

Happy Talk



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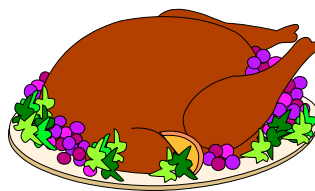
The start of a busy year

Since July we have been busy Soroptimists, but I think we have had fun and have certainly been productive in our efforts to raise money for our club's good work! The first Savor the Flavor Beer Event and Auction was a success and those in attendance seemed to enjoy the beer tasting and auction, Mike Gallo was once again a great emcee and auctioneer and helped make the event lively. In addition, a few of our members attended the annual Fall Meeting hosted by the Chino club and seemed to gain some good information and meet new people. The holidays will be upon us soon, but before that we will hold our annual Holiday Auction on December 8 and an orna-

ment exchange on December 14.

Among the busy schedule for our club, I am so proud to announce we have 4 new members added in the past two months! By increasing our membership, we will be able to do more and give more financially to those in need. I am so excited to have them join us and look forward to getting to know them better in the coming months.

Thank you to all our members (new and old) for your efforts in making this fiscal year a great one already! I want everyone to really be a part of our club and share ideas. I appreciate the teamwork we have shown as we



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prepared for the yard sale and the Savor the Flavor event and know that together we can do great things to help empower and improve the lives of women and girls in our community!

President Cathie

The 3 R's

Club Calendar

- 11-2 Business Meeting**
- 11-5 Daylight Savings Time Ends**
- 11-16 Program meeting at Gladys' home (note the change in place)**
- 11-23 Thanksgiving Day**
- 11-30 Board Meeting**



Websites

(SI) soroptimistinternational.org

(SIA) soroptimist.org

(GWR) goldenwestregion.org

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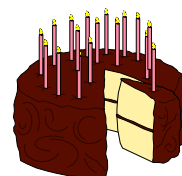
Significant dates

Please mark your calendars to serve as a reminder of the following events:

- 11-16-17** Program meeting at the home of Gladys to collect and organize the collection of magazines and catalogs for the WINGS program.
- 12-8-17** Holiday Auction
- 12-14-17** Ornament Exchange
- 1-25-18** Human Trafficking Awareness Event
- 3-3-18** WINGS project

Happy Birthday

No birthdays this month



Follow up on Savor the Flavor event

The members hosted an event on Saturday, October 21, at the Native Sons Parlor to develop an appreciation for and to evaluate craft beers and home brewed beers. It was a first for the club and is being evaluated as to its success and whether or not the members will want to tackle the challenge next year. Local brewers served samples of their products for attendees to taste and evaluate their preference. They also explained what judges look for and the complex ingredients that go into the brewing process for

beer. Those participating were asked to rank their choices as well as learning more about the business of crafting new beers and in home brews. For those not into beer, there was wine and soft drinks available. A dinner of sausages and home baked chips, were served with hot dog buns, mustard, sauerkraut and onions. There was also scalloped potatoes available. Everyone was invited to take part in a silent auction and following dinner there was a live auction with Mike Gallo as auction-

eer. He is both entertaining and a great emcee as well as a friend of Soroptimists. It was a lively evening and the club members are grateful for the generosity of those who attended and contributed to the auction items. The monies will supplement the club's giving to the community which is aimed at empowering women and girls to improve their financial and social needs.

Special thanks to the members who worked together to make it a success.

Fall Meeting recap

The Fall Meeting held on October 6 and 7 was hosted by SI of Chino Hills/Inland Empire at the El Prado Golf Course in Chino.

Those attending a Fall Meeting for the first time were recognized and welcomed. In addition to the various speakers addressing Soroptimist programs, the members heard from Governor Penny Babb on SIA issues. It was noted that Golden West Region clubs participated 100% in the Live Your Dream Award program and 34% in the Dream It, Be It program. Governor-elect Lori Reed issued a challenge to the members to grow their Soroptimist experience

by volunteering to serve on Region committees for the next biennium as well as to be willing to accept a nomination to serve as a Region Board member.

Various club Presidents were asked to briefly report on the variety of programs where they have exhibited their success. President Cathie was asked to speak on membership and Gladys Weems filled in for her due to her absence for a family funeral. Cathie's message was to review the club's success in growing the club's numbers by adding 4 new members with a list of probables that are in the works. It was announced that a task force for

chartering new clubs is being developed and will be chaired by Doris Churry of SI Palm Desert.

The bid to hostess the 2018 Fall Meeting was given to SI Riverside.

Fall Meetings are always a time to charge our batteries and get energized for the club year's events and projects.

Judy Holbeck, Michelle Gomez, Barbara Cooper and Gladys represented our club and enjoyed the day together.

Holiday Activities

Now that cooler weather has finally arrived, the members are looking forward to several traditional events of the club. The first is the Holiday Auction scheduled for Friday, December 8. This will be in lieu of a business meeting in December. The Native Sons Parlor has been reserved for this event and it will start at 6:00p.m. Members are asked to donate auction items. They may or may not be in a holiday theme. They should not be wrapped in order to display them prior to the auc-

tion. Members will be asked to donate food and beverages for a light buffet dinner. All are encouraged to invite friends, families, neighbors, co-workers or anyone you know who likes a good time. It will most certainly get you in a holiday mood!

A second tradition has been an ornament exchange set to be at Sheila Brown's home on Thursday, December 14. This will replace a program meeting. Members are asked to bring wrapped holiday

ornaments to be exchanged in a fun way. It involves stealing from others until all have been distributed so you may end up with an ornament other than the one you first selected.

Food and beverages are donated by members attending for casual snacks. This event is a warm, relaxing time to unwind during a busy holiday season.

Club Historian spotlights Vice President Barbara Reynolds

Barbara had no notion of Soroptimist until her daughter, Kelly, received a scholarship from the club working with the school district. When she mentioned this at her church, a member said that they thought another member, Cathie Weber, belonged to Soroptimist. Barbara looked her up and learned about the club and its mission and came to a meeting. She has been a member for 3 years.

Barbara retired after 32 years with Luxfer Gas and Cylinder Mfg. Co. She worked in the accounting department where she

watched the company grow from a small business to an international company that makes everything from medical tanks to scuba tanks. Barbara now teaches in her church's pre-school which she loves. She is also involved in the church's out reach and sings in the choir.

She has been married for 30 years to husband, Robert, and they have 2 children of whom they are very proud – son Derek, 29 and scholarship winner Kelly, 21. Other family members include 5 cats and a dog.

Robert is a high school councilor who plays guitar on the side. Derek recently returned from 3 years of teaching English in Japan. He is heading back to school to earn his Masters degree and hopes to return to Japan which he finds fascinating. Kelly is starting at Cal State taking Kinesiology and majoring in childhood studies with a music minor. She is also head coach at Beaumont High School and choir director at her church.

Barbara (and family) are a welcome addition to our Soroptimist club.

Induction of new members

Four new members are ready to be officially inducted to membership in the club. They are Barbara Cooper, Lupe Castenada, Zury Ybarra and Amanda Martinez. Barbara was recruited by Michelle Gomez; Lupe has been familiar to the members due to her work at the Chamber; Zury was the club's Live Your Dream Award winner for 2017 and she is a co-worker with Amanda. The wish is they will know others who would be someone to invite to share the

mission of Soroptimist and this ripple effect can increase the membership significantly. There are also other names of potential members in the works to help us grow. The members look forward to growing together as well as gaining new friendships and insights from others. Traditionally training is given to new members as soon after their membership begins to help them get a feeling of belonging and to help develop their understand-

ing of the organization's history, protocols and procedures. The more you know, the more effective member you can be to serve Soroptimist both in the club and beyond in the organization.

Protocol and Procedures

Protocol and courtesy are fancy words to mean manners. Protocol is used to make everyone feel comfortable. This means starting meetings on time and keeping them moving without being dictatorial and ending on time. It means maintaining a spirit of cooperation in everything we do.

We call members by their first name.
We are members—not sisters or girls.
We are clubs—not chapters.
We belong to a Federation—not national.
We have a Pledge—not a creed or motto.
The presiding officer should be addressed by her title followed by her name; i.e., President Cathie or Governor Penny, etc.

We do not use “Madam President.” Don't let Parliamentary Procedures scare you. Instead, understand its role and use it wisely to keep discussion fair, open and efficient. Say what you need to say, then stop speaking. If you ever feel ill-equipped to participate in the group's unique style of dialogue and deliberation, remember this: Parliamentary Procedure is not intended to intimidate any one or stifle debate. Rather, its goal is to enable deliberative bodies to practice good governance. It ensures that the will of the majority is established and the voice of the minority is protected. It should be a goal to eliminate common time wasters.

The above excerpts are from a conference workshop presented by Leigh Wintz, former CAE of the Federation.

It should be every member's goal to become familiar with proper parliamentary procedure. This insures meetings run smoothly without chaos with everyone speaking at the same time without waiting to be recognized by the chair. Simple, basic rules are all that is needed in a club, but it helps to be informed enough to be able to understand what is required at a Region Conference or a Federation Convention.



Making a Difference for Women

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

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Meetings

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

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Ideas to Ponder

“To me, old age is always 15 years older than I am.”

—Bernard Baruch, American financier and philanthropist (1880—1965)