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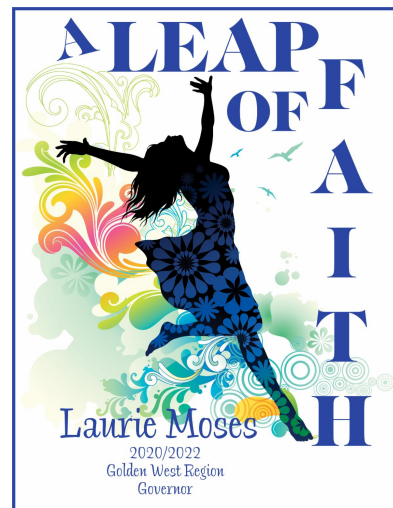
**SOROPTIMIST means "Best for Women"**

**Things are heating up and about to get WILD!**

What an exciting year we have to look forward to...

Governor-Elect Margie and the Conference Committee has a fun-packed event planned for us this weekend at our Virtual Leadership Training with lots of surprises! I'm so looking forward to seeing all the fabulous future (and seasoned) leaders of this region.

But these past 2 weeks in particular have been a whirl-wind of activity planning for our 1st ever combination Fall Meeting and 100 - YEAR Celebration in Fort McDowell, Arizona. PLUS, it will be our first ever "in-person" event. We have so many great accomplishments to look back on and so much hope for the future that we knew we had to plan something really special.



Although, budget restraints kept us from being able to hold the conference virtually as well (via zoom) we are planning on doing a Facebook LIVE event during the highlights in the 3 sessions - the "Pennies from Heaven" Gala on Friday night, the "100 Year Panel Discussion" on Saturday afternoon and "100 Year Celebration" 1920s retro party Saturday Night. We are unable to cover the 4 District Fall Meetings as they run concurrently, but we will have all the presentations, scripts and handouts on our website immediately following.

As we continue to emerge from our temporary pause of in-person meetings, you may be wondering about our region's stance on safety precautions being taken at our first conference and we can assure you we are following the guidelines and requirements set forth by our Soroptimist Federation.

Effective May 1, 2021, the SIA Board of Directors determined that a region may choose to hold a face-to-face activity that includes members and non-members. The Golden West Region has filed a written declaration with SIAHQ as required. The 100-Day Celebration and All Districts Fall Meeting will follow the official COVID-19 Guidelines which are defined as our country's health agency guidelines e.g. CDC and/or local and regional safety and health protocols, requirements and mandates for social gatherings (masks, distancing, size of gathering, etc.), whichever is more rigorous. Our required COVID-19 compliance coordinator is Mary Ann Smith, Facilities Coordinator.

I hope everyone continues to enjoy some much needed rest and relaxation this summer and can't wait to see you not only at our virtual Leadership Training next weekend but also the event that will finally bring us all back together in strength and fellowship. The ALL Districts Fall Meeting and our fabulous Celebration of 100 Years of Awesome!

Yours in Service,

**Governor Laurie**



**All signed up and ready for Leadership Training?**

Be sure to check your email on Thursday, August 5th for your ZOOM Link to your fabulous Safari Adventure!

**It's gonna be WILD!**

## **SO WHAT'S NEXT?**

"Live Your Dream" Club Portal opened August 1st! Club Chairs - be sure set up your club's LYDA account so that you'll be ready when your applications start rolling in. The DEADLINE for applicants to submit their application to clubs is November 15th so time is of the essence.

SIAs "Virtual 100-Year Anniversary Celebration" - You can still register for SIA's virtual anniversary event on **September 25 and 26**. SIA members from around the globe will gather at this dynamic two-day event to celebrate our bright past and brilliant future. Registration: [LINK](#)

Soroptimist Celebrating Success - submissions are due no later than **September 30th**, but please submit those NOW while the details of your programs, fundraisers, social media campaigns and membership campaigns are still fresh in your memory. Click this [LINK](#) for the SCS Application.

Soroptimist International's "100-Year Celebration" - **October 1-3, 2021** - a 3-day virtual extravaganza. Register before July 15th to receive the "Early Bird" discount of only \$40 to register. Registration: <https://100.soroptimistinternational.org/si100>



And of course...



Registration opens Friday, August 6th on the GWR Website!

**Are you coming to the  
2021 All-Districts Fall  
Meeting and 100 Year  
Celebration Oct 8-9?**

**LOCATION**

We-Ko-Pa Resort, Fort McDowell  
(Scottsdale), Arizona

**DATE AND TIME**

10/08/21 3:00pm-10/09/21 9:00pm

**The Celebration  
we've all been waiting for!**

**The 2021 ALL-Districts FALL MEETING  
and 100-Year Celebration  
"Bright Past, Brilliant Future"**

We are doing things a little differently this year  
by combining all the Fall meetings into one so  
that we may celebrate our 100 years of  
Soroptimist Service together. Friday night will  
be the "Pennies from Heaven" Social Event,

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Saturday morning we will break out into our districts for information and awards to be given out by District Directors, AND Saturday Night we will have a wonderful "Soroptimist Retro 1920's" Party to celebrate 100 years of awesome!

## GWR SOROPTIMISTS CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!

What is YOUR club doing in your community to raise awareness and CELEBRATE 100 YEARS of Service?

There is still time to plan something! Send an email to Governor Laurie - [Lauriem.gwr@gmail.com](mailto:Lauriem.gwr@gmail.com) to let her know what you are doing or to get some ideas.

# SIA Wants to Hear From You ...and so do we!

As we celebrate our 100th anniversary and bright past, we are also preparing for our brilliant future. And no doubt we will DREAM BIG for what our future holds! Here's your opportunity to share your own personal message. Your video may be used on social media and in other promotional materials as we celebrate our 100th anniversary. **Get your video played at our Region 100 Year Celebration!**

Submit a 60-second video in your own language sharing your thoughts on one of the following:

- What does it mean to you for Soroptimist to reach its next Big Goal of investing in the dreams of half a million women and girls?
- As we look to the next 100 years, what are your dreams for the next generation of Soroptimists?
- What is your dream for the future of your Soroptimist club?

Share a story of a *Live Your Dream Awards* winner or *Dream It, Be It* participant that has impacted you personally.

### For Your Video Message

Be sure to start your answer by restating the question in your response so we know what question you're answering! If using a cell phone, hold phone horizontally to shoot video. Save video file as an MP4. Submit video here: <https://bit.ly/Dream-Big-Video-Submission>. **Also email copy to [LaurieM.gwr@gmail.com](mailto:LaurieM.gwr@gmail.com).**

**"Come as you are" Region Social Zoom Meetings are back!**

September 8th, 2021 @ 6:30 PM will be the first "Come as you are" Region Social and Zoom Meeting. Our first discussion will be about



what's new and timely for our "Live Your Dream Award" Program. Governor-Elect Margie Burke, SI Phoenix will be leading the charge as well as Esther Devall, LYDA Region Chair from SI Las Cruces. So grab your favorite beverage and join us in a relaxed setting to talk about what's up in the region.

Check the Region Calendar of Events on the GWR Website for Zoom link information.

**Mark Your Calendars! All are Welcome!**

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