

Minutes of the Soroptimist International of the Americas
South Atlantic Region
106th Spring Conference
DoubleTree by Hilton, Williamsburg, VA
May 1 – May 3, 2015

Friday, May 1, 2015

- Governor Robin Davis welcomed 1 attendees to the SAR 106th Conference and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Governor Robin introduced Karen Riordan, President & CEO of the Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance. Karen then welcomed the attendees to Williamsburg.
- Katherine Corley Murray, Co-President of SI-Howard County, presented the evening's inspiration.
- Connie Skinner Morris, President of SI-Kent & Queen Anne's Counties, explained the SAR Bead Raffle Fundraiser.
- Virginia Dempsey, SI-Woodbridge, and SAR Fundraising Chair, explained the Laurel Society Lottery and Laurel Legacy.
- Pamela Sinclair, SI-Raleigh, and SAR Treasurer introduced the film that was to be screened, "Girl Rising: One Girl with Courage is a Revolution".
- The film was viewed followed by a roundtable discussion led by, Camilla Buchanan, MD MPH Adjunct Lecturer, College of William & Mary.
- Governor Robin Davis recessed the meeting at 10:30 PM.

Saturday, May 2, 2015 – Morning Session

- Governor Robin Davis reconvened the general session at 8:35 AM, and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Betty Ann O'Brien, SI-Raleigh and SAR Board Member, presented the Flags of the South Atlantic Region.
 - Past Governor Louise Skinner, SI-Kent & Queen Anne's Counties, carried the Maryland Flag.
 - Betty Nester, SI-Williamsburg, carried the South Carolina Flag.
 - Cynthia Cortez, SI-Alexandria, carried the Virginia Flag.
 - Beverly Moore, SI-Frostburg, carried the West Virginia Flag.
 - Deborah Mackes, SI-Woodbridge, carried the District of Columbia Flag.
 - Patricia Lynch, SI-Raleigh, carried the North Carolina Flag.
- Laura Jones, SAR Board Member, SI-Greenville, gave an inspirational reading to begin the day.
- Governor Robin Davis introduced the head table and gave recognition to Leadership.
 - Former Governor, Betty Nester, SI-Williamsburg

- Former SIA Board Member, and Former Governor, LouAnne Hunnicutt, SI-Greenville
 - Former SIA Board Member, and Former Governor, Louise Skinner, SI-Kent & Queen Anne's Counties
 - Immediate Past Governor, Willie Mae McCracken, SI-Williamsburg
- Margaret Miles, SAR Secretary, SI-Accomack, presented the Reading of Official Greetings. A welcome video from SIA President, Poco Davis, was shown.
- Connie Skinner Morris, President, SI-Kent & Queen Anne's Counties, presented the Silent Auction Preview.
- Laura Jones and Betty Ann O'Brien, SAR Board Members, welcomed the 7 members attending conference for their first time and also the 15 members attending who had 30 + years with Soroptimist.
- Pamela Sinclair, SAR Treasurer, announced that the 15 attendees with 30 + years of service represented a total of 562 ½ years of Soroptimist service.
- Mary Minor, SI-Williamsburg, presented the Preliminary Credentials Report. **See page 8 for Preliminary Credentials Report.**
 - It was moved, seconded, and accepted that the Preliminary Credentials Report be approved. Motion carried.
- The Standing Rules for the 2015 Spring Conference were presented by, Parliamentarian, LouAnne Hunnicutt.
 - It was moved, seconded, and accepted that the Standing Rules be approved. Motion carried.
- Margaret Miles, SAR Secretary, presented the Official Call to Conference. Secretary, Margaret Miles, 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 by the voting delegates.
- Pamela Sinclair, SAR Treasurer, moved that the adoption of the Conference Agenda be accepted, plus any modifications as may be necessary to carry out the business of the Region. Motion was seconded and accepted by the voting delegates.
- Margaret Miles, SAR Secretary, presented for approval, the Minutes of the SAR 105th Conference. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted. Motion was seconded and accepted by the voting delegates.
- Margaret Miles, SAR Secretary, announced the appointees that will review the Minutes of the 105th Spring Conference.

- **Appointees are:** Deborah Mackes, SI-Woodbridge, Glenda Johnson, SI-Howard County, and Sandy Burtman, SI-Salisbury
- Patricia Byrd-Pritchett, SI-Williamsburg, presented the First Credentials Report. There were no changes from the Preliminary Credentials Report, thus a motion was not needed to approve and accept this report. **See page 8 for First Credentials Report.**
- Pamela Sinclair, SAR Treasurer, presented the SAR Financial Report. After discussion, the Financial Report was approved and will be filed for audit.
- **9:30 a.m.**, In the absence of the SAR Nominating Chair Judi Loscomb, Governor Robin Davis presented the report of the 2016-2018 SAR Nominations Committee.
 - Nominating Committee will consist of the following appointees:
 - Judi Loscomb, SI-Talbot County, Chair
 - Janet Knisely, SI-Cumberland, Member
 - Deborah Mackes, SI-Woodbridge, Member
 - As there were no other nominations from the floor, Governor Robin Davis explained there would be no need to elect tellers for this Conference.

10:15 – 10:30 a.m., break in session.

Sue Riney, SIA Federation Director, presented the Federation Report

Governor Robin Davis announced that 5 workshops would be presented from 11:00 am – 12:45 pm.

- **“Deep Dive Workshop: Dream It, Be It, presented by, Johann Dretchen, SAR Dream It, Be it Chair**
- **Session 1 Workshop: Let’s Talk About Membership, presented by SAR Board Member, Laura Jones, assisted by Deborah Mackes, SI-Woodbridge**
- **Session 1 Workshop: Social Media for Soroptimist Clubs, presented by SAR Governor, Robin Davis**
- **Session 2 Workshop: Incorporating Soroptimist Orientation & Leadership Training in your Club, presented by, Louise Skinner, SI-Kent & Queen Anne’s Counties.**
- **Session 2 Workshop: Let’s Talk About Fundraising, presented by, Virginia Dempsey, SAR Fundraising Chair**

Afternoon Session - 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Federation Awards Luncheon

- Welcome by SAR Governor Robin Davis.

- Melissa Snyder, President, SI-Arbutus, gave the afternoon inspirational reading.
- **Live Your Dream Awards Presentation** was presented by SAR Chair, Christina Krieling, SI-Frostburg. Christina announced that 18 clubs participated.
- Award winners were:
 - Shameka Lakiya Jeudi, nominated by, SI-Salisbury - \$1,000.00
 - Hannah Welsh, nominated by, SI-Howard County - \$3,00.00
 - SIA Federation At-Large Nomination, Alexis Gilmore - \$3,000.00
 - Consuela Montgomery, nominated by SI-Arbutus - \$5,000.
- **Violet Richardson Award** was presented by Cindy Swicegood, SAR Chair, SI-Kent & Queen Anne's Counties. Cindy announced that 14 clubs participated.
 - The winner was Kai Shanklin, nominated by, SI-Bowie

Saturday Evening Banquet

- **7:00 PM** - Introduction of Club Presidents, SAR Board of Directors, and SIA Federation Director – Deborah Mackes, SI-Woodbridge.
- Immediate Past Governor, Willie Mae McCracken, SI-Williamsburg, gave the evening inspirational reading.
- Fritz Raymond provided dinner entertainment.
- Governor Robin Davis gave recognition of the Spring Conference Planning Committee, SAR Committee Chairs, and SAR Club Anniversaries.
 - Celebrating 50 years of service was SI-Arbutus
 - Celebrating 60 years of service was SI-Morgantown
 - Celebrating 70 years of service was SI-Fairfax
- LouAnne Hunnicutt, Celebrating Success Awards Chair, presented the Celebrating Success Awards Presentation.
 - Membership** – Winner was SI-Kent and Queen Anne's Counties
 - Program** – Clubs submitting entries were: SI-Hampton Roads, and SI-Kent and Queen Anne's counties. Winner was SI-Hampton Roads
 - Public Awareness** – Clubs submitting entries were: SI-Hampton Roads, SI-Frostburg, and SI-Kent and Queen Anne's Counties. Winner was SI-Frostburg.
 - Fundraising** – Clubs submitting entries were : SI-Frostburg, SI-Upper Montgomery County, and SI-Kent and Queen Anne's Counties. Winner was SI-Upper Montgomery County
- Betty Ann O'Brien, SAR Board Member, presented the Recognition of Club Participation.

- SI-Alexandria – VR Award
 - SI-Arbutus – Ruby Award
 - SI-Berlin Ocean City – VR Award
 - SI-Bowie Crofton – Governor’s Trophy and VR Award
 - SI-Fairfax – VR Award
 - SI-Frostburg – VR Award and governor’s trophy Award
 - SI-Hagerstown – VR Award
 - SI-Howard County – VR Award and Governor’s Trophy Award
 - SI-Kent and Queen Anne’s Counties – VR Award and Governor’s Trophy Award
 - SI-Manassas – Governor’s Trophy Award
 - SI-Montgomery County – VR Award
 - SI-Raleigh – Ruby Award, VR Award, and Governor’s Trophy Award
 - SI-Salisbury – VR Award
 - SI-Talbot County – VR Award, Ruby Award, and Governor’s Trophy Award
 - SI-Upper Montgomery – VR Award
 - SI-Woodbridge – Governor’s Trophy Award
- **Recruitment Bowl Award** was presented by, Pamela Sinclair, SAR Treasurer.
Winner – SI-Talbot County
 - **Bennie Mendelson Award** was presented by, Governor-Elect, Amy Harmon.
Winner - SI-Hampton Roads
 - **BJ Cook Governor’s Trophy Award** was presented by, SAR Governor, Robin Davis.
Winner – SI-Frostburg
 - **Laurel Lottery Drawing** – Virginia Dempsey, SAR Fundraising Chair, SI-Woodbridge, announced that there was a Laurel Lottery winner. The winner was, Becky Goodman, SI-Manassas.
 - Connie Skinner Morris, President, SI-Kent & Queen Anne’s Counties, announced the winners of the 2015 Silent Auction. Participating entries were received from the following clubs:
 - SI-Bowie Crofton
 - SI-Manassas
 - SI-Hampton Roads
 - SI-Greenville
 - SI-Kent & Queen Anne’s Counties
 - SI-Howard County
 - Governor Robin Davis
 - SI-Raleigh
 - SI-Talbot County

- SI-Pocomoke County
- SI-Williamsburg donated check
- SI-Cumberland donated check

Total amount raised - \$871.00

- Connie Skinner Morris, President, SI-Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, announced that the SAR Pretty Bead 50/50 Raffle raised \$1,310.00.
 - Heather Jankovich, SI-Williamsburg, won \$ 655.00.
 - \$ 655.00 went to SAR for fundraising. Proceeds will be designated for the SIA Disaster Relief for Nepal/earthquake.
- Governor Robin Davis recessed at 9:00 pm.

Sunday, May 4, 2014

- **8:30 – 9:00 am** – Celebration of Life Memorial Service was presented by members of SI-Alexandria
The service honored deceased SAR members:
 - Annabelle Lee Lapp – SI-Cumberland
 - Joyce E. Wheaton-Crowe – SI-Frostburg
 - Janet Lee Ashley – SI-Kent & Queen Anne's Counties
 - Jane Armstrong Spray – SI-Kent & Queen Anne's Counties

9:00 am – Governor, Robin Davis, reconvened the general session.

- Elizabeth Devlin, Treasurer of SI-Talbot County gave an inspirational reading to begin the day.
- Patricia Byrd-Pritchett, SI Williamsburg, presented the Final Credentials Report.
See page 8 for Final Credentials Report.
 - It was moved, seconded and accepted that the Final Credentials Report be adopted. Motion carried.
- The conference Keynote Speaker was Amanda Deverich, LMFT Williamsburg Counseling. Amanda's presentation was titled: "From Generation to Generation A Conversation".
- An invitation to the 2016 SIA Federation Convention, Orlando, Florida, was announced by, Sue Riney, SIA Federation Director.
- The SAR 2015 Fall Meetings were announced by, Secretary, Margaret Miles.
 - September 29 – Hosted by SI-Woodbridge
 - October 10 – Hosted by SI-Cumberland & SI-Frostburg
 - October 25 – SI-Pocomoke City

- SAR Board Member, Betty Ann O'Brien, announced that the 2016 SAR Spring Conference would be held in Virginia Beach, VA from April 15 – 17, 2016.
- Governor- Elect, Amy Harmon, announced that the 2017 SAR Spring Conference would be held in Blue Ridge Winter Green area. It was moved, seconded and accepted. Motion carried.
- Governor, Robin Davis, reminded attendees to complete the Conference Evaluation.
- SAR Governor, Robin Davis, led the Soroptimist Pledge.
- 11:00 a.m. – Governor, Robin Davis adjourned the 2015 SAR Spring Conference.
- 11:30 a.m. – South Atlantic Region Board Meeting

**South Atlantic Region
106h Conference Credentials Report
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	Preliminary Rpt.	First Rpt.	Final Rpt.
Clubs in Region	26	26	26
Clubs w/Registered Delegates	19	19	19
Region Officers	4	4	4
Board Members	2	2	2
Club Presidents	17	17	17
Club Delegates	27	27	27
Total Voting	50	50	50
Federation Officer	1	1	1
Parliamentarian	1	1	1
Non-voting Members	21	21	22
Registered Guests	0	0	0
Executive Director	0	0	0
Federation Headquarters Staff	0	0	0
Grand Total	73	73	74

**Submitted by,
Margaret Miles
SAR Secretary 2014-2015**