

January, 2014

Board of Directors

President:

Susan Held

Vice-President:

Vicky Daniels

Recording Secretary:

Deana Porter

Corresponding Secretary:

Doreen Robbins

Treasurer:

Robin Ordoqui

Directors/Delegates:

Deana Porter

Terri Williams

Marcie Raphael

Newsletter Editor: Susan Held

**Soroptimist International of
Bellflower was chartered on
May 2, 1953**

For more information about the
Bellflower Soroptimist Club, be
sure to check out our website:

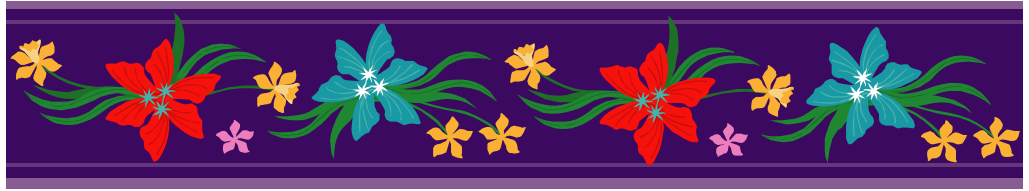
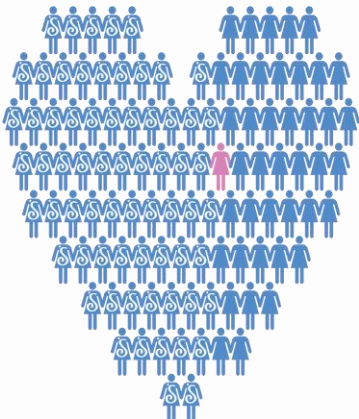
<http://www.soroptimistbellflower.org>

and go to our Facebook page and
"Like" us!

**Bellflower Soroptimists
PO BOX 301
Bellflower, CA 90706**

Our theme this year is:

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



Soroptimist International Of Bellflower

**A service organization made up of women who strive to make a difference
for women and girls in local communities and throughout the world**

Presidents Message:

It's a new year; a time of resolutions and a time for setting new goals. I can't say that the Bellflower Soroptimists will set new goals, though we will continue to work on the goals we set at the beginning of our club year. We said we would work on increasing membership and I am happy to say that we have another 2 members that have joined. That makes 4 new members so far. Let's keep it up and bring in even more members. You know the saying, the more the merrier! Welcome to our new members!

Another goal we had was to work on increasing the revenue we bring in. The reason for that is the more we make, the more we give away and we love to give our money away to deserving women and girls. Towards that goal we had a great brainstorming session at the beginning of the month and are looking at some fun, new fund raisers to have. So be sure to check out our future newsletters; our club website and Facebook account to see what we have in store.

May you each have a happy, healthy new year!

President Sue



Be sure to check out our club's website and our Facebook page

www.soroptimistbellflower.org

**Soroptimist is a volunteer organization for business and professional women who
work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and
throughout the world.**

Bellflower Soroptimist Club News:

New Member Inducted



Meet our 3 new members!
From Left to right:
Gina; President Sue; Kim and Teri

Soroptimists at our January 4 party. We inducted Gina at this event. Welcome Gina!

Meet our newest member:

Gina Herndon is retired and the mother of 3 adult children. Gina is excited to join Soroptimists and says she wants “to do good for other people” as well as meet other like-minded women. We welcome Gina into our club. It is great to have new people in the club. With new members comes new enthusiasm and new ideas. Gina was at our January brainstorming meeting and came up with some great new ways we can raise money. Thanks Gina, for the ideas and the checking into them for us! We are happy that you have joined our club and will be helping us to improve the lives of women and girls in our local community and around the world!

Saturday - February 1, 2014 Club meeting.

What?! A meeting on Saturday? What’s going on? Well, it’s a new year and we are changing things up a bit. We will have some of our evening meetings on Saturdays so that we can have those members who are unable to make our day meetings or unable to attend a week-night meeting can still come to a meeting and be a part of the group. In addition to the meeting, we will then have dinner and relax and have some more fun.

This meeting will be hosted by our new member Kim and will highlight her business. Kim is an independent product consultant for a company called doTERRA. What exactly is that you may ask. Well let us share....

doTERRA™ Essential Wellness is a company founded on a wellness philosophy of healthy lifestyle choices and informed proactive participation in one's own healthcare alternatives. doTERRA's Certified Pure Therapeutic Grade™ essential oils and other wellness products are specifically formulated to support a wellness philosophy of eating right, exercising, resting and managing stress, and reducing toxic load. doTERRA also teaches informed self-care alternatives and encourages people to take a proactive role in their medical care. Our mission as a company is to teach people to live more healthy, productive lives and to share with others the blessing of a lifetime of wellness.

Kim will have products for us to see and learn about as well as share information with us about the difference that using these essential oils can make in your lives. So come to the meeting, bring a friend, enjoy dinner and camaraderie! Hope to see you there.

**March 29th is our next Fund Raiser – LAS VEGAS NIGHT!
SAVE THE DATE and JOIN US!**

It's BAAACK....The annual joint fund raiser that the Bellflower Soroptimists hold with the Bellflower Noon Lions. It will be Saturday, March 29 at Simms Park in Bellflower. Cost is \$25 and includes dinner and \$100 "Gambling – Funny Money". Dinner starts at 5:30 and the Casino opens at 6 and goes till 10:00 p.m. Local Soroptimists and Noon Lions are selling tickets now!

Bellflower
Soroptimists / Noon Lions
present



LAS VEGAS NIGHT!

Saturday, March 29th, 2014
Simms Park—16614 Clark Ave., Bellflower
Dinner: 5:30—7:30 pm
Casino: 6:00—10:00 pm

\$25 Donation
\$30 at the door - NO Will-Call
Includes Dinner
and \$100 Gambling "Funny Money"



Lots of Great Door Prizes!
Good Food, Good Company!
SooooOOOOO Much Fun !!



For additional info & tickets, call
Jerry Miller 562-925-5005 x 222

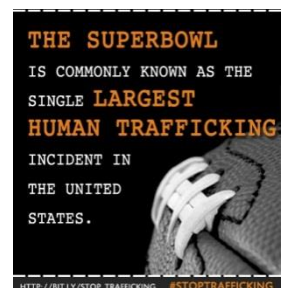
Soroptimist Federation News

ACT NOW: STOP Trafficking during the Super Bowl!

Soroptimist believes that trafficking is one of the most important issues affecting women and girls globally. To that end, we have launched a project called Soroptimists Stop Trafficking, which aims to raise awareness about the problem of sex trafficking, and urges communities to take action to prevent and end it. Think slavery is a thing of the past? Think again. According to the United Nations, about 2.5 million people around the world are ensnared in human trafficking at any given time.

Sex trafficking does not take place "somewhere else" to "someone else." Sex trafficking takes place in your country and affects women and girls just like your mother, your sister, your daughter, and yourself. There are more slaves in the world today than ever before in history.

Did you know this?! The Super Bowl is more than just football, parties, food and friends. It is also considered to be the single largest human trafficking incident in the United States. While some will be forced or coerced to work in restaurants, hotels, and other businesses that will see increased business from football fans attending the Super Bowl, nearly all of the women and girls trafficked to the area will be forced to sell sex. Sex trafficking is a major issue across the United States year-round, but this event brings it to the forefront. It also poses an opportunity to catch the traffickers and rescue the victims.



THE SUPERBOWL
IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE
SINGLE **LARGEST**
HUMAN TRAFFICKING
INCIDENT IN
THE UNITED
STATES.

[HTTP://BIT.LY/STOP_TRAFFICKING](http://bit.ly/stop_trafficking) #STOPTRAFFICKING

Soroptimist International News:

a global voice
for women

Soroptimist International



Birthing in the Pacific - Celebrating SI's 2011-2013 President's Appeal! *How has this appeal helped make a difference? Here's a recap:*

- **Every day in PNG 3 women die due to complications of pregnancy/childbirth.**
- **For every woman who dies, about 30 sustain significant disability.**
- **45 out of every 1000 babies born will not live to see their first birthday.**

Two years ago Past President Alice Wells of Soroptimist International read these statistics and believed that it didn't have to be this way.

These thoughts were converted into action and Alice chose the 'Birthing in the Pacific' project, established by SI South West Pacific, as her President's Appeal 2011 – 2013. This Appeal, which has now run for 2 years, has been life changing for women and their children in Papua New Guinea.



What Birthing in the Pacific aimed to do was improve mothers' and babies' chances in Papua New Guinea by training birth attendants and clinicians, educating women and communities, improving equipment and facilities, and working closely with health departments to introduce international best practice.

Over the last 2 years Village Birth Attendants (VBA's) have trained and graduated. These VBA's are now saving the lives of women and children and will continue to carry out their work and train others so that the cycle of safe care can continue. The VBA's are now monitoring the situation within their communities which was something that had not been done before.

Hard to reach communities have been accessed and awareness raised about the importance of maternal healthcare. New equipment has been purchased and distributed to midwives and health centres around the country ranging from neo-natalie dolls to new beds. In September 2012 the project had raised US \$275,000. **Now the total has reached a whopping US \$518,858. Way to go Soroptimists! Now that is making a difference!**



Ann Garvie, 2013-2015
Soroptimist International
President

Soroptimist International President Ann Garvie is a member of SI Glasgow City in Scotland. A Soroptimist since 1979, Ann has served as Club President, Regional President, Soroptimist International Chair of Finance and SIGBI President.

Region News:

Please mark your calendars for Spring Conference 2014. It will be held April 25-27, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Valencia, in Valencia. Your Region Board and Spring Conference Committee are already working on new and exciting ideas that I know you will enjoy. Please plan to attend. You won't want to miss any of it!

Calendar of Events

- *February 1, 4 p.m. – Meeting @ Kim's home – learn about doTERRA essential oils – followed by dinner*
- *February 3 – Business Meeting*
- *February 10 – Program Meeting*
- *March 3 – Business Meeting*
- *March 10 – Planning for Las Vegas Night Event*
- *March 29 – LAS VEAGS NIGHT FUND RAISER – SIMMS PARK!*
- *April 7 – Business Meeting*
- *April 10 – 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – we are at Soroptimist Village – Birthday Bingo Party for the Villagers!*
- *April 14 – Program Meeting*

Soroptimist Member Birthdays



- *January 15* *Sue Held*
- *January 20* *Sally Pendelton*
- *March 1* *Mary Crawford-Beck*
- *March 10* *Susan Schirmer*

Paraprosdokians - Winston Churchill loved them. They're figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.

- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.