



CHANGE CHALLENGE OPPORTUNITY

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS
84TH WESTERN CANADA REGION CONFERENCE

MAY 4 - 7, 2017
EDMONTON, ALBERTA CANADA



**Register early and
win a FREE night at the
Marriott River Cree
See inside for details**

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LEGEND OF THE LOGO

A Prairie Affair - background theme for SIA WCR 84th Conference Logo design

The **Alberta Wild Rose** - The provincial flower of Alberta, beautiful, fragrant 5 petal pink flowers that produce nutritious rose hips in the autumn that can be used for rose hip jelly and traditional rose hip tea, rich in vitamin C.

The ribbon of green represents the beautiful North Saskatchewan River Valley park system as it winds through the city of Edmonton (conference host city) - known as the "**Ribbon of Green**", North America's longest river valley park system.

The waves of blue represent the major river systems of the prairie provinces, The North and South Saskatchewan Rivers and their tributaries including the Red Deer River, the Bow and the Peace. The blue ribbon waves represent the early prairie river "highways" that allowed the explorers access to the great prairies. SIEDmonton members annually help clean the shoreline of the **North Saskatchewan River** in the Edmonton area including within the Famous Five City Parks.

The **Marigold** (placed in the centre of the wild rose) is the floral Symbol of the City of Edmonton, and represents its great diversity of people and cultures.

The **golden wave of Prairie Wheat** represents one of the most common agricultural crops grown in the prairies.

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GOVERNOR'S INVITATION

Dear Soroptimist Members,

I am excited to invite you to join your Soroptimist friends of Western Canada to the 2017 Western Canada Region Conference. Please join us May 4 – 7 in Edmonton Alberta for a weekend of CHANGE, CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY and to celebrate all that we have accomplished in the last year.

The conference committee of SI Edmonton and your board has worked hard to create an agenda you won't want to miss.

For the early arrivals on Thursday there are activities sure to please everyone from golf to shopping to those that want to know more about the history of Edmonton.

We also have a special workshop for delegates hosted by our Parliamentarian Angela Bunting. For first time delegates this workshop is a must, but seasoned delegates are also most welcome to attend!

We are kicking off our conference on Thursday evening with our Welcome Reception. It's a birthday party – can you guess who for?

Our keynote speaker is Brenda Robinson of the Robcan Group. She will be delivering her keynote and workshop on The Intergenerational Workplace. Her quick wit and humor will leave you laughing and feeling happy about a subject that is not so easily discussed. She will give you concrete strategies to take back to your club for you to use right away. This is where CHANGE, CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY happen.

Friday evening brings Purple Light Nights presented by SI Central Alberta and another chance to take the title from SI Edmonton at the Lip Sync Contest. Remember to include your participation on the registration form.

The fun continues on Saturday evening with "Lady in Red" Live Your Dream Semi-Formal banquet with entertainment "dancing with the stars" style. You are invited to wear red.

Without you, the opportunity for friendship, to be our best, to serve women who need our help and all of the joy of achievement would vanish. It is you who has put this organization, Soroptimist, on the map and in the hearts of many in your community and around the world.

I am looking forward to meeting new faces and reconnecting with friends, just one of the many benefits of being a Soroptimist and attending spring conference!

Sincerely,

Rita Mackenzie

Rita Mackenzie

Governor, Soroptimist International

Western Canada Region

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Carell Wingrave	carellw@telus.net
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Registration Chair	Meta Flemke	mflemke@shaw.ca

REGION BOARD

Governor	Rita Mackenzie	governor@wcsoroptimist.org
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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 wear their official badge at business sessions. 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 shall answer the roll call or vote.
6. A registered alternate may only replace a delegate for a serious reason, and after withdrawal of the registered delegate has been received and approved by the Credentials Committee.
7. During a debate, a member may speak for two minutes and once only, unless no one else wishes the floor.
8. All non-routine motions shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary on approved forms at the time they are made.
9. 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 THE BUSINESS SESSIONS:

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

WHAT TO BRING FOR FUN

- Thursday evening - Casual. Dress, if you wish, as your favourite Canadian "stereotype". Cultural sensitivity please. There are prizes.
- Friday evening - SI Central Alberta will be hosting "Purple Nights" so bring something purple to wear.
- Saturday evening - "Put on Your Red Dress, Baby" semi-formal attire for "The Lady in Red" Gala
- Comfortable business attire for sessions
- Dressing in layers is best so you won't be too hot or too cold.
- Exercise clothing/bathing suit to take advantage of the hotel's facilities.
- Monitor the weather before you travel as it can be still be chilly in Edmonton in May. Bring a warm sweater or cape.

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NOTES FOR CLUB PRESIDENTS

- Review the Call to conference with your Club and Voting Delegates.
- Reserve rooms at River Cree Resort and Casino by calling toll free 1-800-960-4913. **Accommodation must be booked by April 4, 2017** to receive group discount.
- **Registration is not available at the door. There will be no exceptions.**
- Make three copies of the credentials form, one for the Credentials Chair, one to keep, and one to bring to Conference.
- Send one completed Registration Forms together with full payment and one copy of the Credentials Form to:

Registration Chair and Treasurer
Western Canada Region Conference
Meta Flenke
102 - 11460 40 Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta T6J 0R5

OR

Email for registrations and e-transfers is: meta@siedmonton.org

This will require two emails, one for each and for the transfer there will be a security question that is case sensitive.

- Send one Memorial service Form for each deceased member of your club to:

Dawning Boston
29 Marlboro Road
Edmonton, Alberta
T6J 2C7

- Bring an item with a value of \$75.00 for the Silent Auction. **With a nod to Canada's 150th birthday please bring a Made in Canada item.** Proceeds will go to the Western Canada Region Growth and Development Fund and/or the Western Canada Region leadership event. SI Winnipeg will receive Silent auction items at the Conference.
- Contact Anna Der by **April 30, 2017** via email: anna.der@siedmonton.org to reserve space for you club display.
- **Return Registration Form**, with full payment by **March 27, 2017**.
Late Registration fee of \$25 will apply after **April 15, 2017**.

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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 2016 Conference.

Please include her in the Memorial Service this year. (Complete on form for each deceased member).

Name: _____

Date of Death: _____

Length of Membership: _____

Club: _____

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.
3. Please send a photograph with form or email picture to Dawning Boston at dawningb@telusplanet.net.

The service will be a Celebration of Life and will take place on Saturday, May 6, 2017 in the morning. We would like one member of your club to take part in the service, and give a brief tribute for each member who has passed away.

Please let us know who the presenter(s) will be and whom they will represent.

Member(s) participating: _____ Representing: _____

One copy to be mailed not later than **April 15, 2017** to:

Memorial Chair: Dawning Boston
29 Marlboro Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T6J 2C7

Or email to: dawningb@telusplanet.net
cc to: carellw@telus.net

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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 later than **March 27, 2017** to:

Registration Chair and Conference Treasurer
Meta Flemke
102-11460 40 Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta T6J 0R5

OR

email to: meta@siedmonton.org

- 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

EDMONTON MARRIOTT at RIVER CREE RESORT

300 East Lapotac Blvd

Enoch, Alberta T7X 3Y3

Phone: 1- 780-484-2121 or 1-800-960-4913

Guest Room Rates starting from:

\$174 for a Standard Room plus applicable taxes for one or two occupants. Add \$20 for each additional person. The Mini Hotel Code for booking rooms is **SIW**

Visit the Casino upon arrival and pick up a Players' Club Card which will help defray breakfast costs.

Skyshuttle provides transportation from the Edmonton Airport to River Cree at a flat fee of \$30 round trip. Information can be found for this service at EdmontonSkyshuttle.com. Taxi service is also available for a flat fee of \$55 one way.

There is a complimentary shuttle service from the hotel to and from West Edmonton Mall, a 12 minute ride. Present your room key to get on.

Hotel amenities include a full range of guest services, fitness centre and pool. There are three of Alberta's top golf courses located close by: Lewis Estates Golf Course - 1 km, Blackhawk Golf and Country Club - 6 km, and The Ranch Golf and Country Club - 6 km.

Purchase your Players Card at Guest Services to receive discounts on breakfast and other services.

Early Bird Registration Prize

Send in and pay for your Registration before March 2nd, 2017
and you could

Win one **FREE** night in a standard room at the Marriott River Cree

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday May 4, 2017

- 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Pre-Conference Board Meeting
- 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm Trivia Quest, West Edmonton Mall, Shopping/Touring, Golf
11:30 am – 4:00 pm Hop on the History Bus
- 4:00 – 9:00 pm Registration Open
- 6:00 – 6:45 pm “So You’re a Delegate?”
WCR Parliamentarian Angela Bunting
Review of delegate’s responsibilities and parliamentary
procedure. Focus for first time delegates.
- 7:00 – 9:30 pm Opening Reception – River Cree Ballroom
Hosted by: Soroptimist International Club of Edmonton
“Happy Birthday Canada” party
Entertainment and light snacks
No Host Bar

FRIDAY May 5, 2017

- 7:30 - 11:30 am Registration
Breakfast on own
(use your Player’s Card, purchased at Guest Services, for a discounted breakfast
at Casino)
- 8:30 – 9:15 am Opening ceremonies
Anthems: Star-Spangled Banner, O Canada
Opening remarks: Conference Chair Carell Wingrave
Introduction of WCR Board, SIA Federation guest and dignitaries – Carell
Wingrave
Greetings from invited dignitaries
Welcome – Governor Rita MacKenzie
Congratulatory letters – Governor-Elect Melanie Kenny
Thought for the day
SI Edmonton presentation

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9:15 – 10:00 am	Break Red Sand Project – Front of Casino Coffee
10:00 – 10:15 am	Call to Order – Governor Rita MacKenzie Roll Call – Secretary – Secretary Kim Bush Credentials Report – Kathy Profit Will Adoption of Standing Rules – Parliamentarian Angela Bunting Adoption of Agenda – Secretary Kim Bush Introduction of Region Team – Governor Rita MacKenzie Introduction of First Timers – Governor Rita MacKenzie Introduction of long standing members- Governor Rita MacKenzie Approval of Minutes of 83 rd WCR Conference- Secretary Kim Bush Business arising from minutes – Recommendations– Governor Rita MacKenzie Introduction of Courtesy & Resolutions Committee- Governor-Elect Melanie Kenny
10:15 am – 10:45	Federation Address – SIA Board Member – Donna Gaddis Wolf Introduction – Secretary Kim Bush Response – Governor Rita MacKenzie
10:45 am – Noon	Board Member’s Report – Diane Summers Secretary’s Report – Kim Bush Treasurer’s Report – Sherri Smith Governor-Elect’s Report – Melanie Kenny Governor’s Report – Rita MacKenzie Laws and Resolutions -Board Member Diane Summer 1. Changes to WCR Bylaws 2. Changes to WCR Operating Procedures SI President’s Appeal – Educate to Lead, Nepal – Sharon Fisher Announcements
12:15 – 1:45 pm	Lunch – Hosted by SI Saskatoon
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	4 Pillar Panel Presentations
3:00 pm – 3:20 pm	Break – coffee served
3:20 pm – 4:30 pm	Panel discussion break out tables

END OF THE DAY

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FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm First Timers Reception with the Region Board (By invitation)

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm No Host Bar - Ballroom
Silent Auction opens

7:00 pm– 10:00 pm Dinner – “Purple Light Nights” (wear purple!)
Hosted by SI Central Alberta



8:00 pm– 9:00 pm Entertainment – Lip Synch Contest – SI Edmonton are defending their title!



Lip Synch Trophy

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SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Call to Order – Governor Rita MacKenzie Credentials Report – Kathy Profit Will
8:45 am – 9:15 am	Region Committee Reports Fundraising Chair Membership Chair – Colleen Penrowley Program chair – Carell Wingrave Public Awareness Chair – Roseanne Ham
9:15 am – 9:30 am	Soroptimist Foundation of Canada – BJ Gallagher
9:30 am – 10:15 am	Thought for the Day Memorial Service – Dawning Boston
10:15 am – Noon	Keynote Speaker – Brenda Robinson
Noon – 12:15 pm	Conference 2018 presentation by SI Tri-Cities
12:15 pm – 1:45 pm	Live Your Dreams Awards Luncheon Hosted by SI Banff National Park and Canmore and SI Calgary Celebrate Success Winners – Chair Yolanda Broderick
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Workshop with Brenda Robinson

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SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Region Team Reception (By invitation)
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	No Host Bar in Ballroom Silent Auction opens
7:00 pm -10:00 pm	Closing Gala Banquet “Lady in Red” - Hosted by WCR Board (Dress in Red) Courtesy and Resolutions Committee – Governor-Elect Melanie Kenny Presentation of Region Awards Isobel Gillespie Membership Award Frances Wagner Women of Achievement Award – Governor- Elect Melanie Kenny Conference Chair Remarks – Carell Wingrave Closing Remarks – Governor Rita MacKenzie Silent Auction Results – SI Winnipeg Adjournment

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

Goodbyes
See you in Harrison Hot Springs 2018

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Thursday Afternoon Activities

1. As the prototype for mixed-use entertainment facilities, West Edmonton Mall is a place where people come to shop, play, and stay. WEM is very close to the Marriott River Cree Resort and a complimentary shuttle will take you there and back.
2. Your Conference invites you to Trivia Quest.
Trivia Quest – done individually or in teams of 4
 - Welcome DOOR 50 by West Edmonton Mall Representative
 - The Group Leader will be given Trivia sheets on the different attractions at West Edmonton Mall and the answer sheet. This activity can be done individually or in groups of 4.
Each participant will receive: West Edmonton Mall Shopping Bag, Mall Map, WEM's Super Savings Coupon Book, and Feature Sheet with new stores.
Cost is \$10 per participant.
Shuttle service provided.
Times will approximately 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm and will be confirmed when numbers are determined.
There is space on the registration form to sign up. A minimum of 15 participants is required to go forward.
3. Golfers - contact the golf clubs directly to book a tee time; arrange transportation with an SIEdmonton member.
 - lewisestatesgolf.com
 - blackhawkgolf.com
 - theranchgolf.com
4. Hop on the History Bus - Prairie women of the past are "alive and well in Stony Plain. You will visit the Multicultural Heritage Centre and enjoy lunch in the Homesteader's Kitchen. From there you will proceed to the Pioneer Museum for a train ride around the grounds and a tour of the museum including the Women's Exhibit, sponsored in part by Soroptimist International Club of Edmonton. Approximately 3 hours. Cost is \$10 which covers the bus and admission to the museum. Participants are responsible for the cost of their own lunch. Min. 10, Max. 30. There is space on the registration form to sign up.

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PURPLE LIGHT NIGHTS **Sponsored by SI Central Alberta**

Friday night come hear about Purple Light Nights, a project recently brought to Alberta by SI of Central Alberta! The outcome of Purple Light Nights is to increase awareness of domestic violence issues and it's affect upon children and families and provides education on building healthy relationships.

The simple idea of shining a purple light on every porch, every business, and on our street trees, will help us remember the victims who lost their lives from domestic violence, support the survivors as they rebuild their lives, and give hope to those still living with abuse.

Come dressed in purple, the color often associated with royalty, nobility, luxury, power and ambition!



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Dona Gaddis Wolf, SIA Visitor
2015-2017 Federation Director



Dona was born in Oakland, California and has lived in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands; Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; New London, Connecticut and in various locations in California.

Dona returned to Pittsburg, California after attending San Diego State University to begin a career in the printing industry. Eventually she began working for the City of Pittsburg managing the Pittsburg Senior Center and Small World Amusement Park. She is married and has one son.

Dona has been a member of SI/Pittsburg, California, USA, since 1983. She has served in a variety of leadership positions, including region governor and secretary, district director; and club president, vice president and secretary. In addition to her Soroptimist activities, Dona serves as a parishioner at Church of the Good Shepherd and volunteers with St. Peter Martyr School.

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Brenda Robinson – THE ROBCAN GROUP

Training Designed with You in Mind



Brenda Robinson has been fortunate enough to work for over 30 years in the training and development field. She has spoken at conferences, developed and delivered workshops, provided organizational consulting and coached people for success in their roles on teams and in their diverse workplaces.

Brenda's passion is for creating positive, productive learning environments. Her research and development focus is on “people skills”. She works tirelessly to build resources to support people to communicate more effectively, work together more productively and get the best results possible for themselves and their organization.

She continues to address new challenges to provide services to assist individuals and teams to effectively manage change, stress, priorities and develop new work habits for a changing work of work. Brenda has a positive approach to everything she does. She believes in balancing who we are and what we do. She puts equal energy into her work and her family. Her grandchildren are her treasures. She and her husband Len have been married for over 40 years. Their 5 children continue to be their focus.

Brenda grew up on a farm close to Minnedosa Manitoba and values the rural experience. She stays connected to family in Manitoba and now spends time in two settings – Sherwood Park and Victoria. Her desire to share her research and resources has lead to the publication of two books. She also markets an audio CD set and has video currently in the works.

Brenda received her Bachelor of Arts from Brandon University in Brandon, Manitoba (Major in English) and her Masters of Education from Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C.

Join Brenda to listen, laugh and learn about other people, about yourself and about other stuff we may need and want to know.

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

NEW THIS YEAR

|
 Last Name First Name

 Mailing Address
 | |
 City Province Postal Code
 | |
 Home Phone Bus. Phone (Cell) Fax

Pay your registration via PayPal by visiting the homepage of the region website at wcsoroptimist.org

<input type="radio"/> Please Indicate	Region Board
	Voting Delegate
	Non-Voting Delegate
	First Timer
	Long Standing (10+)
	Past Governor (Years) _____
	Year Joined SI _____
	Office Held (if any) _____

Dietary and/or Special Requirements:

Lip Sync Contest: **Participate:** ___ Yes ___ No **Solo** ___ **or** **Group** ___

Song Title _____

Note: Registrations postmarked **AFTER April 15, 2017** will be assessed a \$25.00 late charge. Full registration includes all meals, programs, and activities.

REGISTRATION FEES:

- Full Registration Fee – Voting Delegate (includes all meals) \$245
- Full Registration Fee -Non-Delegate (includes all meals) \$295

Individual costs if not attending full conference:

- Thursday Evening \$35 x _____ = _____
- Friday only (all day incl dinner) \$130 x _____ = _____
- Friday Dinner only \$75 x _____ = _____
- Saturday only (all day incl dinner) \$130 x _____ = _____
- Saturday Banquet only-members & guests \$75 x _____ = _____
- Trivia Quest \$10 x _____ = _____
- Hop on the History bus \$10 x _____ = _____

TOTAL PAYMENT = \$ _____

Please make cheques payable to: Soroptimist International Western Canada Region and mail with your registration form to: WCR Conference Treasurer **OR** email to: meta@siedmonton.org
 Meta Flemke
 102 – 11460 40 Avenue NW
 Edmonton, AB T6J 0R5
 code word is location of Conference