



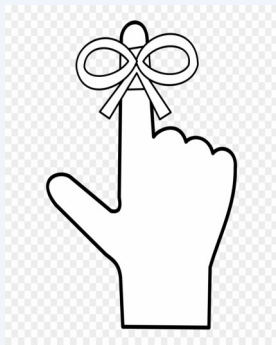
The Pointer

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9, 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.



DINE AROUND TOWN RAFFLE DRAWING!

Our Dine Around Town (DAT) raffle drawing is at our doorstep. It will be held at our October meeting (see above). All tickets, sold and unsold, must be returned to SIGP Treasurers before the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Remember, this is our only major fundraiser, so your support is crucial to meet this year's budget. Each ticket has the potential to earn one of 10 possible prizes. **THE WINNER COULD BE YOU OR ONE OF YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS!**

Please wrap up your sales this week so you can turn in your ticket stubs to either Bette Lepouttre or Mary Ellen Burke. You can call either of them to arrange the submission of your envelope with ticket stubs and money in person or at either one of their houses. Each has a mail slot in the front door, so you can slide your envelope with stubs, money and any unsold tickets into the slot. After you drop off your tickets, please text or call to make sure they were received.

Bette Lepouttre, 191 Ridgemont Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, 586-557-3287

Mary Ellen Burke, 2037 Shorepointe Lane, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, 313-399-8934

So far 31% of the membership has returned their tickets, most of which were sold. We have \$2,185. Thank you so much! We are hoping to process 80—90% of the remaining tickets by next weekend, or by Tuesday night, October 8, 2019. We need your help. You can still bring your tickets and money on Wednesday, October 9, 2019, if you need the extra time to sell all your tickets.

THANK YOU!

ONE-DAY UPSCALE SALE

Friday, October 11th

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

1216 Harvard, Grosse Pointe Park

The remainder of the items from our Virtual Garage Sale and any other items club members donate will be on offer.



DROP OFF DONATIONS

Drop off items at the home of Laurie Jost on Wednesday, October 9, the night of our meeting (see p. 1) between 5 and 6 p.m., or after the meeting. Laurie lives just a couple of blocks from the Village Grille off Kercheval at

1216 Harvard in Grosse Pointe Park

Members can also drop off items from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, or even during the sale on Friday, October 11! Please understand that Laurie has a job and will only be available to accept items at the times listed above.

We need your donations but please make sure items are clean and worth selling.

VOLUNTEERS

Please email or text Roseanne Horne and/or Bette Lepouttre your choice(s)!

- ◆ SET UP ON THURSDAY NIGHT FROM 5:00 - 8:00 PM
- ◆ PUTTING UP SIGNS THE MORNING OF SALE - 8:30 AM
- ◆ SELLING ON FRIDAY FROM 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON
- ◆ SELLING ON FRIDAY FROM 12:00 - 3:00 PM
- ◆ SELLING ON FRIDAY FROM 3:00 - 6:00 PM
- ◆ CLEAN UP ON FRIDAY FROM 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- ◆ VOLUNTEER TO PACK UP AND DROP OFF REMAINING ITEMS AT POSITIVE IMAGES
- ◆ VOLUNTEER TO PACK UP AND DROP OFF REMAINING ITEMS AT FULL CIRCLE
- ◆ VOLUNTEER TO PACK UP AND DROP OFF REMAINING ITEMS AT PREGNANCY AID
- ◆ VOLUNTEER TO PACK UP AND DROP OFF REMAINING ITEMS AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you to Laurie for graciously offering her garage for our sale.

We would also like to thank Cara Crawford for all her hard work making our Virtual Garage Sale a HUGE success!! The garage sale may have been virtual but the proceeds are real! **Cara sold \$700 worth of items online!**

Thank you, thank you! This is an amazing profit. We truly appreciate Cara's time and effort on this first attempt for our club hosting a Virtual Garage Sale!

Any questions please contact:

Roseanne Horne 313-706-1801 Past President
Bette Lepouttre 586-557-3287 Fundraising Chairperson

Another Early October Activity — October 12

INVITATION to all SOROPTIMIST members and friends...

Come tour POSITIVE IMAGES residential housing on both E. Grand Blvd. and also on Coplin Street. Following these two stops, we'll go to the administrative building on E. Warren where the Clothing Closet and the Computer Lab are housed.

This "tour" will give you an up close and personal look at the housing facilities and a glimpse at the projects that Soroptimist Grosse Pointe has done with Positive Images over the past years.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 10 a.m. - Noon

It will be easier if we car pool...so we'll determine where to meet when we know how many are coming. Meeting time for carpooling will be 9:30. Place TBD.

RSVP to Diana via text: 313-690-1515 or let her know at the meeting on October 9. THANKS!



Coplin (left) is one of three facilities run by Positive Images. Soroptimist Int'l Grosse Pointe (SIGP) has been involved in helping support its mission to help women in recovery for more than two decades. Now members and friends have an opportunity to visit all three locations. At the last stop on East Warren (right), you'll see where many of our members volunteer in the Meeting Room (for Parenting), the Clothing Closet (to provide outfits for women who arrive in need) and the Computer Room (working the online recovery program called myStrength). The first building is on Grand Boulevard and is not shown for the protection of the women who are escaping abuse. Positive Images helps SIGP meet its own mission: best for women.

Be sure to peruse this newsletter with your calendar in hand. There are lots of noteworthy events coming up and a lot of photos of recent events.

Unfortunately, they can't all be on page 1.

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OCTOBER — Happy Birthday to ...

Paula Davis, October 1

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Dorothea Williams, October 26

Marina Houghton, October 28

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Once a year SIGP celebrates those who hit a "ZERO" (decade) birthday.

Celebrating this year are:
Mary Clare Toffanetti, Mary Ellen Burke, Carrie Petrocelli and Laurie Jost.

Congratulations to all four of you! We all wish you a very happy new decade!



Photo by Karrie Blankenship

In case you missed our September membership meeting ...



Ross Braun displays the ideas SIGP members brainstormed

At SIGP's September meeting, Ross Braun presented a re-creation of the Leadership Breakout Session given at the Spring Conference. For anyone who missed the meeting, you can see the video of it until the end of October. If you are interested, contact Karrie Blankenship at karrie-be40@gmail.com or (810) 602-7685.

Karrie videotaped the two-part presentation that was linked to a TEDx talk by Drew Dudley called, "Lollipop Moments." A hard copy of the talk and the leadership quotes provided at the meeting are also available from Karrie. Ross said she found the conference "fantastic and inspirational."

"I just like to have fun." — Katy Perry

What do you get when you mix Detroit's QLINE, food, and Soroptimist friendship? FUN!



Right: Paula Davis, Tishara Davis, Karrie Blankenship and Jane Evola



Above: Figuring out how to buy a group QLINE ticket so each one of them didn't have to do it! How tech savvy of SIGP!



At left seated: Tishara Davis, Paula Davis, Terry Welch, Katherine Thomas, and Carolyn Barth. Standing: Diana Langlois, Mary Ellen Burke, Maddy Colavito, Mary Ellen Brayton, Myra Golden, Kerri Green, Karrie Blankenship, Ellen Chapin, Maureen Anthony, Laura McCourt, Marya Rosenthal, Jean Kroll, Roseanne Horne, and Jane Evola

Soroptimist Grosse Pointe 2019 5K Walk/Run in Review

All proceeds from participants and donors go toward local Anti-Trafficking organizations



SIGP Members Kneeling: Renee Rodriguez, Carrie Petrocelli, Katherine Baetz, Jane Evola. First Row Standing: Liz Lucas, Laura McCourt, Dorothea Williams, Myra Golden, Roseanne Horne, Marlane Washington, Diana Langlois, Ross Braun, Mary Ellen Burke. Back Row Standing: Ellen Chapin, Mary Ellen Brayton, Sarah Sheppard, Laurie Jost, Karrie Blankenship, Kerri Green, and Carol Hofer.



Laurie Jost and Karrie Blankenship



Bette Lepouttre and Mary Ellen Burke selling raffle tickets

2019 5K Fun Walk/Run (continued)



SIGP members stretching: Marlane Washington, Ellen Chapin and Dorothea Williams



SIGP member Carol Hofer



SIGP spouse and volunteer Mike Lucas



SIGP member Laura McCourt



SIGP member Ross Braun

All photos of the 5K Walk/Run were generously provided by SIGP member Renee Rodriguez. For more information, click the link below.

[Renee Rodriguez Photography](#)

2019 5K Walk/Run Sponsors & Agencies —A Big **GIGANTIC** thank you!



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Mary Ellen Brayton, Carrie Petrocelli, and Jean Kroll

**Congratulations
to all who
participated:
Volunteers, do-
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and walkers.
You are helping
make the world
a better place!**



YMCA

SI President's Appeal 2019-2021: The Road to Equality



SI President-elect Sharon Fisher

Mark Your Calendars!

December SIGP Holiday Dinner—Wed Dec 11

On Wednesday, December 11, our Club will NOT meet at the Village Grille. In fact, there will be no meeting that night. Instead, it will be an evening of celebration at the Assumption Center with dinner at 6 p.m. The funds we raise that night from the Tin Can Raffle will go to the President's Appeal: *The Road to Equality*.

Soroptimist International (SI) President-elect Sharon Fisher, from British Columbia, Canada, announced her December 10th President's Appeal at the SI convention in Malaysia. *The Road to Equality* focuses on the role SI can play in achieving gender equality as we develop capacity and raise awareness on human rights challenges that prevent women and girls from reaching their full potential. Details will be forthcoming when the new appeal launches on October 1.



Soroptimist International (SI) created a new logo representing this year's Presidential Appeal. SI and the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UN-CSW) are working to improve the lives of women and girls worldwide as the issue relates to gender equity, the fifth UN-CSW sustainment goal. The large S stands for Soroptimists. The colored squares represent the UN Sustainment Goals. The circle with the woman's arms raised represents empowerment and is the Soroptimist International logo.

Welcome new members!

Since July we gained three new members:

Maureen Anthony, Nancy Kelley, and Katherine Thomas

A new-member orientation will be held at 5:30 p.m. on **November 9**, at the Village Grille in Grosse Pointe. This will precede our General Meeting which begins at 6:30 p.m. There will also be a new-member induction during the November General Meeting.

Presently we have 65 members. As always, we encourage individuals interested in our club to join us at one of our general meetings to find out more about our wonderful organization and all the projects we support. We look forward to many more orientations!

- Dorothea Williams, Vice President and Membership Chair

Three Girl Activists Changing the World

9/10/2019 by **LAUREN ULRICH**, Editor-in-Chief of her high school's student-led newspaper in Rolla, Missouri, and an aspiring environmental journalist.

The Future is Ms. This is an ongoing series of news reports by young feminists. This series is made possible by a grant from SayItForward.org in support of teen journalists and the series editor, [Katina Paron](#).

From leading local #MeToo movements to redefining the possibilities for girls of Indian descent, young women across the country are fighting to change the world. Some of them were sparked to action by [Girls Learn International](#) (GLI)—a program of the Feminist Majority Foundation, which also publishes *Ms.* Young activists in GLI's 230 chapters in 30 states and 11 countries are empowered by a core curriculum to become advocates, tackling issues ranging from girls' education to human trafficking.

Each year, GLI leaders from the U.S. attend the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UN-CSW) as delegates. This year, three young women at that convention offered *Ms.* a glimpse into their journeys as activists.

Divya Ganesan: Palo Alto Bay, California

16-year-old Divya Ganesan was born to be a leader, and she will tell you so herself. Her name in Sanskrit means "heavenly queen," and she's taken up the role dutifully.

Ganesan has grown up empowered by strong women—most of all, her mother. She now uses her own empowerment to fight inequalities, some of which she has experienced firsthand. "Being Indian, the culture I've grown up in has been one in which women should be in the house," she explained to *Ms.* "It's the man's job to be the breadwinner."

Ganesan is not content with this expectation and hopes to elevate the status of women and girls. Ganesan started her own GLI chapter and shared her perspective at CSW by helping write the Girls Statement, an annual statement on the status of girls delivered to the Commission. She encourages others to embrace their perspectives as women of color and to draw on it in their activism.

"Learning to use my specific culture and background to motivate my feminism has really increased my passion," she shared. "I think the best way that I can work towards changing the culture that my parents have grown up in is by breaking the culture myself."

Ganesan's activism hinges on being bold—something she sees as revolutionary. "Once we abandon the idea of girls having to be nice, but instead understand the need for girls to be assertive, determined and perseverant," she declared, "that's when girls can really achieve what they can achieve."

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Danielle Samake: Maplewood, New Jersey

Danielle Samake's upbringing has instilled in her the value of empathy, which the 18-year-old says is at the core of her activism. "My activism and my feminism and everything that I hold near and dear as values," she told *Ms.*, "stem from the fundamental belief that other people have value and that other people deserve rights."

Samake holds those values close, something she attributes to the strength she gained growing up in a tight-knit immigrant community and being a woman of color. "If you are a member of any marginalized group, you feel a greater sense of urgency about the issues that are happening," she explained, "because you can see the real-life effect in your everyday life."

Samake is taking a gap year before she heads to Princeton University in 2021 to dive deeper into her activism; starting in September, she'll spend nine months in India working with different nonprofits to ensure women and girls' autonomy in the region, particularly among migrant women and girls.

It's a fitting start to Samake's higher education that she is happy to embrace. "Trying to exist in a way that is kind to other people and to the world has been empowering to me," she said, "and made me feel that maybe, in a small way, I am making some changes."

Zoey Brewer: Memphis, Tennessee

Zoey Brewer is no stranger to activism—she has been a fiery, outspoken voice in her community since her first march at age five. But when the 17-year-old recently came out with her own story of sexual assault, the very community that shaped her activism tried to tear it down.

"So many people told me: 'Why are you doing this?'" Brewer recalled. "'You couldn't stop your own sexual assault, so how can you hope to stop others?'"

This public criticism initially made Brewer feel defeated, but then it became fuel for her fire. She draws on her experiences to motivate her, and has only become more passionate. She advocates through social media, leads marches, organized a town hall on gun violence and developed a curriculum with GLI to educate local students on sexual assault and consent.

"I want to make sure that everyone in my community is empowered enough to find their platform," she said, "so that they can share their story and go on to empower others."

Brewer's own platform has grown since that first march—and she has no intention of letting criticism slow her down. "By not listening to those people," she reasoned, "I managed to get to the United Nations."

Next SIGP Board Meeting Thursday, October 3, 2019, Mary Ellen's condo, 6:30 p.m.

Our Members' Upcoming Events

Detroit Area teen, women tell their "Girl Story"



Girls are powerful and have the potential to change the world. But sometimes they face challenges along their journey.

On Saturday, Oct. 12 - just a day after the observance of International Day of the Girl - Cinema Detroit (located at 4126 Third Street in Detroit) will host a screening of the "My Girl Story" documentary followed by a community forum. The documentary chronicles the lives of two African-American girls in Detroit who give a glimpse into what life is like for 21st century teens in the city.

The "My Girl Story" community forum will focus on empowering and increasing opportunities for girls of color and their peers who are coping with disabilities, depression, peer pressure and other social challenges. The forum will bring together a range of stakeholders from the academic, private, government and philanthropic sectors to discuss ways that we can break down barriers to success and create more ladders of

understanding and opportunity for all girls.

"We need to listen to our young women when they talk, especially if something is bothering them," said Tameka Citchen-Spruce, "My Girl Story" producer and disability justice advocate. "While they're going through ups and downs in life, being there emotionally and showing you care can help them through the teenage years."

[Eventbrite](#)

Rasheda Kamaria Williams, Founder & Chief Empowering Officer, Empowered Flower Girl

SIGP Member Katherine Baetz to play "Margo" in the stage production, *A Family Christmas: Ain't No Vacation*

SIGP Member Katherine Baetz has been cast in the role of "Margo" the snooty next-door neighbor in the stage production of, *A Family Christmas: Ain't No Vacation*. Staged by the Fine Arts Society of Detroit, the play is a rendition of National Lampoon's *Christmas Vacation*.

The comedy, with musical interludes, will be presented: Friday, November 22, Saturday, November 23, and Sunday, November 24, 8 p.m., at the Players Playhouse, 3321 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, MI 48207.

To accommodate a SIGP (or other) group, ticket requests need to be submitted to Katherine by November 7, with cash or check made out to FASD. Tickets are \$30 each. Due to the variety of music, food and other things being offered depending upon the performance, it is recommended that you call Katherine (313-530-7414) for further details.

Wanted: Live Your Dream Candidates (Feel free to print this and give to a woman who may be able to apply.) It is for deserving women already enrolled in a community college, university or GED program.

Ready to begin a new life?

The Soroptimist *Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women* program has been helping women around the world since 1972. This program provides cash grants to women who are working to better their lives through additional schooling and skills training.



You are eligible to apply if you:

are a woman with primary financial responsibility for yourself and your dependents

are attending an undergraduate degree program or a vocational skills training program

have financial need

Apply for a *LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD* at bit.ly/LYDA-apply OR contact:

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

Name: Elizabeth Lepouttre

Email: elepouttre@gmail.com

Phone:

Online:

Club Application Deadline: November 8, 2019

Amount of Club Award: \$3000

Notes: Additional requirement for SIGP is to provide a copy of current course schedule.

Please send to email noted above. Thank you.



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QUARTER AUCTION

5PM TO 9PM (DINNER AT 6PM)

NOVEMBER 9TH

**At the Findlay Inn
& Conference Center**

200 EAST MAIN CROSS ST, FINDLAY, OHIO 45840

Soroptimist International of Hancock County Area is a nonprofit organization with a mission to help women and girls. We host many programs from an International Level to a Local Level. Locally we have awarded women with funds for their education through our Live Your Dream and Virginia Wagner Educational Awards. We also assist over 100 families monthly through our Women's Empowerment Emporium. Come help us continue to grow in the Hancock County Area!



Donations of personal care and cleaning products for the Women's Empowerment Emporium are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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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 larger fellowship in home, in society, in
business, for country and for God.



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

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is emailed to members Nancy Solak

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FYI regarding the Casoe Theater Company

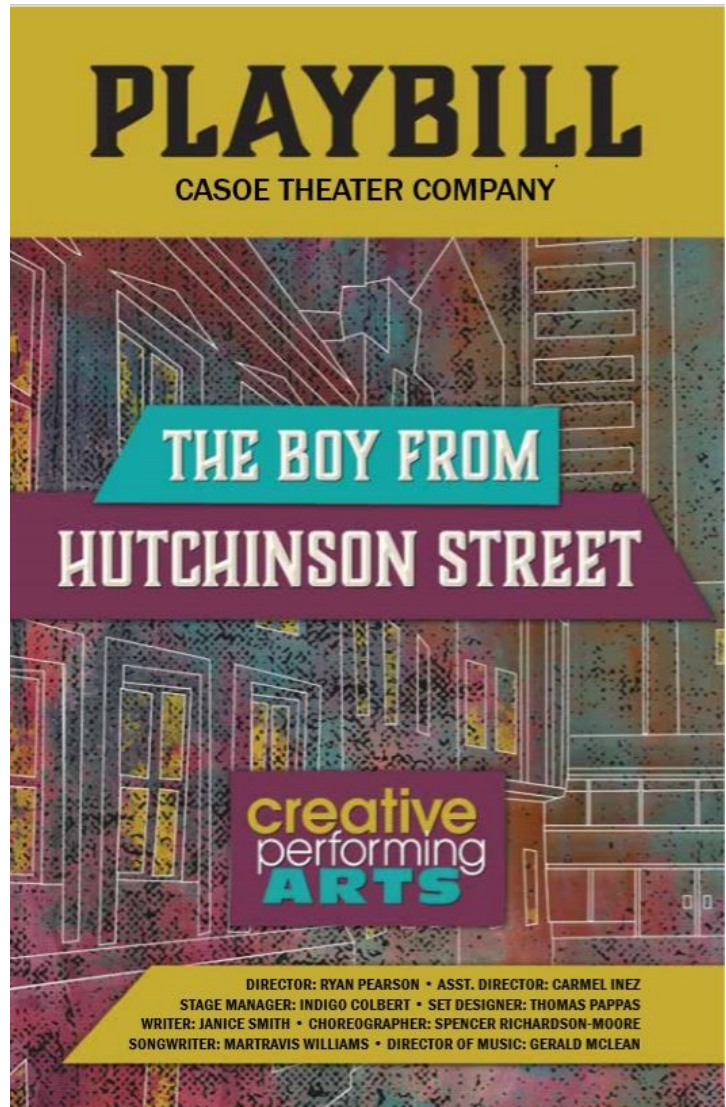
Although the Casoe Theater Company has been getting more sponsors for their productions, the students themselves come from needy families. The director tries to help them out with new coats at Christmastime.

SIGP member Diana Langlois was able to purchase some new coats at Costco last year at very reasonable prices.

Several SIGP members independently donated to this. We could offer this opportunity again this year.

The club might also want to donate \$100 or \$200 toward purchasing new coats.

Let Diana Langlois know if you are interested in helping.



District I & III Fall Meeting

October 18 & 19, 2019

Essenhaus Inn & Conference Center, 240 Hwy 20,

Middlebury, IN 46540

\$60 includes registration, breakfast,
lunch and Friday dinner



When: Monday, October 14, 2019

Time: 6:45 p.m. (movie starts **promptly** at 7:00 p.m.)

Where: Okulski Family Theater at the Lavins Activity Center- Windmill Pointe Park-Grosse Pointe Park

Movie: *The Emperor's Club*. This drama film, starring Kevin Kline, follows the path of a prep school teacher who is passionate about the classics as he attempts to impart wisdom and a sense of honor and ethics to his students.

Cost: \$10.00 (pre-paid by following the instructions and completing the form below). **There will be no collections at the door and therefore no walk-ins will be honored.**

This is a fundraising event. Bring a friend and support the American Association of University Women Grosse Pointe Branch for an evening of friendship and camaraderie.

RSVP deadline: Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Please return the form below with your payment. Proceeds will benefit the AAUW Scholarship fund

Make checks payable to *AAUW Grosse Pointe Branch* and send to:
Barbara Tecos, 1237 Balfour, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, (313) 882-1081

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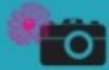
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