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Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

President's Message

“To be a woman, you have to look like a girl, act like a lady, think like a man, and work like a dog.”

Leah Chase, Chef New Orleans, Louisiana

It must get hot in her kitchen, because I would rather think *like a woman!*

As we move into our final months as your co-presidents, there are so many things we are thankful for: but it begins and ends with all of you: our members of SIGP!

We have a rocking month of May to get you outside, or inside, and to give back to our wonderful community and greater community throughout the Region, Federation and World!

We will have a Mother's Day bag packing session at Mary Ellen's condo on Thursday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm.

My understanding is we will be preparing over 60 bags for moms at Positive Images. It may be the only "gift" they receive on Mother's Day as they are struggling to transition to a better way of life. What we do for them is priceless! Thank you all for your donations of items, time and classes at PI!

Our Dine Around Town raffle is beginning. There will be an update at the general meeting on Wednesday, May 9th as the first committee meeting is happening as we go to press.

Our first-of-the-season Second Hand Sale is happening May 11th-12th, at Carrie Petrocelli's home at 1258 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Woods. Much of the success of these sales depends on donations we can make from the membership for goods and time!! You may drop off items now to Carrie, but a call or text to confirm would be appreciated...702-445-3475. There will be another sign-up sheet at our general meeting on the 9th! Please try to spend some time there!

Mother's Day is May 13th this year. It is traditional to gift flowers to our mothers on this day and we, as mothers, frequently receive them from our children and grandchildren. I am going to share the "language of flowers" to educate you on what is best. The most historically significant flower is the white carnation, which is the symbol the Mother's Day founder, Anna Jarvis, valued. It means pure love and good luck! Pink carnations mean, "I'll never forget you". Orchids

symbolize love, refinement, and beauty. The orchid is also the Chinese symbol for "many children". Lilies are also popular. The day lily is the Chinese symbol of motherhood. Purple irises are also a special choice for mothers, symbolizing faith and hope! I am sure any gesture is appreciated, but it is so much better to be in the "know"! By the way, cactus symbolizes "endurance"! So you all know what you should do!! I am sending a bouquet of pink carnations to heaven for my Mother!

Our next scheduled Human Trafficking committee meeting is set for Wednesday, May 16th. Details will be available at the general meeting on the 9th.

Just a reminder our dues are DUE before the end of June. Please send to Jane Evola before they have to call you!! It is so easy! Drop them a check, or call them and put it on a credit card! Please do this before our June general meeting! It will save them a great deal of time. We especially appreciate Kerri and Jane. They have kept audit-worthy track of our finances for almost 4 years and it is not an easy job! If you have not yet done so, please thank them personally!!

The women of Soroptimist are appreciated today and always!

Your presidents, Ross and Roseanne

All the best for women,

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Our Co-Presidents
Ross Braun & Roseanne Horne



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DATES TO REMEMBER

FOR A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF ACTIVITIES PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND CLICK ON THE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS TAB UNDER **THE POINTER** TAB

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 2018 Spring Conferen	30 7pm Dine Around T	May 1	2 6:30pm Board Mee	3 7pm Mother's Day I	4	5 Cinco de Mayo
6	7 Mary Bryk Birthday	8 Mary Clare Toffanetti	9 6pm General Busin	10 Second Hand Sale (Garage Sale) Amanda Be Birthday	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16 7pm Anti HT Meeti	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Katie Lucey Birthday	25 Ross Braun Birthday	26
27	28 Memorial Day Pointer Article Submi	29	30	31	Jun 1	2 



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Wolverine Dental Hygienist society presentation at Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Human Trafficking by Aleksa Andjelkovic and judge Deborah Thomas



Aleksa Andjelkovic & Judge Deborah Thomas

How many of you remember Mayberry RFD?



The show was filmed in a North Carolina town called Mt. Airy which is where Andy Taylor grew up. The sign you see above is posted at a rest stop in Mt. Airy, NC.

Awareness is the key and we hold a ring of them.



Judge Deborah Thomas speaking to the Wolverine Dental Hygienist society at Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Human Trafficking



Mother's Day Bags

This year we loaded Mother's Day bags at Mary Ellen Burke's home instead of the Grosse Pointe Woods Library. It turned out to be a great idea. We did not have to drag all the donations into and out of the library. We did not have a "closing" deadline so we did not have to rush.

I have decided I am no longer going to collect tote bags. There are too many variations on the size and style of bags, and it is too difficult to select 62. They also take up too much space to store. This year Dorothea Williams donated beautiful bags from the Dollar Tree, so we are going to purchase them along with the journals and pens.

We organized a box of jewelry, which included a necklace, bracelet, and pair of earrings, which looked like a set. (see photo below) They were wrapped and Karrie made a Mother's Day card letting them know their gift was from SIGP.

Every Positive Images woman received a tote bag with an Oprah magazine, journal, pen, mug, a wrapped box of jewelry, scarf, cosmetic bag, lotions, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and small Kleenex tissue holder.

Please **do not** give me tote bats, make up, nail polish, large lotions, watches, rings, and anything else not on the list. Mugs cannot have ads or chips on them. Do not donate any item that you would not be happy to receive on Mother's Day.

We desperately need jewelry boxes, necklaces, bracelets, and pins, cosmetic bags, mugs, and long scarves (not winter or small scarves)

Thank you to Dorothea Williams, Rosanne Morrow, Karrie Blankenship, Laura McCourt, Myra Golden, Kerri Green, Roseanne Horne, and Diana Langlois for helping to count and pack all these items this week. Thank you to Marge Mulvaine, Jane Evola's friend who donates mugs, and lotions every year. Thanks to Jessica Cutright, Mary Ellen's friend, who has donated the quilted Kleenex holders every year. Most of all thanks to all our members for donating all of these items every year to ensure every Positive Images resident gets a special gift on Mother's Day.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY EVERYONE





Ross Braun is explaining about healthy eating and making better choices, going fresh and perhaps organic!

"Healthy snacks are better than junk!"



Crafts such as quilting and crocheting can be effective for reducing stress, according to Mary Ellen Burke.



Tina Edgar leads the girls in yoga stretches.



Sarah Sheppard shares her experience as an author to guide the girls in journaling



Marya Malkovich discusses the relaxing effects of a daily run

Dream It, Be It
session on helping the girls identify and relieve stress





Setup dates May 7 & 8.
 Garage Sale May 10—12
 (Thurs - Sat)

We will be breaking down every-
 thing Sat 3p - ? since Sunday is
 Mother's Day.

Please contact Mary Ellen Burke at
meb650@aol.com or Diana
 Langlois
 at dilang58@comcast.net
 to volunteer

Annual Club Dues Reminder!

We are reaching the end of our
 Soroptimist club fiscal year!

Annual dues are **\$125** and are needed from all
 members by

Wednesday, June 13, 2018.

Please pay by cash, check, credit card, or
 PayPal.

(\$4 surcharge assessed for
 credit card/PayPal transactions.)

Any questions, please contact your
 Asst. Treasurer listed below!

Jane Evola, SIGP Asst Treasurer

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Attendees to spring conference
Ellen, Karrie, Carolyn, Dorothea &
Mary Ellen



Dorothea & Roseanne showcasing our
tri-fold board



First time attendees to spring
conference receiving their gifts.
Dorothea, Carolyn & Ellen



Roseanne presenting her power
pointe on Public Awareness at the
morning workshop



Vivian
Walczesky

Pictured to the right are the 2018 Spring
Conference attendees with Vivian
Walczesky the 2016-2018
outgoing Midwestern Governor





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Members Dorothea Williams, Mary Ellen Burke, actress Kathy Baetz, Diana Langlois and Eva Habib enjoyed KING CHARLES III performed at the Players Playhouse on Jefferson Ave. in Detroit on April 20th.

Kathy played Charles's wife, Camille. She was wonderful in the role!

Michelle Strait and her friends, Geny Senior and Trudy, also attended but were not present at the time the photo was taken.



Dorothea Williams Mary Ellen Burke Kathy Baetz Diana Langlois Eva Habib

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR SOROPTIMIST MEMBERS!



Katherine Baetz (Camilla) Katherine, playing the role of Camilla, is no stranger to the FASD stage. She has been both behind the scenes and on stage playing roles in *Becky's New Car*, *Family Christmas*, *It Ain't No Vacation*, a scene from *Sylvia*, and most recently *The Nerd*. When she's not doing theater, Katherine enjoys equestrian sports, singing, piano, and hanging out with her three daughters.





SIGP members contributed to purchasing the 100 squares at \$10 each to obtain a \$1,000 level. Once the quilt is full a name is drawn and she becomes a Laurel Society member.

Carolyn Barth by a draw of my name became the Laurel Society chair by virtue of a lucky draw of my name.

The Laurel Society Explanation and 2015 Changes

What is the Laurel Society?

It is SIA's prestigious recognition program for \$1,000 and above donors. Since 1994 more than 6,000 Laurel Society Members have contributed \$10 million through the Live Your Dream Awards, Dream It, Be It Award, or/ and Unrestricted Program Awards which help fund all SIA Club Grants, the Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence, and others.

What is the change in the Laurel Society?

The 2015 change is that a donation to any of these awards are credited to the overall Laurel Society which will help fund all SIA programs including Soroptimist Club Grants, the Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence, and others.

Result for SIA Members

Donors from SI Grosse Pointe may contribute gifts to any of the three funds (Live Your Dream Awards, Dream it Be it Award, Unrestricted Support or Domestic Recovery Fund, etc.) and will be able to say, "I made a donation to fund the Live Your Dream Awards and am recognized in the Laurel Society for my gift." A monthly gift can still be designated for a specific fund which can be selected from a drop down menu on the SIA website.

SIGP Laurel Society Blanket squares:

SI of Grosse Pointe collects \$10 per square of a blanket which has 100 squares and makes a contribution when \$1000 is reached. The owner of the winning square becomes a Laurel Society member. Keep this in mind for a Mother's Day or birthday gift. Next time we meet you may purchase a square which is clearly marked with a white tag on which you may write whatever you want.

Levels of Recognition	Contribution	Stone Color
Attaché	\$1,000	Sapphire
Envoy	\$2,500	Ruby
Diplomat	\$5,000	Diamond
Ambassador	\$10,000	Pearl
Inner Circle	\$25,000	Sapphire
Inner Circle	\$50,000	Ruby
Inner Circle	\$75,000	Diamond
Inner Circle	\$100,000+	Pearl

 "I will proudly wear my Laurel Society pin, which will remind and inspire me knowing that Soroptimists are making a significant difference, helping women and girls across the world to achieve their dreams!"
- Janet Kenney, SI/Olympia, WA



ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Stop Traffic - 5K Race/Walk Fundraiser – Awareness

Thank you to all who attended the Anti-HT/5K meeting last night. For those of you who couldn't make it, here is what we discussed in a nutshell:

- The race will be held on Sat, Sept 29th at 8:00 am.
- The starting and ending point is St. Lucy's Church on Jefferson in Saint Clair Shores.
- Estimated cost to register is \$35 (not completely finalized, but that is the ballpark).
- Sarah has put together the route and is working with public safety.
- Karrie has been working on the insurance.
- Eva is starting to work on the flyer which she should have in time to distribute at the garage sale.

We need to discuss (via email) sponsorship levels so volunteers can start pounding the pavement. Potential exhibitors at the event will begin to be recruited at the WSU expo on Monday, April 16th.

The benefactors of the proceeds are still not confirmed, but this will also be a conversation to be continued via email.

The next meeting will be May 16th at 7:00 pm. Write it down ,but I promise to remind you.

WAIT! DON'T STOP READING YET! One other thing happened even after some of our attendees left the meeting last night...

We returned to the discussion about the "She's not for sale" image that Maddy brought to our attention (see below). It is so powerful and we have decided to explore that option for our t-shirt, but we have to make sure we can afford



the licensing fee and see if they will allow printing to be done through our preferred company. I will be working on that.

ON THAT NOTE (promise this is the last thing)... Last night I had this moment where I thought that the title of this 5k may need to be "She's Not For Sale." Too much? I think, especially if we use that logo, we would certainly stand out in various lists of 5Ks out there. You can shut me down, but I just want to throw that out there. ;-)

K! That's really it for now! Thanks y'all!

NEXT ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING
5K RUN/WALK
MEETING
CONFIRMED FOR
MAY 16TH 2018
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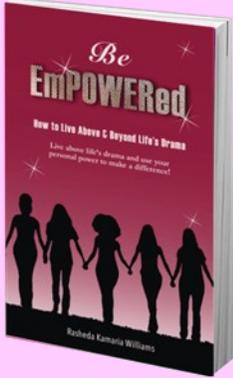
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Below is SIGP's book club picks for 2018.

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.



- Friday, February 16, 2018
- Thursday, March 15, 2018
- Thursday, April 19, 2018
- Thursday, May 17, 2018
- Thursday, June 21, 2018
- Thursday, July 19, 2018
- Thursday, August 16, 2018
- Thursday, September 20, 2018
- Thursday, October 18, 2018
- Thursday, November 15, 2018
- Thursday, December 20, 2018

- The Leopard by Guisepppe Di Lampedusa
- A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini
- Donut Dolly by Joan Puffer Kotcher
- A Gentleman in Moscow, by Amor Towles
- A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman
- The Tour by Jean Grainger
- The Wright Brothers by David McCullough
- Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
- The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See
- The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
- Commonwealth by Ann Patchett

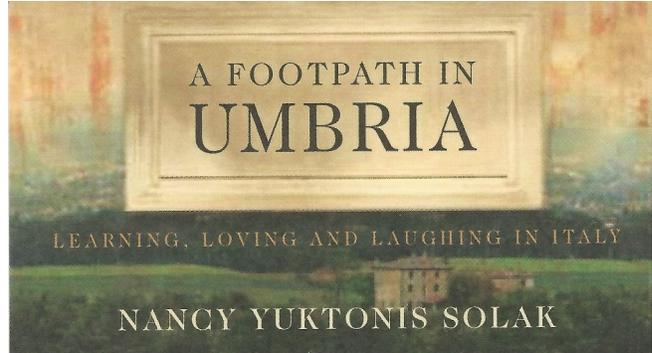


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Do you like to cook? Do you like to eat great food? Would you like to try new recipes and cuisines?

The SIGP Foodies group (Diana, Laura, Carolyn, Marya and Maddy) meets once a month, rotating at the home of that month's host member, with everyone providing a menu

item that compliments the "theme" chosen by the hostess. This year we have enjoyed trying new food experiences from Eastern Europe and Italy, while also learning more about soups and stews, making homemade ravioli, preparing a very portable Mediterranean picnic and making an elegant yet comforting beef dinner in a crockpot. We are eagerly looking forward to our second year of culinary delights.

Even more importantly, Foodies provides an ongoing opportunity to en-

joy the fellowship of our SIGP members outside of our typical venues. We would like to extend this same opportunity to other members, particularly those new to our club. Ideally we would like to add 1-2 new members to Foodies. If you have any questions about our Foodies or are interested in joining us, please contact Maddy Jeffs at 509-551-1695.