

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS  
76<sup>TH</sup> Annual Western Canada Region Conference  
April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009  
Hosted by Soroptimist International of Kamloops

Call to Conference

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# CONFERENCE CALL 2009

Soroptimist International of the America's  
76<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Canada Region Conference  
April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009  
Delta Sun Peaks Resort, Kamloops, BC



EMPOWERMENT

**Hosted by: Soroptimist International of Kamloops**

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Dear Soroptimist:

In these times of economic uncertainty it is important to try to get the best return on our investment. That is why this years Conference is packed full of opportunities for you to enhance your personal, business and Soroptimist lives.

We know that women are empowered through education coupled with options from which to make choices, to have decision making power, and to know that as an individual, and as a group, we can make a difference. We are successful in our lives because of this and through our work and projects strive to empower the women and girls we support in our local communities and throughout the world.

Our Friday morning keynote speaker, Yvette Narlock, will present a programme which teaches teens to stand up for themselves and for what they believe in, without the use of violence. S I A Federation Board Member Jan Martin will present a workshop on our programme Teen Dating Violence. Past President Yvonne Machuk together with W C R Secretary Dana Martin and W C R Treasurer Sherri Smith will bring together their experiences to bring forth your burgeoning leadership skills.

Our Friday lunch keynote speaker, Janneke Lewis, will launch our new W C R STOP Trafficking initiative. In today's world, over two million women and children are being bought and sold before our very eyes. The crippling poverty of women and girls makes them vulnerable and easy prey for marketers in human flesh for the sex industry. Deceptive recruitment practices lure unsuspecting and vulnerable women and girls seeking legitimate employment into an industry fraught with violence, danger and disease. The victims are stripped of their identification and transported to a foreign country, where they don't speak the language. Fear of reprisal paralyzes these victims. Graphic warnings of the punishment they will endure and the threat of violence toward their families ensure their submission. The initiative will raise awareness and partner with other organizations to initiate action, work to put preventative programmes in place and to support those agencies supporting trafficked women and girls.

The Region Renaissance Chairs will share their successes and challenges. Saturday, our Live Your Dreams Lunch, will showcase the Region winners for the Women's Opportunity Award, Violet Richardson Award, and the Making A Difference for Women Award.

There is also plenty of fun built into the Conference. A Taste of B C Wines will be hosted by S I of Kamloops on Thursday evening and on Friday evening you will be amazed to discover what beautiful music can be made when we all work together. Bring your pajamas for the "girls only" pajama party for Friday night.

Growth and change is never ending and the joy of sharing our successes, discussing our challenges, and finding solutions guarantees that our growth and change will forever empower us as Soroptimist.

I look forward to seeing you at the Delta Sun Peaks Resort for the 76<sup>th</sup> Western Canada Region Annual Conference April 30 – May 3, 2009.

Regards,

Angela Bunting  
Governor

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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

Chairperson	Christine Dairon	<a href="mailto:christine.dairon@bmo.com">christine.dairon@bmo.com</a>
Credentials & Protocol Chair	Sara	
Memorial Chair	Diane Gibson	<a href="mailto:dgibson223@hotmail.com">dgibson223@hotmail.com</a>
President	Diane Gibson	<a href="mailto:dgibson223@hotmail.com">dgibson223@hotmail.com</a>
Registration Chair & Treasurer	Western Canada Region Treasurer Sherri Smith	<a href="mailto:courtashley@telus.net">courtashley@telus.net</a>
Transportation Chair	Shirley Sanderson	<a href="mailto:sandersonshirley@hotmail.com">sandersonshirley@hotmail.com</a>
On Site Registration Chairs	Bev Day Anne Baker	<a href="mailto:bevday@telus.net">bevday@telus.net</a> <a href="mailto:abaker@tru.ca">abaker@tru.ca</a>
Program Chair	Christine Dairon	<a href="mailto:Christine.dairon@bmo.com">Christine.dairon@bmo.com</a>

**REGION BOARD**

Governor	Angela Bunting	<a href="mailto:angela.bunting@shaw.ca">angela.bunting@shaw.ca</a>
Governor-Elect	Colleen Schmidt	<a href="mailto:cschmidt2@shaw.ca">cschmidt2@shaw.ca</a>
Secretary	Dana Martin	<a href="mailto:dmartin7@shaw.ca">dmartin7@shaw.ca</a>
Treasurer	Sherri Smith	<a href="mailto:courtashley@telus.net">courtashley@telus.net</a>
Board Member at Large	Pamela Jolin	<a href="mailto:pjolin@telus.net">pjolin@telus.net</a>
Parliamentarian	Joanne Buckley	<a href="mailto:pdjb9035@aol.com">pdjb9035@aol.com</a>

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## **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.

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## CONFERENCE CHECK LIST

### WHAT TO BRING FOR BUSINESS SESSIONS

- One delegate credentials form per club
- Western Canada Region Procedures
- Western Canada Region Bylaws
- Soroptimist International of the Americas Bylaws

### WHAT TO BRING FOR FUN

- Thursday evening you're invited to the opening reception hosted by SI of Kamloops. **"A Taste of British Columbia Wines"**
- Casual dress for Friday's dinner
- Bring your Djembe, bongos, or Boran for Friday evening **"Empowerment Through Music"** an interactive musical workshop
- PJ's for Friday night "Girls Only" pajama party. Prizes will be awarded for best PJ's
- Dressy outfit for Saturday's formal dinner
- 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 or hiking shoes.

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**NOTES FOR CLUB PRESIDENTS**

- Review the Call to Conference with your Club and the Voting Delegates.
- Reserve rooms at Delta Sun Peaks Resort by calling **1-866-552-5516** and quote **“Soroptimist International of Kamloops Western Conference.”**
- Make three copies of the credentials form, one for the Credentials Chair, one to keep, and one to bring to the Conference.
- Send the completed Registration Form together with full payment and one copy of the Credentials Form to:

Western Canada Region Treasurer Sherri Smith	<b>Sherri Smith</b> 38 Roberts Crescent Red Deer, Alberta T4P 3K7
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- Send one Memorial Service Form for each deceased member of your club to:

Diane Gibson	<a href="mailto:djibson223@hotmail.com">djibson223@hotmail.com</a>
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- Bring an item with a value of \$75.00 for the Silent Auction. Proceeds will go to the Western Canada Region Leadership Event.
- Bring any sales items your club wishes to sell. Please contact Christine Dairon at ([christine.dairon@bmo.com](mailto:christine.dairon@bmo.com)) so that the appropriate numbers of tables are available.

**EARLY BIRD DRAW!**

Send in your completed registration form with full payment, AND reserve your Delta Sun Peaks Resort Room by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 to qualify to win an upgrade to a suite.

- Return Registration form, with full payment by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Remember there is a \$25 late fee, so don't delay.
- Reserve your accommodation at the Delta Sun Peaks Resort by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 to qualify for conference rates.

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**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

To the Memorial Chairperson

From Soroptimist International of \_\_\_\_\_

Our club has lost the following members through death since the May 2008 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 page please provide the following:

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 service will be a Celebration of Life and will take place on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 in the morning. 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 presenter(s) will be and whom they will be representing.

Member(s) participating: \_\_\_\_\_ Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

One copy to be mailed no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 to:

**Diane Gibson,  
Memorial Service Chair:  
4742 Aspen Park Drive,  
Kamloops, BC V2H 1M5,**

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**DELEGATES CREDENTIALS**

TO THE CREDENTIALS CHAIRPERSON:

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO REPRESENT  
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF \_\_\_\_\_  
AT THE REGION CONFERENCE, TO VOTE AND TRANSACT BUSINESS AS MAY  
COME BEFORE 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution:

- One copy to be mailed no late than April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to:

**Western Canada Region Treasurer  
Sherri Smith  
38 Roberts Crescent  
Red Deer, Alberta T4P 3K7**

- 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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## HOTEL INFORMATION

The Delta Sun Peaks Resort is located at 3240 Village Way, Sun Peaks, BC. V0E 5N0.

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### Why visit Kamloops?

Kamloops is the third largest city in the Interior of British Columbia and home to almost 85,000 residents. Kamloops is easy to reach, has the warmest weather in Canada, and boasts world-class sporting facilities and incredible recreational experiences. There are 84 parks in the city – the most of any community in British Columbia.

Delta Sun Peaks Resort is a full service hotel and conference centre located 45 minutes from Kamloops. Sun Peaks is a world class, year-round destination resort. The alpine village is located 4000 feet above sea level, directly adjacent to the gold course and Sunburst Chair Lift, with access to hiking and mountain biking trails, the beautiful alpine blossoms and scenic views. The pedestrian village offers hotels, restaurants and boutiques.

With breathtaking views on all sides, the European-style village is a gorgeous setting from sunrise to sundown, any time of the year.

Fine wine and exceptional hospitality have partnered to create a unique wine boutique at Sun Peaks Resort. Marking the first partnership of its kind in Canada, the Sumac Ridge Estate Winery retail shop is open to all guests.

Delta Room @ \$129.00 plus taxes, per night for single/double accommodations.

Deluxe Room @ \$149.00 plus taxes, per night for single/double accommodations.

Premier Room @ \$149.00 plus taxes, per night for single/double accommodations.

Junior Suites @ \$189.00 plus taxes, per night for single/double accommodations.

One Bedroom Suites @ \$229.00 plus taxes, per night for single/double accommodations.

Mountain Suite @ \$429.00 plus taxes, per night for single/double accommodations.

Parking: The Delta Sun Peaks Resort has ample on-site pay parking for hotel registered guests. The rates are: \$13.00 for self parking or \$17.00 for Valet parking.

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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 March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 will be assessed a \$25.00 late charge. Full Registration (includes all meals, programs and activities)**

Dietary and/or special requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Registration Fee - Delegate		\$200.00
Full Registration Fee - Non-Delegate		\$250.00
Business Session(s) Only (meals extra, see below)		
Registration Fee (one time fee)		\$60.00
Separate Meal Costs Only (no attendance during day)		
Thursday Evening	_____ x	\$20.00
Friday Lunch	_____ x	\$35.00
Friday Dinner	_____ x	\$55.00
Saturday Lunch	_____ x	\$35.00
Saturday Banquet	_____ x	\$55.00
Late Registration after (April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2007)	_____ x	\$25.00
Total Amount Enclosed		_____

Please make your cheque payable to: **Soroptimist International Western Canada Region** and mail with your registration form to:

**Western Canada Region Treasurer**  
 Sherri Smith  
 38 Roberts Crescent  
 Red Deer, Alberta T4P 3K7

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**PAST GOVERNORS – WESTERN CANADA REGION**

1932 – 1936	ANNE E. SPROTT	SI VANCOUVER
1936 - 1940	PARTICIA CURTIS	SI NEW WESTMINSTER
1940 – 1944	ESTER KINNEY	SI VANCOUVER
1944 – 1948	FLORENCE BROUGHTEN	SI NEW WESTMINSTER
1948 – 1950	GRETA CURRIE	SI WINNIPEG
1950 – 1952	MABEL O'BEIRNE	SI REGINA
1952 – 1954	LILLIAN BROLIN	SI CHILLIWACK
1954 – 1956	LENNIE MACNEILL	SI EDMONTON
1956 – 1958	DOROTHY BROWING	SI VANCOUVER
1958 – 1962	BRIGADIER FRANCES WAGNER	SI CALGARY
1962 – 1966	NELLIE KEMP	SI VANCOUVER
1966 – 1968	ISOBEL GILHESPY	SI EDMONTON
1968 – 1970	BEATICE LILLEY	SI REGINA
1970 – 1972	ELSIE GARLICK	SI KAMLOOPS
1972 – 1974	MARGUERITE WATSON	SI CALGARY
1974 – 1976	DOROTHY DAVIDSON	SI COURTENAY
1976 – 1978	JOYCE BLAKE	SI REGINA
1978 – 1980	MARY HUME WALSH	SI BRANDON
1980 – 1982	MARGUERITE DUGUID	SI CALGARY
1982 – 1984	SHEILA ROBBINS	SI CHILLIWACK
1984 – 1986	MARIAN POCOCK	SI VANCOUVER
1986 – 1988	JEAN SISSON	SI SASKATOON
1988 – 1990	LOUISE JOHNSON	SI CALGARY

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**PAST GOVERNORS – WESTERN CANADA REGION**

1990 – 1992	ELAINE LIEBELT	SI DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER
1992 – 1994	SANDRA HENSON	SI PENTICTON
1994 – 1996	YVONNE MACHUK	SI BANFF NATIONAL PARK
1996 – 1998	JULIA VAN OCHTEN	SI WHITE ROCK
1998 – 2000	ADELE NYE	SI COURTENAY
2000 – 2002	CARELL WINGRAVE	SI EDMONTON
2002 – 2004	JANNEKE LEWIS	SI NORTH & WEST VANCOUVER
2004 – 2006	SHARON FISHER	SI THE LANGLEY'S
2006 – 2008	PATTI DOLAN	SI CALGARY

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**PAST WCR FEDERATION BOARD MEMBERS**

1932-1934	Mary Ellen Crehan	SI Vancouver - Federation President
1938-1940	Anne E. Sprott	SI Vancouver - Federation President
1958-1960	Lillian Aylesworth	SI Winnipeg - Federation Treasurer
1984-1986	Joyce Blake	SI Regina - Federation President
1990-1991	Stella Moffat	SI Kamloops - Federation Board
1994-1996	Louise Johnson	SI Calgary - Federation Board
1998-2001	Yvonne Machuk	SI Banff/National Park - Federation President
2000-2004	Julia Van Ochten	SI White Rock - Fund Development Council
2003-2005	Adele Nye	SI Courtenay - Federation Board
2008-2010	Sharon Fisher	SI Langley - SIA Treasurer

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**FRANCES WAGNER WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS**

1984	CAROLINE ROBBINS	SI SASKATOON
1985	EDNA ROSSITER	SI VANCOUVER
1986	GLADYS WILSON	SI EDMONTON
1987	MARGARET REYNOLDS	SI GREATER VICTORIA
1988	HELEN MCRAE	SI VANCOUVER
1989	SANDRA HENSON	SI PENTICTON
1990	KATHLEEN JANCOWSKI	SI COURTENAY
1991	CHRISTINE MEIKLE-HARRIS	SI CALGARY
1992	MARILYN FANE	SI CHILLIWACK
1993	JOYCE BLAKE	SI REGINA
1994	MARIAN POCOCK	SI VANCOUVER
1995	MARY ROCAN	SI REGINA
1996	MARGUERITE WATSON	SI CALGARY
1997	GLADYS HANRATTY	SI EDMONTON
1998	JUNE RUSHTON	SI COURTENAY
1999	MARIAN DYCK	SI CHILLIWACK
2000	ALLYSON HULME	SI SASKATOON
2001	ALMA REYNOLDS	SI NORTH & WEST VANCOUVER
2001	YVONNE MACHUK	SI BANFF NATIONAL PARK
2002	MARGARET BAXTER	SI CALGARY
2003	JEANETTE WARD	SI GREATER VICTORIA
2004	MARGARET HOBSON	SI COURTENAY
2005	LINDA CUNLIFFE	SI SURREY DELTA
2006	RUBY WESTVELT	SI SASKATOON
2007	DONNA REDIGER	SI CALGARY
2008	ANN HAMBRIDGE	SI CALGARY



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9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Break	
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Memorial Service – President Diane Gibson, S I of Kamloops	
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Call to Order	
	Thought for the Day	
	Roll Call	Secretary Dana Martin
	Credentials Report	
	Adoption of Standing Rules – Parliamentarian - Joanne Bucklee	
	Adoption of Agenda	Secretary Dana Martin
	Introduction of Region Team	Governor Angela Bunting
	Introduction of First Timers	Governor Angela Bunting
	Introduction of Long Standing	Governor Angela Bunting
	Approval of Minutes of 75 <sup>th</sup> WCR Conference	Secretary Dana Martin
	Business Arising from Minutes	Governor Angela Bunting
	Introduction of Courtesy Resolutions Committee	Governor-Elect Colleen Schmidt
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Keynote Speaker: Yvette Narlock Facilitator and Senior Trainer for SafeTeen	
10:30 a.m. – noon	Board Member's Report	Pamela Jolin
	Secretary's Report	Dana Martin
	Treasurer's Report	Sherri Smith
	Governor-Elect's Report	Colleen Schmidt
	Governor's Report	Angela Bunting
	Region Committee Reports	
	Fund Raising Chair – Carla Busnardo, S. I. of Vancouver	
	Membership Chair – Patricia Dye, S. I. of Surrey Delta	
	Programme Chair – Karima Hudda, S. I. of Edmonton	
	Public Awareness Chair –	
	New Business	
	1. Nominating Committee	
	2. Laws and Resolutions	
	3. 2011 Conference	
	Announcements	



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**SATURDAY MAY 2, 2009**

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Voting for Nominating Committee
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Focus Group Session, by invitation, Federation Board Member Jan Martin
9:00 a.m.	Call to Order
9:00 a.m. – 10: 15 a.m.	“Action Committee” S. I. of Surrey Delta Credentials Report  Thought for the Day  Federation Address - Federation Board Member Jan Martin Introduction - Board Member Pamela Jolin Response – Governor-Elect Colleen Schmidt  Announcement of Nominating Committee member voting
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Soroptimist Foundation of Canada – Shirley Sanderson & Cora Salvador
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	New Business: S. I. A. proposed Bylaw Revisions, Federation Board Member Jan Martin
11:30 a.m. – Noon	Conference 2010 presentation S. I. of Banff  Announcements
12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	LIVE YOUR DREAMS AWARDS LUNCHEON  Hosted by S. I. of Courtenay  Welcome – Senator Nancy Greene-Raine – Joanne Bucklee  MC - Karima Hudda - Western Canada Region Programme Chair Violet Richardson Award – Bev Lowsley Making A Difference for Women – Donna Schreyer Women’s Opportunity Award – B.J. Gallagher

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- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.      **Break Out Sessions**
- Session #1 – “Empowering Future Leaders”**
- Facilitated by Past President Yvonne Machuk, WCR Secretary Dana Martin and WCR Treasurer Sherri Smith
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.      **Session #2 Teen Dating Violence** – Federation Board Member Jan Martin
- Session #3 Website 101** - Presenter to be advised
- 2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.      Break
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.      **Session #2 Teen Dating Violence** – Federation Board Member Jan Martin
- Session #3 Website 101** - Presenter to be advised
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.      Region Team Reception  
                                 No Host Bar Opens  
                                 Silent Auction opens  
                                 Proceeds to be shared between WCR Leadership Event and WCR STOP Trafficking Initiative
- 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.      Closing Banquet Hosted by S. I. of Kamloops
- Courtesy and Resolutions Committee
- Presentation of Region Awards
- Joyce Blake Visit Exchange Award  
                                 Marguerite Duguid Leadership Retreat Award  
                                 Isabelle Gilhespy Membership Award  
                                 International Goodwill and Understanding Award
- Frances Wagner Woman of Achievement Award
- Silent Auction Results
- Conference Chair Remarks Conference Chair - Christine Dairon
- Closing Remarks                                   Governor Angela Bunting  
                                 Adjournment

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**Sunday, May 3, 2009**

8 a.m. – noon	Farewells (Hotel Lobby) Drop off Name Tags and Evaluation Forms
9 a.m. – noon	Post Conference Board Meeting

***EMPOWERMENT***

***Good work is dignified. It develops your faculties and serves your community. It is a central human activity. Work, in this view: makes you honest with yourself, requires that you develop your faculties and skills, empowers you to do what you are really good at and love to do, connects you in a compassionate way with the outside world, supports the philosophy of non-destructiveness and sustainability, and integrates work with personal life and community."***

***- Roger Pritchard***

## WORKSHOP INFORMATION

1. **Empowering Future Leaders** - Past President Yvonne Machuk, Western Canada Region Secretary Dana Martin, Western Canada Region Treasurer Sherri Smith

Three dynamic Soroptimist bring their knowledge and experience together in an interactive workshop that will build to enhance your current leadership skills. Topics include being a successful Club President, making the money balance, and effective communication. Come prepared to share and learn.

2. **Teen Dating Violence** – Federation Board Member Jan Martin

Join Jan in this interactive workshop to hear about the issue of teen dating violence. Learn about other Clubs experiences, discover available resources and take home the tools to help you build a programme.

3. **Website 101** - Presenter to be announced

Would your Club like to have a web site to reach out to prospective members; prospective sponsors, or raise funds through web ads, but you don't know how to go about it? Does your Club have a successful website? Bring your questions and your success stories to this session and leave with the tools to get your web up and running.

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**Laws and Resolutions  
 Proposed Amendments to Regional Bylaws  
 WCR Conference 2009**

**Article IV Officers Section 4.5 Vacancies**

Current	Proposed
There is no provision for a vacancy in the office of Governor-Elect	b) A vacancy occurring in the office of Governor-Elect shall be filled by appointment of the Board. The member so appointed would not automatically succeed to the office of Governor but shall be eligible for election as governor or governor-elect.
	Change the existing b) to c)

**Article V Nominations and Elections Section 5.2 Elections**

Current	Proposed
a) Voting shall be by ballot. The Governor shall appoint two tellers to oversee the election and count the ballots. ...	a) Voting shall be by ballot. The Governor shall appoint <b>an Election Chair</b> and two tellers to oversee the election, count the ballots, <b>and report to the conference body.</b> ...

**Article VI Meetings Section 6.5**

Current	Proposed
Each club shall be entitled to 3 voting delegates at any Region meeting	Each club, <b>in good standing</b> , shall be entitled to 3 voting delegates at any region meeting.
Clarifies in bylaws that a club must be in good standing to vote	

**Article VIII Committees**

Current	Proposed
	g. Financial Review Committee: a committee of three members shall be appointed to review the region books and provide an opinion at the close of each biennium. The Board shall appoint the Committee.
A housekeeping change to add the Financial Review Committee to the list of region Committees. This reflects the motion approved by the 2008 conference body to have the region books reviewed by a committee.	

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**2011 Conference Motion**

**The Board moves to hold the 2011 Western Canada Region conference on July 8, 2011 in Montreal, Quebec.**

**RATIONALE:** July 10-14, 2011 Soroptimist International will hold its Quadrennial Convention in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. It is recommended that the Western Canada Region annual Conference be held in conjunction with the international meeting.

The Western Canada Region Board and S.I. of Winnipeg, scheduled to host the 2011 Conference, support holding the business of the Region during the International Convention.

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**FEDERATION BOARD MEMBER JAN MARTIN**



Soroptimist International of the Americas Board member Jan Martin is a member of Soroptimist International of Helena, in Helena, Montana, Northwestern Region. A Soroptimist since 1990, Jan has served in several leadership positions including Club President, District Director, Region Secretary and Region Governor.

Jan is Vice President, Compliance Office and Loan Servicing Manager of Valley Bank of Helena. She has been with Valley Bank for over 20 years, working in almost every area of the bank. Last fall she completed the training to become a Certified Community Bank Compliance Officer.

Jan is involved in several community organizations and is currently working with the annual Komen Montana Race for the Cure, serving this year on the race committee. She and her husband enjoy sailing in the summer on the local lake near their home.

Excited about this opportunity to visit Western Canada Region, Jan is looking forward to meeting with everyone and sharing her passion for the Soroptimist mission.

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**Bobby Bovenzi**



Bobby has been a student of ethnic percussion and dance since 1994. He began studying the drum with Khalid Abdul N’Faly Saleem at the SUNY Brockport in upstate New York. “Khalid introduced me to the power of rhythm and its ability to unite communities. His philosophies and thoughtful teaching changed my life, and allowed me to explore an artful way to promote understanding, acceptance and appreciation for the arts and their impact on creating a society in harmony.”

As part of his MS Ed. at Brockport, Bobby studied and teamed with Clyde Alafiju Morgan bringing music and dance into the classroom. “Going to the schools with Clyde and seeing how the kids opened up to his passion and creative style gave me the confidence to begin a program for the school I was doing my internship work. The attendance rates and overall enthusiasm of the students notably increased. It was then I realized my Life work.”

Bobby has shared his passion for drumming with thousands of people, from seniors to toddlers, corporate team building to gymnasiums packed with students and teachers. “I believe everyone has the desire to be creative, whether it is dance, music or other forms of art, and through these mediums each life becomes a positive model for the next, free to express what’s inside without fear or judgment”

Bobby has been a member of Sankofa Afro- Brazilian Drum and Dance, Percussions ah Saleem, Oyaya world fusion, Kolomashi Ghanian Drum and Dance, Nan Nkama West African Drumming and Common Pulse Rhythm Circles in Oregon, Astro Pimp Rap/Metal group, and As it Happens Rock, Rhythm and Blues.

Bobby lives in Okanagan Falls, BC with his wife Theresa May, sons Amani Sage and Moses Azul.

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JANNEKE LEWIS**



Janneke was born and raised in Durban, South Africa. She has a BA and LLB degree from the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg. She prosecuted for 4 years before going on maternity leave to have her daughter. During her prosecuting years, she specialized in child abuse cases having been told by her superiors that women couldn't do fraud cases (the work she was interested in). They told her she should do sexual cases because she "could relate to them". For 14 months she prosecuted rape cases – sometimes 3 in a day. It is here that she prosecuted the first sex ring case – it wasn't called trafficking in the 1980's. It involved a number of children, the youngest was 8. She also volunteered at that time at Life Line which was a 24 hour crisis line and Childline, an organisation helping victims of child abuse. She was the first person to use

a screen in court for a child witness in South Africa and spoke publicly for reform of methods used in court for child witnesses to present evidence.

When their daughter was three, Janneke and her husband finally received visas to Canada after being turned down 5 times. They arrived in Vancouver in November 1991 and Janneke attended her first Soroptimist meeting within 2 weeks of arriving. She has been President of North and West Vancouver club, a Region board member since 1998 and Governor of Western Canada Region from 2000 - 2002. During her term, she attended International conferences in Australia and Osaka Japan. In April 2005, she presented a paper on "Prosecuting Child Traffickers" at the 11<sup>th</sup> UN congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on behalf of SI. In November 2005, she 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 2007, she was invited to represent Soroptimist International in Vienna at the NGO consultative meeting to plan the UN Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking and then attended the conference in February 2008. She is on the SI list of experts in the area of trafficking and violence against women and is sometimes called upon to comment on position papers of the UN on these areas on behalf of SI.

In her professional career, she re-qualified to practice law in Canada but not before spending 18 months as child protection worker. She 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, she joined the Crown as a prosecutor and spent considerable time in juvenile court. Presently she is a partner at North Shore law and practices family law, specializing in abuse.

Her passion is to see that justice is done and to make a difference where she can.

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: YVETTE NARLOCK**



**Yvette Narlock** is a graduate of San Francisco State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. She has enjoyed an extensive career as a performer, singer and songwriter including a 6-year contract with Atlantic Records. One of Yvette's greatest passions is traveling and learning about other cultures. As well as numerous North American tours, she has traveled for over 5 years through Africa, Asia and Europe always with her music to share. It was music that originally connected Yvette to working with youth and she has worked extensively with troubled teens via the universal language of music. Before Yvette came to SAFETEEN, she spent 3 years working 72-hour shifts a week in an emergency shelter for narcotics addicted, sexually exploited street youth from the ages of 12 to 16 as a youth worker with the Vancouver Native Health Society,

Yvette looks at her relationship with SAFETEEN as life work. It reflects a personal inner journey about her truth, identity and empowerment. She believes that to be a healthy mentor for youth we have to choose a positive path of evolution, and then follow it inwardly and model it outwardly. As always, Yvette brings her powerful songwriting and performance skills to her work with SAFETEEN.