

# Happy Talk



S.I. San Bernardino  
Golden West Region

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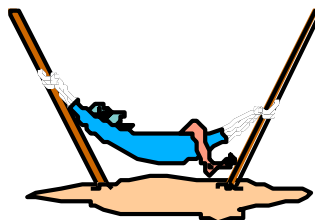


## A year like no other

Hello Ladies,

I hope that each of you and your families are doing well as we enter into month 4 of COVID-19. All of our lives have been impacted in some way and SI of San Bernardino is no exception. Due to health and safety we have had to do things differently from suspending regular meetings to moving to ZOOM meetings and electronic communication. Events have been cancelled and plans for future events such as the installation of the Board of Directors, etc., are still being discussed and planned for the future. Trying to wrap up the prior fiscal year has had challenges as well and trying to make plans for the future. Even during these challenging times I know we will succeed and move forward together for the better. I would like to take this time to reflect and say thank you for the past two years.

I have been so fortunate to have had the experience of being president of SISB the past two years. I have learned so much about Soroptimist International on a club level and beyond. I have learned about leadership and how to lead. I have worked with amazing ladies from SISB these past two years. I want to say a BIG thank you to each of you for empowering me, for working by my side and entrusting me to be your club president. Each of you bring your talents, gifts and strengths to our club and are always committed to improving the lives of women and girls in our community. I am ending my two terms as a better person with greater knowledge, wonderful experiences, memories and friendships and I look forward to the coming year and how I can be of further service in a new role with our club.



Newsletter editor  
enjoying 2 months  
off!

I am very hopeful that we will soon return to normal, albeit a new version. I am looking forward to working alongside each of you in the future to make our community and world better, kinder and safer. Thank you for an amazing two years.

Wishing you all the best!

*President Michelle*

## Imagine, Spark, Activate

### Club Calendar

6-4 Business Meeting



### 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)

## Notes for your calendar

8-7/8, Region Leadership  
Training & Installation,  
Ontario Airport Hotel, Ontario

8-15, Club Retreat  
9-3 Business Meeting

10-16/17, District 1 Fall  
Meeting, Chino Valley

Club Installation,  
Details pending



6-8 Judy Holbeck

7-3 Roberta Bamert

8-24 Michelle Gomez

# Things are looking up!

The members of SISB will be welcoming two new members—Emily Lopez and Maryann Quiggle.

Emily has attended some of our past events and was inspired to join Soroptimists. She was able to join in for the business ZOOM meeting on June 4. She is eager and brings a fresh outlook to the club.

Maryann Quiggle will also be joining on July 1, 2020. Maryann was a member a

number of years ago but was unable to continue her membership, but things in her life have been rearranged enough to allow her to return. The members welcome her back and those who knew her before know she is one who wants to be involved and eagerly participates in club events.

A big welcome to each is in order and all look forward to easier times when all things will return to a more normal existence. “Normal” is always changing and what we have learned from the need to

adapt during the past months will make us stronger and will help all to move on to a new “normal,” whatever that may be.

We are always on the lookout for new members. Any one you know who would be an asset to the club and who embraces the Soroptimist goals of helping women and girls would be welcome. All you have to do is ask. Share what you know about our goals and club responsibilities.

Share your appreciation of what we do!

## Meetings, Club Retreat and Installation

Some things have eased slowly back to what once was, albeit with some restrictions and rules to keep us safe. It is still unclear as to exactly when it might be OK for the members to congregate together to hold an installation of the Board of Directors and for holding a club retreat. A date of August 15 has been set for the retreat in the hope that all will continue to progress to allow for it. The location and other details are to be determined at a later date, so members should be on the lookout for those notices.

Members have been participating in ZOOM meetings for the board meetings and the business meeting. It's a new experience and if not ideal as we would like, it does enable the club to take care of business to the extent possible. Your editor has added a webcam to her computer and has been able to do what was never envisioned by her. It is exciting however. President Michelle has stepped up to meet the challenges admirably and has led us to keep moving forward.

Options for arrangements for an installa-

tion time and place are being explored and when we know more about how we can safely proceed, all will be kept informed. Something to look forward to.

A few members have indicated their interest in attending the Region's Leadership Training events. It will be good to be able to be with others from throughout the Region. One special item will be the installation of the Region Board of Directors on Saturday evening.

Where there is a will, there is a way!

## Yearly Wrap Up

The club Treasurer is making sure the financial obligations are taken care of—noting deadline dates, etc. Dues are being collected and forwarded to Region and Federation. Tax reports that are due are being handled by the Treasurer so as to not miss a deadline. In addition, plans for auditing the club's accounts is being planned as well as a time to prepare the budget for the new club year for the members' consideration. We are optimistic that the future will allow the club to con-

tinue with the projects that were cancelled and they will be rescheduled and back on track as soon as it is viable to do so. The world may be changing, but it is well to remember that some changes are good.

The incoming president will announce her theme for the next club year and the new Board of Directors will be adjusting to their new assignments. The club's two new members will give us a fresh perspective on club projects and will have

much to offer with their ideas. The members have been supportive of each other and all can be very proud of the club's accomplishments. By working together much more can be accomplished than by one person working alone.

Soroptimists stand together throughout the world.

# Live Your Dream!

Marisol Montejano was selected for the Live Your Dream Award for this club year. She is working to obtain a bachelor degree in Mathematics/Teaching at Cal State. Her goal is to obtain a Master's degree in education and a PHD in Mathematics. She states, "I intend to teach high school and my ultimate goal as a teacher is to make my students fall in love with mathematics through my creative lessons.

I want my students to discover the beauty of mathematics."

Thanks to LYDA Chair, Judy Holbeck, arrangements were made with the staff at the University to enable the club to present a check for \$1,000 to her on campus. She was told a group from a club she belonged to was asked to demonstrate social distancing in a photo on the lawn. A table had

been set up with information about the program and colorfully decorated and needless to say she was very surprised and emotional at being selected. Her two advisors are shown standing on either side of Marisol in the group photo below with the other students behind her. The third photo pictures her with President Michele and Chair Judy. Many thanks to the University staff for their help in helping make this possible.







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Treasurer .. Lupe Castaneda  
2-Year Director .. Barbara Cooper  
1-Year Director .. Cathie Weber

### ***Mission Statement***

*Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.*

### **Meetings**

1st Thursday  
6:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Assumption School  
796 West 48th Street  
San Bernardino, California 92407

## **Ideas to Ponder**

**If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.**

—Wayne Dyer,  
Self-help author and  
motivational speaker