

***Call to the South Central Region
District Meetings
October 20-22, 2023***



There's No Place Like Home

*Soroptimist International of the Americas
Helping women and girls live their dreams.*

From the District Directors

Welcome to the 6th Annual District Meetings!

Our theme for this year's meeting is "There's No Place Like Home". They say that home is where the heart is and most of our hearts are with our own club. Do you like your home? Does it need some repairs? Could it use some remodeling or updating?

If so, then join us as we do a home inspection and generate ideas for making our "homes" more inviting, hospitable, and stronger.

We, as your District Directors, are always ready to help you with any issues or questions that may arise. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

We are eager to see you again and feel certain that you will leave this year's District Meetings with lots of good information, ideas, and enthusiasm for you club!

See you soon!

Kimberly G. Doty
District I Director

Ruth Parman
District II Director

Marlena Hernandez
District III Director

Hotel Registration

Embassy Suites Will Rogers Airport, Oklahoma City, OK

October 20-22, 2023

Please complete this form and mail it with your club check payable to “South Central Region Soroptimist” no later than **October 6, 2023**, to avoid a late registration fee of \$20 per individual. If additional space is required, please make additional copies of this form. Please print all the information. Make checks payable to South Central Region Soroptimist. Print and send this form, and your Trade Fair registration and payment to:

Ruth Parman
1613 Loomis, Winfield, KS 67156

Please include Trade Fair registration and payment.

- Circle President, Delegate or Alternate to indicate who is registering.
- For Saturday Dinner, indicate each attendee's choice as follows:
 SAL – Dill seared salmon, Au Gratin Potato, Beurre Blanc
 CHI- Asiago Crusted Chicken Breast, vegetable, pasta

All entrees will be served with salad, vegetable, rolls and dessert

Name	Registration \$30	Friday Dinner \$45	Saturday Lunch \$35	Saturday Dinner \$45	Total Meal & Registration \$155 reg delegates \$125	Meal Selection (SAL or CHI)
President / Delegate	Free					
Treasurer / Delegate	Free					
Delegate/ Alt Delegate	Free					
Member / Guest	\$30					
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PLEASE NOTE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS HERE: _____

ATTENDEES' NAME(S): _____

**Embassy Suites Oklahoma City
Will Rogers Airport
1815 S Meridian Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73108**

**Nightly Room Rate \$121.00
Includes 2 free breakfasts per room.**

The Reservation portal is now open!

We're glad you can join us for the South Central Region District Meetings.

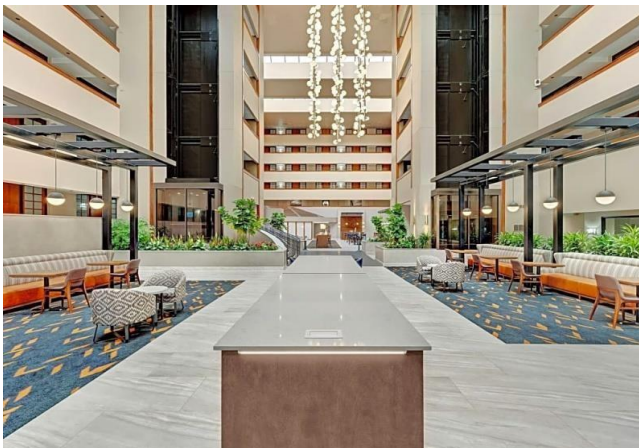
We have a room block reserved at Embassy Suites by Hilton Oklahoma City Will Rogers Airport for October 19, 2023, through October 22, 2023. Booking your room is simple. Just follow the link below.

We look forward to seeing you in October!

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/okcmres-spi-a58ac0ea-6289-4860-8531-4fa9f99e2f5a/>

You can instead call the hotel at 1-405-682-6000 for telephone reservations.
Mention group "South Central Region Soroptimist".

Reservation Deadline is October 6, 2023

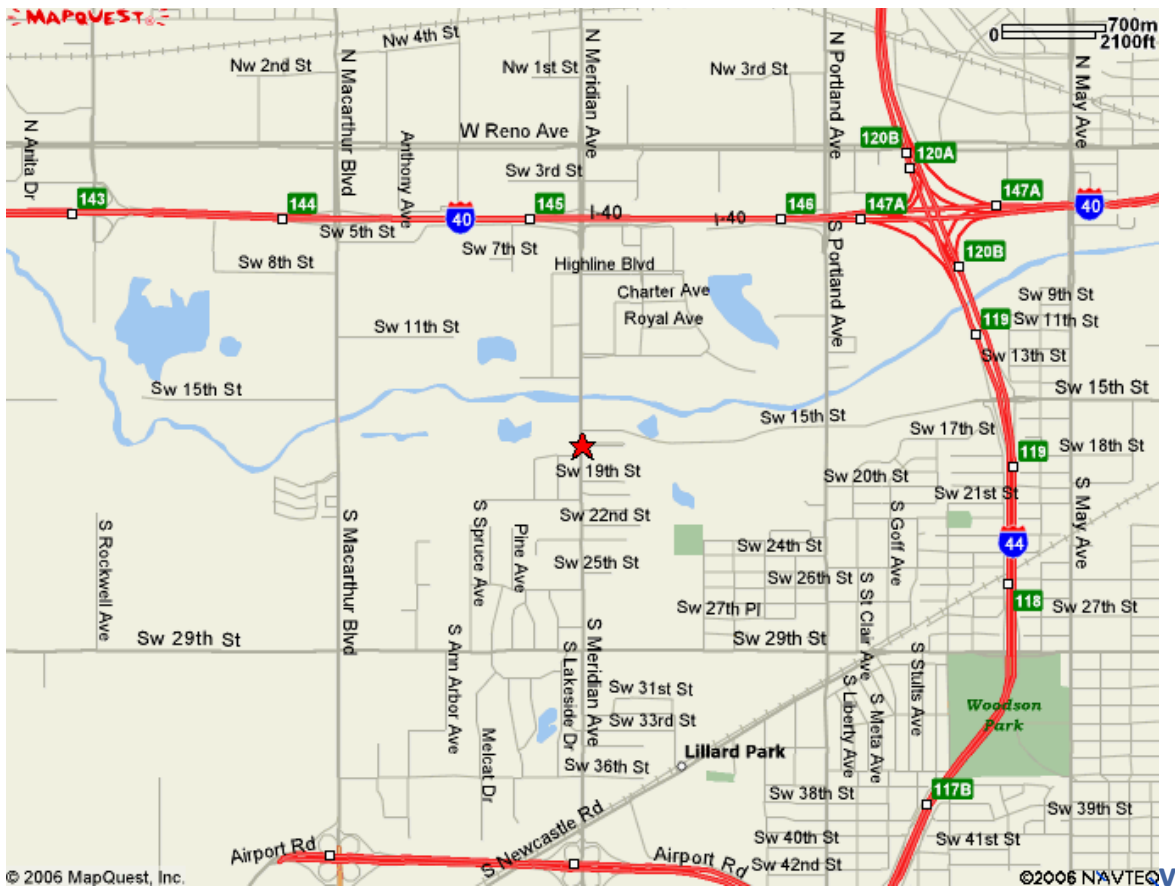


Amenities:

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| 24-hour front desk | Airport Transportation |
| Fitness Center | Gift Shop |
| Swimming Pool - Outdoor | Free Continental Breakfast |
| ATM Machine | Parking - Self |
| Internet Access - Free in room | Dry cleaning service, Laundry |
| Non-Smoking Facility | Business Center |
| Lounge/Bar (Happy Hour) | |

Embassy Suites Oklahoma City Hotel

1815 S. Meridian
Oklahoma City, OK 73108
405-682-6000



From the EAST

I44W to I35S to I40W. Take Exit 145. Turn left onto South Meridian Ave. Go 3 miles to Embassy Suites Hotel on the right. (past the Burger King)

From the NORTH

I35S to I40W. Take exit 145. Turn left onto South Meridian Ave. Go 3 miles to Embassy Suites Hotel on the right. (past the Burger King)

From the SOUTH

I35N to I240W (OKI 152/Airport Road) Take exit 116B. Go left 5 miles on South Meridian Ave. Embassy Suites Hotel will be on the left.

From the WEST

I40E to exit 145. Turn right onto South Meridian Ave. Go 2 miles. Embassy Suites Hotel on the right. (past Burger King)

DISTRICT MEETINGS AGENDA

FRIDAY, October 20		
6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Hotel Breakfast	
12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Registration	
12:00 p.m.– 2:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite Set up	Hospitality I/II
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite Open	Hospitality I/II
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Trade Fair setup	Pre-Convene
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	President and Treasurer Meeting	Ballroom IV
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Hotel Reception	
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Dinner	Ballroom A, B, C
7:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.	Break	
7:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies Inspiration – District II Honor Our Country--Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem	Ballroom A, B, C
8:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.	Governor’s Report	
8:45 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.	The Tater Family Credentials Report Recognition of South Central Region Board Recognition of Past District Directors Recognition of First Time Attendees Adjourn	
9:15 p.m.- 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite	Hospitality I/II
9:15 p.m. -11:00 p.m.	Trade Fair	Pre-Convene
SATURDAY, October 21		
8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.	Registration (Continues)	
7:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.	Hotel Breakfast	
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	District Meetings	District I – Ballroom IV District II – Ballroom B, C District III– Ballroom D
12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Break	

12:15p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Luncheon Inspiration – District III	Ballroom A, B, C
12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Speaker – Carol Hefner – Vice Chair of Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women	
1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Break	
1:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Workshop – Home Improvement	Ballroom A, B, C
4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Hands-on Service Project – Angels Foster Family Network	
4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite	Hospitality I/II
4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Trade Fair	Pre-Convence
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Hotel Reception	
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Dinner Banquet	Ballroom A, B, C
	Dress Code; Dressy but not cocktail. No jeans, shorts, sweats, pj's or flip flops please.	
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Inspiration – District I Soroptimist Grace Dinner Entertainment Soroptimist Pledge	
9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite	Hospitality I/II



Carol Hefner, Speaker

Ms. Carol Hefner was appointed to the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women by Oklahoma House Speaker, Charles McCall in 2021. In November, she was appointed to serve as Chair of the Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Due to her outstanding performance as chair of the event, on June 16, 2022, she was elected vice chair for the Commission. She is the president of HELM Investments LLC, and vice president of Cedars Commercial Real Estate and Development Company. Carol holds a license in commercial real estate with ACCESS Real Estate.

Carol is president of Galimaro Food Development LLC and is founder of the Aliya Hefner Pediatric Fellowship at OU Children's Hospital where she also serves on the Board of Advocates. Her civic involvement is vast and has encompassed positions of leadership across the state of Oklahoma for the past 39 years holding board responsibilities in 43 different non-profits which are primarily dedicated to the welfare of women, families, and children. Carol has recently been hired as regional coordinator for Notes Live and Anchutz Entertainment Group out of Colorado Springs.

Her credits include numerous appearances in television, including guest host of Discover Oklahoma and media representation of Oklahoma-based companies. She is a graduate of Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Science in Journalism. She and her husband, Robert of 39 years, are parents to 5 grown children and 12 grandchildren to whom she is "Nonnie." She regards her role as Matriarch to her growing family, her life's greatest work, and God's richest blessing.



District Meetings—Service Project

All Hands Needed



Angels Foster Family Network of OKC is a nonprofit 501©(3) corporation funded by private donations.

Donations are a crucial part of continuing their ability to offer a chance for hope for the abused and neglected children of the community.

Let's join together to help provide toddler girls entering foster care with new clothes to help them feel safe and loved. We are asking the following items to be brought or sent to the meeting by each club.

Toddler girls size 2T—6T

District 1 = Underwear and Socks

District 2 = Play clothes (shorts, pants, shirts)

District 3 = Pajamas

Website ideas:

Amazon.com

Walmart.com

Target.com

If your club is not able to bring your donations due to travel restrictions, you may have them shipped directly to: Jacque Sappington (SI Carthage)

2217 Bennett Wilson Dr.

Carthage, MO 64836

During the service project, we will also be writing "Warm Wishes" and "Sunshine" cards to be given to the Foster Moms when a child is welcomed into their home.



District Meetings Trade Fair

Guidelines

In accordance with Region Bylaws (Article XIII) of the South Central Region of Soroptimist International of the Americas, a trade fair may be held in conjunction with the SCR District Meetings. If the room in which the trade fair is to be held is not provided free of charge by the host hotel, then the booth reservation payments will be used to pay for the room rental. Participating clubs and individuals are expected to abide by the following guidelines:

1. Payment for space reservations and a fully completed reservation form must be submitted prior to the established deadlines, which are printed on the reservation form. Reservations submitted after the stated deadlines will be returned.
2. Time will be available on Friday of the meeting for participants to set up their displays.
3. The trade fair will be open only at times during which official meeting business is not being conducted. Thus, it will not be open during meals, business sessions, workshops and opening/closing ceremonies.
4. A designated person will oversee the trade fair and will have the only key to the trade fair room. Do **not** ask to use it!
5. If clothing is offered for sale, an attempt should be made to offer larger sizes in addition to the traditional small through large designations.
6. Items offered for sale must be in good taste. If the Soroptimist symbol or S logo, state flags, national flags, etc., are used, then they must be tastefully positioned on the articles. A licensing fee must be purchased from Soroptimist International of the Americas to use the S logo on items that are being sold. Permission must be received from Soroptimist International to use the original symbol with the lady holding the laurel leaves on items to be sold.
7. Opening and closing times will be announced and upheld.
8. Items to be sold are expected to be offered at the trade fair (not from cars or private hotel rooms).
9. The success of the trade fair depends on clubs following the guidelines and giving all attendees equal access to the products available.
10. Items to be sold must be on a "cash and carry" basis. Please avoid raffles of any type, in order to prevent any misunderstandings as to the beneficiary club of the funds raised.
11. Please do not apply "pressure tactics" on your customers. The trade fair is just as much an opportunity to advertise what each club does for fundraising as to actually sell items to each other.
12. Each club's and each individual's full cooperation is anticipated and expected to assure the success and continuation of the trade fair.

**South Central Region District Meetings Trade Fair
Reservation Form**

Club name, SI _____

Number of spaces desired (circle one) 1 2 3

Total payment of \$15 per space: \$ _____

\$5 late fee (if applicable) \$ _____

Total Remitted \$ _____

Description of items to be sold

Contact Person _____ Contact Phone _____

Email and Physical Address:

Make your check payable to "South Central Region Soroptimist." Remit with this reservation form to Ruth Parman along with District Meeting Registration.

Deadlines: Reservations must be postmarked no later than the deadline for the District Meetings Registration. A late fee of \$5 will be charged if postmarked one to three days after that date. No reservations will be accepted if postmarked four days after the District Meetings Registration deadline.