

GOLDEN WEST REGION



# MISSION IS POSSIBLE

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS, INC. GOLDEN WEST REGION

**2017 OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 39TH ANNUAL  
SPRING CONFERENCE**

**JUNE 1-3, 2017**

**POINTE HILTON SQUAW PEAK RESORT - PHOENIX, AZ**

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## IMPORTANT REGISTRATION PACKET INFORMATION

Below is a list of forms and flyers that you can download from the GWR website Meeting & Conference page:

- **Information for Club Delegates:** Credentials Form, Club Delegate Responsibilities
- **Reports for Business Sessions:** Nominating Committee & Finance Committee
- **Club Conference Participation Opportunities:** Donations for the Pick-A-Prize raffle, & Exhibit Room Reservations
- **Group Registration Planning Worksheet:** Form to help you gather all the necessary information to register one or more members online
- **Additional Information:** Conference details such as menus & special outings

## GREETINGS FROM THE GOVERNOR



Good Day Soroptimist Members,

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, drops you directly into the action, intrigue and thrills of the Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort in Phoenix, AZ. You will spend the weekend with intelligent, witty, energetic, passionate fellow Soroptimists celebrating that our mission of improving lives is, indeed, possible. To leave our conference unaffected isn't just *mission difficult* - it's mission impossible.

To ensure that the Spring Conference *executes* without a *malfunction*, we can thank our Spring Conference Committee, our hosting clubs, our GWR Pillars and our GWR Board of Directors who together form our *Impossible Missions Force* of true mission believers. We are excited to offer the 2017 Spring Conference and to embrace our theme that our "Mission *IS* Possible."

We have listened to you. Our locale has a gathering space so you aren't braving the blistering heat of the desert, the new chef is preparing amazing meals, and it's not the "same ole stuff." We've created the first annual Soroptimist Summit: Building Access to Education – a one day conference to open our minds and hearts to the educational needs of our communities and to identify how individuals can provide access to education in our own neighborhoods. How can we achieve our mission if we don't know the facts of education? The Summit will attract community leaders and attendees who might also want to become Soroptimist members, it will get the "Soroptimist" name into the community, and it will help support our Live Your Dream Award celebration with contributions.

You told us you wanted to learn how to improve your club and your personal skills. We have four guest speakers who will knock your socks off! Dynamic, accomplished, passionate women will get right to the core of our powerful mission and suggest some new ways to bring women issues to our community. We'll learn how to accomplish goals in 12 week increments; develop personal excellence; and use social media to improve our events, community recognition, and membership. Our nine workshops include how to integrate our Dream Programs into our club life; millennials will discuss how to attract their age group as members and donors; you'll be shown how to run an effective, efficient club; literally experience our Dream It Be It program and see how you can implement it into your existing programs; and learn new fundraiser ideas – like our exciting "You're the Bomb" paddle auction, and "Purse-onality" fundraiser during our LYDA celebration! Then end the weekend *debriefing* with your fellow agents at dinner and around the amazing resort pool.

You may sometimes feel like you are a *secret agent* volunteering for a secret organization. But, you are never alone. Join us and become part of the team that creates memories of fun and excitement, increases our recognition in the community, develops new skills and knowledge, and celebrates with *allies* who believe in you! Are you in? ARE YOU IN???

As always, should you or any of your club members be caught or recruited by other non-profits, the Golden West Region will disavow any knowledge of your actions. This letter may self-destruct in five seconds. Good luck. (And, enjoy the Spring Conference!)

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Penny Babb". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Penny Babb  
2016-2018 Governor

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## WELCOME FROM THE SPRING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Dear Soroptimists of the Golden West Region,

Our theme, “MISSION IS POSSIBLE”, will celebrate all our accomplishments over this past year with our increased membership, community awareness of all the wonderful services we offer in each of our communities, the successful fundraising projects throughout the region, the new Laurel Society members that have donated to Soroptimist International of the Americas, and last, but never least, the many service projects we provide including our expanded celebration of Live Your Dream Awards.

Governor Penny and the GWR Board are offering a special new event this biennium, a day-long workshop called the “Soroptimist Summit”, where interested members and non members are welcome to learn more about how to expand the reach of our programs from elementary school through college.

Please review the Call to Conference to develop your plan to expand your “possibilities” by taking advantage of the many opportunities we have planned throughout the conference. We have nine workshop offerings again this year in a slightly different location than last year. We moved the registration and credentials to a new location to provide more indoor seating and opportunity to gather while on breaks. We have added a lounge along with additional seating in the entry so you will be able to review the Soroptimist Celebrating Success award presentations. And we have increased the Ball Room area to accommodate for more space. We can now combine our fundraiser with the Live Your Dream Awards Banquet on Friday evening where we watch the young ladies express their appreciation with thoughts of the “possibilities” that this recognition will afford them. On Saturday afternoon, we celebrate our clubs’ achievements as we enjoy our “Club Awards” celebration.

After we close the conference late Saturday afternoon, we will have a special optional gathering to socialize and reflect on our time together, plus enjoy a fun dinner and potentially some pool time!

Our Spring Conference Committee along with the hostess clubs and the Golden West Region Board of Directors invite you to spend a special weekend together celebrating everything we are as Soroptimists!

Golden West Region Soroptimists: “MISSION IS POSSIBLE”

*Debbie Dematteis-Miller*

GWR 2017 Spring Conference Chair

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# SOROPTIMIST SUMMIT—BUILDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION



## SOROPTIMIST SUMMIT: BUILDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION

### *Do you believe?*

*“Access to quality education is the key to overall gender equality and women’s empowerment. That’s why providing women with the resources and opportunities they need to reach their full potential is so crucial to changing our world.”*

*Soroptimist’s Executive Director & CEO Elizabeth M. Lucas*

In response to your interest in being a member of an organization that is relevant and focused, our need of improving the awareness of our organization in the community, our commitment to supporting our direction of providing access to education to women and girls, AND our desire of attracting new, committed members to our organization...we've found a new project to enrich our Spring Conference!

The **Soroptimist Summit: Building Access to Education** will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2017, from 11:00-4:30 including lunch and followed by an optional cocktail party with raffle prizes. Education for women and girls has been shown to increase literacy, reduce human trafficking, improve political representation, prevent exposure to disease, boost income potential, contribute to a thriving gross domestic product, and reduce poverty.

Attendees will participate in a panel discussion with local education experts lead by SI Phoenix member, Tara Jackson, President of Arizona Town Hall (a non-profit organization that brings diverse people together to solve critical and often divisive policy issues). Community vendors interested in supporting education for women and girls will provide resource and shopping opportunities. Our experts include:

- ◆ Sam Leyvas, CEO of First Things First
- ◆ Kathleen Wiebke, Executive Director of Arizona K-12 Center
- ◆ Rich Nickel, President and CEO of College Success Arizona
- ◆ Dick Forman, CEO of Arizona Business & Education Coalition

Attendees will create their very own “I WILL” personal action plan to take back to their community while learning how to impact access to education in their own communities. Then, join us at an optional networking cocktail party with lively discussion, entertainment, and raffle prizes.

*It is our mission. It is our commitment. It is our future.*

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# CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

**ONLINE REGISTRATION:** Conference registration MUST be done through the online registration system. Go to [www.goldenwestregion.org](http://www.goldenwestregion.org) and click on the Meetings/Conferences page. The user friendly format will take you through the process. The registration system will accept both individual and group registrations. Payments can be made online with a credit or debit card or there is an option to print an invoice and mail a check. Detailed instructions for using the registration system are available on the Spring Conference 2017 page.

If you have any difficulty using the online system, please contact:

**Carol Roddy, Registration Chair**

**909-214-5996**

**[CSVRoddy@aol.com](mailto:CSVRoddy@aol.com)**

**DEADLINE DATE TO REGISTER without LATE FEE is: Friday, May 5, 2017**

- Registrations received between May 6 and May 17 must include the \$50 late fee.
- The final day to register is Wednesday, May 17, 2017 (no exceptions).
- There will be a \$5 transfer fee for substitution of one registrant for another after Wednesday, May 17 ~ payable at conference.

**CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS:** In the event a registrant is not able to attend the conference, requests for refunds must be made in writing to Carol Roddy, Registration Chair, prior to [May 17, 2017](#). (Golden West Region Procedures, Page 20, Conference, Item 13 – No refunds shall be made for meals without the approval of the region board, unless a written request is received by the conference chair before the set deadline.)

**SELLING AND/OR PURCHASING MEAL TICKETS AFTER DEADLINE:** If you need to sell a meal ticket or would like to purchase a meal ticket (from another member) after Wednesday, May 17 you may do so through our Face Book page – GWR Spring Conference. There will also be a bulletin board posted at the conference in Hospitality where individuals can post notices of meal tickets ‘for sale’ or ‘request to purchase’.

## **REGISTRATION HOURS & INFORMATION:**

Thursday, June 1st ~ 4:30 to 6:00 PM

Friday, June 2nd ~ 7:00 to 8:55 AM, Noon to 12:25 PM & 5:00 to 5:45 PM

Saturday, June 3rd ~ 7:30 to 8:55 AM

**REGISTRATION PACKETS AND DELEGATE VOTING CREDENTIALS:** Soroptimist attendees are required to check-in and pick-up their own packet from Registration. Soroptimist members should also check-in and pick-up packets for their guests. Clubs with award winners should check-in their winner and guest(s) prior to the end of [last registration time on Friday, June 2](#). After checking in, all voting delegates must proceed to the Credentials and Elections Coordinator table (located in the registration area) to obtain their voting credentials.

**Name badges are required for admittance to all sessions.**

**Attendees must have a [meal ticket](#) to attend any meeting where a meal is served ~ NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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## HOTEL INFORMATION

### HOTEL AND ROOM RATES:

You may not be aware...we negotiate the costs associated with the Spring Conference by guaranteeing room reservations to the below listed hotel. Your stay here provides many cost benefits and helps honor our commitment. Thank you!

Conference attendees must make reservations directly with the hotel

**Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort**

**7677 North 16th Street**

**Phoenix, AZ 85020**

***Hotel Reservations: 1-800-HILTONS (Ask for Group Code: SOS)***

All reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card

\$125.00 (plus applicable taxes, approx. 12.57%) single/double occupancy per night.

Rate includes *Resort Charge and Self parking*

Valet parking is available at \$10/day

**All reservations must be made by May 5, 2017 by 5:00 PM**

*Hotel cannot guarantee availability of sleeping rooms and/or group rate after the cut-off date.*

*Check-in: 4:00pm ~ Check-out: 11:00am*

***Cancellations without a penalty must be made at least 2 days prior to arrival***

***Late cancellations will be charged one night's room and tax***

## WHAT TO BRING-WHAT TO WEAR

### WHAT TO BRING TO CONFERENCE:

- Bring a carry-all for conference materials, snacks, water and all the 'goodies' you will purchase in the Exhibit Room! Conference attendees will receive a program along with a folder at registration to place all accumulated papers distributed during the conference and workshops.
- Call to Conference ~ Each club member attending should bring their own copy of *The Call to Conference* and all reports for Business Sessions ~ available at [www.goldenwestregion.org](http://www.goldenwestregion.org)
- Golden West Region Bylaws ~ Need a copy? Go to [www.goldenwestregion.org](http://www.goldenwestregion.org). Find it in Member Resources >
- Region Resources
- Your Soroptimist Pin
- Potential new members
- Lots of cash for the Exhibit Room & Fundraisers ~ *Credit cards* can be used for GWR Fundraising Events
- Soroptimist Spirit & Enthusiasm!

### CONFERENCE ATTIRE:

**Thursday Summit:** Business Casual ~ **Thursday Evening:** Mission IS Possible Theme (prizes!)

**Friday Day:** Club Identifying Dress ~ **Friday Evening:** Semi-formal LYDA Celebration

**Saturday Day:** Resort Casual ~ **Saturday Evening:** Resort Casual for dinner then the Pool Party!

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# TENTATIVE CONFERENCE AGENDA

## 2017 GWR SPRING CONFERENCE TENTATIVE AGENDA

DATE	FROM	TO	DESCRIPTION
THURSDAY	10:30 AM	4:30 PM	Soroptimist Summit: Building Access to Education
6/1/2017	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	Summit Attendees & Soroptimist Networking/Cocktail Party
	6:00 PM	8:30 PM	"You're the Bomb" Dinner, Entertainment & Paddle Auction
	8:30 PM	9:30 PM	DOÑA After Party (Invitation Only)
	8:30 PM	9:30 PM	2016-2017 Presidents Appreciation (Invitation Only)
FRIDAY	7:30 AM	8:45 AM	Delegate Briefing - TBA
6/2/2017	9:00 AM	10:55 AM	Opening Session - Keynote, Antoinette Farmer-Thompson
	11:00 AM	12:10 PM	Friday Morning Workshops
	12:30 PM	1:50 PM	Friday Lunch - Keynote, Christine Gannon
	2:15 PM	3:25 PM	Friday Afternoon Workshops
	3:45 PM	5:00 PM	First Business Session - Keynote, Dona Gaddis Wolf, SIA Board Member
	5:00 PM	5:45 PM	Delegate Voting for Nominating Committee
	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Live Your Dream Award Banquet & "Purse-onality" Fundraiser
SATURDAY	9:00 AM	10:15 AM	Second Business Session
6/3/2017	10:45 AM	12:00 PM	Saturday Morning Workshops
	12:30 PM	1:45 PM	Saturday Lunch - Keynote, Mary Barnett
	2:30 PM	4:30 PM	Closing Session and Club Awards
	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Dinner and Pool Party

## 2017 GWR SPRING CONFERENCE - LOGISTICS

DATE	FROM	TO	DESCRIPTION
THURSDAY	10:30 AM	11:00 AM	Summit Registration
6/1/2017	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	GWR Spring Conference Registration
	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Conference Merchandise Pick-up
	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Pick a Prize/Silent Auction Donation Drop-off
FRIDAY	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	Exhibit Room Set-Up
6/2/2017	7:30 AM	8:55 AM	Exhibit Room Open
	7:00 AM	8:55 AM	Registration Open/Hospitality/First Aid
	7:00 AM	8:55 AM	Conference Merchandise Pick-up
	7:00 AM	8:55 AM	Pick a Prize /Silent Auction Donation Drop-off
	12:00 AM	12:15 PM	Exhibit Room Open
	12:00 PM	12:25 PM	Registration Open/Hospitality/First aid
	12:00 PM	12:25 PM	Conference Merchandise Pick-up
	3:25 PM	3:45 PM	Exhibit Room Open
	5:00 PM	5:45 PM	Registration Open/Hospitality/First Aid
SATURDAY	7:30 AM	8:55 AM	Exhibit Room Set-Up
6/3/2017	7:30 AM	8:55 AM	Registration Open/Hospitality/First Aid
	7:30 AM	8:55 AM	Conference Merchandise Pick-up
	10:15 AM	10:40 AM	Exhibit Room Open
	10:15 AM	10:45 AM	Run Off Voting (if needed)
	12:00 PM	12:25 PM	Exhibit Room Open
	1:45 PM	2:15 PM	Exhibit Room Open (Last Time)



# SPRING CONFERENCE STANDING RULES

The Official Program shall be the Order of Business upon adoption of the Conference Body. The Order of Business may be modified at the discretion of the governor.

For admission to the assembly hall and to facilitate identification and seating in assigned areas, members **shall be required to wear the badge issued** by the registration committee upon registration.

Immediately following the opening ceremonies of the first business session, the credentials committee shall report the number of clubs in the region, the number of clubs registered, the number of region officers and district directors registered, the number of past governors in the region registered, the number of delegates registered, and the number of Soroptimists and guests registered and in attendance. The credentials committee shall make supplementary reports after the opening exercises at the beginning of each day that business continues and at such other times as requested by the presiding officer.

If a registered delegate must permanently leave the Conference for any reason, the credentials committee may certify the transfer of a registered alternate in the same club to the status of a registered delegate who shall serve in that capacity for the remainder of the Conference. At the time of transfer, the credentials committee shall substitute a delegate badge for the alternate's badge. Such certification will occur as needed except during voting.

No delegate may speak in debate more than twice or longer than two minutes on the same question on the same day, without the permission of the Conference body granted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, without debate. An official timekeeper shall monitor time.

A non-delegate may speak only once to a question, for two minutes on the same day, providing there is no delegate who wishes to speak. An official timekeeper shall monitor time.

Debate shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes on any one question.

Only the voting members of a spring conference may make motions, with the exception that a region coordinator or committee member acting as coordinator, may move the adoption of any items covered by that committee's report.

To obtain the floor, speakers must rise, go the floor microphone, address the Chair, and after being recognized, state clearly their name and club.

Conference participants wishing to make a motion or amendment shall use the Golden West Region Motion Form and present it in writing, in duplicate, to the governor (one for the governor to read and the other for the secretary.)

All reports and other materials shall be typed and immediately upon presentation to the Conference body, shall be submitted to the secretary for the permanent record.

Individual announcements from conference members shall be in writing, signed and submitted to the secretary.

# CLUB CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

## Sales Items from SIA



Shop the exhibit table with a selection of sales items from SIA, including both Soroptimist and Live Your Dream items. New pins designs, membership pins, gifts for out-going and in-coming board members. Bring your checkbook, debit/credit card, or even cash!

## Celebration of Life



Our opportunity to celebrate the lives of club members lost since we were together last. Download and complete the Celebration of Life form on the Meeting and Conference page and submit by May 5.

## Purse-onality

Every club has a personality: artistic, nurturing, scientific, adventurous, entertaining...let your club's "Purse-onality" shine through in your donated raffle item! Fill a purse, tote or basket with goodies, wine, jewelry, or a cute wallet with gift cards that reflects your bright club members and area!



## YOU'RE THE BOMB



Join us Thursday Night for the Soroptimist Summit, Networking Cocktail Party, and Dinner with a Paddle Auction. Be adventurous and dress up in our Mission IS Possible theme. Bring quarters or dollar bills to bid on your favorite live auction items.

## Dream Maker Jars

The Dream Maker Jar fundraiser gives you an opportunity to contribute to region-level programs whether or not you are able to attend Spring Conference. What do you do? Turn in your dream maker donations to your treasurer. If you donate \$100 or more you receive a Dream Maker Pin! What does the club do? The club brings one decorated Dream Maker Jar to Spring Conference. Include a single check made payable to GWR.



## 2016-2017 Club Presidents Processional



Your mission, as an honored club president, is to participate in the Presidents Processional on Saturday, June 3, 2017, gathering at 8:45 am at the entrance to the Anasazi Ballroom.

Encourage your club to creatively dress you as "Mission IS Possible" - whatever that means to you! Show your creativity!

## Special Saturday Night Dinner Party

Join us for a special Saturday night dinner party after Spring Conference to continue the fun and fellowship with our Soroptimist friends. A delicious dinner will be served in the Hole in the Wall Restaurant, followed with the opportunity to enjoy some pool time and the Lazy River.



## Golf Outing!

Is your guest a golfer?

Soroptimister Mike Chafin is arranging a golf outing for Friday and Saturday mornings. Contact Mike at 714-863-8622 or email to [mbchafin@cox.net](mailto:mbchafin@cox.net) for more information. To ensure you are included, please express your interest by May 5th. Download the Golf form on the Meeting and Conference page!



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## 2017 WORKSHOPS

### **Is Your Club Living the Dream (Programs)? ~ Melissa Watson, District 4 Director**

Come learn how your club can fulfill its mission by utilizing resources for Soroptimist's signature Dream Programs. You will learn how to fully integrate Soroptimist Dream Programs into all aspects of club activities including hands-on service, successful fundraising, no-nonsense publicity and membership recruitment and retention.

### **"Mini Me" Dream It Be It Session ~ Karen Saelens, GWR Program Pillar & Besty Kreger, DIBI Coordinator**

Join us as a participant in a mini version of a Dream It Be It (DIBI) one-day conference! You will participate in mini DIBI sessions downsized from what the girls experience in our DIBI sessions. We'll showcase some of the best practices from around the region and we'll provide you with ideas to start a DIBI project or enhance your own teen program. Come prepared to share how your own twist could be replicated by others. Leave knowing we can achieve world dominance through our teens!

### **Member Mission Possible!! ~ Paula Adkins, GWR Membership Pillar**

Hear of great possibilities from the experts on Recruitment and Retention! One outstanding club from each region will share their secrets on keeping their existing members while recruiting new members. Our Q & A will dig deeper into their magic tricks. Chartering clubs is in our future - two clubs talk about their novel approaches to chartering new clubs. You are sure to leave this session with fresh ideas that you can apply to your own membership efforts.

### **How to Capture the Elusive Millennial ~ Mandy Mann, GWR Secretary & Margie Burke, GWR Treasurer**

Hear from a panel of young Soroptimist members as they share their membership experiences and how generations can work together. Our organization's future is in their hands and they are excited to share their stories and perspectives with you! Learn how younger members connect to the Soroptimist mission that unites us. Gain understanding of what makes a club environment welcoming to younger members. Discover what obstacles and barriers younger members face in their membership, while capturing their enthusiasm for Soroptimist mission!

### **Using Technology to Seize Your Goals ~ Mary Barnett, CEO: Another Brilliant Idea, Inc.**

Talk with Mary Barnett about easy, affordable, and even FREE mobile, social and digital marketing strategies to boost your club's membership and become a sought after trailblazer in your own community!

### **SI (Secret Intelligence) to Running a STRONG Club ~ Laurie Moses, District 3 Director & Rene Myers, District 1 Director**

Learn the secrets to organizing and managing your club to accomplish your mission like a "TEAM SIX" leader without feeling overwhelmed. Learn everything from calendaring the needs/wants of your members to creating the funds needed to execute what you want to accomplish.

### **What Happens When You DON'T Accept The Mission ~ Vanessa Liesen, GWR Fundraising Pillar & Margie Burke, GWR Treasurer**

Imagine all the lives we as Soroptimist have impacted through our programs. Now imagine the lives we are unable to impact due to a lack of funding. Take that a step further and imagine a world without the positive influence of Soroptimist at all. We have an amazing mission and when we choose not to accept it by limiting our own resources, our collective impact is also limited. The more funds we make available, the greater the collective impact and the more lives we can touch. How do we reach the "BIG GOAL"? We ACCEPT the MISSION and give it all we have!

# CONFERENCE PRE-ORDER ITEMS ONLY

Go to [www.Goldenwestregion.org/Storefront](http://www.Goldenwestregion.org/Storefront) to purchase these items!

## Pick-a-Prize Raffle Tickets



Joy of giving!

Clubs donate amazing raffle prizes!

Drop tickets into the buckets of the prizes you cannot live without. The more tickets you purchase, the more chances you have to win. Support dreams by buying

tickets!

**SAVINGS!** Get a discounted price when you buy tickets during online registration: one card of 25 tickets for \$20. Or purchase tickets at the conference: one card of 25 tickets for \$25. Raffle proceeds fund the

## 2017 Conference Logo T-Shirts

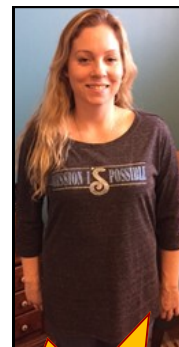
Add to your collection of GWR Spring Conference T-Shirts.

**Pre-Orders ONLY!** No T-Shirts will be sold at conference.

Pickup your pre-ordered t-shirt at the Conference. These have been a HUGE hit during the Fall Meetings but they run one size small, please make adjustments when ordering.

Sizes XS thru XL \$30.00

Sizes 2X thru 4X \$35.00



## EXHIBIT ROOM TABLES

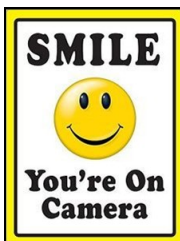


Reserve an exhibit table for \$40 on either your club president's or treasurer's online registration. Consider purchasing a Soroptimist tablecloth with your club's name on it so everyone will know who you are at the conference!

## PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS 2017 Spring Conference CD

Don't worry about bringing your camera and actually be IN some photographs this year!

During registration, purchase the CD of all the photos that will be taken by our professional photographer during the 2017 GWR Spring Conference. \$15.00 includes delivery at the GWR Leadership Training Retreat or the 2017 Fall Meetings. This is a **pre-order ONLY** item.



## TABLECLOTH with Your Club's Name \$140.00 each

Beautiful black tablecloth to fit a six foot (6') table with Soroptimist blue lettering of your club's name. Pre-order through registration **ONLY**.

Tablecloth will be available for pick-up when you register at the conference.



## Win a FREE Conference Experience



Buy a ticket for an opportunity to have your entire meal package and up to three (3) room nights **PAID IN FULL** when you attend the 2017 GWR Spring Conference! Also included is a visit to the Spa.

Purchase your ticket when you register—\$25 per chance.

Drawing will take place on May 8, 2017.

The winner will be notified by the Registration Chair, and their name will be announced on our GWR Face Book page.

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# IMPORTANT CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The GWR Call to Conference is streamlined to focus on general information applicable to all attendees. Many of the items you once found in the Call document are now available as separate files you can download from the GWR website.

[Go to www.goldenwestregion.org/Meetings/Conferences/2017 Spring Conference](http://www.goldenwestregion.org/Meetings/Conferences/2017%20Spring%20Conference)

Here is a list of the documents now available online:

## Information for Club Delegates and DOÑAs

Each club in good standing selects three representatives (delegates) to vote on the club's behalf during the Spring Conference. Delegates should review the Reports for Business Sessions (see below) with their clubs for guidance on voting.

- [Club Delegate Responsibilities](#) - Delegates are an extremely important part of the administration of our region. All conference delegates should download this summary of delegate responsibilities, including tasks to complete before, during and after the conference.
- [Credentials Form and Information](#) - Your club must complete this form in order for your delegates to participate in voting at Spring Conference. This form notifies the Credentials and Elections Committee Coordinator of the names of those authorized to vote on behalf of the club. Reminder - to ensure the correct members are authorized to vote, the club form must be signed by the club president.

## Reports for Business Sessions

Club presidents should present this information to their members so decisions can be made and delegates will be prepared to vote in accordance with the decisions of their club. Delegates, bring copies of these reports to the conference.

- [Nominating Committee Report & Candidate Biographies](#) - This report contains a list of candidates to be nominated for a position on the 2017-2019 Nominating Committee and includes a photograph and biography for each candidate.
- [Proposed 2017-2018 Budget](#) – This is the 2017-2018 region budget proposed by the GWR Finance Committee.

## Conference Activities – Club Intent to Participate Forms

There are a variety of conference activities that require notification if your club plans to participate. Please view the following list and complete and submit all applicable forms:

- [Fundraiser Club Donation Registration Form](#) - This form notifies the Fundraising Committee of your club's intent to donate an item or items for the Pick-a-Prize Raffle. Your participation will directly affect the amounts presented to the 2018 GWR Live Your Dreams Award recipients! The form requires a description of your item and its value.
- [Exhibit Room Rules](#) – Download these rules to make sure your plans are in compliance with region requirements, then reserve your exhibit room table through online registration.
- [Celebration of Life Form](#) - The region celebrates the life of our members who have passed away the previous year. This form requests a photograph and personal information about your member to be shared during conference.
- [Program Advertising Opportunities](#) - Support the region and advertise your business or highlight a member, award recipient, or club event/project in the conference program. Just follow the directions on the form. Pay for your ad during online registration.

## Additional Information

- [Thursday Soroptimist Summit, Networking Cocktail Party, and "You're the Bomb" Paddle Auction and Dinner](#) - Join us for our new community outreach Summit, networking party to attract new members, and fun paddle auction and dinner.
- [Friday Night LYDA Celebration](#) - Join us to celebrate our LYDA finalists and enjoy our new "Purse-onality" fundraiser.
- [Saturday Night Dinner Party](#) - Join us for a special Saturday night dinner at the Hole in the Wall Restaurant followed by a fun gathering at the pool and Lazy River.
- [Golden West Region Dream Makers/Dream Maker Jars](#) - Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to help your REGION make a difference in the lives of women through our Dream Maker Annual Fundraising Campaign. Download the flyer to see how you can become a GWR Dream Maker this year!
- [Guest speaker biographies](#) - Learn about our four guest speakers!
- [Golf Outing](#) - Once again, a golf outing is being planned for your guests while you enjoy the conference. The form provides the contact information and details.
- [Conference Meal Menus](#) - We have an amazing menu planned with plenty of choices. Review the menu and let us know via your registration if you need any special dietary adjustments.