

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS
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CONFERENCE CALL 2007

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Delta Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon, SK



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Dear Soroptimists and Guests:

You are invited to attend the 74th Western Canada Region Conference in lovely Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. "Saskatoon" is derived from 'mis-sask-quah-toomina', the Cree Indian name for a local indigenous berry. Saskatoon was incorporated as a city on May 26, 1906, and celebrated its 100th birthday last year.

The Delta Bessborough is situated on the banks of the Saskatchewan River. The extensive pathways will take you along scenic routes. So bring your walking shoes.

Soroptimist International of Saskatoon is looking forward to hosting you and have you "Believe" once again. Believe that YOU can make a difference and that YOU can be the change.

Federation Board Member Fannie Louie from Bose, Idaho will speak about federation issues and present a workshop on "Generational Marketing"

Binh Rybacki, the founder of Children of Peace International will share her experiences of working with the women and children in Vietnam.

Past Governor Janneke Lewis will update us on her involvement with Soroptimist International and the issues surrounding human trafficking.

A new addition this year will be the "Women's Health Expo". This is meant to inform and nurture our members. Soroptimist International of Saskatoon will open this to the public to use this opportunity to raise their profile in the community.

The conference will be a chance to renew old friendships and establish new ones. As always good food, conversation and FUN!

See you in Saskatoon on May 3rd to May 6th and get ready to "Believe"

All the best,
Governor Patti Dolan

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Alice Chabaylo	alice.c2@shaw.ca
Credentials & Protocol Chair	Judy Seager	grammar2other@yahoo.com
Hospitality Chair	Rubie Westvelt	rubiew@shaw.ca
Memorial Chair	Fran Ness	alice.c2@shaw.ca
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Registration Chair & Treasurer	Barb Wilkie	bgwilkie@sasktel.net
Transportation Chair	Hazel Nelson	hazelnelson@shaw.ca
Program Chair	Kim Clayton	claytonkim@sasktel.net

REGION BOARD

Governor	Patti Dolan	pattidolan@shaw.ca
Governor – Elect	Angela Bunting	angela.bunting@shaw.ca
Treasurer	Sherri Smith	courtashley@telus.net
Secretary	Sarah Phillips	sarh@sydel.com
Board Member	Colleen Schmidt	cschmidt2@shaw.ca

CONFERENCE RULES

The voting delegates of the region shall be the Western Canada Region Board and three accredited delegates of each club in good standing.

A club shall be deemed to be in good standing upon meeting all requirements of federation, region and club by-laws by the time of the delegates' registration.

STANDING RULES

1. All voting delegates must be seated together at the front of the Conference room promptly at the beginning of each session.
2. The Agenda as adopted shall be the Order of the Day
3. Ringers on cell phones and pagers shall not be allowed during business sessions, workshops or meals.
4. Upon rising to address the chair, each delegate shall state her name and the name of her club.
5. Only registered delegates (or a registered alternative when a delegate is not in attendance at the Conference) shall answer the roll call or vote and may not be replaced except for exceptional cause, which shall be approved by the Board.
6. During a debate, a member may speak for two minutes and once only, unless no one else wishes the floor.
7. All non-routine motions shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary on approved forms at the time they are made.
8. Where not inconsistent with the Soroptimist laws, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern.

CONFERENCE CHECK LIST

WHAT TO BRING FOR BUSINESS SESSIONS

- One delegate credentials form per club
- Western Region Procedures Manual
- Western Region Bylaws
- SIA Bylaws

WHAT TO BRING FOR FUN

- Thursday evening you're invited to the opening Reception hosted by SI of Saskatoon. The evening theme "You can be anything you want to be, if only you believe." Guests should dress up as your favorite make believe character.
- Comfortable business casual attire for sessions. Dressing in layers is best, so you won't be too hot or cold.
- Exercise clothing / bathing suit to take advantage of the hotel's facilities.
- A good walking shoe, as the hotel is close to the shopping mall.
- Dressy outfit for Saturday's formal dinner

Notes for Club Presidents

- Review the Call to Conference with your club.
- Bring your club banner for the Club Banner Parade at the opening ceremonies.
- Prepare with the other delegates for the issues and items of Region business.
- Reserve rooms at Delta Bessborough by calling 1-800-268-1133 or (306) 244-5521. Advise them you are with Soroptimist International and ask for the Conference rates.
- Make three copies of the credentials form, one for the chair, one to keep and one to bring to the Conference.
- Return the following to the appropriate chairpersons:
 - » Credential forms
 - » Memorial Service form for each deceased member of your club
 - » Registration form and cheque

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NOTES FOR CLUB PRESIDENTS (cont'd)

- Bring an item with a minimum value of \$50.00 for the Silent Auction. Proceeds will go to the Region Growth and Development Fund.
- Bring any sales table items your club wishes to sell. Please let us know if you plan on doing this so we will know how many tables to set up.

Mail photos with brief description of no more than three (3) successful projects for Programs of Service Presentation by March 31, 2007 to Alice Chabaylo alicec2@shaw.ca

VOTING AND NON-VOTING DELEGATES

- Reserve your room at the Delta Bessborough by April 3rd.
- Return Registration form and cheque by April 1st. Remember there is a \$20 late fee, so don't delay.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Delta Bessborough Hotel is situated at
601 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, SK S7K 3G8

Call the central registration line, toll free at 1-800-268-1133
Hotel direct (306) 244-5521

If you would like to book online here is the booking link
<http://www.deltabessborough.com/soroptimist>

Website www.deltahotels.com

Saskatoon's warmest welcome awaits you at the "Castle on the River". One approaches the newly renovated Delta Bessborough with a sense of anticipation and excitement. This 1935 chateau, ideally situated on downtown Saskatoon, occupies five acres of private waterfront gardens, nestled between two parks on the banks of the South Saskatchewan River. Delta Bessborough stands majestic in the heart of the business and shopping district.

Considered Saskatoon's most prominent hotel, The Delta Bessborough is part of the world's largest collection of historic heritage hotels. Recently The Delta Bessborough has undergone a \$10 million restoration which has included, among other projects, complete renovation of their convention floor function space and their guestrooms and suites.

Delta Standard Room @ \$114.00 plus taxes, per night for single/double accommodations.

Delta Room, Queen

Delta Room, Double

Premier, King, Queen

Premier Double

Chateau Suite, \$244.00 plus taxes

All rooms include the following standard amenities: Complimentary daily in-room coffee, In-Room Telephone Voice Mail, In-Room Iron/Ironing Board, Daily Newspaper, Hairdryers, Radio/Alarm Clock, Windows that open

Parking: The Delta Bessborough Hotel has ample on-site pay parking for hotel registered guests. The rates are as follows: \$8.00 for self-parking or \$10.00 for valet parking.

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DELEGATES CREDENTIALS

TO THE CREDENTIALS CHAIRPERSON:

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO REPRESENT SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF _____ AT THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE, TO VOTE AND TRANSACT BUSINESS AS MAY COME BEFORE AT THE CONFERENCE.

Please Print Clearly.

President _____ Alternate _____

Delegate _____ Alternate _____

Delegate _____ Alternate _____

I hereby certify that the above named delegates are active members in good standing of this club.

President or Secretary

Club

Date

Distribution:

- One copy to be mailed no later than April 10, 2007 to:
Credentials Chairperson
C/o Judy Seager
#3 – 4219 Degeer St
Saskatoon, SK S7H 4N6
- One copy to be presented at the time of registration of the delegates.
- One copy to be retained for the clubs' files

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AGENDA

THURSDAY, MAY 3RD

- 9:00am Pre-Conference Board Meeting (Harvest Room)
- Noon - 7:00pm Registration (Main Lobby)
- 6:00pm – 6:30pm Introduction to, Parliamentary Procedures
Presented: Megan Helprin, WCR Parliamentarian
Room: (Battleford Ballroom)
- 7:00pm Opening Reception, (Battleford Ballroom) – no-host bar
Theme: “You can be anything you want to be, if only you believe”.
Menu: Pasta Buffet
Hosted by S.I. of Saskatoon

FRIDAY, MAY 4TH

- 8:00am – 11:30pm Registration (Battleford Ballroom Foyer)
- 8:00am Assembly of Piper, Flag Bearers, and Dignitaries (William Pascoe Room)
Club Banner Parade
- 8:00am-8:30am Coffee & Muffins, (Battleford Ballroom Foyer)
- 8:30am Opening Ceremonies (Battleford Ballroom)
Invocation
Introductions of WCR Board and Head Table
 Past Governors
 Past Federation Board Members
 Invited Dignitaries
 Head Table
Greetings from Invited Dignitaries
Greetings from Host Club, President Hazel Nelson – S.I. Saskatoon
Response to Greetings, Board Member At Large Colleen Schmidt
Congratulatory Letters, Governor-Elect Angela Bunting
Memorial Service, Fran Ness

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9:15am	Break
9:30am	Call to Order Soroptimist pledge Thought for the Day Roll Call, Secretary Sarah Phillips Credentials Report Adoption of Standing Rules, Parliamentarian Adoption of Agenda, Secretary Sarah Phillips Introduction of Region Team of First-Timers of Long-Standing Members Approval of Minutes of 73 rd WCR Conference, Secretary Sarah Phillips Business Arising from Minutes Introduction of Courtesy and Resolutions Committee
10:00am	Federation Address Fannie Louie – SIA Federation Board Director
10:30am	Consolidated Board Report Region Treasurer Report Laws & Resolutions Report – Board Member-At-Large Colleen Schmidt Region Committee Reports Program Chair Carrell Wingrave, SI Edmonton Membership Chair BJ Gallagher, SI Edmonton Fundraising Chair Fatima De Ponte, SI of N&W Vancouver Public Awareness Chair Terry Parent, SI of Greater Victoria
12:00pm	Announcements CELEBRATE OUR SUCCESS Luncheon (William Pascoe Room) Hosted by SI of Winnipeg

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- 2:00pm – 4:00pm Break Out Sessions
Governor-Elect Angela – Club Bylaws
Federation Board Member Fannie Louie – Generational Marketing
University of Saskatchewan Presenter – Mentoring/Leadership TBA
- 6:00pm First-Timers' Reception (Kelsey Room)
No-host bar, (William Pascoe Room)
- 7:00pm Dinner – Hosted by SI Victoria (WILLIAM PASCOE ROOM)

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SATURDAY, MAY 5TH

- 8:00am - 11:00pm Registration (Battleford Ballroom Foyer)
- 8:30am – 9:00am Coffee & Muffins, (Battleford Ballroom Foyer)
- 9:00am Call to Order (Battleford Ballroom)
 Credentials Report #2
 Thought for the Day
- 9:15am Conference Presentations – SI of Calgary
- 9:30am The Soroptimist Foundation of Canada
 New Business
- 10:30am Break
- 10:45am Janneke Lewis
 Keynote Speaker – Binh Rybacki
- 12:15pm Announcements
- 12:30pm BEST FOR WOMEN AWARDS Luncheon – Hosted by SI of Kamloops
 (William Pascoe Room)
 Women’s Opportunity Award
 Violet Richardson Award
 Making a Difference for Women Award
- 2:00pm – 5:00pm Health Expo
- 5:00pm Set up for Silent Auction William Pascoe Proceeds to Region
 Recruitment / Retention Fund
- 6:00pm Governor’s Reception for Past Governors, Region Team and
 Club Presidents (Kelsey/Saskatchewan Room)
 No-Host Bar (William Pascoe)

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- 7:00pm Closing Banquet Hosted by SI Saskatoon (William Pascoe)
- Presentation of Region Awards
- Joyce Blake Visit Exchange Award
Isabelle Gilhespy Membership Award
Frances Wagner Woman of Achievement Award
- Silent Auction Results
Courtesy Resolutions Report
- Closing Remarks – Governor Patti Dolan
Pledge & Adjournment
- SUNDAY, MAY 6TH
- 8:00am – 10:00am General Farewells
Church Services See list of available downtown churches
Drop off name tags and evaluation forms
- 9:30am Post-Conference WCR Board Meeting (Spadina Board Room)
- 10:30am Conference Committee Meeting with Board (Spadina Board Room)
Meeting with Conference Committee 2006-07 and
Conference Committee 2007-08

BREAK OUT SESSIONS

FRIDAY, MAY 4TH

SESSION 1

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| 2:00pm – 3:00pm | Out with the Old and In With the New Club Bylaws – Governor-Elect
Angela Bunting |
| 2:00pm – 3:00pm | Generational Marketing – Federation Board Member Fannie Louie |
| 2:00pm – 3:00pm | Mentoring/Leadership – University of Saskatchewan |

SESSION 2

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| 3:00pm – 4:00pm | Out with the Old and In With the New Club Bylaws – Governor-Elect
Angela Bunting |
| 3:00pm – 4:00pm | Generational Marketing – Federation Board Member Fannie Louie |
| 3:00pm – 4:00pm | Mentoring/Leadership – University of Saskatchewan |

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REGISTRATION FORM

SI Club of _____ Office Held (if any): _____
 Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 Business Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Please Indicate:
 Region Board Voting Delegate Non-Voting Delegate
 First Timer Long Standing (10+)

Past Governor (Year) _____ Year Joined SI _____

Note: Registrations postmarked After April 1st, 2007 will be assessed \$20 late charge.

Full Registration (includes all meals, programs and activities)

Dietary and/or special requirements

Full Registration Fee – Delegate	\$180.00	_____
Full Registration Fee – Non-Delegate	\$230.00	_____
Business Session(s) Only (meals extra, see below)		
Registration Fee (one time fee)	\$55 .00	_____
Separate Meal Costs Only (no attendance during day)		
Thursday Evening _____ x	\$30.00	_____
Friday Lunch _____ x	\$30.00	_____
Friday Dinner _____ x	\$40.00	_____
Saturday Lunch _____ x	\$30.00	_____
Saturday Banquet _____ x	\$45.00	_____
Late Registration after (April 1 st , 2007)	\$20.00	_____
Total Amount Enclosed		_____

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Please make your cheque payable to:

“SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL WCR CONFERENCE 2007”

and mail with your Registration Form to:

Barb Wilkie
405 Douglas Cres
Saskatoon, SK S7L 4T6

Tel: (306) 956-3382
bgwilkie@sasktel.net

Reservations can be made at the Delta Bessborough

Standard rooms are \$114 plus taxes, per night.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

To the Memorial Chairperson

From Soroptimist International of _____

Our club has lost the following members through death since the May 2006 Conference. Please include her in the Memorial Service this year. (Complete one form for each deceased member)

Name: _____

Date of Death: _____

Length of Membership: _____

Classification: _____

On the back of this sheet, please indicate:

1. How the deceased member will be remembered for her contribution to the life of your Soroptimist Club.
2. The deceased member's personal accomplishments.

The Memorial Services will take place on Friday, May 4th in the morning, after the opening ceremonies. Before we begin at 8:30 am instructions will be given to your participant by a member from the host club. Please be sure they identify themselves on one of the pages.

- The service will be a Celebration of Life
- We would like one member of your club to take part in the service for each member who has passed away.

Please let us know who the presenters will be and whom they will be representing.

Member(s) participating: _____

One copy to be mailed no later than April 1st, 2007 to: Memorial Chairperson, SI of Saskatchewan, address: **Fran Ness**
19 Dunning Cr
Saskatoon, SK S7J 2S6

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Binh Rybacki – Children of Peace International

On April 30th, 1975 Binh Rybacki (then Nguyen Thi Thanh Binh) fled Vietnam as Communist troops overran Saigon. She and her family settled in the United States and started new lives.

In 1993 Binh returned to Vietnam as a translator for a group of doctors. She located the rest of her family and began to make peace with her home country. On this trip she also found children working as street peddlers and prostitutes.

Unable to leave things as she found them, Binh began Children of Peace International to help improve the lives of these kids. Over the next years her commitment and organization grew. Children of Peace International was incorporated in January 1996, and gains non-profit status in June of that year.

Soroptimist International is partnered with Children of Peace International to restore life to the young women and children living in the Ho Chi Minh Youth Shelter during the 2004 Soroptimist International President's Appeal.

More information about Children of Peace International can be found at www.childrenofpeace.org

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FANNIE LOUIE – SIA FEDERATION BOARD DIRECTOR

Fannie Louie is a member of Soroptimist International of Boise. A member of her club since 1988, Fannie has held several leadership positions, including region governor, governor-elect, region treasurer, website webmaster, delegate, club president, president-elect, vice president, club treasurer, parliamentarian, and newsletter editor. She has also served as chair for various region and club level committees.

She has attended three International Conventions and is looking forward to attending the next one in Glasgow, Scotland. Fannie has also been to seven Federation Conventions and one Southwest Pacific Federation Conference. She has felt that Soroptimist has enabled her to become a world traveler and says, “Soroptimist is the opportunity for global service and friendship to encourage peace and improve the status of women and girls.”

Fannie is a native of Boise, Idaho. As a Lead Information Systems Engineer, she is employed at Boise Cascade for 32 years where she is currently in charge of information systems support for headquarters intel systems network servers. She attended Oregon State University where she studied office administration. She also received her master’s in business administration. In addition to her Soroptimist activities, Fannie has been a member of the Community Services Alternatives Board, Boise Music Festival Committee, Hay Shelter, Great Boise Duck Race Committee, Boise Cascade Volunteer Committee, Delta Zeta Sorority and the Association of MBA Executives.



I was born and raised in Durban, South Africa. I went to the University of Natal Pietermaritzburg, took a BA followed by an LLB degree. I met my husband in law school. I prosecuted for 4 years before I left to have my daughter. During my prosecuting years I specialized in child abuse cases having been told by my superiors that women couldn't do fraud cases (the work I was interested in). They told me I should do sexual cases because "I could relate" I also volunteered at that time at Life Line which was a 24 hour crisis line and Childline, an organisation helping victims of child abuse. I was the first person to use a screen in court for a

child witness in South Africa. I also spoke publicly for reform of child witnesses.

When my daughter was three, we were accepted into Canada after being turned down 5 times. We arrived in Vancouver in November 1991. I joined Soroptimist International within months of arriving. I have been President of North and West Vancouver club, a Region board member since 1998 and Governor of Western Canada Region from 2000 - 2002. During my term I attended International conferences in Australia and Osaka Japan. In April 2005, I presented a paper on "Prosecuting Child Traffickers" at the 11th UN congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. In November 2005, I was invited to attend a conference put on by ISPAC in Courmayeur Italy to examine the question of "measuring Human Trafficking: the Complexities and Pitfalls." ISPAC (International Scientific and Professional Advisory Committee) is a "think tank" of the UN.

In my career, I re-qualified to practice law in Canada but not before I spent 18 months as child protection worker. I was called to the bar in BC in 1996, 10 years after being called to the bar in South Africa. After 4 years of private practice I joined the Crown as a prosecutor and spent considerable time in juvenile court. Presently I'm in private practice in the areas of family and criminal law, specializing in abuse.

My passion is to see that justice is done and to make a difference where I can.

I have the wonderful support of my husband of 24 years and an 18 year old daughter. We are all incredibly happy to call Canada our home.