

FLORIDA WOMEN CELEBRATE WOMEN'S DAY

SGI-USA Women's Day, Feb. 27, was celebrated nationwide by some 30,000 participants and guests who attended women's commemorative meetings in February and early March. Many presentations during the gatherings focused on the women's motto for this year: 'Breaking Through the Barriers of Our Own Limitations.'

Biscayne Gardens District (Florida) women's meeting was an inspiration to all 68 attendees. It consisted of a lecture by a new SGI-USA member, Dr. Tania Lopez, on women's health; two moving experiences; group discussions on the topics of health, community, relationships and courage; a western dance; and the singing of 'Happiness in This World' led by two Ikeda Chorus members.

— *YOLANDA FERNANDEZ*

Delray District in South Florida had a 'Friendship Exchange' for their women's meeting. Dialogue centered on friendship: What is it? How do we make and nurture friendships? How do we help a friend without being intrusive? The women also shared talents in art, cooking, writing and doll-making, then enjoyed a buffet luncheon and more dialogue. Each woman left with a pink rose, a gift of appreciation from the men. (Above) Carmen Munroe, Ellen Hargitay and Judy Griffith enjoy further discussion.

— *TERRY ELLIS*

Universal Dream District was created last August with members who live near Universal Studios outside of Orlando, Fla. To celebrate their first women's commemorative meeting, the entire district worked together to make it a success. To stimulate a lively discussion, questions were slipped into fortune cookies.

— *TERRY ELLIS*