



The Pointer

CALENDAR



- ◆ **Before this Wednesday, December 4.**
Bring clothing and toys purchased for children of Positive Images' women to **561 Hollywood**, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ **Wednesday, December 4, at the home of Diana Langlois, 561 Hollywood, 7:00 — 8:30 p.m.**
Bring yourself and your holiday spirit to a fun get-together prepping the baskets for the women living at Positive Images and sorting the new clothing for their children. See details on next page.
- ◆ **Before Wednesday, December 11.**
Drop off items for the Tin-Can Raffle at the home of Nancy Solak, 458 Cloverly Road (off Mack). You can also bring them the evening of the dinner, but it will make it easier for the people setting up to have the items earlier.
- ◆ **Wednesday, December 11, our Club's Holiday Dinner, Assumption Cultural Center, St. Clair Shores, 6 p.m.**
Come hungry and ready for a good time. Also, if you're interested, bring cash to buy raffle tickets.
- ◆ **Saturday, December 14, Positive Images Christmas Party, 4875 Coplin (off East Warren), 9 a.m.—1 p.m.**
Stay for the entire time or for just an hour or two. Assist in setting up the clothing rooms, assist clients in choosing gifts for their children, say a community prayer of thanks led by Executive Director Maisha Kenyatta.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- ◆ **Thursday, January 2, SIGP Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Carolyn Barth**
Board members to call in agenda items to Aleksa at least 48 hours before meeting.
- ◆ **Wednesday, January 8, SIGP General Meeting, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe**
Meet and greet and 6 p.m. Meeting starts promptly at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Friday, February 28, at the home of Ross Braun, time to be determined**
Wine Tasting and Accessory Sale where members socialize and are encouraged to bring guests.

Positive Images

Ladies of SIGP,

Thank you for being so generous in signing up to shop for the children of Positive Images (PI). *We are providing for 47 children this year!* This is the most we have ever shopped for!

REMINDERS:

The clothes and toys...

Bring all your purchased items to **561 Hollywood on or before this Wednesday, Dec. 4!** We will be organizing them by gender and size. Take off all the barcode labels. Put a label in the bag with your name, the gender and size of the clothes. You can leave them on my front porch if I am not home.

P.S. If by chance, you cannot shop until after this Wednesday, you can still drop your donation off at my house and I will sort them accordingly. We are packing up early this year because of Soroptimist commitments next week.

The baskets...

50 holiday baskets for POSITIVE IMAGES will be assembled at my house on **Wednesday, December 4, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., 561 Hollywood, GPW.**

We need donations of small like-new household items, lotions, small decorations, etc. for the baskets. Bring them on Wednesday or drop them on my front porch anytime before Wednesday evening. Like-new Christmas decorations are welcome to give the baskets a holiday flare. — *Diana Langlois*



Baskets prepared in 2018



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

At our November General Meeting four new members were inducted!

A yellow rose signifying friendship was given to (l-r middle three): Kathy Thomas, Geri Pleva, and Maureen Anthony. Not pictured: Nancy Kelley

(Far left) SIGP Vice President/ Membership Dorothea Williams

(Far right) SIGP President Aleksa Andjelkovic

Thank you for choosing Soroptimist International Grosse Pointe (SIGP)!

We now have 66 members, four of whom joined since July 1!

Other happenings at the November General Meeting

Janice Smith of the Casoe theatre group was so thankful for the new warm winter coats our members gave the young thespians that she came to our meeting to thank us in person! Now mind you, it was a cold and icy night, yet she and one of the actors, Hunter Jackson, not only gave US a warm round of applause, but also came bearing candles. She said she chose candles to embody the light of the givers.



Janice Smith

The Winners of the Amish Quilts

SIGP member Bette Lepouttre generously donated four Amish quilts to be raffled off at our November meeting. All proceeds (\$230!) from the raffle will go into our club's Continuing Education Fund. Thank you, Bette!

The winners are:

Roseanne Horne — Queen size bedspread

Mary Clare Toffanetti — Blue wall hanging

Ross Braun— Blue tablecloth

Myra Golden — Beige wall hanging

Positive Images news

Parenting will continue at the Coplin residence on Tuesdays from 12:45 – 2:15. Any member who would like to observe the parenting classes please contact Dorothy Wasinger at 313-618-6871 to set up a date and time.

The E. Warren building remains closed until further notice. We need to plan on moving our computers to the Coplin residence as soon as possible.

Heads up: Volunteers will be needed so keep an eye out for the announcement!

At this time, unless you hear differently from Jean and Peggy, the Clothing Room remains closed. No further donations will be taken.

Thank you, SIGP, for your continued support of Positive Images during 2019. You make a difference even if you don't see it!

Best Wishes for a happy holiday to you and your family! HUGS, Diana Langlois

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DECEMBER — Happy Birthday to ...

Helen Clarren, December 4

Carol Hofer, December 11

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The Liberator Awards have gone NATIONAL!

Do you know of someone who has dedicated themselves to eradicating modern day slavery? Nominate them for the Liberators! There are 6 categories:

Volunteer, Nonprofit/Civic Club/Church, Public Servant, Student/Student Organization, Business and SURVIVOR!

Nominations open 11/22-12/22

Voting 1/12/20-1/31/20

Liberator Awards in Columbus OH 3/7/20

www.liberatorawards.com

A graphic with a teal background. On the left, there are two hanging Christmas ornaments: one with white and blue stripes and one with a white star on a blue background. To the right, the text reads: "#1 holiday hack: When you buy your gifts at **smile.amazon.com**, Amazon donates. **amazonsmile**". The AmazonSmile logo is at the bottom right.

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Supporting SIGP has never been easier!

“Days for Girls” goes to Damongo, Ghana!

Three SIGP members recently returned from a 10-day sojourn to Damongo, Ghana. They are: Carol Hofer, Kerri Green and Rosanne Morrow. Below is the first of a series submitted by Kerri Green. Stay tuned for even more about the trip!



SIGP recently purchased Days for Girls kits (reusable sanitary pads) for the St. Anne's Girls Secondary School (SAGISS) that the club supports in Damongo, Ghana. Three members (Kerri Green, Carol Hofer, and Rosanne Morrow) traveled to Ghana in November 2019 to distribute these kits!

As the temperature soared to 100 F in Damongo, the SIGP visitors bumped down the dusty, pot-holed path leading to SAGISS, and were greeted by 70+ very excited students. The girls had arranged a performance of six different African tribal dances and music to make us feel welcome. It was a very entertaining presentation! The headmaster, Madame Pauline, acknowledged that they didn't have any gifts to give us, except for their beautiful smiles.

SIGP members announced that we brought gifts, so schedules were rearranged, and we gathered all of the students later that afternoon to learn about Days for Girls.

Kerri Green, thanks to the DfG flipchart, led an educational seminar focused on puberty, reproduction, and menstruation. The teenaged girls were surprisingly quiet and attentive!

Finally, each girl was provided a kit, and the fun began. Everyone opened their kits, and we reviewed the contents. Each girl received 2 pairs of panties, 2 cotton sanitary liners with wings, 8 flannel inserts for the liners, a washcloth, soap, and calendar with instructions. The girls held up their colorful panties with glee.

Kerri then pulled out an extra huge pair of panties to get everyone giggling, and to demonstrate how to use the sanitary liners and inserts. We had each girl affix a liner to her new panties and practice using the inserts, and then we went around to confirm the placement was correct. After learning how to properly care for the kit and discussion on how to stay healthy, the girls repacked their kits with excitement. In a rural village where they have so little, the girls were thrilled to receive the kits! Their gratefulness was heartwarming.



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Several days later, when Madame Pauline was saying goodbye to us, she thanked us again for the kits, and said that one student reported she was already using the kit, and it was effective!

On the last day of our visit to Ghana, we attended a Soroptimist meeting in Accra (about 11 hours south of Damongo). Imagine our delight that one of SI Accra's main projects is creating Reusable Sanitary Pads (RSPs) for local girls. They have already made and distributed over 1,000 kits, which are quite similar to DfG!



We were fortunate to be able to attend a Soroptimist meeting in Accra (about 11 hours south of Damongo)! Far left standing: SIGP member Kerri Green. Center right: SIGP member Carol Hofer who led the group. Far right sitting: SIGP member Rosanne Morrow. Far right standing: Irene Allen, a friend of Carol's.

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SIGP member Kerri Green, at front of classroom, demonstrates how to use the kits.



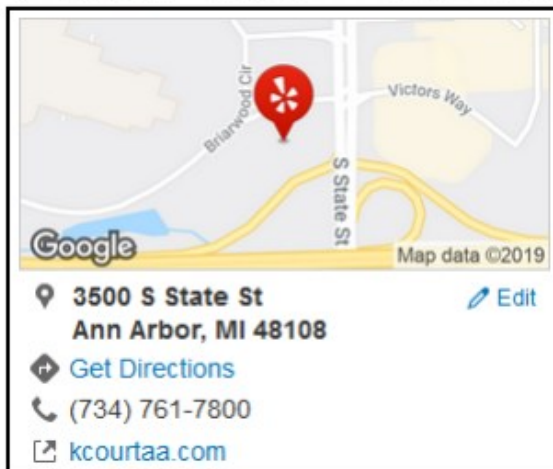


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Soroptimist Pledge

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The joy of achievement
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