2008 Golden West Region Officers and District Directors. This conference saw additional workshops added to the agenda. The conference concluded with the installation of the new Golden West Region Board conducted by DIVA DONA Donna Walker, SI Desert Tucson.

CONFERENCE ACTION

2005
The conference delegates approved the following:
- Index #1. New Golden West Region Bylaws which were updated and refined
- Index # 2. New Golden West Region Standing Rules
- Resolution 1. To adopt the rotation method of nomination and election of the Federation board member from our electoral area, which is shared with Camino Real and Desert Coast

2006
The conference delegates approved the following:
- Index #1. To amend, by substitution, Golden West Region Standing Rules, Section A.1 and A.2. This will change the Electoral Area method of nomination to an at-large method.

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Silent Auction Baskets income for 2005 was $10,500.00. Silent Auction Baskets income for 2006 was $8,250. Many clubs donated cash if they were unable to enter a basket for the silent auction.

CLUB GIVING/LAUREL SOCIETY

2005 Twenty-one clubs participated in Club Giving with a total donation of $7,648.00. One hundred percent of the clubs participated in Founders Pennies. Eighteen new Laurel Society members joined this year. Linda Nixon, SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley won the Laurel Society drawing.

2006 Twenty clubs participated in Club Giving with a total donation of $7,500.00. One hundred percent of the clubs participated in Founders Pennies. Fifteen new Laurel Society members joined this year. Connie Tipton, SI Zane Grey Country won the Laurel Society drawing. There are now 100 Laurel Society members in the Golden West Region.

WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARDS

2005 Fifty-one clubs (84%) in the Golden West Region participated in the WOA Program for a total donation of $66,540.00 presented to WOA applicants.

Recipient	GWR Award	SIA Award	Sponsoring Club
Gail A. Tamez	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley
Jaqueline Phipps	$ 4,500	$ 3,000	SI Montclair/Inland Valley
Jessica Stapleton	$ 3,000	$3,000	SI Camelback, Inc.
Dawn James	$ 2,500	$3,000	SI Lake Havasu City
LeeAnn Rigby	$ 2,000	$3,000	SI Redlands

2006 Sixty-three clubs (100%) in the Golden West Region participated in the WOA Program for a total donation of $52,840.00 presented to first place WOA applicants and $9,300.00 presented to second place applicants.

Recipient	GWR Award	SIA Award	Sponsoring Club
Catherine Easley	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	SI the Arizona Peaks
Kellie Stelzriede	$ 4,000	$ 3,000	SI Running Springs Area
Melissa Kelly Bombino	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	SI Kingman
Yliana Zuniga	$ 2,000	$ 3,000	SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire
Jean Farrell	$ 1,000	$ 3,000	SI Phoenix, Inc.

VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARDS

2005 Forty-one clubs (67%) participated in this program with a total of $14,550.00 presented to VRA applicants and $9,450.00 presented to the applicants chosen volunteer organizations.

Recipient	Award / Volunteer Organization	Sponsoring Club
Stephanie Templeton	$1,000 / $1,000 – Foundation for the Blind Children	SI the San Tans, Inc.
Christina Kinnevey	$ 750 / $ 750 – The Girl Scouts	SI Riverside
Alem Tecle	$ 500 / $ 500 – Amnesty Int'l Flagstaff High School Branch	SI Mountain Morning

2006 Thirty-nine clubs (62%) participated in this program with a total of $11,125.00 presented to VRA applicants and $7,825.00 presented to the applicants chosen volunteer organizations.

Recipient	Award / Volunteer Organization	Sponsoring Club
Elizabeth Do	$1,000 / $1,000 – Immigrant Cultural Tutoring Center	SI the San Tans, Inc.
Solymar Soa-Negron	$ 500 / $ 500 – Multicultural Council of Riverside Metropolitan Museum	SI Riverside
Crystal Casias	$ 250 / $ 250 – Girl Scouts, Life Teen Programs	SI Gallup

PROGRAMS OF SERVICE AWARDS

2005 Clubs submitted 300 program focus reports. The following awards were presented for outstanding projects:

Economic and Social Development	SI Wickenburg, Inc.	Women's Wellness Fair
	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.	Sponsorship of Van for Public Transportation
	SI Palm Desert	House of Hope Extreme Makeover
Education	SI Albuquerque	Story Time a the Nursery
	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.	Funding for Nursing Training
	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.	City Hall Education
Environment	SI Mountain Morning	One Mile Highway Cleanup
	SI Moreno Valley	Project Kind Kids
	SI Apache Junction	Adopt-A-Trail
Health	SI the San Tan, Inc.	Women's Wellness Fair
	SI Parker	Mammography Funding
	SI Mountain Morning	Support for Women in Treatment for Cancer
Human Rights	SI Big Bear Valley, Inc.	DOVES-Domestic Violence Education Service
	SI Riverside	Agencies Support
	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.	Faith House support
Intl Goodwill & Understanding	SI Mesa, Inc.	Fuente de Vida, Agua Prieta, Senora Mexico
	SI Moreno Valley	School Supplies & Crafts for Mexican Orphanage
	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.	Cerro Gordo School, Penonome, Panama

2006 Clubs submitted 347 program focus reports. The following awards were presented for outstanding projects:

Economic and Social Development	SI Big Bear Valley, Inc.	Teen Self Esteem-Girl Power
	SI Phoenix, Inc.	Homeward Bound
	SI Apache Junction	Saturday of Service for Teenage Mothers
Education	SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc.	Off to a Good Start
	SI the Kachinas, Inc.	Food for Thought
	SI Flagstaff	Joshua House Foundation
Environment	SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc	Horses Help cleanup
	SI the Chino Valley, Inc.	Collecting Used Ink Cartridges
	SI the Chino Valley, Inc.	Collecting plastic bags
Health	SI Albuquerque	Health Faire
	SI Gallup	Mind, Body and Soul
	SI Riverside	Caregivers Visit Day
Human Rights	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.	DOVES Transitional Housing
	SI Zane Grey Country	Radiothon
	SI Lake Havasu City	Day of Unity
Intl. Goodwill & Understanding	SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire	Soroptimist Roll Back Malaria
	SI the Chino Valley, Inc.	Heart Warmers
	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.	Re-roofing, Installing Flush Toilets in Cerro Gordo School, Panama

SI Valley of the Sun, Inc. received the "On the Ball Award" for sending in the first Program Focus Report.

SOROPTIMIST SATURDAY OF SERVICE

2005 Saturday of Service took place on March 5, 2005.

2004 Saturday of Service took place on March4m 2006. In the Golden West Region 28 of 62 clubs reported they had participated. Participating clubs were presented with a Certificate of Participation

SI the Arizona Peaks	SI Big Bear Valley, Inc.	SI Blythe
SI Camelback, Inc.	SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire	SI Chino Valley, Inc.
SI Corona	SI El Paso	SI Estrella
SI Flagstaff	SI the Foothills, Inc.	SI Idyllwild
SI the Kachinas, Inc.	SI Lake Arrowhead, Inc.	SI Moreno Valley
SI Mountain Morning	SI Phoenix, Inc.	SI Riverside
SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc.	SI San Bernardino	SI the San Tans, Inc.
SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.	SI Victor Valley, Inc.	SI Wickenburg, Inc.
SI Zane Grey Country		

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR WOMEN AWARDS

2005 Making A Difference for Women Award awarded to Mary E. Peterson, sponsored by SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc. The region presented her with a check for $1,000 for her charity, Maggie's Place.

2006 Twenty-one clubs (34%) participated in the Making a Difference Award program. Making A Difference for Women Award awarded to Jeanie Donohoo, sponsored by SI Lake Arrowhead, Inc. The region presented her with a check for $500 for her charity, Kairos.

GOVERNOR'S AWARD

Governor Vicki Piña awarded the Governor's Award to SI Valley of the Sun, Inc. The award recognized one outstanding club's efforts to achieve the goals of the region, federation and the Renaissance Campaign.

EMERGING LEADER FORUM

Governor Vicki awarded the Emerging Leader to Carol Duncan, SI the Chino Valley, Inc. The goal of this SIA event is to provide training to one member in each region who has not held a leadership position beyond the club level, which will result in a growing pool of talented leaders at the club, region and federation level.

RENAISSANCE IMAGE AWARD

2005 1st Place SI Zane Grey Country

IMAGE AWARD

2005 SI Gold Canyon, SI Corona, SI Big Bear Valley, Inc., SI Zane Grey Country

NEWSLETTER AWARDS

2005	1ST Place	SI Montclair/Inland Valley	"Valley Viewpoint"
	2nd Place	SI Big Bear Valley, Inc.	"Bear Details"
	3rd Place	SI the Chino Valley, Inc.	"SoroptiMoos"
2006	1st Place	SI Montclair/Inland Valley	"Valley Viewpoint"
	2nd Place	SI Big Bear Valley, Inc.	"Bear Details"
	3rd Place	SI the San Tans, Inc.	"San Tans News Stand"

Community Newsletter winner: SI Valley of the Sun, Inc. "The Faces of Soroptimists"

BEST OF SOLT

2006	1ST Place	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.	"Orientation Brunch"

PROJECT INDEPENDENCE: WOMEN SURVIVORS OF WAR

The SI Quadrennial project is a joint effort with Women to Women International to reduce poverty, promote stability and promote economic growth for women of Bosnia, Afghanistan and Rwanda. Clubs were recognized with a banner patch:

District 1	SI Barstow Area sponsored 2 women
	SI Corona sponsored 2 women and became a group correspondent
	SI of the Foothills, Inc. sponsored 1 woman
	SI of Riverside sponsored 1 woman
	SI San Bernardino sponsored 1 woman
	"S" Club of Don Lugo High School (SI of the Chino Valley, Inc.) sponsored 1 woman
District 2	SI the High Country sponsored 1 woman
	SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley sponsored 1 woman
District 3	SI Flagstaff sponsored 3 women
	SI Zane Grey Country sponsored 1 woman
District 4	SI Albuquerque sponsored 5 women
	SI Apache Junction sponsored 3 women
	SI El Paso sponsored 1 woman
	SI the Kachinas, Inc. sponsored 1 woman
	SI Phoenix, Inc. became a group correspondent
	SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc. sponsored 2 women and became 2 group correspondents
	"S" Club of Cactus Shadow High School (SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc.) sponsored 1 woman and became a group correspondent
	SI the San Tans, Inc. sponsored 3 women
	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc. became a group correspondent

A Peace Dolls Auction was held at the 2006 conference. Ninety-five dolls were auctioned. The $3,894.00 raised will be used to sponsor eleven women.

FEDERATION CLUBS CELEBRATING SUCCESS AWARDS

2005	3rd Place Finalist		
	SI Albuquerque	Fundraising	Red Hat Fundraising Luncheon
	SI Albuquerque	Human Rights of Women/Girls	New Mexico Year of the Girl: Believe in Me
	Semi-Finalist		
	SI Albuquerque	New Club Building	Chartering Rio Rancho
	SI Albuquerque	Status of Women and Girls	Health Calendar for the New Mexico Year of the Girl

2006 Semi-Finalist

SI Albuquerque	Fundraising	Red Hat Fundraising Luncheon
SI Corona	Fundraising	Chocolate, Wine and Jazz Festival
SI the Chino Valley, Inc.	New Club Building	Chartering Chino Hills/Inland Empire
SI Albuquerque	Membership Enhancement/ Retention	Membership Recruitment

FALL MEETINGS

2004 Fall Meeting Patches were presented to:

Host Clubs	District	Attendance
SI Big Bear Valley, Inc. & SI Running Springs Area	1	114
SI Idyllwild & SI the High Country	2	97
SI Zane Grey Country	3	92
SI Camelback, Inc.	4	115

2005 Fall Meeting Patches were presented to:

SI Barstow Area	1	112
SI Palm Springs	2	111
SI the Arizona Peaks, SI Flagstaff & SI Mountain Morning	3	110
SI Desert Tucson	4	110

SPRING CONFERENCE PATCHES

2004 Spring Conference patch was presented to SI Palm Desert - District 2
Banner Patch was presented Co-Chair, Pam Field, SI Palm Desert-Sunrise

2005 Spring Conference patches were presented to SI Bullhead City/Laughlin, SI Blythe, SI Kingman, SI Lake Havasu City, and SI Parker – District 3

CLUB GRANTS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

2006

SI Mesa, Inc.	$7,500
SI Mountain Morning	$2,500

MEMBERSHIP

The region continues to lose members during the biennium, but has chartered 3 new clubs. As of April 30, 2006 the region had 62 clubs with 1,862 members. One additional club chartered at spring conference brought the club total to 63 to end the biennium.

The membership committee was split into three committees: Membership, Chartering and SMART. The membership committee oversees the chartering and SMART committees. The purpose of the chartering committee is to help charter new clubs. The SMART committee is made up of DONAs and assists clubs that are in low membership. The region supports the clubs and has money available to help clubs increase their membership.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING RETREAT

2005 The first Leadership Training Retreat of the biennium was held at the Ayres Suites in Ontario, California on July 15-16, 2005. The theme was "Together-Making Leadership Count" and was lead by Governor-elect Judy Harris. Speakers included GWR Board Members, committee coordinators, DONA Victoria Nuth, and SIA Executive Director Leigh Wintz.

2006 The second Leadership Training Retreat of the biennium was held at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Phoenix, Arizona on June 23-24, 2006. The theme was "Take a Leap into Leadership!" and was lead by incoming Governor Judy Harris. Speakers included Lisa Ann Landry, M.S., Professional Speaker, who spoke on creative thinking and problem solving.

VENTURE

GWR Clubs sponsored three Venture Clubs: Venture Club of Big Bear Valley, Venture Club of Kingman, and Venture Club of Phoenix. A new club, sponsored by SI Palm Springs, Venture Club of Coachella Valley was chartered.

"S" CLUBS

Nine "S" Clubs were sponsored by GWR Clubs: Don Lugo High School sponsored by SI the Chino Valley, Inc., Sultana High School sponsored by SI Victor Valley, Inc. Hamilton High School sponsored by SI the High Country, Kingman High School sponsored by SI Kingman, Lake Havasu High School sponsored by SI Lake Havasu, Palm Desert High School sponsored by SI Palm Desert-Sunrise, Winslow High School sponsored by SI Winslow, Yucca Valley High School sponsored by SI Yucca Valley and Cactus Shadow High School sponsored by SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc.

CLUB CHARTERING / MERGING / DISBANDING

Three new clubs chartered during the 2004-2006 biennium.

Chartered Clubs:	SI Gold Canyon	3/12/2005	Sponsored by SI Apace Junction
	SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire	7/15/2005	Sponsored by SI the Chino Valley, Inc.
	SI Apple Valley	5/6/2006	Sponsored by SI Victor Valley, Inc.

There were several clubs that are working to sponsor new clubs.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS, INC. NEW PROGRAMS

The *Soroptimist International Magazine* was renamed *Best for Women*.

RENAISSANCE CAMPAIGN 2004

As a result of a membership/marketing research survey, the Renaissance Campaign was created to revitalize and rejuvenate the way we accomplish SIA's Strategic Plan. The five-year plan for renewal was launched at the 2004 convention in Calgary. There are four components to the campaign: membership, program, public awareness and fundraising. Renaissance pins were sold at conferences. The new "S" logo, along with the tagline "Best for Women", was introduced. The words, "improving the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world", was introduced as part of SIA'a mission.

PROGRAM COUNCIL 2005

A Program Council member position was initiated by SIA. One person from each region will be appointed to be responsible for assisting SIA in program development, program promotion and for distributing and

gathering program information from clubs in the region. The member will serve as a resource on programmatic issues to clubs and leadership in the region. Deborah Brown, SI Valley of the Sun, Inc., was appointed our first Program Council Member.

LIVE THE DREAM CAMPAIGN 2006

Region clubs began participating in SIA's "Live the Dream Campaign", a public awareness and fundraising campaign that clubs can implement locally to raise their profile as well as funds for local women and girl-focused projects.

38th BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMEICAS, Inc.

Golden West Region Soroptimists were among the 1,295 Soroptimist, guests and friends who attended the 38th Biennial Convention of Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. on August 4-7, 2004, in Calgary Alberta, Canada.

GOVERNOR'S ROUND TABLE AND TRAIN THE TRAINERS

2004 The Governor's Roundtable was held prior to the 38th Biennial Convention on August 1-2, 2004. Governor Vicki Piña attended the roundtable.

2005 The Governor's Roundtable was held in Los Angeles on July 6-8, 2005. Governor Vicki Piña, Governor-elect Judy Harris and Secretary Karen Haughey attended the roundtable.
The Train the Trainers followed the roundtable on July 8-9. Governor Vicki Piña, Governor-elect Judy Harris, Secretary Karen Haughey, Treasurer Gloria Hill, GWR Program Council Member Deborah Brown, and GWR Membership Committee Coordinator Shay Givans attended the training. 1992-1994 Golden West Region Governor Alice Wells, SI of the Kachinas, Inc., was installed Member, 2005-2006 Board of Directors, Electoral Area 9 Representative.

SIA INVITATIONAL SOROPTIMIST RAP SESSION

The fourth Invitational Soroptimist RAP Session was held in Orlando, Florida, January 27-29, 2006, at the Disney's Grand Floridian Resort and Spa at Walt Disney World. Secretary Karen Haughey, GWR Program Council Member Deborah Brown, GWR Venture Coordinator Margie Burke and Julie Hassett, SI Bullhead City/Laughlin, attended the RAP session.

Soroptimist International

2003-2005 President: Joan Cromer
2005-2007 President: Lynn Dunning
Quadrennial Project: Project Independence: Women Survivors of War
2004 December 10th Presidents Appeal: Children of Peace Ho Chi Minh City Youth Shelter
2005 December 10th Presidents Appeal: Roll Back Malaria

Number of clubs 3,125 Number of countries 125 Number of members 95,500

SI Federations

Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific
Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.
Soroptimist International of Great Britain & Ireland
Soroptimist International of Europe

Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.

2004-2005 President: Victoria Hobbs
2005-2006 President: Jean Barth

Number of clubs 1,447 Number of countries 19 Number of members 41,719

SIA Regions

America del Sur
Brazil
Camino Real
North Central
Desert Coast
Eastern Canada
Founder
Golden West
Japan Chuo
Japan Higashi
Japan Kita
Japan Minami
Japan Nishi
Korea
Mexico/Centroamerica
Midwestern
North Atlantic
Northeastern
Northwestern
Philippines
Rocky Mountain
Sierra Nevada
Sierra Pacific
South Atlantic
South Central
Southern
Taiwan
Western Canada

Golden West Region

Governor **Vicki Piña**
Number of clubs 631
Number of districts 4
Number of members 1,862

<u>District 1</u>
Apple Valley
Baldy View
Barstow Area
Big Bear Valley, Inc.
Chino Hills/Inland Empire
The Chino Valley, Inc.
Corona
Dawn-Seekers of Yucaipa
the Foothills, Inc.
Lake Arrowhead, Inc.
Montclair/Inland Valley
Moreno Valley
Redlands
Riverside
Running Springs Area
San Bernardino
Victor Valley Inc.

<u>District 2</u>
Banning
Beaumont
Cathedral City/
Rancho Mirage
Desert Hot Springs, Inc.
Hemacinto
the High Country
Idyllwild
La Quinta/Coachella Valley
Palm Desert
Palm Desert – Sunrise
Palm Springs
Perris Valley
San Jacinto-Hemet Valley
Tri-Valley
Twentynine Palms
Yucca Valley

<u>District 3</u>
Arizona Peaks
Blythe
Bullhead City
Flagstaff
Gallup
Kingman
Lake Havasu City
Mountain Morning
Page/Lake Powell
Parker
Prescott, Inc.
Prescott Valley, Inc.
Sedona, Inc.
Wickenburg, Inc.
Winslow
Zane Grey Country

<u>District 4</u>
Albuquerque
Apache Junction.
Camelback, Inc.
Desert Tucson
El Paso
Estrella
Gold Canyon
the Kachinas, Inc.
Las Cruces
Mesa, Inc.
Phoenix, Inc.
Saguaro Foothills, Inc.
the San Tans, Inc.
Valley of the Sun, Inc.

2006-2008 BIENNIUM

Governor	Judy Harris, SI Big Bear Valley, Inc.
Governor-elect	Karen Haughey, SI the Chino Valley, Inc.
Secretary	Linda Nixon, SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley
Treasurer	Gloria Hill, SI Palm Springs
District 1 Director	Annamarie Megrdichian, SI the Chino Valley, Inc.
District 2 Director	Virginia Wagner, SI Yucca Valley
District 3 Director	Sandi Cvercko, SI Mountain Morning
District 4 Director	Margie Burke, SI Phoenix, Inc.

CONFERENCES

The 2007 Spring Conference "Soroptimist at Sea" was held on May 18-21, 2007 aboard the Carnival cruise ship PARADISE, sailing from Long Beach, California to Ensenada, Mexico. A total of 426 Soroptimists and guests attended the conference, hosted by SI Wickenburg, Inc. Soroptimist International of the Americas Board Member Fannie Louie was the official visitor. Delegates elected the 2007-2009 Nominating Committee members. The conference program was condensed to allow members and guests to enjoy shipboard activities and to participate in a shore excursion to Ensenada, Mexico.

The 2008 Spring Conference "Awaken the Spirit" was held June 5-7, 2008 at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort in Chandler, Arizona. SI Big Bear Valley, Inc., SI Happy Valley, and SI the Kachinas, Inc. hosted the conference, which was attended by 454 Soroptimists and their guests. DOÑA Alice Wells, Soroptimist International of the Americas President-elect was the official Federation visitor. Delegates elected the 2008-2010 Golden West Region Officers and District Directors. Attendees celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Golden West Region with special presentations by DOÑA Marie Seybold, SI Lake Arrowhead, Inc., DOÑA Margaret Henderson, SI Palm Desert, and DOÑA Vicki Piña, SI Phoenix, Inc., and a display of Soroptimist memorabilia. The conference concluded with the installation of the new Golden West Region Board conducted by DOÑA Gladys Weems, SI San Bernardino, and DOÑA Victoria Nuth, SI Wickenburg, Inc.

CONFERENCE ACTION

2007
There were no indices considered at the 2007 conference.

2008
The conference delegates approved the following:

INDEX 1 to amend Article III Members, Section 3.2 Territory and Article V, Section 5.1, Nominations by moving the reference to election of officers from Section 3.2 to Section 5.1.

INDEX 2 to amend Article IV, Officers, Section 4.4 to read that the region secretary shall issue minutes within 30 days after each board meeting.

INDEX 3 to add to Article VI, Board of Directors, Section 6.4 that special meetings of the board may be called by e-mail as well as by personal, written, and telephone notice.

INDEX 4 to amend Article VI, Board of Directors, Section 6.6 to read that the region board may vote by electronic transmission as well as mail and fax.

INDEX 5 to amend Article VIII, Committees Section 8.1 to read that the membership committee shall consist of at least three members.

INDEX 6 to delete Article IX, Section 9.2 Dues and Fees, c 3, since region manuals are free and downloadable on the GWR Website.

INDEX 7 to delete all Standing Rules due to being unnecessary or duplicated in other sections of the bylaws and procedures.

INDEX 8 to amend Finance, Number 14 a. & b., Golden West Region Procedures to read that general fund surplus funds shall be allocated 60% to the service fund and 40% to the general fund to be used in addition to the current operating expense budget, as needed, beginning in the 2010-2012 biennium.

INDEX 9 to amend Finance, Number 16, Golden West Procedures to dissolve the designated accounts for legislative workshops and utilize the funds for additional operating expenses in the 2010-2012 biennium.

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Silent Auction income for 2007 was $10,800.00. Silent Auction income for 2008 was $8,035.00. Many clubs donated cash if they were unable to provide a basket or item for the silent auction.

WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARDS

2007 Sixty-three clubs (100%) in the Golden West Region participated in the WOA Program, donating a total of $89,699.00 to WOA applicants.

Recipient	GWR Award	SIA Award	Sponsoring Club
Skakaiba Samad	$ 3,000	$ 5,000	SI the Kachinas, Inc.
Judith Arnold	$ 2,000	$ 3,000	SI Prescott Valley, Inc.
Stephanie Brown	$ 2,000	$ 3,000	SI San Bernardino
Roxanne Cerrasco	$ 2,000	$ 3,000	SI Palm Desert-Sunrise
Rosina Meadors	$ 2,000	$ 3,000	SI Bullhead City/Laughlin
Brenda Noe	$ 2,000	$ 3,000	SI Apache Junction
Kim Staten	$ 2,000	$ 3,000	SI the High Country

2008 Sixty-five clubs (100%) in the Golden West Region participated in the WOA Program, donating a total of $97,250.00 to WOA applicants.

Recipient	GWR Award	SIA Award	Sponsoring Club
Glenda Hall	$3,000	$5,000	SI Lake Havasu City
Sharyn Dunia	$2,500	$3,000	SI Bullhead City/Laughlin
Flor Olivas	$2,500	$3,000	SI Las Cruces
Kenya Wells	$2,500	$3,000	SI Dawnseekers of Yucaipa
Eunice Mushonga	$2,500	$3,000	SI Palm Springs
Michelle Oesterreich	$2,500	$3,000	SI Zane Grey Country
Jill Rhode	$2,500	$3,000	SI the San Tans, Inc.

VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARDS

2007 Fifty-two clubs (83%) participated in this program with a total of $19,950.00 presented to VRA applicants and $12,550.00 presented to the applicants chosen volunteer organizations.

Recipient	Award	Volunteer Organization	Award	Sponsoring Club
Kylynn Gutierrez	$ 1,000	The Sheepfold	$ 1,000	SI the Chino Valley, Inc.
Megan Churchman	$ 500	Casas por Christo	$ 500	SI El Paso
Marley Hillegar	$ 250	Blythe Police Activities League	$ 250	SI Blythe

2008 Forty-nine clubs (80%) participated in this program with a total of $16,885.00 presented to VRA applicants and $11,635.00 presented to the applicants chosen volunteer organizations.

Recipient	Award	Volunteer Organization	Award	Sponsoring Club
Taylor Landreth	$ 1,000	St. Joseph's Hospital	$ 1,000	SI the Kachinas, Inc.
Elizabeth Ramirez	$ 500	Teen Pregnancy Prevention	$ 500	SI Prescott Valley, Inc.
Breanna Kyle	$250	Interact	$250	SI Twenty-nine Palms

PROGRAMS OF SERVICE AWARDS

2007 Clubs submitted 441 program focus reports. The following awards were presented for outstanding projects:

Economic & Social Development	SI Corona	Inspire Life Skills Training, Inc.
	SI Mountain Morning	Best Face Forward
	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.	Changing Lives, Through Dignity of Work
Education	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.	Helping Hands for Single Moms
	SI Big Bear Valley, Inc.	Big Bear High School Scholarships
	SI Corona	Adult Continuation School Scholarship Program
Environment	SI Albuquerque	Water for New Orleans
	SI Idyllwild	Used Household Batteries-Proper Disposal
	SI Blythe	Annual Plant Sale
Health	SI Victor Valley, Inc.	Parenting and Pregnant Teen Health Faire
	SI Blythe	Girls Secrets
	SI the High Country	Flu Shot Clinic for Seniors
Human Rights/ Status of Women	SI Albuquerque	Crossroads
	SI Corona	Dreams and Decisions
	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.	Safe House
International Goodwill and Understanding	SI Albuquerque	Women Walking for Women Survivors of War
	SI Moreno Valley	Kids Kingdom Orphanage/School Supplies
	SI Big Bear Valley, Inc.	Smile Train

2008 Clubs submitted 368 program focus reports. The following awards were presented for outstanding projects:

Economic & Social Development	SI Corona	Inspire Life Skills Training
	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.	Summer Activity Time (SAT)
	SI Prescott, Inc.	Sunflowers for Seniors
Education	SI Mesa, Inc.	Teen Mentoring Program
	SI La Quinta-Coachella Valley	Ophelia Project
	SI Corona	High School Scholarship Program
Environment	SI Mountain Morning	Memory Park Project
	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.	Safe House
	SI the Chino Valley, Inc.	Cell Phone Recycling Program
Health	SI Victor Valley, Inc.	Pregnant and Parenting Teen Health Fair
	SI Big Bear Valley, Inc.	Mammogram Screenings
	SI Sedona	Community Blood Drive
Human Rights/ Status of Women	SI Gallup	STOP Human Trafficking Information Session
	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.	Safe House
	SI the Kachinas, Inc.	Body and Sold Project
	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.	Body and Sold Project
	SI Phoenix, Inc.	Body and Sold Project
	SI Camelback, Inc.	Body and Sold Project
International Goodwill and Understanding	SI the Chino Valley, Inc.	Medical & School Supplies for African Girls
	SI Moreno Valley	Kids Kingdom Orphanage School Supplies
	SI the Arizona Peaks	Women for Women Walk for Peace

SOROPTIMIST SATURDAY OF SERVICE

2007 Saturday of Service took place on March 3, 2007. Thirty-four clubs in the Golden West Region participated. The following clubs were presented with a Certificate of Participation:

SI Apache Junction
SI Apple Valley
SI the Arizona Peaks
SI Baldy View
SI Blythe
SI Camelback, Inc.
SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire
SI the Chino Valley, Inc.
SI Corona
SI Gold Canyon
SI the Foothills, Inc.
SI Hemacinto
SI the High Country
SI Idyllwild
SI the Kachinas, Inc.
SI La Quinta/Coachella Valley
SI Montclair/Inland Valley
SI Mountain Morning
SI Palm Desert
SI Palm Desert-Sunrise
SI Palm Springs
SI Phoenix, Inc.
SI Prescott, Inc.
SI Prescott Valley, Inc.
SI Redlands
SI Running Springs Area
SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc.
SI San Bernardino
SI San Jacinto/Hemet Valley
SI Sedona, Inc.
SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.
SI Victor Valley, Inc.
SI Wickenburg, Inc.
SI Zane Grey Country

2008 Saturday of Service took place on March 1, 2008. Thirty clubs in the Golden West Region participated. The following clubs were presented with a Certificate of Participation:

SI Baldy View	SI Gold Canyon	SI Phoenix, Inc.
SI Camelback, Inc.	SI the High Country	SI Riverside
SI Central Yavapai Sunrise	SI Idyllwild	SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc.
SI the Chino Valley, Inc.	SI the Kachinas, Inc.	SI San Bernardino
SI Corona	SI Moreno Valley	SI San Tans, Inc.
SI Duke City	SI Mountain Morning	SI Sedona, Inc.
SI Estrella	SI Palm Desert	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.
SI Flagstaff	SI Palm Springs	SI Victor Valley, Inc.
SI the Foothills, Inc.	SI Parker	SI Zane Grey Country
SI Gallup		

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR WOMEN AWARDS

2007 Twenty clubs (32%) of clubs participated in the Making a Difference for Women award program. The region Making A Difference for Women Award was awarded to Deborah Lemons, sponsored by SI Victor Valley, Inc. The region presented her with a check for $1,000 for her charity, Rose of Sharon Life Center.

2008 Twenty-three clubs (35%) participated in the Making a Difference Award program. The region Making A Difference for Women Award was awarded to Stephanie Boardman, sponsored by SI Flagstaff. The region presented her with a check for $1,000 for her charity, Hope Cottage.

GOVERNOR'S AWARDS

2007 Governor Judy Harris presented recognition certificates to four clubs for outstanding efforts in the four areas of the Renaissance Campaign:

Membership	SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc.
Fund Raising	SI Camelback, Inc.
Program	SI Page/Lake Powell
Public Awareness	SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire

Governor Judy Harris awarded the Governor's Outstanding Effort Award to SI Phoenix, Inc. in recognition of completed projects and for developing a club strategic plan.

2008 Governor Judy Harris presented recognition certificates to 10 clubs for outstanding efforts in the four areas of the Renaissance Campaign:

Membership	SI Palm Desert.	SI Palm Springs
Fund Raising	SI Zane Grey Country	SI Phoenix, Inc.
Public Awareness	SI Riverside	SI the San Tans, Inc.
Special Recognition Award-	SI Camelback, Inc.	SI the Kachinas, Inc.
Body & Sold Project	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.	SI Phoenix, Inc.

Governor Judy Harris awarded the Region Renaissance Club Award to two clubs, SI Corona and SI Desert Tucson.

CLUB GIVING/LAUREL SOCIETY

2007 Thirty clubs participated in Club Giving with a total donation of $17,808.15. One hundred percent of the clubs participated in Founders Pennies. Twenty-five new Laurel Society members joined this year. Laurel Society membership drawings were held—winners were Kay Creed—SI Palm Springs, Beth Daniel—SI Palm Springs, DeAnn Harned—SI Moreno Valley, Linda Jacobson—SI Victor Valley, Inc., Carolyn Lutz—SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc., Annamarie Megrdichian—SI the Chino Valley, Inc., Raycene Osterman—SI Kingman, Bev Truett—SI the San Tans, Inc., Suzanne Valenzuela—SI Blythe. On June 30, 2007, there were 135 Laurel Society members in the Golden West Region.

2008 Thirty clubs participated in Club Giving with a total donation of $20,108.65. One hundred percent of the clubs participated in Founders Pennies. Twenty-five new Laurel Society members joined this year. Laurel Society membership drawings were held—winners were Doreen Berggren—SI Prescott Valley, Inc., Janie Currey—SI Tri-Valley, Lorraine Estelle—SI Redlands, Mary Haas—SI Palm Desert-Sunrise, Betty McCain—SI the Chino Valley, Inc., Cindy Rabe—SI Mountain Morning, Jan Richter—SI Big Bear Valley, Inc. On June 30, 2008, there were 162 Laurel Society members in the Golden West Region.

EMERGING LEADER CANDIDATE

2007 Federation Visitor Fannie Louie announced that Susan Eastman, SI Wickenburg, Inc. had been selected as the GWR 2007 Emerging Leader Candidate. As the region emerging leader, Susan attended the Emerging Leaders Forum at the Soroptimist Professional Development Seminar in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 22-23, 2007.

SOROPTIMISTS CELEBRATING SUCCESS AWARDS TO GWR CLUBS

2007	**Fundraising** *Semi Finalist*	SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire	Whodunit Murder Mystery Dinner
	Fundraising *Semi-Finalist*	SI Corona	Chocolate, Wine & Jazz Festival
	Global Community *Semi-Finalist*	SI Albuquerque	Women Walking for Women Survivors of War
	Human Rights of Women & Girls *Semi-Finalist*	SI Albuquerque	Maya's House
	Status of Women & Girls *Semi-Finalist*	SI Albuquerque	A Women's Health Fair for Women by Women
	Status of Women & Girls *Semi-Finalist*	SI Big Bear Valley, Inc.	Camp Girl Power
	Status of Women & Girls *Semi-Finalist*	SI Mountain Morning	Best Face Forward
	Web Site *Finalist*	SI Corona	www.sicorona.org
	Web Site *Semi-Finalist*	SI the Arizona Peaks	www.siarizonapeaks.com

2008	**Fundraising** *2nd Place Finalist*	SI Corona	Chocolate, Wine & Jazz Festival
	Fundraising *Semi-Finalist*	SI the Kachinas, Inc.	Kachinas Cook
	Membership Enhancement / Retention *Semi-Finalist*	SI Corona	E-Newsletter
	New Club Building *Semi-Finalist*	SI Duke City	Building New Clubs
	Web Site *3rd Place Finalist*	SI Corona	www.sicorona.org

CLUB GRANTS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

2007	SI Mesa, Inc.	$7,500	Autumn House
	SI Mountain Morning	$2,500	Sharon Manor Resource Team
2008	SI Big Bear Valley, Inc.	$6,500	Camp Girl Power
	SI Central Yavapai Sunrise	$1,500	Heart for Art
	SI Riverside	$5,000	Live Your Dream Conference
	SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc.	$2,500	Star Power Workshop
	SI Winslow	$5,500	Alice's Place

LEADERSHIP TRAINING RETREAT

2007 The first Leadership Training Retreat of the biennium was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario, California on July 13-14, 2007. The theme was "A Leadership League of Our Own" and was lead by Governor-elect Karen Haughey. Featured speakers included SIA President 2004-2005 Victoria Hobbs and SIA President 2000-2001 Yvonne Machuk.

2008 The second Leadership Training Retreat of the biennium was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel Phoenix Airport in Phoenix, Arizona on June 27-28, 2008. The theme was "Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Leadership" and was lead by incoming Governor Karen Haughey. The featured speaker was Jeanine L'Ecuyer, Public Relations Director for Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano.

FALL MEETINGS

2006	HOST CLUBS	DISTRICT	ATTENDANCE
	SI the Chino Valley, Inc. & SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire	1	128
	SI 29 Palms	2	91
	SI Gallup	3	80
	SI Las Cruces	4	68

2007	HOST CLUBS	DISTRICT	ATTENDANCE
	SI Apple Valley	1	147
	SI Hemacinto and SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley	2	99
	SI Sedona, Inc.	3	146
	SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc.	4	95

MEMBERSHIP

During the 2006-2008 biennium total membership in the region increased slightly. As of June 30, 2006 the region had 63 clubs with 1,862 members. As of June 30, 2008, the region had 65 clubs and a total of 1,891 members.

CLUB CHARTERING / MERGING / DISBANDING

SI Banning and SI Beaumont merged to become SI Beaumont-Banning on July 1, 2007.

Three new clubs were chartered during the 2006-2008 biennium:

SI Central Yavapai Sunrise	11/02/2007	Sponsored by SI Zane Grey Country
SI Duke City	11/17/2007	Sponsored by Golden West Region
SI Happy Valley	10/01/2007	Sponsored by SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.

Two clubs, SI Desert Hot Springs, Inc. and SI Page/Lake Powell, relinquished their charters and disbanded as of June 30, 2008.

VENTURE

GWR Clubs sponsored four Venture Clubs: Venture Club of Big Bear Valley, Venture Club of Kingman, Venture Club of Phoenix, and Venture Club of Coachella Valley. Two of these clubs, Venture Club of Big Bear Valley and the Venture Club of Coachella Valley, disbanded in June 2008.

S CLUBS

Eight S Clubs were sponsored by GWR Clubs: Sultana High School sponsored by SI Victor Valley, Inc. Hamilton High School sponsored by SI the High Country, Kingman High School sponsored by SI Kingman, Lake Havasu High School sponsored by SI Lake Havasu, Palm Desert High School sponsored by SI Palm Desert-Sunrise, Winslow High School sponsored by SI Winslow, Yucca Valley High School sponsored by SI Yucca Valley and Cactus Shadow High School sponsored by SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Number of clubs 3,000 Number of countries 125 Number of members 95,000

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Soroptimist International Of the South West Pacific	Soroptimist International Of the Americas, Inc.	Soroptimist International Of Great Britain & Ireland	Soroptimist International Of Europe

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS, INC.

Number of clubs 1,430 Number of countries 19 Number of members 38,171

SIA Regions

America del Sur	Golden West	Mexico/Centroamerica	Sierra Nevada
Brazil	Japan Chuo	Midwestern	Sierra Pacific
Camino Real	Japan Higashi	North Atlantic	South Atlantic
North Central	Japan Kita	Northeastern	South Central
Desert Coast	Japan Minami	Northwestern	Southern
Eastern Canada	Japan Nishi	Philippines	Taiwan
Founder	Korea	Rocky Mountain	Western Canada

Golden West Region
Governor—Judy Harris

Number of clubs 65 Number of districts 4 Number of members 1,891

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
Apple Valley	Beaumont-Banning	Arizona Peaks, the	Albuquerque
Baldy View	Cathedral City/Rancho Mirage	Blythe	Apache Junction
Barstow Area	Desert Hot Springs, Inc.	Bullhead City/Laughlin	Camelback, Inc.
Big Bear Valley, Inc.	Hemacinto	Central Yavapai	Desert Tucson
Chino Hills/Inland Empire	High Country, the	Sunrise	Duke City
Chino Valley, Inc., the	Idyllwild	Flagstaff	El Paso
Corona	La Quinta/Coachella Valley	Gallup	Estrella
Dawn-Seekers of Yucaipa	Palm Desert	Kingman	Gold Canyon
Foothills, Inc., the	Palm Desert-Sunrise	Lake Havasu City	Happy Valley
Lake Arrowhead, Inc.	Palm Springs	Mountain Morning	Kachinas, Inc., the
Montclair/Inland Valley	Perris Valley	Page/Lake Powell	Las Cruces
Moreno Valley	San Jacinto-Hemet Valley	Parker	Mesa, Inc.
Redlands	Tri-Valley	Prescott, Inc.	Phoenix, Inc.
Riverside	Twentynine Palms	Prescott Valley, Inc.	Saguaro Foothills, Inc.
Running Springs Area	Yucca Valley	Sedona, Inc.	San Tans, Inc., the
San Bernardino		Wickenburg, Inc.	Valley of the Sun, Inc.
Victor Valley, Inc.		Winslow	
		Zane Grey Country	

2008-2010 BIENNIUM

Governor	Karen Haughey, SI the Chino Valley, Inc.
Governor-elect	Gloria Hill, SI Palm Springs
Secretary	Linda Nixon, SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley
Treasurer	Sandi Cvercko, SI Mountain Morning
District 1 Director	Annamarie Megrdichian, SI the Chino Valley, Inc.
District 2 Director	Kimberly Cook, SI Palm Desert-Sunrise
District 3 Director	Ann Rice, SI Flagstaff
District 4 Director	Penny Babb, SI Happy Valley

CONFERENCES

The **2009 Spring Conference** "Sizzle with Service" was held May 14-16, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A total of 327 Soroptimists and guests attended the conference, hosted by SI Albuquerque and SI Duke City. Federation visitor Diane Thompson, SIA Board Member, SI Butler County, Pennsylvania was the official visitor. Delegates elected the 2009-2010 Nominating Committee members. SIA President DOÑA Alice Wells performed an honorary ceremony inducting ten new members from clubs throughout the Golden West Region. Governor Karen Haughey presented certificates to clubs that accepted her challenge to participate in the "Getting in Step with Soroptimist" program, a walking plan developed by America on the Move. Conference attendees heard a panel discussion concerning the fight against human trafficking in the State of New Mexico. Panel members included moderator, Kathi Brown, New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women and President of SI Duke City, Kathy L. Chapman, Executive Director New Mexico O.A.T.H. (Organized Against Trafficking Humans), Holly Beaumont, New Mexico Conference of Churches, and Brian D. Escobedo, Legal Aid and Social Services Catholic Charities of New Mexico. The conference concluded with dinner followed by salsa fiesta dancing.

The **2010 Spring Conference** "Rejuvenate Your Soroptimist Spirit" was held June 10-12, 2010 at the La Quinta Resort and Club in La Quinta, California. SI Palm Desert-Sunrise and SI Palm Springs hosted the conference, which was attended by 371 Soroptimists and their guests. Federation Board Member Linabelle Villarica, SI of Meycauayan, Philippines, was the official Federation visitor. SIA Executive Director Leigh Wintz, also attend the conference and was the keynote speaker at the Opening Ceremonies. Delegates elected the 2010-2012 Golden West Region Officers and District Directors. Conference attendees heard an interactive panel discussion related to four areas of human trafficking: public awareness, victim assistance, legislation and advocacy, and addressing the demand side of trafficking. Panel members included panel facilitator Leigh Wintz, SIA Executive Director, Linabelle Villarica, Federation Board Member, Victoria Hobbs, SIA Past President, and Dawn Marie Lemonds, SI Programme Director. Past SIA President and 2011 SI Convention Chair Yvonne Machuk attended the conference and issued an invitation to the 2011 SI Convention to be held in Montréal, Québec, Canada, July 10-14, 2011. The conference concluded with the installation of the new Golden West Region Board conducted by DOÑA Judy Harris, SI Big Bear Valley, Inc.

CONFERENCE ACTION

2009 The conference delegates approved the following:

INDEX 1
to insert a new subsection describing the Public Awareness Committee in Article VIII Committees, Section 8.1, Standing Committees was tabled until the 2010 Spring Conference.

INDEX 2
to amend Article IV, Officers, Section 4.5, d. Treasurer to read that the treasurer shall work with the Finance Committee to prepare a budget annually.

INDEX 3
to amend Article VII, Committees, Section 8.1, Standing committees, g: Finance to require development of an annual budget and that the GWR Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the committee.

INDEX 4
to amend Article VII, Meetings, Section 7.1 Annual Conference to read that the Call to Spring Conference shall include an annual budget.

INDEX 5
to amend Article IX, Finance, Section 9.2 e. 1. Delinquent Dues to read payment of dues received on or after August 1 shall result in the assessment of a late fee of $50. Payment of dues received on or after September 1 shall result in the assessment a late fee of $100.

2010 The conference delegates approved the following:

INDEX 1
to add a reference to the Public Awareness Committee to Article VIII Committees, Section 8.1, Standing Committees.

INDEX 2
to amend VIII, Standing Committees, Section 8.1. h to read the spring conference coordinator and assistant coordinator shall be selected from among members of the region.

INDEX 3
to amend Article IX, Finance, Section 9.2 Dues and Fees, c. Fees, 2 to read that the annual registration fee for GWR conference shall be $100.00 plus $10.00 multiplied by the number of all members in the club.

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Silent Auction income for 2009 was $6,164.91. Silent Auction income for 2010 was $6,685.50. Some clubs donated cash in lieu of an item for each of the silent auctions.

WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARDS

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Cheryl D. Swanson	$3,000	$ 5,000	SI Riverside
Sheri Walker	$1,500	$ 3,000	SI Gold Canyon
Ramona Pickett	$1,500	$ 3,000	SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley
Roshell Anderson-Butler	$1,500	$ 3,000	SI Apple Valley
Chrissie Thompson	$1,500	$ 3,000	SI Las Cruces
Karyn Faulk	$1,500	$ 3,000	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.
Cynthia Ramos	$1,500	$ 3,000	SI Zane Grey Country

2010 Sixty-one of sixty-two clubs in the Golden West Region participated in the WOA Program, donating a total of $82,475 to WOA applicants.

Recipient	GWR Award	SIA Award	Sponsoring Club
Olga Bugarin	$3,000	$5,000	SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire
Jana Jenkins	$1,000	$3,000	SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley
Christy Jensen	$1,000	$3,000	SI Riverside
Shannon Stell	$1,000	$3,000	SI Winslow
Wendy McGuire	$1,000	$3,000	SI Bullhead City/Laughlin
Michelle Maldonado	$1,000	$3,000	SI Prescott, Inc.
Catalina Vasquez	$1,000	$3,000	SI Baldy View

VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARDS

2009 Fifty-five clubs (89%) participated in this program with a total of $16,824 presented to VRA applicants and $10,375 presented to the applicants chosen volunteer organizations.

	Recipient / Charity	Club Sponsor	GWR Amount	SIA Amount
1st	Jessica Baker	SI Riverside	$500	$1,000
	Girl Scouts Spanish Trails Council		$500	$1,000
2nd	Alison Frumkin	SI Albuquerque	$250	
	Kids Against Hunger		$250	
3rd	Amber Fillingim	SI Prescott Valley, Inc.	$250	
	Trauma Intervention Program (TIP)		$250	

2010 Forty-eight clubs (77%) participated in this program with a total of $13,800 presented to VRA applicants and $9,800 presented to the applicants chosen volunteer organizations.

	Recipient / Charity	Club Sponsor	GWR Amount	SIA Amount
1st	Kaitlyn Stone	SI Mountain Morning	$250	$1,000
	Girl Scouts-AZ Cactus Pine Council		$250	$1,000
2nd	Vanessa Ramos	SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley	$125	
	National Down Syndrome Society		$125	
3rd	Nicole Gehlbach	SI Corona	$125	
	Invisible Children		$125	
4th	Danielle Ambuel	SI Desert Tucson	$125	
	Life in Christ Community Church		$125	

PROGRAMS OF SERVICE AWARDS

2009 Clubs submitted 157 program focus reports. The following awards were presented for outstanding projects:

Programme Focus 2003-2007 Report Format Submission

Economic & Social Development
SI Valley of the Sun, Inc. *Interfaith Expansion*

Education
SI Victor Valley, Inc. *Mother and Child Community Resource Health Faire*

Environment
SI Idyllwild *Battery Recycling*

Health
SI Big Bear Valley, Inc. *Mammogram Screening*

Human Rights / Status of Women
SI Valley of the Sun, Inc. *Sojourner Center*

International Goodwill & Understanding
SI Valley of the Sun, Inc. *Ongoing project with Cerro Gordo School*

Programme Focus 2007-2011 Report Format Submission

Eliminate poverty and gender discrimination through ensuring women's full social and economic rights.
SI Phoenix, Inc. *Scholarships for High School Girls in Fronteras, Sonora, Mexico*

End human trafficking and all forms of violence against women and girls
SI Prescott Valley, Inc. *Cell Phone Recycling*

Ensure access to health care for women and girls
SI Victor Valley, Inc. *Mother and Child Community Resource Health Faire*

Improve access to clean water, sanitation and essential food resources
SI Moreno Valley *Starbuck for Homeless and Seniors*

Mitigate the effects of climate change and integrate sustainability into personal choices and government policies and programmes

SI Flagstaff *Adopt-a-Street*

Meet the needs of women and girls during and after armed conflicts and disasters

SI Zane Grey Country *Up-Up and Away with Domestic Violence Radio-thon*

Promote peaceful conflict resolution, inter-cultural and inter-racial tolerance and condemn genocide and terrorism

SI Central Yavapai Sunrise *Day of the Dead Art Show*

Ensure equal access to education and training for women and girls throughout their lifespan

SI Victor Valley, Inc. *Mother and Child Community Resource Health Faire*

Assure women's advancement in management, politics and decision-making

SI Desert Tucson *How to Dress for a Successful Job Interview*

2010 Clubs submitted 37 program focus reports. The following awards were presented for outstanding projects:

End human trafficking and all forms of violence against women and girls

SI Duke City *Valentine's Anytime Party*

Ensure access to health care for women and girls

SI Phoenix, Inc. *Singleton Moms Food Preparation*

Support programmes and policies that eliminate HIV/AIDs, malaria and tuberculosis and other major diseases

SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc. *Blood Drive*

Improve access to clean water, sanitation and essential food resources

SI Idyllwild *Battery Recycling*

Mitigate the effects of climate change and integrate sustainability into personal choices and government policies and programmes

SI Gold Canyon *Artist at the Arboretum*

Meet the needs of women and girls during and after armed conflicts and disasters

SI Phoenix, Inc. *Blankets for Women in Afghanistan*

Promote peaceful conflict resolution, inter-cultural and inter-racial tolerance and condemn genocide and terrorism

SI Kingman *Gourmet Dinner Event*

Ensure equal access to education and training for women and girls throughout their lifespan

SI Victor Valley, Inc. *Health Faire*

Assure women's advancement in management, politics and decision making

SI Duke City *Believe in New Mexico Girls Mentoring Luncheon*

SOROPTIMIST SATURDAY OF SERVICE

2009 Saturday of Service took place on March 7, 2009. Thirty-nine clubs in the Golden West Region participated. The following clubs were presented with a Certificate of Participation:

SI Apache Junction
SI the Arizona Peaks
SI Big Bear Valley, Inc.
SI Bullhead City/Laughlin
SI Camelback, Inc.
SI Central Yavapai Sunrise
SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire
SI the Chino Valley, Inc.
SI Corona
SI Desert Tucson
SI El Paso
SI Estrella
SI Flagstaff
SI the Foothills, Inc.
SI Gallup
SI Gold Canyon
SI Happy Valley
SI Hemacinto
SI Idyllwild
SI the Kachinas, Inc.
SI La Quinta/Coachella Valley
SI Mesa, Inc.
SI Moreno Valley
SI Mountain Morning
SI Palm Desert
SI Palm Springs
SI Phoenix, Inc.
SI Prescott Valley, Inc.
SI Prescott, Inc.
SI Redlands
SI Riverside
SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc.
SI San Bernardino
SI San Jacinto/Hemet Valley
SI San Tans, Inc.
SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.
Victor Valley, Inc.
SI Wickenburg, Inc.
SI Winslow

2010 Saturday of Service took place on March 6, 2010. Twenty-five clubs in the Golden West Region participated. The following clubs were presented with a Certificate of Participation:

SI Apple Valley
SI Arizona Peaks
SI Blythe
SI Bullhead City/Laughlin
SI the Chino Valley, Inc.
SI Duke City
SI El Paso
SI Flagstaff
SI the Foothills, Inc.
SI Gallup
SI Idyllwild
SI Lake Havasu City
SI Mesa, Inc.
SI Montclair/Inland Valley
SI Moreno Valley
SI Palm Springs
SI Parker
SI Phoenix, Inc.
SI Prescott, Inc.
SI Riverside
SI San Jacinto/Hemet Valley
SI the San Tans, Inc.
SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.
SI Victor Valley, Inc.
SI Wickenburg, Inc.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR WOMEN AWARDS

2009 Forty clubs (65%) - participated in the Making a Difference for Women award program. The region Making A Difference for Women Award was awarded to Kristi Camplin, sponsored by SI Corona. The region presented her with a check for $1,000 for her charity, Inspire Life Skills Training, Inc.

SOROPTIMIST RUBY AWARD FOR WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

2010 The name of the Making a Difference Award Program was changed to the Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women Program beginning July 1, 2009. Thirty-four clubs (55%) participated in the Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women program. The region Ruby Award was awarded to Dr. Kathryn Gnauck, sponsored by SI Duke City. The region presented her with a check for $1,000 for her charity, Life Stitches Project.

GOVERNOR'S AWARDS

2009 Governor Karen recognized those clubs that excelled in each area of the Renaissance Campaign—Membership, Program, Public Awareness, and Fundraising from among 24 entries received:

Area	Club	Project
Membership	SI Flagstaff	New Member Gala with a Wine Tasting Party
Fundraising	SI Desert Tucson	Life is Rich film screening fundraiser
Public Awareness	SI Victor Valley, Inc.	Mother & Child Community Resource Health Faire
Program	SI Golden Canyon	Project Safe Haven
	SI Big Bear Valley, Inc.	Camp Girl Power

The Governor's **Highest Flying Award** was presented to **SI Palm Desert** for a project that covered all the areas of the Renaissance Campaign to build resident homes for foster children in Riverside County at the Coachella Valley Children's Center.

2010 Governor Karen recognized those clubs that excelled in each area of the Renaissance Campaign—Membership, Program, Public Awareness, and Fundraising from among 31 entries received:

Area	Club	Project
Membership	SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley	New Club Strategic Plan
Membership	SI Twenty Nine Palms	Club Reorganization
Fundraising	SI Apple Valley	Mardi Gras
Fundraising	SI Parker	Man About Town
Public Awareness	SI Gold Canyon	Sonoran Desert Club-up
Public Awareness	SI Central Yavapai Sunrise	Cigar Box Online Auction
Program	SI the Foothills, Inc.	Stop the Violence Day
Program	SI Palm Springs	Senior Sister

The **Governor's Overall Highest Flyer Award** was presented to two clubs:

SI the Chino Hills-Inland Empire	Project: Self Reflection
SI the Kachinas, Inc.	Project: Stop the Trafficking

CLUB GIVING/LAUREL SOCIETY

2009 Thirty-one clubs participated in Club Giving with a total donation of $17,698.83 as of March 1, 2009. One hundred percent of the clubs participated in Founders Pennies. Eight (8) new Laurel Society members joined this year. Laurel Society membership drawings were held—winners were Rose Seifert of SI San Bernardino and Beverly Keith of SI Bullhead City/Laughlin. On March 6, 2009, there were 170 Laurel Society members in the Golden West Region.

2010 Forty-one clubs participated in Club Giving with a total donation of $21,938.41. One hundred percent of the clubs participated in Founders Pennies. Seventeen (17) new Laurel Society members joined this year. Laurel Society membership drawings were held—winners were

Linda Hartmann of SI Prescott and Midge McDonnell of SI Victor Valley, Inc. On March 31, 2010, there were 187 Laurel Society members in the Golden West Region.

SOROPTIMISTS CELEBRATING SUCCESS AWARDS – REGION FINALISTS

2009	Program	SI Corona	*Dreams & Decisions Project*
	Membership	SI Desert Tucson	*If the Shoe Fits: Membership*
	Fundraising	SI Desert Tucson	*Life is Rich*
	Public Awareness	SI Valley of the Sun, Inc.	*Club website*
2010	Program	SI Duke City	*Believe in New Mexico Girls*
	Public Awareness	SI Moreno Valley	*Community Newsletter*

* There were no GWR finalists in the areas of Fundraising or Membership in 2010

CLUB GRANTS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

2008-2009

SI Big Bear Valley, Inc.	$6,500	*Camp Girl Power*
SI Central Yavapai Sunrise	$1,500	*Heart for Art*
SI Riverside	$5,000	*Live Your Dream Conference*
SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc.	$2,500	*Star Power Workshop*
SI Winslow	$5,500	*Alice's Place*—Domestic violence support services

2009-2010

SI Phoenix, Inc.	$5,000	*Camp Girl Power*
SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc.	$4,000	*Star Power Workshop*

LEADERSHIP TRAINING RETREAT

2008 The first Leadership Training Retreat of the biennium was held at the Embassy Suites, Phoenix Airport in Phoenix, Arizona on June 27-28, 2008. The theme was "Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Leadership." The event was lead by incoming Governor Karen Haughey. Featured speakers included Jeanine L'Ecuyer, Public Relations Director for Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano and SIA President-elect DOÑA Alice Wells.

2009 The second Leadership Training Retreat of the biennium was held at the Doubletree Hotel Ontario Airport in Ontario, California on August 14-15, 2009. The theme was "Leadership—You Are the Essential Piece." The event was lead by Governor-elect Gloria Hill. The featured speakers were SIA President Cathy Standiford and professional sales coach Ursula Mentjes, President of the National Association of Women Business Owners-Inland Empire.

FALL MEETINGS

	HOST CLUBS	DISTRICT	ATTENDANCE
2008	SI the Foothills, Inc.	1	147
	SI Palm Desert-Sunrise	2	116

	SI Bullhead City/Laughlin & SI Blythe	3	110
	SI Valley of the Sun Inc. & SI Happy Valley	4	99

2009	HOST CLUBS	DISTRICT	ATTENDANCE
	SI Victor Valley, Inc.	1	136
	SI Tri-Valley	2	79
	SI Zane Grey Country & SI Central Yavapai Sunrise	3	108
	SI the San Tans, Inc. & SI Apache Junction	4	96

MEMBERSHIP

During the 2008-2010 biennium total membership in the region decreased. As of June 30, 2008, the region had 65 clubs and a total of 1,891 members. As of June 30, 2010 the region had 61 clubs with 1,518 members.

CLUB CHARTERING / MERGING / DISBANDING

Four clubs merged to become two clubs:

SI Hemacinto and SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley merged, keeping the name SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley on July 1, 2009.

SI Lake Arrowhead, Inc. and SI Running Springs Area merged to become SI Rim of the World on September 1, 2009.

Two new clubs were chartered during the 2008-2010 biennium:

SI the McDowell Mountains	08-22-2009	Sponsored by SI Phoenix, Inc.
SI Silver Lakes/Helendale	03-20-2010	Sponsored by SI Apple Valley

Two clubs, SI Sedona and SI Camelback, Inc., relinquished their charters and disbanded during the 2008-2010 biennium. SI Sedona disbanded effective 6-30-2009 and SI Camelback, Inc. disbanded effective 6-30-2010.

VENTURE

GWR Clubs sponsored two Venture Clubs: Venture Club of Kingman and Venture Club of Phoenix. Venture Club of Phoenix disbanded in May 2010.

S CLUBS

Nine S Clubs were sponsored by GWR Clubs: District 1: Sultana High School sponsored by SI Victor Valley, Inc. District 2: Hamilton High School sponsored by SI the High Country and Yucca Valley High School sponsored by SI Yucca Valley District 3: Bradshaw Mountain High School sponsored by SI Central Yavapai Sunrise, Kingman High School sponsored by SI Kingman, Lake Havasu High School sponsored by SI Lake Havasu City, Prescott High School sponsored by SI Central Yavapai Sunrise, and Winslow High School sponsored by SI Winslow District 4: Cactus Shadow High School sponsored by SI Saguaro Foothills, Inc.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Number of clubs 3,000+ Number of countries 124 Number of members 90,000+

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Soroptimist International Of the South West Pacific	Soroptimist International Of the Americas, Inc.	Soroptimist International Of Great Britain & Ireland	Soroptimist International Of Europe

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS, INC.

As of June 30, 2010

Number of clubs 1,404 Number of countries 19 Number of members 36,212

SIA Regions

America del Sur	Golden West	Mexico/Centroamerica	Sierra Nevada
Brazil	Japan Chuo	Midwestern	Sierra Pacific
Camino Real	Japan Higashi	North Atlantic	South Atlantic
North Central	Japan Kita	Northeastern	South Central
Desert Coast	Japan Minami	Northwestern	Southern
Eastern Canada	Japan Nishi	Philippines	Taiwan
Founder	Korea	Rocky Mountain	Western Canada

Golden West Region

As of June 30, 2010

Governor—Karen Haughey

Number of clubs 62 Number of districts 4 Number of members 1,518

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
Apple Valley	Beaumont-Banning	Arizona Peaks, the	Albuquerque
Baldy View	Cathedral City/Rancho Mirage	Blythe	Apache Junction
Barstow Area	High Country, the	Bullhead City/Laughlin	Camelback, Inc.
Big Bear Valley, Inc.	Idyllwild	Central Yavapai Sunrise	Desert Tucson
Chino Hills/Inland Empire	La Quinta/Coachella Valley	Flagstaff	Duke City
Chino Valley, Inc., the	Palm Desert	Gallup	El Paso
Corona	Palm Desert-Sunrise	Kingman	Estrella
Dawn-Seekers of Yucaipa	Palm Springs	Lake Havasu City	Gold Canyon
Foothills, Inc., the	Perris Valley	Mountain Morning	Happy Valley
Montclair/Inland Valley	San Jacinto-Hemet Valley	Parker	Kachinas, Inc., the
Moreno Valley	Tri-Valley	Prescott, Inc.	Las Cruces
Redlands	Twentynine Palms	Prescott Valley, Inc.	McDowell Mountains
Rim of the World	Yucca Valley	Wickenburg, Inc.	Mesa, Inc.
Riverside		Winslow	Phoenix, Inc.
San Bernardino		Zane Grey Country	Saguaro Foothills, Inc.
Silver Lakes/Helendale			San Tans, Inc., the
Victor Valley, Inc.			Valley of the Sun, Inc.

Governor	Gloria Hill, SI Palm Springs
Governor-elect	Linda Nixon, SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley
Secretary	Penny Babb, SI Happy Valley
Treasurer	Sandi Cvercko, SI Mountain Morning
District 1 Director	Carol Duncan, SI of the Chino Valley, Inc.
District 2 Director	Pam Field, SI Cathedral City/Rancho Mirage
District 3 Director	Candace Conte, SI of Zane Grey Country
District 4 Director	Lynda Riffle, SI of the Kachinas, Inc.

CONFERENCES

2011 Spring Conference

The thirty-third annual Spring Conference, Golden West Region (GWR), Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. (SIA), was held at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino, Chandler, Arizona on June 2-4, 2011. The conference theme was "Running Wild with the Spirit of Service." A total of 390 Soroptimists and guests attended the conference hosted by SI of Phoenix, Inc. Honored International and Federation Guests:

- Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. President Sharon Fisher, SI of the Langleys, British Columbia, Canada
- Soroptimist International President-elect Alice Wells, SI of the Kachinas, Inc., Arizona, USA.
- SIA Board Member Shirley McCoy, SI Dunas, Ancaster, Flambourough, Canada
- SIA Board Member Raquel Arreola Ruiz, SI La Mesa, Mexico Centro America Region
- Mexico Centro America Region Governor Julieta Armendariz de Lopez, SI La Mesa
- Mexico Centro America Region Secretary and Past SIA Board Member Carmen Vuelvas, SI Tijuana Centro

Governor Gloria initiated the first Spring Conference GWR Community Service project - collecting over 8,000 bras for the *Free The Girls* organization. Sixteen workshops were available to members over the two day event. Delegates elected the 2011-2013 Nominating Committee and Governor Gloria appointed DOÑA Victoria Nuth as the 2011-2013 Nominating Committee Coordinator. In celebration of ninety years of Soroptimist service, DOÑA Karen Haughey, Governor-elect Linda Nixon, and DOÑA Gladys Weems presented a skit about the history of our organization. Governor Gloria announced that the membership had collected over $2,000 to send to the Joplin, Missouri club for use in their community – an area devastated by tornados.

2012 Spring Conference

The thirty-fourth annual Spring Conference, Golden West Region (GWR), Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. (SIA), was held at Bally's in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 31-June 2, 2012 with SI Kingman and Mountain Morning as the hosting clubs and 373 Soroptimists/guests attending. The conference theme was "Viva Soroptimist."

Honored International and Federation Guests:

- Soroptimist International President Alice Wells, SI of the Kachinas, Inc., Arizona, USA.
- President-elect of Soroptimist International of the Americas, Raquel Arreola Ruiz, Member of SI Mesa in the Mexico/Centroamerica Region.
- Secretary/Treasurer of Soroptimist International of the Americas, Cheri Fleming, our official Federation Visitor and a member of SI Greater Santa Clarita Valley in the Camino Real Region.
- Governor-elect of the Sierra Pacific Region, Pat Jones, Member of SI Modesto North.
- Secretary of the Mexico/Centroamerica Region, and Past SIA Board Member, Carmen Diaz De Vuelvas, member of SI Tijuana Centro.
- Treasurer of the Camino Real Region, Chris Blazey, Member of SI Delano
- Past Board Member of Soroptimist International of the Americas, Carol Kirkby, member of SI Burlington, Washington in the Northwestern Region
- Past Governor of the Sierra Pacific Region, Barbara Giambastini, and Member of SI Modesto North

- Nancy Cardwell member of SI Ripon, in the Sierra Pacific Region
- President-elect of the Lithuanian Region, Asta Balciunaitiene, and Audrone Lukosiene of Soroptimist International of Europe's Kaunas Club, our 2012 Golden West Region Friendship Grant recipients.

Governor Gloria Hill responded to the survey of members and selected Las Vegas, Nevada as the conference location. Nine workshops were available to the members over the two day event. Soroptimist International President, Alice Wells, presented an international "Global Impact Report" to the members. The Friendship Grant Recipients, Asta Balciunaitiene and Audrone Lukosiene, SIE Kaunas, Lithuania, presented a workshop and a presentation. Violet Richardson Award, Women's Opportunity Award, and Ruby Award recipients received $19,100 from the Golden West Region service fund.

Conference Actions

2011 – The delegates approved the following:

- 2011-2012 proposed budget presented by the Finance Committee.
- Delegates elected the 2011-2013 Nominating Committee.
  - District 1: Virginia Riley, SI Montclair/Inland Valley
  - District 2: Diane "Dee" Foster, SI Twentynine Palms
  - District 3: Rosalie Carlton, SI Blythe
  - District 4: Shannon Rowland, SI Mesa, Inc.

2012 – The delegates approved the following:

- 2012-2013 proposed budget presented by the Finance Committee.
- Delegates elected the 2012-2014 GWR Board of Directors and they were installed by SIA Secretary/Treasurer Cheri Fleming.
- INDEX #1 - Amendment to the Region Bylaws, Article VIII Committees, Section 8.1, Standing Committees, by changing the number of members from one to three to at least three members.
- INDEX #2 - Amendment to the Region Bylaws, Article IX Finance, Section 9.2, Dues and Fees, by clarifying payment of mandatory service fee.
- INDEX # 3 - Amendment to Region Bylaws, Article IX Finance, Section 9.5 Adding Funds Control and moving items currently found in Procedures, Page 25, Finance, Item #14 and Page 31, Service Projects & Funds

Conference Fundraising

2011 - The auction income for 2011 was $11,101.
2012 - The auction income for 2012 was $10,630.

WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARDS

2011 Women's Opportunity Award

All 59 GWR clubs (100%) participated in WOA distributing 1726 applications and receiving 298 completed entries. There were 67 WOA winners, who received $82,050 in club funds, plus an additional $440 was given out by clubs in non-cash awards (clothing and gift certificates). The GWR also received a grant from Loma Linda University in the amount of $5,000 which was designated for WOA award recipients. Additionally, the winners received $34,600 from the GWR and SIA. Total to WOA winners: $117,090.

2011 WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARD					
NAME	SPONSOR	SIA	GWR	LOMA LINDA GRANT	TOTAL
Lori Ferguson	SI Bullhead City/Laughlin	$5,000	$2,500 + $600 laptop	$1,500	$9,000 +$600 laptop
Cari Leanna	SI Prescott Valley	$3,000	$2,000	$1,100	$6,100
Sophia Krell	SI Happy Valley	$3,000	$1,500	$900	$5,400

Krystine Rolden	SI Chino Valley	$3,000	$1,000	$500	$4,500
Sheri Ferber	SI Tri-Valley	$3,000	$1,000	$500	$4,500
Jennifer Cookson	SI Big Bear Valley	$3,000	$1,000	$500	$4,500
	TOTALS	$20,000	$9,000 +$600 laptop	$5000	$34,000 +$600 laptop

2012 Women's Opportunity Award

Carol Roddy, Program Council Member, announced that the Golden West Region had 100% participation in the Women's Opportunity Award.

One hundred percent of GWR clubs (56) participated in WOA, distributing 1612 applications and receiving 257 completed entries. The region received 72 at-large applications. A total of $83,100 was awarded to winners at the club level. Additionally, the winners received $34,600 from the GWR and SIA. Total to WOA winners: $117,700.

2012 WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARD				
NAME	SPONSOR	SIA	GWR	TOTAL
Ana Wilson	SI Zane Grey Country	$5,000	$4,000 + $600 laptop	$9,000 +$600
Amy Santos	SI San Jacinto/Hemet Valley	$3,000	$3,100	$6,100
Maja McGrath	SI Flagstaff	$3,000	$2,400	$5,400
Michelle Caldwell	SI Yucca Valley	$3,000	$1,500	$4,500
Christina Morales	SI Redlands	$3,000	$1,500	$4,500
Cortney Fears	SI Big Bear Valley	$3,000	$1,500	$4,500
	TOTALS	$20,000	$14,000 + $600 laptop	$34,000 +$600 laptop

VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARDS

2011 Violet Richardson Award

Fifty clubs (85%) participated in VRA, and awarded $18,750 to recipients and runners up. A total of $10,100 from these clubs was given to the recipient's volunteer organizations. Additionally, the winners and their charities received $5,900 from the GWR and SIA.

2011 VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARD							
NAME	SPONSOR	SIA	GWR	ORGANIZATION	SIA	GWR	TOTAL
Kelly Sieberlich	SI Valley of the Sun	$1,000	$750	New Life Center	$1,000	$750	$3,500
Kailee Patten	SI Lake Havasu City		$400	Havasu Nursing Center		$400	$800
Antonia Gutierrez	SI La Quinta/ Coachella Valley		$400	Girl Scouts		$400	$800
Gabriela Enriquez	SI Victor Valley, Inc		$400	Knots for Love		$400	$800
	TOTALS	$1,000	$1,950		$1,000	$1,950	$5,900

2012 Violet Richardson Award

Fifty-one clubs (90%) participated in VRA, and awarded $17,400 to recipients and runners up. A total of $9,400 from these clubs was given to the recipient's volunteer organizations. Additionally, the winners and their charities received $5,900 from the GWR and SIA.

2012 VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARD							
NAME	SPONSOR	SIA	GWR	ORGANIZATION	SIA	GWR	TOTAL
Alexis LaBenz	SI San Tans	$1,000	$750	Girl Scout Gems	$1,000	$750	$3,500
Ariana Tribby	SI Blythe		$400	Blythe Cancer Resource Center		$400	$800
Arunamarie Arunasalam	SI Victor Valley		$400	Chabad of the Inland Empire		$400	$800
Christine Nelson	SI Palm Springs		$400	Morning Star Center		$400	$800

TOTALS	$1,000	$1,950		$1,000	$1,950	$5,900

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR WOMEN AWARDS

2011 Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women

Thirty-five clubs (59%) participated in the Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women program. Claudia Greenwood, who was sponsored by SI Central Yavapai Sunrise, received a certificate, flowers and $500 from the GWR for her charitable organization.

2012 Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women

Forty clubs (71%) participated in the Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women program. Monalou Callery, who was sponsored by SI San Tans, received a certificate, flowers and $500 from the GWR for her organization: National Advocacy & Training Network – SEEDS.

Total Awards:

2011 - GWR distributed: $18,400 plus $600 laptop; SIA distributed: $22,000; total awarded: $41,000.
2012 - GWR distributed: $18,400 plus $600 laptop; SIA distributed: $22,000; total awarded: $41,000.

PROGRAMS OF SERVICE AWARDS

2011 Programs of Service Awards

Clubs submitted 218 program focus reports. The following awards were presented for outstanding projects in each Soroptimist International Programme Focus Objective Area:

- Category 1: Eliminate poverty and gender discrimination through ensuring women's full social and economic rights. SI Mesa for Jewelry Collection Project.
- Category 2: End human trafficking and all forms of violence against women and girls. SI of the Arizona Peaks for Domestic Violence Solutions for Human Resources.
- Category 3: Ensure access to health care for women and girls. SI of El Paso for Teen Challenge of El Paso.
- Category 4: Support programs and policies that eliminate HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis and other major diseases. SI Moreno Valley for Born Free.
- Category 5: Improve access to clean water, sanitation and essential food resources. SI Moreno Valley for Community Assistance Program Food Pantry.
- Category 6: Mitigate the effects of climate change and integrate sustainability into personal choices and government policies and program. SI Parker for Soroptimist Going Green.
- Category 7: Meet the needs of women and girls during and after armed conflict and disasters. SI of Flagstaff for Schultz Fire/flood Relief Pancake Breakfast.
- Category 8: Promote peaceful conflict. SI Moreno Valley for Touch of Home.
- Category 9: Ensure equal access to education and training for women and girls throughout their lifespan. SI of Bullhead for S-Teen Club: Bullying and Internet Safety
- Category 10: Assure women's advancement in management, politics and decision-making. SI Saguaro Foothills for SI Saguaro Foothills project.

2012 Programs of Service Awards

Clubs submitted 117 program focus reports. The following awards were presented for outstanding projects in each Soroptimist International Programme Focus Objective Area:

- Category 1: Increase access to formal and non-formal learning opportunities. Club: SI Rim of the World, Project Title: Every Girl Counts
- Category 2: Improve access to economic empowerment and sustainable opportunities for the employment of women. Club: SI Moreno Valley, Project Title: Start-Up Sewing Machine Business
- Category 3: Eliminate violence against women and girls and ensure women's participation in conflict resolution. Club: SI Desert Tucson, Project Title: Abolition Conference 2012
- Category 4: Ensure women and girls have food security and access to the highest attainable standard of health care. Club: SI Rim of the World, Project Title: Free Women's Health Fair

- Category 5: Address the specific needs of women and girls by improving environmental sustainability, and mitigating effects of climate change and disasters. Club: SI Las Cruces, Project Title: Coats for Kids
- Category 6: Strengthen and increase Soroptimist International's presence as an advocate at all levels. Club: SI Corona, Project Title: Mix Up and Afterglow
- Category 7: Intensity activities and partnerships that raise the international profile and visibility of Soroptimist International. Club: SI Saguaro Foothills, Project Title: Stop Child Trafficking

SOROPTIMIST SATURDAY OF SERVICE

2011 Saturday of Service

The Saturday of Service occurred on March 5, 2011 with thirty-six clubs in the Golden West Region participating. The following clubs were presented with a Certificate of Participation:

2011 SOS Participation	
District 1	District 3
SI Apple Valley SI Baldy View SI Barstow Area SI Big Bear Valley SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire SI Chino Valley SI the Foothills SI of Montclair/Inland Valley SI Moreno Valley SI Redlands SI Rim of the World SI Silver Lakes/Helendale SI Victor Valley	SI Arizona Peaks SI Blythe SI Bullhead City/Laughlin SI Flagstaff SI Lake Havasu City SI Mountain Morning SI Parker SI Prescott SI Wickenburg
District 2	District 4
SI Idyllwild SI La Quinta/Coachella Valley SI of Palm Springs SI Tri-Valley	SI Desert Tucson SI Duke City SI Gold Canyon SI The Kachinas SI Happy Valley SI Mesa SI Phoenix SI of Saguaro Foothills SI The San Tans SI Valley of the Sun

2012 Saturday of Service

The Saturday of Service occurred on March 3, 2012 with thirty clubs in the Golden West Region participating. The following clubs were presented with a Certificate of Participation:

2012 SOS Participation	
District 1	District 3
SI Apple Valley BI Baldy View SI Big Bear Valley SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire SI Chino Valley SI Corona SI Moreno Valley	SI of Zane Grey Country SI Mountain Morning SI of Lake Havasu City SI of the Arizona Peaks SI of Flagstaff

SI of Montclair/Inland Valley SI of Riverside SI of the Foothills, Inc. SI Redlands SI Rim of the World SI San Bernardino SI Victor Valley	
District 2	District 4
SI Palm Springs SI Twentynine Palms	SI Apache Junction SI of Las Cruces SI Saguaro Foothills SI of Gold Canyon SI Valley of the Sun SI of Estrella SI Happy Valley SI Phoenix SI Kachinas

GOVERNOR'S AWARDS

2011 Governor's Awards

Twenty-five clubs (42%) submitted applications for the Governor's Awards which recognize clubs who excel in the Renaissance Campaign categories of Membership, Public Awareness, Fundraising, and Program.

GOVERNOR'S AWARDS		
Category	**Club**	**Project**
Governor's *Imagine Believe Achieve* Award	SI the Kachinas, Inc.	Free the Girls Dinner & Bunco
Membership	SI Blythe	Our History is Our Strength
Public Awareness	SI Baldy View SI Big Bear Valley SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire SI Foothills SI Moreno Valley SI Rim of the World	Backpacks for Underage Trafficked Girls
Fundraising	SI Corona	Chocolate, Wine & Jazz Festival
Program	SI Rim of the World	Artful Bra Mammogrant Program

Additionally, Governor Gloria awarded the following:

Membership Awards:
% of Increase:
SI Idyllwild - 53% Increase (Winner)
SI Gallup - 44% Increase
SI Happy Valley - 35% Increase
SI Gold Canyon - 31% Increase
SI Duke City - 31% Increase
# of New Members:
SI Idyllwild - 17 New Members (Winner)
SI Duke City - 10 New Members
SI Gold Canyon - 10 New Members
SI Rim of the World - 10 New Members
SI Gallup - 9 New Members
SI Happy Valley - 8 New Members

Public Awareness Awards:
Best Community Newsletter: SI Moreno Valley
Best Club Newsletter: SI Duke City; 2nd place: SI Corona; 3rd place: SI Palm Desert

2012 Governor's Awards

Nineteen clubs (34%) submitted thirty-nine applications for the Governor's Awards which recognize clubs who excel in the Renaissance Campaign categories of Membership, Public Awareness, Fundraising, and Program.

GOVERNOR'S AWARDS		
Category	**Club**	**Project**
Governor's *Imagine Believe Achieve* Award	SI Corona	Women of Significance Awards Luncheon
Membership	SI Desert Tucson	Meetup.com
Public Awareness	SI Yucca Valley	The Great California Shake Out Day
Fundraising	SI Desert Tucson	Life is Rich
Program	SI Rim of the World	Every Girl Counts
Clubs participating: 39 entries, 19 clubs participating		

Additionally, Governor Gloria awarded the following:

MEMBERSHIP	
% of increase and # of new members	**1st Place - Membership Growth Award** SI Rim of the World - 15 members - 35% increase **Honorable Mentions:** SI Kingman - 9 members - 16% increase SI Blythe - 6 members - 35% increase SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire - 6 members - 16% increase SI Arizona Peaks - 5 members - 20% increase

PUBLIC AWARENESS AWARD	
Category	**Club**
"Awareness is Empowering"	District One SI Corona District Two SI Cathedral City/Rancho Mirage District Three SI Flagstaff District Four SI Tucson Honorable Mention: SI Prescott Valley SI Rim of the World

CLUB GIVING/LAUREL SOCIETY

2011 Club Giving/Laurel Society

As of June 30, 2011, thirty (30) clubs participated in Club Giving with $18,786.00 in total donations. 100% of the clubs participated in Founders Pennies. Four (4) new Laurel Society members joined this year. Laurel Society membership drawings were held—winner was Clarice Owens of SI Winslow. As of June 30, 2011, there were 150 Laurel Society members in the Golden West Region.

- Clubs that contributed at the "Friends" level of up to $499 were:
  - SI Las Cruces
  - SI Blythe
  - SI Mesa, Inc
  - SI Silverlakes/Helendale
- Clubs that contributed at the "Dreamers" level of $500 - $999 were:

    - SI Kachinas
    - SI Parker
    - SI Saguaro Foothills
    - SI Chino Hills/ Inland Empire
    - SI Happy Valley
    - SI Palm Springs
    - SI Palm Desert
    - SI Gold Canyon
- Clubs that contributed at the "Believers" level of $1000 - $2499 were:
    - SI Bullhead City/ Laughlin
    - SI of the Chino Valley
    - SI Flagstaff
    - SI Corona
    - SI Wickenburg
    - SI Apple Valley
    - SI Desert Tucson

2012 Club Giving/Laurel Society Club Giving - GWR had 26 clubs or 40% participating in Club Giving in 2012 for a total of $17,941.44. 100% of the clubs participated in Founders Pennies. 7 new Laurel Society members joined this year. Laurel Society membership drawings were held—winner was Kathy Gimenez. As of June 30, 2012, there were 178 Laurel Society members in the Golden West Region.

- Friends level:
    - SI Apache Junction
    - SI Mesa, Inc
    - SI Silver Lakes/ Helendale
- Dreamers level:
    - SI Winslow
    - SI The Barstow Area
    - SI Saguaro Foothills
    - SI San Bernardino
    - SI Estrella
    - SI Zane Grey Country
    - SI Gold Canyon
    - SI Palm Desert
    - SI Twenty-nine Palms
    - SI Montclair/Inland Valley
- Believers level:
    - SI Bullhead City/Laughlin
    - SI Flagstaff
    - SI Phoenix
    - SI Valley of the Sun
    - SI Wickenburg
    - SI Desert Tucson
    - SI Mountain Morning
    - SI the Chino Valley
    - SI Corona
    - SI Palm Springs
    - SI Parker

SOROPTIMISTS CELEBRATING SUCCESS AWARDS – REGION FINALISTS

2011 Soroptimists Celebrating Success Awards

SIA President Sharon Fisher announced that with 56 entries, the Golden West Region submitted the most Celebrating Success entries in the federation. GWR Finalists were:

- Fundraising: SI Riverside for Valentine Dessert – Battle of the Bakers
- Membership: SI Moreno Valley for Membership Satisfaction Survey
- Public Awareness: SI Blythe for Newspaper & Media Support
- Program: SI Silver Lakes/Helendale for House of Peace

2012 Soroptimist Celebrating Success Awards

Cheri Fleming, SIA Secretary/Treasurer, announced that the Golden West Region submitted thirty-two (32) entries for Celebrating Success awards. SIA awarded the "Best Practices" awards to the following:

- Fundraising (8 entries) - SI Desert Tucson
- Membership (5 entries) - SI Corona
- Program (12 entries) - SI Rim of the World
- Public Awareness (7 entries) - SI Moreno Valley

CLUB GRANTS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

2011 Club Grants for Women and Girls

There were no club grants awarded to GWR clubs in 2011.

2012 Club Grants for Women and Girls

Cheri Fleming, SIA Secretary/Treasurer, announced four Golden West recipients of the SIA Club Grants:

- SI Happy Valley - $7,000 – Independence Day
- SI Winslow - $7,000 – Laura's House Enhancements
- SI Riverside - $5,000 – Live Your Dream Conference
- SI Rim of the World - $4,000 – Every Girl Counts

LEADERSHIP TRAINING RETREAT

The **2010 Leadership Training Retreat**, hosted by Governor Gloria Hill, was held at the Hilton Phoenix Airport, 2435 S. 47th Street, Phoenix, Arizona with the theme "Leadership Training in 3-D." One hundred and thirty-one attendees learned that three-dimensional leaders have three characteristics in common: 1) the ability to focus on the mission of the organization; 2) the ability to rally their resources, and 3) the ability to strategically adapt to their club's changing needs. The total cost per person was $160.00 which included hotel room (double occupancy), Friday dinner, Saturday Breakfast and Lunch. SI President-elect, Alice Wells, keynote speaker and special guest, shared stories of her international travels and empowered attendees with her insight about our international organization. DOÑA Victoria Nuth, helped attendees understand their leadership personality. Presentations on the four areas of the Renaissance campaign,
Program, Membership, Fundraising & Public Awareness, helped inform clubs on how to become more successful.

2011 Leadership Training Retreat

The 2011 Leadership Training Retreat, hosted by Governor-elect Linda Nixon, was held in Cathedral City, California on August 5-6, 2011 at the Doral Desert Princess Resort with the theme "Leadership Point of View." A total of 140 members attended at a total cost of $147 per person including hotel room (double occupancy), Friday dinner and Saturday lunch. The Friday program included a networking reception, dinner and presentation on "Developing Your Leadership Point of View" and officer breakout meetings for presidents/vice presidents/president-elects, treasurers, secretaries, and a special session for all other club leaders. The Saturday program featured Cathy Standiford, 2009-2010 SIA President, Dawn Marie Lemonds, Soroptimist International Programme Director, and Karen E. Block, SI of Manhattan Beach.

FALL MEETINGS

2010	HOST CLUBS	DISTRICT	ATTENDANCE
	SI of the Rim of the World	1	149
	SI of La Quinta/Coachella Valley	2	64
	SI of Lake Havasu City	3	100
	SI of the Kachinas, Inc	4	89

2011	HOST CLUBS	DISTRICT	ATTENDANCE
	SI of Riverside	1	133
	SI of Beaumont/Banning	2	70
	SI of Prescott	3	121
	SI of Mesa & SI of Gold Canyon	4	89

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the GWR decreased during the 2010-2012 Biennium. On June 30, 2010 the region had 61 clubs with 1,518 members. On June 30, 2012, the region had 56 clubs and 1,353 members.

2010-2011 CLUB CHARTERING / MERGING / DISBANDING

Merged:

District 2: SI/Palm Desert-Sunrise and SI Cathedral City & Rancho Mirage merged to form SI Cathedral City/Rancho Mirage, July 2010

Disbanded:

District 1: SI Dawnseekers of Yucaipa, September 16, 2010

District 4: SI McDowell Mountains, June 30, 2011

2011-2012 CLUB CHARTERING / MERGING / DISBANDING

Disbanded:

District 2: SI of the High Country, January 27, 2012

District 4: SI of Duke City, March 20, 2012

GOLDEN WEST REGION CLUBS as of June 30, 2012

Number of clubs: 56 Number of districts: 4 Number of members: 1,353

District 1 – 16 Clubs	District 2 – 11 Clubs	District 3 – 15 Clubs	District 4 – 14 Clubs
Apple Valley	Beaumont-Banning	Arizona Peaks, the	Albuquerque
Baldy View	Cathedral City/Rancho	Blythe	Apache Junction
Barstow Area	Mirage	Bullhead City/Laughlin	Desert Tucson
Big Bear Valley, Inc.	Idyllwild	Central Yavapai Sunrise	El Paso
Chino Hills/Inland	La Quinta/Coachella Valley	Flagstaff	Estrella
Empire	Palm Desert	Gallup	Gold Canyon
Chino Valley, Inc., the	Palm Springs	Kingman	Happy Valley
Corona	Perris Valley	Lake Havasu City	Kachinas, Inc., the
Foothills, Inc., the	San Jacinto-Hemet Valley	Mountain Morning	Las Cruces
Montclair/Inland Valley	Tri-Valley	Parker	Mesa, Inc.
Moreno Valley	Twentynine Palms	Prescott, Inc.	Phoenix, Inc.
Redlands	Yucca Valley	Prescott Valley, Inc.	Saguaro Foothills, Inc.
Rim of the World		Wickenburg, Inc.	San Tans, Inc., the
Riverside		Winslow	Valley of the Sun, Inc.
San Bernardino		Zane Grey Country	
Silver Lakes/Helendale			
Victor Valley, Inc.			

VENTURE

2010-2012 Venture clubs

GWR Clubs sponsored one Venture Club: Venture Club of Kingman.

S CLUBS

2010-2012 S Clubs

High School and Locations:	Sponsoring Soroptimist Club:	District
Sultana High School - *Hesperia, CA*	SI Victor Valley, Inc.	1
Hamilton High School - *Anza, CA*	SI the High Country	2
Yucca Valley High School - *Yucca Valley, CA*	SI Yucca Valley	2
Bradshaw Mountain High School – *Prescott Valley, AZ*	SI Central Yavapai Sunrise	3
Kingman High School - *Kingman, AZ*	SI Kingman	3
Lake Havasu High School - *Lake Havasu City, AZ*	SI Lake Havasu City	3
Prescott High School – *Prescott, AZ*	SI Central Yavapai Sunrise	3
Winslow High School - *Winslow, AZ*	SI Winslow	3
Cactus Shadows High School - *Cave Creek, AZ*	SI Saguaro Foothill, Inc.	4

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Number of clubs 3,000+ Number of countries 124 Number of members 90,000+

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Soroptimist International Of the South West Pacific	Soroptimist International Of the Americas, Inc.	Soroptimist International Of Great Britain & Ireland	Soroptimist International Of Europe

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS, INC.

As of June 30, 2012

Number of clubs: 1,383 Number of countries: 19 Number of members: 37,299

SIA Regions

America del Sur	Golden West	Mexico/Centroamerica	Sierra Nevada
Brazil	Japan Chuo	Midwestern	Sierra Pacific
Camino Real	Japan Higashi	North Atlantic	South Atlantic
North Central	Japan Kita	Northeastern	South Central
Desert Coast	Japan Minami	Northwestern	Southern
Eastern Canada	Japan Nishi	Philippines	Taiwan
Founder	Korea	Rocky Mountain	Western Canada

Governor	Linda Nixon, SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley
Governor-elect	Sandi Cvercko, SI Mountain Morning
Secretary	Penny Babb, SI Happy Valley
Treasurer	Lori Reed, SI Phoenix
District 1 Director	Carol Duncan, SI of the Chino Valley, Inc.
District 2 Director	Liz Glowka, SI Palm Desert
District 3 Director	Mandy Mann, SI Flagstaff
District 4 Director	Maryann Erickson, SI Gold Canyon

CONFERENCES

2013 Spring Conference

The thirty-fifth annual Spring Conference, Golden West Region (GWR), Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. (SIA), was held at the Doral Desert Princess Resort, Cathedral City, CA on June 6-8, 2013. The conference theme was "Making Wishes Come True, That's What Soroptimists Do." A total of 335 Soroptimists and guests attended the conference hosted by SI Palm Desert and SI Twenty-nine Palms. Honored International and Federation Guests:

- DAME DIVA DOÑA Alice Wells, SI President, SI of the Kachinas, Inc., Arizona, USA.
- DOÑA Karen Haughey, SIA Federation Official Visitor, SI of the Chino Valley, Inc., California, USA.

Fifteen workshops were available to members over the two day event. Delegates elected the 2013-2015 Nominating Committee, and Governor Linda appointed DOÑA Gloria Hill as the 2013-2015 Nominating Committee Coordinator.

2014 Spring Conference

The thirty-sixth annual Spring Conference, Golden West Region (GWR), Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. (SIA), was held at Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino in Chandler, Arizona on June 5-7, 2014 with SI Gold Canyon, SI San Tans & SI Zane Grey Country as the hosting clubs and 347 Soroptimists/guests attending. The conference theme was "Create the Soroptimist Buzz."
Honored International and Federation Guests:

- Soroptimist International Immediate Past President Alice Wells, SI of the Kachinas, Inc., Arizona, USA.
- 2013-2014 SIA President Elect Margaret Poco Davis, SI Metropolitan Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.
- Sierra Nevada Region Secretary Sarah Walker, SI Las Vegas Valley

Conference Actions

2013 - The delegates approved the following:

- 2013-2014 proposed budget presented by the Finance Committee.
- Delegates elected the 2013-2015 Nominating Committee:
  - District 1: Jenny Durand, SI Rim of the World
  - District 2: Susan Browne Rosenberg, SI Palm Desert
  - District 3: Patricia Whitney, SI Blythe
  - District 4: Patsy Fimbres, SI Mesa

2014 – The delegates approved the following:

- 2014-2015 proposed budget presented by the Finance Committee.
- Delegates elected the 2014-2016 GWR Board of Directors and they were installed along with Governor Sandi Cvercko by DOÑA Karen Haughey.
  - Governor-elect: Penny Babb, SI Happy Valley
  - Secretary: Mandy Mann, SI Flagstaff
  - Treasurer: Lori Reed, SI Phoenix
  - District 1 Director: Rene Myers, SI Foothills
  - District 2 Director: Liz Glowka, SI Palm Desert

- District 3 Director: Laurie Moses, SI Parker
- District 4 Director: Deborah Case, SI Happy Valley

- INDEX #1 - Amendment to the Region Bylaws, Article VII Meetings, Section 7.5 Voting Members. SIA no longer requires clubs to maintain 15 or more regular members to be in good standing. The new wording is: 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.

Conference Fundraising
2013 - The auction income for 2013 was almost $12,000.
2014 - The auction income for 2014 was $9,331.

WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARDS

2013 Women's Opportunity Award
All fifty-four GWR clubs (100%) participated in WOA.

Women's Opportunity Award: 1st Place = $4,000 + Laptop; 2nd Place = $3,000; 3rd Place = $2,000; 4th, 5th & 6th Place $1,500 each

- 1st Place – Tashauna Taylor, sponsored by Silver Lakes/Helendale
- 2nd Place – Angela Coleman, sponsored by SI Beaumont-Banning
- 3rd Place – Tina Vert, sponsored by SI Twenty Nine Palms
- 4th Place – Denise Greiner, sponsored by SI Gold Canyon
- 5th Place – Leah Fuentes, SIA at large
- 6th Place – Lori Bush, SI Winslow

2014 Women's Opportunity Award
All fifty-three GWR clubs (100%) participated in WOA.

Women's Opportunity Award: 1st Place = $1,500 plus $500 Gift Card; all others $1,400

- 1st Place - April Mae Macak, sponsored by SI San Tans
- Rebecca Grace, sponsored by SI La Quinta
- Fatima Mandene, sponsored by SI Baldy View
- Khadijh Mitchell, sponsored by SI Las Cruces
- Melissa Sangamatong, sponsored by SI Foothills
- Judith Vasquez, sponsored by SI Moreno Valley

VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARDS

2013 Violet Richardson Award
Forty-six clubs (85%) participated in the Violet Richardson Award Program.

Violent Richardson Award: 1st Place = $750 + $750 to Charity; 2nd, 3rd & 4th Place = $425 + $425 to Charity

- 1st Place – Hirlanda Rodriquez, California Youth Connection, sponsored by SI Apple Valley
- Finalist – Jasmin Aleman, Water, sponsored by SI Desert Cities of the Coachella Valley
- Finalist – Christina Bequer, Volunteer Database, sponsored by SI Blythe
- Finalist – Miruthula Jegadesan, Water for All, sponsored by SI San Tans

2014 Violet Richardson Award
Thirty-one of 53 clubs (58%) participated in the Violet Richardson Award Program.

Violet Richardson Award: 1st Place received SIA funds of $1,000 and $1,000 to charity; all other recipients received GWR funds of $400 plus $200 for charity

- 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: FOR WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

2013 Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women

Thirty-three clubs (61%) participated in the Soroptimist Ruby: For Women Helping Women Award.

Ruby Award: $500 to The Trade Foundation

- Dianne Bautista, The Trade Foundation, sponsored by SI Corona

2014 Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women

Sixteen of 53 clubs (30.2%) participated in the Ruby Award Program.

Ruby Award: $250 to Operation Safe House

- Jennifer O'Farrell, Operation Safe House, sponsored by SI Moreno Valley
- In addition, an impromptu "pass the hat" collection by conference attendees resulted in a donation of $1,620 for Operation Safe House

Total Awards:
2013 - GWR distributed: $18,400 plus $600 laptop; SIA distributed: $22,000; total awarded: $41,000.
2014 - 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.

PROGRAMS OF SERVICE AWARDS

2013 Programs of Service Awards

The Golden West Region Program Committee reviewed the 176 reports submitted by 34 clubs during the period April 2, 2012 through April 3, 2013. Of these reports, 27 were submissions for projects completed during the 2011-2012 club year. Below detailed are those projects that merit Region Recognition for each of the program objectives.

GOAL 1: Soroptimist International will improve the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment or enabling opportunities.

- **Objective 1**. Increase access to formal and non-formal learning opportunities. Of 69 reports submitted (39.3%), SI Moreno Valley: Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Week and SI Big Bear Valley: Stop Teen Violence Campaign received awards.
- **Objective 2**. Improve access to economic empowerment and sustainable opportunities for the employment of women. Of 18 reports submitted (10.2%), SI Arizona Peaks: Mommy's Day Out (Saturday of Service) received the award.
- **Objective 3**. Eliminate violence against women and girls and ensure women's participation in conflict resolution. Of 19 reports submitted (10.8%), SI San Tans: Chandler Police Department 9-1-1 Cell Phone Loan Project received the award.
- **Objective 4**. Ensure women and girls have food security and access to the highest attainable standard of health care. Of 24 reports submitted (13.6%), SI Lake Havasu City: Health Fair & Breast Cancer Awareness Walk received the award.
- **Objective 5**. Address the specific needs of women and girls by improving environmental sustainability, and mitigating effects of climate change and disasters. Of 8 reports submitted (4.5%), SI Desert Tucson: Life is Rich received the award.

GOAL 2: Soroptimist International will be a global voice for increasing access to education and leadership for women and girls.

- **Objective 1**. Strengthen and increase Soroptimist International's presence as an advocate at all levels. Of 29 reports submitted (16.4%), SI Parker: Girl Rising Screening received the award.
- **Objective 2**. Intensify activities and partnerships that raise the international profile and visibility of Soroptimist International. Of 9 reports submitted (5.2%), SI Kingman: Toilets for the Gamkalley 1 Kindergarten received the award.

2014 Programs of Service Awards

From July 1, 2013 to April 15, 2014, the following 32 clubs (60%) submitted at least one Program Focus Report: The 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.

District 1 (10)	District 2 (4)	District 3 (9)	District 4 (9)
Apple Valley	La Quinta	Arizona Peaks	Albuquerque
Barstow Area	Moreno Valley	Blythe	Desert Tucson
Chino Hills/Inland Empire	Palm Desert	Bullhead City/Laughlin	Gold Canyon
Chino Valley	San Jacinto-Hemet	Flagstaff	Happy Valley
Corona	Valley	Gallup	Kachinas
Foothills		Kingman	Las Cruces
Rim of the World		Lake Havasu City	Phoenix
Riverside		Mountain Morning	Saguaro Foothills
San Bernardino		Prescott Valley	San Tans
Victor Valley			

In addition, while they didn't submit an individual PFR, the following 3 clubs were included in a joint PFR submitted by another club: Baldy View (District 1), Desert Cities of the Coachella Valley (District 2), and Palm Springs (District 2).

SOROPTIMIST SATURDAY OF SERVICE

2013 GWR SOS club projects

Twenty-nine clubs participated in SOS. Of the twenty-six Saturday of Service club projects reported only six SOS events supported the Soroptimist mission. Twelve projects raised funds for another organization, did not support the Soroptimist mission, and did not generate any public awareness attention. Eight projects received public awareness attention but did not support the Soroptimist mission.

2014 GWR SOS Club projects

The region SOS club projects were not tracked.

GOVERNOR'S AWARDS

2013 Governor's Awards

Twenty clubs submitted one or more entries for the Governor's Awards. Eight clubs submitted entries in each of the four pillar areas. Governor Linda Nixon presented the following Governor Awards:

Fundraising: Entries described how these clubs made funding SIA programs a priority and how they supported SIA Challenge to give 10-percent of local funds raised to Club Giving.

- 1st Place - SI Moreno Valley
- 2nd Place - SI Winslow

Membership: Entries described how these clubs utilized resources provided at the GWR Leadership Retreat and how the clubs were able to offer a more enjoyable club experience to both new and seasoned members.

- 1st Place - SI Rim of the World
- 2nd Place - SI the Kachinas

Program: Entries described how these clubs increased the impact of the WOA program in the lives of their award recipients and also described another club project that helped women and girls gain access to education.

- 1st Place - SI Apple Valley
- 2nd Place - SI Victor Valley

Public Awareness: Entries described club efforts to raise awareness of Soroptimist in their local community.

- 1st Place - SI Baldy View
- 2nd Place - SI Chino Hills-Inland Empire

Outstanding Club Award: Both of the winning clubs submitted top scoring entries all four areas.

- 1st Place - SI Corona
- 2nd Place - SI Flagstaff

2014 Governor's Awards

AWARD	PLACE	CLUB
Outstanding Club	1	SI Corona
	2	SI Parker
	3	SI Las Cruces

AWARD	PLACE	CLUB	AWARD	PLACE	CLUB
Fundraising	1	SI the Kachinas	**Program**	1	SI Baldy View
	2	SI Arizona Peaks		2	SI Moreno Valley
Membership	1	SI Lake Havasu City	**Public Awareness**	1	SI Apple Valley
	2	SI the Kachinas		2	SI Lake Havasu City

CLUB GIVING/LAUREL SOCIETY

2013 Club Giving

Laurie Moses, Fundraising Chair, assisted in congratulating and recognizing our club winners. Because the deadline for contributing to Club Giving ended on May 31, 2013, award certificates from SIA will be distributed at the Fall Meetings. Thirty-eight GWR clubs (70%) donated a total of $28,615 to SIA Club Giving.

Non Recognition Level (<$250)	"Friends" Level of Participation ($250-$499)
SI Baldy View SI Las Cruces	SI Apache Junction SI La Quinta SI Mesa, Inc. SI Silver Lakes/ Helendale SI San Jacinto-Hemet Valley

"Dreamers" Level of Participation ($500-$999)	Believers Level of Participation ($1,000-$2,499)
SI the Barstow Area SI Desert Cities of the Coachella Valley SI Chino Valley/ Inland Empire SI Estrella SI Happy Valley SI the Kachinas SI Kingman SI Lake Havasu City SI Palm Desert SI Palm Springs SI Phoenix SI Prescott SI Riverside SI Saguaro Foothills SI Twenty Nine Palms SI Valley of the Sun SI Zane Grey Country	SI Apple Valley SI Arizona Peaks SI Big Bear Valley SI Bullhead City/Laughlin SI the Chino Valley SI Corona SI Desert Tucson SI Flagstaff SI Moreno Valley SI Mountain Morning SI Parker SI the San Tans SI Victor Valley SI Wickenburg

The following 6 clubs have also been awarded these "10% pins" from Federation… simply by checking the 10% box on their financial form: SI The Barstow Area, SI Corona, SI Palm Springs, SI Parker, SI Moreno Valley, and SI Silver Lakes/ Helendale.

2013 Laurel Society

GWR has well over 200 Laurel Society members, 27 "Contributors" who are working their way to becoming Attaches, and 7 NEW Attaches this year and 3 new Envoys. Additionally, she announced that Laurel Society members of the Golden West Region have contributed over a million dollars since its inception in 1994.

2014 Club Giving

Forty-three of 53 GWR clubs (80%) donated to Club Giving for a total of $37,794.24 and 19 of those clubs designated** that their donations were 10% of funds raised. Laurie Moses, Fundraising Chair stated that District 1 had 100% participation in Club Giving.

Non Recognition Level (<$250)	"Friends" Level of Participation ($250-$499)
SI Beaumont-Banning SI Yucca Valley	SI Baldy View SI the Foothills** SI Happy Valley SI La Quinta SI Mesa, Inc. SI Silver Lakes/ Helendale

"Dreamers" Level of Participation ($500-$999)	Believers Level of Participation ($1,000-$2,499)
SI Bullhead City/Laughlin	SI Apple Valley**
SI Desert Cities of the Coachella Valley**	SI Arizona Peaks
SI Kingman	SI Barstow Area
SI Lake Havasu City**	SI Big Bear Valley
SI Las Cruces**	SI Chino Hills/ Inland Empire
SI Montclair-Inland Valley	SI the Chino Valley**
SI Mountain Morning**	SI Corona**
SI Palm Desert**	SI Desert Tucson**
SI Riverside	SI Flagstaff
SI San Bernardino	SI Gold Canyon
San Jacinto-Hemet Valley**	SI the Kachinas**
SI Rim of the World**	SI Moreno Valley**
SI San Tans	SI Palm Springs
SI Twenty Nine Palms	SI Parker**
SI Winslow**	SI Phoenix
SI Zane Grey Country	SI Prescott**
	SI Saguaro Foothills**
	SI Victor Valley**
	SI Wickenburg

2014 Laurel Society
GWR has 23 members who belong to Laurel Legacy and 210 members who are in Laurel Society. The winners of the Laurel Society Drawing were:

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

SOROPTIMISTS CELEBRATING SUCCESS AWARDS – REGION FINALISTS

2013 Soroptimist Celebrating Success Awards
For 2012-2013, Governor Linda and SIA Board Member DOÑA Karen Haughey announced that clubs in the Golden West Region submitted a total of 11 entries in the following categories: 2 entries for fundraising, 2 for membership, 4 for program and 3 for public awareness.

Fundraising: This category recognizes fund raising projects that are successful, creative, involve the local community and promote a positive image of Soroptimist. The 2012-2013 Soroptimists Celebrating Success! region finalist in the Fundraising category was awarded to: SI Flagstaff for their project *Fashion Affair 2012.*

Membership: recognizes projects that enhance the club membership experience thus leading to increased member participation and satisfaction. The 2012-2013 Soroptimists Celebrating Success! region finalist in the Membership category was awarded to: SI Flagstaff for their project *Recruitment and Retention.*

Public Awareness: recognizes projects that have successfully raised awareness for the club and its project thus leading to an increased public profile of Soroptimist and our mission. The 2012-2013 Soroptimists Celebrating Success! region finalist in the Public Awareness category was awarded to: SI Corona for their project *Women of Significance Awards.*

2014 Soroptimist 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

CLUB GRANTS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

2012-2013 Club Grants for Women and Girls
For the 2012-2013 club year 30 SIA clubs received grants totaling $175,000. The GWR Clubs receiving grants were:

- SI/Happy Valley, AZ (Golden West Region): $7,000, *Independence Day*
- SI/Rim of the World, CA (Golden West Region): $4,000, *Every Girl Counts!*
- SI/Riverside, CA (Golden West Region): $5,000, *Live Your Dream Conference*
- SI/Winslow, AZ (Golden West Region): $7,000, *Laura's House Enhancements*

2013-2014 Club Grants for Women and Girls
Forty-three SIA projects were selected for Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls from a total of 77 proposals requesting nearly $492,000 in funding. The following GWR projects were selected:

- SI/The Arizona Peaks, AZ (Golden West Region): $2,500, *Hope's Closet*
- SI/Corona, CA (Golden West Region): $6,000, *Dreams & Decisions*
- SI/Parker, AZ (Golden West Region): $2,000, *Strong Girls Workshop*
- SI/Rim of the World, CA (Golden West Region): $2,000, *Every Girl Counts*
- SI/San Jacinto Hemet Valley, CA (Golden West Region): $3,500, *Girls Empowerment Conference*

LEADERSHIP TRAINING RETREAT

The **2012 Leadership Training Retreat**, hosted by Governor Linda Nixon, was held at the Hilton Phoenix Airport, 2435 S. 47th Street, Phoenix, Arizona with the theme "Creating Happiness: Tools & Techniques for Creating Happy, Healthy Soroptimist Clubs."

2013 Leadership Training Retreat
The 2013 Leadership Training Retreat, hosted by Governor-elect Sandi Cvercko, was held in Cathedral City, California on August 2-3, 2013 at the Doubletree by Hilton, Ontario, California with the theme "Soroptimist Keys to Success."

FALL MEETINGS

2012 District Fall Meetings

DISTRICT	HOST CLUBS	THEME	ATTENDANCE
1	SI Chino Hills/Inland Empire	Keep It Soroptimist Simple	130
2	SI Palm Springs	Make Magic Happen	75
3	SI Parker & SI Blythe	Happiness Under the Tuscan Sun	112
4	SI Saguaro Foothills & SI Happy Valley	These Boots Are Make For Service	77

2013 District Fall Meetings

DISTRICT	HOST CLUBS	THEME	ATTENDANCE
1	SI Big Bear Valley, Inc	Fall Fest 2013	104
2	SI La Quinta	Yo Ho It's a Soroptimist Life For Me	54
3	SI Arizona Peaks/SI Flagstaff/SI Mountain Morning	Soroptimists Get Their Kicks on Route 66	126
4	SI Desert Tucson	Powering Dreams	70

2012 SIA GOVERNOR'S ROUND TABLE/REGION CHAIR TRAINING

Incoming GWR Governor Linda Nixon attended the 2012 SIA Governor's Roundtable which took place July 16-17, 2012 in Honolulu, Hawaii, just prior to the SIA 41st Biennial Convention. SIA Liz Lucas introduced the new strategic direction and goals for SIA, entitled Shaping the Future of Soroptimist. She asked all region governors to focus on the three things:
1) Encourage and support clubs to focus on programs and projects that advance the socio-economic status of women through access to education. This should include, but is not limited to, participation in the Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Awards program.
2) Encourage all clubs to contribute at least 10% of their locally-raised funds to Club Giving to further our collective cause of improving the socio-economic status of woman and girls.
3) Encourage and liberally praise clubs and members for all the wonderful work they do to help women and girls improve their lives and live their dreams.

42nd BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS, Inc.

Golden West Region Soroptimists were among the 1,068 Soroptimists, guests and friends who attended the 41st Biennial Convention of Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. on July 18 - 21, 2012 in Honolulu, Hawaii. SIA Executive Director Liz Lucas presented at her first SIA convention. The Golden West Region received Honorable Mention for the 2010 Renaissance Region Award for Membership, and was recognized for 100% participation in the Women's Opportunity Award program, and 100% participation in Founder's Pennies. 2008 - 2010 Governor Karen Haughey, SI of the Chino Valley, Inc., was installed as Member, 2012 - 2014 Board of Directors, Soroptimist International of the Americas, Electoral Area 9 Representative.

2013 SIA GOVERNOR'S ROUND TABLE/REGION CHAIR TRAINING

The Governor's Round Table/Region Chair Training was held June 23 - 25, 2013, at the Loews Philadelphia in Philadelphia, PA. Governor Linda Nixon and Governor-elect Sandi Cvercko attended. Prior to the start of GRT, Region Awards were handed out at the Recognition Banquet on Saturday night. The Golden West Region was recognized for the region Shaping the Future Awards with a First Place for Program, and an Honorable Mention for Public Awareness. The region was also recognized for 100% participation in the Women's Opportunity Award program, and 100% participation in Founder's Pennies.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the GWR decreased during the 2012-2014 Biennium. On June 30, 2012 the region had 56 clubs with 1,353 members. On June 30, 2014, the region had 50 clubs and 1,158 members.

2012-2013 CLUB CHARTERING / MERGING / DISBANDING

Name change:

District 2: SI/Palm Desert-Sunrise and SI Cathedral City & Rancho Mirage merged to form SI Cathedral City/Rancho Mirage, July 2010 and changed their name in 202-2013 to SI Desert Cities of the Coachella Valley.

Disbanded:

SI El Paso - February 19, 2013
SI Tri-Valley - March 18, 2013
SI Estrella - June 1, 2013

2013-2014 CLUB CHARTERING / MERGING / DISBANDING

Merged:

In June 2014, SI Happy Valley and SI Happy Valley of the Sun merged to create SI Happy Valley of the Sun.

Disbanded:

SI Silver Lakes/Helendale
SI Central Yavapai Sunrise

District adjustment:

Big Bear Valley, Inc., Moreno Valley, and Redlands were moved from District 1 to District 2

GOLDEN WEST REGION CLUBS as of June 30, 2014

Number of clubs: 50 Number of districts: 4 Number of members: 1,163

District 1 – 12 Clubs	District 2 – 13 Clubs	District 3 – 14 Clubs	District 4 – 11 Clubs
Apple Valley	Beaumont-Banning	Arizona Peaks, the	Albuquerque
Baldy View	Big Bear Valley, Inc.	Blythe	Apache Junction
Barstow Area	Desert Cities of the Coachella Valley	Bullhead City/Laughlin	Desert Tucson
Chino Hills/Inland Empire	Idyllwild	Flagstaff	Gold Canyon
Chino Valley, Inc., the	La Quinta	Gallup	Happy Valley of the Sun
Corona	Moreno Valley	Kingman	Kachinas, Inc., the
Foothills, Inc., the	Palm Desert	Lake Havasu City	Las Cruces
Montclair/Inland Valley	Palm Springs	Mountain Morning	Mesa, Inc.
Rim of the World	Perris Valley	Parker	Phoenix, Inc.
Riverside	Redlands	Prescott, Inc.	Saguaro Foothills, Inc.
San Bernardino	San Jacinto-Hemet Valley	Prescott Valley, Inc.	San Tans, Inc., the
Victor Valley, Inc.	Twenty Nine Palms	Wickenburg, Inc.	
	Yucca Valley	Winslow	
		Zane Grey Country	

VENTURE

2012-2014 Venture clubs

GWR has one Venture club: Venture Club of Kingman.

S CLUBS

2012-2014 S Clubs

High School and Locations:	Sponsoring Soroptimist Club:	District
Sultana High School - *Hesperia, CA*	SI Victor Valley, Inc.	1
Yucca Valley High School - *Yucca Valley, CA*	SI Yucca Valley	2
Bradshaw Mountain High School – *Prescott Valley, AZ*	SI Central Yavapai Sunrise	3
Kingman High School - *Kingman, AZ*	SI Kingman	3
Lake Havasu High School - *Lake Havasu City, AZ*	SI Lake Havasu City	3
Prescott High School – *Prescott, AZ*	SI Central Yavapai Sunrise	3
Winslow High School - *Winslow, AZ*	SI Winslow	3
Cactus Shadows High School - *Cave Creek, AZ*	SI Saguaro Foothill, Inc.	4

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Number of clubs 3,000+ Number of countries 130 Number of members 80,000+

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Soroptimist International Of the South West Pacific	Soroptimist International Of the Americas, Inc.	Soroptimist International Of Great Britain & Ireland	Soroptimist International Of Europe

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS, INC.

As of June 30, 2014

Number of clubs: 1,314 Number of countries: 20 Number of members: 32,070

SIA Regions

America del Sur	Golden West	Mexico/Centroamerica	Sierra Nevada
Brazil	Japan Chuo	Midwestern	Sierra Pacific
Camino Real	Japan Higashi	North Atlantic	South Atlantic
North Central	Japan Kita	Northeastern	South Central
Desert Coast	Japan Minami	Northwestern	Southern
Eastern Canada	Japan Nishi	Philippines	Taiwan
Founder	Korea	Rocky Mountain	Western Canada

CLUB CHARTERINGS

Through the years of the Pacific Region and today's Golden West Region

Updated through June 30, 2014

Club Disbanded *Club Merged* *Name Change*

	CLUB NAME	CHARTERED BY	DATE
A	Albuquerque	Federation	4/05/2002
	Apple Valley	Victor Valley, Inc.	5/06/2006
	Apache Junction	Mesa, Inc.	6/21/1971
	Arizona Peaks, Inc., the	Flagstaff	3/30/1968
B	Baldy View	Ontario	10/14/1988
	Banning	El Centro	1/24/1947
	Barstow Area, the	Victor Valley, Inc.	6/20/1980
	Beaumont	Banning	1/24/1948
	Beaumont-Banning	Merger	7/01/2007
	Big Bear Valley, Inc.	Lake Arrowhead, Inc.	5/05/1979
	Blythe	Wickenburg, Inc.	5/28/1949
	Bullhead City/Laughlin	Kingman	6/12/1962
C	Camelback, Inc.	Phoenix, Inc.	5/28/1956
	Cathedral City & Rancho Mirage	Palm Springs	3/20/1982
	Cathedral City/Rancho Mirage	Merger	7/1/2010
	Central Yavapai Sunrise	Zane Grey Country	11/02/2007
	Chino Hills/Inland Valley	Chino Valley, Inc., the	7/15/2005
	Chino Valley, Inc., the	Ontario	4/07/1956
	Coachella Valley	Brawley	4/03/1948
	Corona	Huntington Park	2/27/1947
	Crestline	Lake Arrowhead, Inc.	4/18/1980
D	Dawn-Seekers of Yucaipa	Yucaipa Valley / Palm Springs	3/31/1989
	Desert Hot Springs, Inc.	Yucca Valley/Palm Springs	4/15/1973
	Desert Cities of the Coachella Valley	Name change from Cathedral City/Rancho Mirage	6/30/2013
	Desert Tucson	Tucson	4/23/1976
	Duke City	Golden West Region	11/17/2007
E	El Paso	Pacific Region	10/04/1951
	Estrella	Phoenix, Inc.	5/18/1974
F	Flagstaff	Phoenix, Inc.	4/22/1942
	Foothills, Inc.	Ontario	4/27/1983
G	Gallup		5/10/1955
	Gold Canyon	Apache Junction	3/12/2005
H	Happy Valley	Valley of the Sun, Inc.	10/01/2007
	Happy Valley of the Sun	Merger	6-20-2014
	Hemacinto	San Jacinto-Hemet Valley	1/10/1988
	Hesperia	Victor Valley, Inc.	4/01/1989
	High Country	Idyllwild / Palm Desert	12/04/1982
I	Idyllwild	Banning	6/08/1973
K	Kachinas, Inc. the	Camelback, Inc.	5/10/1980
	Kingman	Oakland/Las Vegas	5/20/1950
L	La Quinta	Coachella Valley / Palm Desert / Rancho Mirage	7/07/1984
	Lake Arrowhead, Inc.	San Bernardino	3/26/1977
	Lake Havasu City	Parker	6/11/1971
	Las Cruces	El Paso	4/04/1970
M	McDowell Mountains, the	Phoenix, Inc.	8/22/2009
	Mesa, Inc.	Phoenix, Inc.	6/10/1950
	Montclair / Inland Valley	Ontario	3/23/1974
	Moreno Valley	Riverside	4/22/1983
	Mountain Morning	Flagstaff	4/28/1991
N	Needles	Parker	3/17/1972
	Norco	Corona	5/23/1981
P	Page / Lake Powell	Flagstaff	4/11/1987
	Palm Desert	Coachella Valley	11/16/1963
	Palm Desert-Sunrise	Palm Desert / Rancho Mirage / La Quinta	12/06/1987
	Palm Springs	Palm Desert	7/01/2002
	Parker	Blythe	4/06/1965
	Perris Valley	Beaumont	1/15/1970
	Phoenix, Inc.	Oakland	3/20/1936
	Prescott, Inc.	Wickenburg, Inc.	4/02/1966
	Prescott Valley, Inc.	Prescott, Inc.	9/14/1990
R	Redlands	San Bernardino	4/29/1950
	Rim of the World	Merger	9/01/2009
	Riverside	Pomona	4/10/1948
	Running Springs Area	Big Bear Valley, Inc.	1/29/1984
S	Saguaro Foothills, Inc.	Phoenix, Inc.	5/12/1973
	San Bernardino	Glendale	3/28/1947
	San Jacinto-Hemet Valley	Beaumont	10/27/1961
	San Jacinto-Hemet Valley	Merger	7/01/2009
	San Tans, Inc., the	Mesa, Inc.	1/02/1984
	Scottsdale	Mesa, Inc.	3/03/1956
	Sedona	Flagstaff	10/03/1959
	Silver Lakes/Helendale	Apple Valley	3/20/2010
	Sun City	Federation	6/29/1980
T	Temecula Valley	San Jacinto-Hemet Valley	7/11/1983
	Tri-Valley	Merger	7/01/2002
	Tucson	Phoenix, Inc.	9/24/1947
	Twentynine Palms	Banning	6/01/1957
V	Valley of the Sun, Inc.	Phoenix, Inc.	1/06/1951
	Verde Valley	Sedona	12/06/1981
	Victor Valley, Inc.	San Bernardino	1/24/1970
W	Wickenburg, Inc.	Flagstaff / Phoenix, Inc.	5/03/1947
	Winslow	Flagstaff	6/17/1950
Y	Yucaipa Valley	Redlands	1/27/1973
	Yucca Valley	Banning	3/19/1966
Z	Zane Grey Country	Mesa, Inc.	11/08/1975