



# The Pointer

## Presidents' Message

### Dream It, Be It: An opportunity to serve others

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." – *Gandhi*

SIGP (Soroptimist International Grosse Pointe) is a service organization which is why so many of us joined the Club. We are committed to fulfilling the Soroptimist mission. With the uncertainty of COVID 19 and the vaccine status of our community, we need to find ways to stay true to this mission while keeping our members safe. On this note, we are happy to announce that our Chromebooks purchased through our Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. grant have arrived and are ready to be used for a virtual connection with women we have previously served face to face.

We are ready to launch our very successful Dream it, Be it Program in a new format. We need volunteers to share your expertise and talent on Zoom with the women of Positive Images. Even if you have not been previously involved with the Dream it, Be it Program, there are many opportunities to join in. Whether you choose to present an activity, participate on Zoom along with the women, or just join in with your encouragement and support, you are needed.

Our grant was written on the premise of helping our volunteers to stay connected and find meaning and purpose during the pandemic. What better way to accomplish this than to meet up virtually with the women of Positive Images and help them pursue their dreams?

We will provide more details soon. Get ready to follow the advice of Gandhi and lose yourself by serving those who need us more than ever during this challenging time.

— *Ellen Chapin and  
Marya Rosenthal,  
SIGP Co-presidents*



## Run to **STOP** Human Trafficking Virtual Walk/Run

It's September! If you have been reading your emails and *The Pointer* you know it's time to get walking. The HT (Human Trafficking) committee has sponsored 5K events in the past raising awareness and money to help survivors of human trafficking. This year's event is virtual, and the money raised will be donated to the Joseph Project, a nonprofit that connects human trafficking survivors with pro bono legal services. Trafficking survivors often face legal obstacles that arise from their exploitative circumstances.

Below is a log created to help you accomplish a 5K, 10K or even a 26-mile marathon. You can clip it and save it and check off your progress.

**Our 5K event will last the whole month of September.** You can walk/run on your treadmill, in your neighborhood or on the beach while on vacation. Most of us have smart phones, Apple Watches or Fit Bits to track our steps daily. If you have one of these devices, you are already creating a log of your virtual participation in the 5K. Who knows, you may be completing a marathon on a weekly basis! By checking off each square on your log you can track your weekly goal which will be entered into a raffle for prizes.

Remember, your participation and donations will help a survivor get her life back on track.

If you know of an organization or individual who would like to support this anti-human trafficking event, there is a letter detailing the run on page 15.

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Click here to register: <https://www.eastsideracingcompany.com/>

All proceeds go to The Joseph Project: <https://josephproject.com/>

## Anti-Human Trafficking Book Auction

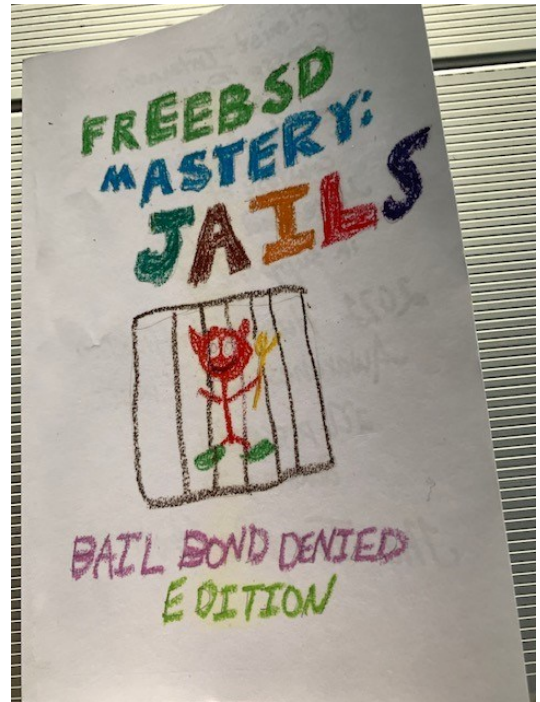
SIGP member Liz Lucas and her husband Mike Lucas have created an adjunct fundraiser to raise even more funds for our 5K event. Mike writes books about specialty computer systems as well as fiction and has a huge following. Individual copies of his books are made to be specialty items, and that's where our club comes in.

The idea is to get as many SIGP members to sign his book (see cover at right) to make this copy truly unique. To date, we have 17 signatures and hope to get many more. You can sign your name anywhere in the book except the dedication page. Some of us signed on the page that coordinated with our age but that is totally optional.

Since I don't live in the area where most of our members reside, I need a member who can deliver the book to members for them to sign. Once we have all the signatures, it will be delivered to Mike and Liz. Your signature is necessary to make this "something that was never before available online, and never will be again." The online auction for Mike's following will be held for two weeks, 8/23-9/6. Once the book is purchased, Mike will ship it to the auction winner. So, it is very important the book is signed in a timely manner and delivered back to Mike.

I would like to give a big THANK YOU to Liz and Mike for their dedication to our club, our mission and our human trafficking initiatives.

— Karrie Blankenship, HT Co-Chair



**SOROPTIMIST GROSSE POINTE BUSINESS MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 6:30 P.M.**

**HYBRID: On Zoom and in Person at Grosse Pointe Shores Park**

**800 Lake Shore Rd, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236**

**Popcorn! Get your popcorn here! For every order you place, SIGP gets 50%!**



In Queso Fire



Butter Believe It!



Caramel-Diem



Little Kettle That Could



White Cheddar Go Getter



Sergeant Salt & Pepper



Holla-Peno

To purchase, download the Double Good APP and please note the event CODE (XHQCTD) for Soroptimist GP, good through September 3, 5 p.m.

<https://www.doublegood.com/popup/>

If you are not keen on ordering via the website, please send me your order with the mailing address/s you want the popcorn sent to. Yes, you can have multiple orders/addresses. Also, please send me or drop off your payment. Checks payable to: SIGP and can be dropped off at 191 Ridgemont Rd, GPF MI 48236.



My Main Cheese

Order as little or as much as you want. Just know that 50% of your order goes to SIGP! Questions or concerns, please let me know.

— Bette Lepouttre (586) 557-3287

## YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SIGP'S DECADE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

At our Business Meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 6:30 pm, GP Shores Park,  
we will celebrate three of our members' BIG ZERO Birthday!

Sandy Mengel  
Anne Schwartz  
Dorothea Williams

There will be cake!



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO SOROPTIMIST GROSSE POINTE!

### Five new members inducted at August business meeting!



L-R: Geri Pleva, Karen Ridgway, Peggy Hickey, and Francine Pegues. Lillian Frazier attended via Zoom.

Five new members, and our first two Awardee Associates, were the stars of our August business meeting.

#### NEW MEMBERS

Gerri Pleva, introduced by Carol Hofer  
Peggy Hickey, introduced by Carolyn Barth  
Karen Ridgway, introduced by Ellen Chapin  
Francine Pegues, introduced by Laura McCourt  
Lillian Frazier, introduced by Bette Lepouttre via Zoom

Each new member received the traditional yellow rose signifying friendship along with her SIGP name tag.

#### AWARDEE ASSOCIATES

Briana Cruga, unable to attend  
Tonesia Nesbitt, introduced via Zoom by Maureen Anthony



*SIGP Membership Chair Laura McCourt welcomed our newest members and Awardee Associates with the following poem, authored by "Dennis" from poems-and-quotes.com:*

This yellow rose as it is in full bloom  
Embraces the friendship in this room  
While the new buds around it are waking  
New beginnings and memories are ours for the taking  
The fullness of color in the center of this flower  
So rich the friendship I know will be sure  
Its magic and beauty give your eyes a glow  
As is this gift of a yellow rose.

*August Meeting (continued on next page)*



## New Member Orientation

Following the induction of new members, everyone played a game of BINGO. This version, the brainchild of Co-President Ellen Chapin, not only served as a New Member Orientation but also as a refresher course for current members.

Each attendee received a unique BINGO card containing a selection of the 75 answers to questions about Soroptimist, past and present.

SIGP member Peggy Hickey was the first BINGO, winning a lovely journal. The game continued until the entire card was completed and seven lucky winners took home Starbucks' gift cards.

Even better, the induction combined with the BINGO made for a fun evening.



*At right: Paula Davis and Maureen Anthony were among the August business meeting attendees.*

## It's time to send applications to prospective Live Your Dream and Virginia Wagner educational awards applicants!



SIGP is now accepting applications for our club's 2021 signature programs – Live Your Dream and the Virginia Wagner Educational Awards. Each year we offer these Educational Awards to women enrolled in Programs beyond high school. Once again, we are pleased to provide financial assistance to women who struggle financially to attend college and strive to complete their educational goals.

We provide information about these awards and how to apply to Financial Aid offices of colleges and universities in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties. However, I'm reaching out to you for help in finding qualified candidates for these awards. Word-of-mouth from SIGP members is important and beneficial. This is an important endeavor and getting this communication out is crucial.



The **LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD** is for \$3000 and the applicant needs to be head of household, have financial need and be enrolled in any program past high school. **Applications are due by November 08, 2021.** (Flyer available to be copied and sent out is available on page 17.) The **VIRGINIA WAGNER EDUCATIONAL AWARD** is also for \$3000 and the applicant needs to be enrolled in a bachelor, master or doctorate program and has financial need. **Applications due by January 15, 2022.**

## Brief bios of new members



*Francine Pegues*

Francine came to Detroit in 1979 as a political favor from former President Jimmy Carter to then Mayor Coleman Young to help Detroit with the 1980 Decennial Census. After working the census, Francine became director of sales for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. She retired in 2008.

An avid golfer, she currently runs the LPGA\*USGA Girls Golf Program in Detroit. This program teaches golf to girls ages 7 to 17. In 2012, she received SIGP's Ruby Award for running this program.

Francine is currently involved with several nonprofit organizations including Global Ties Detroit which hosts young professionals sent to the United States by the U.S. Department of State to meet average American citizens. She's also on the Board of the Golf of Michigan Foundation (GAM) and is a Governor with GAM.

She's most proud of raising her six nieces and nephews (ages 4-12) who she relocated to Michigan in 1998 after their parents were unable to care for them. They are all successful young people who contribute to society.

*[Editor's Note: All new members were invited to submit a bio.]*

She has served on many boards, such as Girls Scouts of Southeast Michigan, the Parade Company, and Arts and Scraps. Her paid jobs include working for Oakland Commerce Bank (now TCF) and Michigan HMO Plans (now Total Health Care).

She believes her strength is as a visionary and a change agent. It is these skills she brings to SIGP.



*Lillian Frazier*

Lillian is the mother of three adult daughters who are graduates of Grosse Pointe North High School. Her spouse is an Underwriter for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and they are "thoroughly enjoying being empty nesters."

Lillian earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Eastern Michigan University and a Master of Education degree from Wayne State University.

Most recently I worked as a substitute teacher for the Grosse Pointe, Eastpointe and South Lake school districts. Prior to that, I was a first-grade teacher and Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator at a charter school in Detroit. I am also a licensed Realtor.

She discovered Grosse Pointe Soroptimist while attending their annual Golden Garage Sale in 2020. Currently, she volunteers with the Positive Images women's therapeutic community in Detroit through SIGP. For the last several weeks I have assisted in presenting an ongoing Parenting/Life Skills class to the residents. This has been a gratifying experience and I look forward to continuing to represent SIGP as a volunteer.

## **SIGP's final 100s project will be books for Head Start students!**

Access to education is a cornerstone of the Soroptimist Mission, and reading is truly the gateway to education.

For this reason, our final 100's project, selected in honor of the 100th Anniversary of SIA, focuses on promoting reading to 3–5-year-old children. Please consider purchasing a NEW book for a child enrolled in one of our local Head Start programs. Classes in Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe are currently virtual, so our donated books will be distributed to the children individually for at-home reading.

Working with the children's librarians at the Central Library, our September 8, business meeting will have samples of current children's literature, in both hard and soft copies, available for your review.



## **WANTED: BOOKS FOR CHILDREN (AGES 3-5)**

**Share your love of reading.**

**Donate new books for local Head Start programs.**

**Need suggestions? Contact Laura McCourt (954) 232-4398**

**Drop your donations in the labeled bin at the home of either:**

**Ellen Chapin  
Roseanne Horne**

**1003 Harvard Rd GPP  
1247 Elford Court GPW**

**Or bring your donations to the September business meeting  
at the Shores Park, September 8, 2021, 6:30 pm.**



## NEEDED! Human Trafficking Awareness Committee Chair

SIGP needs YOU! Because of other commitments Laurie Jost and I are not able to stay on as the SIGP HT Committee Chairs. However, we both will continue to be on the committee.

As chair, do not feel you need to follow the same paths as past committee event chairs. New Committee Chair = New Ideas! This is an opportunity to flex your leadership skills or be guided in taking a leadership role. Both Karrie and Laurie will happily advise. Below are a few of our past events for you to ponder.

- ◆ Panel discussions with ICE, FBI agents and other nonprofit organizations
- ◆ A reading of Deborah Lake Fortson's play presented by Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe in conjunction with the Wayne State University Theater Students. Written from interviews conducted 2003–2007 in Boston, Hartford, New York, Minneapolis, and St. Paul.
- ◆ Theresa Flores presented her story to the club at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.  
Theresa is a survivor of human trafficking and lived in an affluent neighborhood in Michigan and is the author of *The Sacred Bath-2007*, *The Slave Across the Street-2010*, and *Slavery in the Land of the Free-2016*.
- ◆ At the Grosse Pointe Woods Library we showed the documentary *Stuck in Traffic: Modern-day Slavery in Michigan*, a movie produced by the Wayne County Medical Society of Southeast Michigan bringing awareness to the problem of Human Trafficking in Michigan
- ◆ Soon we will be launching another documentary which our club and SI of Greater Macomb produced to raise awareness.

Our Human Trafficking Committee is an important part of our public awareness program. We are looking for a member to take on this chair position starting in October. If you are interested, please contact Karrie Blankenship at [karrieb40@gmail.com](mailto:karrieb40@gmail.com) or call 810-602-7685.

If we don't have a volunteer to chair the HT committee, it will cease to exist and those women and girls who need our help will go without. So please consider this chair position!

## Happy September Birthday to ...

Maureen Anthony, September 3

Judi Dara, September 9

Karen Ridgway, September 15

Carrie Petrocelli, September 16

Kathy DiCenzo, September 17

Laurie Jost, September 20

Lillian Frazier, September 23



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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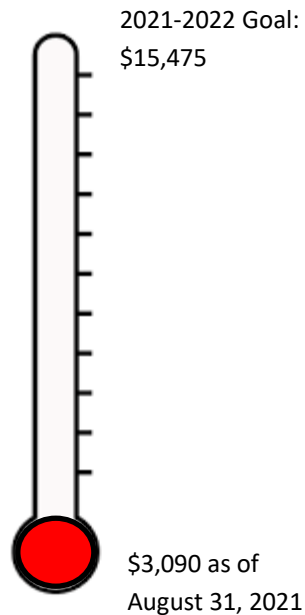
## FUNDRAISING IS WHAT WE DO!

### AND WE MAKE FRIENDS WHILE WE'RE DOING IT!

Twelve members participated in the Fundraising Kickoff Meeting on Wednesday evening, August 25! We're off and running!

To recap:

- ◆ Bottles & Can drive continues but is not the major initiative
- ◆ Golden Garage Sale rained out twice yet netted \$2,481. There will be no other this year.
- ◆ Virtual Sales have potential if there are members who want to take this on. There are already items for sale!
- ◆ Double Good Popcorn sale begins August 30 and is for one week! Help support!
- ◆ Rocket Mortgage Classic Birdies for Charity will be launched June 2022. New **SIGP member Francine Pegues** has offered to coordinate this initiative. Proceeds more than likely will be netted next fiscal year.
- ◆ MAJOR Fundraiser: "For the Love of Wine" raffle. Raised more than \$5000 in our first attempt.



With your help, we plan to raise, at a minimum, \$15,475 for our Award Programs and other initiatives as approved in the 2021-2022 budget. As a service organization WE NEED YOU!

Currently, we're looking for a member to coordinate the "For the Love of Wine" Raffle," along with a co-chair and a third member to be part of the committee. Please give it some thought.

A follow-up fundraising meeting will be scheduled in early September.

We can, we can, we can DO IT! Thank you for giving some thought and support!

— Bette Lepouttre, Fundraising Chair  
and Assistant Treasurer

## MENTORING FOR SUCCESS, AUGUST 6, PICNIC

What a lovely afternoon we had with our mentees! Tonesia, Briana, and Ariel (with her three children) came and visited with SIGP members Bette, Paula, Marya, Ellen, Francine, Karrie, Maureen, Diana and guest Sharon McWhorter (see below for more about Sharon). Jeritah was unable to make it due to a doctor's appointment in Ann Arbor. We caught up on the news, especially about the flooding in Detroit and Grosse Pointe.



*Tonesia and Karrie share their single mother stories.*

The mentees were invited to become Awardee Associates of Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe. Their contributions to the club will be very beneficial especially with regard to recruiting candidates for our Live Your Dream and Virginia Wagner Educational awards.

Welcome ladies! We are thrilled to have you on board! — *Diana Langlois*



*Sharing pizza and salad at Patterson Park.*

### **ALL MEMBERS AND AWARDEE ASSOCIATES OF SIGP ARE INVITED! TWO ONE-HOUR SESSIONS ABOUT FINANCE AND CONSUMER SUCCESS STRATEGIES**



*Sharon McWhorter will facilitate the two Finance & Consumer Success sessions.*

Interested in learning more about the small print in legal contracts and ways for you, the consumer, to be more aware of ways to save money?

If so, please join a Soroptimist Mentoring for Success presentation on Zoom with Sharon McWhorter who will share FINANCE and CONSUMER SUCCESS STRATEGIES!

**Mark your calendar for two  
Wednesdays: September 15 & 22, 6 – 7 p.m.**

Guaranteed to have a few good laughs as we learn money-saving tips! If you would like to join in (all SIGP members are welcome!), please contact Diana and she will send you the Zoom link prior to each meeting.

— *Diana Langlois*



## JULY's 100s WILL GO DOWN AS A "CLEAN SWEEP"!

Our July 100s was a success! On August 4, we delivered well over 100 cleaning supplies to Turning Point, a nonprofit that provides programs and resources to help survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault regain control of their lives. Your donations will be distributed to the women transitioning from the shelter to their own apartments. Thank you for your generosity.



*At right: SIGP Co-president Ellen Chapin delivers the cleaning supplies donated by our club members to Turning Point. With Ellen is Turning Point's Development Director Karan Bates-Gasior.*



*At left, a glimpse of a small portion of items left over from this year's two-part garage sale. Both times, even though they were a month apart, it rained. At right is Mary Ellen Burke helping Roseanne Horne box items for Positive Images and the Michigan Vietnam Vets of America.*



## 2021 Golden Garage Sale nets \$2481

Although our Soroptimist garage sales raise a lot of money for our awards and programs, they are also very labor intensive. And there's always the possibility of rain like this year when it not only rained but flooded our entire region.

**SIGP members Roseanne Horne and Mary Ellen Burke packed up all the leftovers—in the heat!** We had an especially large amount of items leftover after this sale due to the rainouts, but there is a silver lining.

While packing up, they set aside things to be donated to clients at PI (Positive Images) to help in setting up households. Smaller things were saved for the PI Christmas baskets. What remained was picked up by the Michigan Vietnam Vets of America.

**KUDOS TO EVERYONE WHO WORKED THE SALE!!**



## UN International Day of Peace — September 21, 2021

### SIGP to participate in Candle Lighting along with Soroptimists all over the globe

Soroptimists all over the world have planned a special way for all Soroptimists to participate in the United Nations International Day of Peace on September 21, 2021. The 2021 theme is “Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World.”

Soroptimist International has planned a Candle Ceremony in which all 3,000 Soroptimist Clubs will be able to participate over the course of ten days starting September 21, 2021, the International Day of Peace, and ending **October 1, 2021, SI’s 100th Anniversary Celebration**. The SIGP Board has approved our participation in this ceremony.

SIGP’s Candle Lighting Committee will keep you informed about the upcoming ceremony where we will help light up the world. Keep an eye on your inbox for details.

— Mary Ellen Burke  
Treasurer, Past President  
Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe





## Call to District Meetings

*Join old friends, make new friends,  
learn new ideas,  
and find the hidden treasure of new members.*



### District I & III Meeting

October 15 - 16, 2021

**Hilton Garden Inn**

501 Gateway Blvd

Chesterton, IN 46304

(219) 983-9500

Rate: \$150.08

***Hotel Reservation deadline  
September 15, 2021***

Please make sure to reference "Soroptimist" as the  
"block" for your room reservation.

Rooms may be paid for in one of two ways:

1. As a club (club check or club credit card)
2. Individually (credit card)

***Meeting Reservations due  
September 30, 2021***

#### Things to Bring

1. Completed Awards and Committee Chair Form.
2. Club Basket Raffle – [Welcome Back!](#) theme.
3. Gently used bras for Free the Girls.
4. Bright colored or patterned flannel fabric for Days for Girls.
5. Hotel sized hygiene products.
6. Dollars for the Dollar Raffle.

Please copy and send this notice to organizations who may want to financially support **Soroptimist Run to Stop Human Trafficking Virtual 5K Run/Walk** taking place all of September 2021.



## SOROPTIMIST®

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### Investing in Dreams

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Soroptimist International of Greater Macomb and Grosse Pointe

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On behalf of Soroptimist International of Greater Macomb (SIGM) and Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe (SIGP), both 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, we ask you to consider donating to the **Soroptimist Run to Stop Human Trafficking Virtual 5k Run/Walk**. Soroptimist International is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. Our name means “*best for women*.” And, that’s what we strive to be – women at our best, investing in other women and girls to be their best.

We need your help. Human trafficking is a crime of using force, fraud, or coercion to induce another individual into the sex or labor trade. Most people are surprised that human trafficking, modern day slavery, exists here in Michigan. Many survivors – women, men, and children – across all ages, genders, ethnicity, and socio-economic backgrounds are being trafficked. As you read this, someone is being abused, exploited, and stripped of their basic human rights.

You can help human trafficking survivors get back on their feet by donating to the Virtual 5K Run/Walk. **100% of the proceeds will go to The Joseph Project**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that connects human trafficking survivors with skilled pro bono legal counsel. By leveraging the law, The Joseph Project [thejosephproject.com](http://thejosephproject.com) achieves its mission to empower the enslaved, to address the legal consequences of commercial exploitation and to transition survivors toward an empowered future.

We need your support. Giving is simple – either visit our website [grossepointesoroptimist.net](http://grossepointesoroptimist.net) and use the “Donate” button or mail a check payable to “SIGP” Your donation would be greatly appreciated. And, you will be recognized in our email updates and websites through December 2021.

To register for the event, please visit [eastsideracingcompany.com](http://eastsideracingcompany.com), scroll to September, and look for **Soroptimist Run to Stop Human Trafficking Virtual 5k Run/Walk**.

We look forward to your partnership!  
5k Virtual Run/Walk Fundraising Coordinators

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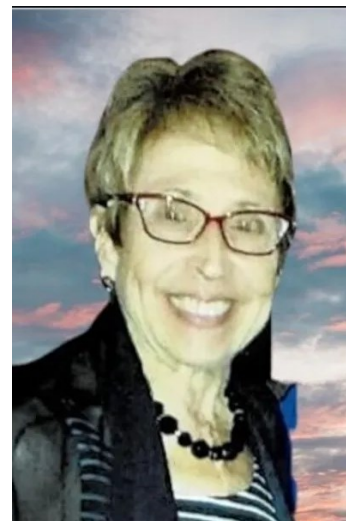
## In Memoriam

### Catherine (Cathie) Baldwin

Catherine Baldwin, 78, of Detroit, passed away on August 16, 2021. She was born in Detroit on July 24, 1943, to the late Salvatore and Theresa (Nee: Guzzo) Mancina.

Catherine was a passionate child advocate who spent her career advocating for the developmental and emotional well-being of those she cared for. She began her career as a kindergarten teacher and continued her education to become a school psychologist for the Warren Consolidated Public Schools.

She was deeply involved with various philanthropic and civic organizations throughout the Detroit area. These included sitting on the board of directors for Southwest Solutions, **Grosse Pointe Soroptimist**, and a member of the alumni board for Marygrove College.



She will be remembered as a very outgoing and warm individual who never met a stranger. She, along with her husband Ed, traveled domestically and abroad. Her travels to Italy were among her most memorable, as well as Cuba, Spain, Amsterdam, Germany, Alaska, Hawaii, the U.S. National Parks and Canada. She looked at every human as part of her extended family without prejudice or judgment.

#### A personal recollection from SIGP member Diana Langlois

Cathie and I met in 1966, teaching in the Warren Consolidated School District at Green Acres Elementary. We were introduced to Soroptimist at the Christmas Party in 2003 that was held in the home of SIGP member Dorothy Wasinger. We were invited by Shari Warezak. Both of us joined early in 2004.

Her claim to Soroptimist fame happened the year she chaired the Virginia Wagner Award. She managed to get 62 applications that year, requiring two sets of judges and having a read-off at the end by the judges! Both she and her husband copied 62 applications multiple times since a hard copy had to be given to each judge! Members who were in the club then still talk about it!

Cathie loved the Holiday Party in December and tried to attend as often as possible. The last few years for Cathie were difficult because of a leaking heart valve that could not be repaired. But despite her physical condition she was always upbeat and always could make one smile and laugh! Her life was one of service right up to the end. May she rest in peace and love.



PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF THIS FLYER AND DISTRIBUTE TO POSSIBLE CANDIDATES!!!

# Ready to begin a new life?

The Soroptimist *Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women* program has been helping women around the world since 1972. This program provides cash grants to women who are working to better their lives through additional schooling and skills training.



## You are eligible to apply if you:

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are a woman with primary financial responsibility for yourself and your dependents

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are attending an undergraduate degree program or a vocational skills training program

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have financial need

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**Apply for a *LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD* at [bit.ly/LYDA-apply](https://bit.ly/LYDA-apply) OR contact:**

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

Name: Elizabeth Lepouttre

Email: [elepouttre@gmail.com](mailto:elepouttre@gmail.com)

Phone:

Online: [grossepointesoroptimist.org](https://grossepointesoroptimist.org)

Club Application Deadline: November 8, 2021

Amount of Club Award: \$3000

Notes: Additional requirement for SIGP is to provide a copy of current course schedule.

Please send to [elepouttre@gmail.com](mailto:elepouttre@gmail.com)



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

	All of September	Register & complete 5K Fun Walk/Run p. 2
	Aug 30-Sept 3	Double Good Popcorn Sale, p. 4
Wednesday	September 1	SIGP Board Meeting, 6:30 on Zoom
Wednesday	September 8	SIGP General Business Meeting 6:30 p.m., p. 3
Wednesday	Sept 15 & 22	Finance & Consumer Success, p. 11
Wednesday	September 15	District I & III hotel reservation deadline, p. 14
Thursday	September 30	District I & III Meeting deadline, p. 14
TBD	September	SIGP Global Candle Lighting, p. 13
Saturday	September 25	SIA 100th Anniversary Virtual Event 7 p.m.
Sunday	September 26	SIA 100th Anniversary Virtual Event 7 p.m.
TBD	October	SIGP's Celebrations of SIA's 100th Anniversary



The banner features a purple background with a circular logo on the left that reads "SOROPTIMIST CELEBRATING 100 YEARS 1921-2021 INTERNATIONAL" and "BRIGHT PAST BRILLIANT FUTURE". To the right is the Soroptimist logo, a stylized 'S' inside a square, with the text "SOROPTIMIST®" and "Investing in Dreams" below it. The main text in the center reads "Register for SIA's 100th Anniversary Virtual Event" and "Take advantage of early bird savings and get your ticket today." Below this is a yellow button that says "Register Online Now". At the bottom, it states "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."

(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](mailto: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.

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Picture shows Ladies (S)

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For upcoming SIGP events and information, click the link  
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## 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  
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