



April 2016

NEWS BLAST

IMPORTANT DATES

April 15th - Program Focus Reports
April - New DIBI Club Evaluation Guide distributed - due June 1st
May 2nd - Spring Conference registration deadline
June 10th - Dues invoice for 2016-2017 distributed
July 1st - Dues for 2016-2017 due to GWR and SIA

PROGRAM FOCUS REPORTS

Soroptimist International gathers and shares programs and projects from all Soroptimist clubs throughout the world by using the information you submit via your program focus report. Reports submitted online by **April 15** may be considered for an award for club service fund that will be presented at Spring Conference.

To enter your Program Focus Report, visit <http://reports.soroptimistinternational.org>.
USERNAME: **sia** PASSWORD: **philadelphia**

2016 SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The 2016 Call to Spring Conference is online on the GWR website: www.goldenwestregion.org. Look for "Meetings/Conferences" on the ribbon at the top. **May 2nd** is the deadline for EVERYTHING – including registration (individual or group), delegate registration, Celebration of Life information, Exhibit tables, etc.

http://goldenwestregion.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=928590&module_id=199525

WORKING WITH YOUTH

SIA has developed procedures to assist your club in creating a safe and secure environment for members and any participating youth. These procedures are intended for ALL programs involving youth – not limited to the Dream It, Be It program.

<http://www.soroptimist.org/members/program/procedures-working-with-youth.html>

DREAM IT, BE IT CLUB EVALUATION GUIDE

SIA will be emailing clubs with an updated Dream It, Be It Program Club Evaluation Guide that includes information on how to use the online evaluation tool. This release will be in **April 2016**. Evaluations will be due on June 1, 2016.

2016-2017 DUES INVOICE DELAY

Within the 2016 Call to Spring Conference are several GWR Bylaw proposals. One of the proposals includes a \$5 dues increase for operating expenses. (All the Bylaw proposals will be discussed at a delegate briefing at the Spring Conference.)

For planning purposes, please keep this potential dues increase in mind when discussing the dues payments with your members. The dues invoice will not be distributed by our GWR Treasurer, Lori Reed, until the members have voted on the dues increase proposal. Watch for the 2016-2017 dues invoice to be distributed around **June 10th** and due on or before **July 1st**.

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QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

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