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Investing in Dreams

 **Golden West Region**

## **MARCH 2024 NEWS BLAST**

### **Governor's letter:**

Hello Golden West Region!

Welcome to the March edition of our region Newsblast. I am excited to get ready for all the exciting events, updates, and club events this month. Let's embrace the joy and spirit of March together for International Women's Day on March 8th with fellow Soroptimists at the virtual tea party.

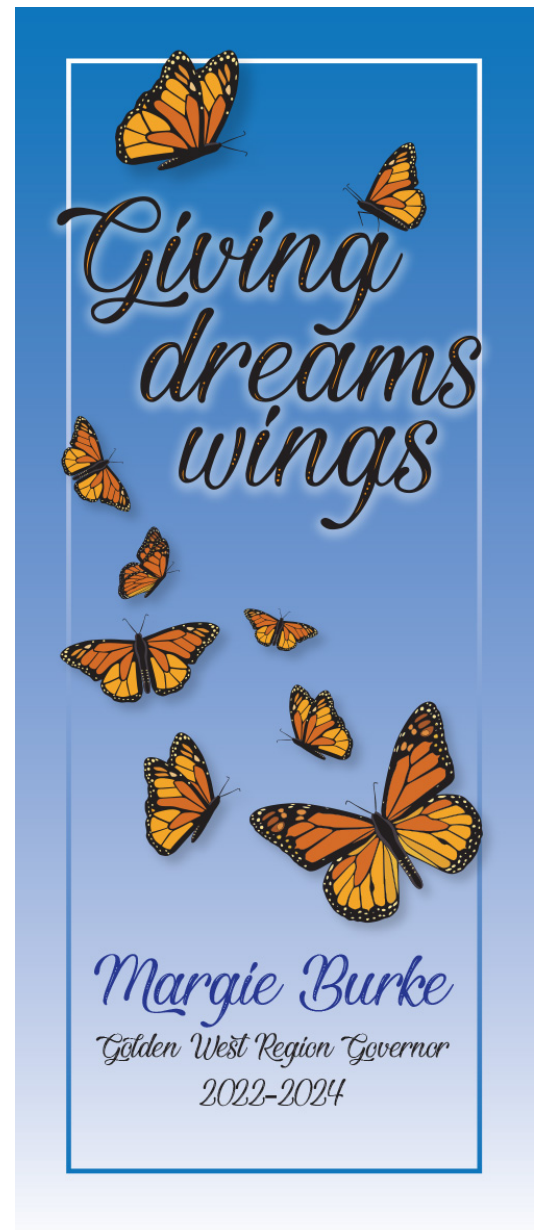
What are you doing to celebrate the arrival of spring on March 20th? Are you hosting your Live Your Dream Awards Ceremony or participating in your clubs Dream It Be It program? Or both? Either way your club is continuing to support the Soroptimist mission of providing women and girls with access to education and economic empowerment.

The official call to the 46th Annual Golden West Region Spring conference has been made available. You're invited to join us for an inspiring conference experience. Fear of missing out (FOMO) is real and we have planned the conference agenda to include business, learning, and celebration. This experience will be memorable, inspiring and photo op worthy. So, mark your calendars for May 30 – June 1 in Tucson, Arizona at the Casino Del Sol. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Remember the spirit of community and "giving dreams wings" lives on through all of us in the work we do locally and throughout the world. Don't minimize your impact. Have a great month!

Yours in service,

Governor, Margie Burke



**CALL TO SPRING CONFERENCE**

## The Call to Conference is here!

Get ready to pack your bags and head to Tucson, AZ for informative workshops, inspiring speakers, and fun social events. You won't want to miss it!!

You can find the Call and Registration details on the Region website here:

[Call to Spring Conference](#)



## Rare "behind-the-scenes" opportunity!!!

**Spring Conference committee is looking for a few good women to volunteer to help with the 2024 GWR Spring Conference.**

Now is your chance to find out how the magic happens at Conference. You will be working with the SC committee (Mandy, Penny, Laurie, Carol & Traci) along with the hostess club SI Desert Tucson to put on our region's most important event.

If you are planning on attending the 2024 Spring conference and want to get in on the action, please email conference chair, Mandy Mann!

[Mandym.gwr@gmail.com](mailto:Mandym.gwr@gmail.com)



## International Women's Day - March 8th

The UN theme for International Women's Day 2024 is ***Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress***. We as Soroptimists work towards this every day by Investing in Dreams.

Join us on March 8, 2024, for International Women's Day under the theme 'Invest in women: Accelerate progress', and take a stand with us using the hashtag **#InvestInWomen**.

The UN recognizes that "Investing in



women is a human rights imperative and cornerstone for building inclusive societies.”

There are so many important causes demanding our attention, it can be tough to choose. But the UN reminds us that equality is at the heart of progress. “Ensuring women’s and girls’ rights across all aspects of life is the only way to secure prosperous and just economies, and a healthy planet for future generations.”

Together, we can empower women and girls and pave the way for progress.

## Important Dates to Remember!



**March 8th:** International Women's Day

**March 15th:** SIA Mandatory Convention Fee Due - Clubs should have already received the invoice via email.

**\*\*See information below on financial assistance from SIA if your club cannot afford the full Convention fee. \*\***

**March 19th:** CSW NGO: Accelerating Gender Equality Through Education with SIA

Register for the Zoom event here: [Event Registration](#)

**May 30th - June 1st:** 2024 GWR SC in Tucson, AZ  
CALL AVAILABLE NOW!! Click here for the Call and Registration: [Spring Conference Information](#)

**June 11th - 12th:** SIA Virtual Leadership Round Table

**July 24th - 27th:** 2024 SIA Convention - Bellevue, WA

## SIA offers assistance to struggling clubs for Mandatory Conference Fee

There have been some concerns regarding the \$800 Mandatory Convention Club Fee for SIA’s upcoming 48th Biennial Convention in Bellevue, Washington.

The SIA Board of Directors struggled with establishing this fee for some time, and would like to provide you with a few of the significant factors that went into their decision:

- Everything costs more these days. If you are scheduling an event in your area, I’m sure you are aware of the rising prices. We see it at the grocery store, the gas pump, & housing costs.
- With this, They needed to budget conservatively to get as close to a break-even budget. That is one that does not yield a gain or loss for the organization as a whole.
- SIA also wants to provide you with a first-class memorable experience. This decision was based on feedback received from you in previous surveys.
- And finally, with the convention fee, they are including the costs to attend the Friendship Evening, coffee breaks, and the Gala Dinner on Saturday night. This is unprecedented, in past years these events have come with an additional cost over.

But they heard your concerns. And understand that, for some clubs this fee may cause financial hardship. As a result, the SIA Board of Directors has approved using Disaster Funds to support those clubs. Affected clubs are asked to apply for a \$200 USD reduction in the Mandatory Convention Club Fee. Applications will be processed in the order they are received or until the designated funds are depleted. Please be on the lookout for both your invoice and the assistance application form which are to be issued during the week of January 7, 2024. Applications must be submitted by March 15.

## Region Storefront Items



### 2024 and 2023 Dream Maker Charm Bracelets are Available!

The 2024 Dream Maker Charm Bracelet is a great way to support our region's "Dream" programs. Every penny of your \$100 donation goes to awards for the 2025 region LYD Award finalists.

**Pre-purchase yours by 5/6 for pick up at the 2024 Spring Conference.**



### 2024 Dream Maker Charm

The 2024 Dream Maker Attachable Charm (for those who already have a 2023 Dream Maker Bracelet) is a great way to support our region's "Dream" programs. Every penny of your \$100 donation goes to awards for the 2025 region LYD Award finalists.

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## Spring Conference Raffle Tickets & More!

Buy your Spring Conference raffle tickets ahead of time! You can preorder and SAVE \$5 on each sheet of 20 for the **PICK-YOUR-PRIZE and WREATH raffle!**  
**Pre-purchase yours by 5/6 for pick up at the 2024 Spring Conference.**

You can also pay for your Spring Conference program ads and kudos!!  
**Pre-purchase yours by 5/6 to get your ad in the program.**



## WE APOLOGIZE!

Unfortunately due to sourcing and rising cost of apparel, we are unable to provide conference shirts this year for our attendees. We are very sorry but will try to get these difficulties ironed out for future conferences.

We thank you for your understanding...  
The 2024 Conference Committee



[STOREFRONT LINK](#)

## Club Events & Fundraisers around the Region



SOROPTIMIST  
*of Yucca Valley*



## Dinner & Live Auction

Proceeds help support Soroptimist of Yucca Valley

**SATURDAY, MAY 4TH 6-9PM**

LIVE & SILENT AUCTION *by Dan Laterno*

LIVE MUSIC *by The Hot Rod Devilles*

DINNER *by Las Palmas Mexican Cuisine*

*\$50 Single / \$80 Couple*

**Yucca Valley Community Center 57090 29 Palms Hwy, YV**

Scan for tickets!



Tickets also available from SI Yucca Valley members

Send us your event flyers in a pdf format

5MB or less...and we will publish it in our region news blast!

LaurieM.gwr@gmail.com and/or SamD.gwr@gmail.com

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Save  
the  
Date

#GWRSC2024

**May 30th - June 1st, 2024**  
**In Tucson, Arizona**

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**Random Drawing for Conference Funding for 1<sup>st</sup> Time Attendees**

**Fill out the form below and return by April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**You could have most of your conference expenses paid!**

Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, Contact Region Membership Chair Lori Reed - [LoriR.GWR@gmail.com](mailto:LoriR.GWR@gmail.com) ~ (602) 390-1958

**OUTLINE OF REGION MEETING OR CONFERENCE**

**Member Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for requiring assistance:

**1<sup>st</sup> Time Spring Conference Attendee – Random Drawing**

**Date(s) of Meeting/Conference :**

**May 30 – June 1, 2024 at Casino Del Sol in Tucson, Arizona**

**PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGET**

| Item Description                                      | Item Cost | Total Cost |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Registration Fees (if any)                            | -0-       | -0-        |
| Meals (If attending all meals and functions): \$258   |           |            |
| Accommodations ½ room: \$61.10 each night (Thurs-Sat) |           |            |
|   |           |            |
| <b>TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED [Not to exceed \$350]</b>   |           |            |

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Complete this document and submit to: Carol Roddy, SC Registration Chair – Email: [csvroddy52@gmail.com](mailto:csvroddy52@gmail.com) Or mail to: 13178 Cypress Ave, Chino, CA 91710 **BEFORE APRIL 15TH**
2. Upon approval by the GWR Governor, a credit will be issued in the name of the winning 1st time Spring Conference attendee for meals and accommodations (**not to exceed \$350**). Balance, if any, can be requested for accommodations upon conclusion of the event as long as the member attends and submits a copy of the hotel bill. If the member does not attend and does not cancel before the cancellation deadline, the club will be liable for monies expended by the Region. Must be a member in good standing with a Golden West Region Club.

Link to fill out on region website: [Random 1st time attendee drawing](#)

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