

Happy Talk



S.I. San Bernardino
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2018 Here We Come

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that 2018 is now upon us and the second part of the Soroptimist fiscal year is ahead of us. January is Human Trafficking Awareness month and that is quite appropriate for the event that is scheduled for Thursday, January 18. I hope each member is planning to attend so that we can learn more about this issue and how we, not only as members, but also as citizens can help.

Remember to mark your calendar for Saturday, March 3, 2018, for our annual WINGS event. We will need each member to assist with this and if anyone knows girls

between the ages of 14—18, please invite them. This event is always a great way to meet teenage girls and show them first-hand what our mission is and why we do what we do.

Lastly, our effort in raising funds has not been forgotten. This spring we will be donating money to young women for the Live Your Dream Award, a college scholarship and purchasing an instrument for a middle school girl. This is the fun part of being a Soroptimist! We get to give away what we have been saving for and it's all thanks to our members!



Let's Get Started

Thank you for all that you do for our club! I wish you all a wonderful New Year!!

President Cathie

The 3 R's

Club Calendar

- 1-4 **Business Meeting**
- 1-8 **Trafficking Workshop**
- 1-25 **Board Meeting**



- ### Websites
- (SI) soroptimistinternational.org
 - (SIA) soroptimist.org
 - (GWR) goldenwestregion.org
 - (SISB) sisanbernardino.org

Holiday Auction

The club's Holiday Auction was held Friday, December 8 at the Native Son's Parlor and while the attendance was not quite as large as past auctions, it was no less successful and festive. There were many beautiful and unique auction items with a variety that appealed to different tastes and desires. It was great to welcome a former member, Mearl Warmboe,

who is keeping close ties to the club and who handled the task of assigning paddles and tallying bids as well as collecting monies at the end of the evening. Her home baked Christmas breads are always a hit and anxiously awaited by repeat attendees. It is amazing what some are willing to bid for these tasty items. Christy Elshof was the

auctioneer and kept things moving with some assistance from Judy Holbeck. As always, there were many delicious food items on the buffet. In addition to Mearl, several other former members attended and we all look forward to seeing them. The total earned was \$1,250. Both productive and fun!



No Birthdays

Holiday greetings from Tauranga

Years ago the city of San Bernardino hosted the Citrus Queen from Tauranga, New Zealand to visit our city during the Orange Show. In return, the Orange Show Queen was invited to visit Tauranga during their Citrus Festival. SI of San Bernardino took it another step further since there was a Soroptimist club in Tauranga and invited their queen and her chaperone to have lunch with our members and to tell us a little bit about her country as well as herself. They also brought small gifts to give to our members. The San Bernardino club also provided small gifts to be taken to Tauranga

for the members of S I Tauranga.

From this the two clubs formed a Friendship Link. The purpose was to extend our friendship to another club, usually in another country in order to learn more about their activities, goals and projects.

Over the years, we have kept in touch in various ways. At one time, each member in each club selected a member from the other club to correspond with during the year. We received a lovely scrapbook with pictures of each of their members with a brief bio for each one. In turn our club has

sent our club newsletter. With e-mail, our contact with each other is easier and faster. We've had a member of their club visit our club several times, staying with members and several of our members have spent a day with members of their club while visiting in New Zealand. Our current contact is Judith Lowes and your editor always looks forward to hearing from her and their recent Christmas greetings was shared at the Holiday Auction. They share our goal to help women and girls and because of this we have more in common than you might think.

I want that one!

Another successful holiday tradition was met with the ornament exchange, It is always fascinating where the members find such unique and unusual ornaments and it adds to the lively exchange each year. Those attending enjoyed a mouth watering buffet along with "what's in the sink." Turns out, there were bottles of wine and champagne chilling in the sink. There was a lot of good natured banter back and forth with everyone getting into a festive mood. As usual, Sheila Brown's home was beau-

tifully decorated and her lively game of passing a gift back and forth in a narrative read by her was fun. It was a cold, blustery night on December 14, but the warmth inside was welcome.

A special feature of the evening was the induction of two of our new members, Barbara Cooper and Lupe Castenada. In addition to the "serious stuff," Gladys Weems included some personal facts about Barb and Lupe based on their astro-

logical signs. The members are anticipating inducting the other two newbies who were unable to attend.

Their training for new members will be coordinated by the SOLT Coordinator, Gladys, after the holidays to kick start their membership in Soroptimist.

Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training is important to becoming a knowledgeable member.

WINGS

Saturday, March 3, 2018, is the scheduled date for the club's WINGS event. All members are urged to attend as there will be a need for assistance in registration and in facilitating the events of the day. Detailed information as to location and times will be provided to the members and Christy Elshof will be serving as coordinator of this event and will need all the help the members can give. The day's activities will be somewhat different than in the past, but will be a way for this event to be a part of the Dream It, Be It project of SIA. Girls between the ages of

14 to 18 are invited and it is anticipated the girls will be as engaged in the day's events as they were last year. There will be a lunch provided with members assessed a charge for their lunch. Working to mold and help young girls prepare for their futures in order to meet goals to improve their economic and social status as adult women is a major focus of Soroptimists. Not every household is able to give the inspiration and guidance that can help a young girl achieve her goals. Hopefully, Soroptimists can meet this need and in improving their lives will in

turn give them the knowledge and strength needed for them to pass it on to future generations. Soroptimists can be the wind beneath their wings!



Stop trafficking

The members have been reminded many times of our joining with SI of Corona and SI of Riverside in sponsoring a workshop on Human Trafficking at Mt. Rubidoux Seventh Day Adventist Church in Riverside, January 18. It starts at 6:30 p.m. and is set to end at 9:30 p.m. There will be lots of information regarding this important topic from a variety of speakers. There will also be light refreshments as well as a \$10 donation at the door. Members are urged to invite as many friends, family members and other con-

tacts to attend. They must be at least 12 years of age or over and the minors must be accompanied by an adult.

This subject is one of the mission goals of SIA as well as a focus by Soroptimists around the world. Flyers have been sent to each member and are available for members to distribute to others. Each of the club's members is urged to attend if at all possible.

A list of participants follows:

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Inland Empire, Riverside County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force, Run2Rescue, Inspire Life Skills, Rebirth Homes, Million Kids, Mt. Rubidoux SDA Church, Operation SafeHouse, Family Justice Center, Olive Crest, Remember Nhu, and others.

What makes a Soroptimist?

A desire to give to others where opportunities are slim and a willingness to work with other like-minded persons making a collective impact that would not be reachable when acting alone. This describes what brings Soroptimists together in a worldwide organization dedicated to making lives better for women and girls.

The San Bernardino club is actively looking for potential members who have the desire and they are pleased that four new members have been added this Soroptimist year. Once they complete the paper work and dues are forwarded to SIA they begin their path as a member.

An induction ceremony welcomes them and introduces them to the existing mem-

bership. What follows is a training program to give new members a better sense of who we are, how we came to be, what are the goals and expectations, how is the organization structured and how is business conducted. It has been compared to how a company introduces a new employee to the job.

They should know who they work for, what their position is in the company who do they report to, what is their job title, what will be their duties, what is acceptable as well as what is not.

There is a vast amount of information to learn and it would be unrealistic to expect a new member to learn everything that helps them be a better and productive

member right away. But, getting them off on the right foot with the basics is the start Soroptimists refer to as SOLT— Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training. It is a continuous process throughout our time as a member. The tools and references needed are provided to each member and they are directed to where to find needed information. Also important is to encourage members to ask questions when answers are needed. Getting actively involved is a great way to learn and if not, members should ask themselves, "Why become a member?" The members are encouraged by the newer members and look forward to a long future together! We continue to look for and recruit new members to remain solvent as a club.

A New Year's Resolution

The best resolution a member should make and the easiest to keep is to resolve at the beginning of each year to read and review the club's bylaws and standing rules. Eight typed pages that takes less than 10 minutes to read will accomplish this resolution.

What are you waiting for?



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Meetings

1st and 3rd Thursdays
6:30 p.m.

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Ideas to Ponder

“Don’t wait, the time will never be just right.”

—Napoleon Hill
American author (1883-1970)