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March 2018 Edition

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

President's Message

Sip, Sip, Hooray!

We had a very successful Wine Tasting and Accessory Sale on February 2nd! Over 30 members and guests shared wine and fabulous food and bought beautiful jewelry and other accessories. It was a very fun and relaxing evening to share. We also have a new member! Her name is Tina Edgar. She attended the Wine Tasting with Ellen Chapin and she joined that very night! Trust me, she did not have too much wine! Welcome, Tina!

We have been fortunate to attract and retain wonderful, caring members who really know how to get it done. The next month looks chockful of interesting events to attend and share ourselves with our greater community.

Our Awards Dinner is scheduled on March 14th at the Assumption Center at 6:30 pm. This is the evening we give awards to deserving woman to help them move in the direction of their dreams. Frequently, these woman have overcome significant obstacles to get an education, or have given their time and efforts to help an organization in our community. This is one of our most important events, because in large measure, it is why we do what we do. I have attended several Awards Dinners over the past years and it is always a very meaningful experience to meet these deserving women. If you have not yet secured a reservation, please give Kerri Green a call!

Marya Malkovich and Ellen Chapin are heading up a very well-planned Dream It Be It program at Kennedy Middle School in St. Clair Shores. It is an effort to help empower middle school girls through a curriculum largely re-written by Marya and Ellen to help these young ladies be the best they can! It will be over several weeks during the month of March. If you have not signed on to help, it is not too late!

Look forward and see if your plans might include attending the Spring Conference near Chicago the end of April. It is a weekend of fun and fellowship and learning what is happening around our Soroptimist world beyond our club. Several members have indicated they will attend and it is not too late to join them! Special pricing on the hotel is available until March 27th.

Please consider saving your slightly used and ready to discard items for our garage sale which is scheduled for May 9-11th at Carrie Petrocelli's home. We will need plenty of help with this event but it all begins with donations of items to sell!!

To all our veteran and newer members there are board positions opening for the next 2 years! Please consider volunteering to take one of these positions! If you are interested, please contact Marlane Washington, Diana Langlois or Aleksa Andjelkovic. These woman make up our Nominating Committee and they would love to hear from you!

Thank you to all our wonderful members! We appreciate you and all you do! We are so proud of our amaz-

ing club and so honored to be your copresidents!

All the best for women,

Roseanne and Ross



Our Co-Presidents Ross Braun & Roseanne Horne

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2018

SAVE THE DATE

SPRING CONFERENCE April 27, 28 & 29, 2018 Sheraton Lisle Hotel in Lisle, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 B-day Marya Malkovich
4	5	6	7 Board Meeting	8 International Women's Day	9	10
11	12	13	14 Awards Dinner B-day Kathy Kraydich	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 B-day Diane Kashuba	27	28 Pointer Article Due to Karrie B	29 B-day Pat Casey	30	31 Dead- line for reser- vations for Spring Conf.





MIDWESTERN REGION 2017-2018

FOCUS - IMPORTANT DATES

** Use MWR dates for ALL awards - do not use SIA dates **

MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE

BULLETIN BOARD!

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS HAVE BEEN ADDED

March 1	Soroptimist Club Grant Applications due at SI HQ			
March 8	International Women's Day			
March 8	Virginia Wagner District Winners due to Region Chair			
March 15	Award Report due from District Directors to Governor-Elect Kris			
March 31	Region Virginia Wagner Award winners names to Region Treasurer Valencia by Re- gion Chair			
March 31	Governor's Club Award form due to Governor Vivian			
April 27-29	2018 Spring Conference – Sheraton Conference Center – Lisle, IL			
July 30- August 2	SIA Convention – Yokohama, Japan			

BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

The President shall

- 1. direct the conduct of the business of the Club;
- 2. set meeting agendas for Club and Board meetings;
- 3. preside at Club and Board meetings;
- 4. oversee all committees, working closely with the President-Elect and Vice-President;
- 5. be an ex-officio member of all committees, except nominating;
- 6. sign all checks in the absence of the treasurer;
- 7. appoint delegates from a list of district, region, Federation, or International meetings;
- 8. serve as the club delegate at district, region, Federation, and International meetings, or appoint an alternate from a list of meeting attendees.

The President-Elect agrees (program chair)

- 1. to assume the office of president at the end of her two-year term;
- 2. shall be responsible for program of service committees;
- 3. shall have such duties and powers as arise from membership on the board or as assigned by the president or the Board.

The Vice-President shall (membership chair)

- 1. be responsible for the activities of the membership activities;
- 2. shall have such duties and powers as arise from membership on the Board or as assigned by the President or the Board.

The Secretary shall

- 1. keep the minutes of the Club and the Board meetings;
- 2. be custodian of The Club's permanent records;
- 3. submit to the membership the minutes of the business meetings and the recommendations of the Board;
- 4. submit to the Board the minutes of the Board meetings;
- 5. send out notices and carry on such correspondence as does not properly belong to other officers.

The Assistant Secretary shall (public awareness chair)

- 1. maintain a log of attendance at Club business meetings;
- 2. fulfill the responsibilities of the secretary in her absence;
- 3. perform any other duties assigned by the president or the secretary;
- 4. be responsible for overseeing public awareness.

The Treasurer shall

- 1. receive all funds of the Club and deposit them in financial institutions authorized by the Board;
- 2. sign all checks or arrange for the president to do so;
- 3. make remittances as required by Federation Bylaws and Procedures;
- 4. prepare monthly Treasurer's Reports for each of the Club funds serve as ex-officio member of the Finance/Budget Committee;
- 5. have the authority to define and supervise committee procedures as they relate to the finances of the club

The Assistant Treasurer shall (fundraising chair)

- 1. be responsible for overseeing fund raising;
- 2. maintain a roll of membership (directory);
- 3. prepare and send acknowledgements for donations from non-members;
- 4. assume the responsibilities of the treasurer in her absence;
- 5. serve as ex-officio member of the finance/budget committee;
- 6. perform any other duties assigned by the president or the treasurer.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

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Jewelry & Jewelry Boxes

Cosmetic Bags



Silk Scarves (infinity or fashion)



MOTHER'S DAY ITEMS	Still Need
Mugs	0
Cosmetic Bags	30
Med. Size Tote Bags (see photos below)	30
Oprah magazines	0
Silk Scarves (No bandanas or winter scarves please)	30
Toothbrushes (individually wrapped)	0
Toothpaste (sample size)	0
Perfume Samples	30

ALWAYS NEED

Jewelry Boxes

Jewelry

Travel Size, soap, body lotions, shampoo, etc..



Thank you to everyone who has donated items in the past. Please keep the women of PI in mind before you toss these item in a drawer. We collect items all year round for our Mother's Day Bags.

See photo's below

Please contact Mary Ellen Burke for deliver donations

MARY ELLEN BURKE meb650@aol.com (313) 399-8934

Diana, Roseanne and Anita wrapping the Jewelry - Mary Ellen counting the bags - Items in each 2017 Mother's Day Bags



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DREAM IT * BE IT

Program time, 3:45-5:00

Middle School girls today face many challenges. They ask: Who am I? Who do I want to be? What do I value? What are my goals? Am I good enough and smart enough to reach them? Who will help me?

SIGP is presenting the Dream It Be It program during six sessions in March at Kennedy Middle School in St. Clair Shores to seventh and eighth grade girls. Through a series of activities, role playing, games, discussion and sharing the girls will:

- Discover their personal dream.
- Explore value systems and determine what they value most.
- Create goals to achieve their dream and develop steps to work toward those goals.
- Learn how to rise above obstacles to their dream, whether self-imposed or from the outside world.
- Be prepared to turn failures and setbacks into success.
- Have methods of dealing with the stresses in life through journaling, massage, exercise, meditation, healthy eating, music and hobbies.
- Develop a personal support system of mentors and others whom they can rely on to help achieve their dream.

By the completion of the program, the girls will be empowered to dream big and will possess the tools and confidence to achieve their dream.

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Soroptimist and the United Nations

New York

New York is the United Nations headquarters and home to the General Assembly. All areas of the UN's work is discussed in New York. The center is also headquarters of UN Women, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women created in 2010. SI has 4 UN Representatives in New York who cover gender equality, sustainable development, financing for development, trafficking, migration, education, aging (elder abuse), and peace and security.

<u>Geneva</u>

The United Nations Office in Geneva is the second biggest UN Center. The UN's Human Rights Council and its human rights review mechanisms, including Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), and the UN's Refugee Agency are based in Geneva. SI has 3 UN Representatives in Geneva who provide recommendations to governments to ensure that actions are taken to promote gender equality and women's and girls' access to their human rights and fundamental freedoms.

<u>Vienna</u>

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), United Nations Industrial Development

Organization (UNIDO), United Nations Convention on Organized Crime (UNCOC)

are all based in Vienna. SI has **2 UN Representatives in Vienna** who focus on a range of issues critical to eliminating violence against women and girls, including human trafficking, aging (elder abuse), harmful traditional practices such as female genital mutilation (FGM), women in the workplace and women in the economy.

<u>Rome</u>

The United Nations World Food Program (WFP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) are based in Rome. SI has 1 UN Representative in Rome who focuses on women's roles in food production and distribution.

<u>Paris</u>

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is based in Paris. SI has 2 UN Representatives in Paris who focus on education.

<u>Nairobi</u>

The United Nations Office in Nairobi focuses on environmental issues and covers the work of the UN Environment Program (UNEP). SI has 2 UN Representatives in Nairobi who focus on issues such as rural women, disaster risk reduction, and the effect of climate change on women and girls.

MEMBERSHIP

February 1, 2018

Grosse Pointe News article featuring Victoria Granger

> SIGP member.



tal in keeping Mason Elementary School open. Since then, Granger has been involved with numerous boards and committees, including League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe, Dining for Women, American Association of University Women and Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library. She has been recognized for her service with a Friends of the Library Distinguished Service Award and two AAUW awards, among others.

Granger was unable to attend the awards ceremony, but friend Sarah Coats accepted the award on her behalf.

2018 MWR Spring Conference

April 27, 28 & 29, 2018 Sheraton Lisle Hotel 3000 Warrenville Rd, Lisle, IL Reservations: (866) 716-8134

Room rate \$103 / night + 11% tax

Please use this information for

your reservations . . .

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 31

To view The Call for spring conference please click the link below.

<u>TheCall</u>

Community Service

Grosse Pointe Woods City Councilwoman Victoria Granger was selected to receive the community service award as she's been "actively, continuously, seriously involved in the Grosse Pointe community since 1981," Everingham said, when Granger was instrumen-



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SIGP'S ANNUAL WINE TASTING PARTY







Robin & Cara Crawford, Ross Braun, Sarah Sheppard & Megan Muer







ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

STOP TRAFFIC – 5k Race/Walk Fundraiser





Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm at

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Mary Ellen Burke-Past Pres

Kerri Green-Treasurer Jane Evola-Asst. Treasurer Fundraising Chair

> Ellen Chapin-Secretary Nancy Solak-Asst. Sec. Public Awareness Chair

Myra Golden-Director Marya Malkovich-Director Please have your article's to Karrie Blankenship by 9:00 pm on or before 28th of each month to: <u>karrieb40@gmail.com</u>

Soroptimist Pledge

I pledge allegiance to Soroptimist and to the ideals for which it stands:

> The sincerity of friendship, The joy of achievement, The dignity of service, The integrity of profession, and the love of country.

I will put forth my greatest effort to promote, uphold, and defend these ideals, for a larger fellowship in home, in society, in business, for country and for God

For upcoming events and to see what SIGP has been up to check out our website by clicking the link below <u>http://www.grossepointesoroptimist.org/</u>

Connections for Local, Region & HQ

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District III Director - Darcy Merritt (dmerritt81@hotmail.com)

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Soroptimist Websites

Soroptimist International Midwest Region - (simwr.org)

Soroptimist International of the Americas (soroptimist.org)

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 When: Monday, March 12, 2018
 Time: 6:45 p.m. (movie starts promptly at 7:00 p.m.)
 Where: Okulski Family Theater at the Lavins Activity Center- Windmill Pointe Park-Grosse Pointe Park

Movie: Brooklyn. This movie tells the story of a young Irish woman's immigration to Brooklyn where she falls in love. When her past catches up with her, she must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within them for her.

Cost: \$10.00 (pre-paid by following the instructions and completing the form below). There will be no collections at the door and therefore no walk-ins will be honored.

This is a fundraising event. Bring a friend and support the American Association of University Women Grosse Pointe Branch for an evening of friendship and camaraderie.

RSVP deadline; Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Please return the form below with your payment. Proceeds will benefit the AAUW Scholarship fund

Make checks payable to AAUW Grosse Pointe Branch and send to:					
Barbara Tecos, 1237 Balfour, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, (313) 882-1081					
Name					
Address	Phone#				
Total # attending:	Total enclosed: \$				
Name(s) of those attending					



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SPAGHETTI DINNER TO BENEFIT MAISON RAE REEDER

Daughter of Lance Reeder & Chrissy (Olsavsky) Reeder

All Donations will go directly towards helping Maison and her family through this difficult journey.

It has been just over 2 years since Maison Rae Reeder experienced the terrible mishap that has left her visually impaired, quadriplegic, and with Cerebral Palsy. Maison now continues her treatment through the University of Michigan. She has recently been diagnosed with a dislocated hip and battles with having asthma. Maison still has no ability to swallow on her own and continues to be fed through a tube that goes to her stomach. She is sick quite a lot due to her immune system being compromised from all of this.

Through the Macomb Intermediate School District, Maison is attending Bovenschen, a special needs school where she receives therapy as well as being integrated with other students. She is also in an intensive therapy program at Crawl Walk Jump Run Therapy Clinic where she gets physical, occupational and speech therapy. Maison is in the process of being weaned off of some of her medications with the hope that she will be able to communicate better in her own way of making noises.

Maison and her family continue to try and get the treatment, equipment, support, etc ... wherever they can to assist with her many conditions. The Reeder van is still in need of a wheelchair lift to help get Maison in and out of the vehicle. Getting assistance for this lift continues to be a battle. They have been waiting on Macomb County Community Mental Health to provide a wheelchair lift for their van ... but nearly two years later, still no answer. The insurance companies continue to dictate what they feel Maison needs and continually deny a sleep safe hospital bed, which is crucial for Maison to have due to her difficulty in breathing. Community Living Services has denied help with the 24-hour care Maison requires. It is very difficult to see our family trying to make sure that Maison receives the necessary help she needs and deserves.

With the generosity and support from all of you, our friends and family, the last two fundraisers have enabled Maison's family to get a used full-size van, so that they can transport Maison in her special wheelchair to and from her many appointments. They were also able to purchase a used electrical lift so that they can get Maison in and out of the house in her wheelchair. Maison received eight weeks of hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment at the Oxford Recovery Center as well. With the funds raised from this event we hope to continue hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment for Maison as well as getting assistance with whatever equipment and support is needed for her.

There will be 50/50, Raffle, Silent Auction (CASH or CREDIT accepted for Silent Auction items) and more ... Please join us for the Maison Rae Reeder Fundraiser.

Saturday March 24, 2018 4pm-9pm

VFW Post 7573 35011 23 Mile Rd. New Baltimore, MI 48047

Dinner Includes

Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls, Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, Coffee & Dessert

*\$25.00 per person *\$10.00 Children 6 to 12 years *Children 5 & under FREE

Tickets will be *available* at the door and for more information please contact Jane Evola at the number below

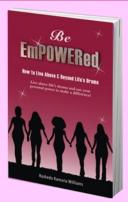
Jane Evola <u>586-322-2394</u>

Anyone that wishes to make a donation please mail checks payable to:

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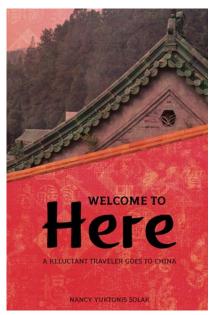
Below is SIGP's book club picks for 2018.

If you are interested in reading any or all of this years picks and joining us in the discussion please contact Karrie Blankenship or Mary Ellen Burke for the details. We meet the third Thursday of each month at 7pm. Every month is hosted by a different member of the club.

Friday, February 16, 2018 Thursday, March 15, 2018 Thursday, April 19, 2018 Thursday, May 17, 2018 Thursday, June 21, 2018 Thursday, July 19, 2018 Thursday, August 16, 2018 Thursday, September 20, 2018 Thursday, October 18, 2018 Thursday, November 15, 2018 Thursday, December 20, 2018 The Leopard by Guiseppe Di Lampedusa A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini Donut Dolly by Joan Puffer Kotcher A Gentleman in Moscow, by Amor Towles A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman The Tour by Jean Grainger The Wright Brothers by David McCullough Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah Commonwealth by Ann Patchett



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Join accidental tourist and reluctant traveler Nancy Solak when she gives a slide presentation about her three trips to China. Attend a Chinese wedding, see how people on the other side of the world get to work, what they eat for breakfast and see examples of China's disappearing hutongs. Don't know what a hutong is? Find out when you come.

Thursday, March 22, 2018, 7:30 p.m., at the Ewald Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Free admission. Reserve by calling the library at: 313-343-2074 or 313-821-8830.



Nancy Solak is an award-winning writer and editor and author of the travel memoir, *A Footpath in Umbria: Living, Loving & Laughing in Italy.* She is also a certified instructor of the Amherst Writers & Artists method and facilitates writing workshops. www.areluctanttraveler.net

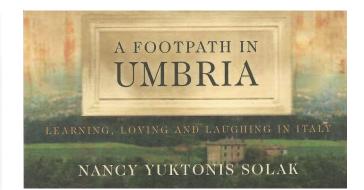
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Do you like to cook? Do you like to eat great food? Would you like to try new recipes and cuisines?

The SIGP Foodies group (Diana, Laura, Carolyn, Marya and Maddy) meets once a month, rotating at the home of that month's host member, with everyone providing a menu item that compliments the "theme" chosen by the hostess. This year we have enjoyed trying new food experiences from Eastern Europe and Italy, while also learning more about soups and stews, making homemade ravioli, preparing a very portable Mediterranean picnic and making an elegant yet comforting beef dinner in a crockpot. We are eagerly looking forward to our second year of culinary delights.

Even more importantly, Foodies provides an ongoing opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of our SIGP members outside of our typical venues. We would like to extend this same opportunity to other members, particularly those new to our club. Ideally we would like to add 1-2 new members to Foodies. If you have any questions about our Foodies or are interested in joining us, please contact Maddy Jeffs at 509-551-1695.



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Hello, Soroptimist's,

AAUW of Michigan, Grosse Pointe Branch is proud to sponsor our first WOMEN'S SUMMIT on Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 9 - 11:30 am at the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Tickets are available on our website, grossepointe-mi.aauw.net

Please join us as we further our mission and yours to advance equity for women and girls.

Sincerely,

Sandra Stanley, Chairperson WOMEN'S E3 SUMMIT - ADVANCING EQUITY IN THE WORKPLACE



My name is Elaine Flowers-I chair the Education Committee for the Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods NAACP. I spearheaded the chapter launch in 2015 to honor the March 14, 1968 visit of Martin Luther King to GP South high school.

Now that March is Women's History Month--we will be honoring 7 women who exemplify the legacy of MLK--which are Love-Peace-Unity and Justice for the disenfranchised.

The event will be held on March 18, 2018--at the Harper Woods High School--5-7pm--admission fee-\$10.00

The women are:

1. Rev Faith Fowler-is the Exec Director of the Cass Community Social Services org--which support homeless with jobskill training, housing and spiritual health



2. Mamie King Chalmer--marched with MLK- She was pictured in a photo with 2 small boys being water-hosed -photo ":went" international--while watching Oprah Winfrey's show in 1998-she found out someone else was pretending to be her--issue was not corrected until 2013-when a Free Press reporter exposed the other lady.

3. Danielle McGuire--WSU history professor who wrote a book on Rosa Park and her role as the sex-crimes investigator for MLK and the book identifies other women who managed MLK 's civil and social justice projects

4. Rev Wilma Johnson--deceased 2017-her church adopted a DP school and offered after school supports for the students, clothing and food.

5. Geri Kimbro-deceased 1/2018--marched with MLK in



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Cleveland, Ohio--moved to Port Huron in 1973--after MLK's birthday was a national holiday--Port Huron students attended school on the holiday--however Sister Kimbro negotiated with the school board to have the holiday be a day directed to study MLK and the St Clair Junior College had evening programs to honor MLK

6. **Sharron DuMar**--founder of -Full & Fabulous.org--which supports full figure female youth--she has been operating this org. for 35 years and she has not had any school drop-outs or teen pregnancies!! Three years ago she experience a serious health challenge which left her using a walker or sometimes a wheel-chair-yet she continues to operate the organization to support our girls.

7. **Mildred Gaddis**--radio/TV host who advocates civic and social justice changes in the community--she was instrumental in spearheading the bus campaigns to South Carolina to advocate for the removal of the confederate flag in front of the State office. She continues to bring awareness to the community on social justices issues.

The speakers on the program are young men who I meet in the last 3 weeks--

1. **Yarnell Waller**--was on the Mildred Gaddis talk show -2/7 with the director of the Grosse Pointe's--Full Circle, org.--which trains physically challenged young adults in the employment field. This young man is the Youth Director for his church and his mobility is in a wheel-chair

2. **Silas Cobb**--will be using both of MLK's speeches which were first done in Detroit--'i Have A Dream" and "The Other America" --Silas spoke the "I Have a Dream' speech at his parent's church when he was 6 years old!! He will highlight MLK's visions from both speeches

The second segment of the program is devoted to gospel music performers. We plan to use the funds generated from the event to honor MLK with a \$10,000 scholarship!!

Musical Performers:

- 1.Augustur Williamson
- 2. Ms. Cubie
- 3. Simon Black
- Al Chisholm--Motown Gospel Group--members are former Motown artist or back ground singers
- 5. Rev Charles Laster--(who is Dietrick Hadden's cousin)--Praise Team & Choir
- 6. Sky Covington

The GP/HW NAACP is a non-profit org. --all Sponsor Funds are tax-deductible. We will salute the sponsors in our program. Sponsor categories are:

> Platinum--\$5000 Gold------\$1000 Silver-----\$500 Bronze----\$250 Friend-----\$100 Partner----\$50

Thank you for your support --any sponsorship funds you can donate will be greatly appreciated!!

The event will be held on

March 18, 2018 at the Harper Woods High School 5-7pm admission fee \$10.00

Contact Elaine Flowers at erflowers51@gmail.com For information to donate or purchase tickets