

WORKING TOGETHER TO FULFILL DREAMS

APRIL 28-30

STAUNTON, VA



SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION
2017 SPRING CONFERENCE

INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION 2017 SPRING CONFERENCE

The elected delegates should have a working knowledge of Soroptimist Laws, Region Procedures, the objectives and ideals of the organization, and experience as a member of club committees or of the board. Understanding parliamentary procedure, ability to work with others, and a spirit of good will and understanding will help the delegate, the club, and the Conference Body.

The Club President, who is a delegate and who serves as the leader of the club delegations, should:

- Allocate time at a business meeting to discuss topics in the agenda, so that a majority opinion expressed by the club will serve as a guide to delegates.
- Arrange with other delegates for dividing topics of the report on Conference to be given to the club.
- Schedule time at a post-Conference club meeting, as soon as possible after Conference, for delegates to present their reports.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLUB DELEGATES

Before Conference, each delegate should:

- Study the Call
- Be sure all reservations are sent in promptly
- Clarify financial responsibilities, according to club procedures
- Collect materials, etc. to take to Conference, including Soroptimist pin

During Conference, each delegate should:

- Register promptly, be on time and attend all sessions
- Be prepared to write down important business proceedings and background information to report to the club
- Be familiar with and observe the Conference Standing Rules
- Participate in discussion and debate
- Vote with the club viewpoint in mind. If instructed by the club to vote a certain way, vote that way. If not instructed, use your best judgment, considering the best interests of your club and of all clubs in the Region.
- Be willing to accept an assignment from the Governor if asked.

After Conference, each delegate should prepare a report as instructed by the Club President. The following outline might be helpful:

- Action by Conference approving proposed changes in laws, the budget, or other matters presented to the voting body, and the reason for each action.
- Ideas for increasing club interest and support in attaining Soroptimist Goals.
- Summary of the workshops and committee presentations.
- The gist of speeches.
- A summary of proposals not approved by the Conference, and the reason for disapproval.
- Awards: who won them and why, hints for helping your club win next year.
- Your personal evaluation of the Conference.

REGION PROCEDURES

REGION BYLAWS SECTION III. D. DELEGATES

1. The delegates of each club shall be the President and two (2) regular members in good standing.
2. The voting members of the Conference shall be the members of the Region Board and the accredited delegates of each club in good standing (see Section I.B.).
3. A delegate may represent only the club in which the delegate's membership is held.

STANDING RULES FOR REGION CONFERENCE

1. All voting delegates shall be seated together in front seats promptly at the beginning of each session.
2. The Agenda, as adopted, shall be the order of the day.
3. Changes in the Agenda may be made only by majority vote of the Conference.
4. After addressing the Chair and being recognized each delegate shall clearly state her name and name of her club.
5. A voting member may speak twice upon a subject and only for two minutes. Other members may speak once upon a subject for two minutes only.
6. Both delegates and non-voting members shall be allowed the privilege of the floor but precedence shall be accorded delegates.
7. No conference discussion may be released for publicity unless first approved by the Public Relations Committee.
8. All motions of any length must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at the time they are made. Forms are available.
9. All reports shall be in writing and a copy handed to the Region Secretary at the time the report is given to the Conference.

Amy Harman, Governor

AGENDA

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION 108TH CONFERENCE APRIL 28-30, 2017 ❖ STAUNTON, VA

FRIDAY APRIL 28

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Staunton Board Room

South Atlantic Region Board Meeting

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Depart from Lobby

Conference Excursion: Women's History Tour
(separate registration required)

3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Lobby

Registration Opens

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

24 Market

Reception (cash bar)

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Colonnade Ballroom

A Dream Is A Wish Your Heart Makes Dinner Event
(Favorite Heroine or She-ro Attire)

Welcome to 108th Conference

Amy Harman
SAR Governor
SI/Hampton Roads

PAGE Program

Patricia Witt
SI/Mid-Atlantic Online

Bead Raffle Fundraiser

Connie Skinner Morris
SAR Treasurer
SI/Kent & Queen Anne's Counties

Laurel Society Lottery

Virginia Dempsey
SAR Fundraising Chair
SI/Woodbridge

Evening Inspiration

Betty Ann O'Brien
SAR Board Member
SI/Raleigh

Small Group Discussions at your table.

SATURDAY APRIL 29

7:00 am – 8:15 am <i>Colonnade Ballroom</i>	Breakfast Start your day with small group discussions on Membership, Program, and Fundraising success or challenges.
7:30 am – 10:00 am <i>Lobby</i>	Registration
8:30 am <i>Salon A/B</i> <i>Shenandoah Ballroom</i>	Business Session (Business Casual Attire) <i>Delegates Reserved Seating at Front of Room</i>
	Call to Order <i>Amy Harman</i> <i>SAR Governor</i>
	Presentation of Colors & Pledge of Allegiance <i>Sparkle Raymond</i> <i>SAR Board Member</i> <i>SI/Woodbridge</i>
	Introductions <i>Amy Harman</i> <i>SAR Governor</i>
	Official Greetings <i>Kelly Pierce</i> <i>SAR Secretary</i> <i>SI/Prince Georges & Anne Arundel Counties</i>
	Morning Inspiration <i>Cheryl Walter</i> <i>SI Manassas</i>
	Recognition of Conference Attendees <i>SAR Board</i>
	Preliminary Credentials Report <i>Louise Skinner</i> <i>SAR Spring Conference Registrar</i> <i>Past SAR Governor</i> <i>SI/Kent & Queen Anne's Counties</i>
	Reading of Official Call Adoption of Agenda <i>Kelly Pierce</i> <i>SAR Secretary</i>
	Conference Standing Rules <i>LouAnne Hunnicutt</i> <i>SAR Parliamentarian</i> <i>Past SAR Governor</i> <i>SI Mid-Atlantic Online</i>
	Approval of Minutes of the 107th Conference <i>Kelly Pierce</i> <i>SAR Secretary</i>

Appointment of Committee to Approve
108th Conference Minutes

First Report of Credentials Committee *Louise Skinner*
SAR Spring Conference Registrar

SAR Financial Report *Connie Skinner Morris*
SAR Treasurer
SI/Kent & Queen Anne's Counties

Report of Nominating Committee *Amy Harman*
SAR Governor

Nominations from the Floor

Appointment of Tellers

Federation Report *Heidi McNamar*
SIA Federation Director
SI/Greater Hartford, CT

Final Report of Credentials Committee *Louise Skinner*
SAR Spring Conference Registrar

10:30 am – 10:45 am Break (Election Polls Open)

10:45 am – 12:45 pm **Workshops**

Salon B, Shenandoah Ballroom

Workshop:
**The MemberSHIP Has Sailed –
but I May Have Left Someone
at the Dock!** *Nicole Simmons*
Membership & Leadership
Development Manager
SIA
*Are you having trouble recruiting members
of different ages? How about diversifying
your membership?*

Salon A, Shenandoah Ballroom

Workshop:
**Soroptimist: Planning for the
Next 100 Years** *Heidi McNamar*
SIA Federation Director
*Did you know that our 100th anniversary is
coming up in just a few years? How
are we celebrating our first 100 years and
what are the plans to continue to build
Soroptimist into our second century?*

Salon C, Shenandoah Ballroom

Dream It, Be It Workshop (Separate Registration Required)

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Colonnade Ballroom

Dream Awards Luncheon

Afternoon Inspiration

Melissa Kelly
President, SI/Talbot County

Small Group Discussions at your table.

Live Your Dream
Awards Presentation

Patricia Byrd Pritchett
SAR Live Your Dream Chair
SI/Williamsburg

Live Your Dream Award Winners

Mercy N. Wanyoike
Nominated by SI/Manassas

Misty M. Jackson
Nominated by SI/Cumberland

Shavone Aliyyah Walker
Nominated by
SI/Hampton Roads

Violet Richardson Award
Presentation

Jayme Gruden
SAR Program Chair
SI/Hampton Roads

Violet Richardson Award Winner

Shanaz Khan
Nominated by SI/Manassas

2:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Workshops (Repeat of Morning Workshops)

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm
24 Market

General Reception (cash bar)

7:00 pm
Colonnade Ballroom

Dream Celebration Banquet
(Club or Area Themed Attire)

SAR Presidents and Board Procession

Mollie Flood
SI Alexandria

Evening Inspiration

Lori Ditchfield
President,
SI/Montgomery County

Recognition of Club
Anniversaries

Amy Harman
SAR Governor

State of the Region

Amy Harman
SAR Governor

Laurel Lottery Drawing & Raffles

Betty Ann O'Brien
SAR Board Member

SUNDAY APRIL 30

8:15 am – 8:45 am

Salon C, Shenandoah Ballroom

Celebration of Life Memorial Service

9:00 am

Salon A/B, Shenandoah Ballroom

Dreams Do Come True Awards Brunch

Opening Remarks & Presiding

Amy Harman
SAR Governor

Morning Inspiration

Betty Nester
Past SAR Governor
SI/Williamsburg

Celebrating Success Awards

Cindy Swicegood
SAR Celebrating Success Chair
SI/Kent & Queen Anne's Counties

B.J. Cook Governor's Trophy

Amy Harman
SAR Governor

Recruitment Bowl

Connie Skinner Morris
SAR Treasurer

Bennie Mendelson Award

Robin Davis
Past SAR Governor
SI/Alexandria

2017 Fall Meetings

Amy Harman
SAR Governor

2018 Spring Conference

Deborah Mackes
SAR Governor-Elect

2018 SIA Federation
Convention

Heidi McNamar
SIA Federation Director

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PRESENTERS

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Heidi McNamar

Federation Director
Soroptimist International of the Americas
Member, SI/Greater Hartford, CT

Heidi McNamar of SI/Greater Hartford, Connecticut, is co-owner of Krause Caterers, Inc. A member since 1994, she has held several leadership positions including region governor; district director; and club president, secretary and treasurer. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the University of Denver. In addition to her Soroptimist activities, she volunteers with the YWCA.



Nicole Simmons

Membership & Leadership Development Manager
Soroptimist International of the Americas

As SIA's Membership & Leadership Development Manager, Nicole Simmons focuses on assisting members with the tools they need to create a valuable and healthy club experience while also developing materials to grow our volunteer leaders. Her responsibilities include the development of recruitment and retention strategies as well serving as a resource and coach for members. Additionally, she oversees the membership website; prepares informative member videos; writes articles for Best for Women and content for the public website www.soroptimist.org. Nicole joined SIA in the fall of 2009. With a bachelor's degree in communications from Wilkes University, she has a diverse professional non-profit background, having worked for Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania, two regional blood centers, and the American Lung Association.



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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS OFFICERS

RoseMary Reid, President

Dawn Marie Lemonds, President-Elect

Virginia "Gigie" Peñalosa, Secretary/Treasurer



SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION OFFICERS

Amy Harman, Governor

Deborah Mackes, Governor-Elect

Kelly Pierce, Secretary

Connie Skinner Morris, Treasurer

Betty Ann O'Brien, Board Member

Sparkle Raymond, Board Member

Robin Davis, Immediate Past Governor

LouAnne Hunnicutt, Parliamentarian

SOUTH ATLANTIC THEME FOR THE 2016-2018 BIENNIUM:

"Working Together to Stand Out"

GOVERNORS OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION

Ruby Lee Minar SI/Washington, DC 1927-28	Ella C. Werner SI/Washington, DC 1948-50	Lyda Gordon Shivers SI/Greensboro, NC 1970-72	R. Lynn Coleman SI/Jacksonville, NC 1994-96
Ethel Knight Pollard SI/Washington, DC 1928-30	Mary Bourke SI/Washington, DC 1950-52	Margaret Supplee SI/Prince Georges County, MD 1972-74	Deborah O. McKinnon SI/Washington, DC 1996-98
Mary Catherine Lewis SI/Washington, DC* 1930-32	Lula Feller SI/Baltimore, MD 1952-54	Flora Lee Muth SI/Washington, DC 1974-76	LouAnne Hunnicutt SI/Greenville, SC 1998-2000
Bernadine Schefneker SI/Detroit, MI* 1930-32	Margaret F. Schmidt SI/Williamsburg, VA 1954-56	Betty Jean "BJ" Cook SI/Bel Air, MD 1976-78	Janice Artemel SI/Washington, DC 2000-2002
Nell R. Hysong SI/Washington, DC 1932-34*	A. Olivia Nicoll SI/Washington, DC 1956-58	Jean Deardorff SI/Westminster, MD 1978-80	Sylvia Winterling SI/Alexandria, VA 2002-2004
Jean Bennett SI/Washington, DC 1934-36	Mildred Smart SI/Williamsburg, VA 1958-60	Betty F. Mendelson SI/Alexandria, VA 1980-82	Warie Brock SI/Montgomery Co., MD 2004-2006
Jean Bennett? SI/Washington, DC 1936-38	Elizabeth Moorefield SI/Asheville, NC 1960-62	Alma L. Higginbotham SI/Fairmont, WV 1982-84	Gayle Griffith SI/Cumberland, MD 2006-2008
Edith Reinhardt SI/Baltimore, MD 1938-40	Blanche T. Rogers SI/Baltimore, MD 1962-64	Betty C. Roberts SI/Asheville, NC 1984-86	Louise Skinner SI/Kent County, MD 2008-2010
Viola K. Almony SI/Baltimore, MD 1940-42	Katherine Stinson SI/Washington, DC 1964-66	Lucinda Mandarin SI/Upper Montgomery County, MD 1986-88	Christy Rumbaugh SI/Havre de Grace, MD 2010-2012
Pearle Sharpe SI/Arlington, VA 1942-44	Winifred G. Thompson SI/Washington, DC 1966-68	Karen Bautz SI/Laurel, MD 1988-90	Willie Mae McCracken SI/Williamsburg, VA 2012-2014
Mae C. Bowman SI/Alexandria, VA 1944-46	Rebecca Tinker SI/Williamsburg, VA 1966-68	Marie Y. Hughes SI/Virginia Peninsula, VA 1990-92	Robin S. Davis SI/Alexandria, VA 2014-2016
Anna P. Rose SI/Montgomery County, MD 1946-48	Beth Bryson SI/Baltimore, MD 1968-70	Betty Nester SI/Alexandria, VA 1992-94	Amy L. Harman SI/Hampton Roads, VA 2016-2018

*In 1932, the South Atlantic Region split, with clubs in Detroit and Akron forming the Midwestern Region.

2016-2017 CLUB PARTICIPATION

LIVE YOUR DREAM PROGRAM

SI/Alexandria	SI/Havre de Grace	SI/Prince Georges & Anne Arundel Counties	SI/Upper Montgomery County
SI/Cumberland	SI/Kent & Queen Anne's Counties	SI/Raleigh	SI/Williamsburg
SI/Hagerstown	SI/Manassas	SI/Talbot County	SI/Woodbridge
SI/Hampton Roads	SI/Mid-Atlantic Online		

VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARD

SI/Frostburg	SI/Kent and Queen Anne's Counties	SI/Raleigh	SI/Woodbridge
SI/Hagerstown	SI/Manassas	SI/Salisbury	
SI/Havre de Grace		SI/Talbot County	

DREAM IT, BE IT PROGRAM

SI/Alexandria	SI/Kent and Queen Anne's Counties	SI/Prince Georges and Anne Arundel Counties	SI/Upper Montgomery County
SI/Hampton Roads		SI/Talbot County	SI/Woodbridge

CELEBRATING SUCCESS AWARDS

FUNDRAISING	MEMBERSHIP	PROGRAM	PUBLIC AWARENESS
SI/Frostburg	SI/Frostburg	SI/Alexandria	SI/Alexandria
SI/Kent & Queen Anne's Counties	SI/Kent & Queen Anne's Counties	SI/Frostburg	SI/Frostburg
SI/Manassas	SI/Talbot County	SI/Kent & Queen Anne's Counties	SI/Hagerstown
SI/Talbot County		SI/Manassas	SI/Kent & Queen Anne's Counties
SI/Woodbridge		SI/Mid-Atlantic Online	SI/Manassas
		SI/Raleigh	SI/Mid-Atlantic Online
		SI/Talbot County	SI/Raleigh
		SI/Upper Montgomery County	SI/Talbot County
		SI/Woodbridge	SI/Upper Montgomery County
			SI/Woodbridge

EVERYTHING STARTS WITH A DREAM. THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR DREAMS COME TRUE!

Special thanks to each and every member of the Spring Conference Planning Committee. Your time, effort and enthusiasm made this weekend possible.

Conference Planners

Robin Davis, Chair
SI/Alexandria

Deborah Mackes
SI/Woodbridge

Connie Skinner-Morris
SI/Kent & Queen Anne's
Counties

Louise Skinner
SI/Kent & Queen Anne's
Counties

Virginia Dempsey
SI/Woodbridge

Registration

SI Kent & Queen Anne's
Counties

Registrar/Conference Treasurer

Louise Skinner
SI/Kent & Queen Anne's
Counties

Program & Decor Coordinators

SI/Manassas

PAGE Program

SI Mid-Atlantic Online

Celebration of Life

SI/Woodbridge

Region Bead & Club

Raffles

SI/Kent & Queen Anne's
Counties

Dream It, Be It Workshop

Coordination

Johann Dretchen
SI/Upper Montgomery
County

Jayne Gruden

SI/Hampton Roads

Hospitality

Mollie Flood
SI/Alexandria

Sparkle Raymond
SI/Woodbridge

Kelly Pierce
SI/Prince Georges &
Ann Arundel Counties

Melissa Kelly
SI/Talbot County

Additional thanks to Governor Amy and the South Atlantic Region Board for their support and ideas.



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SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION 108TH CONFERENCE CREDENTIALS REPORT

	PRELIMINARY	FIRST	FINAL
CLUBS IN REGION	21	21	21
CLUBS WITH REGISTERED DELEGATES			
Region Officers	4	4	4
Board Members	2	2	2
Club Presidents			
Club Delegates			
TOTAL VOTING			
Federation Visitor	1	1	1
Parliamentarian	1	1	1
Non-voting Members			
Registered Guests			
Executive Director	0	0	0
Federation HQ Staff	1	1	1
GRAND TOTAL			