Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe June 2021

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The Pointer

Presidents' Message:
Pop the champagne cork and let's celebrate!

In the 100 years of Soroptimist, never has there been a year like this! Our goal was to navigate the club through this pandemic year using the framework of Maslow's hierarchy of needs. As we approach the end of this first year of our presidency, we are pleased to recount our club's successes.

The basic physiological and safety needs of our members were met by staying connected to each other using social distancing and becoming Zoom proficient. Who would have thought we could celebrate and have holiday fun with delivered charcuterie and bubbly and the materials needed to party on Zoom. No surprise then, that the awards ceremony was just as successful.

Belonging and esteem, the psychological needs in the hierarchy, became the focus of our member engagement. Goat yoga, Friday evening cocktail hour, Friend to Friend, were all new activities that kept us connected. Our monthly 100s activities gave members feelings of accomplishment by helping others with food, masks, reading glasses, hand sanitizer and random acts of kindness. Our regular meetings and activities continued with guest speakers on topics of interest, enriching us and keeping us informed on pandemic concerns. Collaboration with SI Greater Macomb for anti-human trafficking, and AAUW along with the League of Women Voters for suffrage activities, kept us connected to the community around us. Working together on the scarecrow and gingerbread house projects gave us great local exposure.

Ellen Chapin

Marya Malkovich Rosenthal

The pinnacle of Maslow's hierarchy, the most difficult to achieve, is self-actualization. In the beginning we had hoped to at least reach and fulfill belonging and esteem needs. Little did we know that we would surpass that and reach the top of the hierarchy with two wildly successful new fundraisers and a $7500 competitive grant from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds.

The pandemic brought us many challenges, but with the creativity and dedication of our members, the club not only survived but also thrived beyond expectations. Cheers to the club's success!

Bloom Project This Coming Thursday, June 3, at 9 a.m. — JOIN US!

Please join SIGP members this coming Thursday, June 3, to participate in the Village beautification project. We'll rendezvous at 9 a.m., at the intersection of Kercheval and St. Clair (Thai Bistro is there) to receive our flower planting assignment. You'll need a trowel, water, sun protection and your Soroptimist T-shirt, if you have one. As the Bloom committee did last year, our efforts will be acknowledged with a recognition sign in the beds we plant. The Village has a lot of foot traffic and this is a great, no-cost opportunity to show our community involvement as an organization. —*Laura McCourt*

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SIGP DUES INVOICE 2021-22

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Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

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We are Soroptimist.

A global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

Soroptimist uses annual dues to ensure our members have a fun and meaningful club experience while accomplishing our collective mission—today and into the future. Surveys tell us members value the following benefits from their membership:

Mission-based programs. Members experience joy and a sense of accomplishment by working with other like-minded women on global programs that provide women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

Connections. Members grow professionally and personally. Through friendships with club members, relationships in your region, and connections with members from diverse countries and backgrounds, you are able to grow your network. The opportunities for leadership development provide professional growth.

Access to a Team of Non-Profit Professionals. Members receive guidance and resources from SIA headquarters, enabling them to enjoy a meaningful club experience as they change communities for the better.

MEMBER BENEFITS

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2021-2022 Soroptimist International of Americas (SIA) Dues	$ 74.00
2021-2022 SIA Liability Insurance	$ 9.00
2021-2022 Soroptimist International (Per Capita Payment) Dues	$ 9.00
2021-2022 SIA Founders Pennies	$ 6.06
2021-2022 SI Midwestern Region Dues	$ 15.00
SI of Grosse Pointe Dues	$ 11.94
TOTAL	**$ 125.00**
New Member Initiation Fee (SIA fee, Name tag, Induction)	$ 25.00
Add a donation, circle your choice: Service Awards ContinuingEducation GhanaEducation HumanTrafficking LaurelSociety	
REVISED TOTAL	

Make all checks for $125, or your revised total if a new member or adding a donation, payable to: SI of Grosse Pointe.

Mail your check by *June 9, 2021* to:
Bette Lepouttre
191 Ridgemont
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Pay on PayPal: Go to grossepointesoroptimist.org, push Donate button, on far right, pay $130.00, includes PayPal fee.
Pay on Square: Call Bette, read her your credit card number. Pay $130.00, includes credit card fee.

If you have any questions, please contact SIGP Assistant Treasurer, Bette Lepouttre at 586-557-3287 or elepouttre@gmail.com

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your dues and donations are deductible on your income tax.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN SIGP. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PARTICIPATION.

SIGP 2021 Golden Garage Sale

Thursday, June 24, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday, June 25, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday, June 26, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Roseanne Horne's house, 1247 Elford Ct., GPW

Donations needed: housewares, electronics, bedding, rugs, toys, children's clothes, shoes, furniture, etc. Drop off at Roseanne's house, call or text first (313-706-1801)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: CALL OR EMAIL ROSEANNE at rosewa33@aol.com

SET-UP:

Wednesday, June 23, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (ANY BLOCK OF TIME IS FINE!)

HELP WITH SALE:

Thursday, June 24, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 12:00pm - 3:00 pm

Friday, June 25, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Saturday, June 26, 9:00 am - 11:00 am and 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

CLEAN-UP:

Saturday, June 26, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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NOTE: The garage at left is not for sale or rent! Photo by the blowup on Unsplash

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to give to friends and family.

Soroptimist Virtual 5K Run/Walk to Stop Human Trafficking

Help give a human trafficking survivor a new start!

Join our "Run to Stop Human Trafficking" timed virtual 5K Run/Walk sponsored by Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe (SIGP) and Soroptimist International of Greater Macomb (SIGM). Show your support by running or walking wherever you want, safely, of course, during the month of September 2021. You will help bring awareness **to human trafficking** and help empower survivors to reclaim their lives.

Human trafficking is a crime of using force, fraud, or coercion to induce another individual into the sex or labor trade. It occurs in nearly all communities affecting everyone regardless of race, economic status, or age. You can help human trafficking survivors get back on their feet by registering for the Virtual 5K Run/Walk. **100% of the proceeds will go to The Joseph Project,** a nonprofit organization that connects human trafficking survivors with pro bono legal services.

Feeling creative?

We challenge YOU to show us your imaginative side. Did you run/walk somewhere exotic, or wear anything interesting? Did you create something to help raise awareness? Send us your picture(s) from September 1 – 30, 2021. (SIGP and SIGM FACEBOOK LINKS) Be sure to "like" both links to see all entries. The participant with the most "likes" will have their picture included on our websites and newsletters. Be creative and help bring awareness to human trafficking.

WHEN: Complete your virtual 5K Run/Walk anytime during September 2021.
WHERE: Virtually, anywhere – your neighborhood, track, trail, etc.
REGISTRATION: Details on next page and/or register TODAY at:
www.eastsideracingcompany.com

All participants will have the option to report their 5K time to a leaderboard from September 1, 2021 — September 30, 2021.

The top male and female finisher will each receive a $25 gift card in the mail.

For more information about our Clubs:
SI of Grosse Pointe and **SI of Greater Macomb**

STOP Human Trafficking

Virtual 5K Run/Walk

to support

The Joseph Project

THE JOSEPH PROJECT

www.josephproject.com

Run to Stop Human Trafficking Virtual Run/Walk

5K Run/Walk:

September 1-30, 2021

Pre-Registration by
July 31st $25
Under 17 — $15

Registration after
July 31st $30
Under 17 — $20

Register Online:

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SHE'S NOT FOR SALE
STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS 1921-2021

SIGP receives $7500 from the Ralph C. Wilson Endowment Fund!

Ralph C. Wilson Jr.

What a wonderful surprise to learn that Soroptimist International Grosse Pointe (SIGP) was one of the recipients of this endowment fund. Mr. Wilson established these funds to support issues that were important to him: Caregiving, Design and Access, Youth Sports, and the Grosse Pointe Community.

Our grant request was made on behalf of the women in our club to decrease isolation due to Covid-19. We received $7,500. Purchasing Chromebooks and supporting technology will allow us to connect our members to others in need of support, guidance, expertise, and mentoring, which will improve their overall mental and physical health. We hope to continue our volunteer work with Positive Images by adapting our current programs to an online platform.

We hope all our members will find even a small way to be involved in this project. Many of the activities will evolve from our Dream it, Be it program which means we will be looking for help in breakout sessions such as leading the clients at Positive Images in cooking, arts and crafts, music, meditation, exercise, and yoga, to name a few. We would also like to provide online tutoring for the children living at Coplin residence, offer computer skill classes, a book club, game nights and any other activity members would like to lead.

If we succeed in engaging the women with our online connection, then our next goal will be to extend our programs to other facilities in the area such as Alternatives for Girls, My Sister's Keeper, or Genesis House.

In 2015, The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation announced a series of grants to fund projects and initiatives that reflect the personal passions of the late Ralph C. Wilson, Jr., a Detroit native and the founder and longtime owner of the Buffalo Bills professional football team.

A student at St. Anne's Senior H.S. in Ghana extends her gratitude to SIGP

Dear good people of SIGP, Below is a note from one of our new students. Poverty clearly affects the ability of so many, especially girls, to get an education that could help them rise above desperate situations. Although a bright student, one of our charges was unable to continue her studies for a year after primary school for lack of funds. Then opportunity came from St. Anne, backed by SIGP's support. The student's mother must have struggled just to keep the family alive after the father died, and even the boys had no chance to pursue their studies following the free schooling of their grade school years. Our club's support means a lot for these young girls in Ghana; it gives them a fighting chance. Without us, Alfredina would now be selling peanuts and sardines by the side of the road. Read on. – *Carol Hofer*

My Self

My name is Beno Alfredina. I came from Kuselle in the upper west region. My parents are Mr and Mrs Beno. My father died in 2002 when I was just born. I never saw my father. My mother, mama Jacintha, single handedly took care of me and my three brothers and sister until now. Because of the situation at home, my elder brothers did not get any meaningful education. I am the only fortunate one who through one of my JHS teachers helped me get admission to St. Anne's Girls Senior High School.

In the school, my headmistress noticed that I am a needy student and she asked me to describe myself. I want to thank whoever is going to help me achieve my dream as a nurse in future. I also promise that I will do my best not to disgrace or disappoint you. – *Beno Alfredina*

Mentoring for Success: Meet-ups with award winners

2021 SIGP and District Awardee Briana Cruga with her mentor SIGP Co-president Marya Rosenthal meeting up at Detroit Kitchen 75.

Mentors and mentees met last month on Zoom for individual training sessions given by SIGP members Maddy Colavito and Diana Langlois. Then mentors and mentees met in breakout rooms to share stories, complete the agreement form, and decide when to contact each other.

Our mentees are (in alphabetical order) Ariel, Briana, Lavina, Jeritah and Tonesia. They are being mentored by SIGP members Maureen Anthony, Paula Davis, Bette Lepouttre, Francine Pegeus, Marya Rosenthal and Nancy Solak.

Maddy and Diana act as coordinators and are available for training and review sessions. Plans for a June gathering are being discussed and will be announced.

Once again, any member interested in offering their service and expertise to a mentee is welcome to come on board! We would like to create a list of "secondary mentors"; members who have specific skills that a mentee may be looking for.

Please call Maddy or Diana and come on board
for this rewarding service to our awardees.
Maddy: 509-551-1695 Diana: 313-690-1515

Next SIGP Business Meeting Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Attend via Zoom or come to Grosse Pointe Shores Park; 800 Lakeshore Road, GPS

Happy June Birthday to …

Ernesta Kurrle, June 5

Karrie Blankenship, June 7

Peggy Hart, June 14

Marilyn Schafer Meyer, June 16

Kerri Green, June 27

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SIGP Board Meeting, Wednesday, June 2, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

SIGP's May Business Meeting Speaker:

Detroit Riverfront Conservancy volunteer Elena Nuño

We were delighted and fortunate to have Elena Nuño, a longtime volunteer at the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, speak at SIGP's May business meeting. Elena works under the guidance of SIGP member René Rodriguez.

Elena's photo presentations featured the beginnings, current status, and future of the Riverwalk. In the not-too-distant future, visitors will be able to stroll from the Ambassador Bridge to the Belle Isle Bridge, and into adjacent neighborhoods. The stunning before-and-after photos Elena showed us, confirmed why the project was voted **Best Riverwalk in the country in the 2021 *USA Today*/10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.**

SIGP MEMBERS! YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS can join a HAPPY HOUR GUIDED TOUR OF DETROIT'S RIVERWALK. This activity is in the planning stage for later this summer. Details will be announced when a firm date is set. Keep your eyes open for this very special SIGP event! — *Laura McCourt*

Gabriel Richard Park

Before

After

Look at the miracle that is the before and after of Gabriel Richard Park! This is just a small portion of the 5-mile Riverfront that has been transformed into a Detroit destination. Do consider joining your Soroptimist colleagues and their friends for a guided tour of a section or two of this fabulous Detroit gem.

The Laurel Society is Soroptimist International of the Americas' (SIA) prestigious recognition program for donors who contribute gifts totaling $1,000 or more.

Since 1994, nearly 8,700 Laurel Society members have given more than $14 million to help economically empower women and girls through our Dream Programs. Seven hundred SIA members donate monthly to this fund.

Why am I bringing these facts to you? Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe (SIGP) has long history of supporting this project and enabling a member of SIGP to become a $1,000 Sapphire member of the Laurel Society. **We have a beautiful blanket with 100 numbered squares containing 100 bows, but we have not been together to sell any squares to SIGP members. So I am proposing that we turn this initiative into a virtual project.**

(Read more below and on next page)

How will the virtualization of this project be accomplished? There are 53 squares open for sale. All you have to do is identify which square you want to purchase and send the following information to me. If the square you have choose is already taken, I will contact you with available square numbers. — *Carolyn Barth*

Name_____Address:_____State_____ZIP_____

Telephone_____ # of Square(s) Purchased_____ Square Number(s)_____

Each bow/square is $10.00. You are given a circle marked with your name and square number which I will tie onto the blanket in any numbered site you choose, provided it is not already sold. When 100 bows are tied, each circle will be removed and placed in a basket for a drawing. Once the winner is identified, the $1000 collected is sent to The Laurel Society of SIA in the winner's name honoring her with the Sapphire Membership.

SEE PAYMENT INFORMATION ON NEXT PAGE!

Virtual Laurel Society Payment Method:

I hope by the time you read this "Call for Action," we are meeting together so you can give me the $10 in person and choose your own winning bow/square.

For now, send me a **check payable to SIGP**—$10/square. Mail it to Carolyn Barth, 8000 Harbor Place Drive, St. Clair Shores, MI, 48080.

Thank you for your help to continue SIGP's funding of The Laurel Society which helps support women and girls**. A pandemic changes all paths of living, but we cannot forget those who count on us for support through the SIA Dream Programs!** — *Carolyn Barth, 2019 Laurel Society Member*

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS

SIGP Members: Please note that the following proposed changes to the bylaws will be voted on at the June 9, Business Meeting:

Proposal 1

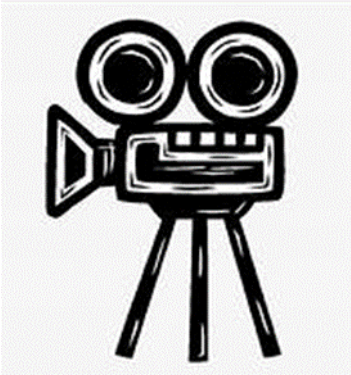
Section 4. Quorum. A minimum of one half plus one regular member must be present to approve the Club budget; approve changes to Club Bylaws; elect officers; raise dues; or approve unbudgeted expenditures over limits set forth in the procedures. All other motions shall carry by a simple majority of those present.

Interim Quorum. Due to extenuating circumstances which disrupts regular meeting attendance because of health and safety concerns, an interim quorum for business meetings will be 14 regular members until in-person meetings are safe according to an authorized governing body or regulatory agency, and/or SIA directives. The board will determine when a regular quorum will be in effect.

Proposal 2

Section 5. Club Budget. A Club budget for the following fiscal year shall be prepared and presented to the board at the August Board Meeting. If approved by the board, it will be presented

COMING SOON TO A COMPUTER NEAR YOU! SIGP PRODUCES A DOCUMENTARY!



Throughout January 2021, in recognition of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month, Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe (SIGP) & Soroptimist International of Greater Macomb (SIGM) Human Trafficking Committees provided weekly interviews moderated by Kristi Kirschmann, COO, of The Joseph Project. We concluded the month with a heart-rendering, but optimistic human trafficking survivor story produced by The Joseph Project. If you have not watched all the interviews, they are available on our club's website.

The SIGP & SIGM Human Trafficking Awareness Committee elected to use the interviews to create a short documentary film to be distributed to Soroptimists worldwide. Laurie Jost and Karrie Blankenship, who are the committee chairs for this project met a few weeks ago to compile the questions they felt will be beneficial to the video. Laurie Jost has contacted the editor and a meeting will be scheduled to go over the finishing touches. The expected date of completion is September 2021.

SOROPTIMIST honors women of POSITIVE IMAGES for Mother's Day

This is the 10th year that Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe (SIGP) has created Mother's Day Gift Bags for women living at Positive Images, Inc., a recovery treatment center in Detroit.

Fifty tote bags and journals were donated by FLAGSTAR BANK and members donated scarves, mugs, jewelry, O (Oprah) magazines, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, and combs.

And as you can see by the photos on this page, SIGP members had a ton of fun putting the gift bags together.

Clockwise starting above: SIGP members Anita Sandercott, Carol Hofer, and Roseanne Horne wrap gifts on Mary Ellen Burke's patio. SIGP member Laurie Jost with the bags lined up and ready to be filled. SIGP members Mary Ellen Burke and Diana Langlois deliver the gifts to the Coplin residence in Detroit. Not pictured: Nancy Kelley. Thank you all for helping put this special and much appreciated project together!

Thank you SIGP members! The jewelry, scarves, cosmetic bags, and gift boxes, were very much appreciated. A TEAM EFFORT INDEED!

Oh, the things SIGP members learned during 2020 The year of the COVID Pandemic!

SIGP's May activity of 100s, honoring the 100th birthday of Soroptimist, asked members to share what they learned during the year of the Pandemic. Here is the compilation of the "100 Things COVID Taught Me."

BRIGHT PAST
BRILLIANT FUTURE

1. Love wine-A LOT!
2. Like working from home
3. Still like to cook
4. Chess was never so popular
5. Turns out, my dog IS my best friend
6. Cooking at home beats carryout
7. Appreciate calls with family and friends
8. Don't think about myself as much
9. Steve Kornacki has the stats! I want them
10. New rules for right of way on the sidewalk
11. Masks don't really make you incognito
12. Gray is the new blonde
13. Wearing a mask hides the bags under my eyes
14. Enjoyed winter Zoom meetings-no cold car
15. Had time to write a memoir
16. Dentist required only one clean in a year
17. Doctor appointments were more efficient
18. No long waiting room stays
19. Saved money
20. Love my face mask-no "resting bitch face"
21. Capable of more than I thought
22. Could be more grateful for what I have
23. Can get a 4.0. GPA in a PhD program
24. Wearing clothing is what separates us from the slug
25. Will never complain about going to the gym again
26. No cold this year-could it have been the mask
27. Everyone handles stress differently
28. There are too many science deniers
29. Who needs lipstick?
30. 80-year-old men still have what it takes-go Dr. Fauci!
31. I like staying home
32. Dressing up sucks
33. Once a nurse, always a nurse
34. Enjoy my own company. I'm my own best friend
35. Now understand what refrigerator soup is
36. Charmin makes a perfect gift
37. David Rose rocks!
38. Rachel Maddow is a genius
39. Ew, David…
40. Science and politics are a dangerous mix
41. Anything can be cancelled
42. Birds really do sing
43. Zoom saved the day and kept me connected
44. Selfishness is a lethal disease
45. Network television really is a wasteland
46. Telemedicine is a great innovation
47. It's OK to have a day to do nothing
48. I appreciate friendships more
49. Always had a "to do" list, so never bored
50. Common sense beats rules and regulations
51. Inequality has been magnified by the Pandemic
52. Some people's lives hardly changed, the pandemic was just a nuisance
53. Some people's lives changed forever
54. You cannot have ice cream delivered
55. Not having to think of excuses to avoid going to events
56. Difficult times can bring people together
57. If you keep people inside they will start drinking
58. Masks can be fashionable
59. I love, and miss, going to the movies
60. British royalty have their own reality show
61. Grocery shopping can be a sport-a 6 pack of Charmin is a trophy
62. Liking Zoom is my guilty secret
63. You can always learn more about health care
64. Twitter is great for health care debates
65. Habits are easy to fall in to
66. Going to class is better than watching lectures online
67. I never thought I would miss crowded places
68. Sitting at restaurants is underrated
69. Even if you remove bars, people will still drink
70. Small family groups make for more meaningful visiting
71. Learned I can go a year without a haircut
72. Medical science has made great progress since the 1918 Pandemic, but almost as many people have died in the US during COVID as died then.
73. Feel more connected to loved ones through regular contact
74. People are more polite in one on one situations
75. Driving has become a death-defying experience
76. The world can shut down, economically
77. I don't think I could have survived without Stephen Colbert!

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The 100 things we learned during 2020 (continued from previous page)

78. Whatever you appreciated before COVID, you appreciate more after COVID
79. Made me value what I want to do with my time, personally and professionally
80. It's fun to send cards and notes to loved ones for holidays
81. Enjoyed sharing baked goods with neighbors via secret delivery
82. It's relaxing to clean out drawers and keep them neat and clean
83. A job well done requires time; had time to get that feeling
84. As a homebody—happy to interrupt travel schedule
85. Maybe it was the mask that kept me from getting a cold this year
86. We can all become more introverted when isolated
87. Zoom can be a gateway to the world with lectures, theatre, gallery visits
88. Working women MUST have more affordable child care
89. Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime, Disney Plus…Did I miss any?
90. Stay home, practice social distancing, clean yourself often. OMG we're all becoming cats!
91. An act of kindness can make your day, whether you are the giver or the receiver
92. Watching detective series all the time will eventually burn you out on detectives. And their shows.
93. Never knew how much I could miss my extended family
94. How you spend your time, and derive meaning in your life, becomes paramount
95. Have learned how to spend a day alone and not feel sorry for myself
96. TCBY is the best night time snack. On Saturdays, buy a quart, get a pint free!
97. Found a whole new wardrobe when I cleaned the closet
98. Learned that advocacy can work to make major changes through email, letters and Zoom
99. Saw how individuals and organizations have created amazing content to connect with their audience
100. Soroptimist Grosse Pointe keeps going even when the going gets tough
101. Thankful to have lived through the pandemic (knock on wood)

YES! SIGP CONTINUES TO RETURN BOTTLES AND CANS

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Avoid the bottle-return line
Avoid the sticky-icky chore of returning bottles & cans
Donate your returnable cans and bottles
to support Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe
Proceeds go to Programs and Educational Scholarships for Women in need

Drop off donations at either address below:

Nancy Solak, 458 Cloverly, Grosse Pointe Farms
Roseanne Horne at 1247 Elford, Grosse Pointe Woods
www.grossepointesoroptimist.net

WE'RE NEARING THE $7000 MARK! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Please make copies of this and give one to each of your friends and neighbors.
If you're so inclined, you can even return them yourself and give the money to either of our treasurers.

Pet Profile—Two pets appropriately named for cheeses

Introducing Cremet and Beemster!

They are stars of my husband's Twitter. I have another, but he doesn't like the camera much. Each of the boys are now about 2lbs each, and their desires are simple: Sit on our laps, get ear-rubs and cuddles, and feast on sweet potato toddler puffs.

They are litter trained, understand words, and are trained to spin to get treats. They are not for everyone, but they sure can be cute.
— SIGP Member Liz Lucas

Cremet and Beemster

SIGP Members Are Winners from Midwestern Region Spring Conference!

SIGP Member Carolyn Barth (left) won a gift certificate for Panera Bread.

Diana Langlois (right) won a pocketbook, gift certificate and an umbrella made out of a one hundred dollar bill.

A Tribute to Soroptimists Past

Also at the Spring Conference was a tribute to those who passed away since the previous spring. Our dear Myra Golden is honored in the following You Tube video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DbEf5095RM

Join SIA members from around the globe for a dynamic two-day event to celebrate our bright past and brilliant future. **Festivities begin each day at 7:00 p.m. EDT.**

Even though the event is virtual it will not lack excitement or fun!

- Witness the opening of our Violet Richardson time capsule (created and sealed on our 50th anniversary)!
- Look back at Soroptimist's history through our virtual museum
- Experience cultural performances
- Participate in an interactive game show
- Hear from international speakers, including keynote and *Live Your Dream Awards* recipient, Dawn Johnson
- And come ready to party wearing your 100th anniversary pin and/or scarf!

Stay tuned for more event details in the coming weeks!

INVITE A FRIEND

What better time to introduce someone new to our organization than during our global celebration? Friends of Soroptimists may register via this special link.

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/7616204077061/WN_RfnhOVtxR5uJZrquOggZ2A

CALENDAR

Wednesday	June 2	SIGP Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Zoom Only
Thursday	June 3	Village Bloom Planting Project	9 a.m.	page 1
Wednesday	June 9	SIGP Business Meeting	6:30 p.m.	GPS Park/Zoom
Wednesday	June 9	SIGP Dues Deadline		page 2
Thursday	June 24	SIGP Garage Sale	9 a.m.—3 p.m.	page 3
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Looking to find your niche in the club?

Members join SIGP for a myriad of reasons. Many are looking for a social outlet, others for new friends and/or something to bring special purpose to their lives. The Club has need of short- and long-term volunteer opportunities.

- The Human Trafficking (HT) Committee is looking for a couple of good women to take the baton from Karrie Blankenship and Laurie Jost, both of whom will make sure the transition is smooth. This is a committee where you can be creative—you needn't do what's been done in the past. You can create new programs which in turn will help others. At the same time, you'll be forging closer ties with other members who have the same passion as you do: **to stop human trafficking**!
- The Club can always use more mentors to help ensure our awardees have a direly needed support net. Contact either Diana Langlois or Maddy Colavito if you have interest.
- **If you are not tech savvy**, there's an opportunity to help with the Club newsletter. Nancy Solak will tutor you in how to do it. **If you are tech savvy**, here's a chance to learn a new program while sitting in the comfort of your own home. Working on the newsletter is great for people who have physical disabilities.
- Maybe you like short-term activities, such as helping with our annual garage sale (see p. 3). Contact Roseanne Horne if you're interested. Or perhaps you'd like to work a short-term project via Zoom with Positive Images using our club's new grant money from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr Fund. Contact Marya Rosenthal if that's of interest.

No matter what your interests or abilities, our club has something for everyone. Still not sure? Ask a Board member.

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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

WEBSITE: grossepointesoroptimist.net ..... Karrie Blankenship
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