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**Soroptimist International of the Americas  
97th South Central Region Call to  
Conference**

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**April 14-16, 2023  
Hosted by Soroptimist International of  
Kansas City Northland, Missouri**



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**January 27, 2023**

**South Central Region Soroptimists:**

Well, here we are. The 97<sup>th</sup> South Central Region Conference will be hosted by Soroptimist International of Kansas City Northland, Missouri, on **April 14 – 16, 2023**, at the Harrah's Kansas City located in North Kansas City, MO. The planning committee has been working since last year to insure you will learn, laugh and grow as Soroptimists. Please mark your calendar!! Hotel reservations need to be made before **March 13, 2023**, in order to receive the group hotel rates. The Conference registration deadline is **March 27, 2023**.

Please encourage your new and not so new members to join us for this Conference as we make new friends, become reacquainted with old friends, and have the opportunity to see the bigger picture of Soroptimist.

We will continue to have a Silent Auction to support our Lucy Keller Dreams in Action Awards. Each attending club is encouraged to bring one **or more** items for this auction.

Friday will kick off with our Federation Guest, Tanna Edwards, Soroptimist International of Peterborough, ON, Canada present a workshop, preceded by Conference opening ceremonies that evening. A fun way we will continue to learn about the Dream Big Campaign, is with Dream Big Bingo.

Celebration of Life, Live Your Dream, Lucy Keller Dreams in Action, and Norma Caldwell Communicate & Grow Awards will be presented at our Awards Luncheon Saturday afternoon. Soroptimist Celebrating Success and SCR Lou Kirby Woman of the Year will follow that evening.

Myself and the board are very excited to see everyone in Kansas City, to continue building South Central Region into the best Region it can be!

Yours,

*Angel*

Governor Angel Standish  
South Central Region



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Dear South Central Region Clubs and Visitors:

Welcome to the 2023 South Central Region Conference! We are so excited that you are coming to join SI Kansas City Northland for a weekend filled with information, business, reports, and lots and lots of fun. SIKCN has been working hard this year to plan a conference that will be a valuable asset to your club. Three upfront reminders:

- Conference is a week earlier this year. **APRIL 14-16.**
- Hotel Reservations are due **March 13.** Information in this CALL will tell you how to make those reservations.
- Conference Registration and Food Choices are due **March 27.** Any registrations not postmarked by that day will be assessed a \$20 dollar late fee per person.

We know that the meals are a bit high this year – groceries are high these days. And hotels are starting to add on gratuity fees for their food – some as high as 25%. However, we know the food is delicious at Harrah's, so we think you will be satisfied.

Don't forget to bring your Silent Auction item(s). Each club is asked to submit at least one item – however, we would not be upset in the least if you wanted to bring more. (Be sure to ask SI Ponca City about last year's wonderful baskets.)

Opening Ceremonies (Salute to our Country, welcome, introductions, etc.) will begin on **Friday night.** Please try to attend.

We can hardly wait until we see you. Please join us for a wonderful weekend.

**Jacque Bond**  
Conference Co-Chair

**Sandy Maag**  
SIKCN President

*Kimberly Doty*  
Conference Co-Chair

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SI - KANSAS CITY NORTHLAND

# WELCOME TO HARRAH'S

WE ARE SO DELIGHTED TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AS YOUR 2023 SOROPTIMIST SOUTH CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE SITE. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL ENJOY YOUR TIME WITH US AS WELL AS FIND OUR SERVICE ACCOMODATING AND PLEASANT.



**Harrah's Kansas City**  
**1 Riverboat Drive**  
**North Kansas City, MO 64116**  
**Phone: 816-472-7777**

- All hotel reservation requests must be made on or before the cutoff date of Monday, March 13, 2023
- Individuals may call 800-427-7247 to book their hotel reservation and must mention the offer/group code “S04SO23” to receive the special Group rate. Any reservations made this route will be assessed a fee of \$10.00 plus current sales tax, per reservation.
- To avoid paying the above \$10.00 fee, individuals may book their hotel reservations using the following weblink.  
<https://www.caesars.com/book/?propCode=NKC&action=FindRooms&groupcode=S04SO23>
- The booking weblink is defaulted to a one night stay, however the dates can be updated by following the below steps
  - a. Click either of the defaulted dates displayed which then brings up a calendar
  - b. In the calendar select the appropriate arrival date
  - c. Then choose the appropriate departure date
  - d. Finally click the **UPDATE** button
- Each individual attendee will be responsible for his/her own guestroom, tax, amenity fees and incidentals.
- All reservations must be guaranteed with a deposit for the first night's guestroom and tax charge which will be billed immediately to the cardholder's account.
- A daily resort/amenity fee of \$15.00 per room, per night plus the current occupancy tax will be charged. Unless otherwise specified, the resort/amenity fee will be posted to the individual's room and will be the individual's responsibility to pay, including any other incidentals (movies, food, beverage, early/late check in/out fees, etc.). The amenity fee includes:
  - a. Two (2) Guest admissions per day to the Fitness Center
  - b. Basic WIFI to include two (2) devices per room per day
  - c. Daily access to the Business Center
- Property allows individual attendee cancellations without penalty up to seventy-two (72) hours prior to the attendee's scheduled arrival date. Property will charge either the individual attendee or bill your Group's Master Account (defined below) one (1) night's guestroom rate plus tax for cancellations within seventy-two (72) hours of the scheduled arrival date or failure of the individual attendee to check-in on the scheduled arrival date (each a “no-show”).
- Check in is 4:00pm and check out is 11:00am. Any early arrivals or late departures are subject to additional fees, and subject to availability.
- A valid ID and credit/debit card matching the ID will need to be provided at the time of check in.

### **From I-70 ST LOUIS**

Take left exit 1A toward US-40 W/Kansas City onto I-70 W. Go for 201 mi. Take exit 8B toward Des Moines onto I-435 N. Go for 5.2 mi. Take exit 57 toward Front St onto E Front St. Go for 1.5 mi. Turn right onto NE Chouteau Trfy. Go for 1.4 mi. Turn left onto Riverboat Dr.

### **From I-35 South**

Take left ramp toward I-35E N. Go for 1.3 mi. Turn right onto I-35E (N Stemmons Fwy). Go for 39.9 mi. Continue on I-35 (Purple Heart Trl). Go for 6.7 mi. Continue on US-77 (I-35). Go for 7.6 mi. Continue on I-35 (Purple Heart Trl). Go for 21.7 mi. Continue on I-35. Go for 127 mi. Continue on I-35 (Purple Heart Trl). Go for 21.7 mi. Continue on I-35. Go for 127 mi. Keep right onto I-35 N toward US-62 E/Tulsa/Wichita. Go for 9.9 mi. Continue on I-35. Go for 98.3 mi. Continue on I-35 (Kansas Tpke). Go for 127 mi. Continue on I-335 (Kansas Tpke) toward Kansas Turnpike/Topeka/I-70/Kansas City. Go for 50.3 mi. Continue on I-470 (Kansas Tpke). Go for 6.8 mi. Continue on I-70 (Kansas Tpke). Go for 56.2 mi. Continue on I-70 (Lewis & Clark Viad). Go for 1.8 mi. Keep left onto I-35. Go for 2.8 mi. Take exit 6 toward MO-210 E/Armour Rd. Go for 0.3 mi. Turn right onto Armour Rd (MO-210). Go for 1.3 mi. Take the exit toward MO-269/Chouteau Trfwy onto NE Chouteau Trfy. Go for 0.3 mi. Turn right onto Riverboat Dr.

### **From I-70 TOPEKA**

Take left ramp onto I-70 E toward US-40/KS-4. Go for 61.5 mi. Continue on I-70 (Lewis & Clark Viad). Go for 1.8 mi. Keep left onto I-35. Go for 2.8 mi. Take exit 6 toward MO-210 E/Armour Rd. Go for 0.3 mi. Turn right onto Armour Rd (MO-210). Go for 1.3 mi. Take the exit toward MO-269/Chouteau Trfwy onto NE Chouteau Trfy. Go for 0.3 mi. Turn right onto Riverboat Dr. Go for 0.8 mi.

### **From I-49 JOPLIN**

Turn left and take ramp onto I-49 N (Trooper Charles P Corbin Memorial Hwy) toward US-71 N/Kansas City. Go for 130 mi. Take the exit toward Des Moines onto I-435 N. Go for 14.1 mi. Take exit 57 toward Front St onto E Front St. Go for 1.5 mi. Turn right onto NE Chouteau Trfy. Go for 1.4 mi. Turn left onto Riverboat Dr.

### **From I-29 St Joseph**

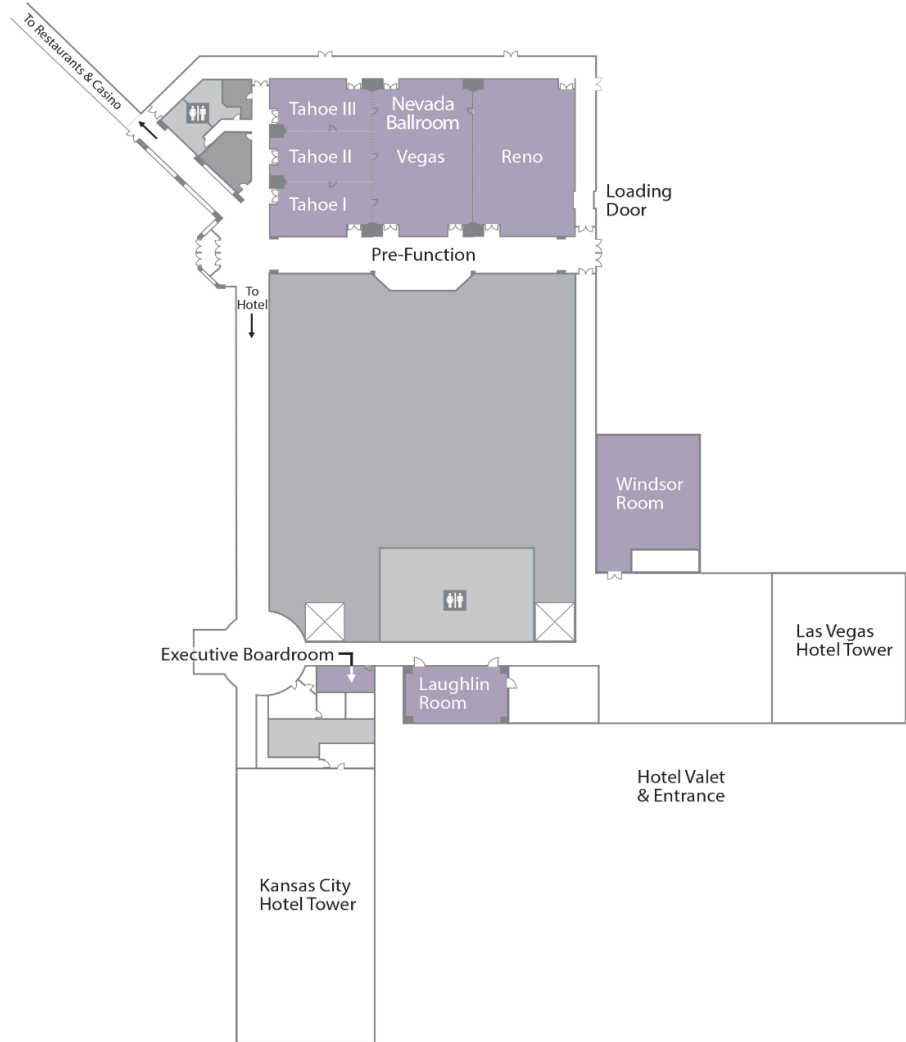
Take the exit toward US-71 S/Kansas City onto I-29 S. Go for 28.8 mi. Continue on I-29 S toward US-71 S. Go for 13.9 mi. Take exit 1B toward Des Moines onto I-35 N. Go for 1.6 mi. Take exit 9 toward MO-269 S/Chouteau Trfwy. Go for 0.2 mi. Turn right onto NE Chouteau Trfy (MO-269). Go for 0.3 mi. Turn right onto Riverboat Dr.

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*These Directions come from MAPQUEST ROUTE PLANNER. Please also use your GPS either on your car's navigation or on your phone.*

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# CONFERENCE CENTER



**97th South Central Region Conference  
Harrah's Hotel  
Kansas City, MO  
April 14-16. 2023**

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**

Please complete this form and mail it with your club check payable to: South Central Region Conference no later than **March 27, 2023**, to avoid a late registration fee of \$20.00 per individual. If additional space is required, please make additional copies of this form. **Please print all information required.**

**First Time Attendee:** Indicate with a **X** if first time attendee

**Dietary Restrictions:** Note any dietary restrictions of attendees

Print & send this form along with your payment to:

**Lori Shepard, SCRC Treasurer  
6443 N Merrimac Ave  
Kansas City, MO 64151**

***Circle President, Delegate or Alternate to indicate which one is registering.***

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Registration \$30.00</b>	<b>Friday Dinner \$46.00</b>	<b>Saturday Breakfast \$33.00</b>	<b>Saturday Luncheon \$42.00</b>	<b>Saturday Banquet \$70.00</b>	<b>Chicken (C) Salmon (S)</b>	<b>Total Meals/Re gistration</b>
<b>President</b>	prepaid						
<b>Delegate</b>	prepaid						
<b>Delegate</b>	prepaid						
<b>Alternate Delegates</b>							
	\$30.00						
	\$30.00						
<b>Non-Delegates And Guests</b>							
	\$30.00						
	\$30.00						
	\$30.00						
	\$30.00						
<b>Totals</b>							

**CLUB NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLUB CONTACT PERSON:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLUB CONTACT EMAIL & PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_



**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS  
97<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SOUTH CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE**

**AGENDA**

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023		
1:00pm - 5:30pm	<b>Pre-Conference Board Meeting</b> SCR Board	Executive Board Room
6:00pm	<b>Board Dinner</b> SCR Board	Restaurant TBD
FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023		
9:00am -12:00pm	<b>Pre-Conference Board Meeting</b> SCR Board	Executive Board Room
12:00pm - 5:30pm	<b>Registration</b>	Hotel Area
12:00pm - 2:00pm	<b>Hospitality Suite Open</b>	Windsor
12:00pm - 5:30pm	<b>Silent Auction Drop Off</b>	Registration Table
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<b>Workshop</b>	Tahoe 3
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	<b>Cocktails – Cash bar</b>	Pre-Function Area
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	<b>Dinner &amp; Opening Ceremonies</b>	Vegas
	<b>Presiding</b> Governor Angela Standish, SI Dallas, TX	
	<b>Introduction of Federation Guest and South Central Region Board</b>	
	<b>Soroptimist Grace</b> Governor Angela Standish	
	<b>Flag Ceremony</b> Governor Elect Leigh Hedgpeh	
	<b>Welcome to Kansas City Area</b>	TBD
	<b>Housekeeping Information – Jacquie Bond</b>	
	<b>South Central Region Recognitions</b> Recognition of First-Time Attendees, Former District and Region Officers, and Laurel Society Members	
	<b>Recognition of Club Presidents</b>	
	<b>Dream Big Campaign Bingo</b>	
9:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.	<b>Hospitality Suite Open</b>	Windsor
9:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.	<b>Silent Auction Open</b>	Laughlin
SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023		
7:00 a.m.-7:45 a.m.	<b>Registration continues</b>	Hotel Area
7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.	<b>Buffet Breakfast</b>	Vegas
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	<b>BUSINESS SESSION CONVENES</b>	
	<b>Presiding</b> Governor Angela Standish, SI Dallas, TX	Tahoe
	<b>Adoption of the Conference Agenda</b>	
	<b>Inspiration</b> Kimberly Doty, District I Director, SI Kansas City Northland, MO	

	<b>CREDENTIALS REPORT</b> Lori Shepard, SI Kansas City Northland, MO, SCR Conference Registrar	
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Number of Clubs in Region	
Number of Clubs Represented	
Number of Clubs in Good Standing	
<b>Voting Attendees</b>	
Club Delegates (max of 3 per club in good standing)	
Region Officers (max of 4)	
District Officers (max of 3)	
<b>Total Voting</b>	
<b>Non-Voting Attendees</b>	
Other SCR Soroptimists	
Federation Visitor	
Non-SCR Soroptimists	
Non-Soroptimists	
<b>Total Non-Voting</b>	
<b>Total Attendance</b>	

	<b>Reading of Standing Rules &amp; Rules of Courtesy</b> Kimberly Doty, SCR Parliamentarian SI Kansas City Northland, MO	
	<b>Approval of the 2022 Conference Minutes</b> Rosemary Robinson, SCR Secretary, SI Amarillo, TX	
	<b>Appointment of Conference Time Keeper</b>	
	<b>Appointment of Conference Pages &amp; Tellers</b>	
	<b>Appointment of 2023 Conference Minutes Approval Committee</b>	
	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> Marcia Boutz, SI Kansas City, KS	
	<b>Federation Report</b> Federation Director Tanna Edwards, SI Peterborough ON, Eastern Canada Region Canada	

	<p><b>South Central Region Focus Chair Reports</b>  <b>Membership:</b> Kelly Landry, SI Kansas City Northland, MO  <b>Fundraising:</b> Ginny Lloyd, SI Dallas, TX  <b>Public Awareness:</b> Laurel Bohlmeyer, SI Kansas City Northland, MO  <b>Program:</b> SCR Governor Elect Leigh Hedgpeth, SI Vandalia, IL</p>	
	<p><b>South Central Region District Directors' Reports</b>  <b>District I:</b> Director Kimberly Doty, SI Kansas City Northland, MO  <b>District II:</b> Director Ruth Parman, SI Winfield, KS  <b>District III:</b> Director Marlena Hernandez, SI Amarillo, TX</p>	
	<p><b>Proposed Bylaw Changes</b>  Eileen Hildebrand, Bylaws &amp; Resolutions Chair, SI Amarillo, TX</p>	
	<p><b>Governor's Report</b>  Governor Angela Standish, SI Dallas, TX</p>	
	<p><b>Announcements</b></p>	
12:30pm - 2:45pm	<p><b>AWARDS LUNCHEON</b></p>	Vegas
	<p><b>Presiding:</b>  Governor Elect Leigh Hedgpeth, SI Vandalia, IL</p>	
	<p><b>Inspiration:</b>  Ruth Parman, District II Director, SI Winfield, KS</p>	
	<p><b>LUNCH</b></p>	
	<p><b>Celebration of Life</b>  Former Governor Jacqueline Bond,  Remembrance Chair  SI Kansas City Northland, MO</p>	
	<p><b>Live Your Dream Awards</b>  Liz Paynes, Region Live Your Dream Chair  SI Grand Prairie, TX</p>	
	<p><b>Lucy Keller Dreams in Action Awards</b>  Rosemary Robinson, Region Secretary  SI Amarillo, TX</p>	
	<p><b>Norma Caldwell Communicate &amp; Grow Award</b>  Former Governor Jacqueline Bond,  SI Kansas City Northland, MO</p>	
	<p><b>Speaker:</b> Brenda Oliver - <b>Orchestrating Your Second Act</b></p>	
3:00pm – 4:15pm	<p><b>Workshop:</b> Patty Bundi – <b>Building Blocks of Membership</b></p>	Tahoe
4:15pm - 5:30pm	<p><b>Hospitality Suite Open</b></p>	Windsor
4:15pm - 5:30pm	<p><b>Silent Auction Open</b></p>	Laughlin
5:30pm - 6:00pm	<p><b>Former Governors Reception</b>  (By Invitation Only)</p>	
6:30pm - 7:00pm	<p><b>Governor's Reception</b>  (All Attendees/Cash Bar)</p>	Pre-Function Area

7:00pm - 9:30pm	<b>EVENING BANQUET</b>	Vegas
	<b>Presiding:</b> Governor Angela Standish	
	<b>Inspiration</b> Marlena Hernandez, District III Director, SI Plainview, TX	
8:00pm – 9:00pm	<b>Soroptimists Celebrating Success Awards</b> Teresa Young, Region Chair Soroptimists Plainview, TX, & Federation Director Tanna Edwards	
	<b>SCR Lou Kirby Woman of the Year Award</b> Governor Angela Standish	
	<b>Silent Auction Winners Announced</b>	
	<b>Recognition of Host Club</b> Governor Angela Standish Host Conference Committee Chairs Former Governor Jacquie Bond and District I Director Kimberly Doty	
	<b>Invitation for 2024 Conference – SI Vandalia, IL</b>	
	<b>SIA Pledge</b>	
	<b>Announcements &amp; Adjourn</b>	
9:15 pm - 11:00pm	<b>Hospitality Suite Open</b>	Laughin

# PROPOSED REGION BYLAW CHANGES

## PROPOSAL BYLAW CHANGE #1

### **CURRENT SCR BYLAW**

#### **ARTICLE V REGION CONFERENCE**

##### **Section 2c: Registration Fee**

c. A **refund** of Conference fees other than mandatory fees shall be made if requested by the Friday, one (1) week prior to the official meeting hour. **(Conference Action 2006)**

### **PROPOSED CHANGE**

#### **ARTICLE V REGION CONFERENCE**

##### **Section 2c: Registration Fee Proposed language**

c. A **refund** of Conference fees, other than mandatory fees, shall be made if requested by the Friday, one (1) week prior to the official meeting hour **if funds remain after all conference expenses are paid.** **(Conference Action 2006, 2023)**

### **RATIONALE**

The Region should not incur a negative balance for a Region Conference due to refunds being issued for conference fees before all bills associated with the Conference have been paid. Refunds should only be paid when funds are available that will not result in a loss.

## PROPOSAL BYLAW CHANGE #2

### **CURRENT SCR BYLAW**

#### **ARTICLE VI DISTRICT MEETINGS**

##### **Section 4b: Registration Fee**

b. A \$15.00 **late registration fee** shall be assessed for each member and/or visitor registration received after the cut-off date as published in the Call for District Meetings. The cut-off date shall be no more than **fourteen (14) days** prior to the official meeting date of the meeting. **(Conference Action 2000)**

### **PROPOSED CHANGE**

#### **ARTICLE VI DISTRICT MEETINGS**

##### **Section 4b: Registration Fee**

b. A **\$20.00 late registration fee** shall be assessed for each member and/or visitor registration received after the cut-off date as published in the Call for District Meetings. The cut-off date shall be no more than **fourteen (14) days** prior to the official meeting date of the meeting. **(Conference Action 2000, 2023)**

### **RATIONALE**

Uniform late registration fee for District Meetings and Region Conference.

### **PROPOSAL BYLAW CHANGE #3**

#### **CURRENT SCR BYLAW**

#### **ARTICLE VI DISTRICT MEETINGS**

#### **Section 4c: Registration Fee**

c. A **refund** of meeting fees, other than mandatory fees, shall be made if requested by the Friday, one (1) week prior to the official meeting hour. **(Conference Action 2006)**

#### **PROPOSED CHANGE**

#### **ARTICLE VI DISTRICT MEETINGS**

#### **Section 4c: Registration Fee**

c. A **refund** of Meeting fees, other than mandatory fees, shall be made if requested by the Friday, one (1) week prior to the official meeting hour **if funds remain after all meeting expenses are paid.** **(Conference Action 2006, 2023)**

#### **RATIONALE**

The Region should not incur a negative balance for District Meetings due to refunds being issued for meeting fees before all bills associated with the meeting have been paid. Refunds should only be paid when funds are available that will not result in a loss.

### **PROPOSAL BYLAW CHANGE #4**

#### **CURRENT SCR BYLAW**

#### **ARTICLE VII NOMINATING COMMITTEE & ELECTION PROCESS**

#### **Section 2a: Candidates for Office**

a. On or before **October 15** of the odd-numbered year, the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall invite clubs in the Region to suggest members for consideration by the Nominating Committee. Clubs shall reply by **December 15**. The Chairperson shall ascertain from their respective Club Presidents that persons suggested for nominations are members in good standing and from the Region Treasurer that all such clubs are in good standing and not in jeopardy. The Chairperson shall contact persons in good standing whose names were submitted to ascertain their willingness to serve in office if nominated and elected. All members replying affirmatively shall submit to the Chairperson a resume of their qualifications. The committee may contact other Soroptimists as to their willingness to serve and obtain a resume from them.

#### **PROPOSED CHANGE**

#### **ARTICLE VII NOMINATING COMMITTEE & ELECTION PROCESS**

#### **Section 2a: Candidates for Office**

a. On or before **October 15** of the odd-numbered year, the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall invite clubs in the Region to suggest members for consideration by the Nominating Committee. Clubs shall reply by **December 15**. **If there is still no candidate for an open position, then the Chairperson will email clubs again and extend the deadline to January 15<sup>th</sup>.** The Chairperson shall ascertain from their respective Club Presidents that persons suggested for nominations are members in good standing and from the Region Treasurer that all such clubs are in good standing and not in jeopardy.

The Chairperson shall contact persons in good standing whose names were submitted to ascertain their willingness to serve in office if nominated and elected. All members replying affirmatively shall submit to the Chairperson a resume of their qualifications. The committee may contact other Soroptimists as to their willingness to serve and obtain a resume from them.

### **RATIONALE**

To allow for sufficient time to notify the clubs by email and obtain a candidate for office should the initial time period expire with no valid candidate having been brought forth.

## **PROPOSAL BYLAW CHANGE #5**

### **CURRENT SCR BYLAW**

#### **ARTICLE VII NOMINATING COMMITTEE & ELECTION PROCESS**

##### **Section 3: Election Process**

- a. The Nominating Committee shall read its nominations at the Conference at least **two (2) hours** before the time set for opening the polls. Nominations may be made from the floor no later than **one (1) hour** before the time set for opening the polls. The person or club making the nomination from the floor shall be responsible for obtaining the consent of the nominee and for providing for distribution a statement of the qualification of the candidate in the same format as those presented by the Nominating Committee (as used in the Call to Conference).
- b. The official program shall indicate the day and hour of nominations and of balloting.

### **PROPOSED CHANGE**

#### **ARTICLE VII NOMINATING COMMITTEE & ELECTION PROCESS**

##### **Section 3: Election Process**

- a. The Nominating Committee shall read its nominations at the Conference at least **two (2) hours** before the time set for **the election**. Nominations may be made from the floor **only for an office with no candidate(s) presented by the Nominating Committee** no later than **one (1) hour** before the time set for **the election**. The person or club making the nomination from the floor, **only for an open position with no candidate(s)**, shall be responsible for obtaining the consent of the nominee and for providing for distribution a statement of the qualification of the candidate in the same format as those presented by the Nominating Committee as used in the Call to Conference.
- b. The official program shall indicate the day and hour of nominations and of balloting.

### **RATIONALE**

The South Central Region utilizes an open nomination process that lasts two to three months. There is no legitimate reason for someone wishing to run for office to wait until the last minute to submit her name and credentials. Also, the current process allows for someone to attempt to throw an election by utilizing nominations from the floor.

## **PROPOSAL BYLAW CHANGE #6**

### **CURRENT SCR BYLAW**

#### **ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES**

##### **Section 3: Remembrance**

The Remembrance Committee shall honor members who have died since the previous Region Conference and shall preside over a service of recognition at each Conference. In addition, an annual gift of \$250 shall be sent to Soroptimist International of the Americas in memory of those members. **(Conference Action 2019)**

### **PROPOSED CHANGE**

#### **ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES**

##### **Section 3: Remembrance**

The Remembrance Committee shall honor members who have died since the previous Region Conference and shall preside over a service of recognition at each Conference.

### **RATIONALE**

South Central Region monies and budget are very tight. This change will allow South Central Region to keep that money in our Region for its needs.

## **PROPOSAL BYLAW CHANGE #7**

### **CURRENT SCR BYLAW**

#### **ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES**

##### **Section 4: District Meetings Planning Committee**

The District Meetings Planning Committee chairperson shall recruit one committee member from each District. Ex-officio members shall include the Governor, the Governor-Elect, and the three District Directors. **(Conference Action 2019)**

### **PROPOSED CHANGE**

#### **ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES**

##### **Section 4: District Meetings Planning Committee**

The District Meetings Planning Committee Chair, along with ex-officio members including the Governor, Governor-Elect, and the three District Directors, shall recruit **two** committee members from each District.

### **RATIONALE**

The committee took the place of the host club from when three individual District Meetings were held. Three people cannot replace an entire club, especially when having to work remotely to keep the location centralized (as best as it can be).



## **PROPOSAL BYLAW CHANGE #8**

### **CURRENT SCR BYLAW**

#### **ARTICLE IX REGION EXPENSES**

##### **Section 6: Chartering New Clubs**

- c. Expenditures incurred by the sponsoring club shall not exceed \$500.00. If it appears expenditures will exceed \$500.00, the excess may be approved by the Region Board provided the additional expense is warranted and funds are available.
- d. All authorized expenses, when accompanied by receipts, will be reimbursed by the Region and charged to Membership Account.

### **PROPOSED CHANGE**

#### **ARTICLE IX REGION EXPENSES**

##### **Section 6: Chartering New Clubs**

- c. **Authorized** expenditures incurred by the **Charter Team** shall not exceed \$500.00. If it appears expenditures will exceed \$500.00, the excess may be approved by the Region Board provided the additional expense is warranted and funds are available.
- d. Authorized expenses, when accompanied by receipts, will be reimbursed by the Region and charged to **Club Charter** Account.

### **RATIONALE**

Charter Team is the current language used by SIA. Also, to put checks and balances in place to ensure that only authorized expenses related to chartering a new club are paid, and that those expenses are reflected correctly within the Region books. New clubs are being chartered by a group of members from several clubs, rather than an individual club.

## **PROPOSAL BYLAW CHANGE #9**

### **CURRENT SCR BYLAW**

#### **ARTICLE X REGION DUES**

##### **Section 1: Region Dues**

- a. Each club shall pay to the Region annual dues of \$20.00 for each member, except Friendship Links. The dues are payable on or by July 1 on the membership as of that date.
- b. New member dues are on a graduated scale as follows:
  - 1) July 1 through December 31                      \$20.00
  - 2) January 1 through March 31                      \$18.00
  - 3) April 1 through June 30                              \$15.00

**(Conference Action 2014/Region Dues increase effective July 1, 2016)**

## **PROPOSED CHANGE**

### **ARTICLE X REGION DUES**

#### **Section 1: Region Dues**

- a. Each club shall pay to the Region annual dues of **\$30.00 in 2023, \$40 in 2024, and \$50 in 2025 and thereafter**, for each member, except Friendship Links. The dues are payable on or by July 1 on the membership as of that date.
- b. New member dues are on a graduated scale as follows:
- 1) July 1 through December 31                   **100% of the annual dues**
  - 2) January 1 through March 31               **90% of the annual dues**
  - 3) April 1 through June 30                   **75% of the annual dues**
- (Conference Action 2023/Region Dues increase effective July 1, 2023)**

## **RATIONALE**

Region dues have remained constant for over ten (10) years. Current inflation values read from 8% to 18%. The cost of everything has gone up, especially since the pandemic. It is not wise to continue dipping into reserve accounts to make the budget which is stretched thin.

The cost of doing business, obtaining relevant speakers and workshop presenters, and venues for gatherings continues to increase. To provide the types and quality of events that members can benefit from, increased revenue is required. Since 1995 the Region size has been cut in half (64 clubs in 1995 to 31 clubs in 2022). We are trying to put on quality events with less than half the clubs, and half the income that the Region had in 1995. Other organizations and training programs typically charge upwards of \$250 for a one-day event. Our members are currently paying an average of \$150 for the whole weekend including food.

## **PROPOSAL BYLAW CHANGE #10**

### **CURRENT SCR BYLAW**

#### **ARTICLE XII SOLICITATION OF FUNDS**

##### **Section 1: Solicitation of Funds**

- a. Funds shall not be solicited by this Region from members of clubs except when action authorizing such solicitation has been specifically approved by the Region Conference after notice to the clubs through the Call to Conference. If the Region Conference will not be held within three (3) months, approval may be given by the Region Board with a two-thirds vote at a meeting or a three-fourths vote by mail or email ballot.
- b. If a club wishes to invite members of any other club to participate in a Ways and Means Project, it should send the information to the President of the other club, who, together with her board, shall decide whether the members of the club are to be approached. The originating club may not circularize the members of any other club without this clearance.

## **PROPOSED CHANGE**

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## **RATIONALE**

Currently, fundraising at the Region Conference is limited to the silent auction for Lucy Keller Dreams in Action and for Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) Live Your Dream program. There is no desire to take away from either of these activities. However, South Central Region needs to actively engage in fundraising. Such fundraising activity would be limited to Region Conference or District Meetings. **There will be no campaigns to solicit donations from members of the South Central Region similar to those conducted by SIA of the membership.** While there are plans to have the ability to donate through the Region website, that is a voluntary action on the part of an individual.

# *Federation Visitor*

## *Tana Edwards, SI Peterborough, ON*



Tanna Edwards is currently a Board member serving the 2021-2023 term on the Soroptimist International of the Americas Board of Directors. She has been a member of Soroptimist International since 1994 and is currently a member of SI Peterborough in Eastern Canada Region, where she served as Governor, then 1 year as Past Governor from 2018-2021. Though a member of Soroptimist since 1994, she managed to skip out on being a local club President more than once in her Soroptimist “lifetime”, due to real-life family and career commitments, but finally assumed the Presidency of her local Peterborough club from 2014-2016. She has also served at other times as Committee Chair, Club Secretary, Region Public Awareness and Region Fundraising Chair while Governor Elect.

Tanna feels fortunate to have been a member of Soroptimist clubs, both in Canada and in the US. She joined while living in Brampton (closer to Toronto) in '94, at “home” in SI Peterborough from 1998 – 2008, and again from 2011-present, and while living in Midwestern Region from 2008-2010. She is at once thankful, and proud of her many friendships with women who believe in looking around and reaching out for other women. What she has learned throughout her business, “real” life, and in Soroptimist, is that we are more alike than we are different, despite the colour of our skin, socio-economic status, what country we were lucky enough to be born in, and whether we belong to any group.

Tanna and her husband Joe are “house parents” to a former international student from Kosovo (who graduated in June 2022). Yllka was awarded a partial scholarship from SI Europe in 2017 for her STEM studies, after having attended an SI Europe Leadership Academy. Her family (Mom, Dad and a younger sister with significant special needs) were refugees who lost everything (and then some), during the war with Serbia when she was just a young girl. The opportunity to meet and bond with this young woman and her European Soroptimist “cheerleaders” would not have happened had it not been for our global organization. Tanna is looking forward to meeting some of them in person this summer in Dublin or Venice.

Tanna holds a B.A. in Political Studies from Trent University in Peterborough and a designation as a Certified Associate Project Manager (C.A.P.M.) from the Project Management Institute.

In her career, Tanna loved her 30 years in Customer Service B2B (business to business) leadership roles with multi-national organizations across North America, and since 2013, has supported Senior Management teams in the IT Department and Student Housing at her alma mater, Trent University.

# *Orchestrating Your Second Act*

*Brenda Oliver*



**Brenda Oliver**, a native Missourian, has made a career in the real estate industry that has brought her much success, and a feeling that every day is a new chance to be better than you were yesterday. Brenda got her real estate broker's license in 1972 and has spent her entire work life in the small town of Odessa, MO, population 5,300 people. Her world has been expanded greatly through her 35 years of participation in the National Association of Realtors. She served as the President of the Kansas City Regional Association of Realtors in 2013, President of Missouri Realtors in 2019 and was part of the top level of leadership for the National Association of Realtors in 2023 by serving as Region 9 Vice President of the 1.6 million member trade association.

Brenda's leadership style is one of incorporating irreverent humor into presentations, enabling newcomers to feel like they are part of the family, and empowering those who have leadership skills to blossom. She lives on a farm with her husband, Gene and her dog, Lyla and loves playing bridge and shopping.

# *Building Blocks of Membership*

*Patty Bundi*



**Patty Bundi** loves helping people learn, gain confidence, and optimize their choices. Her career in the insurance industry has given her vast experience in patient care, billing, and account management. She has trained diverse staff on complex industry standards, excellent customer service skills and change management with a positive attitude. Developing and delivering training content is one of her passions at Blue KC where she has worked at for over 28 years.

Patty has thoroughly enjoyed being actively engaged on boards of various organizations. Whether starting from scratch as a charter board member or reviving a board that's been in place for several decades she has been "all in".

Her perspective and experience allow her to combine her love of helping people learn with her passion for excellence to achieve new heights. Learn new strategies for being a solid member of any organization, learning new skills and passion for various board positions and tips and tricks to being more efficient and effective.



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# CELEBRATION OF LIFE

**APRIL 15, 2023**



A Memorial Tribute will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, in the memory of club members who have passed away since April 2022.

Please complete the form below and e-mail or mail it with a picture of your deceased person on or before **April 1, 2023**, to:

**Jacqueline Bond**  
**Region Remembrance Chair**  
**SI Kansas City, Missouri**  
616 South Kisner Circle  
Independence, Missouri 64056  
**H:** 816.796.3716  
**C:** 816.682.4748  
[siajac@comcast.net](mailto:siajac@comcast.net)

If you include a picture, please provide it in a JPEG Format. Thank you!

Please provide information about your deceased person as to any Club, District, Region, Federation or International offices or positions and whether or not she was a Past President or Charter Member of your club. Add any other comments or data about her which you would like to share with friends in the South Central Region.



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<b>SOUTH CENTRAL REGION REMEMBRANCE FORM</b>	
<b>Name of member to be remembered:</b>	
<b>Member of which Soroptimist Club:</b>	
<b>Year member joined the club:</b>	
<b>Number of years as a member:</b>	
<b>Charter Member:</b>	<b>Yes / No</b>
<b>Soroptimist involvement (offices, committees, etc.):</b>	
<b>When member passed away:</b>	

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name**

**Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**District:** \_\_\_\_\_



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