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SI Bellflower's Newsletter

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President's Message

For Bellflower Soroptimists, June is the time of year when we begin to wind down from our club meetings and gear up for summer fun. Club members are busy planning vacations and family time for the coming months.

We will be having our club installation of officers towards the end of the month. Thank you to those who have served on the board and will continue to do so and thank you to Linda H. for stepping up to serve as Recording Secretary!

At our June installation we will be welcoming 3 new members to the club! Welcome Cindy, Anna and Kristina! We are looking forward to their involvement and ideas on our upcoming projects.

While we have no formal meetings in July and August, we have some fun things already planned. A Sunday brunch at a member's home in July plus a team member get together to work on the fashion show raffle and silent auction items. (though the fashion show is 11/4/17, we are already in full swing, planning the best one yet!) August we will have a fun fund raiser. An artist comes to us with all the materials to make the most fantastic cards - birthday; holiday; get well; hello, and whatever else strikes our fancy.

As the club year comes to an end I'd like to acknowledge and pay tribute to all of our club members who work (and have fun doing it) to make such a difference in the lives of those who need a helping hand. You've done a great job and truly have made a world of difference!

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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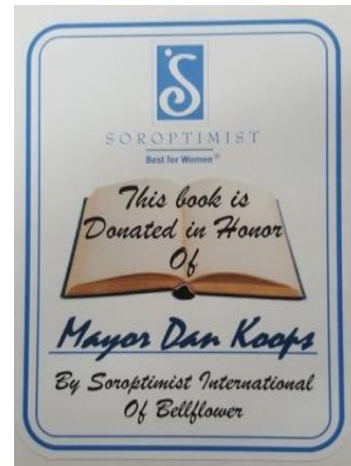


IN THE NEWS ... Bellflower Soroptimists

Bellflower Soroptimists were out and about



Bellflower Soroptimists donated books on behalf of outgoing Mayor Dan Koops



Each book has the beautiful bookplate

SAVE THE DATE OF SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 and come to the Bellflower Fashion show and boutique. Fabulous fashions; amazing raffle baskets and silent auction items plus specialty vendors will be there. See you at the Long Beach Marriott on 11/4/17! Invitations will be mailed in July. Register early so that you can be entered into the Early Bird Drawing!

Look what we found while out and about in downtown Bellflower



You never know where you will find something about the Bellflower Soroptimists! These 2 placards are in the ground on Flower St. in downtown Bellflower. The actual location is in the sidewalk right next to the Bellflower Chamber of Commerce building on Bellflower Blvd and Flower St.

IN THE NEWS... Soroptimist International

INTERNATIONAL FOCUS



A CLOSER LOOK AT LEADERSHIP PART THREE – SI UN REPS NAIROBI

The United Nations Office in Nairobi focuses on environmental issues and covers the work of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). Environmental issues became prominent in the 1972, after the Stockholm Conference, which led to the establishment of UNEP in 1973. SI's UN Representatives in Nairobi Alice Odingo and Rose Mwangi, focus on issues such as rural women, disaster risk reduction, and the effects of climate change on women and girls. All the SDGs are linked to the environment and it is not possible to achieve the SDGs without taking care of climate change; the impacts have clear gender differentials.

Perfectly placed to make a difference, Soroptimists Alice and Rose are both greatly concerned about the achievement of the gender targets specified in the SDGs. Their direct action in Nairobi, advocating and lobbying for the rights of women and girls on behalf of SI, inspires other Soroptimists to take action to make the world better, now and in future. In Nairobi, Soroptimist International is the only women's organisation in that standing represented at UNEP.

Alice is also a member of the Women Major Group (WMG) Alternate Facilitating Committee and NGO Major Group Organizing Partner, Global South. At the UN Environment in Nairobi, 2017 is an important year as the third UN Environment Assembly (UNEA 3) will take place 4 – 6 December, where decisions will be made on different issues related to the environment that continue to shape the future. The theme for UNEA 3 is 'Pollution Free Planet: Delivering a Deal to Detoxify the World'.



IN THE NEWS ...

...Member's Corner

Soroptimist Member's Summer Birthdays



- June 6 Diana Guterrez
- June 11 Terri McCone Williams
- June 17 Nancy Larsen
- June 22 Julie Brame
- June 25 Karen Avery

- July 17 Robin Ordoqui
- July 30 Veronica Yates

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.

Charles Malik

"The fastest way to change society is to mobilize the women of the world"

Club Meeting Times & Locations

No formal meetings in July or August

Business Meetings

1st Monday of each month
12 Noon

Program Meetings

2nd Monday of each month
12 Noon

Location:

First Missionary Baptist Church
9246 Rosser St.
Bellflower, CA

Monthly evening & Saturday dinner meetings according to members' schedules

Interested in finding out more about us and how you can be a part of making a difference in the lives of women and girls?

Be our guest at a meeting or one of our social events.

Call or e mail Susan @ 562-862-8669 or Soroptimistsue@helds.us

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!

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

