

The Vision

November 2018 Edition



Governor's Message



Well folks, we've made it through District Meeting Season! Correction - mostly made it - sorry to miss the 2/4 meeting

again this year and for the same reason.

I'm feeling much better and appreciate all of your well wishes. Thanks to GE Darcy for stepping in for me at 2/4. As our region progresses and moves forward into this biennium, we plan to live our theme of Leadership is Fundamental and these eight women: Susan, Barb, Mary, Christine, Connie, Jenny, Lata and Abby deserve all of the credit for making these meetings work. And of course, a big Thank You to all that attended, I hope that you had a good time and maybe learned a few things.

Our next big season is rapidly approaching as the Live Your Dream deadline will be here in a few weeks, November 15th. The new online application submission process is certainly making things easier for us, but there's still work to be done. Please be sure to have your judges in place so that you can submit your club's winner to your

Director by December 15th. If you have any questions, please contact your Director, or Region Chair, Jody Clark. Also, please don't forget that November 15th is also the deadline to file your club's IRS 990 form - do not delay!

I want to spend a moment to talk about leadership. One of the tenets of Servant Leadership is "Growth". As your governor, I'm committed to helping you grow as a Soroptimist. We all learn and develop in different ways. How can the MWR leadership team help you enhance your Soroptimist experience? Are you someone who just wants the facts? Do you want stories that illustrate the variety of ways to "do Soroptimist" or "be Soroptimist"? Are we providing enough information or too much information? Let us know how we're doing, and please provide some actionable feedback - I look forward to hearing from you.

Kris Armstrong
Midwestern Region Governor

2018 Dates to Remember

- **11/15 Form 990 due to IRS**
- **11/15 Live Your Dream Applications Due to Clubs**
- 12/2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
- 12/10 Human Rights Day –President's Appeal
- 12/15 Club Live Your Dream Award Winner due to District Director
- 2020 SIA Convention – July 22-25 – Grand Hyatt Hotel, Bellevue, WA
- 2021 – Soroptimist International 100th anniversary Celebration. October 1-3, 2021 in San Francisco, CA at Fairmont San Francisco Hotel. Site of first meeting to establish what is known as Soroptimist International.

A Message from the Editor

At the district meetings, Darcy and I announced that we are looking for my replacement for *The Vision* editor. I will be stepping down as the editor once Kris Armstrong's biennium has been completed. While I have enjoyed being the editor, I feel it is time to move aside for others to bring new and fresh ideas to the Midwestern Region newsletter.

Don't be intimidated, it's not as daunting a task as you might think. I have already laid the ground work for "you" and moving forward, it should not be difficult; you might even enjoy it! The best part of being the editor is making your own deadlines, working on the newsletter when it's convenient for you and letting your imagination run wild.

The way I have conducted the newsletter process is not necessarily going work for you and your schedule. I created a template and continue to use the same template each month only changing important dates, times and the articles. Once the newsletter is finished and delivered I start working on the next month's edition. Meaning, I update calendars, delete articles which are longer pertinent to the coming months and cut and paste the articles into the newsletter I was not able to fit in the previous month's edition. Most members send in articles throughout the month, which I have encouraged so I can "work at my leisure" on that month's edition. I also send out a reminder to all the presidents on the 18th of each

month asking her to forward the email to her club members. I usually start receiving articles at this point and by the 28th due date as well. These are my deadlines and work for my schedule and may not work for you.

I chose to produce a monthly newsletter, however, it's not necessary. For me, my process and the fact that most members are familiar with sending articles monthly makes it easier for me. Sending out a newsletter every 3 or 6 months makes for a longer newsletter and a lot more articles to sort through. When you have a quarterly or semi-annual newsletter the Fundraisers have already happened, the Public Awareness news has been replaced with something "newer" and Membership information (new members) are now seasoned members!

These are my opinions, suggestions and processes. Darcy, governor elect, along with "you" will make your own timeline for the newsletter as well as how it's going to be distributed and created. I will be available to lend a helping hand if needed. Please contact me if you're interested in volunteering to become the next editor of *The Vision* in the spring of 2020 (Yikes) at karrieb40@gmail.com or Darcy Merritt at dmerritt81@hotmail.com



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SI MONROE

Member Profile - Monica Wagner joined September 2018



Occupation: Financial Advisor, AAMS - Edward Jones - I work with clients one on one to help them establish their financial goals and map a plan to help reach them.

Other Organizations: Edward Jones Leadership Team - Women's Inclusion Specialist - my role is to help build relationships between current female financial advisors, provide support and mentorship to our new female advisors, and to help grow the number of female financial advisors in the Metro Detroit Area. I am also an active member of the Toledo Ski Club - We are a social club with a skiing problem.

Hobbies: Downhill skiing, golf, running, gardening, travel, networking, and visiting Michigan craft breweries.

Interesting fact: I was a girl scout all through high school, I have run a full marathon (26.2 miles), and I just became a limited partner with my firm Edward Jones.

Quote: "She believed she could, so she did" - R.S. Grey

Thanks for letting me share a little about myself. I'm excited to start learning about everyone else!

SI GROSSE POINTE

Welcome New Members!



*(Left-Right) Jean Kroll, Laurie Jost, Felecia Berry, Susan Amejka, Leigh Kistler, and Sandra Mengel.
(Not pictured: Mary Jo Harris and Irem Yoruk)*

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SI GROSSE POINTE

It was a crisp Fall Saturday morning when Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe sponsored their first 5K Walk/Run for the Awareness of Human Trafficking on September 29th at St. Lucy Catholic Church with nearly 100 registered participants. \$2600 was raised and will be donated to local organizations that work with trafficking and its victims. Exhibitors on site to provide information were from Turning Point, Monarch Wings, Community Advocacy Project, WC Safe from Wayne State, Alternatives For Girls, Sanctuary House and Hope Against Trafficking.

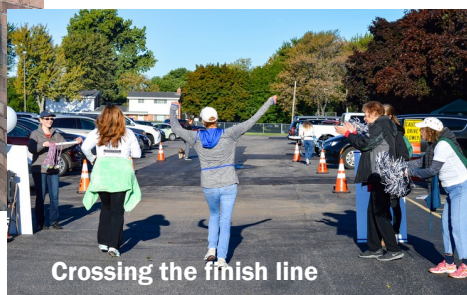
The goal of Soroptimist STOP Trafficking Project is to raise awareness of Soroptimist as an organization working to free women and girls from this heinous crime. If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave, whether the activity is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or any other activity, please contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-3737-888. Under Federal law a minor engaged in a commercial sex act is considered a victim.



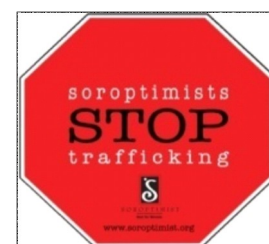
Expo of several community groups against human trafficking



Committee and volunteering members



Crossing the finish line



SI SUBURBAN CHICAGO

Diane Kegley, Co-President of SI of Suburban Chicago, presenting Mary Beth Glenn of Family Shelter Service with the Soroptimist Dating Violence Bookmarks

Family Shelter Service reached 8,000 high school students last year with their session on Dating Violence. They were in almost 70% of the DuPage County High Schools. Now they are reaching out to the Middle School students in DuPage County. The Suburban Chicago club donated an initial supply of the bookmarks to see how they might be worked into the current content. Suburban Chicago is trying to create more awareness through the bookmark which will go home with the attendees. A club member will be attending one of the sessions in order to write article for Vision, LiveYourDream.org and local papers plus a possible submission for the next Celebrating Success



Diane Kegley, Co-President of SI of Suburban Chicago, presenting Mary Beth Glenn of Family Shelter Service

SI GROSSE POINTE

SI of Grosse Pointe discussed at a public awareness meeting last month on how best to implement Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for the club. The committee decided to set up a gmail account -

socialmediasigp@gmail.com - where any member can send photos or information from meetings, events, etc. The newsletter editor, chairs of Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and the webmaster can access it and use the photos and info to post on the club's social media accounts. We now have all of those club accounts and a chair who is responsible for each.

Twitter - @soroptimistgp

Instagram - Soroptimistgp

Facebook -SoroptimistGrossePointe

Each chairwomen will be giving a presentation on how to set up individual Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts for those members who are interested. It is a lot of information and time consuming so in the interest of time the committee decided to spread it out over a few meetings.

With social media being one of the most utilized means of communication these days it's important to use any or all of these methods to keep members informed, retain members and to attract younger members.

If you have any questions you can contact me at Karrieb40@gmail.com



Twitter



Instagram



Facebook

Shrinking Political Space & Threats Against Women,**Women's Human Rights Defenders &****Women in Leadership Positions**

Threats and violence against all human rights defenders, including women human rights defenders, and women in politics and public life continues at alarming rates. In 2017, the Secretary-General urged Member States to “develop and institutionalize protection mechanisms for defenders of women’s human rights, publicly condemn violence and discrimination against them and acknowledge their critical contribution to peace and security.” **While some progress has been made, including, for example, by the UN Security Council through increased briefings from women civil society leaders, ongoing challenges encountered by women in obtaining visas and financing the travel required to engage in such informative work continue to limit their engagement, making them reliant on limited UN Women funds.**

More needs to be done to support human rights defenders. In 2016, fewer than 20 percent of all adopted Security Council resolutions contained references to the importance of and the need to ensure freedom for civil society, women’s groups and women human rights defenders. Moreover, these limited forms of representation in international peace and security forum do not address persistent insecurity, direct targeting, and threats against women rights defenders and women who challenge traditional gender and cultural norms simply by involvement in public life regardless of whether they are a women’s rights advocate or not.

On a broader scale, there is widespread concern among participants and activists around the shrinking political space for civil society organizations, specifically women’s civil society and pro-inclusion voices that advocate for diversity in public life, such as the participation of youth, indigenous peoples, sexual minorities, and women. In the current political context, where increasing counter-terrorism and preventing violent extremism efforts are being undertaken, women as community members and civil society leaders continue to be targeted by overly broad counter-terrorism laws that tend to police and criminalize dissent and exclude civil society from international and national policy discussions. Several participants also noted the constriction of space for the UN to conduct its work on politics, human rights, and gender equality, with preference by some States for the UN to focus only on development and humanitarian assistance. Overall, participants reflected on the need to continue advocating for human rights as fundamental to all the work undertaken in the context of women, peace and security, including democratic values that support freedom of speech and expression.

Convened by UN Women in preparation for the UN Secretary-General’s report on Women and Peace and Security, 2018 | New York, United States | 16 – 17 May 2018

SI MONROE




Soroptimist International
of Monroe County

Tickets: \$25
Make checks payable to SI of Monroe Co.
Proceeds will help fund Soroptimist Service Projects.

11th Annual Ladies Shopping Night Out

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For more information or to purchase tickets – Tammi Van Aken at 734-735-4179

SI GROSSE POINTE

SI Grosse Pointe Soroptimist 10th Dine-Around-Town raffle was the best ever! \$7500 was raised to fund the two **LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS (\$3000 and \$2000)** and the **VIRGINIA WAGNER EDUCATIONAL AWARD**

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe Proceeds benefit Soroptimist Awards and Projects DINE AROUND TOWN RAFFLE				
1ST PRIZE \$700 VALUE: Apple Annie's Cabbage Patch Cafe Cafe Nini Cedar Garden Champs Chocolate Bar Cafe City Kitchen The Edwards Hartley Market Garrison's Bistro & Pantry Goodrich Cradhouse Restaurant Harvard Grill La Casa Mexicana Mikah on the Water Mimi's Bistro Peppercorn Grille Red Crown TCBY Woods Wholesale Wine	2ND PRIZE \$600 VALUE: Blue Bay Fish & Seafood Caffi' Joe Bello City Kitchen Edwards Hobbeson Cradhouse Restaurant Henderson & Henderson Joan's European Pantry L'Espresso Market Sakura Restaurant Shoreline Inn Sierra Station TCBY Trattoria Sorrento VISA gift card	3RD PRIZE \$500 VALUE: Cabbage Patch Cafe City Kitchen Gilbert's Lodge Cradhouse Restaurant Irish Coffee Joan's European Pantry Marchese Catering Salmon's Scallops State Street Diner TCBY Toby's Place Uncle Harry's Deli Villa Italiana Restaurant	4TH PRIZE \$450 VALUE: Apple Annie's Cafe Nini Champs City Kitchen El Chorro Henderson's Place Cradhouse Restaurant Jo's Place Peggy's Tavern Premier Entertainment Hut Salmon's Scallops TCBY	5TH PRIZE \$350 VALUE: Boca Restaurant Chocolate Bar Cafe Cradhouse Restaurant Cradhouse Restaurant Jo's Place Nautical Deli Red Crown Rock Deli Ruby Tuesday Sakura Restaurant The Hill Restaurant & Chop House
6TH PRIZE \$270 VALUE: Cradhouse Restaurant Cradhouse Restaurant Jagged Fork Salmon's Scallops Ranch House Salmon's Scallops Luxe Bar & Grill Wally's House of Cakes Watermark Bar & Grill				
7TH \$200 VALUE: Buddy's Pizzeria Cabbage Patch Saloon Cradhouse Restaurant Irish Coffee TCBY The Whiskey Six Village Wine Shop				

Drawing on October 10th, 2018
at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club
Tickets: \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00
For details of prize packages visit grossepointesoroptimist.org



Exciting fundraiser coming up...the Village Wine Shop of Grosse Pointe Park has selected Soroptimist to be the beneficiary of their annual Holiday Wine Tasting evening at the ARK at St. Ambrose on December 6th from 6:00–8:00 p.m. On line admission is and \$30 on line and \$40 on at the door includes food, wine tasting, and expertise from sommeliers. Treat yourself to an enjoyable Thursday evening out and bring your friends! All proceeds benefit Soroptimist awards and programs.

SI FOND DU LAC

Ornament Committee

We are on our way to selling our 2018 landmark ornament: "Straub's Crispy Popcorn." They are white with green leering and picture. So far they are located at Wegner's and the City County Building. In mid November they will be at all our other locations that sell for us. If you know people that collect them please let them know where they are now. Thank you for your support with our second largest fundraiser for Soroptimist.

Chocolate Fantasy Committee Update

Preparations for the 23rd Chocolate Fantasy are progressing. The honored recipient for the 23rd annual Chocolate Fantasy will be the **SMART Girls Program at the Boys & Girls Club of Fond du Lac**. The SMART Girls Program offers young women, ages 8 to 17, guidance toward healthy attitudes and lifestyles, eating right, staying fit, receiving good healthcare and more. Arrangements for Chocolate Fantasy are progressing. The Goldsmith has agreed to provide a piece for the Jewelry Raffle with the Candy Sale. Guth's Candy will once again be providing the chocolates. We plan to have the candy for sale by the November meeting and event tickets at the December meeting. Sponsor request leers have been sent out. Our next committee meeting is scheduled for September 25th at Cathie's house beginning at 6:30 PM

~Cathie M & Dez

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**MICHIGAN
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*Notice of
a Meeting of the
The Board of Directors and Members
of
The Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force*

To: The The Board of Directors and Members

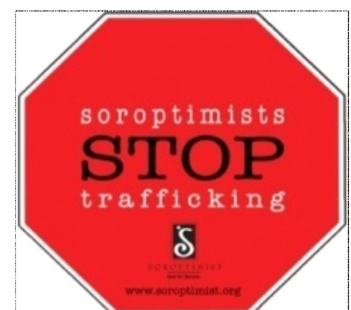
You are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the The Board of Directors and Members of the above corporation will be held on November 14, 2018, at 10:30 a.m., at Ingham Co. Sheriff's Dept. 615 N. Cedar St., Mason, Michigan.

The purpose of the meeting is for the election of Board Members. annual report, awards, and the transaction of other business as may be properly brought before the meeting

Date of Notice: October 22, 2018



Roberta Haney-Jones
Secretary





PROXY VOTING FOR THE MHTTF

Annual Meeting 10:30 a.m.

November 14, 2018

Ingham Co. Sheriff's Department

Per the Bylaws of 2017 of the Corporation, proxy voting is a means of ensuring that all eligible members of the corporation have an opportunity to vote on matters for decisions proposed in the General Annual Meeting as scheduled. This enables those who are entitled to vote **but are not able to attend the meeting to appoint another Member as their Proxy who will attend the meeting to vote on their behalf.** This can either be an instruction of how to vote on a particular resolution, or the person you appoint as your proxy to be left to decide to cast the vote called for themselves. In other words mandated or discretionary votes, respectively. While the Board has directed that **Clare Loughrige (Chair)** and **Roberta Haney-Jones (Secretary)** will accept individually being proxies, it is **your choice** to appoint whom you wish and who is a member of the Corporation to be appointed as your proxy. The agenda will include election of Board Members of the MHTTF and related yearly reports of the progress of the Corporation. If you are suddenly able to attend the meeting, your proxy will be automatically rescinded in order for you to personally vote.

_____ I am unable to attend the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force on Wednesday, November 14, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at the location of the Ingham County Sheriff's Department, Mason, MI. and am appointing _____, a member, to have my Proxy to vote on any matter to come before the Corporation.

Signature _____ Date _____

October 22, 2018



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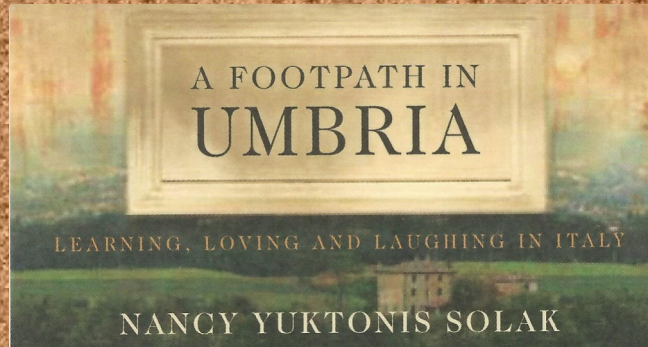
SI Kenton Hardin County OH

It's official! Lilacs & Sawdust is finally a reality. My brother Paul and I are pretty excited. We have a booth in Beech tree Antiques in Mt. Victory.



Missie and Paul have a booth in an established antique shop in Mt. Victory. We offer handcrafted and vintage items.

SI Grosse Pointe, MI

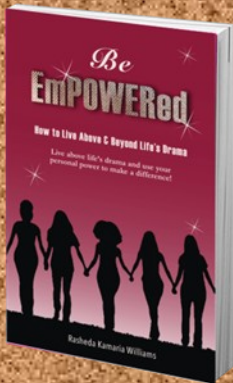


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