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 **Golden West Region**

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Soroptimist Golden West Region – 2020/2022 Board of Directors



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## **YOUR GWR Board is finally installed!**

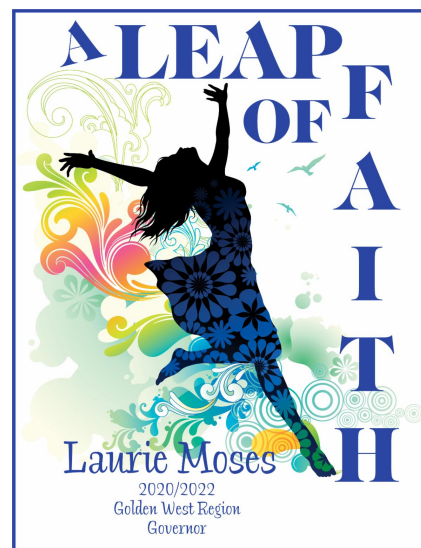
From Governor Laurie Moses

Greetings Members of the Golden West Region!

It's official! Your Golden West Region Board met up in Lake Havasu City Arizona (a city with currently very low covid numbers) and attended a private **"PRETTY IN PINK"** brunch and installation (with the exception of Director Carole Mandino who attended via FaceTime) along with friends & members of SI Parker on Saturday, September 26th.

[Watch Installation Video](#)

AND, Installation Officers DOÑA Penny Babb and Mandy Mann from SI Valley of the Sun, did an incredible job of inspiring us and making us laugh through their creativity, inspiration, and grace. Your Region Board then took **"A Leap of Faith"** by taking a maiden voyage across the blue waters of Lake Havasu where we proceeded to get drenched and Mandy lost her shoe. A memorable occasion to be sure!



**Virtual FALL MEETINGS** began last Saturday with fun, education, inspiration, awards, and fellowship for all. They will continue for the next 3 Saturday's. See information below to find your District's Meeting or to attend another District's. Each district is charged with competing in a **Micro Donation Competition** and the winning district will get a special prize at our 2021 Spring Conference.

**Electronic Voting:** Soroptimist International of the Americas will open the electronic ballot portal on Friday, **October 9, 2020**. On that day, your club will receive a unique personalized link sent to the @soroptimist.net club email address. The email will come from the address "vote@simplyvoting.com". This link cannot be transferred or used by another club. It is authentic to your club, allows entrance to the voting portal and ensures your club only votes once in the election. **Deadline** for voting is 11:59 PM EST on **Thursday, December 10, 2020**.

We have special **"Come As You Are"** Region Social via ZOOM planned for **Wednesday, October 14th @ 6:30 pm** and we are excited to have a presentation about the *women's suffrage movement from 1848 - 1920* called **"Votes for Women"** presented to us by the **Riverside League of Women Voters**. Please join us with your favorite beverage as this promises to be a very moving and inspirational presentation. All members are invited to attend.

And finally, at our **November 11th "Come As You Are"** Region Social we will be hosting a discussion about **"Virtual DIBI Events"** with special guests - **Linda Poindexter, Program Pillar** and **Laura Pauli, Dream It, Be It Chair**. In order to reach the SIA **BIG GOAL** of impacting half a million women and girls by 2031, our region needs to be at **100% participation in the DIBI program**. We encourage a DIBI chair from every club to attend.

I am so proud of how clubs have been finding new and creative ways of carrying on their projects and fundraising. You are truly an inspiration to me, and I look forward to seeing your big smiles at your District's Fall Meeting.

Governor Laurie



## Maiden Voyage of Golden West Region Board of Directors and Installing Officers

This year, 2020... all of our **FALL MEETINGS** will be done via ZOOM, on the same dates that your District Meeting was scheduled previously, and with the same theme **20/20 Vision... clarity and focus for remaining impactful in an ever-changing virtual world**. There will be a Friday night District "Social" with fun activities and a Saturday morning session for new information, training, and awards.



Please encourage ALL of your members to attend. It is a great way for members that don't always have the chance to attend the "in-person" meetings to see the Soroptimist Mission laid out in a larger setting in the District and Region. AND we will have "awards galore" for your clubs.

The Fall Meeting CALL has been sent to your Club Presidents and you should be receiving your copy shortly if you haven't already. The link below will also take you to our CALL page. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

### 2020 Fall Meeting CALL Page on Website



### "Dream Maker" pins are still available!

Golden West Region's Annual Fundraising Campaign! Every penny of your \$100 donation goes directly to cash awards for the 2021 region "Live Your Dream" Award finalists. PLUS, one of these beautiful pins will be mailed to you!

Click on the link below and you'll be taken to the GWR Website "**Storefront**" to purchase yours.

### #SI Voices Webinar **ENDING FGM** on the Road to Equality

Thursday 15 October  
10:00 am PDT

With Maggie O'Kane,  
Executive Director of the  
Global Media Campaign to End FGM +  
the Soroptimist Six

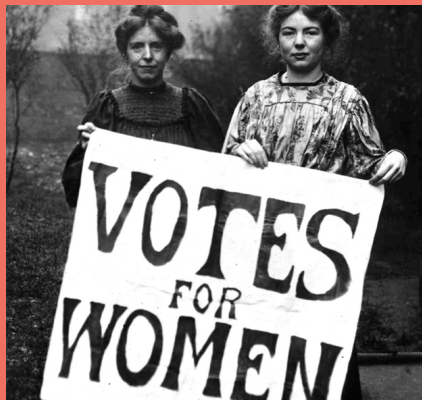


Are you ready for **SI Voices** Webinar #4?  
"**Ending FGM on the Road to Equality**" on  
Thursday 15 October!

Hosted by SI President, Sharon Fisher, and  
SI President Appeal Coordinators, Olga  
Sidenko and Ayushi Kundu, we are really  
excited to be joined by Maggie O'Kane, of  
Global Media Campaign to END FGM, and  
the Soroptimist Six!

10:00 AM Pacific/Arizona time.

Please register in advance for this meeting  
at: **Register Here**



**MARK YOUR CALLENDARS!** Don't forget to join us  
Wed, October 14th @ 6:30 pm for our "Come As You  
Are" Region ZOOM meeting & **SOCIAL**.

We have a very special presentation and video  
planned for this meeting from Joan Donahue,  
President of the Riverside League of Women Voters  
called "Votes for Women". You won't want to miss this  
one.

"Come As You Are" meetings take place on the 2nd  
Wednesday of each month, so grab your "favorite" beverage and join us. Link to  
meeting will be listed on the region website: **[www.goldenwestregion.org](http://www.goldenwestregion.org)**

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