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THE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My first report to you finds me still in the process of learning what has to be done as an RVP. I have many thoughts on how I can help Region 15 but getting them into action will be the test.

Foremost I need each and every member of Region 15 to help me. In order that the Region can be your Region I need to know what you expect of Region and what Region can do for you or your Society to make life in the iris world better.



My first Board meeting was held January 12th at the the home of Joe Daugherty. I want to thank Joe for his hospitality and for the use of his home. All elected officers, committee chairmen and Society Presidents were in attendance except for Tucson - they were busy electing officers that day. I felt much cooperation and support from the people that did attend. One major decision made was to send out three Regional Newletters per year. We hope this will keep you more in touch with your Region. We hope there can be more comradery between the Societies of the Region.

I invite each of you to attend the Region's Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration in April. Sun Country Iris Society is please to host this historic event in Arizona on the weekend of April 12, 13, 14, 1991. Besides the beautiful gardens you will visit, they are offering two, two-hour judges training sessions. Many of us need these AIS approved judges training schools in order to maintain our judges qualifications. Look for registration information in this newsletter and come to Arizona this Spring. Try it! You will like it!

In closing I would like to thank Ralph Strane for his leadership the past three years. He is a hard act to follow.

Please feel free to phone me or send me any ideas you have to make the Region bigger and better. I'm sure my main objectives are no different from the past RVP's but it takes all of us working together to accomplish this task.

See you in Arizona in April.

Bobbie

AIS REGION 15 GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS OF JANUARY 2, 1991

BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF 10/12/90

Checking Account	3347.29	
1 Certificates of Deposit	5000.00	

TOTAL		8347.29

RECEIPTS

CD Cashed in	5000.00
Interest on CD	190.92

TOTAL RECEIPTS	5190.92
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DISBURSEMENTS

CD	5000.00
RVP Fund	1000.00
Treasurer's Expense	15.22
RVP Expenses 1991	350.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	6365.22
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BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 2, 1991	7172.99	=====
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Checking Account	2172.99
Certificates of Deposit	5000.00

TOTAL	7172.99	=====
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AIS REGION 15 RVP FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS OF JANUARY 2, 1991

BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 12, 1990

RVP Certificate of Deposit	5900.00
RVP Savings Account	83.65

TOTAL as of October 12, 1990	5983.65
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RECEIPTS

From Region 15 Gen. Acct.	1000.00
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DISBURSEMENTS

BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 2, 1991	6983.65	=====
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Savings Account	1083.65
Certificate of Deposit	5900.00

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TUCSON IRIS SOCIETY

Tucson has recently elected a new slate of officers which includes their new President Bill Huffman. Their club has made some changes as they reorganize. They will be meeting the second Saturday in the months of February, March and May at 11:00 a.m. at the Tucson Public Library. Their Show is at Park Mall, April 13 and 14. We look forward to hearing more from you in our Summer Newsletter.

REGION 15 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

In lieu of individual club reports we are presenting a calendar of Show dates and special guest speaker meetings.

- Jan 26 - Saturday 1 - 3 p.m.
Hi Desert @ Palmdale Cultural Center
Nancy Webb - "Daylillies & Iris"
- Saturday 12:00 p.m.
So. Calif @ Arboretum, Arcadia
Jim McWhirter - "New Developments in Tall Bearded Iris"
- Feb 4 - Monday 7:00 p.m.
Inland @ Maruko Hotel, San Bernadino
RSVP Dinner 681-2806
Joe Ghio - "PCN's"
- Feb 5 - Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Sun Country @ Valley Garden Center
AZ Dept. of Agriculture "Fertilizers for Those Beautiful Plants & Trees"
- Feb 9 - Saturday 7:00 p.m.
San Diego @ Stardust Hotel
RSVP Dinner 264-8688
Bill Rinehart - "An Iris Primer"
- Feb 13 - Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
San Fernando @ Canoga Park Women's Club
Adete & Lewis Lawyer - "PCN's and Iris in Landscaping"
- Feb 23 - Saturday 1 - 3:00 p.m.
Hi Desert @ Palmdale Cultural Center
Bill Scott - "Aril Iris Presentation"
- Mar 2 - Saturday 12:00 p.m.
Inland @ Days Inn, Riverside
RSVP Lunch 681-2806
Howard Shockey - "Arils"
- Mar 5 - Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Sun Country at Valley Garden Center
Bill Maryott

- Mar 13 - Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
San Fernando @ Canoga Park Women's Club
Glenn Corlew - Developing TB & Spuria Lines
- Mar 23 - Saturday 1 - 3:00 p.m.
Hi Desert @ Palmdale Cultural Center
Beulah Robinson & Billie Stone
"Preparing Iris for Exhibition"
- Mar 30 - SHOW - Southern California
Ayres Hall - Arboretum, Arcadia
- SHOW - Sun Country
Early Iris Exhibit @ Valley Garden Center
- Apr 1 - Monday 7:00 p.m.
Inland @ Sizzler, Riverside
"Preparing Iris for Exhibition"
- Apr 10 - Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
San Fernando @ Canoga Park Women's Club
"Dress Rehearsal for AIS Sanction Show"
- APR 12-14 REGION 15 GOLDEN TREK, Scottsdale, AZ
- Apr 19-21 SHOW - San Fernando
Fashion Center, Northridge
- Apr 20-21 SHOW - Hi Desert
Senior Citizens Building, Courson Park
- SHOW - Sun Country
Maryvale Mall
- Apr 27-28 SHOW - Southern California
Inland @ Plaza Mall, Riverside
- Garden Trek - San Fernando
call (818)346-1912
- May 18-22 AIS NATIONAL CONVENTION
Washington, D.C.
- May 25 - Saturday 1 - 3:00 p.m.
Hi Desert @ Palmdale Cultural Center
George Sherman - Slides of Europe Trip

AIS REGION NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Good news! We will now be publishing three newsletters per year for the Region. It will mean a little more work for each club to get the information to us but we are hoping to bring you more news about the Region so that there can be more interaction between the Societies of Region 15. The Deadlines and Publication dates are as follows:

Deadline	Publication Date
Jan. 10	Feb. 1
May 10	June 1
Aug. 10	Sept 1

For our next publication I would like each club President to send in a report of your Show. We would like general information like the number of cultivars, who were the winners, both member and flower and any other information you would like to share. The deadline is May 10th. Sarah Holk has offered to help gather information from California for the newsletter. California clubs, please talk to her and get her the requested information, on time. Arizona clubs will send their information to me.

Besides the business that we print in each newsletter we will include a Calendar for the upcoming months so that you can visit other meetings if you want. We will have a listing of new AIS members, non-society members, that you may want to contact to visit your meetings. We will also have articles from in-Region hybridizers. Any suggestions, articles or information is welcome! If you can contribute to make this a better newsletter we want to hear from you!

Thank you to all club Presidents and officers who sent information for this newsletter on time, with very short notice.

See you at the Spring Trek!

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GREETINGS FROM SUN COUNTRY

Acting on behalf of the Executive Board and members of Sun Country Iris Society, I extend an invitation to you to share with us the "1991" Golden Trek", commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Region 15 of the American Iris Society. In celebration of this very special event, Sun Country, Host of the Trek, has planned a weekend of FUN, FRIENDSHIP and RELAXATION.

The Trek Committee has worked many "suns" to ensure you enjoyment of the garden tours, and just imagine - food, beverages and resort accommodations are included in your daily room rate!!

In 1990, the Valley of the Sun experienced both the hottest and coldest days of record. However, neither we nor the iris seem to have been affected by it. In fact Mother Nature has admonished the Sun Devil and has promised us that she is preparing to treat you to a Golden Showcase of color and bloom.

This is a special time and we would be honored to share it with you and yours. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

Peggy Morpew
President

SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY

IS PLEASED TO HOST

REGION 15 GOLDEN TREK

April 12-14, 1991

Embassy Suites Hotel
5001 North Scottsdale Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85253
602-949-1414
800-528-1456

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 12

- 3:00 - 5:00 Board Meeting
- 5:00 - 7:00 Registration Packet Pick-up
- 7:30 - 9:00 General Meeting

Saturday, April 13

- 6:00 - 6:30 Registration Packet Pick-up
- 7:00 - 11:00 Tour three gardens
- 11:30 - 1:00 Lunch, Monti's La Casa Vieja
- 2:00 - 4:00 Judges Training: Ralph Strane
Awards and Ballots
- 4:00 - 8:00 Leisure time to enjoy nearby
sight-seeing and shopping
Dinner on your own
- 8:00 - 10:00 Judges Training: Terry Aitken
Judging Tall Bearded Irises

Sunday, April 14

- 7:00 - 11:00 Tour three gardens
- 1:00 - 2:30 Farewell and Awards Luncheon,
Embassy Suites Hotel

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

Trek Registration: \$50.00 By March 15
\$60.00 After March 15

Registrations received by March 15th will be entered in a special drawing for a 56" x 70" hand crocheted afghan.

Embassy Suites: \$90.00 Single/Double, per day
\$10.00 Each additional person

(Rates are subject to state and local taxes.)

The Embassy offers complimentary airport shuttle service, a full breakfast each morning, and happy hour each evening.

Make your reservations with the Embassy by March 12th. Requests received after this date will be on a space availability basis only.

If you wish to extend your stay, the special rate applies two days before and after the Trek, on a space availability basis only.



Mail Trek Registration and check payable to
SUN COUNTRY IRIS SOCIETY to: Gloria M. Beatty
7339 West Turney Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85033

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE OF BIRTH _____

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SUN COUNTRY NEWS!

This year has certainly flown by so far - I'm sure it's due in part to all the activities Sun Country is involved in.

Our 'biggest challenge' is the hosting of the Region 15 Trek to be held on April 12, 13 and 14 in Scottsdale, Arizona. We are very proud of the Committee's efforts and are really anxious to share the 'goodies' with you all. So come on over!

Are we dedicated irisarians? I would say so - Sun Country held our January meeting on 1-1-91. That's right - New Year's evening. Our guest speaker was hybridizer Charles Jenkins of Salinas, CA who tantalized us with slides of his spuria seedlings and introductions. Our program on March 5 will feature a talk by Bill Maryott - alleluia. Do you realize just how long we've tried to coordinate dates with this man? Success at last!

We're also planning an Early Exhibit on March 30, 31. This is a public display in cooperation with many other local flower clubs. Ribbons will be awarded by Popular Choice vote. Then on April 20th we will sponsor an AIS approved Iris Show. This will be held at Maryvale Mall in West Phoenix.

May will see many of us jetting to the National Convention in Washington, D.C. Gadzooks - busy, busy, busy.

I met the Board and representatives of the clubs in the Region. Sharing of ideas and methods will result in a bigger, better and stronger Region. Take care - See you in April at the Golden Trek - great fun and great memories!

Peggy Morphew
President

NEWS FROM OUR NEWEST CLUB!
ORANGE COUNTRY IRIS AND DAYLILY SOCIETY

January first marks the beginning of the new year for the Orange County Iris and Daylily Society. Our election is in November and our officers assume their duties in January. We are looking forward to an exciting year with Gene Strawn, of Garden Grove, as our President-elect. Gene has been a member of AIS for years and is an expert and enthusiastic gardener and hybridizer. He enjoys making crosses and growing seedlings, with many successes, especially in miniature roses.

Our recording secretary, Ruth Greiner, also of Garden Groves, is continuing in that capacity and as able editor of our monthly bulletin. Herman Ulrich, of Westminster, has been our hard-working treasurer for seven years. We are fortunate to have Ralph Strane and Jay Conklin as members of our club; their past experience in National and Regional AIS activities is most helpful.

Our big plant sale of the year will be coming up in a few months at the Fullerton Arboretum Green Scene. We never have enough irises for the sale since it is always held in iris-bloom season, but we instill a lot of interest in the cultivation of such blooming irises as we have on display, while we are selling hundreds of daylilies. This year we plan to have more irises in pots and hope they may be in bloom.

Our club meetings are gatherings of friendly, helpful, and generous dirt gardeners, always joyful to be getting together each month. Our monthly plant table is very popular, and our three annual potluck suppers are highlights. We all share in the sorrow when we lose one of these friends. In 1990, Jack MacFarlane, a charter member, and Fred Koehler, our vice president, both died of cancer, and they are sorely missed.

However, our club does keep growing, and the invitation is always out to one and all to visit or join us. We meet every month on the second Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church, 11832 Euclid, Garden Grove (except for summer potlucks in the gardens of members.)

Martha MacFarlane
Corresponding Secretary

AIS REGION 15 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
January 12, 1991 at the home of Joe Daugherty

Attending: Hi Desert: Pat Girl & Cal Bostwick
San Diego: Hazel Carson & Dorothy Driscoll
Inland: Joe Daugherty & Herb Holk
Orange County: Gene Strawn
San Fernando: Don Cunningham
So. California: Jim Jones
Sun Country: Peggy Morpew
RVP: Bobbie Shepard
Asst. RVP & Judges: Bill Rinehart
Treasurer: Pete DeSantis
Secretary: Jeanne Clay Plank
Past RVP: Ralph Strane
Newsletter & Membership: Vicki Day
Ass't Newsletter: Sarah Holk

The meeting was called to order by RVP Shepard. Minutes were read, corrected and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved. Regarding disposition of Region monies it was moved and seconded that the Treasurer place \$700 from the RVP Fund into a checking account without service fees and the balance be placed into a 90 day CD; and that the General Fund \$5000 CD be rolled over into a 90 day CD and the interest earned be placed into the General Fund checking account. Motion carried.

RVP Shepard stated that her goals as RVP are to obtain more AIS members and to do more for our members. She noted committee changes as follows: Asst. RVP, Bill Rinehart will also serve as Judges Training Chairman and Vicki Day will serve as Newsletter and Membership. Presidents can contact Vicki and she will print labels for them for any AIS function. A membership data base is being compiled on computer so that we will have Region 15 AIS members, non-members, addresses, phone #, club affiliations, judge status and renewal dates for AIS membership. This information is available for any club. A motion was made, seconded and passed for Region 15 to pick up the cost for providing mailing labels when requested by a Region 15 affiliated club for use in promoting a Region 15 activity.

Sarah Holk will be assistant editor of the newsletter. She will help Vicki gather information for the newsletter. Ollie Rust will be the Youth Chairman.

RVP Shepard brought up the Region 15 brochure which was authorized two years ago but never compiled. She will compile the brochure with information regarding each club's meeting time, date and place. This will be sent to new Region 15 AIS members with the hope of getting them involved in Society activities.

Bill Rinehart will be organizing a master calendar for Region 15 events. It will include meeting information; special events hosted by clubs; and garden or horticultural events occurring within the Region.

Discussion was held on scheduling Region meetings. It was also noted the importance of clubs hosting Spring Treks to purchase iris for the Region. Region iris are distributed to Region clubs for auctioning in the Fall and are the major source of Region income.

It was discussed and agreed that we will publish three newsletters per year.

Treasurer Pete DeSantis presented his budget recommendations. After much discussion a budget was approved. It was discussed that we need to increase our income to cover our anticipated expenses, an increase of \$500. Ralph Strane volunteered to conduct a fund raising raffle at the Fall meeting. Sarah Holk suggested conducting a rhizome sale, also at the Fall meeting.

RVP Shepard announced that she would like to hold a longer Board meeting than is customary at the Spring Trek in order to formalize ideas started at today's meeting. She is scheduling an Executive Board meeting for 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 12.

The formal business meeting was adjourned. Presidents and chairmen gathered into small groups to discuss their mutual interest and to exchange ideas on how best to make the Region work better for the members.

Respectfully submitted.

Jeanne Clay Plank

AIS REGION 15 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING October 12, 1990, Embassy Suites Motel

Attending: Sun Country: Peggy Morphew
San Fernando: Don Cunningham
So. California: Jim Jones
Inland: Joe Daugherty
Hi Desert: Cal Bostwick
Asst. RVP: Bobbie Shepard
Treasurer: Pete DeSantis
Secretary: Jeanne Clay Plank
Newsletter: Vicki Day
Nominating: Sarah Holk
Judges Training: Cal Bostwick

The meeting was called to order by RVP Strane. Minutes from the February Executive Board meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Pete DeSantis gave his report noting balance in all four accounts is \$14,330.94.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize the treasurer to roll over the RVP CD, add earned interest plus \$1000 from the General Fund for a term of 90 days.

Bobbie Shepard brought up the scheduling of the January Exec. Board meeting. The date of Saturday, January 12, 1991 was chosen. The treasurer is to bring a proposed budget to this meeting.

Vicki Day asked for direction regarding reprinting of the By-Laws with recently approved changes. LaVern Conrad was appointed to work on this with Vicki.

Joe Daugherty announced the roster of guest speakers for Inland in the upcoming year.

Incoming RVP Bobbie Shepard requested a copy of each club's most recent membership list. Sarah Holk brought up the need for each club to know which and how many of its members are AIS members. Vicki Day pointed out that she has on computer, Region 15's AIS members and that this list can be made available to club presidents.

Meeting adjourned.

Jeanne Clay Plank, Secretary

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 13, 1990
Embassy Suites Motel, Arcadia, CA

Meeting was called to order by RVP Ralph Strane.

RVP Strane called on Sarah Holk, Nominating Committee Chairman, who submitted the Committee's recommended slate of officers for the coming year:

Bobbie Shepard, RVP
Bill Rinehart, Asst. RVP
Jeanne Clay Plank, Secretary
Pete DeSantis, Treasurer

There being no nominations from the floor, RVP Strane asked for a motion that the slate be elected by acclamation. It was so moved and seconded. Motion carried.

Outgoing RVP Ralph Strane called up the individual members of his executive board and gave each of them a framed certificate, documenting his/her help to Region 15 and to him, during his administration, and expressing his thanks for that help.

A whimsical "Coronation" of the newly elected RVP was conducted by Ollie Rust at the request of RVP Stane so that there could be no doubt that the "transfer of power" had indeed taken place.

Ardi Kary, Region 15 Spring Trek chairman, gave a presentation of the 1991 Spring Trek, which will be held in Phoenix and which will be called "The Golden Trek" in honor of Region 15's Golden Anniversary.

Following the "Golden Trek" presentation, the meeting was turned over to the host for today's activities, The Southern California Iris Society President, Jim Jones, introduced Allen Ensminger, noted hubridizer from Nebraska who served as the morning's knowledgable judges training instructor and the afternoon's charming and enlightening guest speaker.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Clay Plank, Secretary

AIS REGION 15 - 1991 PROPOSED BUDGET

ESTIMATED INCOME

Iris Auction Receipts	2475.00
Interest from CD	400.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME	2875.00
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EXPENDITURES

Newsletters	1300.00
Spring Meeting for Judges Training	150.00
Fall Meeting for Judges Training	150.00
RVP Expenses	350.00
Iris for Spring Trek 1993	500.00
Judges Training	100.00
Bank Service Charges	25.00
Labels for Clubs' Region Activities	50.00
Calendar	50.00
Miscellaneous	200.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES	2875.00
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RVP FUND PROPOSED BUDGET 1991

ESTIMATED INCOME

Interest from CD	560.00
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EXPENDITURES

RVP Expenses	700.00
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DEFICIT	(\$140.00)
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