

Minutes of the Soroptimist International of the Americas
South Atlantic Region
105th Spring Conference
DoubleTree by Hilton, Annapolis, MD
May 2 – May 4, 2014

Friday, May 2, 2014

- Governor Willie Mae McCracken welcomed attendees to the SAR 105th Conference and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Girl Scout Troop #185 from Annapolis, MD presented the Colors.
- Girl Scout Troop #185 led the Pledge of Allegiance then retired the Colors.
- Pamela Sinclair, SAR Board Member, announced the presentation of the Flags of the South Atlantic Region.
 - Representing the state of Maryland was Christy Rumbaugh, SI-Havre de Grace
 - Representing the State of North Carolina was Gaye Mays, SI-Raleigh
 - Representing the State of South Carolina was Betty Roberts, SI-Greenville
 - Representing the State of Virginia was Sparkle Raymond, SI-Woodbridge
 - Representing the State of West Virginia was Fay LeSane, SI-Woodbridge
 - Representing Washington, DC was Pamela Wright, SI-Woodbridge
- Governor Willie Mae McCracken introduced the Head Table and gave recognition of Soroptimist leadership.
 - Past-Governors attending conference were:
 - Christy Rumbaugh, SI-Havre de Grace, SAR Immediate Past-Governor
 - Betty Roberts, SI-Greenville, Former SAR Governor
 - LouAnne Hunnicutt, SI-Greenville, Former SAR Governor
 - Warie Brock, SI-Montgomery County, Former SAR Governor
 - Gayle Griffith, SI-Cumberland, Former SAR Governor
 - Betty Nester, SI-Williamsburg, Former SAR Governor
 - Sylvia Winterling, SI-Alexandria, Former SAR Governor
- Secretary, Deborah Mackes presented the Reading of Official Greetings.
- Melissa Snyder, President, SI-Arbutus, gave a welcome greeting to attendees. She then introduced The Honorable Katharine Klausmeier, Maryland State Senator.
- Maryland State Senator, Katharine Klausmeier welcomed attendees to Annapolis, MD.
- Governor-Elect Robin Davis presented the Soroptimist Grace prior to dinner.
- Janet Knisely, SI-Cumberland, presented the opening of the Silent Auction Fundraiser.
 - Entries were received from:
 - SI-Kent County
 - SI-Cumberland (donated \$100.00 in lieu of auction item)
 - SI-Howard County
 - SI-Pocomoke City

- SI-Talbot County
 - SI-Hagerstown
 - SI-Arbutus
 - DoubleTree Gift Certificate
 - SI-Williamsburg
 - SI-Manassas
 - Andrienne Horen of Janney Montgomery Scott LLC
- Connie Skinner Morris, President, SI-Kent County, presented the SAR 50/50 Bead Raffle Fundraiser.
 - Amy Harman, SAR Treasurer, introduced the “Shoe”roptimist fundraiser. \$261.00 was raised. Proceeds will go to “Polaris Project.” Participating clubs were: SI-Frostburg, SI-Arbutus, SI-Manassas, SI-Talbot County, SI-Woodbridge, SI-Hagerstown, and SI-Williamsburg
 - Best Soroptimist Related Theme went to SI-Arbutus
 - Best Incorporation of a Club’s Mission went to SI-Frostburg
 - Most Creative went to SI-Talbot County
 - Best SAR Representation went to SI-Manassas
 - Best Incorporation of the Soroptimist Mission to Improve the Lives of Women and Girls went to SI-Woodbridge
 - Favorite Shoe By All Votes went to SI-Manassas (winner of a \$40.00 gift certificate to Walmart)
 - Oh How I Wish This Were a Real Shoe in My Size went to SI-Hagerstown
 - Governor-Elect Robin Davis presented the Laurel Society Board Review.
 - Governor Willie Mae McCracken gave recognition to the Spring Conference Planning Committee. She then announced SAR Club Anniversaries.
 - Celebrating 50 years, SI-Upper Montgomery County
 - Celebrating 80 years, SI-Montgomery County
 - Celebrating 65 years, SI-Greensboro
 - Celebrating 60 years, SI-Accomack
 - Celebrating 60 years, SI-Fredericksburg
 - Celebrating 50 years, SI-Frostburg
 - Celebrating 50 years, SI-Talbot County
 - RoseMary Reid, SIA Federation Director and SAR’s Conference Official Visitor, assisted Governor Willie Mae McCracken in presenting the 2013-2014 Federation Region Finalists for Celebrating Success Awards.
 - Membership – SI-Talbot County for their “New Member Orientation Project”
 - Program – SI-Manassas for their “Continuing Hands-on Project”
 - Fundraising – SI-Raleigh for their project “Triangle Women of Distinction Event”
 - Public Awareness – SI-Woodbridge for their “BLOG” Talk Radio Shows”
 - Region Level Celebrating Success Awards for 2013-2014 were not presented at Spring Conference. Secretary, Deborah Mackes will mail Certificates to participating clubs within 30 days after Spring Conference.

- Governor Willie Mae McCracken recessed the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 3, 2014 – Morning Session

- Governor Willie Mae McCracken reconvened the general session at 8:35 am.
- Sparkle Raymond, President, SI-Woodbridge, gave an inspirational message to begin the day.
- Governor Willie Mae McCracken introduced the head table.
- Pamela Sinclair, SAR Board Member, welcomed the 14 members attending conference for their first time and also the 10 members attending who had 30 + years with Soroptimist. The 10 attendees with 30 + years of service had a total of 440 years of Soroptimist service.
- Patricia Byrd-Pritchett, SI-Williamsburg, presented the Preliminary Credentials Report. **See page 9 for Preliminary Credentials Report.**
 - It was moved, seconded, and accepted that the Preliminary Credentials Report be approved. Motion carried.
- The Standing Rules for the 2014 Spring Conference were presented by, Parliamentarian, LouAnne Hunnicutt.
 - It was moved, seconded, and accepted that the Standing Rules be approved. Motion carried.
- Secretary, Deborah Mackes, presented the Official Call to Conference. Secretary, Deborah Mackes, moved that the reading of the Official Call to Conference be dispensed, as the Call was sent to all clubs in the Region more than forty-five days prior to Conference. Motion was seconded, and accepted, Motion carried.
- Amy Harman, SAR Treasurer, moved the adoption of the Conference Agenda be accepted as amended, plus any modifications as may be necessary to carry out the business of the Region. Motion was seconded, and accepted. Motion carried.
- Deborah Mackes, SAR Secretary, announced the appointees that will review the Minutes of the 105th Spring Conference.
 - **Appointees are:** Mary Harrison, SI-Woodbridge, Cheryl Walter, SI-Manassas, and Glenda Johnson, SI-Howard County
- Patricia Byrd-Pritchett, SI-Williamsburg, presented the First Credentials Report. **See page 9 for First Credentials Report.**
 - After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and accepted that the First Credentials Report be accepted. Motion carried.

- Amy Harman, SAR Treasurer, presented the SAR Financial Report. After discussion, the Financial Report was approved and will be filed for audit.
- Amy Harman, SAR Treasurer, presented the SAR 2014-2016 Proposed Budget. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and accepted that the Proposed Budget be accepted. Motion carried.
- **9:30 a.m.**, Linda Waal, SI-Kent County, SAR 2012-2014 Nominations Chair, presented the report of the Nominations Committee.
 - After discussions, the following names were placed in nomination for five positions on the South Atlantic Region Board for the 2014-2016 biennium:
 - Amy Harman, SI-Hampton Roads, Governor-Elect
 - Margaret Miles, SI-Accomack, Secretary
 - Pamela Sinclair, SI-Raleigh, Treasurer
 - Betty Ann O'Brien, SI-Raleigh, Board Member
 - Laura Jones, SI-Woodbridge, Board Member
 - Governor Willie Mae McCracken asked each of the nominees to stand and be recognized.
 - As there were no other nominations from the floor, Elections Committee Chair, Linda Waal explained there would be no need to elect tellers for this Conference.
- Glenda Johnson, SI-Howard County, reported that donations to IMA World Health had been made by SI-Arbutus, SI-Frostburg, SI-Havre de Grace, SI-Howard County, SI-Upper Montgomery County, SI-Williamsburg, and SI-Woodbridge, as well as individual donors within these clubs. A total of \$3,125.00 was contributed to the Safe Motherhood Kit and/or Soroptimist Dispensary Kit programs during the past club year. IMA is very appreciative of the support from Soroptimists in the South Atlantic Region.
- Gayle Griffith, SAR Laws & Resolution Committee Chair, presented the SAR Standing Procedures.
 - Gayle Griffith presented procedure changes to bring SAR into agreement with SIA and standard practices. Any approved amendments from the floor will be represented in the final updated procedures. Changes will become effective as of July 1, 2014.

10:15 – 10:30 a.m., break in session.

Governor Willie Mae McCracken announced that three workshops would be presented from 11:45 am – 12:45 pm.

- **“The New Face of Membership” in the Harbour Room, presented by Patricia Witt, SAR Membership Chair, SI Raleigh**
- **“What? What Did You Say? What Did You Mean?” in the Mainsail East Room, presented by RoseMary Reid, SIA Federation Director**
- **“Take a Retirement Drive” in the Lookout Room, presented by Adrienne Horen, Janney Montgomery Scott LLC**

Afternoon Session - 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Federation Awards Luncheon

- Welcome by Governor Willie Mae McCracken.
- Governor Willie Mae McCracken gave recognition to the SAR Clubs that participated.
- Governor Willie Mae McCracken thanked Patricia Witt, RoseMary Reid, and Adrienne Horen for bringing interesting and informative workshops.
- Becky Goodman, President, SI-Manassas, gave the Afternoon Inspiration.
- The Invocation was given by, Amy Harman, SAR Treasurer.
- **Soroptimist Ruby Award** was presented by, Deborah Mackes, SAR Chair, and SAR Secretary, SI-Woodbridge.
 - The winner was Ellen Chang, Prince William County Social Services, nominated by SI-Manassas. Ellen received a check in the amount of \$500.00 made payable to the charity of her choice.
- **Women’s Opportunity Award** was presented by Amy Harman, SAR Treasurer, SI-Hampton Roads. Award winners were:
 - First Place Winner, Joyce Bradshaw, nominated by, SI-Frostburg-\$5,000
 - Second Place Winner, La’Tanya Christopher, nominated by SI-Salisbury-\$3,000
 - Third Place Winner, Skyy Gaulden, nominated by SI-Williamsburg-\$1,000
 - Federation Winner, Trinice Harmon, nominated by SIA-\$3,000

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- **Violet Richardson Award** was presented by Myrtis Brame, SAR Chair, SI-Upper Montgomery County.
 - The winner was Georgia Grace Edwards, nominated by SI-Frostburg-\$1,000. An additional \$1,000 was given to the charity of her choice.

Saturday Evening Banquet

- **7:00 PM** - Introduction of Club Presidents and SAR Board of Directors – Past-Governor, LouAnne Hunnicutt, SI-Greenville.
- RoseMary Reid, SIA Federation Director, presented the Evening Inspirational Reading.
- Secretary, Deborah Mackes, gave the Invocation.
- Installation of the South Atlantic Region’s 2014-2016 Board of Directors was presented by Past-Governor, Betty Roberts, SI-Greenville.
- RoseMary Reid, SIA Federation Director, presented the SIA Federation Report.
- Robin Davis gave her Governor’s remarks and announced that the Regional Theme for the 2014-2016 Biennium would be “Communication is Key.”
- Governor Willie Mae McCracken recognized the 2012-2014 SAR Committee Chairs.
- **Recruitment Bowl Award** was presented by, Amy Harman, SAR Treasurer.
Winner – SI-Pocomoke City
- **Bennie Mendelson Award** was presented by, Governor-Elect, Robin Davis.
Winner - SI-Woodbridge
- **BJ Cook Governor’s Trophy Award** was presented by, SAR Governor, Willie Mae McCracken. Recognition and participation certificates were presented to all clubs that submitted applications.
Winner – SI-Woodbridge
- **Laurel Lottery Drawing** – Governor-Elect Robin Davis announced that there was no winner, as all of the lottery squares did not sell.
- Janet Knisely, SI Cumberland, announced the winners of the 2014 Silent Auction. Participating entries and the amounts raised by each entry are as follows:
 - SI-Kent County - \$80.00
 - SI-Cumberland (donated \$100.00 in lieu of auction item)
 - SI-Howard County - \$40.00

- SI-Pocomoke City - \$80.00
- SI-Talbot County - \$83.50
- SI-Hagerstown - \$45.00
- SI-Arbutus - \$55.50
- DoubleTree Hotel Gift Certificate - \$75.00
- SI-Williamsburg - \$180.00
- SI-Manassas - \$60.00
- Andrienne Horen of Janney Montgomery Scott LLC - \$60.00

Total amount raised - \$859.00

- Connie Skinner Morris, President, SI-Kent County, announced that the SAR Pretty Bead 50/50 Raffle raised \$ 1,265.
 - Barbie Smith, SI Talbot County, won \$632.50.
 - \$632.50 went to SAR for Fundraising.
- Governor Willie Mae McCracken recessed at 9:30 pm.

Sunday, May 4, 2014

- **8:30 – 9:00 am** - Celebration of Life Memorial Service, was presented by Christy Rumbaugh, SI-Havre de Grace and Nancy Jo Revell, President, SI-Accomack County
Honored deceased SAR members were:
 - Sandra D. Grandstaff, SI-Frostburg
 - Virginia Cole Anthony, SI-Kent County
 - Helen Trew Durdin, SI-Kent County
 - Ann Walls Sutton, SI-Kent County
 - Elizabeth Cox “Ann” Fenton, SI-Raleigh

9:00 am – Governor, Willie Mae McCracken, reconvened the general session.

- Pamela Sinclair, SAR Board Member, presented the Morning Inspiration Reading.
- Patricia Byrd-Pritchett, SI Williamsburg, presented the Final Credentials Report.
See page 9 for Final Credentials Report.
 - It was moved, seconded and accepted that the Final Credentials Report be adopted. Motion carried.
- The conference Keynote Speaker was Sharon Love, Co-founder & Trustee of “One Love Foundation.” Sharon’s presentation was titled, “Transforming the Conversation About Relationship Violence.”

- An invitation to the 2014 SIA Federation Convention, Vancouver, BC, was announced by, RoseMary Reid, SIA Federation Director.
- Governor-Elect, Robin Davis, announced that the 2014 SAR Strategic Planning Retreat would be held on August 2 in Richmond, Virginia.
- The SAR 2014 Fall Meetings were announced by, Secretary, Deborah Mackes.
 - October 4 – SI-Montgomery County
 - October 18 – SI-Manassas
 - October 25 – SI-Salisbury
- Pamela Sinclair, SAR Board Member, announced that the 2015 SAR Spring Conference would be held in Williamsburg, Virginia.
- Governor- Elect, Robin Davis, announced that the 2016 SAR Spring Conference would be held in Virginia Beach, Virginia. It was moved, seconded and accepted that the 2016 SAR Spring Conference would be held in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Motion carried.
- Governor, Willie Mae McCracken, reminded attendees to complete the Conference Evaluation.
- SAR Governor, Willie Mae McCracken, led the Soroptimist Pledge.
- 11:00 a.m. – Governor, Willie Mae McCracken adjourned the 2014 SAR Spring Conference
- 11:30 a.m. – South Atlantic Region Board Meeting

**South Atlantic Region
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| | Preliminary Rpt. | First Rpt. | Final Rpt. |
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| Clubs in Region | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| Clubs w/Registered Delegates | 19 | 19 | 21 |
| Region Officers | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Board Members | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Club Presidents | 13 | 17 | 18 |
| Club Delegates | 18 | 28 | 29 |
| Total Voting | 36 | 50 | 52 |
| Federation Officer | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Parliamentarian | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Non-voting Members | 27 | 34 | 35 |
| Registered Guests | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Executive Director | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federation Headquarters Staff | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grand Total | 67 | 85 | 91 |

**Submitted by,
Deborah K. Mackes
SAR Secretary 2012-2014**