



Southern Region GOVERNOR'S UPDATE

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From Pat's Pen

Region Conference has now come and gone and if you were not there, you missed a great time!

From the Thursday night Dutch Treat Dinner at **Planet Hollywood** and the excursion to **Cirque du Soleil** to "**The Magic of Soroptimist Members**" reception on Friday night and "**The Magic of Southern Region**" awards banquet on Saturday night, everyone had a wonderful time!

A big **THANK YOU** to **Region Conference Chair Yvette Doherty** and the **Conference Committee** who made Region Conference fun and exciting for everyone!

The **Friday afternoon workshops** were well attended and a huge success! Thank you's

go to **Leadership Chair** and **Past Governor Priscilla Tartarsky, Governor-Elect Terri Pettengill** and **Treasurer Denise Held** for making their workshops fun as well as informative.

Our official Federation visitor, **Susan "Sam" Buchenau**, was a delight and gave us insight on how to "**create a better world for women and girls.**"

And, of course, seeing dear friends and making new ones is always the highlight of every Region Conference. And this year was no exception. There were **8 First Timers** attending the Conference this year. Welcome to our new Soroptimist friends!

Thank you to every Soroptimist who attended Region Conference and made it special!

Next year's Region Conference will be held in **Nashville, TN**. So get your cowboy hats and boots ready for a good time! We will announce the dates as soon as we can confirm a hotel.

With summer right around the corner and vacation time approaching, please don't forget to slow down and **enjoy being a Soroptimist!** You are very special women, each with the power to make a difference in your world!

Governor Pat



THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Has your club sent in your club and member dues to **SIA** and **Southern Region**? The deadline is **July 1, 2013**.
- Is your club tracking hours and resources for your projects using the "**Southern Region Cares**" forms? Please submit your forms to me **by June 30, 2013**.
- Be sure to start planning now for the **88th Southern Region Conference** in **Nashville, TN!** We will be sending out the dates for the Conference as soon as we secure the hotel.
- Mark your calendars for **July 23-26, 2014**, for the **SIA Convention in Vancouver, BC, Canada!**

DISTRICT MEETINGS 2013

Believe it or not, **District meetings** are just around the corner. Please put the following dates on your calendar and make plans to attend these informative meetings:

District III/IV:

October 11 & 12, 2013
SI Montgomery, AL

District I/II:

October 18 & 19, 2013
SI Boca Raton-Deerfield
Beach, FL

Your attendance is very important to making our **District meetings** a success! Please mark your calendars and plan to be part of fun. **District meetings** offer fun, information and friendship!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The **Leadership Workshops** presented at Region Conference were very well received and provided valuable information to attendees. I have always felt that Personal and Professional Development should continue throughout the course of our careers and personal lives.

As I announced at the **District meetings** last fall, I plan to add Leadership Training workshop(s) on Friday afternoon at the District meetings. **Region Leadership Development Chair and Past Governor Priscilla Tatarsky** and I have been meeting to discuss topics, suggestions, etc. so that we can make the most of your time at District meetings and provide valuable training topics.

If you have a particular Leadership topic you would like to learn more about, please let us know: ptatarsky@gmail.com and pmccay@tts-llc.com.

More information will be sent to you as soon as we have more specific information. In the meantime, please mark your calendars and plan to attend the **Friday afternoon Leadership training** at District meetings in October.

I hope to see you there!

SOUTHERN REGION CONFERENCE 2013!

WHAT FUN WE HAD!



What a wonderful group of Minnie Mouse lookalikes! Everyone had a great time at the Friday night **"The Magic of Soroptimist Members"** cocktail reception. Lots of food, fun and **"No Admittance Without Ears!"**



President Mariela Montgomery, SI Boca Raton-Deerfield Beach was the recipient of the first Alicia Zachman Emerging Leader Award!

Congratulations, Mariela!