

# The Pointer

*Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe*

## President's Message



Dear SIGP members:

Our club is off to an exciting year with a great new group of Board members, 55 committed members, and a wide assortment of projects and programs. As I was listening to presentations from SIA leaders and hearing stories from other clubs at the Soroptimist International of the Americas convention in

Orlando, I was proud of all our club has accomplished and continues to do to improve the lives of women and girls.

Many clubs are struggling to attract and retain new members. Many clubs find it difficult to raise money.

Many clubs have poor attendance at meetings and at times have difficulties getting along. Our club is very fortunate to not have any of these problems! Let's keep up the good work and have a great year ahead!

All the Best for women,  
Roseanne & Ross  
Your Co-Presidents



Co-President Roseanne Horne and Ross Braun



August 2016 Edition

**Birthday's**

Diana Langlois 8/12  
Susan Lewandowski 8/23  
Ellen Chapin 8/27



### *Dates to Remember*

- 8/3 Board Meeting ~ Mary Ellen's Condo
- 8/10 General Meeting ~ GPYC 6pm Meet & Greet and Guest Speak, Fran Master, Rosie the Riveter
- 9/17 ~ 11:15 am Yankee Air Museum Tour at Willow Run Airport

### **District Meetings**

- District 1 & 3  
9/30 - 10/1 ~ Best Western Plus ~ La Porte, IN
- Districts 2 & 4  
10/14 & 15 ~ Deer Creek State Park & Lodge ~ Mt. Sterling, OH

### **2017 Spring Conference**

- 04/21, 22 & 23 Kalahari Resort & Conventions Center, Sandusky, OH



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# MemberSHIP

The 2016-2017 membership renewal ended on July 1<sup>st</sup> and we are proud to announce that while we lost 6 members due to various reasons such as health, moving, etc., we added 6 new members to our roster. Total membership on July 1<sup>st</sup> was 50 members and 3 life members. In addition, we had 2 individuals join the club during the July general meeting bringing our total membership roll to 52!

Our new members are:

Judith Burton

Vicky Granger

Rebecca Minardi

Alexis Mitchell

Lakissa Purnell

Geny Senior

Maddie Jeffs

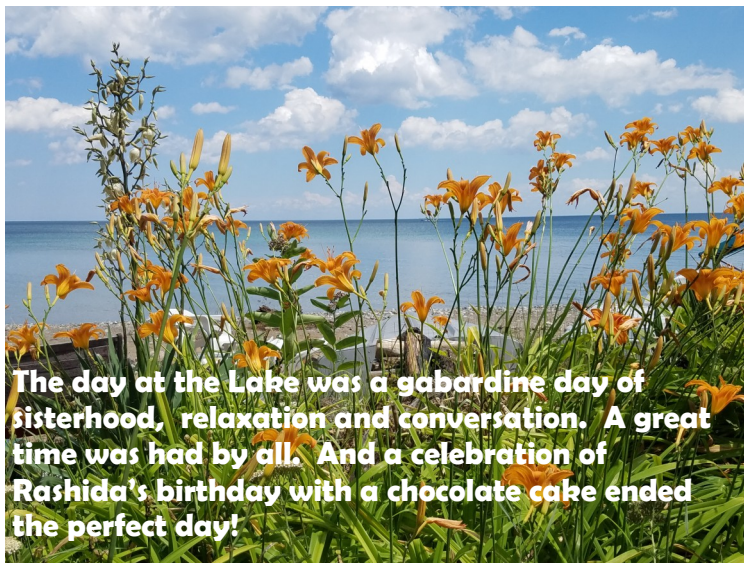
Paula Davis

Please join me in welcoming these new members to the club with the warm and friendly welcome that this club is known for!

Our goal for the 2016-2017 memberSHIP drive is to end the year with 60 members to coincide with our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Your help in recruiting new members is key to reaching our goal; so please invite your friends to visit us at our monthly meetings at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

If you are interested in joining the membership committee, please contact [Phyllis Darden](mailto:pmdarden@gmail.com) at [pmdarden@gmail.com](mailto:pmdarden@gmail.com) or 313-407-7480.

# MemberSHIP





# Program & Service



Maisha Kenyatta, Founder and Director of **Positive Images** and Charlotte Jarrett Hunter, Supervisor were honored with the **SPRIT OF DETROIT AWARD** in June.

Congratulations to our special friends at P. I. who are both very deserving women!

## P. I. news:

The last of the nutrition grant money for Positive Images was spent when Diana and Charlotte went shopping together to finalize purchases for the kitchens on both of the Boulevard houses. Below is the thank you note from the Director, Maisha Kenyatta.

Parenting classes continue amidst summer vacations!



We can always use more jewelry (necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and/or pins) and jewelry boxes since each woman gets a wrapped gift of jewelry.

Thank you everyone who has donated these items and please keep the women of PI in mind before you toss these item in a drawer. We collect items all year round.

**MARY ELLEN BURKE**  
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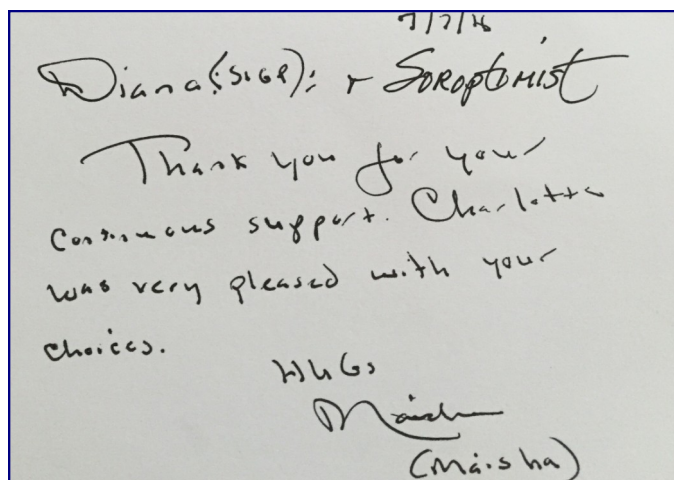


TWO BOTTLE CHALLENGE



## MOTHER'S DAY ITEMS

Mugs  
Cosmetic Bags  
Tote bags  
Oprah magazines  
Key Chains  
Nail polish  
Toothbrushes  
Toothpaste (sample)  
Dental Floss  
Mouthwash  
Scarf's



# Public Awareness



**S.O.A.P. Up  
Dream Cruise**

**Saturday, August**

**13th 9:30-3:00**

**Oakland County  
Community College  
Southfield Campus**

At S.O.A.P. Up Dream Cruise we will deliver free soap labeled with the human trafficking hotline number, the week before the Woodward Dream Cruise, so this number will be there for victims who are looking for help. We will also be looking for missing children and educating hotel staff on how to identify human trafficking.

Click on the link to Register  
[S.O.A.P. Up Dream  
Cruise 2016](https://www.soroptimists.org/2016/08/13/s-o-a-p-up-dream-cruise-2016/)

"It's very rare, I think, that a piece of art or of storytelling could really help to change things... 'Sold' is one of those films.  
**IT'S A BEAUTIFUL PIECE OF WORK.**"  
— Emma Thompson Academy Award® Winner

"Sold is an extraordinary story of beauty and terror...  
**IT OUGHT TO CHANGE THE WORLD "**  
— Jennifer Clement, President, PEN International

**SPECIAL ONE-NIGHT  
SCREENING**

**Studio Movie Grill**  
3535 West 88<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, Indiana  
**Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

**Join us to help end child trafficking**  
**Tickets:** <https://www.tugg.com/events/130763> |  
Sponsored by [www.soroptimistindymetro.org](http://www.soroptimistindymetro.org)

**FOLLOW US:** **SOLD THE MOVIE**  
 **@SOLDMOVIE**

# Health & Hospitality



Ladies of SIGP, sharing some sad news...

One of our past members, Mariann Channell, was on Mackinaw Island this past Monday with her husband and son when her husband, Larry Channell, died suddenly. Please keep Mariann and her family in your prayers during this very sad time. Condolences may be sent to...Mariann Channell, 48 Putnam Place, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236



**A Big Congratulations to Marlane Washington  
for her passing a series of intense classes and  
test (with flying colors!) in her profession to  
become a PMP- Project Manager Professional!  
CONGRATULATIONS MARLANE!!**

## Human Trafficking—Act 62 of 2016

as of July 4, 2016, people who make pit stops at Michigan rest stops should run into a new law Monday. They will see signs warning people about the signs of human trafficking. The signs will be at bus stations and airports that "adult entertainment establishments" and places that a court has found to be a "public nuisance" because of prostitution or human trafficking taking place there. The Michigan Dept of Transportation will post signs at highway rest stops. Local cities and towns are responsible for putting them up in their own municipalities.

[Human Trafficking Notification Act](#)

[Act 62 of 2016](#)

The signs must read: If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave, whether the activity is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or any other activity, please contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-3737-888. The victims of human trafficking are protected under US Laws and the laws of this State. The signs are written in English, Spanish, and any other language that local governments or agencies might think is appropriate to that area. This is a statewide effort to fight human trafficking.



## Public Awareness

The Monroe County Anti Human Trafficking Coalition (of which SI of Monroe County is a member) will be showing the

Film: Break the Chain, on October 20, 2016, at the Meyer Theatre on the campus of Monroe County Community

Flyers to follow.

[Main Campus:](#)

1555 S. Raisinville Rd. |  
Monroe, MI 48161 |  
734.242.7300

Z- La-Z-Boy Center



If your boyfriend/husband ever says anything rude or disrespectful to you, tell him to write it down on a piece of paper, get in his car, drive, and deliver it to his mother or simply hand it to his daughter. If he can't say it to his mother, or doesn't want another man to one day say it to his daughter, he shouldn't be saying it to you.



## Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

### 2016-2018 Board Members &

#### Chairs

Roseanne Horne-Co-President

Ross Braun-Co-President

Aleksa Andjelkovic-Pres. Elect

#### Program

Phyllis Darden-VP

#### Member

Mary Ellen Burke-Past Pres

Kerri Green-Treasurer

Jane Evola-Asst. Treasurer

#### Fundraising

Ellen Chapin-Secretary

Nancy Solak-Asst. Sec.

#### Public Awareness

Myra Golden-Director

Marya Malkovich-Director

#### Hospitality



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/](http://www.grossepointesoroptimist.org/)

Please have your article's to  
Karrie Blankenship by 9:00 pm  
on or before 28th of each

month to:

[karrieb40@gmail.com](mailto:karrieb40@gmail.com)

## 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

Soroptimist is an international volunteer organization for women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, through programs leading to social and economic empowerment in local communities and throughout the world.



## Bulletin Board

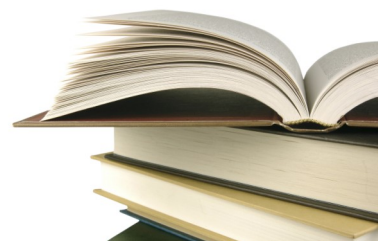


**We still have room in our book club if anyone is interested. This book club is not exclusively for Soroptimist members so if you know of someone who is looking to join a book club please forward this information onto them. Below is our calendar**

**7:00 pm meetings  
3rd Thursday**

August 18, 2016	Child 44 / Tom Rob Smith
September 15, 2016	Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania / Erik Larson
October 20, 2016	Three Wishes / Liane Moriarty
November 17, 2016	What She Left Behind / Ellen Marie Weisman
December 15, 2016	Golda / Elinor Burkett

**IF YOU ONLY WANT TO JOIN US FOR ONE BOOK DISCUSSION, PLEASE DO!!**



## **MIDWESTERN REGION 2016 – 2017**

### **FOCUS – IMPORTANT DATES**

July 1	Club Celebrating Success Entries due to Vicky Hicks
July 1	2016-2017 Club Dues to SIA HQ with Club Officer information
July 1	2016-2017 Member & Club dues to MWR with club officer information
July 1	Best for Women Fall issue article deadline to SIA HQ
July 20-24	SIA Convention – Orlando, Florida
August 15	Article deadline for Sept The Vision to Karrie Blankenship
September 30-October 1	District 1 and 3 meeting, Best Western, LaPorte, Indiana
October 1	Article submission deadline for Soroptimist Magazine due at SIA HQ For January – April edition
October 14-15	District 2 and 4 meeting, Deer Creek State Park & Lodge, Mt. Sterling, OH
November 15	Form 990 due to IRS
November 15	Live Your Dream Applications due to clubs
November 25	Soroptimist Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence
December 2	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
December 10	Human Rights Day – President's Appeal
December 15	Club Live Your Dream Award Winner due to District Director
January 10	Deadline for The Vision article submission for February edition
January 11	National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness in United States
January 15	Virginia Wagner Award applications due to Club
January 15	District Live Your Dream Award Winners due to Region Chair
February 1	Article submission deadline to SIA HQ for May – August issue
February 15	Virginia Wagner club award winner due to District Director
February 15	Region Live Your Dream winner information due to both SIA and Treasurer Valencia Clark by Region Chair
March 8	International Women's Day
March 8	Virginia Wagner District winners due to Region Chair
March 11	Soroptimist Club Grant Applications due at SIA HQ
March 21	Award Report due from District Directors to Governor-Elect Kris
March 31	Governor's Club Award form due to Governor Vivian
March 31	Region Virginia Wagner Award winner names to Region Treasurer Valencia Clark by Region Chair
April 21-23	2017 Spring Conference – Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, Ohio