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We have suddenly arrived at October, a month of Fall colors, Halloween decorations and often parties. We are having a party of our own. We will invite a number of ladies that we think would fit in our group and make wonderful SILA members. But before we can meet them and invite them to join, we must invite them to our party, get to know them and then proceed. Please invite that wonderful friend or acquaintance you know that would make a fine Soroptimist to join us at 6:30pm at Taix on October 16th. As a

member, I have always enjoyed these events and have certainly enjoyed meeting the ladies that attend. Let's make this one great and finish the task by getting some new members.

We are busy planning for our participation in the Girl Scouts "Girldtopia" at the Convention Center. We expect a continuing relationship with the Girl Scouts thru badge work, volunteering at the Soroptimist Grove in Fern Dell, and through presentations to safeguard young women against violence. At the rate the year is flying, we will soon be into our planning for the Christmas project with our shelter. Take a deep breath and let's get rolling.

President Bev

Important dates

Wednesday, October 2, 6-8pm: Program Meeting at [Taix Restaurant](#) honoring Founder's Day (Oct. 3) and UN Day (Oct. 24).

Saturday, October 12, 8:30am-5pm: Camino Real Region Fall District Workshop at the Glendale YWCA.

Saturday, October 12, 5:30-9:30pm: Billie Jean King & Friends Dinner, Auction & Awards Gala in Pasadena at which **Joan Johnson** will be honored.

Wednesday, October 16, 6-8pm: Recruitment Event at [Taix Restaurant](#) (read more below).

Saturday, October 17, 3-6pm: Open House at [Hope Street Margolis Family Center](#). **Vickie**



Kropenske, director of the Hope Street Margolis Family Center, was recipient of the SILA Ruby Award in 2013. The Center is a vibrant, engaging new center for health and wellness, helping to transform the lives of children, families and the entire downtown Los Angeles community.

Saturday, November 9, 8am-4pm: Girltopia at the LA Convention Center (read more below).

Learn more about Soroptimist International



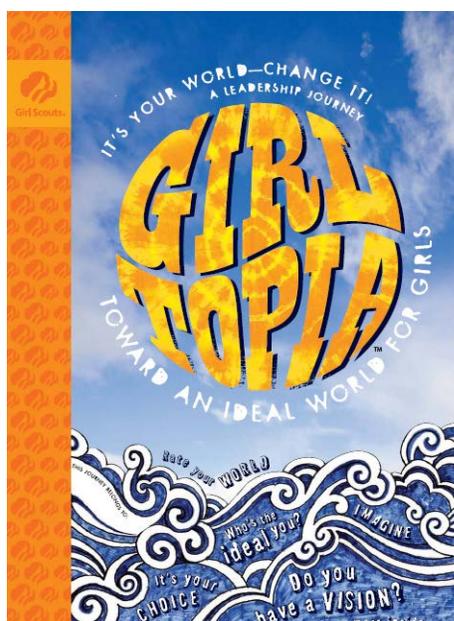
Calling all SILA members - and prospective new members who are reading this Newsletter!

Don't forget to sign up to come to the meeting on Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30pm (members come at 6:00pm) at [Taix Restaurant](#) at 1911 W. Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles.

This will be a special meeting to introduce Soroptimist International to all interested women. Expect to have a good time and to meet a lot of interesting women who are committed to the Soroptimist mission of improving the lives of women and girls in our local community and throughout the world.

For more information or to request a formal invitation, email Membership Chair [Sheila Tatum](#) (click on her name for an instant link to her email).

SILA to be part of GIRLTOPIA



Should Soroptimists be part of a one-day event called [Girltopia](#) that will be attended by 15,000 Girl Scouts age 5-18 from the greater Los Angeles area? YES!!!

Members are urged to sign up now to join the Steering Committee which is putting together a double booth with Shield Self Defense and [Peace Over Violence](#) (remember the wonderful Teen Anti-Violence forum SILA put on with POV last year?)

If you can't be part of the planning, at least sign up to man (woman?) the booth on Saturday, November 9th from 8am-4pm at the LA Convention Center or to help with setup on the afternoon of November 8th.

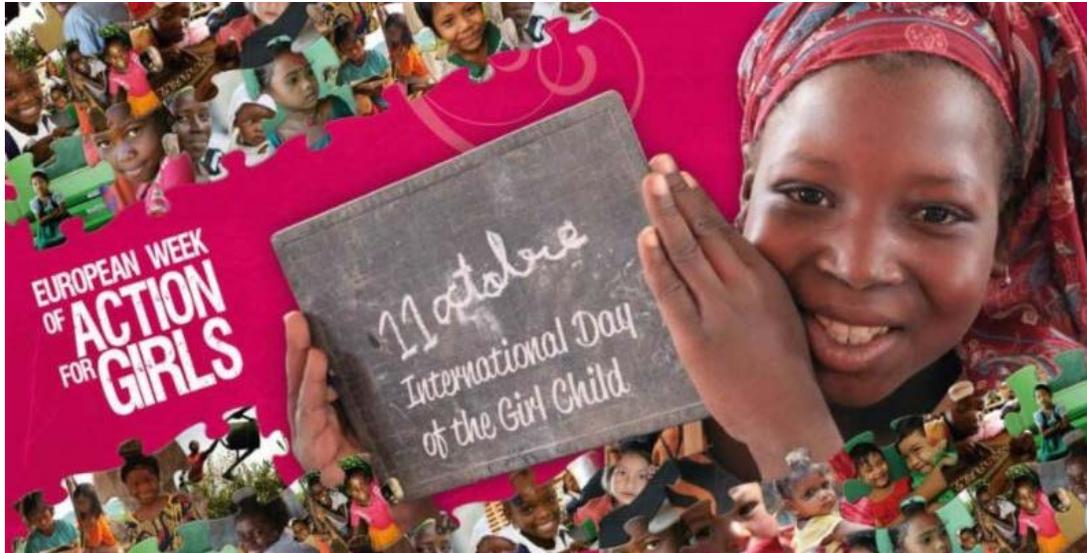
Respond to [Carole Olglesby](#) now!

If you really want to get excited about this event, watch on the following video:



Girl Scouts Girltopia

International Day of the Girl Child - October 11



On December 19, 2011, the United Nations declared October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Child. Its mission is "to help galvanize worldwide enthusiasm for goals to better girls' lives, providing an opportunity for them to show leadership and reach their full potential."

Girls face discrimination and violence every day across the world. The International Day of the Girl Child focuses attention on the need to address the challenges girls face and to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights.

This year's theme is focused on "Innovating for Girls' Education". There is overwhelming evidence that girls' education, especially at the secondary level, is a powerful transformative force for societies and girls themselves: it is the one consistent positive determinant of practically every desired development outcome, from reductions in mortality and fertility, to poverty reduction and equitable growth, to social norm change and democratization.

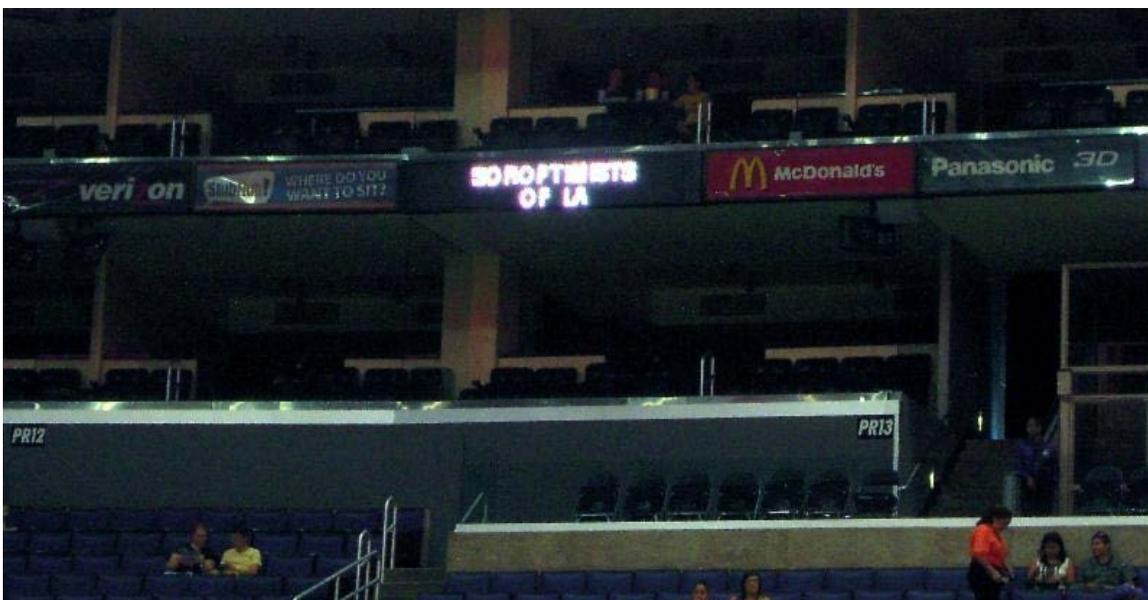
The 2013 International Day of the Girl Child will address the importance of new technology, but also innovation in partnerships, policies, resource utilization, community mobilization, and most of all, the engagement of young people themselves.

Check out a [comic](#) by Belén Rivas, age 12, who is working hard in Santa Clarita to encourage people to not use makeup on October 11 as a way taking action for the [Day of the Girl](#).

SILA at the SPARKS Game



A supportive group of SILA members and friends watched the LA's women basketball team, the SPARKS, win 85-84 against the Minnesota Lynx on September 12 at Staples Center.



Report from South Kolkata

SILA has a Friendship Link with SI South Kolkata (SISK). **Laxmi Parasuram**, whom many SILA members have met on her visits to LA, recently shared the following update on Kolkata (Calcutta), SISK's activities, and her family:

"Here we are in this huge behemoth of an old city buzzing with too many people and various activities. Our annual Puja (a religious holiday) will be in two weeks and this brings the city to a high pitch.



Our Soroptimist Club of South Kolkata has been active. We arranged a cancer scan (cervical) for several poor women in diagnostic centre, distributed new clothes to children, and took them for an outing while conducting our regular Saturday classes. Our friendship link from Dundee will visit us in November and there will be some programs with her. We also celebrated our charter anniversary on the 21st and honored two well-known women.

My husband's 87th birthday was celebrated on September 29 with our many friends and the house has loads of flowers."

[Click here](#) to see one of SISK's recent newsletters, called SISK BYTES.

