


Sept. 29, 1971

Dear Governor Charlotte

I am off to London on SIA business at the direction of President Ethel. But I am sure she will convey my best wishes as you all celebrate where it all began, and honor Founder President Violet. President Ethel speaking in Rome urged Soroptimists "to take from the past — its fire, not its ashes."

All of us who have been privileged to know Violet Richardson Ward, and Eloise Cushing and others of that first great club will be rich, indeed, if we can equal their fire of enthusiasm. What they are handing on to us is indeed an "eternal torch" of spiritual commitment to Soroptimist ideals.

Most sincerely,
Adelaide Blaetz, SIA Secy.



Dear Bess and all other
Soroptimist Pilgrims:

May this Pilgrimage mark but
the first mile in the continued
March of Soroptimist International
thruout the world.

lovingly

Alta D. Hengy.
Director of Southwestern
Region 1938-1940.



Oct. 6, 1971

Dear Bess -

It was a wonderful day and a wonderful Pilgrimage. You are to be congratulated - commended - praised! And I bet you're glad it is over.

Writing to Artha, Helen, Katherine Stinson, etc. Everyone was so helpful.

I bought an extra History but went another for my daughter Harsenate - now a Soroptimist in Pacific Region! Am enclosing a dollar and some stamps.

See you — at least
at Regional Conference.

Affectionately,
Bayonne

La Jolla - Calif.
September 24, 1971

A gallant salute to Southwestern
Region of the Sceptimist Federation of
the Americas, to our Founder President
Violet Richardson Wied and to all
Sceptimists in the Golden Anniversary
Pilgrimage at Oakland, October 3, 1971.

Special greetings to SIA President
Ethel Ford ~~and~~ S.I.A. President Katherine
Stinson and to Bess Combs, Chairman
of the Fiftieth Anniversary Committee.
I deeply regret not being with
you in person - a contribution
to the Sceptimist Foundation honoring
our first club and its Founder
President has been mailed to headquarters.

Have a happy day and look
towards a brilliant future for
Sceptimist International - Pres. SFA - 1960-62.
Dora J. Lewis



The Casa Club
Casa de Mañana
849 Coast Boulevard
La Jolla, California, 92037

Sept. 22, 1971

Dear Bess Combs -

Thanks for your personal
note on the announcement of the

Golden Anniversary Pilgrimage Oct. 3'd -

I would love to be there but two

things interfere - a plan made to visit
my family in the N.W. and some
difficulty with arthritis in hands, wrists and
rt. shoulder which slows me up on jobs I
have promised to complete

I remember with so much

appreciation Southwestern Regions handling of
the 62 SDA Convention; I know the

occasion will be beautiful and gay -
Congratulations to you on your ^{continuing} leadership.

Please put the enclosure with other

communications that are sure to come to
you from many sources - Perhaps there'll be a
scrapbook!
Love to you and to Southwestern Region friends -
Dora Stewart

10/6/71

Alan Bee:

Just a note of Congratulations
on a job so well done. How
glad you are it's over, but how
proud you must be for the
Success of the Pilgrimage. I enjoyed
every minute of it - only sorry more
of our members couldn't be present.

Also want to thank you for
allowing me to be in on a
little of the action. Thanks for
asking me to sell histories - I
picked up one for all of our members
& hope to see more to spread the
story.

Thanks again - Com. visit w. soon.

Sincerely,
Doris

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FEDERATION OF SOROPTIMIST CLUBS OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND IRELAND

20th September 1971

Miss Dorothea Mackenzie Whyte, Federation President, thanks Miss Charlotte Chichester and the Members of the Southwestern Region, Soroptimist Federation of the Americas, for the kind invitation to attend the 50th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Oakland, to witness the dedication of a bronze bust made in honour of dear Violet Richardson Ward.

Miss Whyte very much regrets that she cannot be present on this happy occasion but sends, on her own behalf and that of the members of her Federation, cordial good wishes to all participants and much love to Violet herself.

The Soroptimist Club of Berkeley, to which Violet now belongs, is a Friendship Link of the Soroptimist Club of Edinburgh of which Dorothea Whyte is herself a member. All members in Edinburgh, therefore, will have a very particular interest in this pilgrimage and dedication.

This message brings affectionate greetings to the first Honorary Member of Soroptimist International Association, but for whose vision, enterprise and courage the Association might never have come into being. The celebration this year of the Golden Jubilee of its foundation in Oakland is a proof, for all the world to see, of the abiding value of those objects which have inspired and challenged Soroptimists in all three Federations.

Dorothea Whyte

10/8/71

Dear Bess -

Just a note of great
thanks for all the work
you have done in making
the Golden Jubilee of
Optimism such a

resounding success. To
you and all your
Committee members,
again - Thank you.

Sincerely
Dottie Chandler
(Berkeley)

Miss Dorothy Luise Chandler



SCANDINAVIAN AIRLINES SYSTEM

ON BOARD ————— VIKING

Dear Bess -

Just a quick personal thank you
for a super 50th Anniversary
celebration - It was great! Everything
about it -

You and the committee are really
to be commended -

Thanks again - hope to see you
soon -

Yondly
Patricia Golam
Sacramento Club



Mrs. Everett O. Fenton

1224 East Escondido Drive, Phoenix, Arizona 85014

September 23, 1971

Charlotte Chishester, Governor
Southwestern Region, SFA, Inc.
Leamington Hotel
19th and Franklin Streets
Oakland, California 94612

*Banquet
Brunch*
*Leamington
I called Ted
by phone*
230
11

Dear Governor Charlotte:

This is to confirm my reservation for the Sunday Brunch, October 3 at Goodman Hall in Oakland, in accordance with my letter of September 10 in which I made a tentative reservation.

I have been looking for a reply from you regarding the hotel where other out-of-town Soroptimists would be on Saturday night. I understand that SFA President Katherine Stinson will be there and I would like very much to stay at whatever hotel or motel she and others would be.

Tomorrow I am flying to Irvine to visit my daughter until September 30 when I expect to head north. If you have time, I would appreciate very much a reply to my previous letter addressed to me

% Boyd Harris

18782 Via San Marco
Irvine, Calif. 92664

Phone: 714
833-0525

If Soroptimists will be getting together on Saturday evening in the San Francisco area, I would like to know. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elsie M. Fenton

Elsie M. Fenton, 1952-54 President
Soroptimist Federation of the Americas, inc.

September 29, 1971

Dear Governor Charlton —

All of us in North
Atlantic will be with you in
spirit as you celebrate the
Fiftieth Anniversary of our
founding, October 3, 1971

Sincerely

Guendolyn M. Hefter, Gov.



*Soroptimist Club
of Asbury Park*

guarantee
bank

North Carolina and Atlantic Avenue
Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401
609-345-3111

September 28, 1971

Mrs. Charlotte Chichester, Governor
Southwestern Region
1721 Inyo
Delano, California 93215

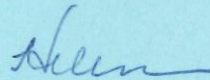
Dear Governor Charlotte:

Thank you for your kind invitation to attend the Fiftieth
Anniversary Pilgrimage to Oakland on Sunday, October 3, 1971.

I regret very much that I cannot be there. I am sure it
will be a lovely affair and I shall hate to miss it.

My warm personal greetings to all those who are helping
you to celebrate this great and joyous occasion.

Sincerely,



Helen C. Rathbun
Federation Treasurer

HCR/nef

Congratulations
Bess Combs on
an outstanding 50th
Anniversary - I am
sure the results exceeded

the expectations so
so happy that so
many histories girls were
sold - the girls were
wonderful - sold at
more can be soed at
the forthcoming meeting.

Everyone had a ball and
pleased with the program.
You truly did a magnificent
job - What are you
going to do for you
encore?
Fondly
Isabelle Fortale

Dear Bess -

Thought you should be again told how fine the "performance" was at Jack London Square - You're quite a gal, you know, and we all think so. I do hope you've tried to rest a bit since as I know the wear and tear on you, all the details as well as the suspense can be more than demanding. You and your committee are to be complimented highly - We love you, gal -

Jeannette