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Soroptimist International of Bellflower

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President's Message:

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

It seems like so long ago, but as I write this message, it was less than 2 weeks ago that we held our "Hats Off To Fashion" fashion show. Attendees are saying that this was the best one yet. Members of the club worked very hard for months and months to put this show together. Thank you to everyone for all that you did to make this the "best fashion show ever".

On December 7 we are holding our Christmas Party for the women and children of Su Casa and the women of Little House. Lunch will be catered by the Bellflower School District and entertainment provided by the Bellflower Ensemble. Each year we give gifts to all the women and children and this year will be no exception. We have our Soroptimist shoppers ready to go get the best bargains ever. And of course Santa will be dropping by to personally hand out the presents to the children.

We are having a wrapping party at Cogburn Miller Realty offices on Monday, 12/5, beginning at 5 p.m. If you are able, please come and help us to wrap gifts for the women and children. Help for 30 minutes or 2 hours, whatever time you have. You will have fun and you can walk away knowing that you helped to put a smile on the faces of those women and children that will be at the party.

How time flies. It's almost the end of the year and the holidays are upon us once again. This is a time for reflection and for celebration. As we reflect back on this past club year we know that we have each worked hard so that we can make a difference for women and girls. And we celebrate because of our accomplishments. Through our fund raisers we have raised money to give to our charitable causes. And in the following year we will continue to work to make a difference.

Thanks for all you do to make a difference!

President Sue



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Fashion Show!!



Hats, Hats Everywhere!
You didn't need to go very far before you spotted one on stage, on display, on someone's head, or for sale. Lots & Lots of prizes, too!



Fashion Show!!!



Before the show even started, a very cute, budding model stole it, and her friend soon joined her. Precious!





MEMBER NEWS



With help from Deana Porter as her Production Assistant, Vicky Daniels was the artist/designer behind all of those beautiful miniature hats at the fashion show, and we couldn't be prouder of her. She is also the fashion show committee member who thought of the theme for this year's show, "Hats Off to Fashion." We're so glad we have someone so creative and talented to help us with our most important fundraiser!



Mary Crawford took on a very large project with this year's fashion show - the expanded vendor program. Past President Deana Porter had the vision, and Mary accepted the challenge. Almost immediately she was running at full speed, with no training wheels needed, since she was the chair of the fashion show committee for many years before her move to SJC in OC.



Mary Ann Wotring came through for us again, as she does every year, with her amazing collection of donated gifts for the raffle. She collects these prizes year-round, and then groups and wraps them all so beautifully with baskets, bows, and ribbons. Her husband, Warren, is like a member of the club, since he is there at every event to help lug it all around and even help us set up!



DECEMBER / JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| VICKY DANIELS | DECEMBER 13 |
| SUSAN HELD | JANUARY 15 |
| SALLY PENDLETON | JANUARY 20 |
| LUCINDA SAUNDERS | JANUARY 28 |





Calendar of Events

Monday, December 5

Gift-wrapping party, at 5:00pm, at Cogburn's

Wednesday, December 7

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, at NOON, at church

Tuesday, December 13

Board Meeting, 11:30am, at the church

Tuesday, December 13

Business Meeting, at NOON, at the church

H A P P Y H O L I D A Y S !

Tuesday, January 3, 2011

Business Meeting, at NOON, at the church

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF BELLFLOWER SOROPTIMISTS:

As you know, we are a 501©(3) organization, recognized by the IRS as a non-profit, charitable organization, and as such, your donations to our club are tax deductible. Please keep us in mind as you plan for your end-of-the-year donations to make for 2011. Every dollar you donate will help fund our projects, such as 4-year scholarships, support for Su Casa, Little House, and other deserving agencies, in addition to the Soroptimist projects such as the Women's Opportunity Award & Violet Richardson Award. Our treasurer will send you a receipt for your records, and we would greatly appreciate your patronage. Thanks in advance for your consideration to our cause!



Photos from 2010 Holiday Luncheon - We just CAN'T WAIT for DECEMBER 7!!



Horoptimist International of Bellflower

Presents its 38th Annual

Holiday Luncheon

When: Wednesday, December 7th
What Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm
Where: First Missionary Baptist Church
9246 Rosser Street, Bellflower
Cost: \$15 for lunch, catered by B.U.S.D
Featuring: Bellflower Elementary Ensemble !

and Santa Claus !!

**Our guests are the women and children
from Su Casa and Little House**

Please RSVP

By Friday, December 2nd



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Note from the Editor:

Sincere apologies to S.I. Montebello for incorrectly identifying S.I. Monterey Park as the host club for this year's Fall District Workshop in last month's edition of the Laurel Leaf. S.I. Montebello provided a very inspiring speaker, ran a perfectly planned event, and served up a delicious, home-cooked meal for our lunch, as well. They deserve nothing but the highest praise and appreciation for all their hard work, and I'm very sorry about the mix-up.