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Soroptimists Journey to Taipei

Several members of the Soroptimist International of Santa Clarita Valley (SISCV) attended the 40th Annual Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) Convention in Taipei, Taiwan July 16-19, 2008. The theme of the convention was "Sharing Good Fortune," ... being thankful for your good fortune and passing it on to others in need. The purpose of the convention was to celebrate the work Soroptimist does on behalf of woman and girls, as well as to dream of a world where all women live free, happy, healthy and productive lives.

The convention consisted of educational workshops, leadership development, and most importantly, it was a time for members to gather from all over the world for a few days of fun! More than 1,700 Soroptimists from 15 countries attended the convention.

Back home safe and sound, after experiencing a Taipei typhoon, Soroptimist Governor Cheri Fleming along with Chris Blazey, Region Treasurer and local club President Terri Cadiente, shared some thoughts about the convention and their travels to the other side of the world.

Governor Cheri had this to say, "I'm always energized after attending a Soroptimist Federation or International Convention. The new friendships and renewing of old friendships is amazing. The people in Taiwan are delicate, beautiful, and friendly. We experienced a small typhoon, took a night tour to temples and through snake alley (where they eat snake meat, drink snake blood and venom), and had a great time. In all, there were participants from Australia, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Ecuador, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands, Panama, Paraguay, the Philippines, Taiwan, USA and Venezuela. Of 1,747 attendees only 269 were from the USA. We truly were reminded of our International connection and made some great friends from around the world."

Region Treasurer and local club member, Chris Blazey, once again expressed her amazement at attending one of the organizations major conventions. "I have been fortunate enough to attend five federation conventions and three international conventions. It always amazes me what our organization accomplishes. You hear the Women's Opportunity award winner (Soroptimist International of the America's signature program) and listen to them talk about what their life has been like and what they have accomplished or plan to accomplish with the funds they receive from federation and international. Things that most of us would never imagine and take for granted. I am always inspired and realize how fortunate we are to live where we do. "

This was club president, Terri Cadiente's first international trip with the organization and she was overwhelmed, "the trip to Taipei was one I will never forget. I found the people there extraordinary and kind, with the utmost attention to detail. I was particularly moved in a session that included one recipient of Soroptimists' opportunities award as she read to the attendees, her own written dissertation of her life's experience before the gracious touch of Soroptimist and her life is now after receiving their support. I saw a women's dignity restored and for me THAT IS what life is all about."

Soroptimist is an international volunteer organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. A 501 (c)(3) organization, Soroptimist relies on charitable contributions to fund its programs. Visit www.soroptimist.org to learn more about the organization and becoming a member or to make a donation.

Contact Sandi Naba, Membership and Recruitment Chair at 661-645-1893 or visit www.siscv.com if you would like to learn more about joining the Soroptimist International of Santa Clarita Valley club.



Photo caption:

Terri Cadiente-SISCV President, Chris Blazey-Region Treasurer, Michelle Memmott-Governor-Elect 2010-2012, Cheri Fleming-Camino Real Region Governor at Soroptimist Convention in Taipei, Taiwan