



# Soroptimist International of Bellflower

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## Laurel Leaf

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### President's Message:

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

Here we are at the end of October. As always, October has proven to be a very busy month for the Bellflower Soroptimist Club. We've had numerous meetings as we work towards our biggest fund raiser – the fashion show. Members have worked on decorations for the tables and the runway; securing ads and working on creating a wonderful program as well as getting silent auction items and raffle items. Plus getting our models and working with our fashion presenter. Whew! I am sure that this will be another event that the attendees will walk away happy that they came!

Members of our club attended the Joint Service Club luncheon hosted this year by the Rotary Club. This was a great opportunity to mix and mingle with people from all the volunteer organizations within the city.

In addition to the fashion show planning we had a Tupperware Party with entertainment by Kay Sedilla. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to put this event together especially Mary Ann for making all her wonderful chili and Vicky for making 25+ baked potatoes as well as Doreen for this salad makings and Hazel, Jan and Robin for their contributions. And of course Mary, for the wonderful decorations. (I hope I didn't leave anyone out!) Suffice to say that this event couldn't have been done without the many helping hands that we had. A fun night was had by all and we hope to make a nice profit!

Then the day after the Tupperware party was our annual Fall District Workshop that many of our members attended. This is a 1 day educational event in which members from all the clubs in our Region gather together. Attendance was over 150 women! What a great turnout. Our members walked away with renewed enthusiasm for our mission.

Another October highlight is the presentation that the City of Bellflower made to our club – presenting us with a proclamation for the work that we do with domestic violence. Thanks to the members who attended this event.

And the last function that we attended in October was the annual Soroptimist Village dinner. Soroptimist Village is an attractive low-rent senior citizen housing complex in Norwalk that was built by Soroptimists in 1963. The Village is supported and managed by 10 Soroptimists clubs, including Soroptimist International of Bellflower and is partially funded by the City of Norwalk Housing Authority. Club representatives serve on the Board of Directors for the Village and our club helps to host monthly birthday celebrations and holiday parties for the "Villagers".

Whew! What a busy and productive month for all of us. Keep up the good work everyone. You've all been working very hard but with all that we do we are truly making a difference!

*President Sue*



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## October Tupperware Party



Playing around with Mary provided less than 10% of the actual laughing time involved with this event.



## Fall District Workshop



Fall District Workshop was inspiring to me, as usual, and Monterey Park did an excellent job with the organization as well as some delicious, home-cooked food for our special lunch!



## Annual Village Dinner



The Annual Village Dinner is always a great occasion, with sponsoring clubs meeting for a nice dinner to go along with the annual reports and updates. We are all very proud for the success there!



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.

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## Commendation from City of Bellflower



On October 24, the City of Bellflower City Council presented us with a proclamation naming the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the month of October as End Domestic Violence Month. We were also commended for our work as an organization that promoted awareness of these issues. For breast cancer, it is a sad fact that approximately 1 in 8 women will develop invasive breast cancer sometime during her lifetime. And every 9 seconds in the United States,

another woman becomes a victim of domestic violence. On hand to present the commendation are Councilmember Sonny Santa-Inez, Councilmember Ray Dunton, Councilmember Randy Bomgaars, Mayor Pro Tem Dan Koops, and Mayor Scott Larsen. Soroptimists members there to receive the award are Doreen Robbins, Cecily Seabourn, Marcie Raphael, and Deana Porter.

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# MEMBER NEWS



The garage sale for her rescue group at her house was a huge success. Cecily and other members of the Golden Retriever Club of Greater Los Angeles Rescue worked tirelessly for their cause and were well rewarded. You'll have to ask her for the final count, though I've heard it was in the thousands of dollars.



Vicky Daniels has devoted much of her time lately on the adorable centerpieces for our upcoming Fashion Show, and we have been amazed at how talented and creative she is. Each centerpiece will have a miniature hat at the top, and these are really something to marvel at! She and others on the decorating committee are also making the stage decorations, which are always a challenge. The decorating committee includes Deana Porter, Robin Ordoqui, and Julie Brame.



Mary Crawford is working her @%^! off on our behalf, doing everything she can to make the Fashion Show a success, and in particular, putting a lot of extra time into organizing the vendors' Boutique and Craft Fair, the expansion of which will be an experiment for us all this year. I think she deserves a new photo, too. Don't you?



## NOVEMBER / DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

CELESTA WILBUR                      NOVEMBER 3

KAREN SANTILLAN                    NOVEMBER 5

VICKY DANIELS                        DECEMBER 13





## *Calendar of Events*

Wednesday, October 26      FSC Meeting, at Marcie’s house, 6pm  
 Tuesday, November 1      FSC Meeting, at NOON, at the church

# *Fashion Show!!!*

Tuesday, November 8      Board Meeting, at 11:30am, at the church  
 Tuesday, November 8      Business Meeting, at NOON, at the church

# *Thanksgiving Holiday*

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

## *Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!*

“ hats off to fashion ”  
**saturday**  
 november 5th



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