



# Laurel Leaf



*President's message*

*Soroptimist International of Bellflower*

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*President Susan*

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We welcome Fall as we prepare for our biggest club fund raiser – our fashion show. Members have been at work for months already. Invitations have been sent; centerpieces created; silent auction and raffle basket items are being gathered. Vendors are submitting their applications to be a part of our event; models are setting up appointments to try on their clothes that they will wear down the runway. Whew...are we ever busy!

But it's a good busy because it is through this event that we raise a majority of the money we make throughout the club year. And it is with these funds that we are able to help those individuals in need of a helping hand as well as support local organizations within our community.

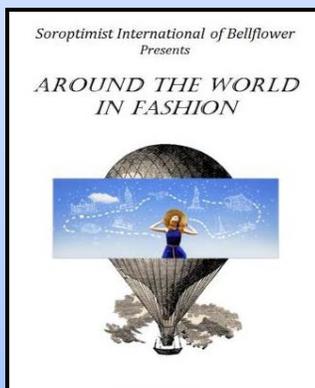
Thank you to all of the members of Soroptimist International of Bellflower who are working so hard to make this the success I know it will be. *You* are working to make dreams come true! *You* are the reason we exist. Without you, doing all that you do, we could not do what we do to make the differences in so many lives. Thank you!!

*President Sue*

**November 5, 2016 – SAVE THE DATE!**

**Our Fashion show will be at the Long Beach Marriott. New, classier venue; more vendors; club members as models; new clothing line being viewed; great raffle baskets as well as silent auction items.**

**A Sneak Peek at the Program Cover for the Fashion Show**



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October is the month we, as Soroptimists, celebrate "**Founder's Day**". Founder's Day is October 3, which acknowledges the day in 1921 when the first club in Alameda County, California, called to order its first business meeting. **Founders Pennies**, an important Soroptimist tradition, is often linked to Founders Day. Each year, every Soroptimist is offered the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution of six pennies for each year of Soroptimists existence. These contributions directly fund SIA's annual programs such as the Women's Opportunity Awards, and Soroptimist Club Grants.

The Founder Pennies tradition began in World War II as the Madame Noel Fund, which collected one penny for each year of Soroptimist's existence, and used the money to help re-establish clubs in Europe that had disbanded as a result of pre-war political conditions and the war itself. Founders Pennies are now used to fund SIA's programs that support Soroptimist's mission to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world.

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***A global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment***