

Happy Talk



**S.I. San Bernardino
Golden West Region**

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The 3 R's

Club Calendar

- 6-1/6-3 Spring Conference
- 6-15 Shoebox Project
- 6-22 Board Meeting
- 6-30 Installation



Looking ahead to a year of Recruiting, Rebuilding and Recharging

We are now in mid-June (hard to believe) and winding down our fiscal year. It's been an interesting year for me as president...definitely some ups and downs, but I continue to stay hopeful for what is to come. As we end our year and then begin a new one in a few short weeks, my quest for more members continues. After attending the annual Spring Conference in Phoenix recently, it confirmed the enthusiasm that many clubs have. I want all of our members to experience this conference so they too will fully know how wonderful it is to be a Soroptimist! Each month we meet and discuss what our next meeting, project or event will be, but we don't fully embrace how fortunate we are to be in this service organization.

My hope for the coming year

is that we recruit more members and that we begin to talk about being a Soroptimist more often. At conference we heard many great ideas on how to keep club members engaged and how to let others know we are here, so now we need to put our money where our mouth is. Will you join me?

Our strategy will be a bit different in the coming months as we will be utilizing our San Bernardino Chamber membership more. This can only help us. PLEASE invite your friends and/or family to join. I understand that people are busy, but honestly, who isn't? Spring Conference reiterated to me that there are many women and girls in our very own community that need us! Although I already know this, it was good to hear and showed me that what we do is



*Let's put the **WOW**
back into our club!*

very important!

With more members in our club, I know we can do great things like Corona, Riverside, Moreno Valley and many more. Let's commit more to our 70-year old Soroptimist International of San Bernardino club and do some really great things. We are already changing lives, but just think what we can do with more members?

President Cathie

Shoebox Project: Members gathered on Thursday June 15, to participate in a 2nd shoebox project. President Cathie did the shopping and we filled a car load of boxes with a variety of items that would be useful to the women at Veronica's House of Mercy. A nice surprise was 4 Cal State students found us through the internet and volunteered to help with a service project. They joined right in and it was a delight to get to know them. We have their names and hopefully, we can work together on future projects. A way to develop the potential for future Soroptimists!

Websites

SI:
soroptimistinternational.org
SIA:
soroptimist.org
GWR:
goldenwestregion.org
SISB:
sisanbernardino.org

**HAPPY
Birthday**

6-9 Judy Holbeck



Installation

Recruit, Rebuild, Recharge! The members of SISB will reaffirm their commitment to carry out President Cathie's theme of the three R's at the installation of the club officers for the coming club year beginning July 1. Sheila Brown has graciously offered her home for the event and will also serve as the installing offi-

cer. Friday, June 30, is the date and the time to gather is 6:00 p.m. There will be an informal dinner served and the cost to each is \$10.00. Please advise President Cathie no later than Monday, June 26, whether or not you will be attending and also let her know whether or not you will be bringing a guest and, if so, how many.

Payment should be given to the Treasurer, Gladys Weems, in either cash or checks payable to SI San Bernardino. All members have been sent a flyer as a reminder listing the names of the new officers. Installations are always fun and entertaining, usually with some surprises, so plan to attend.

Let's meet

The club will be noting the one-year anniversary of meeting at a new location. Arrangements with the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption School in San Bernardino have met the club's needs for a consistent meeting location and any reservations members may have had with the change in location and time have been dispelled. Meeting dates (the first and third Thursday) are the same, but the time

has changed from a noon meeting to meeting at 6:30 p.m. The first Thursday is a business meeting and the third Thursday is for event planning work or hands-on service projects and for casual fun get togethers. Traditionally the club meets very informally during the months of July and August as these are often vacation times for families. There are no business meetings during July and Au-

gust, but some business might be discussed as needed just to keep current. The club has also held a Club Retreat in late August for developing plans for the start of business in September and to focus on future plans of the club. A date has not been announced as yet, and members should watch for a flyer via e-mail for pertinent information.

Notes from Spring Conference

"Mission IS :Possible" That was the theme of the Region Spring Conference recently held at Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort in Phoenix, Arizona, June 1/ 3.. It would be an apt slogan to pair with the club's theme to Recruit, Refresh and Recharge. The weather was very hot as one would expect in June in Phoenix, but the resort's rooms were well cooled and comfortable. President Cathie, Vice President Christy and Treasurer Gladys attended this year and all three agreed that there was much on the agenda to inspire members to focus on the organization's mission to help women and girls to achieve their dreams. The Live Your Dream Award winners were inspiring in how they are working to improve their lives having faced many adversities that few of us have ever had to deal with. SIA President Rosemary Reid wrote in her letter to the Region that she couldn't help but wonder what would happen to these

women if we weren't there to support them. She also referenced the new Dream It, Be It program as a complement to the Live Your Dream Award. It is an interventional program that reaches out to under deserved girls to help them move on to a healthy path. The best thing clubs can do to help SIA as well as our own club to gain more recognition is by doing what we tell the world we do.

That means making our Dream Programs the center of our club's efforts. This can bring greater recognition and increase funding for our Dream programs. Working together we have made a lot of dreams come true. Together, we can and will continue to make more dreams come true.

The keynote speakers all were enthusiastic and definitely focused on the goals of Soroptimists. The delegates approved the proposed budget as presented in the

call and elected the proposed candidates to serve on the 2017/2019 Nominating Committee. Doña, Diva, Dame Alice Wells was appointed to chair the committee. The total number of persons registered at the conference was 352. There were a variety of workshops designed to inspire and educate the members in reaching their goals for their clubs as well as the organization as a whole.

There were many opportunities to recognize clubs and members with awards, for long years of service, for Laurel Society membership, the Celebration of Life, etc. The 2018 conference will be June 6 / 9 at Palo Casino, Temecula. Hopefully more of our members will be able to attend, especially those who have never been to a Spring Conference before. You will be awed by the experience and feel more connected to Soroptimists throughout the world.

Membership

Mearl Warmboe has sadly decided not to extend her membership next year, but wants to be a participant in supporting our programs and activities where she can. We will continue to keep her informed of our activities and, of course, extend our invitation to attend our events. Mearl has been a member for 42 years

and has participated in many projects, served as an officer a number of times and earned a reputation for her delicious banana and poppy seed breads which she donates to our Holiday auction.

There is positive news for our members in the fact that we have commitments from 3 new recruits who will be joining

after July 1. It is imperative that the members continue in this effort to increase our numbers. It is a mission that is possible and hopefully will have a ripple effect as new members join who in turn will propose new members of their friends and contacts. Let's keep the momentum going in a forward motion!

Financial report

There are several items of business to attend to at the end of the club's fiscal year ending June 30. The first order of business is to collect dues from those members who will be extending their membership. Dues and fees to the Federation are due in Philadelphia by July 1 along with related paper work supporting any changes in membership. Likewise, dues and fees are due to the Region with the related paper work before July 1.

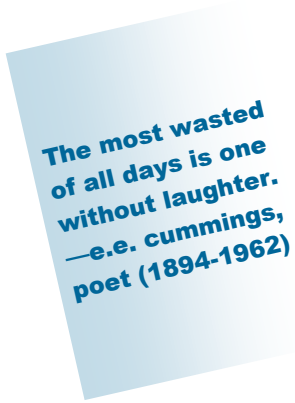
In addition the club is responsible to notify our accountant of the monies earned from the sale of goods; i.e., auction items and garage sales. They will be computed and we will be notified of the amount of

California sales tax due to the Franchise Tax Board.

Following July 1, an accounting record of income and expenses is due to the accountant to file with the IRS which supports our 501c(3) status.

In addition the club will convene an audit committee to review the financial records to confirm they are in proper order and will follow at a later meeting to establish a proposed budget for the next club year. The club bylaws require the audit be completed by August 15. The proposed budget should be ready for the members review and adoption at the September

business meeting.



**The most wasted
of all days is one
without laughter.
—e.e. cummings,
poet (1894-1962)**

Region Leadership Training and Development Retreat

All members have received the News Blast regarding a Leadership Retreat to be held in Ontario, Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5, 2017. The place is the Ontario Airport Hotel.

There will be breakout workshops for Presidents and Treasurers as well as other important club functions. All members are welcomed. It is not for club officers

only. It is a helpful way to get a jump-start on the club's business and to learn about Region procedures that involves all clubs. It is important the clubs are educated in the details of knowing what the procedures are and how to conform to them.

Members attending are responsible for registering themselves for the Retreat as

well as for the hotel registration if you are not commuting each day. The registration for the Retreat can be accomplished on line and can be reached on the GWR website with a link to [Leadership Training Retreat - "ONE MISSION"- 8/4/2017](#). Check your copy of the News Blast. The deadline is Tuesday, July 11, 2017.



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Making A Difference for Women

Soroptimist improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment

Meetings
1st and 3rd Thursdays
6:30 p.m.
Our Lady of the Assumption
School
796 West 48th Street
San Bernardino, California 92407

Ideas to Ponder

The place to improve the world is first in one's own heart and head and hands, and then work outward from there.

—Robert M. Pirsig, 1928-2017,
Author of *Zen and the Art of
Motorcycle Maintenance*