



# Laurel Leaf



*President's message*

*Soroptimist International of Bellflower*

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*President Susan*

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Happy New Year! It was an amazing December for SI Bellflower as we hosted the women and children from Su Casa~Ending Domestic Violence as well as the women from Little House at our annual Christmas Party. We provided a catered lunch as well as gifts for all the women and children. Entertainment for the event was provided by the Bellflower Elementary Ensemble. And to top off the day, Santa came and listened to wishes and hopes from our guests. This is an event that touched our hearts as we see first-hand the impact we have on those we reach out a helping hand to.

So many women from our club worked to make this a special day. Thank you to all our shoppers (Deana and Nancy and Gina, to name a few). Thank you to all who brought door prizes so that every attendee walked away with multiple items that they could then give as gifts to their own families. Thanks to members who created magic that day to make it extra special for those who are away from home; for those who are getting recovery help; and for those finding safety from abusers. For these women and children, this may be the only special Christmas celebration they have. Thank you all for making time this holiday season, to bring joy and happiness to those in attendance!



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### *New Member Update*

Our club goal for this year (2016- 2017) was to bring in at least 5 new members. We are well on the road to achieving that goal. After our Christmas party for Su Casa and Little House we now have 3 new members! Each of these women were at our Christmas party and were able to see first-hand and be a part of that magical day.

### *WELCOME!*

- Nancy Prigmore
- Ann Bailey
- Jeannette Iturrino

(pictures and bios will be in future newsletters)

***Just a few of the attendees at our Christmas luncheon for the women and children of Su Casa and the women of Little House***



***Bellflower Elementary Ensemble performs for our event***



Camino Real Region's Spring Conference will be 4/21 - 4/23 @ Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills. Club pays for all or part of member's attendance & encourages members to come for all or even part of this event. Mix and mingle and meet members from local clubs. Close to 200 other Soroptimists will be there! It's a great opportunity to share ideas; hear speakers and see what other clubs are doing. Save the date! It really is a lot of fun! ☺