

The Pointer

December 2017 Edition

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

President's Message

As we draw closer to the end of the year, it is a good time to reflect on the accomplishments of the year gone by and contemplate the plans for the year ahead. Once again our Soroptimist club has continued to grow and prosper. Our membership count is at 60, the highest it has been in quite a while. We continue to support the women at Positive Images with our time, resources and monetary donations, fund the tuition for girls in Ghana to go to High School, distribute over \$8,000 in scholarship awards, volunteer at Days for Girls workshops, raise Human Trafficking awareness, and sponsor mentoring programs for Middle school and high school girls. We are able to offer

many of these programs because of our highly successful fundraising efforts; Dine Around Town raffle and garage sales. All the while, our members are having fun, making friends and giving back to society on local, national and global levels.

Looking ahead to 2018, the club hopes to host another Dream It, Be It program, possibly sponsor a Human Trafficking awareness walk-a thon and continue our High School College preparatory class scholarship awards. With our growing number of committed women, many new ideas have been presented and implemented. Our club is fortunate to have such

wonderful leaders who are willing to chair committees, events, fundraisers, and take on leadership positions on the Board.

At our November meeting we asked members what they were thankful for about their Soroptimist club. The responses are amazing.

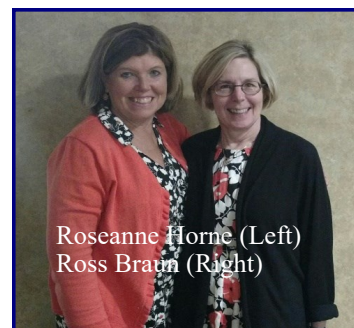
[Take a look here!](#)

In closing I would like to remind you to please read this newsletter. It contains much useful information! Our Christmas Dinner is coming up on Wednesday, December 13 at Assumption Cultural Center (there will be no General meeting that night) please RSVP to Jane Evola if you plan to attend.

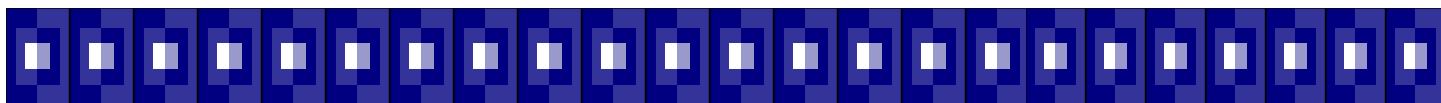
Diana Langlois is looking for volunteers on Thursday, December 7th to help pack baskets and on Saturday, December 9th to help at the Positive Images Christmas Party.

Ross and I wish all of you a very happy holiday season!

All the Best for Women,
Roseanne & Ross



Roseanne Horne (Left)
Ross Braun (Right)



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December 2017

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 Holiday Gift Basket Assembly	8	9 Positive Images Holiday Party
10	11 Birthday Carol Hofer	12 Birthday Carolyn Thompson	13 Holiday Gathering	14	15	16
17 Birthday Nancy Solak	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Articles are due to Karrie B.	29	30
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Programs & Services ~Mother's Day Items



Jewelry Boxes



Silk Scarves
(infinity or fashion)

Cosmetic Bags



MOTHER'S DAY ITEMS

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



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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.

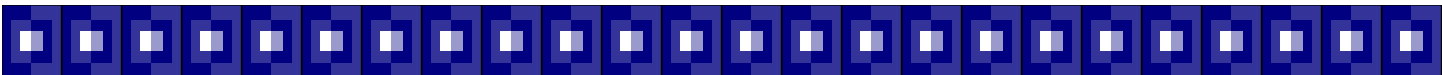
Please contact Mary Ellen Burke for deliver and item donations at:

**MARY ELLEN
BURKE**

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





Programs & Services ~PI Parenting Project

Under the leadership of Dorothy W., Betty L., and Laura M. 20 women from Positive Images made a decorative holiday wreath for their rooms! This continues to be a very well received craft and the women this year we are very appreciative!





Programs & Services ~PI Christmas Shopping List

Hello Ladies of SIGP,

It's that time of year when we are asked to give of ourselves and our time to those who have special needs. Attached is the database for shopping for children of Positive Images. If there is a mistake, please let me know immediately. If you were not at the meeting or didn't sign up and would like to shop for a child, please select a child and let me know so that I can add your name. Clothing and a toy valued at \$25 each is the general guideline for shopping for children. If you do not have time to shop, but would like to donate money to buy clothes and a toy, you can do so by dropping off your money donation or check at Diana Langlois' home, 561 Hollywood, GPW. If you write a check make it out to Diana Langlois. There are many children this year. Are we going to be able to cover them all?

Thursday, December 7th is the official day when clothes will be organized for bringing to the Positive Images Holiday Party on December 9th.

- Four members are needed to organize clothes, remove tags, arrange by gender and size.
- Please let me know if you are available at any time on that day. I am available all day and evening on the 7th.
- Clothes and toys may be **dropped off** on my front porch any day **after Wednesday, November 22**. Please put your name and child's name on your donation so it can be checked off on the database.

Thursday, December 7th is also the evening that we will create the holiday gift baskets for the Positive Images Holiday Party.

- * Six members are needed to assemble and wrap the baskets.
- * Let me know if you can come between 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. to my house.
- * Donations of small like-new household items, lotions, decorations, gloves, etc. are always welcome for the baskets for the women.
- * Small and medium size baskets are needed also. Just drop them off on my front porch anytime.

Saturday, December 9th

- ◇ Volunteers are invited to help with the Positive Images Holiday Party.
- ◇ This year it will be at 4875 Coplin St., Detroit, which is the Positive Images residence where women have their apartments and can live there for up to 2 years.
- ◇ 9:00 - 1:30 but if you can't stay for the whole time, that is ok!
- ◇ Come and see the facility and meet some of the clients and staff!

Please let me know if you are available. Need 6-8 members or as many as can sign up!



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THANKS SO VERY MUCH! In the Spirit of the Best for women,
Diana Langlois, 561 Hollywood, Grosse Pointe Woods
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Notes From the Field

[Click "Notes From the Field" to follow link](#)

Dear SIGP,

I'm returning home this week from an incredible journey that included visiting [Days for Girls Micro Enterprises](#) in Mali, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, and South Africa. The dedication, passion, and pure love I experienced from these wonderful local leaders filled my heart with gratitude. The powerful force that Days for Girls has unleashed continues to reach beyond my wildest dreams!



As we welcome the traditional holiday season, including the more recent addition of [#GivingTuesday](#), I would like to extend my gratitude to each and every one of you. Days for Girls has become so much more than just any one of us; we are a united force impacting millions of women and girls, giving each one a chance to reach her full potential.

Thank you for being a part of this journey!

Celeste Mergens
Founder & CEO
Days for Girls International

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Click on the links below if you would like to read the nomination letter's SIGP submitted for the Liberator Award for Laurie Jost and The Wayne County Medical Society Foundation.

[Laurie Jost Nomination](#)
[WCMSF Nomination](#)



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102 Ohio Street
Bellingham, WA
98225

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe
32 Lake Shore Dr
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

November 8, 2017

Dear Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe,

Thank you for proving that one person really can make such a big difference. With your gift of \$500.00 on 10/11/17 for the Grosse Pointe MI Team, you just helped more women and girls around the world move one step closer towards their dreams.

A dream that she will feel proud and shame free,

A dream that she will never again miss school due to her period,

A dream that she will feel confident,

A dream that *she counts*.

That is why I am so grateful for your support which will be applied to our #countHERin campaign. A campaign with a big dream -- to reach one million women and girls by 2018.

I look forward to keeping in touch and sharing updates on this incredible journey. Thank you again for making dreams come true, I greatly appreciate it.

With gratitude,

Celeste A. Mergens
Founder and CEO
Days for Girls International





Membership



Please join us for the
SIGP Holiday Dinner

(No business meeting in December)

Wednesday, December 13th, 2017 @ 6pm

Assumption Cultural Center

21800 Marter Rd, Saint Clair Shores, MI 48080

Cost \$25 for buffet dinner, soda, and coffee

Cash bar will available for wine/beer/cocktails

Guests are welcome! Invite your friends!

RSVP and Payment needed **by December 4th**. Please contact:

Jane Evola

18126 Ash Creek Dr. Macomb, MI 48044

586-263-5858 / janie730@msn.com

Members are welcome to bring
holiday cookies to share for dessert!

We will also have a tin can raffle of various items to raise money for
the SI President's Appeal "**Women Water and Leadership**".





Membership



Dear Club President,

As we arrive at the half-way point of this year's [All Aboard the MemberSHIP Campaign](#), please take a moment to watch this [video message](#) from our SIA President, Dawn Marie Lemonds.

We are so proud of all of our clubs' accomplishments so far and can't wait to see all of your successes in the second half of the campaign!

Best,
SIA Headquarters



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Award Information

How much do You Know about the **Ruby** Award: For Women Helping Women?

This award honors women who, through their **personal or professional** activities, are making extraordinary differences through their work to improve the lives of women and/or girls. The work of these women helps to promote the issues that are important to the Soroptimist organization, such as, access to education, empowering girls and ending violence against women and girls. Honorees are ordinary women who have worked in extraordinary ways to benefit other women and/or girls. The program enables local Soroptimist clubs to thank these women and encourage others to explore ways to assist women and/or girls.



Finding the Person You Want to Nominate

Eligibility Requirements:

A Ruby Award recipient should be a woman who:

- **Has worked to improve the lives of women and girls,**
- **Has identified and focused on a need in their communities, which has significantly contributed to the improvement of women and girls' lives,**
- **Would inspire and encourage other women.**

The majority of the nominee's work should have occurred within the past two years. **Previous award winners, Soroptimists and Soroptimist employees are not eligible for the award.**

Please nominate your eligible candidates today!
Forward your nominations to *Marlane Washington*, at marlanewashington@gmail.com or *Rosanne Morrow* at rosanne723@comcast.net on or before **January 15, 2018.**

Thank you - Your Ruby Award Co-Chairs

VIRGINIA M. WAGNER EDUCATIONAL GRANT APPLICATION ARE DUE

January 15, 2018

The Midwestern Region's Virginia M. Wagner Educational Grant (VWA) honors the effort and scholarship of a woman who is attending a college or university to earn a bachelors, masters, or doctoral degree.

First established in 1972, the award was renamed in 2004 to honor Dr. Virginia M. Wagner (Midwestern Region Governor 1982-1984) to commemorate her interest in higher education for women.

The Virginia Wagner Educational Grant application can be found on our website:

grossepointesoroptimist.org and the Midwest Region website: simwr.org

Qualifications: applicant...

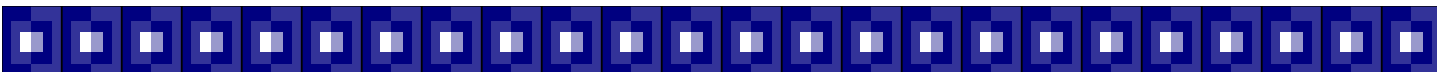
- **is enrolled full time in a bachelor's, master's or doctorate degree program**
- **has overcome obstacles to get an education**
- **has given back to community in some way**
- **submits a current complete transcript**
- **has not won previous VWA**

The VWA is specific to states in the Midwestern Region: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and Kentucky. Women living in these states and attending a college or university in pursuit of a bachelors, Masters or Doctoral degree are eligible to apply.

For questions please contact Diana Langlois at dilang58@comcast.net or Liz Lucas at elspetpeabo@gmail.com

Thank you - Your VW Award Co-Chairs





Fundraising ~ Holiday Shopping

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Karrie's Amazon.com

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We have a great way to support Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe while shopping online with Amazon. They have a program called AmazonSmile, which contributes to non-profit organizations while you shop as normal with Amazon. If you use the following link to shop from Amazon, they will return 0.5% of your purchase directly back to our club!

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-6099835>

It's that easy! So start your holiday shopping and contribute to SIGP at the same time!!

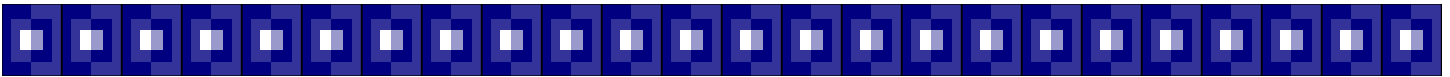


Have you checked out the Bulletin Board lately?

It's the Holiday Season and you never know what you might find on the Bulletin Board!!

Someone maybe running a special just for you!

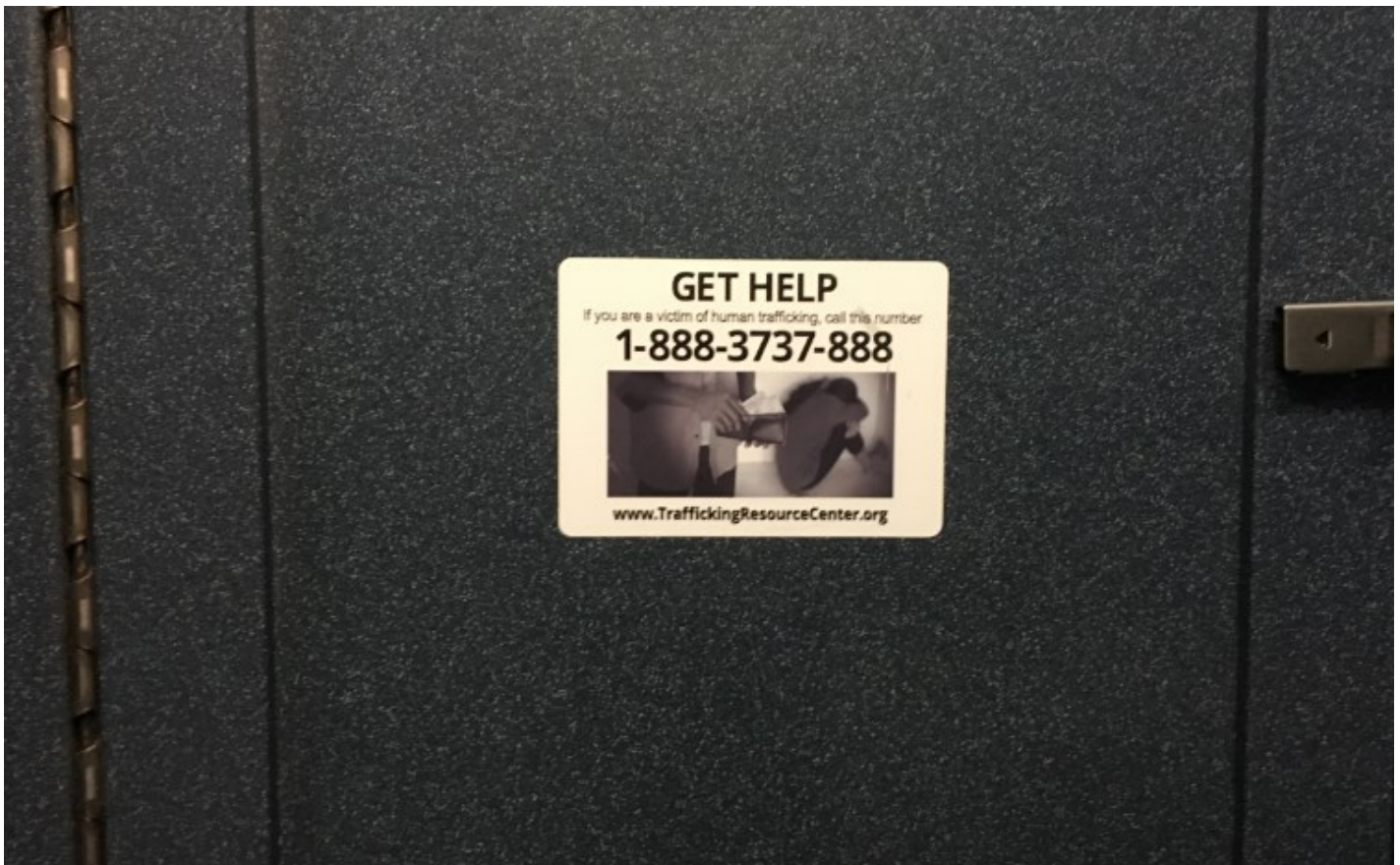




AWARENESS - Las Vegas Restroom

While traveling home from Las Vegas, Nevada I needed to use the restroom before I boarded the plane—and look what was on the inside door of the stall door!!

Ladies our voices are being heard and we are getting the word out.



END HUMAN TRAFFICKING NOW!

Report a tip

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<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/>



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member of the Midwestern Region

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Please have your article's to
Karrie Blankenship by 9:00 pm
on or before 28th of each
month to:
karrieb40@gmail.com

Soroptimist Pledge

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*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 larg-
er 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
<http://www.grossepontesoroptimist.org/>



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ADOPT-A-CASOE *Christmas Campaign*

Saturday, December 16, 2017 • 7:00pm

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17425 Telegraph Rd, Detroit 48219

The CASOE Group, Inc., a nonprofit 501 (C) 3 performing arts organization and training center, is hosting its 11th Annual Christmas Celebration. CASOE members, family and well-wishers come together to experience the 'magic' of the holiday season with a delicious meal, holiday treats, gifts and entertainment.

We are dependent upon contributions from individuals and businesses as we plan for a wonderful event. **Please support The CASOE Group, Inc. by making a monetary donation, providing gifts or gifts cards.** All donations are appreciated.

Make checks payable to: The CASOE Group, Inc., P.O. Box 21854, Detroit, MI 48221 or you may donate online at www.thecasogroup.org. It's easy and safe.

An Acknowledgement of Donation letter for your tax-deductible contribution will be mailed to you promptly for your records.

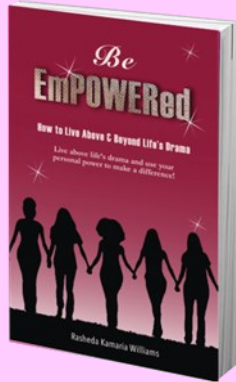
Please visit our website for information on upcoming projects and how you may become more involved. It is with sincere gratitude that I thank you for supporting us as we share the richness and wonder of human creativity with everyone who comes to CASOE.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season!



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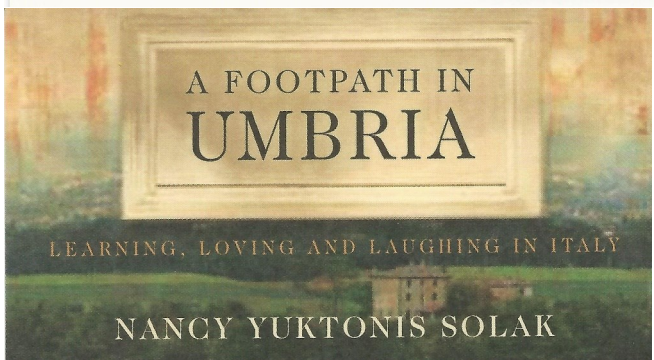

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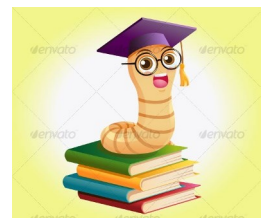
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Writer, Book Editor, Copy Editor,
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Below is SIGP's book club picks for 2017.

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.

- 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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The Foodie's group had a traditional Thanksgiving dinner!
Maddy, Laura, Carolyn, Betty, Marya and Diana shared not only a delicious dinner but also many laughs!!!



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.



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