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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 97th 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

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

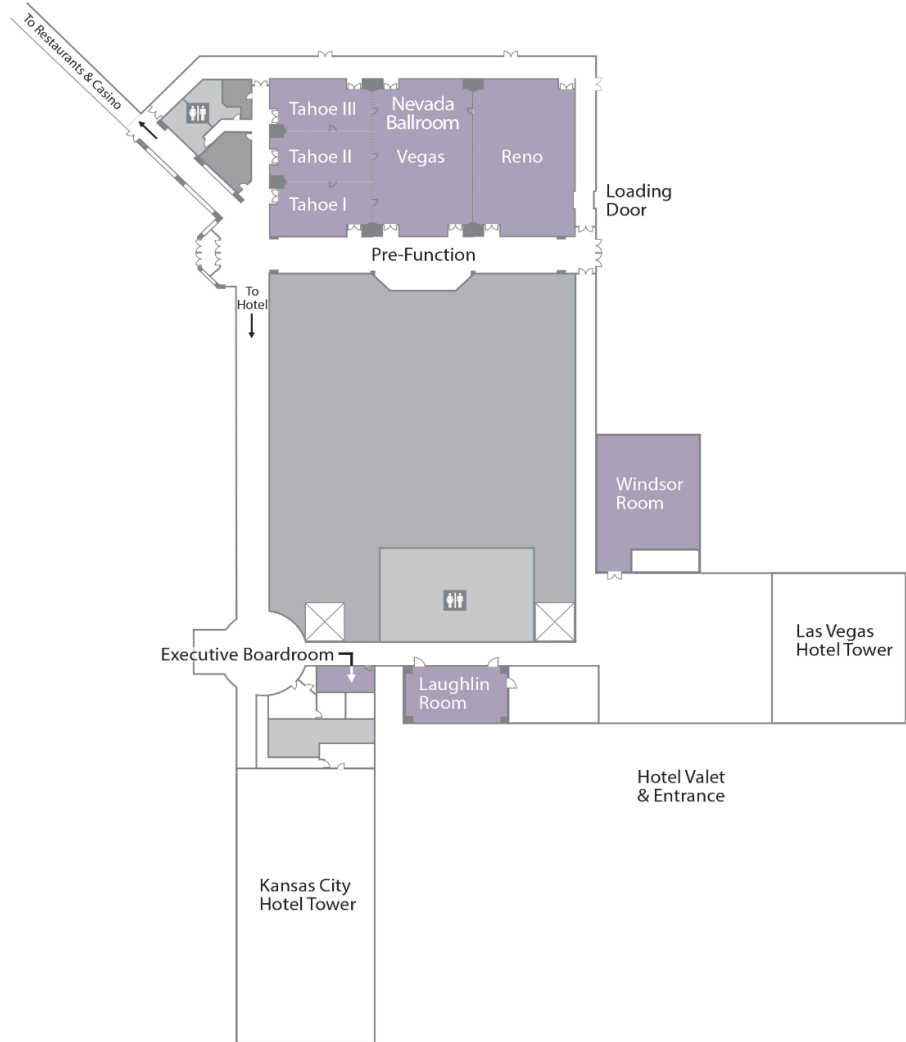
Turn left and take ramp onto I-49 N (Trooper Charles P Corbin Memorial Hwy) toward US-71 N/Kansas City. Go for 130 mi. Take the exit toward Des Moines onto I-435 N. Go for 14.1 mi. Take exit 57 toward Front St onto E Front St. Go for 1.5 mi. Turn right onto NE Chouteau Trfy. Go for 1.4 mi. Turn left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

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

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.

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

CLUB NAME: _____

CLUB CONTACT PERSON: _____

CLUB CONTACT EMAIL & PHONE: _____

**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS
97th ANNUAL SOUTH CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE**

AGENDA

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

	CREDENTIALS REPORT 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	
Voting Attendees	
Club Delegates (max of 3 per club in good standing)	
Region Officers (max of 4)	
District Officers (max of 3)	
Total Voting	
Non-Voting Attendees	
Other SCR Soroptimists	
Federation Visitor	
Non-SCR Soroptimists	
Non-Soroptimists	
Total Non-Voting	
Total Attendance	

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

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

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

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