

## BLUE SKY CHORUS REACHES OUT TO COMMUNITY

San Diego's Blue Sky Women's Chorus kicked off the new year with an energetic performance at the Seven Oaks Community Center in Rancho Bernardo, Calif. In keeping with the SGI's focus on propagation, the chorus has begun to take their talents into the community. This concert was for the RB Playgoers, a group active in promoting the arts and cultural events for the senior citizens who live in the Seven Oaks community.

"We are so lucky to have a group as talented as the Blue Sky Chorus to perform for us," said Chaiké Levine, the publicity chairperson for the RB Playgoers. "For some of the older people, this is their only opportunity to experience the arts."

After the concert, many of the 100-plus audience members stayed to mingle with the chorus, talk about the performance and learn more about the group. "I thought the music was delightful. The most touching part is the message of love that they promote," said Leona Janis, an RB Playgoers member.

Chorus Director Glenda Turner reflected of the future of the chorus: "We would like to perform for the 'non-SGI' audience, to bring them the Soka Gakkai spirit, energy and hope for peace — something the world is waiting for. This chorus wants to share SGI President Ikeda's heart and his promotion of peace and culture."

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