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# Soroptimist International of the Americas

an international volunteer organization for women

March 5, 2015

Dear Governor Robin and the members of South Atlantic Region:

On behalf of the Federation Board of Directors please accept our best wishes for a very successful Region Conference.

Congratulations to all the members of South Atlantic Region for the fantastic work you have done this past year. I'm sorry that I was unable to join you at your conference, but I would like to applaud you for your devotion and dedication to the Vision and Mission of our organization. I want to personally thank you for embracing the wave of change and your efforts in increasing our collective impact through your local and global projects. Your acceptance of these changes, has given Soroptimist a new and bolder place in the world. Through your teamwork we are making the dream work.

Your support of our programs does not go without notice. Your combined efforts have enabled our Federation to increase the number of Live Your Dream Awards given each year, which increases the number of women who have the chance to live their dream. We are improving the lives of women and girls through education and empowerment of economic and social improvement. We are making a difference. You, the members, are making a difference.

You all received the infographic sharing the organization's achievements in 2013-2014. The increase in all areas of our fundraising- Club Giving, Founders Pennies and personal contributions through the Laurel Society, confirm your dedication to improving the lives of women and girls. I thank you for your generosity with both your time and your treasure. I congratulate you on the successes your hard work has brought.

Sincerely,

Poco Davis  
SIA President 2013-2014



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Dear Governor Robin and the members of South Atlantic Region:

Welcome! I am so glad you are able to join in the fun and friendship of the South Atlantic Region Conference.

There is so much to learn about where our organization is going, how we are doing in our effort to get there and most importantly, the impact we are having on improving the economic standing of women and girls through education.

In March, more than 100 members from our federation attended the United Nation's 59th session for the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 59). This session involved 1100 organizations working toward new sustainable goals (post 2015 development agenda) to advance the equality of women and girls worldwide.

Although you may not have been present, never forget how important it is for your local efforts to align with our federation's mission and contribution to women's equality. Your club's initiatives form the foundation of our federation's measurable impact and our brand image.

How our organization is perceived locally and globally will only be as strong as our unity and focus. When we work together, delivering measurable programs aligned under the Soroptimist name, Soroptimist is the organization credited with making the difference for women and girls. This is how we spread Soroptimist's global recognition and stand out among the other 1099 organizations working on women's equality. Enjoy this opportunity to refresh. Use your new found energy to inspire your club members to greater unity in purpose across the federation that will ultimately lead to greater membership.

Elizabeth M. Lucas  
Executive Director & CEO

Governor Robin, thanks so much for sending me a copy of your Call to Conference. You have a very interesting and informative conference planned. I wish you and your Board a very successful conference. I'm sure you will enjoy having Sue as your Official Visitor.

All the best  
RoseMary  
SIA Secretary/Treasurer

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Dear Governor Robin and South Atlantic Region Board & Members,

Thank you for your invitation & Call to Conference. Unfortunately, I will be "out to sea" until May 4 on our own Conference cruise and will not be able to attend what looks to be a very exciting and informative conference.

Good luck!

***Terri Pettengill***

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Thank you Robin for the lovely invitation. Sending good thoughts that all things go well. Golden West Region Conference is not until June 4, so we will be madly doing last minute "stuff" for another month after you are done.

The weekend after our conference, my Governor-elect, Penny Babb and I will see you in L. A.

Take care,

*Sandi Overeko*

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Dear Governor Robin,

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am sorry but I will not be there because of my job. However the plan was splendid and I am sure you will have the terrific conference. Please enjoy yourself. I look forward to seeing you at the Governor's Round Table in June.

Best wishes,  
Yoko

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Hi Robin,

Congratulations on planning a fun and informative region conference. I wish I could attend and share the spirit of Soroptimist with you. Your official visitor, Sue Riney, is a past Northwestern Region Governor who I had the privilege of serving as secretary with. She will be a wonderful addition to your conference. She can act. She can sing, She can dance. Be sure you initiate her properly by accessing her many talents. She's also a great mentor and leader and you will learn much from her.

Robin, you're a terrific governor. Good luck and best wishes for a successful conference. See you in LA in June for Governor's Round Table.

In Soroptimist friendship,

Carol Hansen, Governor  
Northwestern Region

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