

**SATURDAY AUGUST 23, 2008**

8:30 – 9:00	Coffee, Tea, Muffins Sign up for Dinner
9:00 – 9:45	Welcome News from SIA Convention
9:45 – 11:15	“Building a successful Fundraiser” – an interactive session with SIA Federation Secretary Treasurer Sharon Fisher
11:15 – 11:30	Stretch Break
11:30 – 12:30	“What’s New at Soroptimist Foundation of Canada?” SFC Board Member Shirley Sanderson
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch provided
1:30 – 3:00	SIA Programmes – “Designing a Club Project” – SIA Programme Coordinator Dawn Walsh
3:00 – 4:30	“What a Difference A Year Makes – Soroptimist International” – Past SIA President Yvonne Machuk
6:30	Meet for Dinner

**SUNDAY AUGUST 24, 2008**

8:30 – 9:00	Coffee, tea, Muffins
9:00 – 10:30	“Are You Getting The Most Out of Your Meetings?” – Rosemary Sargent
10:30 – 10:45	Stretch Break
10:45 – 11:45	“Where Do We Go from Here - Strategic Planning” – Angela Bunting
11:45 – 12:30	“Tying Up Loose Ends and Moving Forward”
12:30-Onward	Lunch Provided, Evaluations, Farewells

Leading the Way will prove to be informative and invaluable. The program is open to all members and prospective members. The skills and concepts covered over the weekend will enhance your club and carry over to your professional life.

Please join the region team for this enriching weekend. You will have the chance to meet other members from the region to renew and recharge for the upcoming year.

Transportation, accommodations and meals other than lunch, are not included, but there will be a subsidy available to members that are traveling from outside the Lower Mainland area.



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**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL  
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August 23 & 24, 2008

University of British Columbia Campus

Gage Towers  
5959 Student Boulevard  
Vancouver, BC V6T 1K2



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**Rosemary Sargent** – “Are you getting the most out of your Meetings?” - Rosemary Sargent has been a management consultant to various board chairs and facilitated board workshops. She has helped her clients with their governance, strategic planning, role of the chair and committees, orientation of new members and team effectiveness.

Rosemary has been a partner in an international consulting firm, an entrepreneur, a volunteer in many organizations, and a member of several boards and committees. She has graduate and post graduate credentials in human communication and sociology.

**Shirley Sanderson** – “What’s new at Soroptimist Foundation of Canada” - Shirley Sanderson, a long time member of SI/Kamloops, and currently Chairperson Education and Training Committee for Soroptimist Foundation of Canada. Shirley will be presenting an interactive workshop on how SFC grants are working for you and how you may apply for a grant.

**Dawn Walsh** – “Designing a Club Project” – Dawn Walsh serves as Program Coordinator for Soroptimist International of the Americas, having joined the team at Soroptimist headquarters in Philadelphia in February 2007. She holds an M.A. degree in Women’s History from Sarah Lawrence College and a B.A. degree in Women’s Studies from the University of Montana, where she also served as Program Coordinator for the university’s Women’s Studies Department. Dawn loves to travel and is delighted to have the opportunity to travel to beautiful Vancouver, BC to meet with Soroptimists from Western Canada.

**Sharon Fisher** – “Building a Successful Fundraiser” – Sharon Fisher is a charter member of SI/The Langleys. A Soroptimist since 1986, Sharon has held several leadership positions, including Region Treasurer, Club President and Newsletter Editor, as well as having served on various committees. She is a self employed entrepreneur who works as Director and Chief Financial Officer of a crime-prevention software company.

**Yvonne Machuk** – “What a Difference a Year Makes – Soroptimist International” - Yvonne Machuk has been a member of SI/Banff National Park since 1980. She has held several positions within the club and at region and federation level including Governor of Western Canada Region 1994-96 and SIA Federation President 2000-01. Yvonne currently serves as SIA’s representative on the SI Strategic Planning Group and has been appointed Chair for the Soroptimist International 2011 Convention to be held in Montreal. In her non-Soroptimist life, Yvonne is coordinator of Instructional Program Supports for Canadian Rockies Public Schools in Banff, Alberta and holds a graduate degree in educational leadership from the University of Calgary where she is a sessional instructor.

**Accommodations**  
**Reserve by July 22, 2008**

**The Gage Towers**

**Gage Std. Single** – Standard single room with single bed and telephone in a six bedroom apartment. Guests share washroom, lounge with TV and kitchenette (not equipped with dishes or cookware)  
**\$37.00**

**Gage Prem. Single** – Premium single room with single bed and telephone in a four bedroom apartment. Guests share washroom, lounge with TV and kitchenette (not equipped with dishes, cookware, etc.)  
**\$49.00**

**Gage 1 Bedroom Suite** – Suite with queen bed, private washroom, living room with TV and telephone and fully equipped kitchenette.  
**\$119.00**

**Gage Tower Suite** – View apartment suite with six bedrooms (5 with a single bed and 1 with a double bed and telephone), washroom, lounge with TV and fully equipped kitchenette. Maximum 7 guests per suite, substitutions not permitted once guests have checked in.  
**\$239.00**

**Registration**

Deadline August 15, 2008

Name:-----

Address:-----

Phone:-----

Club:-----

All Sessions

Saturday Only

Sunday Only

Saturday AM

Saturday PM

Sunday AM

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\$20.00 per day to cover food and beverages for breaks and lunch.

Other Resources:

[www.wcsoroptimist.org](http://www.wcsoroptimist.org)

[www.ubc.ca/about/ubcmap.pdf](http://www.ubc.ca/about/ubcmap.pdf)