

The Pointer

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

President's Message

September 2017 Edition

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Carrie	Petrocelli	9/16
Kathy	DiCenzo	9/17
Susan	Stewart	9/25

I am having a very difficult time accepting summer is almost over! We felt the cooler weather this past week and we know more is to come in the weeks and months ahead. School begins next week for our public schools and some of the parochial schools have already started. It is a new beginning for students and teachers and we all wish them the best.

Our club continues with our recipe for success..activities for every member to support, volunteer activities to join, and fun events to enjoy. Our calendar is full for the next month. We are selling our Dine Around Town tickets all month, we have a mini-fundraiser at the Mack Avenue TCBY on September 12th, our General Meeting

is September 13th at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, our Human Trafficking committee is presenting the movie, "Stuck in Traffic", at the Grosse Pointe Woods Library on September 20th, and we have a new member orientation on September 27th. There are so many other things happening behind the scenes, it is truly amazing!

Roseanne and I appreciate all our members and we want to give the biggest applause to all of you who do so much to make our club so great! We cannot thank you enough!

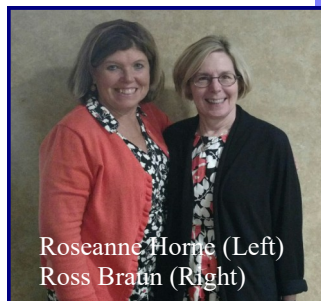
Please take a little time to read our newsletter and find out more about all the activities and opportunities presented to

you. If you are charitably inclined, we will certainly find a cause for some of your dollars. If you have some free time and want to do something hands-on, we can find a spot for you! There are activities and opportunities for every one! We want you to be your best, so you can do your best!

All the Best for Women,

**Roseanne &
Ross**

Your Co-Presidents



Roseanne Horne (Left)
Ross Braun (Right)

Dates to Remember

2017 Calendar

- **09/06**~ Board Mtg. ~ Mary Ellen's Condo
- **09/12** TCBY Fundraiser ~ GPW location ~ 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- **09/13** Gen. Bus. Mtg. ~ GPYC~ Meet & Greet at 6:00
- **09/20** **Human** Trafficking Event ~ GPW Library~ Door's Open at 6:45
- **09/27** **SAVE THE DATE FOR** New Member Orientation ~ Mary Ellen's ~ 7:00
- **09/28** Newsletter article's due to /Karrie B. by 9:00 pm.
- **09/29,30** SSS ~ 1130 Beaconsfield, GPP ~ Time TBD

SAVE THE DATE FOR SPRING CONFERENCE

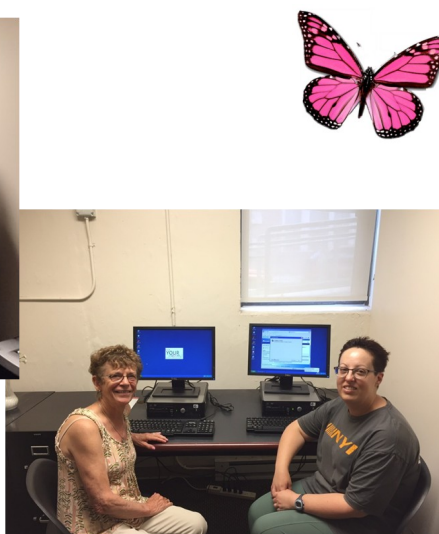
April 27, 28 & 29, 2018
Sheraton Lisle Hotel in Lisle, IL



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Programs & Services - Positive Images

Liz Lucas and husband Mike, were able to get our computers up and running and connected to a printer! And we were able to download our Live Your Dream logo and put it up as a screensaver! So there is no doubt who supplied these computers to Positive Images! Big kudos to Liz and Mike for their time and expertise! We are now ready to begin computer training at East Warren and at Coplin!



Programs & Services - PI

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



Jewelry Boxes



Silk Scarves (infinity)

Cosmetic Bags



MOTHER'S DAY ITEMS

Mugs
Cosmetic Bags
Tote bags
Oprah magazines
Silk Scarves (No bandanas please)
Toothbrushes (individually wrapped)
Toothpaste (sample size)
Dental Floss
Jewelry boxes



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Programs - Ghana

Soroptimist Supports Educating Girls in Ghana

As you may know, Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe (SIGP) is a global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. For the past three years Soroptimist has raised money to send six girls to St. Anne High School in Damongo, Ghana, Africa. What is Soroptimist's connection to Ghana, Africa? It's Carol Hofer, a current member of SIGP! When Carol was in her 20's, she was a Peace Corps volunteer in Ghana, and now, 40 years later, Carol still stays in contact with the village that she worked in. Bishop Peter Paul Angkyler who is the Bishop of Damongo came to the United States in July to raise money for his parish and St. Anne High School. While in Michigan, he was the guest of Carol and had an evening meeting Soroptimists. Here is his quote about the necessity of educating girls in Ghana:

*"So I like to use this opportunity to acknowledge with deep gratitude the help that your group is giving toward the formation of our girls in the St. Anne School in Damongo, Ghana. Sometimes we do not see the great support that this help is bringing to our girls. But in the context of Damongo where the girl child education is not given much value, and the Church in her efforts to give witness, to let the society become more conscious and to become more committed to this forming our young people into leadership, whatever little help we get is very significant. And at the moment, **these girls who have been supported, I can say***

*clearly and firmly that without this support they would not have been able to go to school. And therefore, on their behalf and on behalf of their families, to thank each and every person who contributes toward their formation and to know that it is an investment which is worthwhile. Those will see the development of the girls so far and their response, you see that already there is a significant transformation in terms of leadership and the joy with which they carry out their studies. I visit the girls from time to time and very often I marvel really at their gifts and I just think about how these gifts would have been lost to Church and to society if people were not supportive of them. So on this note, I would like to say THANK YOU and to encourage... let us together see what we can do to help this and as the great educationalist (Dr. James Emmanuel Kwegyir-Aggrey, 1875-1927) one time said' **"If you educate a man, you educate an individual, but if you educate a woman, you educate a nation."** This is great wisdom and I see it because mothers, women, have a significant role in the family and especially in our context where how many mothers have to struggle in different ways to help their children. And if these young women are educated and have leadership they certainly will be able to bring about greater transformation and in society. God help each and everyone and blessings to all of you."*



Pictured from left to right: Marlene Washington, Myra Goldman, Bishop Peter Paul Angkyler, Jane Evola, Carol Hofer, Diana Langlois enjoying African food at Carol's home.





Programs - Days For Girls

Once again, Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe members volunteered at the Eastside Days for Girls Workshop.

Seven SIGP members spent Saturday morning, August 26th from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon ironing, cutting and sewing material to be made into drawstring bags as well as liners for feminine hygiene kits to be sent to Haiti. 25 drawstring bags were completed on this particular Saturday!

The Eastside Days for Girls workshop will be meeting the last Saturday of the month from 9:00am -12:00 noon at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church at 211 Moross. The group is very grateful for the volunteer support from our Soroptimist Club. All are welcome to volunteer. Bring a friend and enjoy helping a very worthwhile cause. The Eastside group is in need of Joann Fabric gift cards, material and thread.

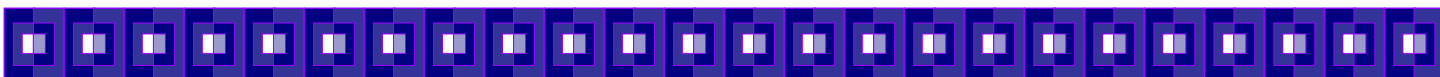
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Sandra S. Mengel

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New Membership - Induction's at the August Meeting

Welcome New Members! We are proud to announce that during the 2016-2017 year we have gained 10 new members: Katherine Baetz, Sara Mai Baker, Marcia Fairrow, Peggy Hart, Kathy Kraydich, Liz Lucas, Carrie Petrocelli, Renée Rodriguez and Sarah Sheppard and Jessie Enloe who signed up that evening.

New member's were installed at our **August 9th** General Meeting, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

New member orientation is scheduled for September 27th at Mary Ellen Burke's condo, hosted by Mary Ellen and membership Chair Dorothea Williams.



New Members Name Badge
Soroptimist International of
Grosse Pointe



Meet our newest members of SIGP

Back row: Roseanne Horne, Co-President; Dorothea Williams, Membership Chair; Sara Mai Baker, Kathy Kraydich, Carrie Petrocelli, Jessie Enloe, Ross Braun, Co-President.

Front row: Renee' Rodriguez, Peggy Hart, Kathy Baetz, Elizabeth Lucas and Sara Sheppard

Not available for photo Marcia Fairrow





Membership ~ District Meeting I & III ~ The Call

Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe is part of District III. This District includes all the clubs in Michigan plus one club from Northern Indiana. Each year in the Fall there is a District III meeting. Attached is the information regarding District 1 and III meeting and District II and IV meeting. We are invited to attend whichever one is most convenient.



Here are the dates and places of the meetings.

District I & III Meeting:
October 6-7, 2017 Hilton Garden Inn
Chesterton 501 Gateway Boulevard
Chesterton, IN 46304

District II & IV Meeting:
October 20-21, 2017 Holiday Inn & Suites
803 S. Leonard Ave. Lima, OH 45804

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The Call**

***Soroptimist International
Midwestern Region***



Call to District Meetings

Join old friends, make new friends, learn new ideas, and find the hidden treasure of new members.

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501 Gateway Boulevard
Chesterton, IN 46304

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Hilton Garden Inn



Holiday Inn & Suites

Membership ~ New Laurel Society Winner



At the August business meeting Sue Stewart was able to pass the "quilt" on to SIGP's new Laurel Society winner, Carolyn Barth.

That night with 8 numbers still available Sue Stewart was able to sell all 8 remaining numbers. Roseanne drew the number, and Voila! Carolyn is the new Laurel Society member.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Laurel Society is SIA's prestigious recognition program for donors who contribute gifts totaling \$1,000 or more. Since 1994, more than 6,000 Laurel Society members have contributed nearly \$10 million dollars to help empower women through the Live Your Dream Awards and other Soroptimist programs. It is because of the generosity of our Laurel Society members that Soroptimist is able to ensure funding for our global programs that work to make the world a better place for women and girls. All individual gifts made to support the Live Your Dream Awards, Dream It, Be It, or Unrestricted Program Support are credited toward a member's recognition in the Laurel Society.

CAROLYN BARTH SIGP'S NEW LAUREL SOCIETY RECIPIENT

Fundraiser ~ tcbY

TCBY FUNDRAISER

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
FROM 7PM - 10PM.**

**TCBY WILL DONATE 10% OF
SALES BETWEEN 7PM - 10PM.**

**SO TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND
FAMILY TO COME HAVE AN
ICE CREAM AND HELP FUND A
WOMEN'S EDUCATION**

tcbY the country's best yogurt

**Fundraiser to benefit
Soroptimist International
of Grosse Pointe**

**Tuesday, September 12th
7pm to 10pm**

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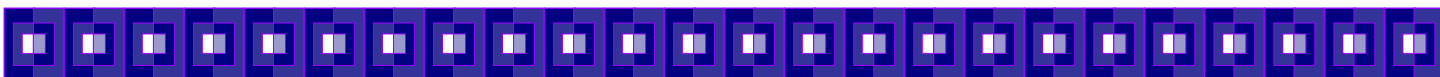
Come enjoy a TCBY yogurt treat and help us raise money for the Soroptimist of G.P.
10% of sales will be donated.

TCBY
20385 Mack Ave.
(across from Kroger)

313.881.5608

www.tcbY.com/mackave





Fundraiser- Dine Around Town Raffle

SELL! SELL! SELL!

Only **41** more days left to sell tickets.

For more tickets please contact
**Karrie Blankenship, Roseanne Horne
or Mary Ellen Burke.**

A new members contact list has been sent out via email, so for
contact information please refer to the list.

Event Calendar for Ticket
Sales

Villagefest 09/16

GPN/GPS tailgate 9/22

TCBY Fundraiser 09/12

Garage Sale 09/29-30

Days for Girls 09/30

Fundraiser- The Whitney

You're invited to join SIGP for a ghostly tour of Detroit's most iconic mansion

The Whitney

4421 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48201
(www.thewhitney.com)

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Meet at the 3rd Floor Ghostbar at **5:30 PM**

Cost is **\$25** per person. **All guests are welcome!**

The event includes shared appetizers then on to our private Ghost tour and champagne toast. We will mingle in the Ghostbar before and after where additional drinks and food are available for purchase, if desired.

Pay NOW to reserve your spot!

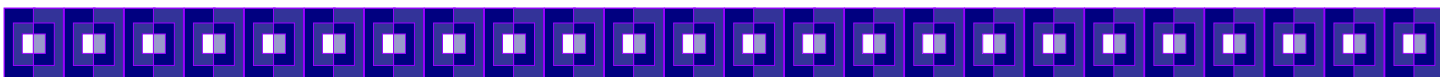
Contact *Jane Evola*

586-322-2394 or janie730@msn.com

PayPal and Credit Cards accepted

a 3% processing fee will be charged for use of PayPal and Credit Card purchases





Fundraiser- SSS ~Garage Sale

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SECOND
HAND SALE DATE HAS BEEN MOVED
TO **FRIDAY, SEPT. 29TH AND**
SATURDAY SEPT 30TH AT
ALEKSA'S HOUSE AT
1130 BEACONSFIELD
GROSSE POINTE PARK.

**WE NEED
DONATIONS AND
VOLUNTEERS.**

**SIGN UP WILL BE
AT THE
SEPTEMBER
MEETING.**

Awareness- Interview with Sara Baker

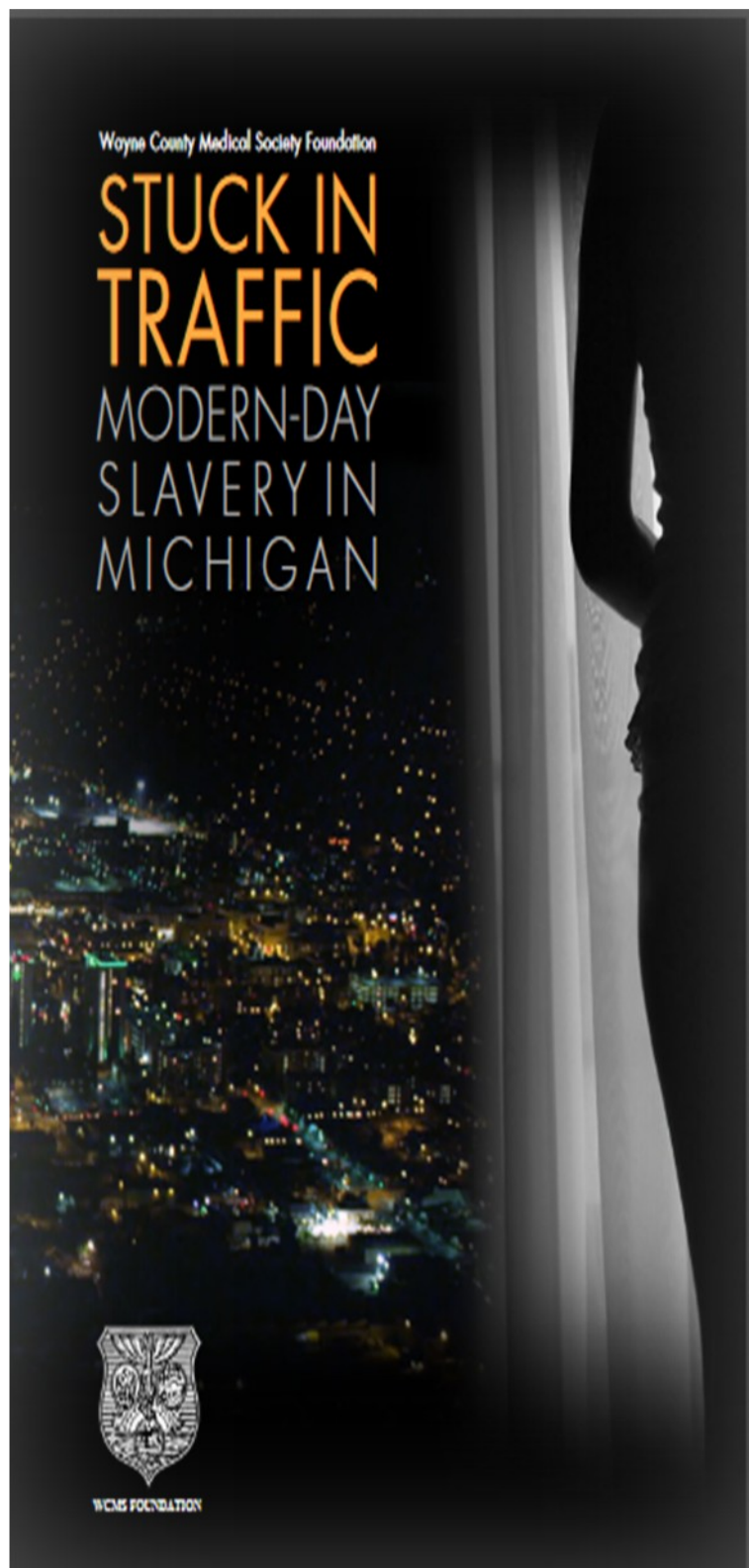


<https://vimeo.com/230614067>

To listen to Sara Baker's interview with John Prost click on the link above. Martha Reeves interview is first

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Awareness - Anti Human Trafficking Event



Stuck In Traffic

Stuck in Traffic- Modern-day Slavery in Michigan is a movie which was produced by the Wayne County Medical Society of Southeast Michigan to bring awareness to the problem of Human Trafficking in Michigan.

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

will be showing the movie *Stuck In Traffic* on **Wednesday, September 20th** at the Grosse Pointe Woods Library located at 20680 Mack Ave, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 [map](#)

Doors open at **6:45 pm.** and the movie will start at **7:00 pm.** Seating is limited

Additional parking is available in front of and behind Parcels Middle School.

There will be a Panel Discussion after the movie.

As an Entrance fee, please bring granola bars, hard candies or water bottles which will be donated to Human Trafficking Survivors rescued by the Salvation Army.



Awareness - Elli's House Newsletter

Monthly Newsletter: August

Thank you for your continual interest in Elli's House! Elli's House is a religious organization affiliated with the Michigan District – Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Our mission is to provide temporary shelter for runaway, homeless, or young girls involved in sex trafficking, in the city of Detroit, with family reunification as our primary goal.

"Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy" - Proverbs 31:9

Updates:

Our first house clean up was a HUGE success! Thank you to all the volunteers who sacrificed their Saturday to help! We are still amazed at the progress that was made that day. We were humbled by all the friends, family, acquaintances, and strangers that showed up to help that day. Our next work day will be Saturday, August 26, 9-3 pm. You can sign up using the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4ea9ac29a1ff2-house>.

When you sign up, please include your email address in the notes section in order to receive the waiver. Once you are signed up, a waiver will sent and you can email the completed form to ellishouse313@yahoo.com.

Our street outreach teams have been very busy and we are looking into expanding our outreach area with other teams. If you are interested in learning more, contact Deb at atellishouse313@yahoo.com. You can also follow our outreach reports on Instagram and Facebook. In case you are do not use social media, I am including our most recent report.

We made arrangements to meet with T because she was considering going to detox. She told us she was ready to go but after 40 minutes of phone calls, she became frustrated, irritated and refused to go. We prayed with her and gave her food with a hygiene kit and drove away.

As soon as we pulled down the next street, we ran into our friend N. She is a women we have talked to several times in the last month. With tears flowing from her eyes, she said, "I've been waiting for my people." (She was talking about us) She continued, "I've been praying lately, and I know I need to leave the streets. I am so tired and scared." N told us how scared she was since she heard about several girls getting raped and killed in the last several weeks. She had been storing up her few belongings and sleeping in an abandoned car behind the local automotive store. While we were talking with N, a man pulled up and began talking to her. She quickly told him to leave and said she was ready to leave.

After a few phone calls, we were able to get her a bed in a rehab/detox clinic. We drove her to the clinic and sat with her as she went through the long intake process. After intake, we stood out in the rain so she could smoke her last cigarette. After hugging and praying, we watched our brave, courageous friend take the first step to a new life.

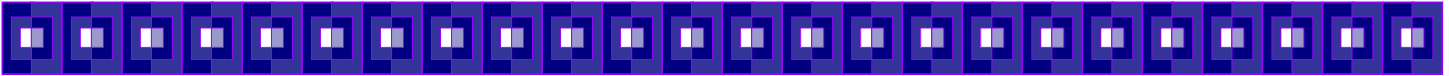
While at the rehab clinic, we made a great connection with the Intake Coordinator, who gave us direct line to call him when we have girls that need drug detox and rehab. He assured me they would get them in. Please continue to pray that N will have the strength to stay for the entire program and we will be able to help her with the next steps.

We are currently looking for monthly and business donors. If you know anyone who would be interested in helping, please email Deb.

We are working on getting a privacy fence and security system donated. We want to keep the building secure as we start bringing materials and possessions into the house. If you have any contacts for fence companies or security systems, please contact Deb.

Check out our website <https://ellishouse313.wixsite.com/endslavery> and share it with friends and family. We are also on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.





Elli's House Newsletter, continued

Donations & Volunteer Opportunities:

We are always collecting hygiene items and lunch items. If you are interested in donating, email Monica at monica.ellishouse@gmail.com for a complete list of items.

Sex Trafficking Awareness

Human Trafficking Information:

According to the Human Trafficking Resource Center. 246 human trafficking cases were reported in Michigan; a 257 percent increase from five years ago.

Michigan Abolitionist Project is a great resource for curriculum and awareness materials

Check out the movies, "Priceless," and "Tricked," to learn more about Human Trafficking

to the website, "She's Somebody's Daughter," pornography drives the demand for sex trafficking, trafficking victims are exploited in the production of pornography, pornography production is a form of trafficking, and pornography is used as a training tool with sex trafficked victims.

Some of you may remember Lauri Jost spoke about Elli's House at our meeting she attended as a guest.

The previous article is a newsletter which has volunteering opportunities for those of you who are interested helping Elli's House. Within the article is a link to Elli's House website as well as a link to a volunteer site.



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Please have your article's to
Karrie Blankenship by 9:00 pm
on or before 28th of each
month to:
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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 lar-
ger fellowship in home, in society, in busi-
ness, 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
<http://www.grossepointesoroptimist.org/>

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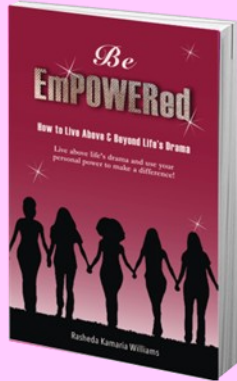


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I am trained in many styles of message therapy techniques some of which are listed below:

- Swedish** (lighter style)
- Therapeutic** (getting into those sore areas)
- Deep** (getting deeper into those knots)
- Reflexology** (concentrated massage on the hands, feet, legs arms, can stay mostly dressed for this one)
- Prenatal** (massage for the Mom to be).

Massage's help many different aspects of your life such as circulation, stress/ anxiety, muscle soreness, headaches, insomnia, menstrual cramps, sinus problems, just to name a few. Since I work with the body muscles I can sell BioFreeze, a pain relief gel which comes in roll-on or gel in a tube for \$12 each.

YOU get my undivided attention, I work on you the whole time you pay for no cutting corners and I can design a massage program just for you and your specific needs. I have a massage special that can't be beat, a 70 minute massage for ONLY \$60, my office is located in a quiet and private area of the Eastin Inn complex, 2nd floor, located on Little Mack Ave. between Masonic Ave. and 13 Mile Road in Roseville, Michigan.

I offer gift certificates, I can travel to you, I also do private parties or come to your office to offer stress relief for the staff with my Massage Chair, the ideas are endless.

Feel free to call and discuss options [313-205-7117](tel:313-205-7117)





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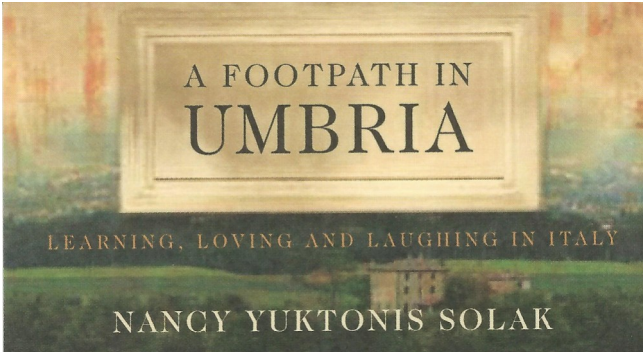

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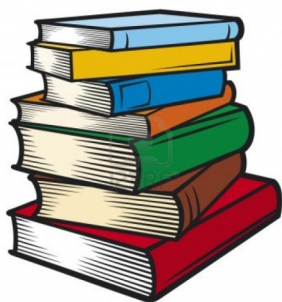
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Ghostwriter, Writing Instructor



Below is SIGP's book club picks for 2017.

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.

- 9/21 Mademoiselle: Coco Chanel and the Pulse of History - Rhonda K. Garelick
- 10/19 Flight Behavior - Barbara Kingsolver
- 11/16 Circling the Sun - Paula McLain
- 12/21 Born a Crime - Trevor Noah



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Katherine Baetz
Nail Technician

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OR EMAIL TO
Katherine@baetz.net**

Katherine Baetz
Limited Licensed
Clinical Social Worker

Cell phone 313/530/7414
Email: Katherine@Baetz.net



Brass lamps with shell shades



Chest of drawer and dresser



Night stands (2)

Soroptimist Second Hand Sale has a bedroom set for sale. For information please contact Diana Langlois at dilang58@comcast.net



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 crock-pot. We are eagerly looking forward to our second year of culinary delights.

Even more importantly, Foodies provides an ongoing opportunity to en-

joy 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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2006 Black Ford Fusion SE
with 138,000 miles for sale! **\$3,500**

Car has newer brakes (past year) and cosmetic damage to the passenger side doors.

For More information contact:
Roseanne Horne at [313-706-1801](tel:313-706-1801)



Photo IS NOT the car for sale just a photo of a 2006 Black Ford Fusion SE



MIDWESTERN REGION 2017-2018

FOCUS - IMPORTANT DATES

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

July 1	Club Celebrating Success Entries due to Vicky Hicks
July 1	2017-2018 Club Dues to SIA HQ with Club Officer info
July 1	2017-2018 Member & Club dues to MWR w/Club officer info
July 21-23	MWR Summer Board Meeting – Middlebury, IN
October 6-7	District I & III Meeting at Best Western – Hilton Garden Inn Chesterton, IN
October 20-21	District II & IV Meeting at Holiday Inn Express, Lima OH
November 15	Form 990 due to IRS
November 15	Live Your Dream Applications due to Clubs
December 2	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
December 10	Human Rights Day – SI President's Appeal
December 15	Club Live Your Dream Award Winner due to District Director
2018	
January 11	National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness in US
January 15	Virginia Wagner Award Applications due to Club
January 15	District LYD Award Winners due to Region Chair
February 15	Virginia Wagner Club Award Winner due to District Director
February 15	Region LYD Winner info due to both SIA and Treasurer Valencia by Region Chair
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 Region 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