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Presidents' Message

A new fiscal year, a new beginning!

SIGP survived the past year during the pandemic, meeting challenges with creativity and innovation. What lies ahead? If only we had a crystal ball. Our hope is that we can resume many of our activities in person - volunteering, socializing, fundraising and getting to know each other once again.

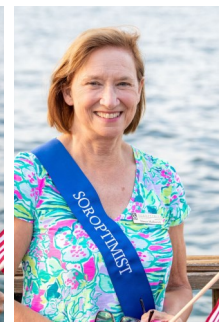
As your Presidents, our goal for this year is to continue the projects and processes we set in place during our first year. We will complete the revision of the bylaws and procedures and carry on with our very successful fundraising. The awards program, Human Trafficking awareness and all the other much-appreciated service projects will go forward. SIGP will proceed with the 100s activities, culminating in our club's own celebration of SIA's 100th anniversary in October. (Plans are in the making.)

We began last year with Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, working toward addressing members' needs. This year we can take it to the next level, beyond the basic needs, focusing on self-esteem and self-actualization. The yearlong Ralph C. Wilson, Jr., grant has given us this opportunity. There will be many ways to become involved. You can share your time and talents and attain self-fulfillment while giving to others, whether in person or virtually. Look for details in upcoming newsletters.

July is the beginning of the new year for SIGP. Let's come together at our July meeting (details on next page) with fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and high expectations for another phenomenal year!



Ellen Chapin



*Marya Malkovich
Rosenthal*

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SIGP General Business Meeting

Wednesday, July 14

Social Time—6:00 p.m.

Short Meeting—6:30 p.m.

Patterson Park

[15115 E Jefferson Ave, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230](#)

Originally we had hoped to hold the July meeting at Grosse Pointe Shores Park as we have in the past. However, there is a swim meet that night which prevents us from reserving our prime Pavilion spot.

Since the Grosse Pointe Park facility, Patterson Park, does not have Internet, we are unable to provide a Zoom option. Please be assured that a summary of the meeting will be emailed to all members afterward.

The two primary agenda items include the announcement of the results of our Club survey, and pulling the winner of the new Laurel Society member. Thank you to everyone who bought squares from the Laurel Society quilt.

For those who can attend in person, there is a lot of fun in store. After the meeting, there will be games, including bocce ball, cornhole, and Jenga. You are invited to enjoy the beautiful boardwalk on the lake and socialize with your Soroptimist colleagues.

**Please bring your personal picnic edibles.
We will provide water, iced tea, and lemonade.**



At left, a photo of cornhole, a game anyone can play.

SIGP 2021 Golden Garage Sale

PART II

Thursday, July 15, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Roseanne Horne's house, 1247 Elford Ct., GPW

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: CALL OR EMAIL ROSEANNE at rosewa33@aol.com

Due to sheets of rain pouring down the weekend of our garage sale, Part II has been scheduled for Thursday, July 15. Meanwhile, all the merchandise, tables, etc., have been safely stored. Below are photos of the innocent sunny day that preceded the deluge. We hope you were one of the lucky few who did not have to deal with unwanted water, whether it be in your basement or while you were driving.



Above: SIGP members Kerri Green and Aleksa Andjelkovic put up one of the tents that will later collapse under the weight of rainwater. At right: Sunny day, filled with possibility, bargains and gently used items. The truncated sale brought in \$1,536. Not too shabby!



Please photocopy both sides of this page to give to friends and family.

Soroptimist Virtual 5K Run/Walk to Stop Human Trafficking

Help give a human trafficking survivor a new start!

Join our “Run to Stop Human Trafficking” virtual 5K Run/Walk sponsored by Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe (SIGP) and Soroptimist International of Greater Macomb (SIGM). Show your support by running or walking wherever you want, safely, of course, during the month of September 2021. You will help bring awareness **to human trafficking** and help empower survivors to reclaim their lives.

Human trafficking is a crime of using force, fraud, or coercion to induce another individual into the sex or labor trade. It occurs in nearly all communities affecting everyone regardless of race, economic status, or age. You can help human trafficking survivors get back on their feet by registering for the Virtual 5K Run/Walk. **100% of the proceeds will go to [The Joseph Project](#)**, a nonprofit organization that connects human trafficking survivors with pro bono legal services.



Plan now to get the most fun out of your run/walk

We challenge YOU to show us your imaginative side. Did you run/walk somewhere exotic, or wear anything interesting? Did you create something to help raise awareness? Send us your picture(s) from September 1 – 30, 2021. ([SIGP](#) and [SIGM](#) FACEBOOK LINKS) Be sure to “like” both links to see all entries. The participant with the most “likes” will have their picture included on our websites and newsletters. Be creative and help bring awareness to human trafficking.

WHEN: Complete your virtual 5K Run/Walk anytime during September 2021.

WHERE: Virtually, anywhere – your neighborhood, track, trail, etc.

REGISTRATION: Details on next page and/or register TODAY at: www.eastsideracingcompany.com

All participants will have the option to report their 5K time to a leaderboard from September 1 through September 30. The man and woman who finishes with the best time will each receive a \$25 gift card in the mail.

For more information about our Clubs: [SI of Grosse Pointe](#) and [SI of Greater Macomb](#)

Shop with Amazon and support SIGP!

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Supporting SIGP has never been easier! Share with your family and friends, too.



**STOP Human Trafficking
Virtual 5K Run/Walk
to support
The Joseph Project**



www.josephproject.com

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**5K Run/Walk:
September 1-30, 2021**

**Pre-Registration by
July 31st \$25
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STOP HUMAN
TRAFFICKING**



Mentoring for Success: Two Successes for SIGP Award Winner Tonesia Loyd Nesbitt!



Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer was introduced by Tonesia Loyd Nesbitt, a SIGP 2021 Live Your Dream winner, on June 21, prior to a press conference.

Mentor Co-Chairs Maddy Colavito and Diana Langlois are proud to share that Tonesia Loyd Nesbitt, 2021 Live Your Dream recipient, was invited by her counselor at Wayne County Community College (WCCC) to introduce Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer at a press conference on June 21.

It was a heartfelt introduction where she mentions the MI RECONNECT program which pays community college tuition for two years for students 25 years and older. Tonesia was given information about this program at one of our first *Mentoring for Success* Zoom calls. She followed up by contacting WCCC, registered, and was accepted into the MI RECONNECT program. This fall she will continue her classes at WCCC tuition-free!

Tonesia's story is a prime example of the impact Soroptimist's programs make in a woman's life. SIGP's *Mentoring for Success* program provided her with the information she needed to help her achieve her educational goals that will result in her obtaining economic empowerment and stability.

Additionally, SIGP has created the *Continuing Education Award* of \$500 each year to help our award recipients until they complete their educational goals. We, as Soroptimists, make a positive difference in the lives of women and girls!

P.S. Kudos to Tonesia on another front: She passed the Health Education Systems Incorporated (HESI) test. The test focuses on nine subjects: Vocabulary and General Knowledge, Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Basic Math Skills, Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry and Physics. Congratulations Tonesia!

Parenting classes up and running again at PI

SIGP member Bette Lepouttre is back leading Parenting classes in person on Tuesdays from 1:00 - 2:00 at the Positive Images (PI). The class is held at the residence center on Coplin Street. She reports it is going well.

Any member(s) who would like to go with Bette to see if this is something they would like to volunteer for, please contact Bette at 586-557-3287. A big thank you to Bette, for her commitment to the women of Positive Images!

“Our” Ghana Girls

We are happy to announce that St. Anne in Ghana has won an award of \$3,400 in scholarship money for our girls. Carol Hofer wrote an application requesting help from a Catholic Singles' group that annually gives away scholarships of \$1,000 to educate those in need. We hit the jackpot because the group decided to give away all the remaining money this year. St. Anne was one of several schools to divide the pot. YAY!

SIGP members participate in Village Bloom Project for second year!

Every SIGP member named Peggy showed up for our Club's second Village Bloom Project! This annual event, underwritten by the Bloom Foundation, works to beautify the Village shopping district with beds of flowers planted by volunteers. This was the second year volunteers from our Club participated.

The Assistant City Clerk stopped by and thanked our group for our help. Also, a passerby, who saw us working, purchased a large container of coffee from Panera Bread for the volunteers to enjoy. It was a couple hours of our time that gave us a nice public relations boost.

In other membership news RIVERWALK EVENT

Members are working to finalize an August date for a Happy Hour walk along Detroit's Riverwalk.

— Laura McCourt, Membership Chair



SIGP members who volunteered for the Village Bloom Project are (l-r): Laura McCourt, Peggy Hickey, Diana Langlois and Peggy Hart.

Happy July Birthday to ...

- Sara Baker, July 1
- Aleksa Andjelkovic, July 8
- Renee Rodriguez, July 14
- Rasheda Williams, July 16
- Jane Lightfoot, July 19
- Rosanne Morrow, July 23
- Catherine Baldwin, July 24
- Mary Ellen Burke, July 27
- Jane Evola, July 30



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A way to serve the greater Soroptimist community

This is the time of year when a new Midwestern Region Board takes over for the next biennium, 2022/2024, and we are looking for YOU!

Being a Soroptimist is more than just fundraising and attending meetings; it is about making a difference. While we all make a difference within our clubs, some of you may enjoy thinking bigger! The Midwestern Region Board is looking for a member who wants to make a larger impact within our region and at the club level. All positions are open, other than Governor. If you would like to take on a board position, please complete the form on the next page and your application will be considered. An election will be held if the present position holder plans to retain her position for a second term. If you are considering the Governor's position, then the Governor-Elect position is for you!



Positions Open are: Region Treasurer, Region Secretary, Governor-Elect, District Secretary, District Director

Midwestern Region Bylaws state:

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4.1 The elected officers shall be Governor, Governor-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall constitute the Region Board of Directors. The District Directors and District Secretaries elected by each District shall also serve on the Region Board of Directors. [Note: SIGP is District III.]

Section 4.2 To be eligible for the office of District Director, the member must have served as a District Secretary or Club President. If no one meeting these requirements is willing to serve, eligibility shall be expanded to include any regular member.

Section 4.3 To be eligible for the offices of Governor and Governor-Elect, the member must have served as a member of the Region Board and have been a Club President. If no one meeting these requirements is willing to serve, eligibility shall be expanded in the following order:

- 1) Those having served as Region Board Members
- 2) Those having served as Club Presidents
- 3) Any regular member

Section 4.4 Elected officers shall hold offices for 2 years, beginning July 1, in even-numbered years, or until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible for no more than 2 consecutive terms in office.

Section 4.6 Duties

Region Treasurer: The Treasurer shall attend meetings of the Region Board; deposit and disburse all funds belonging to the Region under the direction of policies developed by the Region Board; provide financial reports at Board meetings and Region Conference; prepare a budget annually to be approved by the Board of Directors and delegates at Conference.

Region Secretary: The Secretary shall attend meetings of the Region Board; record the minutes of the board meetings and conference; coordinate with the Governor the issuance of minutes within 45 days after the close of the meetings; coordinate with the Governor the issuance of a Call to Conference at least 45 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Governor-Elect: The Governor-Elect shall prepare for assuming the office of Governor by becoming familiar with all aspects of the Soroptimist organization; work closely with and under the direction of the Governor, assisting to the fullest extent possible; assume leadership in the absence of the Governor, and shall preside at meetings. She is empowered to appoint committees that serve in the next biennium after January 1, of the year in which her term commences.

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District Secretary: District Secretaries shall attend District meetings; record the minutes of the district meetings; coordinate with the District Director to issue the Call to District Meetings and preside at District meetings in the absence of the District Director, and within 30 days of the District meeting send copies of the minutes to all clubs in the District, the District Director and the Region Board.

District Director: The District Directors shall plan and preside at district meetings; coordinate with the District Secretary the issuance of a Call to District meetings and keep in close communication with all clubs in the District, reporting up on conditions or problems with the District to the Region Governor. District Directors shall attempt to visit each club within the District at least once during the biennium for the purpose of providing Soroptimist education, leadership development, and recruitment and retention advice.

Applications should be returned to our district nominating committee representative listed below no later than December 20.

SIGP District III: Karrie Blankenship karrieb40@gmail.com



Soroptimist International Midwestern Region

Nomination Form: Election 2022

Nominations are due by December 20, 2021

Candidate for:

Name:

Member of Soroptimist International of:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Soroptimist Offices/Committee Positions Held:

CLUB:

REGION:

FEDERATION:

Educational Background:

Community Service Activities, Awards and Honors:

What does Soroptimist mean to you?

Email completed form and any attachments to: District III: Karrie Blankenship karrieb40@gmail.com

Do you have fire in your heart to STOP human trafficking?

SIGP's Human Trafficking Awareness Committee needs a new chair starting this September. Laurie and I will be stepping down from our position as co-chairs due to other obligations, although we will both continue to be members of the committee. A new chair (or co-chairs) can bring new ideas and ways of raising awareness about human trafficking to the community.

Just because we have raised funds through the 5K Walk/Run in the past doesn't mean that that activity has to continue. Fresh ideas and new events will engage members to volunteer and become the Soroptimist they joined our club to be! Both Laurie and I will be there to support and help you manifest your vision.

Think about the survivors! Think about the organizations that support survivors! You can be the person leading others to STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING! Put your time where your values are, and volunteer to chair our human trafficking committee.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact either Karrie Blankenship at karrieb40@gmail or Laurie Jost at jostlau@yahoo.com.

— Karrie Blankenship and Laurie Jost, SIGP HT Chairwomen

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday	June 7	SIGP Board Meeting, 6:30 on Zoom	
Wednesday	July 14	SIGP General Business Meeting 6 p.m. in person at Patterson Park	page 2
Thursday	July 15	SIGP Garage Sale Part II—9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	page 3
All month	September	SIGP Virtual HT 5K Walk/Run	pages 4 & 5
Saturday	September 25	SIA 100th Anniversary Virtual Event 7 p.m.	pages 12 & 13
Sunday	September 26	SIA 100th Anniversary Virtual Event 7 p.m.	pages 12 & 13
	October	SIGP's Celebrations of SIA's 100th Anniversary	TBD

SIGP Board Meeting, Wednesday, July 7, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom



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This two-day event spans Saturday, September 25 to Sunday, September 26, and begins at 7:00 p.m. EDT each day. Registration is good for both days.

Registration	Dates Available	Fee
Early Bird	Monday, May 17, 9 a.m. EDT – Friday, July 2, 4:59 p.m. EDT	\$40
Regular	Friday, July 2, 5:00 p.m. EDT – Friday, September 17, 4:59 p.m. EDT	\$50
Just in Time	Friday, September 17, 5:00 p.m. – Sunday, September 26	\$75

For more information, see next page

(SIA's 100th Anniversary Virtual Event Continued from Previous Page)

Join SIA members from around the globe for a dynamic two-day event to celebrate our bright past and brilliant future. **Festivities begin each day, Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m., EDT.**

Even though the event is virtual it will not lack excitement or fun!

- Witness the opening of our Violet Richardson time capsule (created and sealed on our 50th anniversary)!
- Look back at Soroptimist's history through our virtual museum
- Experience cultural performances
- Participate in an interactive game show
- Hear from international speakers, including keynote and *Live Your Dream Award* recipient, Dawn Johnson

And come ready to party wearing your [100th anniversary pin and/or scarf!](#)

Stay tuned for more event details in the coming weeks!

INVITE A FRIEND

What better time to introduce someone new to our organization than during our global celebration? Friends of Soroptimists may register via this [special link](#).

EVENT QUESTIONS

Have questions or need help registering? Contact SIA Headquarters at siahq@soroptimist or +1-215-893-9000.

#SOROPTIMIST100

Join the conversation with [#Soroptimist100](#)! Follow SIA on social media for event details, historical stories, commemorative jewelry promos, and other celebratory news!

CELEBRATION IN A BOX

Check out SIA's [Celebration in a Box](#) for other great ways to celebrate our 100th anniversary.

District III Emails

Governor– **Darcy Merritt** (dmerritt1963@hotmail.com)
Governor Elect - **Christine Fowler Shearer** (fowlerartistic@gmail.com)
Secretary - **Sheila Zingler-Gilbert** - (sheilasifdl@gmail.com)
Treasurer - **Audrey Jarvey** - (audreyjarv@charter.net)
District III Director - **Kellie Klingel** (ktklingel@yahoo.com)
Secretary - **Patricia Cavell** (bsktpac@comcast.net)

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
<https://www.grossepointesoroptimist.org/>

Soroptimist Pledge

I pledge allegiance to Soroptimist and to the ideals for which it stands:
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

Submit photos, club information, news, upcoming events and dates to this e-mail so the information can be accessed by all public awareness chairs: socialmediasigp@gmail.com

WEBSITE: grossepointesoroptimist.net Karrie Blankenship
or https://www.grossepointesoroptimist.net/calendar_of_events.html for calendar

INSTAGRAM: [soroptimistgp](https://www.instagram.com/soroptimistgp) Anne Schwartz

E-MAIL: grossepointesoroptimist@gmail.com Anne Schwartz

SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

FACEBOOK and [facebook.com/soroptimistgrossepointe](https://www.facebook.com/soroptimistgrossepointe) Anne Schwartz

NEWSLETTER: THE POINTER is on the website and is emailed to members Nancy Solak

MEDIA: Newspaper articles, radio PSAs, etc.Diana Langlois

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Circle embroidery choice

Jacket Cost **\$45**

Shipping: **\$10**

Embroidery: **White** or **Blue**

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Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe



updated 5/27/20

All proceeds from the sale of jackets go to SIGP. Each one has a zipper, hood and pockets. Length to hips. Order yours today!

SIGP Member Ads

A SIGP Member Has a Special Deal for You!

Due to the virus and surgery on my hand, I have been off of work many weeks off and on. Now I am back and ready to help you with YOUR aches and pains. I am an independent massage therapist. Independent means no staff, no major company to hire me. I am on my own. So you'll know that you get all my time. No time taken off for you to get on and off the table like the chain companies do. I have 20 years' experience with knowledge of many modalities. I blend many options within your time with me.

My office is in a private, quiet location above WOW Gym (Women's Only Workout), 22601 Greater Mack Ave, SCS. It's across from Tropical Smoothie Cafe, corner of Elizabeth, opposite corner of SCS CVS. My special for any Soroptimist member is 70 minutes for \$60; 90 minutes for \$90.

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE — Call today, don't delay!

Sincerely, Rosanne Morrow at 313-205-7117

Rasheda Kamaria Williams
Mentoring consultant, speaker, author

Rasheda is an award-winning mentor, speaker and founder/chief empowering officer for Empowered Flower Girl. She empowers youth and youth advocates to live above life's drama to make a powerful difference.

Learn about Empowered Flower Girl's engaging and empowering programs for youth and adults, including Girl World Peace Academy - a new virtual course for educators, counselors, mentors and afterschool program professionals.

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