



## Southern Region GOVERNOR'S UPDATE

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### *From Pat's Pen*

Now that the holidays are over and 2013 is well underway, I hope your clubs are focusing on awards programs and women and girl-focused projects:

- Did your club participate in the **Women's Opportunity Award** this year? Every year we strive to have 100% participation in Southern Region.
- Have you completed your club's **Strategic Plan**? Don't forget to send a copy to me and Governor Elect Terri.
- Has someone from your club submitted an application for the **Alicia Zachman Emerging Leader Award**? If not, the deadline has been extended to **March 1**.
- Is your club recognizing a girl between the ages of 14 to 17 as a **Violet Richardson Award winner**? Remember, these young women are future Soroptimists!
- Will your club be awarding the **Ruby Award** to a deserving woman in your area? If so, be sure to invite her to become a member of your club.
- Have you included me on your **club's newsletter mailing list**? I would love to know what is going on in your club! Thank you to those clubs who have already done so!
- Is your club planning a special project for **March 8** in honor of **International Women's Day**? What a wonderful way to honor women!
- Is your club tracking hours and resources for your projects using the "**Southern Region Cares**" forms?
- Are you making plans to attend **Southern Region Conference**, April 25-28 in Orlando?

With so much to do, don't forget to slow down and enjoy being a Soroptimist!

*Governor Pat*



Come "Explore the Soroptimist Magic!"

at the

87th Southern Region Conference

**April 25-28, 2013**

Orlando, Florida

Embassy Suites Buena Vista Hotel

Fun • Excitement • Workshops • Project Exhibits  
Awards Banquet • Friends

## In Memoriam...

It is with heavy hearts and great sadness that we mourn the loss this month of two remarkably talented and dedicated Soroptimists:

- **Past Governor Doris Thompson** passed away on February 8, 2013, in a Florida nursing home. She served as Southern Region Governor 1974 to 1976. She was a dedicated Soroptimist for many years and a mentor to many. She was a member of the SI Holiday Isles club. She will be sorely missed.
- On February 20, **Southern Region Parliamentarian and SI Montgomery Club President Helen Wilson** passed away suddenly of a massive heart attack. She will forever be remembered for her concern for the environment and dedication to making a difference in the world. We will miss her dedication and enthusiasm immensely.

We will always remember these remarkable Southern Region Soroptimists and cherish our memories of them forever.

Southern Region Conference attendees will be honoring these special Soroptimists and other members who have passed away at the **"Celebration of Life"** ceremony scheduled for Sunday, April 28, 2013. This ceremony will be hosted by the **SI Davie club**.



## SOUTHERN REGION CONFERENCE 2013!



Believe it or not, Southern Region Conference is only two months away! I hope you are making plans to join us in Orlando, Florida for the **87th Soroptimist Southern Region Conference**. **Region Conference Chair Yvette Doherty** and her committee have been very busy getting ready for what we hope will be a fun-filled and informative Region Conference for you.

### Here are some of the activities scheduled for Region Conference:

- We will be offering a **Dutch Treat Dinner OR an excursion** on Thursday evening. **Your choice!**
- Region Conference will **begin on Friday at 1:00 p.m.** with **workshops** followed by the **Ruby Lee Minar Soroptimist Memorial Fund, Inc.** meeting.
- On Friday evening, we will be honoring our **First Timer's**; our club members; meeting new friends; and re-acquainting with old friends at the **Members Reception**.
- Saturday's Business Meeting will also include a presentation by our **Official Federation Visitor Sam Buchenau**, Chair of the Fund Development Council; as well as presentations from the **Region's Four Pillars Chairs**.
- Saturday night's **Awards Banquet** will be a fitting celebration as we recognize our **Women's Opportunity, Violet Richardson and Ruby Award** winners.
- Sunday morning's **"Celebration of Life"** ceremony, hosted by the **SI Davie** club, will honor our dear Soroptimist friends who have passed away during the past year.

I hope to see you in **Orlando, Florida, April 25-28, 2013**. **Minnie Mouse** and I will be waiting for you!