



Soroptimist International of Bellflower

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President's Message:

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

Happy Summer! Spring has come and gone and so has another club year. Our club year is from September – June and what a great club year we have had. We raised money for our scholarships and our donations to our local charities as well as our signature program – Women's Opportunity. We participated in City events and had some wonderful speakers come to our club. And more importantly we had fun doing it all.

This year we took a look at our meeting structures and our dues and have made some significant changes. 2 day meetings and 1 night meeting. No more weekly meetings. And the dues have been *reduced*. Members are billed for dues and nothing else. Meaning no mandatory meal charges or no mandatory buying of a ticket to an event. These changes should not only reduce our member's expense but make our club more attractive to new members.

Speaking of new members – we have 2 new members that were inducted at our installation of officers. Welcome to Debbie and to Bea. They are both jumping right in to help with the planning of our biggest fund raiser, our Fashion Show, coming up this November.

At the end of June we did have our installation of officers and we welcome Robin as our new club treasurer. We know that she will do a great job! Thanks Robin for stepping up to assume a leadership role in the club. You are truly an asset to SI Bellflower.

Speaking of assets, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our outgoing treasurer Cecily. For many years she has been serving as our club treasurer – keeping us on track for our monetary goals and helping tirelessly on all the major fundraisers. We really do appreciate all that you have done for us and wish you much fun as you start your new adventures!

The theme for this next club year remains the same "Making a Difference One Woman at a Time" because that is what we do. We can't help everyone but we can make a difference one woman at a time and we do. Through our fund raising efforts we raise money to help both women and girls in our local communities and around the world. Our focus this coming year will be on bringing in new members. We are already on track with our 2 new members. We will work on strategies over the summer and come back to our regular meetings with a renewed sense of commitment to Soroptimist. Enjoy your summer!

President Sue



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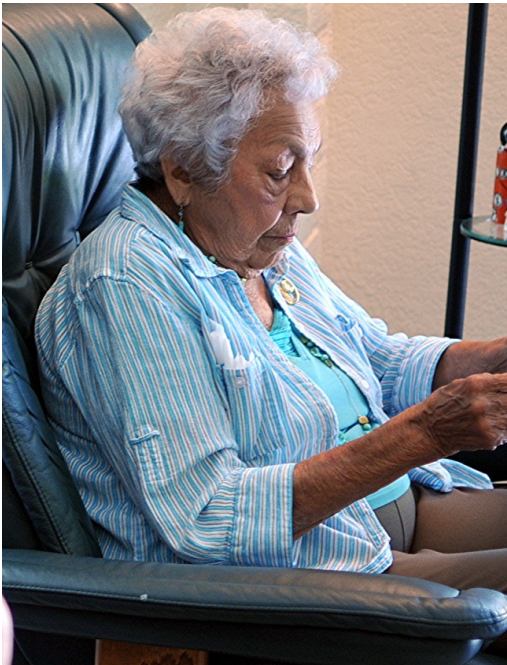
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INSTALLATION OF 2012-2013 OFFICERS

Here's Most of Us!

Seen here are Mary Crawford, Lucinda Saunders, MaryAnn Wotring, Bea Proo, Terri Williams, Friend, Deana Porter, Julie Brame, Hazel Anderson, Sue Held, and peeking over from the back row are Debbie Patrick, Doreen Robbins, Robin Ordoqui, and Marcie Raphael.



To the right, President Sue Held inducts new member Debbie Patrick, while other members look on. Above left, Lucinda Saunders might be knitting or something - I can't tell. Above right, Mary Crawford and Warren Wotring celebrate!





TWO NEW MEMBERS!



Debbie Patrick is new to Soroptimists, and was inducted as a new member to Soroptimists International of Bellflower at this past installation on June 16th. Debbie is no stranger to our club because even before she joined as a member, she was helping us create decorations for last year's fashion show! Thanks Robin for getting your friend involved and excited to join! Debbie is an auto insurance claims adjuster. She is very creative and enjoys creating. Creating what? Anything! We are lucky to have Debbie as a member. She has already jumped in with both feet and is active on helping to plan our upcoming Fashion Show. Robin had this

to say about Debbie: Born in Panama, she has 3 brothers and loves being with her nieces and nephews, She has worked for AAA as a claim rep for 26 years. She loves animals but doesn't have any right now but she loves my dogs and babysits them when we are on vacation. Debbie is very creative and loves sewing, she is my best friend and we always have a lot of fun together. So from ALL of us, Welcome Debbie!



Bea Proo is NOT new to Soroptimists. She has transferred in from SI Pico Rivera, where she was president 5 times, and we are also very lucky to have her! She is former council member and has been elected Mayor of Pico Rivera 3 different times. She has been a member of the Southern California Association of Governments, an executive board member of the Gateway Council of Governments, president of the League of California Cities' Los Angeles Division, and a president and board member of the Tri-Cities Regional Occupational Program. She was also

nominated as the first ever Woman of the Year in 1987 by the California State Legislature's 59th district. She is a former teacher and school principal, holds a Bachelor's degree in Education from Mount St. Mary's College and has served as a member and president of the El Rancho Unified School District Board of Trustees and is the current and founding Chairman of the Board of Pacific Western National Bank in Pico Rivera since 1980. Oh, there's more, but we're out of room! Welcome, Bea!



MEMBERS' PAGE



Cecily Seabourn will be on leave of absence, and hangs it up this year, at least as far as her "career" as SIB Treasurer goes. She will, of course, stay in touch. She'll be there for our new Treasurer, Robin, during her first go-around in this challenging task. Cecily, you know we'll miss you terribly, so please be sure to come to the events whenever you can! We're so grateful for all the years of service that you provided during your umpteen years as an SIB member!!



Hey ALL: This is Robin Ordoqui, our new Treasurer! She is not new to our club, but like anyone else who might have stepped up to the plate, the job as treasurer is new to her. So THANK YOU, ROBIN! for your courage and dedication in tackling this challenging job. We appreciate you!!!!



We can count on Mary Crawford again this year to handle the vendors boutique during the fashion show. What a big job that is, too! We don't get to see a lot of her because she lives in San Juan Capistrano, but she drives up on more occasions than you might think. She is also a past president of our club, and former Fashion Show Committee Chair. We appreciate you, Mary!



Thank you, Mary Ann, for graciously hosting our installation party at your home this past June. We really appreciate your hospitality, and your home is so warm and inviting! All of your hard work to make the lunch for us was also quite a treat! You're a peach, Mary Ann, and we appreciate you!

The editor would greatly appreciate your stories, news . . . pretty much anything except gossip.

PLEASE SEND IT IN!



Calendar of Events

- Saturday, Aug 18 Village 50th Birthday Party, 11:00am, on site
- Tuesday, Sept 4 Business /Board Meeting, NOON, at the church
- Saturday, Sept 8 Lion’s Car Show
- Sunday, Sept 9 Cookies in a Jar assembly party, Deana’s, 9:00am
- Tuesday, Sept 11 Program Meeting, NOON, at the church
- Tuesday, Oct 2 Business / Board Meeting, NOON, at the church
- Tuesday, Oct 9 Program Meeting, NOON, at the church
- Tuesday, Oct 23 Soroptimist Village Annual Dinner, 6pm
- Tuesday, Nov 6 Business /Board Meeting, NOON, at the church
- Tuesday, Nov 13 Fashion Show Final meeting, NOON, at the church
- Saturday, Nov 17 FASHION SHOW!!!!!!

JUNE / JULY / AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

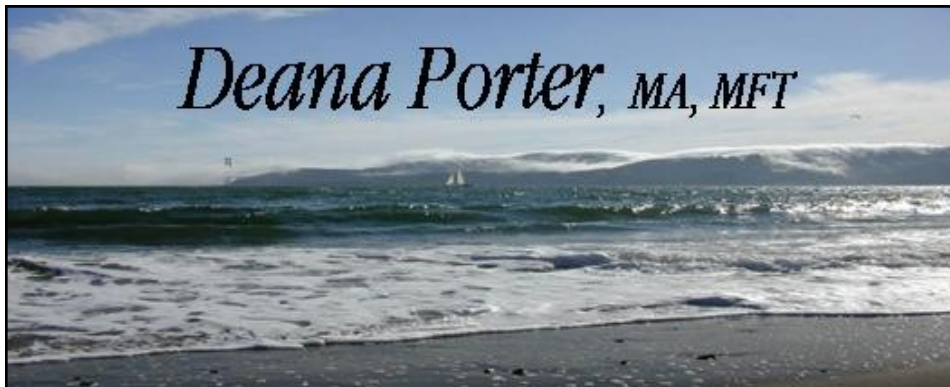
- DIANA GUTIERREZ - JUNE 6
- JULIE BRAME - JUNE 22
- SHARON LYDE - JULY 6
- ROBIN ORDOQUI - JULY 17
- JOYCE HAUPT - JULY 28
- MARY ANN WOTRING - AUGUST 5
- JOY SAINT MARIE - AUGUST 29



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