

Happy Talk



S.I. San Bernardino
Golden West Region

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We Did It!!

Yay!! We did it!! Thank You, thank you to all our San Bernardino Soroptimist members for your hard work and dedication for our 2nd annual Savor The Flavor beer event that was held October 27, 2018, at the Scottish Rite Temple in San Bernardino. It was a wonderful evening with dinner, beer tasting and judging, and a silent and a live auction. Our event was a huge success and a fun evening by all accounts of all who attended.

Now it is December and the holiday season is upon us. And what better way to start out this month than with our annual Holiday Auction on Friday, December 7. There will be great gifts for Christ-

mas, good food and beverages, and great fun. Proceeds go towards our service projects that help empower women and girls in our community as well as providing funding for administrative costs of the club.

On Thursday, December 13, we will have our annual Ornament Exchange. I am excited to announce that same evening we will have an induction of three new members to our San Bernardino Soroptimist club! This will be a fun and festive event with members, family and friends.

I wish all members, their families and all of our So-



Season's Greetings

roptimist friends a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

I look forward to the New Year and all we will accomplish.

President Michelle

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Club Calendar

- 12-2 Hanukkah begins
- 12-7 Holiday Auction
- 12-10 SI President's Appeal
- 12-13 Ornament Exchange
- 12-25 Christmas Day
- 12-31 New Year's Eve



Websites

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

December 10 President's Appeal

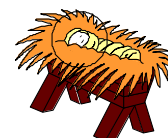
Each SI President selects a project during her term that supports the theme of improving women's lives. SI President Mariet Verhoef-Cohen has chosen Women, Waters and Leadership for 5 projects on 5 continents that educate, empower and enable women and girls to lead in water matters, embracing the UN Sustainable Development

Goal for education and gender equality. The appeal is committed to promoting the inclusion of women in water resource governance as experts and leaders during all phases of the projects. They will be equally involved in decision making throughout the entire project cycle from education and capacity

building through design implementation and monitoring. The goal is to raise £ 350.000 over two years and to have improved sustainable, accessible and affordable water projects and services on 5 continents. Additional information can be viewed on the SI website.

**HAPPY
Birthday**

Only one birthday this month.



Savor the success of Savor The Flavor

The members held their second Savor The Flavor event on October. Three brewers of The Inland Empire's Homebrew Club consisting of 3-Iron Brewing Company, Main Street Brewery and Ritual Brewing Company offered their craft home brews for sampling and judging by the members as to their preference. Food was catered by Dickey's BBQ located on North Park Boulevard in San Bernardino. They provided a scrumptious buffet of pulled pork, chicken, cole saw, baked potato casserole, green beans, rolls, pickles, onions and

saucses.. They also donated chocolate chip cookies for dessert.

Mike Gallo graciously accepted the club's invitation to serve as the auctioneer and distributor of the silent auction items. His wit and personality works exceptionally well in livening up the bidding process and encouraging some competetive bidding.

Much thanks to the sponsors as well as the members who pitched in to handle various assignments making things run smoothly.

There were lots of compliments on the food and all enjoyed the beverages along with the beer samples. There was a lot of fun and friendship as well as contributing generously to the club's efforts to earn monies for supporting club projects.

Attendance exceeded last year's event by the 78 reservations received. Like many of the club projects, they seem to get better and better with each year. Kudos to all!

Holiday Auction

A long standing tradition of the club has been the Holiday Auction. December 7, is the date for this year's event at the Native Son's Parlor.

Members are asked to donate 2 auction items valued at no less that \$20 each as well as food and beverages. All are encouraged to invite friends, neighbors, family members, co-workers, people you barely know, etc. to attend and enjoy what promises to be a lively event. Christy will

serve as the auctioneer as she has in the past and her sense of humor always makes the bidding process fun and productive. Monies earned will be added to the club's funds for financing some club expenses as well as the various service projects carried out by the members.

Cathie Weber is coordinating the reservations in order to have a head count in preparation of ensuring enough food, etc.

The auction will get us in the holiday spirit and there will be an opportunity to bid on many delightful items. Some will have a Christmas theme and some will be suitable for gifts not theme related.

Bring your Christmas spirit and your pocket book for a great time!

'Tis the Season!

Ornament Exchange

The members will be honoring a 2nd holiday tradition by holding an ornament exchange at the home of Sheila Brown on Thursday, December 13, at 6:00 pm. Members will be bringing pot luck dishes of delicious food including dessert. They will also participate in the exchange of ornaments brought by the members. They are to be wrapped to add to the mystery of drawing an item and unwrapping the surprise. Each member will draw a number to see who draws next and will have the

option of picking a wrapped item or taking one that has already been unwrapped. The member who loses their ornament will then get to select again. Ornaments can sometimes change hands at least 3 times before they become "safe" from further exchanges. Everyone will go home with a new ornament to add to their personal collections.

Sheila has also suggested members may want to participate in the ugliest or most

unique Christmas sweater or scarf or any other apparel or accessory worn. A prize will be awarded to the member recognizing her "taste" in holiday wear.

Friends and family are welcome to join in on the fun. It's always a special time to celebrate the season with friends.



What's in the club's future?

The New Year will see the beginning of activities that remain to be done this club year. A Bunco party is in the works for February 9, at the Native Son's Parlor. Details are being worked out so watch for future notices for possible changes in the date or for more details for time, food items, cost, etc. Bunco parties are lively and fun and family members, friends, neighbor, etc. are welcome.

Another project that is being considered is a fundraiser and combination social. The working title is a Paint Night. There are

many details to consider and any member who is motivated to help in the research and planning is asked to contact President Michelle. Currently we are looking at May or possibly June for a date.

WINGS is set for the first Saturday in March. This project is one the members have held for several years and it has been fine tuned to become a very successful event.

Judy Holbeck is currently finalizing the work of selecting a Live Your Dream winner for our club to be forwarded to the Dis-

trict and hopefully subsequently to the Region. She has several good candidates for the award and the members look forward to honoring her at a club event.

The Region Spring Conference is always something to look forward to. It will be at the Pala Casino Resort & Spa on June 6, 7 and 8, 2019. It is an opportunity worth taking advantage of. The experience to learn more about Soroptimist and region programs is invaluable. Also a great way to make many new friends from other clubs in the Region.

A look at the club's finances

It has been discussed early in the club year that it would be prudent to review the club's financial position mid-year to check how the club stands with regard to the General Budget passed by the members in September.

It is not the intent to change the line items that are a part of the budget. It is, however, for the purpose of evaluating the amounts budgeted for each line item to spot potential shortages to determine if the

amounts may need to be amended up or down. If necessary, a recommendation to amend the budget will be made and the members will be asked to discuss the recommendation and subsequently vote on whether or not recommended changes should be accepted. A majority vote will decide. It is possible that a review will show no changes are indicated and the budget will stand as approved at the beginning of the club year.

The decision of how much and for what purpose the money should be allocated is for the members to decide. Any member who is tasked on a project that involves spending the club's money, must insure she has approval for these expenses before spending any money. Reimbursement is not automatic when a member asks for reimbursement without prior approval from the members. Fiscal responsibility is essential to a healthy club.

How much do you know?

A well informed member is a valuable asset to the club. By-laws and Standing Rules are developed for a reason. They serve as a reference and guide as to what is OK and what is not. They are developed and accepted by a vote of the members; and therefore, not subject to changes on the whim of an uninformed member or by a member who believes she knows better. There is a process to follow. If the Laws and Procedures need to be changed to keep current with changes in what the club needs or to keep current with Region's and Federation's laws as well as the SI Constitution the members will have an opportunity to decide by a vote what changes to make based on the recommendations of the Laws and Resolutions Committee.

In order to stay current with the bylaws and standing rules you will find that re-

reading them periodically helps. It's easy for memories to become clouded and we don't remember as accurately as we might think.

What constitutes a quorum for the San Bernardino club? (Bylaw Article VII)

When does the fiscal year begin and end? (Bylaw Article XIII)

How are bylaws amended? (Bylaw Article XVI)

How many Standing Rules are listed for the club? (See Standing Rules)

How many committees are listed in the Standing Rules? (See Standing Rules)

When were the bylaws and Standing Rules last amended?

When does a member have permission to speak at a meeting? (refer to parliamentary procedure)

Who has responsibility for keeping order at a meeting? (parliamentary procedure)

Who can make a motion? (parliamentary procedure)

Why does a motion require a member to second it before asking for discussion? (parliamentary procedure)

There are rules for behavior in every aspect of one's life. Knowing the rules and respecting them is good manners and makes things much more efficient.



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 Thursday
6:30 p.m.

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Ideas to Ponder

I love living. I have some
problems with my life but
living is the best thing
they've come up with so far,
—**Neil Simon**
American playwright
1927-2018

The purpose of our lives is to be
happy.
—**Dalai Lama**, spiritual leader