



To the members of Founder Region,

The 34th Annual Founder Region Conference will be held at the J. W. Marriott - Ihilani Resort and Spa, on the Ko Olina Coast, Honolulu, Hawaii on April 30, May 1st and 2nd, 2010. Your hostess clubs, S/I Central Oahu, S/I Honolulu & S/I Waikiki welcome you all to the warm and inviting island of Oahu where the spirit of Aloha awaits.

The members of the Founder Region Board of Directors are looking forward to joining with you for a value filled weekend including an election of new officers for the 2010-2012 biennium for both Fellowship and the Region. We'll address Region business, vote on amendments that will bring us closer in compliance with higher law, get educated and updated on the current status of the war on trafficking in this country and around the world. Although most of the schedule for conference will be business as usual, there is **little** that is "business as usual" when in Hawaii.

Let's talk about food! As many of you have read in the monthly flyers about Conference, there will be two (2) free breakfast buffet vouchers per room (per nite). This is a \$33.00 value per person. So, each morning, you get a free buffet breakfast! This, obviously, changes the schedule for Sunday morning, so we are offering a "to-go" type lunch that you can take with you, enjoy on the patio, or the beach, visit and/or generally disparage the outgoing Governor. Beware, I have spies, I hear everything, eventually, and there will be 61 more days to my term.....tick,.....tick.....tick.

Rather than review the conference schedule, let's talk about what you are going to do with all those hours to fill in between work sessions. This is not to say that you are excused for any segment of the Business Sessions or banquets for that matter. But you should find time (30 minute drive for an off-island visitor on a mission) to: a) visit the Dole Plantation and have some of their fabulous pineapple ice cream; b) Pearl Harbor is a very short drive back towards the airport, a must see; c) you can go the opposite direction, to the North Shore, you might see a future (or current) famous surfer taking on the waves. For those that just must, there are golf courses near and far, except how far is far? It's an island, you can't really get lost and you'll get there, you're on Hawaiian time. And I haven't even gotten to the water sports. I highly recommend you get out your big bottle of sunscreen and head for the beach. It's protected from sharks and jellyfish I'm told. The grounds of the Ihilani are beautiful and a nice walk might just be your thing. Of course there is a very relaxing patio area, shopping, and for the work-aholics, free internet.

The Call to Conference package included with this letter gives you the information and forms you need for registering for this year's conference. To ensure your registration goes smoothly, review the Call using the Presidents' Checklist and the Tentative Agenda to help you coordinate the activities; then complete the necessary forms and send them to the designated individuals, by or before the deadlines.

My theme, *Making a Difference Matters*, is a simple one. Its' purpose is to convey to you that who we are and what we do as members of Soroptimist, has value. Come to Conference, *it matters*.

Governor Amelia

