

# Happy Talk



S.I. San Bernardino  
Golden West Region

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## Club to start New Year

We are off to a great start with the New Year!

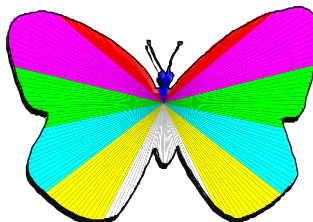
Our SISB club received several Live Your Dream applications this year. After receiving the applications they were processed and reviewed. A panel determined a recipient who will be awarded the LYDA for 2019.

Our club will invite the recipient to our WINGS/Dream It—Be It event on March 2, 2019. At this event our club will present the Live Your Dream Award to her. Speaking of our WINGS event, our club has been busy preparing for this event to be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019. WINGS stands for Women Inspiring and Nurturing Girls to Succeed. I am excited for

this event and how our club can help impact the lives of these young women and girls. I know each of our club members are committed to this event and reaching out to the young women and girls in our community.

Our club has scheduled an evening of fun. The Bunco Night fundraiser is set for Friday, February 8, 2019, at the San Bernardino Native Sons parlor. This is always a fun filled evening with fellow Soroptimist members, family and friends.

In closing, I am excited to see what our club will accomplish in the coming months and how we can help to make a difference to improve the lives of young



**WINGS**  
Saturday of Service

women and girls.

“Each one of us can make a difference. Together we make change.”

— Barbara Mikulski

*President Michelle*

## Imagine, Spark, Activate

### Club Calendar

- 2-7 **Business Meeting**
- 2-8 **Bunco Party**
- 2-21 **WINGS committee Meeting**
- 2-16 **Board Meeting**

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### Websites

- (SI) [soroptimistinternational.org](http://soroptimistinternational.org)
- (SIA) [soroptimist.org](http://soroptimist.org)
- (GWR) [goldenwestregion.org](http://goldenwestregion.org)
- (SISB) [sisanbernardino.org](http://sisanbernardino.org)

## Member Updates

Barb Cooper is back “home” with Gladys and has made significant improvement with her left hand and arm. She gains more strength each day and is learning some things are easier, plus she’s very resourceful in learning new ways to do things. Pretty good for a lefty. She also has

a new e-mail address and each member is asked to correct her copy of the club roster. The new address is: [barbcooperc21@gmail.com](mailto:barbcooperc21@gmail.com)

As the members have heard in the past, Gladys has had serious back pain and a surgery date has been

scheduled for 2-14-19. She will be at the Loma Linda Orthopedic Hospital for 3 to 4 days and from there she may be at a therapy facility or hopefully at home. Will keep you updated. Right now there are appointments for pre-op stuff taking place.

**Happy Birthday**

- 2-3 Barb Cooper

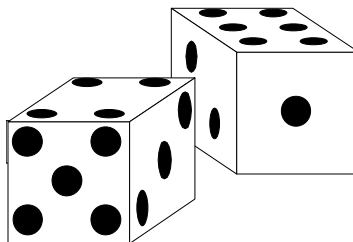


# Let's play Bunco

All members have received a flyer announcing the Bunco Night set for Friday, February 8 at the Native Son's Parlor in San Bernardino. It starts at 6:00 p.m. and the cost per person is \$10.00. A portion of the monies earned will go to finance the various club projects as needed and a portion will go to the participant winning the most games!

Each member is asked to contribute a dish (main course or dessert) and to bring their own beverage of choice. In addition to

prizes and food there is the guarantee of a lot of noise and excitement which equals fun!



All are encouraged to bring guests, family members, friends, co-workers, etc. The more the merrier and the higher the prize money will be as well as the earnings for the club.

Watch out for Lupe if she gets her hands on the bell. It really gets her excited!



## WINGS

*Women Inspiring and Nurturing Girls to Succeed.* The club has sponsored a WINGS program for a number of years and have converted it to the Dream It—Be It program. This has worked very well for us and the members are well into the planning of this year's Saturday of Service event on March 2. It will be at 1711 Plum Lane, Redlands at the same location as last year.

A special meeting has been scheduled for February 21 for the purpose of finalizing

the activities for the club's project. It will be at the OLA church and President Michelle has sent an e-mail to the members as a reminder with time, etc. Please note the request for gift prizes for the gift bags. They need not be expensive, but something appropriate for young girls; i.e., hair brushes, combs, ribbons or scrunchies, nail grooming products, lotions, etc. Please bring these items to the planning meeting. The flyer has also been printed and is available to all members.

This program is one of our more rewarding projects. While a hot lunch is served to our guests, each member is responsible to pay \$10.00 for their own meal. When you attend, remember to wear your So-roptimist pin and be ready to pitch in to help as needed, especially with the dream boards that the girls will be making for themselves. The time of the WINGS event is 9:00 a.m. / 1:30 p.m. on March 2.

## Fiscal management

When the club budget was passed at our September business meeting, the members concluded it would be wise to set a time to review the club's fiscal situation mid-year. This would involve comparing the budgeted items and amounts with any payments made since September, and evaluating where the club stands financially as it relates to future expenditures for the balance of the club year. Do our Ways and Means projects earn sufficient money to provide enough income along

with dues, or could there be a shortfall at the end of the year? Should the club consider additional Ways and Means projects and/or perhaps trimming of some of the expense items where possible?

The result of the budget review at the January board meeting indicated that earnings are holding fairly steady, but it was suggested a yard sale in May or June should be a serious consideration.

The report to the members of the Board's findings and recommendations will be presented to the members and any revisions to the budget, if necessary, can be taken into consideration and voted on by the members in a timely manner so as to end the club year with a healthy treasury sufficient to meet the club's obligations and to insure sufficient carry-over to the next fiscal year.

# Nominations and elections

In compliance with the club bylaws, the Board discussed the appointment of a nominating committee to nominate candidates for club officers for the next club year beginning July 1. President Michelle appointed Cathie Weber to chair the committee and the Board selected Roberta Bamert to serve. A third member will be selected at the business meeting in February. The committee will meet to be prepared to present a recommended slate of officers at the March business meeting. This will be the first reading of the results

of their efforts. The second reading will be at the April business meeting. At that time, there may be further nominations from the floor and ultimately the members will vote on the final slate. Members are advised to be familiar with Article X of the bylaws regarding nominations and elections. It is also a good time to review Article IV, Officers and Directors. All members have the responsibility to be aware of how the club is to function and to be willing to participate as needed. Membership is more than paying dues and attending meet-

ings. It should be noted that in sharing with others the tasks needed to serve the club are very rewarding and appreciated. Also important is to be aware that there are also committee assignments when all members are needed to fill positions in order for the club to meet our goals of helping women and girls.

Together we make it happen!

## Future dates to remember

Two very big events are in our future. The first is the Region Spring Conference, June 6 / 9, 2019, at the Pala Casino Spa Resort and Casino in Pala, California. The Call to Conference is due to be sent the first week of March. There will be a chartering of a new club on Thursday night! There are also 9 workshops with various subjects to keep us knowledgeable members. The business sessions are also important to keep current on the Region's business. The conference theme is "Igniting our Dreams." Each member is urged to attend if possible and you will be richly rewarded for your doing so. The club will be coordi-

nating with the members to arrange registration, sharing rooms and travel arrangements as needed.

The second event is the SIA Convention. They are held every even numbered year and are just as interesting and educational. Members from all clubs in our Federation will be attending. The date is July 22 / 25, 2020 and will be in Bellevue, Washington. It too will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Soroptimist!

It is always a memorable experience to

attend a convention as you realize how international our organization is. Our Federation includes clubs from Canada, The U.S., Puerto Rico, Mexico, Central America, countries in South America, as well as parts of the Orient—Japan, Taiwan, and the Philippines. There will be workshops and business sessions as well as award events and banquet affairs. The opportunity to meet and interact with those from other continents and countries is extraordinary. Watch for more information as it is sent to the members.

## Curious Customs

by Tad Tuleja

Opening an umbrella indoors—a good thing or a bad thing? The umbrella reached England by way of Italy early in the seventeenth century and at that time was employed both as a shield against bad weather and as a shade against the sun. The Italian word *ombrella*, in fact, means "little shade." The superstition against opening umbrellas indoors is a common one in the British Isles, and no doubt it traveled to the New World from there.

That this action would be considered unnecessary or foolish is understandable, but

why would it be seen as dangerous? E. and M. A. Radford hint at an origin in sympathetic magic, since "an umbrella unnecessarily opened during fine weather may bring down the rain." Rudolph Brasch provides a more subtle rationale, suggesting that indoor umbrella usage violates "the right order of things" and may thus be seen by the superstitious as testing of the powers that be. Specifically, such behavior might be seen as insulting to God—who "intended umbrellas to be employed out of doors"—or to "the spirit of the umbrella" itself. A third in-

sultee, I would suggest, would be the spirits of the household, who might be piqued at the implication that their protection must be supplemented by an overhead shield. Of course, simple pragmatism may also enter in: The custom may enshrine a long-forgotten accident in which someone opened an umbrella in his house and knocked over a burning candle or the china.



### **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

One reason we struggle  
with insecurity: We're comparing our  
behind the scenes to everyone  
else's highlight reel.

—Steve Furtick  
American pastor and author