



The Pointer

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT VILLAGE GRILLE

**Our November General Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday,
November 14th, at the VILLAGE GRILLE
16930 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe; Parking and Private Entry Door in Rear
Meet and greet at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30.**

SIGP raises more than \$7,500 to fund Soroptimist Educational Awards—Our most successful year yet!

2018 Dine-Around-Town Winners:

- 1st place: Laurie Jost (\$700 value)
- 2nd place: Katherine Baetz (\$600 value)
- 3rd place: Tricia Charno (\$500 value)
- 4th place: Donna Fitzgerald (\$450 value)
- 5th place: Tishara Davis (\$350 value)
- 6th place: Ross Braun (\$270 value)
- 7th place: Rosanne Morrow (\$200 value)

Thank you to *all members* and to the committee: Mary Ellen Burke, Bette Lepouttre, Roseanne Horne, Dorothea Williams, Ross Braun, Myra Golden, Karrie Blankenship, Marya Malkovich, Carolyn Barth, and Maddy Jeffs. Last week Maddy sent each restaurant a thank you letter from the club!

Here are the statistics:

- 88% of our members sold tickets!
- 20% of our members sold more than 5 books of tickets!
- Our awards are 89% funded with this fundraiser.

*HUGS to everyone!!!
Diana Langlois
Dine-Around-Town Chair*

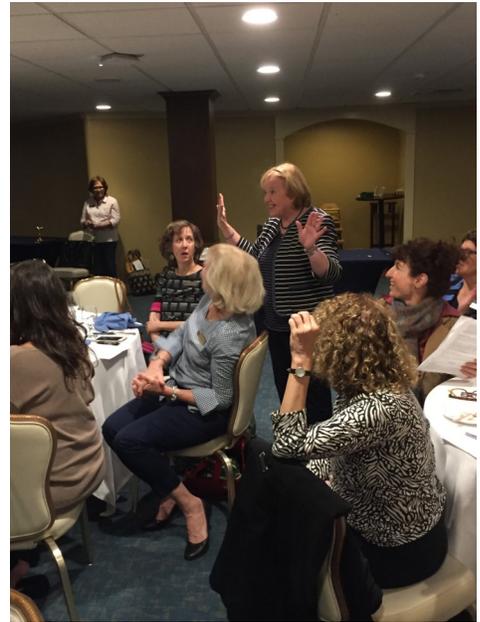
Highlights of Dine-Around-Town Raffle Drawing Night!



SIGP President Aleksa Andjelkovic and Dine-Around-Town Chairwoman Diana Langlois spin the bin of tickets before the drawing starts.



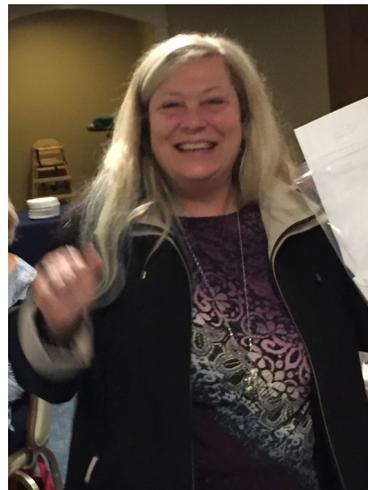
The First Place winner, Laurie Jost, won the \$700 prize.



Mary Ellen Burke explains that she's accepting Third Place (\$500) for her cousin for whom she bought the ticket.



Katherine Baetz won 2nd Place (\$600).



Rosanne Morrow won 7th Place (\$200).



Diana Langlois gives Ross Braun her 6th Place prize (\$270). At left is Marlane Washington.

Special thanks to SIGP Member Mary Clare Toffanetti who edits and proof-reads *The Pointer* with eagle-eye precision. Any errors are mine and mine alone. — Nancy Solak, Manage Editor

AND THE DINE-AROUND-TOWN RAFFLE WINNERS ARE ...



(l-r) Paula Davis (5th place, standing in for her daughter, Tishara Davis who bought the ticket at the 5K Walk/Run Event), Kathy Baetz (2nd place), Mary Ellen Burke (3rd place, standing in for her cousin Tricia Charno), Laurie Jost (1st place), Ross Braun (6th place), Rosanne Morrow (7th place), and Donna Fitzgerald (4th place).

A Note From First-Place Winner Laurie Jost

I was extremely surprised to walk away with so many gift certificates. I will be sure to share the booty with others. Thanks for all your hard work and organizing the event. It is a privilege to be associated with such a fine group of generous women!

A Note from Pat Casey

Congratulations to the winners and all our members for such a successful event! Thank you once again to Diana and her committee for all the hard work behind the scene that leads up to this event!

Start Spreading the Word!
SIGP Wine Tasting FUNraiser

THE VILLAGE WINE SHOP OF GROSSE POINTE PARK
IS PROUD TO PRESENT THEIR

7th Annual Holiday Wine Tasting

AN EVENT BENEFITING
Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

THE ARK AT ST. AMBROSE
15020 HAMPTON ST, GROSSE POINTE PARK, MI 48230

\$30 IN ADVANCE | \$40 AT THE DOOR
ADVANCED TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE VILLAGE WINE SHOP

COMPLIMENTARY HORS D'OEUVRES

25% OFF ALL WINE | MIX & MATCH
MINIMUM PURCHASE OF 1 CASE OR MORE FOR DISCOUNT

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:
E-MAIL VILLAGEWINESHOP@HOTMAIL.COM OR VISIT IN-STORE

Invite your friends and family! Tickets will also be sold at SIGP's General Meetings and can always be purchased from SIGP member Ross Braun.

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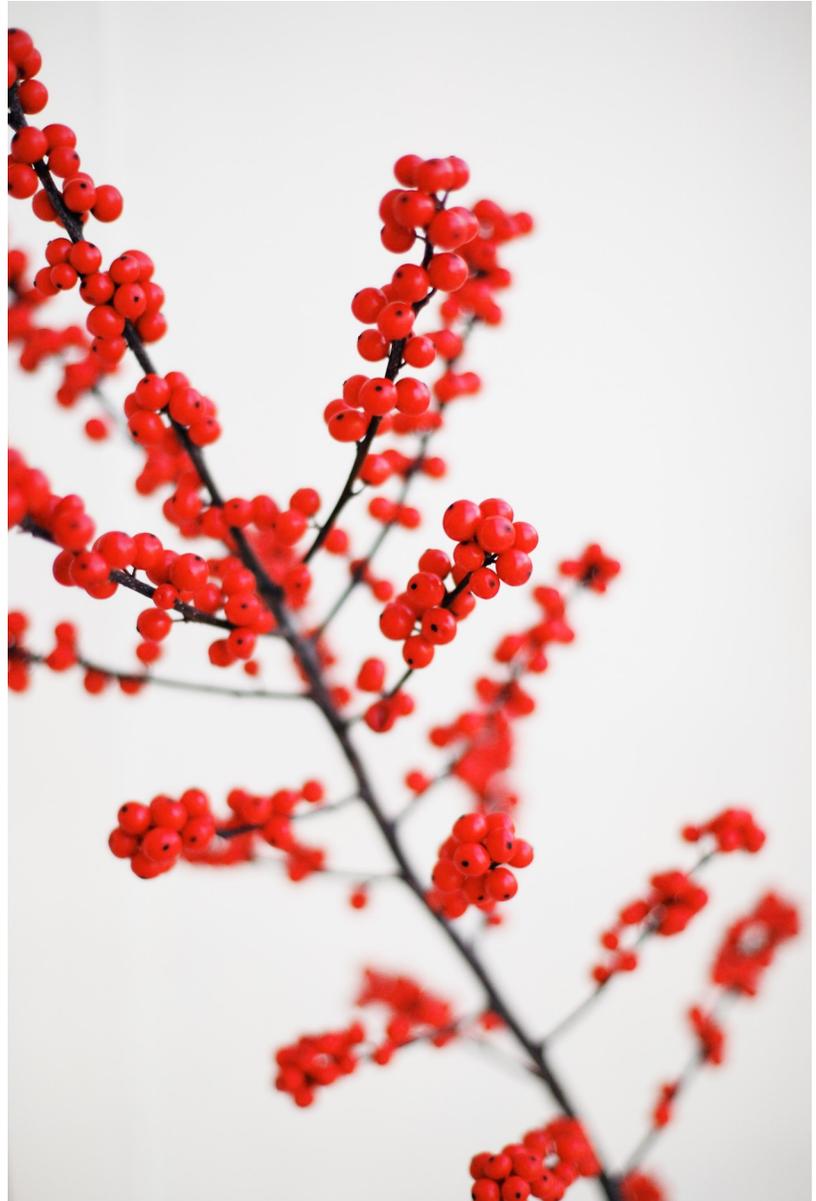


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SAVE THIS DATE TOO!

SIGP Holiday Dinner

Wednesday, December 12, 2018; 6:00 p.m.

Assumption Cultural Center

21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores

Dinner \$25

Tin Can Auction

Cash Bar

Lots going on at Positive Images



Short-term opportunities to volunteer for Positive Images projects

Wednesday, November 14: If you want to shop for the children of women at Positive Images, names will be available at this meeting to be held at Village Grille.

Sunday, December 2: Assemble holiday gift baskets for the women at Positive Images along with sorting children's clothes by size and gender. **6-8 p.m.**

Saturday, December 8 : Volunteer at Positive Images Christmas Store (at Coplin off East Warren) **9 a.m.- 1 p.m.**

Further details at the November business meeting and by email.

Yea!!! COMPUTER LAB UP AND RUNNING!!!

Highlights of a gathering at Diana's home on October 22nd, at 6:45 p.m.:

Committed members: Jane Lightfoot, Ellen Chapin, Bette Lepouttre, Mary Ellen Burke, Nancy Solak, Mary Clare Toffanetti

Newer members: Tina Edgar, Jean Kroll. Not present, but seriously considering this service: Mary Ellen Brayton, Ernesta Kurrle, Laurie Jost.

With a combination of our committed Positive Images volunteers and the commitment of some of our newer members, Soroptimist is going to open the computer lab on Tuesday and Friday afternoons in the E. Warren building!

An on-line recovery program entitled myStrength.com will be the focus of the session with each woman. We plan on the women coming for 45-minute sessions and hopefully come both days! We will keep you posted on this overdue initiative!

Help Karrie Clear Her Plate (sorry, it's not filled with food)

(Editor's Note: Karrie Blankenship has served our Club as POINTER newsletter editor, Web Master, SIGP's e-mail Monitor and the Midwestern Region VISION newsletter editor for more years than I've known her. It's well past time to set her free! Now now ... don't stop reading! Her plea for a replacement is below. I can tell you from personal experience that if you take on this "do-totally-from-home" task, you'll not only get Karrie's support in starting it up, but you'll also be amazed by all the wonderful things Soroptimist does to support women and girls.)

At the district meetings, Darcy and I announced that we are looking for my replacement for *The Vision* editor. I will be stepping down as the editor once Kris Armstrong's biennium has been completed. While I have enjoyed being the editor, I feel it is time to move aside for others to bring new and fresh ideas to the Midwestern Region newsletter.

Don't be intimidated, it's not as daunting a task as you might think. I have already laid the groundwork for "you" and, moving forward, it should not be difficult; you might even enjoy it! The best part of being the editor is making your own deadlines, working on the newsletter when it's convenient for you and letting your imagination run wild.

Please contact me if you're interested in volunteering to become the next editor of *The Vision* in the spring of 2020 at karrieb40@gmail.com or Darcy Merritt at dmerritt81@hotmail.com

—Karrie Blankenship

Thank you to two members who've already stepped up to help Karrie

I would like to thank new members, Anne Schwartz for volunteering to monitor SIGP's email. And thank you to Carrie Petrocelli for volunteering to become SIGP's new Webmaster. While I have enjoyed both these tasks I am grateful to both of you. **Thank You.**



Soroptimist Pledge

The sincerity of friendship,
The joy of achievement
The dignity of service,
The integrity of profession,
and the love of country.

I will put forth my greatest effort to
promote, uphold and defend these ideals,
for a larger fellowship in home, in society, in business,
for country and for God.

General Guidelines for Saving & Dropping Off Contributions for Mothers' Day Items for Positive Images

Thank you to everyone who has given me donations for our Positive Images Mother's Day bag project. I especially appreciate the donations of mugs (no ads, no chips) and cosmetic bags since collecting 62 every year is not easy.

We also need more costume jewelry. We are going to try to create sets (necklace, bracelet, earrings) again this year. You do not have to have a set to donate. We were able to mix and match last year to create really cool sets. Myra and I will probably organize a night of "beading" necklace, bracelet, and earring sets next spring, so we can get to 62. Myra has the beads, and I have the wire, fishnet, or cording. Stay tuned.

I also have been receiving really nice jewelry boxes. Since we are going to try for jewelry sets again this year, boxes that will accommodate them are most

desirable. So thank you to those Soroptimists who have been donating them. We will need more by May.

If you are collecting travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, or shower gel, please make sure none leak. I also do not distribute large sizes since all 62 women have to receive items of equal value. So please DO NOT give me any **large** size lotions, etc.

Finally, it is much easier for me to transport and store "bags" of donated items versus "boxes". So please bring me your donations in sturdy bags, except for mugs. I will accept mugs in boxes so they don't chip or break. Also, please do not drop any donations off at my home since I travel frequently. I don't want it to get destroyed by rain if it's on my patio.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

—Mary Ellen Burke

Update on "SIGP's" Ghana Girls



Carol Hofer making her joyful announcement.

Good women of SIGP, GOOD NEWS!

We are proud to announce a generous boost for our six girls attending St. Anne Girls High School in Damongo, Ghana, West Africa. You may recall that Damongo was the site of my Peace Corps stint many moons ago. The challenge of raising money for the girls to continue their studies has

been made more difficult because our grants ran out and we no longer can count on those funds.

A few weeks ago I attended a Peace Corps reunion of my original Ghana team. I requested permission to make an appeal during the reunion for financial support for the girls. What made the process difficult was

that the owner of the African restaurant where we dined asked for financial support for his own Kenyan charity the same night as my appeal

Nevertheless I made my pitch, and then gave another the next morning. I was absolutely astounded and overwhelmed with gratitude at the response. To date the contributions from that reunion add up to **\$5,320!** I began my appeal each time by reminding my Peace Corps buddies that they were the only ones in all these years who I did not need to convince! They know. They lived the experience. I told them their donations will support our girls in their quest for knowledge, understanding, increased self-esteem and dignity, and the ability to help themselves and their communities. And they believed me.

Bless their hearts, Ghana Peace Corps Team! Amen!

—Carol Hofer, SIGP

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS WINS AWARDS

The *Live Your Dream Awards* recently received the 2017 ASAE Power of A Gold Award, a top-level of recognition for associations working to make a better world. Soroptimist is now accepting *Live Your Dream Awards* applications through November 15, 2018, and encourages eligible candidates to apply: <http://www.soroptimist.org/awards/eligibility.html>.

ASAE chose the Soroptimist *Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls* program as a 2017 Power of A Summit Award winner. *Dream It, Be It* helps at-risk secondary school girls who face obstacles to their future success by providing them with access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live their dreams. To date, the new program has benefited more than 8,000 girls. The Summit Award is ASAE's highest award given to associations that make exemplary commitments to creating a stronger America and the world. Soroptimist is one of only six associations chosen for this honor.

In addition, ASAE named the Soroptimist *Live Your Dream: Education and Training Grants for Women* a 2017 Power of A Gold Award winner. The program helps disadvantaged women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects. Each year, Soroptimist awards about \$2 million in grants to more than 1,200 women, many of whom face enormous obstacles including poverty, domestic and sexual violence, substance abuse and death of a spouse. The program is unique in that *Live Your Dream Award* recipients may use the cash grant to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education—such as books, childcare, tuition and transportation. ASAE selected the *Live Your Dream Awards* as one of only 23 Gold winners from over 150 entries.

LiveYourDream.org recently received an award of distinction in the 2017 Communicator Awards for its web-based activism efforts. The Communicator Awards is an annual competition honoring work that makes a lasting impact in the areas of advertising, corporate communications, public relations and identity work for print, video, and interactive.

In its 23rd year, the Communicator Awards received with more than 6,000 entries from the United States and around the world, making it the largest awards program honoring creative excellence for communications professionals. The awards program is judged and overseen by the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts (AIVA), a 600+ member organization of leading professionals from various disciplines of the visual arts dedicated to embracing progress and the evolving nature of traditional and interactive media. Current AIVA membership represents a "Who's Who" of acclaimed media, advertising, and marketing firms including: AirType Studio, Condè Nast, Disney, Keller Crescent, Lockheed Martin, Monster.com, MTV, rabble+rouser, Time Inc., Tribal DDB, and Yahoo!.

"Now, more than ever, people feel a sense of urgency to make a difference," said Alyssa Ketterer Marshall, LiveYourDream.org director. "We're honored to be recognized as an innovative space where people can advocate and volunteer within seconds to empower women and girls."

Every Cent Counts Toward Our Mission: Amazon Smile

Just think, every time you order something from Amazon.com you can give a share of your purchase to Soroptimist Grosse Pointe! Sure, you may not think .05% of your purchases is much, but when added to that of more than 60 others, it's money we wouldn't have had otherwise.

Go to www.Amazon.com and see how you can make Soroptimist Grosse Pointe a sharing partner—without any cost to you!

SIGP's 5K Walk/Run Update

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe is proud to announce that \$3,594 was raised at our first annual 5k Walk/Run Event. Without your help and donations, this would have not been possible.

SIGP would like to thank each and every one of you who came out to participate and help bring awareness to our community about this horrific crime against humanity. Once the committee has made their final decision as to which organization(s) we will donate the money to, a letter will be posted on our website at grossepointesoroptimist.org.

Please visit the website for updates on the 2019 5k Walk/Run Event. Hope to see you there!

—The 5k Walk/Run Anti-Human Trafficking Committee

To see **ALL** the photos Photographer and SIGP member Renee Rodriguez took of the event SIGP's 2018 5K Walk/Run Event, click on the link below.

<https://www.grossepointesoroptimist.net/5k-walk-run-photo-s.html>

Award Deadlines—Plan Ahead

Live Your Dream—November 15, 2018

Kathy Kraydich, Renee Rodriguez

Virginia Wagner Award—January 15, 2019

Liz Lucas, Diana Langlois

New process—applications are all online

Ruby Award—Mid February, 2019

Marlane Washington, Roseanne Morrow

Members can nominate candidates.

Bestowing educational awards to empower women is one of the primary reasons for our club's existence.

If you have any questions about the awards or their procedures, you can either go to the SIGP website:

<http://www.grossepointesoroptimist.org/>
or call one of the co-chairs listed above.

District III Emails

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Treasurer - **Audrey Jarvey** - (audreyjarv@charter.net)

District III Director - **Mary Pilon** (pilonmary0@gmail.com)

District III Secretary - **Lata Shastri**
(shastrilata@gmail.com)

Soroptimist Websites

Soroptimist International Midwest Region - (simwr.org)

Soroptimist International of the Americas
(soroptimist.org)

Soroptimist International (soroptimistinternational.org)

Soroptimist International of the Americas -

(soroptimist.org/about-us/contact-us/index.html)

For upcoming SIGP events and information, click the link
<http://www.grossepointesoroptimist.org/>

November 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 <i>Dorothy Wasinger Birthday</i>	3
4	5	6 <i>Roseanne Horne Birthday</i>	7 <i>Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Mary Ellen's</i>	8 <i>Vicki Granger Birthday</i>	9 <i>Sarah Sheppard Birthday</i>	10
11	12	13	14 <i>General Mtg. 6 p.m. Village Grille</i>	15 <i>Live Your Dream Award App deadline</i>	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	23	24
25	26 <i>Sandra Mengel Birthday</i>	27	28	29	30	

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A COMING ATTRACTION FEATURING SIGP MEMBER KATHERINE BAETZ

Katherine Baetz is playing Cassandra the pseudo-psychic housekeeper in ...

Vanya, & Sonia, & Masha, & Spike, a comedic drama

Dates: November 16 & 17; Time: 7pm wine/art reception & 8pm curtain

Place: Players Playhouse , 3321 E Jefferson Ave, Detroit MI 48207

Attire: Friday is business casual & Saturday is dressy to formal

Note: guests are welcome to bring a picnic basket to enjoy during the show.

Tickets: \$30 per person and can be purchased through Fine Arts Society Member—Katherine Baetz
313-530-7414. Deadline for tickets: Friday, November 2nd

It would be wonderful to have a SIGP presence at the show!

A great place to socialize and promote our club.

For Sale:

Beautiful ranch style condo in desirable, much sought after Harbor Place III gated community. Great location near Nautical Mile, Lake St Clair and Grosse Pointe's shops and restaurants. Private marina w/boat slips available to rent to residents. Full list of specs and amenities available. Please direct questions to Pat Casey, cell# 313-610-9022.