Conventions & Meetings

Before we get started on our upcoming SIA conventions, I wanted to remind you of our ever popular and extremely valuable “Leadership Training” coming up August 2-3.

Whether you are a leader, interested in becoming one, or just wanting more in-dept information on running a Soroptimist club, we highly recommend this training.

It is being held at the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Phoenix and the room rates are extremely reasonable, especially if you share a room. It starts out with a welcome dinner on Friday evening and then begin our training and breakout sessions on Saturday.

So after spring conference, be sure to keep an eye out for the CALL in your club email, and immediately start rounding up your club members as we will see you all in Phoenix August 2 & 3.

**3/** So now, I would like to share some exciting news with you about upcoming events in our organization. So feel free to get out your phones and enter these dates into your calendars. Soroptimist International of the Americas is excited to announce our 46th Biennial Convention in beautiful Bellevue, Washington, USA!

**4/** Located just minutes from Seattle, in one of the most breathtaking parts of the United States, Bellevue is known for its urban experiences, including incredible shopping, 4-star restaurants, thrilling nightlife, and its clean, safe and walkable downtown.

**5/** If outdoor experiences are your interest, you’re just a stone's throw from towering mountains, pristine lakes and amazing wildlife. You can also visit internationally acclaimed wineries, the world famous Pike Place Market, the Chuihully Glass Gardens, the Space Needle and other famous landmarks.

**6/** The convention hotel is the beautiful and luxurious Bellevue Hyatt Regency in the heart of downtown. You will be within walking distance of parks, museums, shopping and dining. Come early and stay late to enjoy all the great Pacific Northwest has to offer!

**07/** Behind the makings of this awesome experience is a stellar team. Soroptimist International of the Americas is partnering with Soroptimist members to plan this inspiring, dynamic and fun convention for you. Stephanie Smith, immediate past Northwestern Region Governor is your 46th Biennial Convention Chair and is beyond thrilled to partner with Vice Chair Sue Riney, SIA Director of Advocacy.

**08/** The convention theme is Reaching New Heights. We hope that Soroptimists will be inspired to achieve more than we ever have before and that you invest in our next Big Goal of helping half a million women and girls live their dreams. There will be engaging speakers, informative workshops and exciting activities to educate and motivate all Soroptimists. You’ll also have the opportunity to meet Soroptimists from around the world!

**09/** AND, your region will be planning a very special celebration there in Bellevue to celebrate the installation of Dona Penny Babb as our brand new SIA President! We’ll celebrate us too…cause we are pretty fabulous!

We’re telling you early so that you have plenty of time to plan your trip. Early bird registration will open in October with a reduced registration fee amount for those who register early. Who’s going with me?

 **10/** AND…as if that wasn’t cool enough…I swear, I don’t know if I can take anymore… Soroptimist will be celebrating our 100th anniversary in 2021. Can you believe we’re turning 100 years old? In Bellevue we’ll kick off the year long celebration and finish it off with a Special celebration You definitely don’t want to miss THIS party!

**11/ Also, please like the convention page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SIAConv2020. And use the convention hashtag #SIAConv2020 when sharing convention news.**

**Reach new heights with your Soroptimist membership and begin your adventure in Bellevue. Thank you and see you in 2020!**