



**SOROPTIMIST**

Best for Women

# Soroptimist International of San Francisco

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Soror \ [Latin] *sister*

Optimus \ [Latin] *best*

## Coming up:

# 2006

## September

7. Board Meeting

11. Happy Birthday Regina McMahon!

16. District V Meeting –Host Club: Clovis

12. Business Meeting @ Delancey Street Restaurant

22. Rosh Hashanah begins

24. Big Basin Friendship Day- Boulder Creek, CA; Sierra Pacific Region's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

28 Happy Birthday Susan Ruwart!

30. Deadline: for all clubs to file letter of intent to compete in Region bulletin contest.



## October- Domestic Violence Awareness Month

3. Soroptimist Founder's Day

5. Board Meeting

7. District III Meeting- Host Club: Groveland

9. Columbus Day

10. Business Meeting @ Delancey Street Restaurant

14. District I Meeting-Host Club: Salinas

16. Happy Birthday Ligia Viales!!!

21. District IV Meeting –Host Club: Merced

24. United Nations Day

28. District II Meeting – Host Club: Santa Clara

29. Happy Birthday Frances Morioka!!!

31. Halloween

**Dear Soroptimists,**

**2006 Life Member Tea and Fashion Show!**

Come join us at Judy Lee's home on Saturday, **September 9, 2006** at 1:00pm to share Soroptimist memories while sipping 'tea' and enjoying tasty tidbits, appetizers and delectable desserts. Afterward we will continue enjoying and getting to know each other with a fun Weekenders fashion show. The Weekenders collection for autumn is fun, full of life and completely comfortable.

The colors this season are rich with dramatic dark hues, luxurious textures, patterns, and prints and naturally everything mixes and matches with ease.

The clothes come both tailored and relaxed so you're covered no matter what your personal style. Hope to see you September 9<sup>th</sup> ! And don't forget that 10% of the sales are donated back to our club!

Warm regards,

**Bea Rickels, Treasurer**



**FEDERATION CONVENTION 2006**

**PHILADELPHIA, PA**

Interview of President Andrea

Convention 2006! In the City of Brotherly Love!

No, not the National Democratic Convention...the Soroptimist Federation Convention held July 19-23, 2006 in Philadelphia.

Sadly our Club's Violet Richardson Award winner, Jessica Qu, did not win the Federation's Violet Richardson award. The winner was part of a Women's Health Clinic in the Philippines staffed entirely by teenagers!

President Andrea attended the Convention and was particularly impressed with the "Pulling Herself Up by her Bootstraps" panel of women in the media. Linda Ellersbee was one of the panelists and spoke on the six goals to succeed in life. President Andrea did not tell this writer the six goals- hopefully that will be the subject of another article.

President Andrea shares some very interesting "factoids" she learned. There are 32 countries in the Soroptimist Federation. The United States is the dominant country. California is the dominant state in the United States! Well, Soroptimism was born in Oakland after all.



## November-

1. All Saints Day/ Happy Birthday Nancy Thompson!
2. Day of the Dead
5. **Happy Birthday Bea Rickels!**
7. **ELECTION DAY**
9. Board Meeting
11. Region Board Meeting- TBA.
- VETERAN'S DAY**
14. **Business Meeting @ Delancey Street Restaurant**
15. IRS Form 990 due
22. Happy Birthday Anita Aaron
23. **THANKSGIVING**
25. Soroptimist Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence- U.N. International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women



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### T- SHIRTS and TOTE BAGS

They are here!

Judy Lee will be selling Soroptimist T-shirts and totebags at the Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> Life Member Tea and Fashion Show.

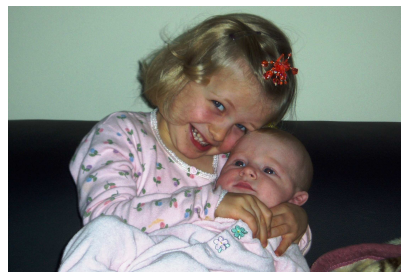
But it was not all fun. Our President did attend the Business Meeting where ten proposals were bandied about. We will get our ballots to vote on these in October 2006. They cover increasing the dues, whether SIA should endorse a "Women's Heart Health Campaign" and four revisions of the by-laws. Work, work, work.

The next Federation Convention is July 2008 and will be hosted by Taiwan.

The International Convention is in Glasgow Scotland in July 2007! Maybe "Nessie" will show up...is she a member of Soroptimist?



SOROPTI-BABIES: Xenia's daughters: big sister Lulu and Marlene (born Dec. 1, 2005)



**"THE 3Rs...REVITALIZE, RETAIN AND RE-GROW"**

### CALL TO LEADERSHIP SUMMIT Modesto, CA August 18-19, 2006

Former Treasurer Nanell and current Secretary Gail decided to attend the Leadership Summit for the opportunity of chasing cowboys and cowgirls around the bars. We arrived fairly late on Friday night and could not find any cowpeople at all.

We did find a lot of Soroptimists there, overheated in the 90 degree temperatures, but happy. The summit was well organized, well attended, and burgeoning with the energy of excited women ready to launch a new year.

Governor Lauren and her club created a warm, friendly and productive work atmosphere. We attended a general work session on Effective Leadership Qualities and the power of optimistic thinking. Nanell and I took the "Optimist" test and learned that I am an extreme optimist and Nanell is a neutral. Which is why we get along so well.

We also learned how to make a motion, which side of our chests to wear our various Soroptimist pins, and that the "S" is the official Logo and the lady in the toga is merely the official emblem. (???)

As Club secretary, Secretary Gail received the super secret Region Directory and went to the "Secretary" workshop. Former Treasurer Nanell went to the "Treasurer" workshop, and we both attended the member workshop.

We learned that all the clubs are suffering the loss of members. We were given ideas on how to adapt, change and encourage the new generations to join us.

By the way, we are no longer "Chairs", or "Chairpersons", or "Chairman"...we are now "Coordinators"!



## **WE'RE HAVING A PARTY!**

Join Soroptimist International of San Francisco  

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**As We Celebrate**

# 85 YEARS



**With an Awards Dinner and Fundraiser**

**When: Saturday, March 24, 2007, 6-9PM**

**Location TBA**

For more information, go to \_\_\_\_\_

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