Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe



The Pointer

President's Message

Cheers to our "For the Love of Wine" Fundraiser!

No need to think about the bleak days of winter when we have our February meeting to look forward to: fun, friendship, laughter and good times as we hold our second annual wine raffle. We hope all of you will join us as we not only draw our raffle winners, but also enjoy an informal chat about wines and tips to appreciate them even more! Make sure you sell as many tickets as you can. You might be a lucky winner and Marya and Ellen will be happy to help you drink the wine if you win!

On a serious note, this raffle is our major fundraiser that supports our awards to improve the lives of women and girls. This year we had many strong candidates who will benefit from our awards program. We need you! You are the key to the fundraiser's success. Sell your tickets, turn the money in to Bette, and join the fun on February 9. I MAKE WINE DISAPPEAR WHAT'S YOUR SUPERPOWER?

Deadline for returning SOLD and UNSOLD TICKETS: Friday, February 4, 2022

Mail or place <u>SOLD</u> and <u>UNSOLD</u> ticket stubs into mail slot at 191 Ridgemont Road, GPF; checks payable to **SIGP** (Note: To comply with the Michigan Lottery Bureau's license requirements, we must report both sold and unsold tickets.)

Soroptimist Grosse Pointe Business Meeting, Wednesday, February 9, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Fun Facts About Wine...

Watch your email for a flyer detailing our February membership activity! Maddy (whose son has a vineyard) and Laura (who has a sommelier in the family) will entertain you with some fun facts you may not know about wine. We're hoping you will share a glass of your favorite wine with us, and contribute your own fun facts.

FOUR! Count them! 1, 2, 3, 4 Live Your Dream Awardees!

How awesome that in the year we celebrate 50 Years of presenting Live Your Dream Awards, we (SIGP) can extend our capability to have FOUR Awardees.

Allow me to acknowledge and introduce them to you:

- First Place: Nealmetria Loper
 Career goal: Certified Social Worker. She is part of ACCESS Employment & Training - Detroit at Work.
- Second Place: Delia-Yendy Mustin Career goal: Media Production. She is studying at Lawrence Technological University.

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Happy February Birthday to:

Maddy Colavito, February 20

Deborah Thomas, February 22

Liz Lucas, February 23

Karen Klein, February 26

- Third Place: Denise Sargent
 Career goal: Social Worker. She is in a combined degree program in social work and
 disability studies at the University of Windsor.
- Fourth Place: Danyelle Easley Career goal: Nurse. She is attending Wayne County Community College.

These women are the top four out of 16! Best to them and to us as we continue to support LYD!

— Bette Lepouttre, Chair, Live Your Dream Award

education & training awards for women $^{(\! R \!)}$



Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe cordially invites you to its Annual Awards Banquet

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Assumption Cultural Center 21800 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores, MI

Please RSVP <u>with payment</u> by March 1, 2022, to: Bette Lepouttre at <u>elepouttre@gmail.com</u> or 586-557-3287 \$35 Cash or Check (payable to: SIGP) is due by March 1st to Bette at 191 Ridgemont Rd, GPF You can drop checks in front door mail slot \$38 if paying by Credit Card or PayPal—email karrieb40@gmail.com

Dinner buffet includes 2 entrées, potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls, soft drinks, hot coffee and tea. Cash Bar available.

*All attendees will be required to show proof of vaccine and wear masks when not eating or drinking.

MENTORING FOR SUCCESS

The call is out to members who would like to come on board with SIGP's new mentees for the coming year!

SIGP members Maddy Colavito and Diana Langlois are inviting you to join an orientation via Zoom on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, at 10 a.m.,** to see what is involved with MENTORING FOR SUCCESS and to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to getting to know our four Live Your Dream Awardees (listed below) and our Virginia Wagner Award Winner Lavina Hutchinson:

Nealmetria Loper, Delia-Yendy Mustin, Denise Sargent, and Danyelle Easley

You can be a part of this rewarding service project by joining the MENTORING FOR SUCCESS committee and mentor our awardees while they are in school. Please contact us for further information.

> Maddy: 509-551-1695 or Diana: 313-690-1515, Mentoring for Success Co-Chairs

POSITIVE IMAGES UPDATE

- Parenting classes will resume in February at Positive Images on Tuesdays from 12:45 to 2:15 p.m. Please call Bette Lepouttre (586-557-3287) if you would like to observe a session to possibly become part of this most worthy service project.
- THANK YOU to Tanesha Windom for donating 50 sweaters to the women of Positive Images! There will be a special sweater giveaway this month after Parenting! Tanesha is a previous RUBY AWARD winner and founder of MY SISTER'S KEEPER, a 501(c)(3) organization that "aims to mentor and advocate for women ages 7 to 24, nurturing, empowering, equipping, positively impacting and KEEPING youth on the path to success." Isn't it great when the women that receive Soroptimist awards return the goodwill!
- Using the Chromebooks that were purchased with the Ralph C. Wilson grant, SIGP would like to explore the possibility of offering Positive Images women basic computer classes. Please consider this service project and watch for further details! Need more information? Contact Marya Rosenthal at 313-310-6683.

— Diana Langlois

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Founder and CEO of The Joseph Project at SIGP's January meeting



The featured speaker at our January 12, business meeting was Nate Knapper, founder and CEO of The Joseph Project. Our club's Human Trafficking Awareness Committee recently presented Mr. Knapper with a \$10,000+ donation to support the initiatives of this organization.

Founded in 2018, the mission of the project is to connect human trafficking survivors with skilled pro-bono legal counsel. People who are trafficked are

often coerced into committing crimes. By leveraging the law, victims of trafficking are empowered to transition toward a new future. Currently, 140 attorneys are involved in the project.

Promise Land by SIGP 2021 Live Your Dream Winner Tonesia Nesbitt

A place that is great, a place that looks like new, a place full of surprises, potential, hand selected for me and for you. It is a place of total rest, a place on the scale of 1 to 10 it is the best. A place that is flowing with milk and honey, a place to smile, laugh at things that are funny; funny from skin onto the bone, a place called home. Home, a safe haven of security, a place of earthly serenity. Relax, reflect and in it, there is no defect. Land, land you call your own, and a place that is truly, truly home!

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NEEDED: Donations of gently used or new slippers/socks and pajamas for women

A woman who spoke in the "Men Who Buy Sex - Everybody Pays" documentary (see flyer at right) is a survivor/ activist and is requesting donations for a recovery home where she works.

Donations of gently used or new slippers/socks and pajamas for women would be greatly appreciated. Each Soroptimist club that donates will be acknowledged on our website and on our event flyer.

Donations will be accepted at my house, 1216 Harvard GPP, or if anyone in our club would like to help with the collection, let me know.

– Laurie Jost, 313-213-8189

NOTE: Several SIGP members plan to attend the premiere screening of the human trafficking awareness film at right. RSVP today!

YOU are invited to an exclusive film debut

Presented by the Wayne County Medical Society Foundation

Because **YOU** can make a difference.



DON'T MISS THIS IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY.

The Wayne County Medical Society Foundation in addressing and revealing the predatory nature and demand side of human trafficking, believes that together we can fuel the changes necessary in government policy and our legal system to make our world a safer place for the children of today and future generations.

Please join us in this effort by attending this important film screening.

CLICK HERE TO RSVP

Your chance to attend the 2022 SIA Convention virtually!

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS, INC.®

After thorough consideration of the status of the COVID-19 global pandemic and to allow sufficient planning time to deliver a quality virtual event, SIA's Board of Directors has decided to hold the 2022 convention virtually. While many regions are planning face-to-face meetings, members may have a level of comfort when traveling within their own regions that may not exist when traveling internationally. However, in all instances, our members' safety is our priority.

The dates of the virtual convention are: Friday, July 22, and Saturday, July 23, 2022 Registration will be available in February 2022

Pricing for this event is as follows:

<u>Early Registration Rate (applicable from the launch of registration through April 30, 2022)</u>
\$149 SIA Members in Good Standing
\$199 Non-Members of SIA

Regular registration rate (applicable from May 1, 2022 through the event date) \$199 SIA Members in Good Standing \$249 Non-Members of SIA

\$375 Mandatory Convention Club Fee (Invoices will be sent to clubs the week of January 10, 2022.)

This was a very difficult decision as we were all looking forward to gathering again. Until then, we look forward to the various region meetings taking place face-to-face in the Spring and the 2024 Convention in Bellevue, Washington on July 24-27, 2024. Additionally, we are pleased to share the 2026 convention will be held in Seoul, South Korea on July 22-25, 2026. The Korean Convention Committee, leadership, and members are looking forward to hosting you in 2026.

Please email siahq@soroptimist.org with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Kazuko Morita, SIA President and Woon Kyung Lee, Korean Convention Chair

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Soroptimist Websites

Soroptimist International Midwestern Region - (<u>simwr.org</u>) Soroptimist International of the Americas (<u>soroptimist.org</u>) Soroptimist International (<u>soroptimistinternational.org</u>) Soroptimist International of the Americas -

(soroptimist.org/about-us/contact-us/index.html) For upcoming SIGP events and information, click the link https://www.grossepointesoroptimist.org/

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.



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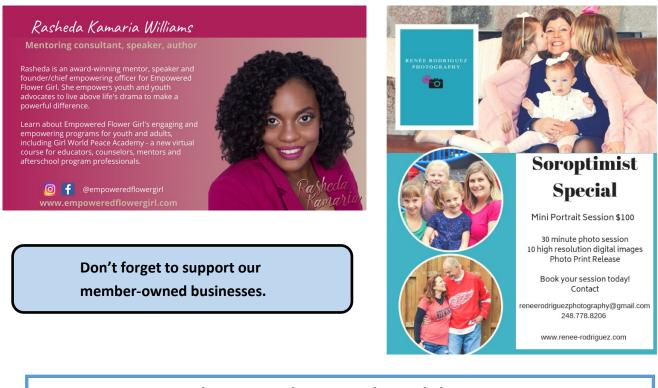
A SIGP Member Has a Special Deal for You!

Due to the virus and surgery on my hand, I have been off of work many weeks off and on. Now I am back and ready to help you with YOUR aches and pains. I am an independent massage therapist. Independent means no staff, no major company to hire me. I am on my own. So you'll know that you get all my time. No time taken off for you to get on and off the table like the chain companies do. I have 20 years' experience with knowledge of many modalities. I blend many options within your time with me.

My office is in a private, quiet location above WOW Gym (Women's Only Workout), 22601 Greater Mack Ave, SCS. It's across from Tropical Smoothie Cafe, corner of Elizabeth, opposite corner of SCS CVS. My special for any Soroptimist member is 70 minutes for \$60; 90 minutes for \$90.

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE — Call today, don't delay!

Sincerely, Rosanne Morrow at 313-205-7117



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