

The Pointer

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

President's Message

June 2017 Edition

Dear SIGP members,
Where do I begin? Another year of Soroptimist has gone by and our club is continuing to do amazing things for women and girls.

Our Live Your Dream winner, Sara Mai Baker, has won both the Regional and Federation level awards. What a tribute to a very courageous woman who has overcome so much and is accomplishing even more! We are planning a celebration to present Sara with her award and check. Details to follow.

Our first **Dream it. Be it.** program was a great success! Amanda and Rasheda did a spectacular job on the program, training and facilitating. Thanks to all who volunteered to help mentor.

We continue to make a difference at **Positive Images** with our Parenting classes and extra gifts at the holidays. Our 62 **Mother's Day bags** were truly appreciated by the women and staff. Thank you to Mary Ellen Burke for organizing this project. Two of our newest members have volunteered to sub for the **Parenting**

Classes! And we have a committed team anxious to help Positive Images Staff Director, Maisha Kenyatta, write a grant to open a beauty salon and refurbish additional residences for the clients.

Our first **Second Hand Sale** of the season was a huge success thanks to the efforts of many club members! Kuddos to Diana Langlois for hosting the sale at her home. We are still looking for a spot for another sale this summer.

Our biggest fundraiser, **Dine Around Town Raffle**, is underway. Many members, including some of our newest members, have been out collecting gift certificates. Please remember to ask at your favorite restaurant next time you are out. All gift certificates are due at the June meeting.

We also have some new opportunities! There will be a **Days for Girls** team starting in the Grosse Pointe area very soon. This service project is a great way to help women and girls in developing countries by providing them with feminine hygiene kits. Help with this project will be much ap-

preciated.

A committee has been formed and has met once to discuss SIGP giving an **award to a local High School** girl for some type of an enrichment program. Details are still being discussed.

We will have speakers at our June and July meetings. SIGP member, Bettie Cook Scott will present a **Proclamation to Sara Baker for her Live Your Dream award** at the June meeting. She will also update us on her work in Lansing as State representative.

Laurie Jost, a former SIGP member, will update us on the **Human Trafficking** movie "Stuck in Traffic" at the July meeting.

And just for fun...we have 16 members signed up to ride the **Detroit Cycle Boat** on Wednesday, June 21st! What a great way to enjoy the river, the city and our friendships.

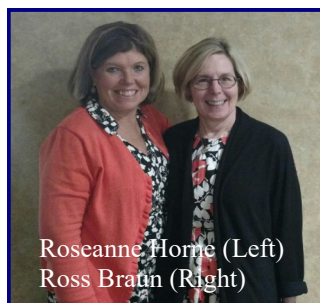
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Karrie	Blankenship	6/7
Marilyn	Schafer Meyer	6/16
Kerri	Green	6/27

Dates to Remember 2017 Calendar

- 06/07 Board Meeting~ MEB Home~6:30 pm
- 06/08 High School Award Committee Meeting ~ Roseanne Horne's house ~ 7:15 pm
- 06/14 Business Mts.~ GPYC~ 6:00 pm ~Meet and Greet ~ Meeting starts at 6:30
- 06/21 ~ Detroit Cycle Boat ~ 100 St Clair St, Detroit, MI 48214~ 6pm~ **SOLD OUT!**
- 06/28 Newsletter article's due to Karrie B. by 9:00 pm.

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.



Roseanne Horne (Left)
Ross Braun (Right)



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President's Message continued

Finally, I want to remind all of you that your membership dues are due at the June meeting. It is my sincere wish that all of you not only continue your membership but bring someone else onboard our MemberSHIP. We lost some of our dear members this year due to death, illness or moves. We need to fill these spots with new women committed to the cause of helping other women and girls. Even if your friend or family member cannot make it to our meetings, **it is okay!** By becoming a member you are supporting our cause and helping to keep Soroptimist the strong International volunteer organization that it is. For just over \$10 a month you can help make a difference in the lives of women and girls locally, regionally and globally! That is truly, the best for women!

Join SIGP and friends for a one-of-a-kind nautical experience on
Detroit Cycle Boat!

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

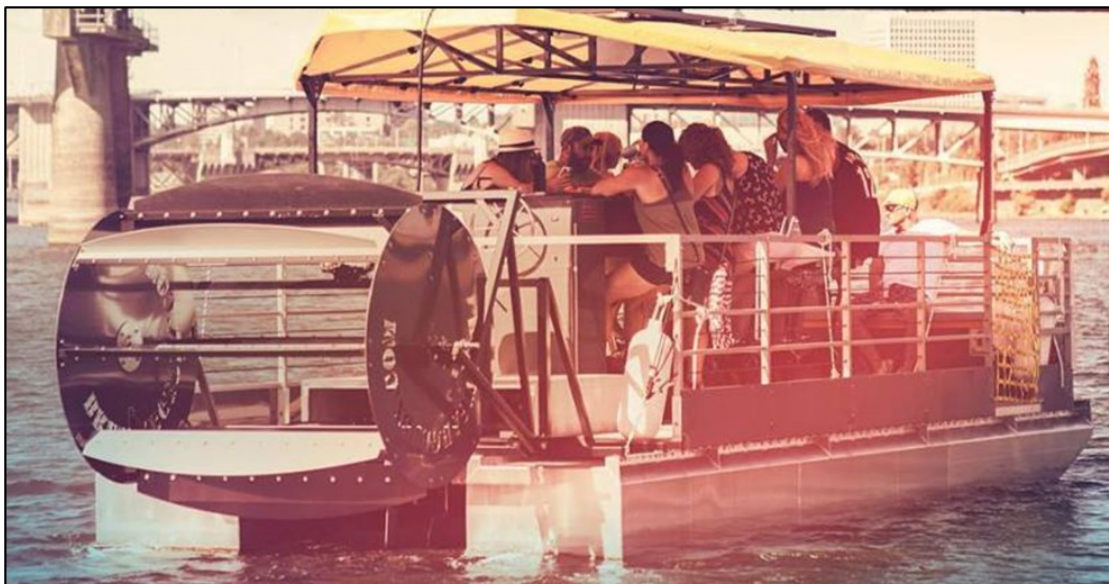
The fun begins at **6pm** from Sinbad's Restaurant and Marina
(100 Saint Clair St, Detroit, MI 48214)
We plan to be back to the dock around 9pm

This event is **BYOB** (Bring Your Own Beverage)
All types of alcohol are allowed!



SIGP will supply:
the boat, ice & coolers, cups, and delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres

Float, Drink, and Eat Among Friends.



See the boat in action at: <https://www.detroitcycleboat.com/>

Programs & Services -



SIGP participated in our first ever Dream It Be It program. We collaborated with Arts Academy in the Woods High School in Fraser. In total seven girls participated in this three week after school program held on April 20th, 27th, and May 4th. Interested Soroptimist volunteers were trained using the SIA DIBI curriculum. This curriculum focused on goal setting, overcoming obstacles and en-

visioning future careers. The students actively participated in small group discussions, fun ice breaker activities, and curriculum worksheets narrowing their career and goal focus. I think SI members learned just as much from the girls as they did from us. We concluded the third week session providing all the girls with volunteer contact information to continue our mentoring relationships. After completion of the program,

girls shared their thoughts about their experience. One participant said, "I created a network of people who can help me achieve my goals." Another stated, "I learned to set goals for myself." Even one of the Soroptimist volunteers stated, "I wish I had this [program] at 14 or 15 years old."

Overall, the DIBI was a huge success! Thank you to all the volunteers; Rasheda, Diana, Mary Ellen, Aleksa, Ross, Rosanne Kerri and Nancy

Programs & Services - Positives Images

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



Jewelry Boxes



Silk Scarves (infinity)

Cosmetic Bags



MOTHER'S DAY ITEMS

- Mugs
- Cosmetic Bags
- Tote bags
- Oprah magazines
- Key Chains
- Toothbrushes (individually wrapped)
- Toothpaste (sample size)
- Dental Floss
- Silk Scarves (No bandanas please)



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Programs & Services - Positives Images

GOOD NEWS!!! Two of SIGP's new members have volunteered to assist with the Parenting Class!!! Sarah Sheppard and Liz Lucas are available to sub for a team member when needed.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! This will make it possible to have class every week.

Also, Jane Lightfoot has brought her friend Katherine to Parenting Class and she may also be available to sub and possibly join SIGP.



Sixty-two Mothers Day Bags were delivered to the Coplin residence on the Friday before Mothers Day. They were exceptional this year! Cheers to Mary Ellen who saves, counts, and coordinates the many items that go into the bags! What a wonderful service project this is for our club!

Programs & Services - Days for Girls Update

Exciting news! It looks like an Eastside Days for Girls team will be starting up soon!

Roseanne and Mary Ellen have spoken to Joan Richardson, a Grosse Pointe Park woman who is preparing to start a team in June or July.

Joan has already been working on learning the process for making the liners and shields.

She was very happy to hear that our Soroptimist club would be interested in volunteering to help sort, pack, cut material and sew. Meetings will be held at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church on Maumee. Donations of wash clothes, girls underwear, zip lock bags and soap are also needed. Let your church group, friends and middle school/high school

connections know about this great service project. Joan will be going to Haiti next year and plans to take the hygiene kits with her.

For more information on what the Farmington Days for Girls team is doing please visit their website at: <https://www.facebook.com/Days-for-Girls-FarmingtonLivonia-MI-Team-1120347974651177/>

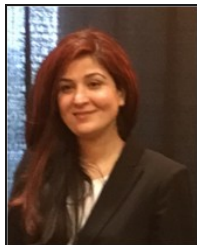
Programs & Services - High School Award

A High School award committee meeting was held on Monday, May 22nd. Many good ideas were presented and discussed.

Marya Malkovich has volunteered to be chair of the committee. The committee will be meeting again on **Thursday June 8th at 7:15 pm at Roseanne Horne's house, 1247 Elford Ct.**

If you were not able to make the first meeting, you are still welcome to attend our next meeting.

SIA LYD Award Winner ~ SARA BAKER



Congratulations to SIGP Live Your Dream (LYD) Award Winner, Sara Mai Baker, who not only won at

the Midwestern Regional level, she has now gone on to win the LYD Federation level award. SIA president, Rosemary Reid noti-

fied Sara that she won.

Midwest Region Governor, Vivian Walczesky, notified SIGP the fabulous news that Sara had won the award.

Since there is not a SIA convention this year, Sara will be presented with the LYD award certificate by Midwestern Region's

Governor Vivian Walczesky at SIGP's June business meeting.

WHEN ROSEANNE SPOKE TO SARA SHE WAS LITERALLY IN TEARS. SHE IS SO THANKFUL AND JUST OVERWHELMED BY THIS MONETARY SUPPORT AND THE FACT THAT ALL THESE WOMEN ARE BEHIND HER. SHE REALLY CAN'T BELIEVE IT.

Membership - FYI ~ Dues are Due

Here's an idea. If your birthday is just around the corner, or maybe as a belated mother's day gift ask your family to pay your dues. What a wonderful way to engage your family in Soroptimist, pay your dues and receive another year of making a difference in the lives of women and girls.

Be Kind, Pay on Time!



Reminder - Annual Membership Dues are required in June

Yearly fee for all members is **\$125** payable by cash, check, card, or PayPal. Please pay your Treasurers (*Kerri Green or Jane Evola*) at the May or June meeting!

If unable to pay at the business meeting, please contact Kerri Green for alternate arrangements:

Email: jazzykerri@yahoo.com

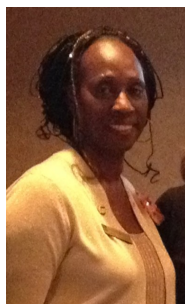
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Mail: 961 Vernier Rd, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236



Membership ~ Speakers for our June & July Business Meeting

June 14 meeting:

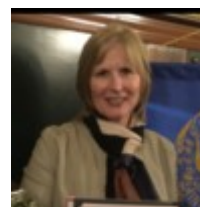


Bettie Cook Scott, SIGP member and State Representative. Bettie will give us updates on what she is working on in Lansing, specifically on Human Trafficking

and womens' issues. She also has a proclamation to give Sara Baker for winning the Live Your Dream federation level award.

“Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny.
— Aristotle

July 12 meeting:



Laurie Jost, former SIGP member and fundraising coordinator for the Human

Trafficking movie, " Stuck in Traffic". This movie has won many awards and is being used in many classrooms and organizations to educate the public about Human Trafficking. Laurie will update us on the success of the movie and how we can help promote it.

Fundraiser ~ Grant Writing Committee

There will be an update on the grant writing in the July newsletter as our next meeting is

June 1st

4:15 p.m.

Positive Images' Boardroom

13336 E. Warren, Detroit

Happy summer ladies!!!

#UGS, diana

Word cloud containing terms: funding, seeking, grants, logic, models, evaluation, sustainability, projects, cooperation, technology, proposals, writing, needs, capacity, money, budgets, collaboration, checklists.



Fundraiser ~ Dine Around Town Raffle Update

Restaurant	Total Donated
Applebee's	\$20.00
Athenian Shish Kabob	\$20.00
Boatyard Grille	\$35.00
Cabbage Patch Café	\$40.00
City Kitchen	\$100.00
Eagle's Bar & Grill	\$60.00
El Charro's	\$30.00
Hamlin Pub	\$15.00
Hot Tamales Cantina	\$25.00
Irish Coffee	\$120.00
Josef's European Bakery	\$25.00
Little Z's Bar-B-Que	\$25.00
Louis' Chop House	\$50.00
Merchant's Fine Wines	\$20.00
Mike's on the Water	\$25.00
Panera Bread	\$35.00
Pegasus	\$50.00
Pepperoni Grill	\$25.00
Ram's Horn	\$20.00
Red Crown	\$100.00
Rex's Deli	\$30.00
Salvatore Scaloppini	\$50.00
Steve's Backroom	\$20.00
Sugarbush Tavern	\$15.00
Telly's Place, Inc.	\$50.00
Vic's Diner	\$20.00
Village Wine Shop	\$25.00
Wine Dock	\$5.00
TOTAL	\$1,055.00

Great Job Ladies! We can still make it to \$2,000. The column to the left are a list of restaurant gift certificate we have in hand. As you can see we are at \$1,055 in total.

The list below are restaurants that have been approached and given a letter asking for a donation and members are still making calls to retrieve the gift certificate.

So make sure to carry your business card, SIGP brochures and letters with you so when your out dining in your favorite restaurant you can present the manager/owner for a gift card. The June 14th deadline is fast approaching.



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BUSINESS
MEETING AND
GIVE THEM TO
DIANA
LANGLOIS AND
MAKE SURE TO
CONTACT
DIANA WHEN
YOU DROP OFF
YOUR LETTERS!**

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Andiamo Trattoria
Cornwall's Bakery
Fish Bones
Golden Chopsticks
Nautical Deli

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Please have your article's to
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Soroptimist Pledge

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The dignity of service,
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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
check out our website by clicking the link below
<http://www.grossepointesoroptimist.org/>

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EDITOR

As some of you may already be aware, I am the Webmaster and editor of the newsletter, *The Pointer*. I have been the editor for 6 years now and have transformed the newsletter many times. I try to recreate a new look every year to keep it interesting, but the one thing I have not changed is our "Bulletin Board" page. This page is for our members to acknowledge someone who has accomplished something special in their life, has an item they're looking to sell or maybe has a product they sell as a second income. The point is, the "Bulletin Board" is for non Soroptimist news, however is news worthy to a Soroptimist member.

From time to time we are often looking for a certain item; maybe we are trying sell or rent a vacation house/timeshare. This is when the "Bulletin Board" would come in handy. A few years ago one of our

members made a statement about how Soroptimist is about helping women, but what about us Soroptimist? We're women! So, our board members (which I was a member of at the time) came up with the idea to have a page in our newsletter for just US! This page would be strictly for non Soroptimist information such as: Looking to buy, For Sale, or other news we would like share.

I hope to encourage all of you to read our newsletter, *The Pointer*.

Our members put a lot of time and effort into writing article for all of us to read. Please take a few moments to read your Newsletter!!

Send a pdf version of your business card or article to karrieb40@gmail.com



Looking To Buy



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[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Indian Village is having its Home and Garden Tour on Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11. You can go online at [Home & Garden Tour - Historic Indian Village](#) for more information and to purchase tickets. If you're interested in becoming a docent (docents get a free tour of all homes and gardens on tour), contact Geny Senior



Home & Garden Tour - Historic Indian Village

Photos from last year's Tour: 2016 Home & Garden Tour Photos: Detroit News

DESCRIPTION

The Historic Indian Village Home and Garden Tour Committee is pleased to once again host a TWO DAY tour in celebration of the successful restoration of its historic street-light system.

The historic overhead streetlights were installed over 100 years ago, circa 1910, and they have recently been beautifully restored. Additionally, the *Lighting the Future by Preserving the Past* streetlight restoration project has been selected to receive the 2016 Governor's Award for Historic Preservation. Please come and enjoy the beautiful homes, the neighborhood and the original "Detroit Style" streetlight in all its glory.

You can join us on either Saturday or Sunday to view 6 historic homes, 2 gardens, 3 churches, and 2 schools.

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- Deep** (getting deeper into those knots)
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- Prenatal** (massage for the Mom to be).

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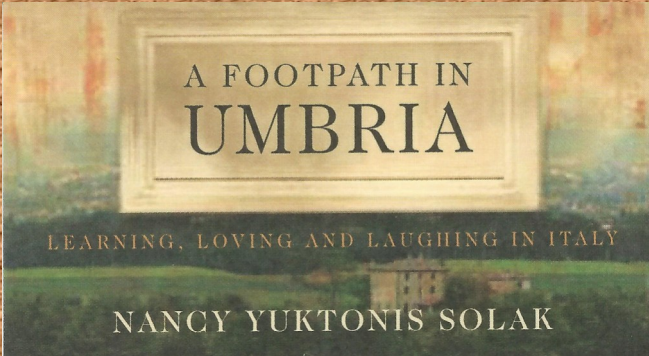
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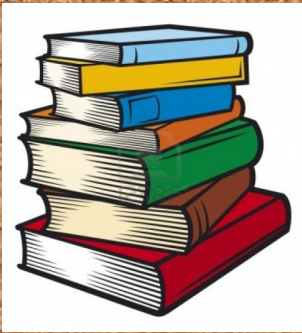
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Below is SIGP's book club picks for 2017.

If you are interested in reading any or all of this years picks and joining us in the discussion please contact Karrie Blankenship or Mary Ellen Burke for the details. We meet the third Thursday of each month at 7pm. Every month is hosted by a different member of the club.

- 6/15 The Pearl of China - Anchee Min
- 7/20 Born with Teeth - Kate Mulgrew
- 8/17 All the Light We Cannot See - Anthony Doerr
- 9/21 Mademoiselle: Coco Chanel and the Pulse of History - Rhonda K. Garelick
- 10/19 Flight Behavior - Barbara Kingsolver
- 11/16 Circling the Sun - Paula McLain
- 12/21 Born a Crime - Trevor Noah