



# NOMINEE'S AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Complete all of the following autobiographical items. To be valid, every question must be answered. If more space is needed, use reverse side and indicate on this front page additional material has been written on the back.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

1) Full name: Ronald Weston

9) Education (check the highest level of schooling and enter years of schooling at that level):

High School \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate College MBA, D.Ed

Indicate colleges or universities attended and degrees earned: San Francisco State, Golden Gate University (BA, MBA), Nova Southeastern University (D.Ed)

10) Profession or occupation: Breuners, Store Manager, Division Manager, Contra Costa Community College Instructor, Division Chairperson, SVdP Contra Costa, Executive Director

11) Your experience as a member of the Society

Date of admission to active membership: 1992

List offices and positions held in the Society and years served in these capacities. Also list any important and unusual assignments carried out by you as an SVdP member:

Conference Member, St. Joan of Arc, 1992 to present; Executive Director, Contra Costa Council, 2005-2011; Member, Board of Directors, Contra Costa Council, 2011-2014, Conference Member, Hope Conference, 2011 to present; President, Hope Conference, 2012 to present

Assisted in establishing Conferences at St. Anne, Byron and Immaculate Heart, Brentwood

As Executive Director. facilitated the reallocation of space in Pittsburg Council Office and warehouse to allow for Loaves and Fishes Dining room, Rotocare Clinic, and Winters Night Program.

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12) List other significant achievements or involvement in civic, cultural, community service, and church activities:

Member of Tri-Valley Interfaith Council; St. Joan of Arc Gospel Justice Committee; Tri-Valley Leadership Group; Feed My Starving Children Project through Tri-Valley Interfaith Group; Refugee Relocation program. Oakland diocese . St. Joan of Arc.

Signature of Nominee:     *Row Weston*     Date:     7/5/17

## NOMINEE'S PLATFORM STATEMENT

The SVdP President serves for three years. This demands, on the part of the successful candidate, a major sharing of his/her available time and talents. On the part of the Society, a Presidential election involves the conferring of substantial authority to the chosen leader and implies confidence in his/her character and capabilities.

Before making such a choice, therefore, members ask you to set forth briefly what might be called a "Platform Statement". It must include:

- 1) Your views about the most urgent needs of our Society at this time;
- 2) The SVdP goals or objectives you would hope to achieve during your three-year term as President;
- 3) Some indication about how you would expect to reach these goals;
- 4) Any other "Platform" comments or observations that you consider to be important in relation to the growth and future of the Society.

Your "Platform Statement" may not exceed one side only of an 8 ½ by 11 typewritten page, single-spaced, with a half inch margin on all four sides.

**Please use the reverse side for your "Platform Statement".**

BEGIN by entering your signature: \_\_\_\_\_



RONALD WESTON  
PLATFORM STATEMENT

**Views about most urgent needs of our Society at this time.**

Improve relations and communications with Conference Presidents.

Expand the existing Board of Directors with persons of varied expertise to advise the Council.

Establish a fiscal responsible policy.

**Goals or objectives I hope to achieve during three-year term as President.**

Maintain the high standard of spirituality achieved over the last three years.

Reestablish adherence to the By-laws of Contra Costa District Council. ("The primary objective of this Corporation shall be to provide its member Conferences the opportunity for spiritual growth, fellowship and the opportunity to serve people in need." By-laws, Article 3)

Reallocate the District's reserve to better serve the Council, the conferences and the poor and needy individuals and families of our District.

Expansion of existing Board of Directors.

Expand the current national mentoring program to as many conferences as possible.

**How I expect to reach these goals**

Advise Conferences that all Board meetings are open to Conference Presidents. Minutes of all Board meetings will be distributed to all Conference Presidents.

Provide Council support and training for Conference Presidents on national mentoring program.

Ask each Conference President to recommend a member (or members) of their conference with specific expertise who might serve as Board members keeping in mind that "the top three board responsibilities are to hire (work with existing) the executive director, raise funds and see that the organization is fiscally sound." (SVdP Frederic's E-Gazette, 6-29-2017)

Recruit Board members from multiple conferences (see above) Assign existing and newly appointed board members responsibility for a specific program (eg. Spiritual growth, finance, real estate, fund development, staff mentoring, medical liaison with conferences and Rotocare, legal expertise, systemic change.) Provide a written job description for each responsibility. Require Board members to attend six Board meetings a year. Strongly recommend Board members attend six Council meetings a year.

Assign individual or Board members to research additional sources of income. Appoint a committee to study the reallocation of the reserve funds.

Strengthen and support the Spiritual Growth Committee.

**Additional comments:** see all of the above