



**EXPLANATION & REGISTRATION FORM FOR SERVICE PROJECT**

Dear Soroptimists of the South Atlantic Region:

The theme I chose for the Region’s 2016-2018 biennium is “Working Together to Stand Out”, with the hope that we will combine our ideas, talents and, in some cases, resources, to stand out in our communities, as a region, and as Soroptimists. That hope includes working together to carry-out the Soroptimist mission through more volunteer projects that are in line with the mission, including the Dream It, Be It program.

To address the hope of increased volunteer projects, and some communicated uncertainty about the Dream It, Be It program, the Region is working to organize a community service project at Spring Conference that will be for women (not youth, which would be cost prohibitive for this initial effort) in the Staunton, VA community that are at a transitional stage in their lives, and will employ many curriculum components of the Dream It, Be It program. [The inspiration for this program came from the prior and continuing work of SI of Upper Montgomery County, which club, in addition to several completed Dream It, Be It sessions at Gaithersburg High School, held a “DIBI-style” program for women in its area that were in a transitional stage of their lives (thank you ladies for the inspiration!)] The hope is that we will have several women from the area join us for a portion of the day on Saturday, April 29, 2017 (to include morning and afternoon programs and being our guests at the Saturday luncheon), and that many of you will be willing to participate as program facilitators and day-of mentors.

Please be advised that the service project will be conducted at the same time as the morning and afternoon workshops listed on the Spring Conference agenda, so Soroptimist participants will miss one or both of the workshops offered (whether participants will need to miss both of the workshops will depend on the number of Soroptimist participants registered and the number needed to support the service project). Also, the service project and the need for, and participant spots available to, Soroptimists will be contingent on the number of area women registering and attending the program, and not all Soroptimists attending Spring Conference will be able to participate in the service project. Most Soroptimist participants will be chosen on a “first registered, first selected basis” (but there may be some exceptions to allow for as many clubs to be represented as possible (e.g., if there are two spots open, and registrations come in from two members of Club A, and one member from Club B, one member of Club A will be chosen and a member of Club B will be chosen)).

I hope many of you will be excited about this potential service project. If you are interested in participating in the service project, please complete the form below and return it to me.

Sincerely,

Governor Amy

PS: If the service project must be cancelled due to lack of registrants from the community, we will substitute the item on the Spring Conference agenda with some form of Dream It, Be It training and/or roundtable discussion.

Yes, Governor Amy, I am interested in volunteering/participating in the proposed community service project at Spring Conference. I do understand that registration is limited, the service project is contingent on the number of community registrants, and that I (if selected) may have to miss one and possibly both of the workshops offered at Spring Conference. I also understand that some pre-Conference preparation communications and reading will be necessary for the selected participants.

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