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Soroptimist International of
Bellflower

June 2015

President's Message



Happy Summer! Already! Where has the time gone? For the Bellflower Soroptimists this is the time of year we wind down a bit. We take a break from the normal club meetings and instead shift our focus towards planning our fashion show. The date is set for November 7th at the Sycamore Center in Lakewood. Once again we will have vendors (even more this year than in the past) and L&M Fashions will be back. The fashions are still very affordable and new updated styles and materials will be shown and available for purchase. Ink the date and watch for informational flyers and Facebook and website posts. This is always our major fundraiser and is a lot of fun for everyone involved!

We have a great event coming up on June 20th – Painting With A Twist. This is a great opportunity for the inner artist; the inner child to come out and play. See inside pages for full details. The store is donating a portion of proceeds to our club. We have already earmarked a portion of the money raised to go to a young woman in her 2nd year of college who needs financial support to be able to continue. Other proceeds will go towards helping a local shelter for abused women and children. We hope you can come and bring your friends!

We have had a very successful club year and know that next year will be even better. Our focus will be on getting new members; women who want to help make a difference in the lives of those who need that helping hand. Remember, together everyone achieves more. We can do more together than we each can individually. If you want personal satisfaction of helping an abused woman and child; of helping young girls get through college; of helping women reach their full potential, please consider becoming a part of our great club!

I wish you a happy, fun filled summer.

President Sue



Soroptimist is a global women's organization whose members volunteer to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

Join the Bellflower Soroptimist club and help make a difference to so many!

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**OUR THEME THIS YEAR IS...
"MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE
WOMAN AT A TIME"**





IN THE NEWS

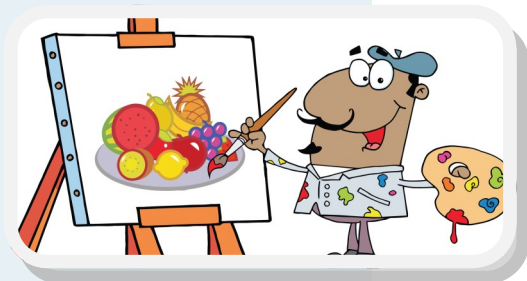
Bellflower Soroptimist Club News

Bellflower Soroptimists have 2 great things to do this summer. You can have fun and help us make a difference for those in need. Mark your calendars and come join us!

Our first event for the summer is "Painting with a Twist". At this fun-filled event you will find the inner Picasso or van Gogh you didn't know was in you. Perhaps even a Rembrandt!

So join the team and bring out the artist in you to create your very own Masterpiece. 50% of the proceeds from this event are donated back to our club.

The flyer shown below is being sent to each of our members for distribution to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Let's make this a true SIB Success!



Soroptimist International of Bellflower invites you to participate in a fun-filled, entertaining summer event

June 20, 2015
3:00pm—5:00pm

150721 Goldenwest Street
Westminster, CA 92683
714-893-0194

This event is a fundraiser benefiting Soroptimist International of Bellflower, a world-wide organization whose members volunteer to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

50% of the proceeds from this event will be donated back to Soroptimist International of Bellflower

Join us to "paint 'n sip" for a wonderful organization right here in our community. Spend time with family and friends while finding your inner Picasso or van Gogh through your very own masterpiece; suitable for framing and displaying in your own private gallery.

Mark your calendar Bring your family and friends Reserve your seats now!

- \$35.00 per person
- No refunds or credits will be issued because this is a fundraising event
- Arrive 10-15 minutes early to get "uncorked, smoked and in your seat!"
- This studio is 21+ only so bring your ID
- Light snacks will be served. BYOB is not allowed, but you can purchase beer, wine and soft beverages at the Studio's bar

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF BELLFLOWER
PO Box 301
Bellflower, CA 90707-0301

Registration Card

June 20, 2015
3:00pm to 5:00 pm

Please complete the following information to register for this Fundraiser

Mail this card and your check in the amount of \$35.00, made payable to Soroptimist International of Bellflower

Name: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Telephone: _____

For more information and a copy of the form, go to:
<http://www.soroptimistbellflower.org/PDF/Newsletters/May%202015%20Soroptimist%20International%20Bellflower%20Newsletter.pdf>

Our second event for the summer will be in August featuring quarters! Yes!!! Quarters!.....you know...those shiny coins in our purse and pockets that are just beggin' to get spent. Well, now is your chance!

We proudly Present....

QUARTERMANIA 2015

Hmmm...are you asking, "WHAT IS QUARTERMANIA?"

Well, we've got the answer.....

Think of an "old fashioned country auction". You bid on an item and win! But, you are spending quarters instead of Big Bucks!

You use numbered auction paddles to bid with that match a corresponding chip with the same paddle number. This chip is what is drawn during the auction. You can use more than one paddle to play the game (1st paddle is in your bag. You can purchase extra paddles at \$5.00 each).

As each item is introduced for auction, a chip is drawn and if it is your number you **WIN!**

If you decided not to bid on an item and your paddle number is called, you yell out "NO BID" and a new number will be drawn.

Auction Items range from \$10 to \$50
Bids range from 1 to 4 quarters per paddle

SO....SAVE THE DATE....

Saturday August 15, 2015, 11:30 a.m.

First Missionary Baptist Church
9246 Rosser St, Bellflower, CA.



**Welcome to
Quartermania**

*Hosted by
Soroptimist International of Bellflower*

Soroptimist International of Bellflower
Presents



A QUARTER AUCTION & LUNCH

Saturday August 15, 2015, 11:30 a.m.

First Missionary Baptist Church
9246 Rosser St, Bellflower, CA.

Bring a friend and lots of Quarters to bid on a great selection of vendor's items

Have fun and win prizes!

\$20 TO REGISTER
(Included one Paddle, Raffle ticket for the Grand Prize and lunch)
Additional Paddles \$5.00
Seating is limited

Doors open 11:30 a.m. Lunch served 12:15 p.m. Auction 1:00-3:30/4:00 p.m.

- A variety of Quartermania Auction Items to bid on
- Opportunity items to be raffled. Tickets are available to purchase
- Vendors will have merchandise available for sale
- Quarters will be available for sale during the event

Not sure what Quartermania is?
<http://www.nocqms.com/edu/QM/what-is.html>

Any questions or further information contact:
Gina Herndon (562-500-3030), Kim Manzanaras (562-260-6381)

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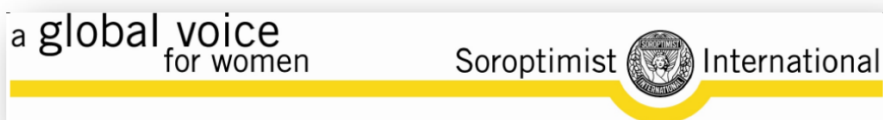
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Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Airport, Los Angeles, CA, USA

June 13 Soroptimists will gather in Los Angeles to celebrate our achievements and honor SIA leadership. This fun-filled event will include award presentation, recognition of outgoing and incoming board members, and the installation of 2015-2016 President Susan "Sam" Buchenau! Bellflower Soroptimists will be in attendance and be able to get the "flavor" of the giving Soroptimists do at the Federation level.

Soroptimist International News



Soroptimist International of the Americas and Soroptimist Internationalthe difference between

What is the relationship between Soroptimist International of the Americas and Soroptimist International?

Soroptimist International of the Americas, headquartered in Philadelphia, PA, USA, **is one of four federations comprising Soroptimist International (SI)**, which is headquartered in Cambridge, England. The other three federations affiliated with SI are: Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland, headquartered in Cheshire, England; Soroptimist International of Europe, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland; and Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific, headquartered in Sydney, Australia.

Soroptimist International projects reported in 2012. The key word here is "reported". There are many clubs that do projects that don't

make reports. If they did, we are sure the numbers below would be much greater!

3,727 projects to increase women's access to education and leadership

- Using education, empowerment, or enabling opportunities.
- Compared to 2,666 in 2011 and 2,631 in 2010.
- Approximately 50% of reported SI club projects use education, empowerment, or enabling opportunities to transform the lives of women and girls.

109,632 women's and girls' lives improved

- 109,632 women and girls directly benefited from Soroptimist's work
- Compared to 93,729 in 2011 and 90,091 in 2010
- 720 projects had a wider reach of indirect beneficiaries at community or national level.

Over \$5,700,000 USD raised to invest in women and girls

- SIA's Violet Richardson Award program accounted for 437 projects and \$433,122, whilst the Women's Opportunity Awards added 1,011 projects and \$1,532,074.
- The Violet Richardson Award program honors girls aged 14-17 who are making a difference through volunteer service, while Women's Opportunity Awards assist women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by awarding grants enabling them to improve their education, skills and employment prospects.

So many ways, in so many languages, to say the words of appreciation from the world....Thank You!

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謝謝你 OBRIGADA

thank you 감사합니다

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS

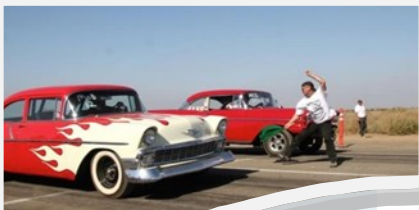
Member's Corner



**KEEP
CALM
AND
GET WELL
SOON**

Well wishes are being sent to our member Sally who fell and broke a bone in her femur. She had surgery and now has a couple of nails in her leg to help the bone. She's had 4 weeks of physical therapy and is hoping that in a few more weeks she will be done with that.


Warren Wotring fell and has now had a hip replacement. He's been in rehab for 2 weeks now getting 3 hours of rehab each day. He should be "sprung" in a few days and will be heading home.



In May, Terri McCone Williams and hubby Steve took a 4 day weekend and went to Eagle Field to see Vintage Car Races. In June they will go back to see Vintage War Planes.

**Happiness lies in the joy
of achievement and the
thrill of creative effort.**

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- * 1st Business Meeting
- * 8th Program Meeting
- * 13th Soroptimist of the America's Installation and Award Banquet
- * 20th Painting with a Twist Fundraiser — Huntington Beach

July

- * Planning for upcoming Quartermania Fundraiser in August

August

- * Quartermania Fundraiser in August



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Soroptimist Member Birthdays

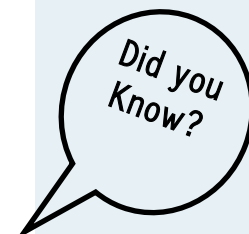
June

- * 2nd Leticia Jimenez
- * 6th Diana Gutierrez
- * 11th Terri McCone Williams
- * 17th Nancy Larsen
- * 22nd Julie Brame



Fun Facts - Did you Know?

- ◆ There is a “**National Two Different Colored Shoes** “Day”
- ◆ Yep! This is celebrated on May 3rd. The day was founded by a lady named Dr. Arlene Kaiser. She came up with a small way to help people break free from normality. Arlene Kaiser founded a day where we could challenge people to be a little different and in that way celebrate the uniqueness that comes with being human.
- ◆ Ohhh... and **what is celebrated on the first Friday of June?**
 - * [National Doughnut Day](#)..



National Two Different Colored Shoes Day



National Doughnut Day

For the full story go to the website below
<http://www.thefactsite.com/2014/06/national-doughnut-day.html>

- * In WWII the women volunteers in the Red Cross who helped out were often referred to as “Doughnut Dollies”.

Meeting Times & Locations

Business Meetings

1st Monday of each month
12 Noon

Location:

First Missionary Baptist Church
9246 Rosser St.
Bellflower, CA

Program Meetings

2nd Monday of each month
12 Noon

Monthly evening & Saturday dinner
meetings according to members'
schedules

Location:

First Missionary Baptist Church
9246 Rosser St.
Bellflower, CA

We Are.....

Soroptimist International of Bellflower



Website: <http://www.soroptimistbellflower.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SIBellflower>

***Soroptimist International of
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PO Box 301

