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# A Message from Governor Dianne

Dear South Central Region Soroptimists,

I am proud to serve as the South Central Region Governor. I was very fortunate to serve with Governor Kim, and her Board, and I look forward to working with my board, Governor-Elect Jacquie Bond, Treasurer Joan Kempf, Secretary Kathy Tippin, District I Director Sue Ragan, District II Director Kim VanN and District III Director Gail Ferguson.

I want to thank each of you for all the great work you do for Soroptimist. I have enjoyed being able to visit some of the clubs and would like to visit them all, but logistically that is very hard to do. If there is a special event you would like for me to attend, let me know and I will try and attend if at all possible.

As each club gets ready for the New Year, I want to remind you to please check the due dates on all applications. I along with the District Directors will keep reminding you of this. We want to carry on the goal of 100% participation in all areas of service.

One area that every club needs to focus on is membership. Jean Rube, SI/Kansas city Northland is the Region chair, so expect to be hearing from her. You may also call on her for help as you can any of the chairs.

The District Meetings are in October and I encourage you to support your Director by attending.

This is where the friendships of a lifetime begin and where we learn from each other. I and Governor-Elect Jacquie Bond hope to see you at your District Meetings.

Yours in Soroptimist  
Dianne Dewey  
Governor, South Central Region of SIA

## Mark Your Calendars

**District I Meeting**  
October 9-11, 2008  
SI/Topeka

**District II Meeting**  
October 17-19, 2008  
Parsons, KS

**District III Meeting**  
October 24-26, 2008  
SI/Grand Prairie, TX

**South Central Region Conference**  
April 24-26, 2009  
SI/St. Joseph, MO

# South Central Region Clubs Awarded Club Grants

**Congratulations** to SI/Muskogee and SI/Stilwell for successfully applying for and obtaining Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls.

SI/Muskogee was awarded \$5,000 for their "Mother's Touch" project. SI/Stilwell received \$1,000 for their "Bumble Bees Clothes Closet" project.

The dedication and determination of the members of these clubs to complete the grant application is an inspiration to all. These women are, truly, **MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

## WOA/VRA Applications

It's already August and all clubs need to begin the process of distributing Women's Opportunity Award applications and Violet Richardson Award applications. If you haven't ordered your applications. . . contact headquarters and get your order placed. December 1<sup>st</sup> is the Club deadline for VRA applications and December 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for WOA. Let's have 100% participation for Governor Dianne.

## Best Woman of the Year Nominations Due November 30<sup>th</sup>

Nominations for the "Best Woman of the Year" award are due to Region Secretary, Kathy Tippin by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

This honor, established in 2008 recognizes the contributions of a Soroptimist member in the South Central Region who has made an outstanding contribution to Soroptimist and has, truly, made a difference for women.

Nominations may be made by clubs, as a group, or by individual members. **ANY** member of SCR meeting the criteria for nomination may be submitted for consideration by the board. A nominee may be a member of your club OR another club within the Region. This Award is to honor that

special club member who has made an outstanding contribution to Soroptimist over the years.

All Nominations are to be forwarded to the Region Secretary, Kathy Tippin, **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Applications are available on the SCR website.

## News from Headquarters

### Making A Difference Award

This award, launched in 2005 has been a popular club project and has brought attention to our clubs in their local communities.

Unfortunately "making a difference for women" is used by numerous organizations. This program deserves a unique name that describes the award. In September, an on-line poll will be launched to rename the program. Check [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org) to vote for your choice. And, in the meantime, if you have any great ideas for a new name, please forward them to: [program@soroptimist.org](mailto:program@soroptimist.org)

## Send In Your Club News

*Spotlight* is YOUR newsletter. It is the communication tool for every club in the South Central Region and we need your news, happenings, events and accomplishments.

If your Club has news to share, send your story and pictures, if you have them to: [dodahdandy@aol.com](mailto:dodahdandy@aol.com) Please send photos in jpeg format for easy editing.

Share your news with the Region!

## Thought for the Day

When I stand before God at the end of my life,  
I would hope that I would not have a  
single bit of talent left, and could say,  
"I used everything you gave me."

~ Erma Bombeck

