



January 2012

Soroptimist International of Bellflower

P.O. Box 301, Bellflower, CA 90707

Chartered May 2, 1953

Laurel Leaf



President's Message:

"Making a Difference, One Woman At A Time."

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The message for this month is not meant to be disheartening to you but more of a message of what our focus needs to be in the coming months. This is the time of year when many people make resolutions and set goals for themselves. The same is true for our Bellflower Soroptimist Club. Our goal for this New Year is to let more women in on the secret that is Soroptimist. We need to share with those we know and those we meet, what the Bellflower Soroptimist club is; what it is that we do and the difference that we make in so many lives. And more importantly, why it moves us so much. Why being a member and being involved, has become our passion.

Think about it. What is it about being a member that moves you? Is it the 4 year scholarships we give to girls going to college? Is it helping a woman to re-enter the job force or continue her education so that she can make a difference? Is it the hands-on involvement we have with Soroptimist Village – the housing facility that we helped build and that provides housing for men and women that would otherwise be homeless? Is it helping the local charities in our community? Is it being part of a global force that helps women all over the world? **Whatever it is, we each need to tell others about us – about Bellflower Soroptimists.** We need to get more women as members. We have supporters but if we don't get more members then I see an end to this club and all the good that we do. The rules of this organization are clear and state that we must maintain a specific number of members and if we do not, we lose our charter. That means the club ends. All the charities and organizations that we support, the scholarships we give and all the good we do, will stop. *(Continued on Page Two)*

2011-2012

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President's Message (continued)

Charles Malik said *"The fastest way to change society is to mobilize the women of the world"*. We don't need to mobilize the women of the world; we need to mobilize the women of our community. We need women who want to become a part of something bigger than themselves; who take joy in knowing that the few hours they may spend each month is really making a difference to so many women.

We've said it before – Soroptimist is the world's best kept secret. But this is a secret that needs to be shared. So please make another New Year's resolution to share the joy that you get by being a Soroptimist member. Tell your friends, your neighbors, your family and your co-workers about how good you feel and the difference you make by being a member of this great club. THEN, invite them to a meeting. Bring them. Spread the joy that you get – bring in a new member!

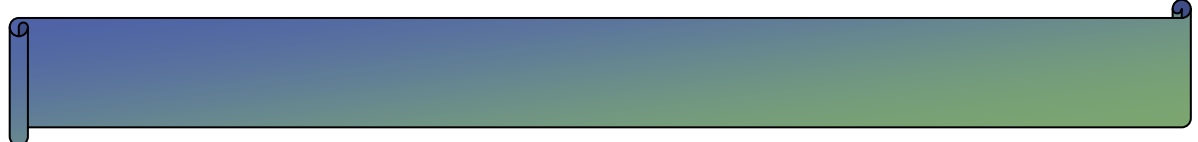
Keep up the great work. Know that each and every one of you does make a difference, one woman at a time!



President Sue

L to R: Cecily Seabourn, Doreen Robbins, Terri Williams, Susan Held, Deana Porter, & Marcie Raphael.

2009 Leadership Training Retreat



Bellflower

Soroptimists / Noon Lions

present



LAS VEGAS NIGHT!

Saturday, March 31th, 2012

Simms Park—16614 Clark Ave., Bellflower

Dinner: 5:30—7:30 pm

Casino: 6:00—10:00 pm



\$25 Donation (\$30 at the door)

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MEMBER NEWS



Many of you already know that Cecily lost her beloved Shauna earlier this month. Following family tradition, she and her daughter, Tina, and son-in-law Eric took the “Tigger Trek” up to Pacific Grove where they then scattered Shauna’s ashes in the stream nearby. Cecily wanted to highly recommend the place where they stay, which is Andril’s Fireplace Cottages, which is “dog friendly” and a lovely place to stay. She also would like you all to visit her on Saturday, March 10th, at 7:00AM for the annual GARAGE SALE to benefit her rescue organization. This will be at her home in Cerritos. Ask her for a flyer.



Susan Held was extremely busy during December. She has been remodeling her new home in Fullerton, getting it ready for the holiday celebrations, with Barney’s family due into town to stay with them, starting the Sunday before Christmas. Terri’s contractor husband, Steve, and his crew, were on hand to get the job done, a little more than 12 hours the day before her guests arrived. She has also been doing work on her previous residence in Downey, so all in all it was a very stressful and hectic time for her!



Vicky Daniels had a birthday celebration in December, but not just a celebration, a HUGE milestone birthday celebration! I’m going to play it safe here by not mentioning what the milestone was (you can ask her yourself) and I’ll just tell you that some of our members were able to attend a very lovely event, with children and their spouses, grandchildren, ex-husbands, co-workers, neighbors, and all sorts of people who know and love Vicky. The event was held at the American Legion in the Newport Beach area. **Congratulations, Vicky!!**



JANUARY / FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

SUSAN HELD

JANUARY 15

SALLY PENDLETON

JANUARY 20

LUCINDA SAUNDERS

JANUARY 28

JAN SNIP

FEBRUARY 24





Calendar of Events

- Tuesday, January 3, 2012 Business Meeting, at NOON, at the church
- Tuesday, January 10, 2012 Program Meeting, at NOON, at the church
- Tuesday, January 24, 2012 Night Program Meeting, 6PM, at the Chamber
- Tuesday, February 7, 2012 Board Meeting, at 11:30AM, at the church
- Tuesday, February 7, 2012 Business Meeting, at NOON, at the church
- Tuesday, February 14, 2012 ***Opening Our Hearts to the Community!***

*We Need Your
RSVP'S!*

by February 7, Please



- Tuesday, February 28, 2012 Night Program Meeting, 6PM, at the Chamber
- Tuesday, March 6, 2012 Board Meeting, at 11:30AM, at the church
- Tuesday, March 6, 2012 Business Meeting, at NOON, at the church
- Tuesday, March 13, 2012 Program Meeting, at NOON, at the church
- Tuesday, March 27, 2012 Night Program Meeting, 6PM, at the Chamber
- Saturday, March 31, 2012 ***LAS VEGAS NIGHT!! 5:30PM, Simms Park***



Women's Opportunity Awards

The Women's Opportunity Awards program is Soroptimist's major women's education project. Through the program, clubs in 19 countries and territories assist women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills, and employment prospects.

Each year, more than \$1.5 million is disbursed through cash awards at various levels of the organization. Recipients of the Women's Opportunity Awards, many of whom have overcome enormous obstacles including poverty, domestic violence, and drug and alcohol abuse, may use the awards to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education, such as books, childcare and transportation.

Eligible applicants must be women who provide the primary financial support for their families, and who are enrolled in or have been accepted to a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Only residents of Soroptimist International of the Americas' 19 member countries and territories are eligible to apply.

Since the Women's Opportunity Awards program began in 1972, about \$25 million has been disbursed to help tens of thousands of women achieve their dreams of a better life for themselves and their families. In 2007, the Women's Opportunity Awards received the Associations Advance America Summit Award—ASAE & The Center for Association Leadership's highest level of recognition.

For more information about the Women's Opportunity Award, please visit <http://www.soroptimist.org>.

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