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President's message

Soroptimist International of Bellflower

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President Susan

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December is upon us and what that means to the members of Soroptimist International of Bellflower is that we have just finished our biggest fund raiser of the year – our fashion show. The fashion show was held at the Long Beach Marriott on November 5. The theme was “Around The World In Fashion” From the cute give aways of balloon bookmarks to the beautiful balloon centerpieces; the music; the clothing from Drapers, the beautiful programs and of course the vendors (more vendors than ever before, thanks to our new location and Nancy’s hard work!)

This year we had our own members as models and they were fabulous! We had the largest turnout we have had in years and we hope to top that next year! If you haven’t checked out our club’s Facebook page, you need to do that to see the video of the event. It is wonderful to see. We are all so busy working the event that sometimes it hard to get the big picture of how the event looks to attendees. This year it looked and felt swanky and classy! Thanks to every single member that worked soo hard to put this event together. It is through your hard work that we are able to hold this event and raise even more money for those organizations and individuals that we help.

In this season of giving and reflecting on the past, as we look toward our future, I would like to say that I personally give thanks to each and every one of the members of Bellflower Soroptimists for all that you do. For your time, your talent and your heart. You truly are “**Making A World of Difference**”

President Sue

Christmas gifts that we gave to the women and children of Su Casa ~Ending Domestic Violence and the women of Little House, Recovery Home. Every woman and child walked away with smiles on their faces and joy in their hearts. Thank you Soroptimists for a job well done!



December 10 is Soroptimist International's Human Rights Day.

Our club name is Soroptimist *International* of Bellflower. We are part of global volunteer movement working together to transform the lives of women and girls. Our network of over 75,000 club members in 133 countries and territories works at a local, national and international levels. Our SI President’s Appeal, brings together the Soroptimist global membership with one project, one focus – to educate, empower or enable the most vulnerable. In 2015-2017 this is delivered through ‘Educate to Lead: Nepal’, supporting women and girls recovering from the devastating earthquakes of 2015. The projects within the Appeal, each focus on education as the tool for economic empowerment; seeking to prevent trafficking; to support the universal rights of education, employment and to help others live in dignity without fear or violence. Soroptimists **stand up** for the rights of women and girls in Nepal through our SI President’s Appeal project work.

Upcoming Dates For SI Bellflower

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| 2/13/17 | Club Program Meeting – Executive Director of Su Casa |
| 3/4/17 | Quartermania Fund Raiser |
| 3/13/17 | Club Program Meeting – Water District |
| 3/20/17 | Club Business Meeting |
| 3/25/17 | Las Vegas Night Fund Raiser |