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Bellflower was chartered on  
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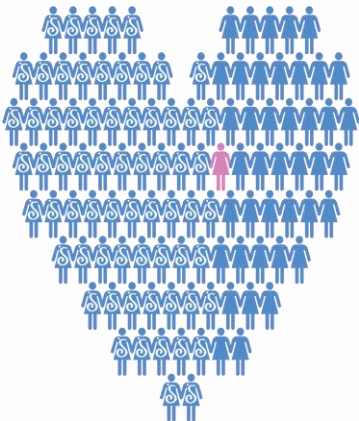
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**Bellflower Soroptimists  
PO BOX 301  
Bellflower, CA 90706**

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:

What a busy few months we have had as a club. March saw us hold our Las Vegas Night Fund Raiser with the Noon Lions. Another fund raiser and another successful event! In April we had a fun pot luck dinner meeting where we learned more about Teresa's electrolysis business. We put on birthday bingo for the people at Soroptimist Village. Thank you Doreen for spear-heading this! This is a great hands-on service project that allows us to see the people whose lives we impact and know that we are truly making a difference. April also saw several of our members at Spring Conference where they were honored for their years of service.

May will be just as busy for us! Our Awards Tea is on May 12<sup>th</sup>. This is one of the real highlights of the year for us because this is where we give away a large portion of the money we worked so hard throughout the year to raise. We hope that you will be able to come to this event and see the impact that we make on deserving women as well as local organizations!

The on May 17 is our Tupperware dinner/comedy show event. This is a night filled with laughter because as we have said in the past, "this ain't your Mama's Tupperware party!" Our presenter is one of the top 5 sales people in the Tupperware organization and that is because of the presentation that is given. You will laugh and laugh and then buy Tupperware, even though you say you have enough, because they keep coming out with great, new items that really do make your life easier. Plan on coming to this fun event. Our presenter donates a portion of the sales back to us ~ very generous! Check inside this newsletter for all the information and then RSVP. Hope to see you there!

## President Sue



**Be sure to check out our club's website and our Facebook page! Our website is updated with lots of new information about our club and all the things we do plus pictures of our event!**

[www.soroptimistbellflower.org](http://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. Join the Bellflower Soroptimist club and help make a difference to so many!**

## Bellflower Soroptimist Club News:

**May 12 is our Awards Tea.** This is a don't miss event because this is when we give away money to some very deserving women and organizations. This year we are pleased to be able to give 2 Women's Opportunity Awards to 2 very deserving women.

Each year, through its Women's Opportunity Awards program, Soroptimist provides financial support to women striving to achieve their dreams despite having faced tremendous obstacles. They are women who have overcome poverty, domestic and sexual violence, divorce, death of a spouse and other enormous life challenges. They are women who, with just a little help, have had the courage and determination to turn their lives around.

Since 1972, Soroptimist has disbursed more than \$25 million through this program, helping tens of thousands of women. The women use the cash grants however they choose in support of their education goals— including for tuition, books, childcare and transportation. The Bellflower Soroptimists are proud that through our fund-raising efforts we are able to make a difference in two women's lives with this award.

## Region News:

**Spring Conference** was held in Valencia last month and several of our members were recognized for the length of their service as Soroptimists.

- ❖ Mary Ann Wotring            25 years
- ❖ Doreen Robbins             20 years
- ❖ Vicky Daniels                5 years

Additionally our club member Lucinda Saunders, was honored in the memorial service for her years of service with the Bellflower club. 45 years as a Bellflower Soroptimist member! We were honored to have known her and had her as a member of this club. She is missed.

## Soroptimist Federation News

Soroptimist International of the Americas has developed a corporate relations program to provide industry leaders with opportunities to assist in our mission of improving the lives of women and girls while building and maintaining meaningful relationships with Soroptimist members.



One such sponsor is Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC. Their generous sponsorship supports women and girls, which in turn impacts families, communities and ultimately the world we live in. Founded in 1832, Janney is an integral part of the United States' financial history, holding the second oldest continuously operated membership in the New York Stock Exchange. The firm ranks as a major, full service securities broker/dealer, providing individual corporate and institutional investors with comprehensive financial services and investment banking expertise.

**Adrienne Horen** is our contact with Janney Montgomery Scott. Adrienne is Vice President & Financial Advisor and was named a 2012 Top Wealth Manager in the June 2012 issue of *Smart CEO* magazine. Adrienne has managed the assets of Soroptimist International of the Americas since 1988. She served as charter President of SI Center City in Philadelphia in 1996 and is once again serving as President of the club. *Adrienne can be contacted with any questions or concerns you may have about your financial future. Are you financially set for retirement? Can you live the life you are dreaming of? Or do you need some help in getting set for the future? Contact Adrienne. If Soroptimist of the Americas trusts her to manage the assets and wealth of our entire organization, then she can certainly help us be set for the future we envision – whatever our dreams are. (just click on the link below to go to Adrienne's web page)*

## Soroptimist International News:

a global voice  
for women

Soroptimist International



## Where We Are

Soroptimist International is a truly **global network**, with clubs based in over 3000 communities in 127 countries and territories worldwide.

Each Soroptimist club belongs to one of the four SI Federations:

- Soroptimist International of Europe (SIE)
- Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA)
- Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI)
- Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific (SISWP).



A small Soroptimist International HQ office is based in Cambridge, UK.

Here is just a small example of some of the Soroptimist Clubs worldwide.

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| • Soroptimist International of Germany | 201 clubs |
| • Soroptimist International of Sweden  | 61 clubs  |
| • Soroptimist International of Kosovo  | 2 clubs   |
| • Soroptimist International of Senegal | 4 clubs   |
| • Soroptimist International of France  | 122 clubs |
| • Soroptimist International of Italy   | 143 clubs |

Soroptimists may be from different parts of the world, but we always have the same focus – making the world better for women and girls.

## Who we are

Soroptimist International is a global volunteer movement working together to transform lives of women and girls. A network of over 80,000 club members in 127 countries and territories work at local, national and international levels to **educate, empower and enable opportunities for women and girls**. In 2012, Soroptimists reported on 3,727 projects to promote women and girls' participation in education and leadership, changing 110,000 lives. *(editor's note: these numbers of projects as well as the number of lives changed is based on reports that were submitted – many clubs do not submit reports so the numbers shown here would be significantly lower than those actually helped)*

***Save the Date! Plan on attending!  
This will be a REALLY fun event!***



***Join Soroptimist International of Bellflower for a night of fun as we raise money to help make a difference for women and girls! (And did we mention, fun?!)***

## **Dinner and Tupperware Comedy Performance!**

**Saturday, May 17 - 5:00 – 6:00 pm– Appetizers & Light Dinner**

(Drinks available for purchase)

With the performance beginning between 6:15 – 6:30 p.m.



**The cost of the entire evening is only \$20 for Dinner & Entertainment.  
You will have laughs galore plus the opportunity to buy new Tupperware items.**

**Your attendance and support allows Soroptimists to help a girls go to college; help an abused woman find a safe haven; provide housing for low income senior citizens; help women get back on their feet and much more!**

**The location is at Robin Ordoqui's home  
3715 Senasac Ave., Long Beach  
(Just minutes off the 605 Freeway – Carson St. Exit)**

RSVP's.....[Susan@manorinsurnace.net](mailto:Susan@manorinsurnace.net) or call Susan @ 562- 413-0263 by Friday, May 9

Don't need Tupperware? You are able to purchase products and then donate them to "Little House", a residential treatment program for women recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. With every piece of Tupperware you buy, a portion goes to our club to help raise money for women and girls in need.

Buy Tupperware as birthday or girlfriend gifts or buy early for Christmas ☺

***This fund raiser will help our club to be able to continue to make a difference for women and girls in local communities and the world. Thank you for your support!***

**We wanted to give you advance notice so you could save the date. 30 days prior to the event we will provide you with a web link so that you can still place an order, even if you can't attend. That way you can still help us to make a difference in lives!**

## Past Tupperware event – Fun, Fun, Fun!



### *Calendar of Events*

- *May 5 – Business Meeting*
- *May 12 – Awards Luncheon*
- *May 17 – Tupperware Fund Raiser – Dinner & Entertainment – see info in newsletter!*
- *June 3 – Business Meeting*

### *Soroptimist Member Birthdays*



- *April 22*                      *Kathy Price*
- *May 18*                        *Doreen Robbins*
- *May 20*                        *Bea Proo*
- *June 2*                         *Leticia Jimenez*
- *June 6*                         *Diana Guitierrez*
- *June 11*                      *Terri McCone Williams*
- *June 22*                      *Julie Brame*
- *July 15*                        *Debbie Patrick*
- *July 17*                        *Robin Ordoqui*

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