



# The Pointer

WEDNESDAY JUNE 12, MEMBERSHIP MEETING at VILLAGE GRILLE

**16930 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe; Parking & Private Entry Door in Rear**

**General Meeting starts promptly at 6:30 p.m.**

**Meet and Greet at 6 p.m.**

**Tickets go on sale for the 4 Amish Quilts at this meeting. Tickets: \$5 each or 3 for \$10**



*Forget-Me-Nots*

## **Don't forget! Annual Dues are due Wednesday, June 12**

Although Soroptimist International (SI) dues have increased \$9 for the first time in 21 years, the Board decided to keep the Grosse Pointe Chapter's dues the same—\$125. If you prefer to pay by credit card, the cost is \$129 since it includes a service fee. Make checks payable to: SIGP.

Payment is due June 12, the date of our General Meeting (see above). You can also mail your check to either Mary Ellen Burke or Bette Lepouttre.

## SI-Grosse Pointe's Biggest Fundraiser Is Launched!

Our **11<sup>th</sup> Dine Around Town Raffle Fundraiser** has begun! Please join us in making this major fundraiser for our Educational Awards another success! Start collecting those gift certificates now!

Here is brief explanation of our Dine Around Town Raffle Fundraiser:

1. **Collection of the gift certificates.** All members are asked to collect at least one Gift Certificate (GC) from an area restaurant. We have created an Excel spreadsheet that will track who has collected the GC, what restaurants donated the GC, the value of the GC, the number of GC donated and the contact information for the restaurant.

Once you have collected a Gift Certificate please let Dorothea Williams  
know so she can update the spreadsheet: [wdorothea@aol.com](mailto:wdorothea@aol.com)

2. **Bundling the gift certificates.** Once all the GC have been collected, they are then bundled into prize packages. The committee will meet and create the bundles using the spreadsheet mentioned above. Last year we had 7 prize packages; 7 chances to win!
3. **Selling the Raffle Tickets.** Once the raffle tickets are printed, we ask each member to sell five books of raffle tickets at \$20 a book, five tickets to a book (the 5th ticket is free when you buy a book), or \$5 a ticket. Some members mail tickets to their family and friends to purchase. We also sell tickets to the public at community events. All tickets and money must be turned in at our October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will pull the winning tickets that night!

In order to collect gift certificates, you will need our Dine Around Town Donation Letter. This letter is handed to the manager/owners of the restaurants when soliciting a gift certificate. This letter has been emailed to all members. We will also have copies at the June meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Roseanne Horne at 313-706-1801 or [rosewa33@aol.com](mailto:rosewa33@aol.com)

## A happy ending to a call for help!



(L-R) Lakissa Purnell, SIGP member Maddy Jeffs and Chloe Lundine, Enrollment Program Manager (WSU)

Remember the pride and joy we experienced at our Awards Ceremony when we provided financial support for two Live Your Dream (LYD) and two Virginia Wagner recipients? Just two months later SIGP members again rallied to individually support a previous LYD recipient.

Lakissa Purnell had suffered private setbacks in 2018 resulting in her withdrawal from Wayne State University. With only one semester left to complete her degree, Lakissa had accumulated a large student loan debt with little probability of paying it off. With the outstanding generosity of SIGP members, we raised \$3,078 and presented a check to WSU on Lakissa's behalf. *(See photo at left.)*

Along with Lakissa's own financial commitment toward her now manageable account balance and WSU's new Warrior Way Back program that provides debt forgiveness, we expect Lakissa will be able to register for Fall Semester and complete her degree in Social Work.

Lakissa has asked me to express her deep gratitude to SIGP for our members' financial support but, most importantly, for our belief in her and her future. — Maddy Jeffs

## More happy talk!

SIGP member Jane Evola has done it again! When she learned that one of her clients didn't want his furniture (he was going to put it on the curb!), she sprang into action.

Jane says, "I don't like seeing good useable items at the curb. And I know Positive Images can really use it."

First, she contacted Positive Images to see if there was need. There was! Jane proceeded to rent a truck and she, along with her son Rocco, loaded the furniture inside it.

To help unload at Positive Images, staffers Carol Classen and James Martin, along with Ayesha Muhammad were on hand.

Another happy ending!



Carol Classen, James Martin, Jane Evola and Ayesha Muhammad

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## Congratulations to us!

The Midwestern Region's Spring Conference was attended by SIGP members Karrie Blankenship, Mary Ellen Burke, Ross Braun and Aleksa Andjelkovic.



On our club's behalf, they received recognition for:

- ◆ SIA Diamond Membership Campaign, Phase I
- ◆ Dimes for Dreams Participation
- ◆ Increased Public Awareness and Increased Membership
- ◆ Dream It Be It/Career Support for Girls
- ◆ Dream Believers level for 2017-2018 Club Giving Contribution
- ◆ Live Your Dream participation
- ◆ Governor's Award of Awesomeness

**Congratulations to all of us. Great team work!**

## SOS—Save Our (Local) Soroptimists

SI-Detroit has made gallant efforts to get off the ground. If any of you GP members have friends in or near the city who might be interested in joining, please give them Soroptimist information. These prospective members can call Roseanne Horne for more information, including who to contact.

## JUNE

## Happy Birthday to ...

Ernesta Kurrle, June 4

Karrie Blankenship, June 7

Peggy Hart, June 14

Kerri Green, June 27



## SIGP members positively involved with Positive Images (PI)

The Parenting Program continues...

The Computer Lab continues...

The Clothing Room continues...

BUT...the Soroptimist team at Positive Images could use one or two more members to donate their time to the Parenting Program, the Computer Lab or the Clothing Room. Come see for yourself what's going on at the East Warren facility (a few blocks past Alter). If you can't commit regularly, perhaps you can ease into it by volunteering to sub.

Parenting: .....Tuesday, 12:45–2:15 ..... Dorothy Wasinger, 313-618-6871

Computer Lab Assistant: .....Tuesday and/or Friday, 2:15–4 .... Diana Langlois, 313-690-1515

Clothing Room: .....Tuesday and/or Friday, 1–3 .....Jean Kroll, 248-385-8845

**For General Information about Positive Images: Diana Langlois at 313-690-1515**

## What PI clients have to say about the Parenting classes

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1. I have attended 4 parenting classes.

2. For me, the best thing about the parenting class was ...  
learning that I will be a better parent without drugs...

3. List three facts about children and/or parenting that you learned in class that you will now put in your daily life ...

- a. You must coarsely communicate with children so they will feel comfortable to be open with you in times of need.
- b. Being strict is not healthy all the time...
- c. Help Soroptimist and Positive Images improve the parenting class by listing your suggestions to make the class better...  
More perfect to me, this was my first parenting class and the best...

**SOROPTIMIST**  
Best for Women

1. I have attended 4 classes.

2. For me, the best thing about the parenting class was ...  
Open discussions

3. List three facts about children and/or parenting that you learned in class that you will now put in your daily life ...

- a. Having a better child
- b. Trusting your child will become more open w/you.
- c. And parenting; Robilious children

4. Help Soroptimist and Positive Images improve the parenting class by listing your suggestions to make the class better...  
Keep up the good work

**SOROPTIMIST**  
Best for Women

1. I have attended 4 classes.

2. For me, the best thing about the parenting class was ...  
I'm never too old to learn how to become a better parent

3. List three facts about children and/or parenting that you learned in class that you will now put in your daily life ...

- a. Open
- b. Honest
- c. Working

4. Help Soroptimist and Positive Images improve the parenting class by listing your suggestions to make the class better...  
not enough

The evaluations above (#1, #2, & #3, starting from the left) are from clients who attended Parenting classes. Below, their words are paraphrased into narrative.

#1 The best thing about the class for me was learning that I will be a better parent without drugs. I've learned that you must communicate with children so they will feel comfortable and then they will be open with you in times of need. Being strict all the time is not healthy. #2 I liked the open discussions most. Keep up the good work. #3 I'm never too old to learn how to become a better parent. The way to improve the class is to have more of them.

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Positive Images (continued from previous page)

## Help Maisha and Carol organize

Maisha Kenyatta, Director of Positive Images, is asking Soroptimist-GP for a volunteer to come to the Coplin residential center (a little past Alter on East Warren & Coplin) to help with organizing. Maisha says there is enough work for a volunteer to come one day a week for 2 to 3 hours now until the end of summer.

If you're interested, you can choose the day and time! If you volunteer with a friend, then both the amount of work done (and the fun!) is doubled!

Please know that you won't have to lock yourself into every week – the timeframe is flexible. If putting things in order makes you happy, this is a perfect service opportunity for you! Call Diana, 313-690-1515, for more information.

Bette Lepouttre has been volunteering with organizing and filing on a regular basis. You may want to give her a call at 586-557-3287 to find out more and to perhaps coordinate your time with her.

— Diana Langlois

## Coming Soon to Positive Images—*DREAM IT, BE IT*

**We are presenting *Dream It, Be It* for the women living at Coplin**

**Tuesday and Thursday mornings 10 a.m. - 12 noon.**

**The dates are June 18, 20, 25, 27 and July 2.**

The program will focus on each woman realizing her dream. The women will assess their value systems, create goals to help achieve their dream and will look at personal obstacles in their lives which are stumbling blocks to achieving that dream. Methods of dealing with stress and the importance of reaching out for help and support will be discussed.

We are looking for volunteers to help present the program. We especially need volunteers for the stress management day on June 27. We hope to have "stress relief" stations of massage, yoga, exercise, crafts, journaling, healthy eating, and meditation. We can arrange carpools if needed.

— Ellen Chapin and Marya Malkovich

## A generous donation to Positive Images!

The St. John Episcopal Church on Woodward has given a donation of \$3000 to Positive Images to purchase new beds, mattresses and linens. This grant donation was facilitated through Marj Alff from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) with the assistance of Mary Ellen Burke and Diana Langlois.



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## Traffic 5k Event

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Are Sponsoring Our 2nd Annual 5k Walk/Run Event

**September 21st. 2019**

Registration opens at 7:30 am  
Event begins at 8:00 am

\*\*\*THIS IS NOT A TIMED EVENT\*\*\*

On-line registration fee is \$35  
Deadline is Sept. 14, 2019

**Day-of-the-event registration fee is \$40**

Children 12 and under are **FREE**

**Register Now!**

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION

[MAIL IN REGISTRATION](#)

[ONLINE: CLICK HERE](#)



## Amish Quilts on Offer

We will begin selling raffle tickets for each of these quilts at the June meeting. The quilts, donated by Bette Lepouttre, are going to be raffled off to members only. Cost is \$5 per ticket or 3 for \$10. You can choose the quilt you want to put your money on!



*Blue Star Wall Hanging 3' x 3-1/2"*



*Beige Oatmeal Star Wall Hanging  
3-1/2' x 3-1/2'*



*Round Blue/Beige Tablecloth*



*Detail of Star Queen-Size Quilt seen at right.*



*Queen-Size Quilt (detail of star at left)*



## Remember the Mother's Day bags?

Ten of our members went to Mary Ellen's condo to help package the Mother's Day gift bags for the women at Positive Images. Here is a photo of just a few of the things included: mug, notebook and pen, scarf, O (Oprah magazine), lotions, shampoo, jewelry (boxed and wrapped!), all placed into a well-made tote.

For some women, this is their first Mother's Day gift so you can imagine how much this project is appreciated.

Thank you SIGP members! You're always making the world a brighter and happier place!



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## Soroptimist Pledge

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.

## District III Emails

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## Soroptimist Websites

Soroptimist International Midwest Region - ([simwr.org](http://simwr.org))  
Soroptimist International of the Americas ([soroptimist.org](http://soroptimist.org))  
Soroptimist International ([soroptimistinternational.org](http://soroptimistinternational.org))  
Soroptimist International of the Americas -  
([soroptimist.org/about-us/contact-us/index.html](http://soroptimist.org/about-us/contact-us/index.html))  
For upcoming SIGP events and information, click the link  
<https://www.grossepointesoroptimist.org/>

## The Who's Who of SIGP's PUBLIC AWARENESS COMMITTEES

Submit photos, club information, news, upcoming events and dates to this e-mail so the information can be accessed by all public awareness chairs: [socialmediasigp@gmail.com](mailto:socialmediasigp@gmail.com)

WEBSITE: [grossepointesoroptimist.net](http://grossepointesoroptimist.net) ..... Carrie Petrocelli  
or <https://www.grossepointesoroptimist.net/calendar-of-events.html> for calendar

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### SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

FACEBOOK: [facebook.com/soroptimistgrossepointe](https://facebook.com/soroptimistgrossepointe) ..... Renee Rodriguez  
INSTAGRAM: [soroptimistgp](https://instagram.com/soroptimistgp) ..... Sarah Shepherd  
TWITTER: [@soroptimistgp](https://twitter.com/soroptimistgp) ..... Jean Kroll

NEWSLETTER: THE POINTER is on the website and  
is emailed to members ..... Nancy Solak

MEDIA: Newspaper articles, radio PSAs, etc. ....Diana Langlois



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## WAYNE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION



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Friends, Colleagues, and Supporters,

The Wayne County Medical Society Foundation is actively changing views and opinions on human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Our last award winning and highly regarded documentary, *Stuck in Traffic – Modern-Day Slavery in Michigan*, is being implemented in classrooms and venues across the state of Michigan. It was aimed to educate our young people to the dangers of human trafficking and how to avoid being drawn in.

The paradigm is now shifting to the emphasis on men who buy sex, focusing on combating the solicitation and demand for sex. We have made a 10-minute preview of, *Men Who Buy Sex*. Unless there are meaningful consequences to the "Johns" human trafficking and prostitution will not be impeded.

The new video will provide an overview of the problem and make the general public aware that there is an issue. To end the problem the demand must be addressed. The video will be a 50 minute 1st class documentary of Netflix quality. It will be shown to a broad audience including the state legislature. We plan to have a pre and post video evaluation of human trafficking and prostitution included to measure the impact of our work.

The cost of the video will be approximately \$185,000. We have already raised a portion of this and with your help, we are certain we can reach this goal. If this effort is successful, it may be one of the most influential activities that the WCMS Foundation has ever undertaken. You can play a crucial role in making this project a reality. We are counting on your support.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Beals, MD  
Chair - WCMS Foundation

Laurie Jost  
WCMS Foundation  
Chair - Human Trafficking Committee

[www.wcmssm.org/wcms-foundation.html](http://www.wcmssm.org/wcms-foundation.html)

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### *Men Who Buy Sex – Modern Day Predators* feature film will present:

- Evidence-based findings to help end the demand for commercial sex.
- Ideology to change the paradigm that the sex buyer is an unwilling participant and recognize prostitution and pornography as sexual exploitation.
- Demonstrate the linkage between buyers of pornography and human sex trafficking.
- The psychological profile of the buyer.
- A demographic statistical analysis.
- How sex buyers and porn users damage and destroy otherwise healthy lifestyles and relationships.
- Compare sex buyers with men who don't buy sex.
- Innovative, successful practices in the US and internationally for reducing the demand for commercial sex.
- Legislative options and programs needed to make buyers of sex accountable.
- Arguments to convince criminal justice professionals and policy makers at federal, state, and local levels of the importance of prioritizing demand reduction by increasing arrests and penalties.
- A pre and post video evaluation of human trafficking and prostitution incidence.

To make a donation and to watch the, *Men Who Buy Sex – Modern-Day Predators*, 10-minute preview and the award-winning documentary, *Stuck in Traffic – Modern-Day Slavery*, go to: [www.wcmssm.org/human-trafficking.html](http://www.wcmssm.org/human-trafficking.html)

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# FYI

## Free Industrial Sewing Class



**Free Industrial sewing class for immigrant and refugee women from any country at Wayne community college (Eastern Campus)**

**5901 Conner St, Detroit, 48213**

**Course Date: June 18th to August 8th, 2019**

**Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**Time: 10 to 12:30 pm**

**Duration: 7 weeks**

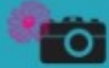
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