



Soroptimist International of the Foothills, Inc. - We are a professional women's service club committed to assisting women and children in our community through financial assistance, education, advocacy and recognition.

Some of the organizations we assist are Pacific Life Line, Children's Hope, Upland Library Literacy Program, Santa Claus, Inc and Upland YMCA, as well as scholarships for High School girls who have shown their commitment to our community through service to a community organization.



Good Day Sunshine



Dear Friends,

The year is fast coming to a close and SI of The Foothills continues to be very busy indeed! Thanks to Gwen we had our first ever Upscale Resale (garage sale) that netted us over \$1000 to give back to the community. Gwen worked hard on this project and we are grateful to her and her friends who worked side by side with us to make this event a success.

Cheri Jo continues to work hard along with Cyndie as they make sure SI of The Foothills is ever present at both Pacific Lifeline and Children's Hope. We have had many birthday celebrations and continue to make a difference in many lives. This month we will have our Christmas Decorating and Cookie Baking at Children's Hope on December 12th and our Elves Party at Pacific Lifeline on December 14th. And before we celebrate with our two main charities we will be celebrating Christmas at Cheri Jo and Jim's home on December 8th. We will have a busy week indeed.

Thanks to Judy we have been in the Daily Bulletin consistently updating the community on our events. One of our main objectives that came out of our strategic planning meeting this summer was to increase our public relations...and thanks to Judy we have met our objective.

Making money to give back to the community is also one of our objectives and Kelly has been working hard contacting various restaurants in order to have smaller, yet lucrative, fundraisers. Be on the lookout for more information in future newsletters keeping you abreast of what we have in store for you soon. Thanks to Kelly for doing our newsletter...she is making sure we meet all the criteria for the newsletter contest to be awarded at the Spring Conference in Las Vegas. Go Kelly! She is doing a GREAT job!

Another BIG job will be chaired by Monica as she will be planning our SOS event for March 3rd as we once again will be putting together backpacks for CASE to help young girls who have been trafficked. This is fast becoming one of our signature events and it will be exciting to work with other clubs in District 1 to help the Department of Behavioral Health in two counties.



We have a lot of praises to be sung by such a wonderful club. I am proud to know all of you and wish you all a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

Altogether now,
Deborah Vandenoorn

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Member Spotlight– Kelly



This month's member spotlight is on myself. I joined Soroptimist of the Foothills in 2002. My mom is a Soroptimist so I have been involved in Soroptimist since I was in high school. My sister then joined and eventually it was my turn. I don't really have a comfort food; however, I enjoy cooking just about anything. When I am relaxing, I like to take a hot bubble bath and read a good book from my Kindle. If I could vacation anywhere I would go back to The Great Barrier Reef. My uncle lives in Australia and when I was visiting he sent me to the Great Barrier Reef for the weekend as a gift for my 22nd birthday. It was beautiful and I have always wanted to go back with Bob. I don't have a favorite season but my favorite time of year is the Thanksgiving holiday. I enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with the family and then waking up Friday morning to begin Christmas

decorating. The most exciting things I have ever done would have to be river rafting when I was a child with my family (I remember one time where it was only my step-dad, mom, sister, and I and both my sister and mom fell out of the raft. I held onto a rope for dear life while my step-dad got my mom and sister back in the raft), going to the Great Barrier Reef in my early twenty's (my uncle woke me up at 5am, told me to get ready and pack for the weekend), and getting married (I had the wedding of my dreams with the man of my dreams). My favorite movie is Breakfast at Tiffany's. I



love Audrey Hepburn and don't know how many times I have seen this movie. When Bob and I were in New York for my dad's wedding, Bob woke me up early, took me to get a bagel and hot chocolate (I didn't drink coffee then) and we went to Tiffany's to have "Breakfast at Tiffany's". The most influential women in my life are my mother and sister. My mother because she always taught me to be an independent woman and has always been there when she was needed and sometimes when she wasn't. My sister because she has raised my two beautiful nieces pretty much on her own.

I want to thank myself for being our "Member Spotlight" for the month of December. I hope you all enjoyed learning more about me. Look for our next "Member Spotlight" in January's issue.

Kelly



Recipe of the Month

RITZ BITS

2 boxes of plain Ritz Bitz

Mix together:

!/4 tsp. lemon pepper

1/4 tsp. garlic powder

1/4 tsp. dill weed

1 envelope ranch dressing

Put Ritz Bitz into a large bowl and sprinkle with dry ingredients.

Drizzle 1/2 cup popcorn oil with butter over crackers. Put lid on bowl and shake. Let set a few hours, overnight better.



Sharon



"People who think they know me, don't know that I have a license to drive motorcycles."

October Answer: Terry

"People who think they know me, don't know that I always eat the free samples when walking around Costco."

E-mail your guess to jones.kelly13@yahoo.com.

The person with the most correct answers from now until June will receive a prize.

Soroptimist Upscale/Resale Yard Sale—October 22, 2011

Thanks to all Gwen's hard work and opening up her yard, garages and home, our club had a successful first time yard sale. The quantity of items that showed up was incredible but maybe if we do a next time, we will take more time to check on quality too. We learned some things we would consider doing differently, i.e. having it two days rather than one, getting clothes and items to the sale yard at least a week before the event so more time can be spent on washing and sorting through items. Gwen had two friends that came and helped and we want to say a special "thank you" to both of them for all their hard work, it was greatly appreciated.

We had a great turnout of members on Friday late afternoon/evening to help set things up and an awesome turnout on Saturday for the day of the sale. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and a special thanks to Sharon for baking all those great Halloween cupcakes, picking up water, soda and ice and to Terry B. for picking up donuts for the worker bees.

Gwen and her friends worked hard after the event sorting through the leftovers, boxing up the good items and arranging for the VA to pick up many of the items. Gwen also took some items to the Mennonite Thrift store and still has many items to dispose of. As Gwen said, "I am still working on giving some away and even selling some to add to our service fund." She put in many hours the two weeks before the event but again said, "I don't mind working hard and seeing items get recycled."

Thank you again Gwen for all your hard work. Looks like we could have total sales of at least \$1200.00 less a few expenses not yet paid according to the treasurer's report.

Maureen



Children's Hope Birthday Party

We celebrated 2 birthdays at Children's Hope in October. Chuckie turned 18 on the 20th. His birthday dinner choice was Carne Asada burritos with all the fixings. Mason turned 14 on the 28th. His birthday dinner choice was BBQ chicken on the grill, mashed potatoes, corn and salad. After eating dinner with the boys we sang Happy Birthday and had birthday cake. For those of you who aren't aware, we give the birthday boy a \$40 gift card from Target. The boys are always appreciative of all we do for their birthdays and we do make a difference in their lives.

Chaffey High School was holding a haunted house, so after Mason's dinner we all went and got SPOOKED! It was so scary and the boys got a kick out of how frightened I was...Thank you to Lisa Masterson for giving the boys complimentary tickets.



Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas cookie bake and house decorating party. It will be at 6:30 PM on Monday, December 12th this year. All of you are welcome to join in this festive, fun evening with the boys.

Cheri Jo



PO Box 2078
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Meetings: Every 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7:15am to 8:30am
Place: International House of Pancakes
80 North Euclid Avenue, Upland, CA 91786

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www.sifoothills.org

*"To improve the lives of women and girls, in local
communities and throughout the world."*

S.O.L.T. (Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training)

Soroptimist Vision

Soroptimist International is a vibrant, dynamic organization for today's professional and business women. We are committed to a world where women and girls together achieve their individual and collective potential, realize aspirations and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide.



Soroptimist Mission

Soroptimists inspire action and create opportunities to transform the lives of women and girls through a global network of members and international partnerships.

Websites to Remember:

Golden West Region—<http://www.goldenwestregion.org/>

Soroptimist International of the Americas—
<http://www.soroptimistinternational.org/>

Calendar of Events

December 2011

Thursday, December 1st—Business Meeting at IHOP in Upland at 7:00am
Thursday, December 1st—VRA Applications Due to Club
Thursday, December 1st—World Aids Day
Thursday, December 8th—SI of the Foothills Christmas Party
Saturday, December 10th—United Nations Human Rights Day
Monday, December 12th—Decorating at Children's Hope
Wednesday, December 14th—Elf Party at Pacific Lifeline
Thursday, December 15th—WOA Applications Due to Club
Sunday, December 25th—Christmas Day

January 2012

Sunday, January 1st—New Year's Day
Thursday, January 5th—Business Meeting at IHOP in Upland at 7:00am
Thursday, January 19th—Program Meeting at IHOP in Upland at 7:00am

February 2012

Thursday, February 2nd—Business Meeting at IHOP in Upland at 7:00am
Tuesday, February 14th—Valentine's Day
Thursday, February 16th—Program Meeting at IHOP in Upland at 7:00am

