

The Pointer



Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

President's Message

October 2017 Edition

Dear SIGP members,

Our club is busy as usual with fundraisers, committee meetings and events. I am continued to be amazed at the level of commitment and energy our members have with regard to their passion to help other women and girls. We truly are ***"women at our best doing our best!"***

Thanks goes to all those who have sold raffle tickets to family, friends and strangers! **Please remember all ticket sales money and unsold tickets are due back at our October 11th meeting when the drawing will be held!** The great part of this fundraiser, in addition to raising money for our scholarship fund, is the community awareness that is created by advertising and selling the tickets.

More thanks also goes to

all our Second Hand Sales volunteers. We appreciate the great participation from many old and new members that help set up, donate items and work at the sale. The proceeds from this sale (\$1450) will also go to our Scholarship fund.

Our Human Trafficking committee sponsored a successful movie showing of *'Stuck in Traffic'*. The committee is looking into several other ideas to help bring awareness to anti-human trafficking efforts in our area.

Thanks to Dorothea Williams, our membership chair, and Mary Ellen Burke, past president of SIGP for hosting fun and informative orientation for our new members. We are very fortunate to have so many new members at a time when other clubs are

struggling to keep or gain new members. Keep up the good work spreading the word about our fabulous club!

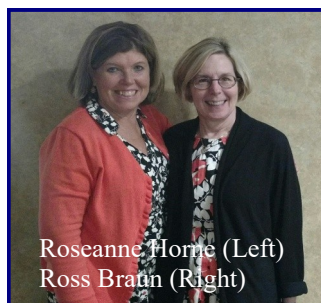
A final note of thanks goes to Laura McCourt for taking over the Friendship Link position for our Club. Katie Lucy our former chair is busy with her twin girls and expecting a baby boy soon! Thank you, Katie for chairing this position for us over the past several years.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our October meeting on October 11th!

All the Best for Women,

Roseanne & Ross

Your Co-Presidents



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Paula	Davis	10/1
Nancy	Hohlfeldt	10/15
Dorothea	Williams	10/26
Marina	Houghton	10/28
Carolyn	Barth	10/30

Dates to Remember

2017 Calendar

10/04~ Board Mtg. ~ Mary Ellen Condo ~ 6:30

10/06,07 Dist. I & III Fall Mtg. ~ Hilton Garden Inn, Chesterton, IN

10/11 Gen. Bus. Mtg. ~ GPYC~ Meet & Greet at 6:00 ~ 6:30 Mtg. start time. **DINE AROUND TOWN RAFFLE DRAWING all sold and unsold tickets are due before the meeting starts.**

10/25 The Whitney Ghost Tour ~4421 Woodward Ave ~ 5:30

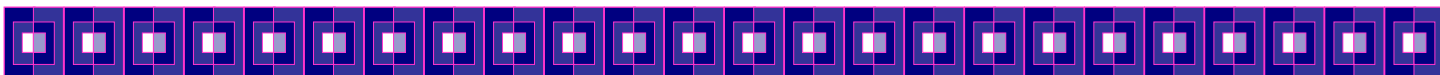
10/28 Newsletter article's due to /Karrie B. by 9:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SPRING CONFERENCE

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



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OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

The **pink ribbon** is an international symbol of breast cancer awareness. Pink ribbons, and the color pink in general, identify the wearer or promoter with the breast cancer brand and express moral support for women with breast cancer. Pink ribbons are most commonly seen during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Programs & Services - PI

Positive Images update: pretty much status quo this month. No new developments. In November we will be gearing up for holiday baskets for the women and shopping for their children. You can donate those Christmas decorations that you no longer need!!!

HUGS to all, Diana



Jewelry Boxes

Cosmetic Bags



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NO winter
scarves
please**

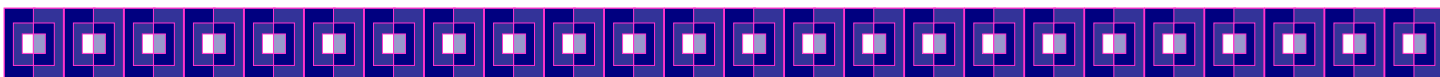
MOTHER'S DAY ITEMS

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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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 Ohio. 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 for these 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

To view *The Call* please visit
<http://www.simwr.org/>

***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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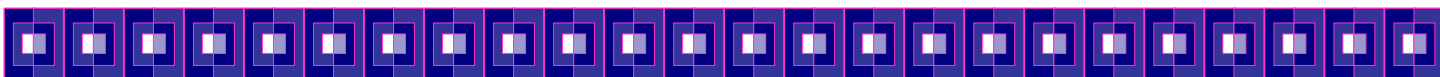
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Hilton Garden Inn



Holiday Inn & Suites



Membership - HAPPY “ZERO” B-DAY



HAPPY “ZERO” BIRTHDAY KATHY DICENZO

Cake was severed after the meeting to celebrated Kathy’s birthday.

SIGP like’s to acknowledge those special milestone birthday’s with a little laughter, good friends and CAKE...plenty of Cake!

New Membership - Orientation

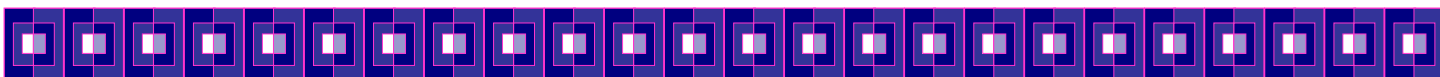
On Wednesday, September 27 Dorothea Williams, SIGP Membership Chair hosted the Orientation Meeting for new members at the home of Mary Ellen Burke. The following new members attended: Katherine Baetz, Sara Mai Baker, Peggy Hart, Liz Lucas, Carrie Petrocelli, Renee Rodriguez, and Judge Deborah Thomas. Dorothea and Mary Ellen presented a Power Point about Soroptimist International (SI), Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA), Soroptimist International of the Midwestern Region (SIMWR), and Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe (SIGP). The focus of the evening was to educate our new members about the projects of Soroptimists all over the world.

Soroptimist International was formed in 1921 by a group of 80 women in Oakland, California. The SI website, soroptimistinternational.org, provides information about clubs around the world. It includes the vision, mission, and principles as well as the history of the organization. There are four federations: SI of the Americas, SI of Great Britain and Ireland, SI of Europe, and SI of the South West Pacific. Mariet Verhoef-Cohen is the newly appointed first Dutch SI President, from SI of Zwolle, Netherlands in SI of Europe. Her President’s Appeal for the 2017 – 2019 biennium will focus on Women, Water and Leadership. Check the website for details about advocacy projects in all the federations in the present as well

as the past. SI Conventions are held every 4 years. The next one is in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in July 2019. The SI staff office is in Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Soroptimist International advocates for human rights and gender equality through education and empowerment. At the heart of Soroptimist International’s advocacy is its work across six UN Centers, in which 17 Soroptimist Representatives ensure that the voices of women and girls around the world are included in international decision making. Soroptimist International collaborates with other like-minded organizations on issues of mutual concern, working together towards our common aspirations for





New Membership - Orientation

women. The UN Representatives can advocate effectively on behalf of women and girls as a result of evidence provided by every Soroptimist taking direct action at the local level. The current priority area of focus is the Sustainable Development Goals, which the UN set in 2015 as the agenda for the next 15 years, concentrating on Goal 4 – Education, and Goal 5 – Gender Equality, and other areas that relate to women’s empowerment. Although women and girls make up half of the population they are consistently discriminated against, and their human rights are often ignored. Soroptimist International is continuously working as a global voice to empower, educate and enable women and girls to ensure the realization of gender equality.

Soroptimist International of the Americas contains about 30,000 members in 20 countries and territories including North, Central, and South America, Japan, and the Philippines. The SIA website, Soroptimist.org, can be accessed by all the public. There is also a special section for members (press Members Only button – top right), which provides information on membership, fund raising, program, and public awareness. One of the key reference sources is Soroptimist 101, an online introduction, which is a pdf available to read or print. Other additional information located on this website includes Best for Women, a bi-annual magazine and “White Papers”, research articles about Soroptimist projects. The Soroptimist Summary is a monthly digital newsletter that is online and each member receives an email with a link to read the current SIA news. The SIA convention is held every other year. In July 2018 it will be in

Yokohama, Japan. The SIA staff office is in Philadelphia, United States.

Soroptimist International of the Midwest Region includes six states: Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Kentucky. Vivian Walczesky is our current governor and member of the SI of Monroe, Michigan club. The Midwest region website (simwr.org) has information about club projects within our region. There is a regional conference every spring. Next year’s will be in Lisle, Illinois. We are also proud that Bev Bucur, past SIA board director and SI/Illiana, Illinois (Midwestern Region), has been appointed the Soroptimist International Director of Advocacy.

VISION: Women and girls will achieve their individual and collective potential, realize aspirations and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide.

MISSION: Soroptimists transform the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities.

PRINCIPLES: The principles of Soroptimism are to strive for:

- The advancement of the status of women
- High ethical standards
- Human rights for all
- Equality, development and peace

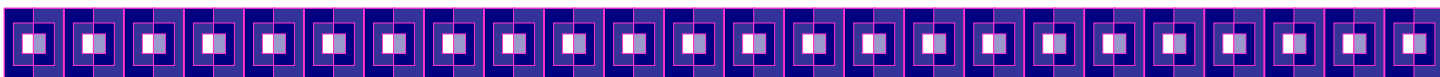
Soroptimist Websites

Soroptimist International Midwest Region - simwr.org

Soroptimist International of the Americas soroptimist.org

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Fundraiser- Dine Around Town Raffle

Make sure to bring your envelopes with your ticket stubs, unsold ticket and money to the General Business Meeting at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on October 11th. ***I will be there by 5:30 for those of you who can not stay for the meeting but need to drop off your envelopes.***

We will be drawing the winners around 8:00 pm so please make sure you turn in your tickets as soon as you arrive. The committee will need time to remove the staple, sort the ticket stubs and document the tickets.



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





Fundraiser- Soroptimist Secondhand Sale

Second hand sale proceeds: \$1450 !!!

A big hug and many thanks to Aleksa and Tom for cleaning their garage and letting it be accessible to us for over a week! It was wonderful to be able to go in and out of their house as we needed.

Soroptimist members really stepped up to volunteer their time and it was great to have active participation from newer members! Many, many thanks to the following members (in no particular order) who worked or donated to the sale: Aleksa and Tom, Peggy Hart, Mary Ellen Burke, Laura McCourt, Anita Sandercott, Roseanne Horne, Ross Braun, Dorothea Williams, Carolyn Barth, Roseanne Morrow, Sarah Baker, Jessie Enloe and husband Matt, Jane Evola, Renee Rodriguez, Sarah Sheppard, Carrie Petrocelli, Carol Hofer, Anita Sandercott, Pat Casey, Michelle Strait, Myra Golden, Diane Kashuba, Dorothy Wasinger, Marlane Washington, Kerri Green, Jane Lightfoot, Diana Langlois:

48% of membership: 27/56 members... GREAT JOB LADIES!!!





AWARENESS - Anti Human Trafficking



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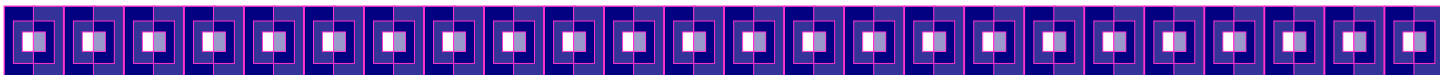
Stuck In Traffic

On September 20, 2017 Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe presented the movie:

"STUCK IN TRAFFIC -MODERN-DAY

SLAVERY IN MICHIGAN"

produced by the Wayne County Medical Society Foundation at the Grosse Pointe Woods Library, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. Eleven members and twelve guests watched the movie. Afterwards a panel discussion was held. The Speakers included: Joseph M Beals, MD- President: Wayne County Medical Society Foundation; Deborah Thomas-Judge on the 3rd Circuit Court in Wayne County, Michigan and a Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe member and Aleksa Andjelkovic- Director: Anti-Human Trafficking Initiative Salvation Army, Greater Detroit Area and also a Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe member. Attendees brought donations of water bottles and snacks to donate to the Salvation Army human trafficking victim rescue team.



AWARENESS - Anti Human Trafficking

Please see information below regarding a Human Trafficking Fundraiser for a residential treatment facility in Pontiac, MI for adult female women who are survivors of sex and labor trafficking. Hope Against Trafficking (HAT) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization answering the call for safe housing and restorative support for adult female survivors of sex and labor trafficking in Southeast Michigan. Their program is a 24-month residential program that provides rent-free housing and comprehensive services focused on physical, mental and individual transformation of these women so they become empowered to thrive once again. This is the one of the first programs of its kind in Southeast Michigan.

For more information on see <http://hopeagainsttrafficking.org/>



Please Join Us At Our Annual Gala Event!

We want to personally invite you to our 2nd Annual Hope Against Trafficking Welcome Home Gala Event at the Lafayette Grand in Pontiac on October 19th from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM. We will be celebrating those who have helped us along this journey from survivors to volunteers to everyone who has made this organization possible. We are very proud to announce that Becca Stevens, Founder and President of Thistle Farms will be our Keynote Speaker of the evening. Click on the link below to find out more information and to purchase your tickets today!

[WELCOM HOME GALA](#)



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Please have your article's to
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Soroptimist Pledge

*I pledge allegiance to Soroptimist and to
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*The sincerity of friendship,
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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
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<http://www.grossepointesoroptimist.org/>

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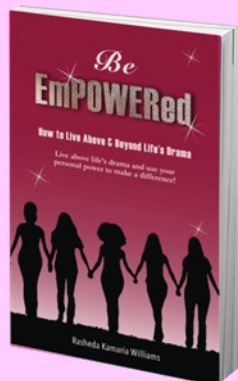


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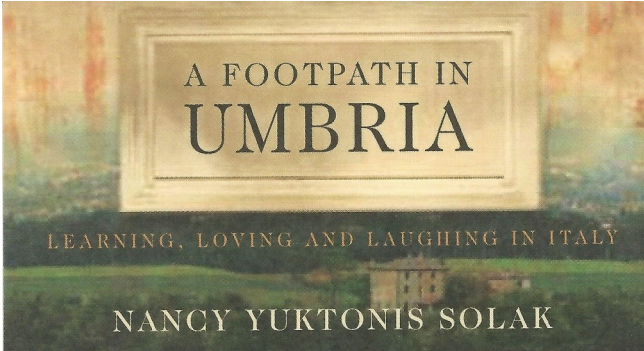

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Writer, Book Editor, Copy Editor,
Ghostwriter, Writing Instructor



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.

- 10/19 Flight Behavior - Barbara Kingsolver
- 11/16 Circling the Sun - Paula McLain
- 12/21 Born a Crime - Trevor Noah



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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 Mediterra-
nean picnic and making an elegant
yet comforting beef dinner in a crock-
pot. We are eagerly looking forward
to our second year of culinary de-
lights.

Even more importantly, Foodies pro-
vides 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 ques-
tions 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