

The Pointer

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

President's Message

August 2017 Edition

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

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

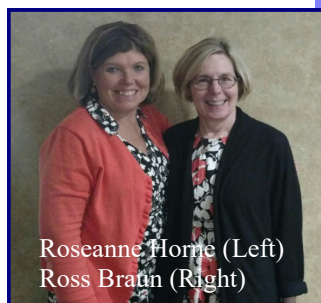
Our Club is off to another great year! We are so fortunate to have many committed members who are willing to help at events and programs, and generally help where needed! Ross and I appreciate all of you. We could not possibly accomplish all that this club does without your help and commitment.

Here is a peek at some of the exciting things going on in our club. The Dine Around Town Raffle tickets have been printed and will be handed out at the August meeting. We ask that you please try to sell \$100 worth to your family and friends. Who wouldn't want a chance to win up to \$775 worth of gift certificates to area restaurants? Our High School award committee has created an award for another great application and is ready to present it to the counselor at Grosse Pointe North High School! Our Human Trafficking committee has met and plans to show the movie, "Stuck in Traffic" at the Grosse Pointe Wood library on September 20th to other Soroptimist clubs and women's groups. A group of 7 SIGP members spent 3 hours this past Saturday morning assisting the newly created Eastside "Days for Girls" team! This is all very exciting, especially because each of these committee or groups includes a variety of members. It has often been said that our club has something for everyone, and that certainly is true!

over the newsletter and find out about some other upcoming events like a TCBY fundraiser and Ghost Tour at the Whitney Restaurant! Looking forward seeing you at our August meeting. We will be inducting 8 new members and have a chance to hear from SIGP member, Judge Deborah Thomas. She will be discussing a Human Trafficking legal clinic she would like to set up to help Human Trafficked victims.

All the Best for Women,

Roseanne & Ross



Roseanne Horne (Left)
Ross Braun (Right)

Dates to Remember

2017 Calendar

- 08/02 Board Meeting~ Mary Ellen's~6:30 pm
- 08/09 Business Mts.~ GPYC~ 6:00 pm ~Meet and Greet ~ Meeting starts at 6:30 ~
- 08/28 Newsletter article's due to /Karrie B. by 9:00 pm.
- 09/12 TCBY Fundraiser ~ GPW location ~ 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- 09/27 **SAVE THE DATE FOR** New Member Orientation ~ Mary Ellen's ~ time TBD

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.



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Programs & Services - PI Parent Classes

Everything is status quo at

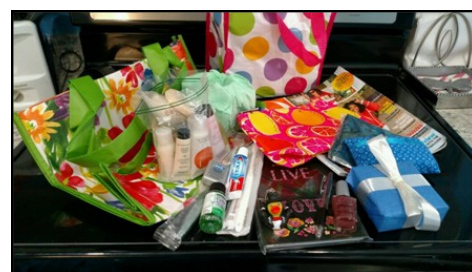
Positive Images!

The Positive Images/Soroptimist Grant Committee is refocusing their initiative and will meet again on **AUGUST 2nd at 2:30 at the Coplin Residence** to discuss a new direction for the grant.
Information to follow next month!



Programs & Services - PI

Diana, Roseanne and Anita wrapping the Jewelry - Mary Ellen counting the bags - Items in each 2017 Mother's Day Bags



Jewelry Boxes



Silk Scarves (infinity)

Cosmetic Bags



MOTHER'S DAY ITEMS

- Mugs
- Cosmetic Bags
- Tote bags
- Oprah magazines
- Silk Scarves (No bandanas please)
- Toothbrushes (individually wrapped)
- Toothpaste (sample size)
- Dental Floss
- Jewelry boxes



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Awareness - STOP NOW!

Any club who is using the phrase "Bras for the Cause" or "Bras for A Cause" must immediately **STOP** using the phrase. We have been notified that it is a patented phrase and we cannot be using it unless permission is given.

The phrase is the subject of an on going lawsuit out of California, and the Midwestern States of Wisconsin and Illinois are involved in litigation for its use. So we need you to **STOP** using the phrase.

We can use the phrase
"Free the Girls"



Programs & Services - Ghana Graduate

Sent: Tue, Jul 18, 2017 4:51 pm
Subject: Re: Warm greetings and Thanks to you

Hi carol,

Greetings to you and all the other benevolent women in the group. It is a pleasure to be counted among the girls you helped to graduate from SAGISS. It is with great joy that I wrote to you. By the grace of God I am doing well and continue to pray that he shows his blessings on you and your group.

I graduated successfully and currently awaiting my admission into a university to study either journalism or communication. Admission will be released this month and I hope and pray to be included. Kindly help me with your prayers.

Do forgive me for not being in touch regularly. I will surely work on that.

May God bless and be with you always. Shalom!!!

Braimah Faiza

Your forever grateful daughter.



On Aug 16, 2016 2:16 PM,
<carolhofer@aol.com> wrote:
Dear Faiza Braimah--

Greetings from Detroit, Michigan, USA!

It is so good to hear from you!

I am so happy that you have graduated, and so are the other members of our women's group that has worked to get the money for you and the other girls to attend SAGISS.

Please let us know how you are doing. We are hoping that you will get a job or further your education.

Blessings,
Carol Hofer and the Soroptimists
Women's Group

Programs - Days for Girls

This is a great hands on project right in Grosse Pointe. See website for more information on this global initiative: daysforgirls.org

Nancy Solak, Carolyn Barth, Mary Claire Toffanetti, Anita Sandercott, Peggy Hart, Roseanne Horne, and Maddy Jeffs were all on hand, Saturday, July 29th. The next workshop is scheduled for **Saturday, August 26th**

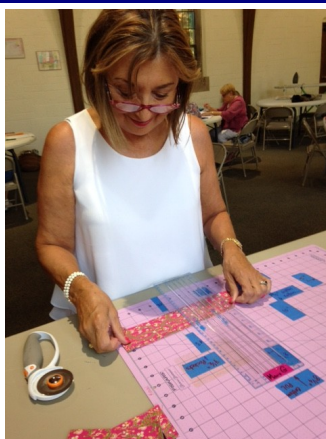
The new Eastside Days for Girls team will meet the last Saturday of the month at **Grosse Pointe Methodist Church 211 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Farms from 9-12 noon**. All are welcome to help pin, cut, trace, iron and sew. Gift cards to JoAnn Fabric or Michael's are needed!

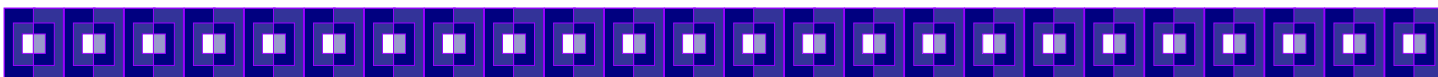
Contact Roseanne Horne for more info.

A Thank You Note

Please share our thanks again with all of those wonderful Soroptimists who joined us on Saturday! We accomplished so much – and so much more than we anticipated.

Joan Richardson





Programs ~ High School ACT/SAT Preparation Award

SIGP HIGH SCHOOL ACT/SAT COURSE PREPARATION AWARD

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe has decided to create an award to assist a local high school student with her dreams of higher education. Since free high school education is a right for all Americans, assisting with tuition, as SIGP has been doing for Ghana girls, was not feasible. After several months of discussion and brainstorming the High School Award committee proposed the SAT/ACT Preparation Course Award.

Most low-income students do not have the funds to enroll in a SAT/ACT preparation course, which can greatly increase a student's score. Since these tests, as well as grade point averages, are both considered by college admissions departments, they can become the determining factor in going to college.

The New York Times on Sunday, July 16, 2017 published an article ([*see link at the end of the article*](#)) titled "Make Everyone Take the SAT or ACT. And Make It Free" by Susan Dynarski, a professor of education, public policy and economics at the University of Michigan. Here are some of her thoughts from the article:

- "A child born into a high-income family is six times as likely to earn a college degree as one who is poor."
- ACT and SAT college entrance exams require students to "register and pay for these tests and travel to an exam center on a weekend to take them. This requires internet access, a computer, a credit card, and maybe, a car."
- "Michigan began requiring public school juniors to take the ACT in 2007, and the share of high school graduates taking a college entrance exam rose immediately

to nearly 99 percent from 54 percent. That growth was even sharper among low income students; only 35 percent had been taking the test."

- "Universal exams cannot, by themselves, close gaps between poor and rich students in college attendance. But in Michigan, it has produced small increases, especially at four-year colleges and particularly among disadvantaged students."
- "Disadvantaged students who do not take the tests are out of the running for selective colleges. While we may wish for a better approach, these tests are a gateway to selective schools."
- "Universal testing has been shown to reduce racial, ethnic and income disparities".
- "Evidence shows that if talented low-income students are mentored and coached, they are more likely to go to college, especially to a selective one. But we need to identify these students first. Universal free testing will help put more smart disadvantaged students on the radar of schools, mentors and advocacy groups that can help them."

SAT and ACT tests are important criteria for getting into college. In addition, students who take a preparation course have a greater chance to achieve a high score. These preparation courses can be expensive, and out of the reach of low-income students. These courses may make a difference on whether or not a student attends college, especially low-income students.

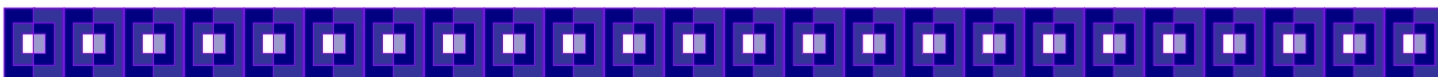
While the need for financial assistance for an SAT/ACT college preparation course is great among the entire metropolitan Detroit area, SIGP decided to focus this award on local girls in our community for the first year. Many of our members were surprised to find out that 20% of students at Grosse Pointe

North High School are eligible for free or reduced lunch. To put this number in perspective, to be eligible for free lunch, a family of four would have an income under \$32,000 per year. According to Jennifer Sherman, a counselor at Grosse Pointe North High School, this number under-represents the true need since some families are too embarrassed to admit the need for financial assistance in an affluent community.

Potential applicants will be identified by the counseling staff at Grosse Pointe North High School, based on financial need (eligibility for free or reduced lunch) as well as personal and professional knowledge of the students. Those students who are interested in applying for the award will complete an application which will be judged by the high school award committee. The criteria used will include hardship, motivation, and initiative. Up to \$1,000 will be awarded, starting with the top ranked score until the award is spent. The amount awarded to each student will depend on the course selected as needs of the students vary and courses differ in what they offer and cost.

SIGP is proud to launch this new initiative to help a low-income female high school student or students take a SAT/ACT preparation course. This may provide her with an opportunity of attending college and realize her goal of obtaining higher education.

<https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/07/14/upshot/how-universal-college-admission-tests-help-low-income-students.html?smprod=nytcore-iphone&smid=nytcore-iphone-share&referer=>



New Membership - Induction August Meeting

Welcome New Members! We are proud to announce that during the 2016-2017 year we have gained 9 new members: Katherine Baetz, Sara Mai Baker, Marcia Fairrow, Peggy Hart, Kathy Kraydich, Liz Lucas, Carrie Petrocelli, Renée Rodriguez and Sarah Sheppard. New member installation will be held at our **August 9th** General Meeting, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. We hope all new members will be able to attend. Save the date!

New member orientation is scheduled for September 27th at Mary Ellen Burke's condo, hosted by Mary Ellen and membership Chair Dorothea Williams.

More information to follow.



New Members Name Badge
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Grosse Pointe

Membership - August Speaker

Soroptimist member, Hon. Deborah Thomas will be speaking at our August meeting about a clinic she would like to start for women and girls who have been rescued from Trafficking.



Residence: Detroit

Education: Bachelor's degree, Western Michigan University; master's degree, U-D; law degree, Valparaiso University

Background: Wayne County Circuit judge for 21 years; attorney in private practice for 16 years; public school teacher for two years.

Personal: Divorced, two grown children, three grown stepchildren.

Quote: "We need a treatment court for victims of human trafficking."





Membership - New Detroit Club

This group of amazing women met on Saturday, July 29 in Southfield to further discuss starting a new Soroptimist Club. It will be called Soroptimist International of Greater Detroit!

They already have a president, treasurer, Awards chair and web designer lined up. Roseanne Horne, co-president of SIGP attended the meeting to answer questions and share ideas from her club.

These women are very excited about the mission of Soroptimist and want to help women and girls in their communities. They would like to get started by helping at risk teens who are aging out of Foster care before the girls end up on the street and become victims of Human Trafficking, homelessness, drugs and crime.

The group is planning to meet again in August and hopes to have 12 committed members by the end of the month! It's great to see a new club started in our Region!



Roseanne,

Thank you so much for your time and patience with us on Saturday. I know how Saturdays can be our catch up day so you taking time, really means a lot. We gained good info from you. I too am hopeful that we will be at 12 probably by the end of the month

Also, thanks for being our photographer!

I will be in touch and we hope to work together sometimes as we grow.

My best,
Tonya

Fundraiser ~ Dine Around Town

Our DAT fundraiser is coming along wonderfully. Many thanks to all who were out there collecting gift certificate, we collected \$2,835 worth of gift certificates this year. The bundling committee met on Thursday to create the prize packages listed below.

Many thanks to Sue Lewandowski who has been on the bundling committee since this inception of our Dine Around Town Fundraiser. With Sue's knowledge and experience with the bundling process and other's on the committee with their technology experience, creating the prize packages was a breeze.

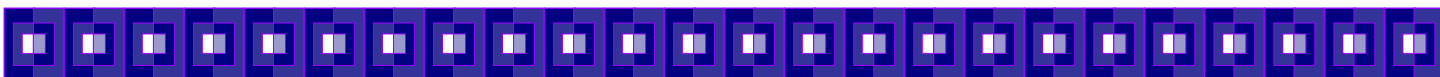
The next step is to **SELL! SELL! SELL!**

For a completed list of prizes and restaurants please visit our website and click on the Fundraiser tab.



Prize	Total # of GC	Total Amt
PRIZE 1	22	\$ 775
PRIZE 2	20	\$ 650
PRIZE 3	16	\$ 560
PRIZE 4	10	\$ 400
PRIZE 5	8	\$ 250
PRIZE 6	6	\$ 200
TOTALS	82	\$ 2,835





Fundraiser ~ Dine Around Town

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Human Trafficking Awareness Committee

The SIGP Human Trafficking committee met on Wednesday, July 26th at the Grosse Pointe Woods library to discuss ideas for future Human Trafficking awareness activities for our club to host or participate in. The following Human Trafficking awareness activities were discussed:

- Helping with a SOAP project (Dream Cruise, Car show, etc)
- Helping with a Human Shelter for Human Trafficking victims (Eli's House?)
- Helping Salvation Army Human Trafficking team with basic needs back packs (toiletries, socks, underwear, sweats) to give to rescued victims.

- Helping to promote "Stuck In Traffic" movie to colleges and High Schools in our area
- Plan a 5K Walk/Run as a fundraiser for Human Trafficking and to raise awareness
- Plan a letter writing campaign to schools endorsing the movie, "Stuck in Traffic" and see if they want help with an event to show movie and discuss

After considering many options, it was decided that we would **host a showing of the movie, "Stuck in Traffic" on Wednesday, September 20th at the Grosse Pointe Woods Library for our Soroptimist club members, other Soroptimist Clubs, AAUW of Grosse Pointe,**

We will have a discussion afterwards. We would invite Judge Thomas to speak. We would have hand-outs for attendees, maybe ask attendees to bring an item(s) for the basic needs back packs for HT victims. The purpose of this event, besides human trafficking awareness, would be to get the word out about the movie and possibly get some connections to show it elsewhere.



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Please have your article's to
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Soroptimist Pledge

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

*The sincerity of friendship,
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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 lar-
ger fellowship in home, in society, in busi-
ness, for country and for God*

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/>

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Soroptimist International Midwest Region - (simwr.org)

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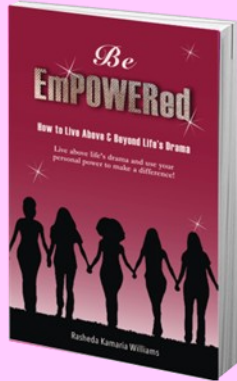
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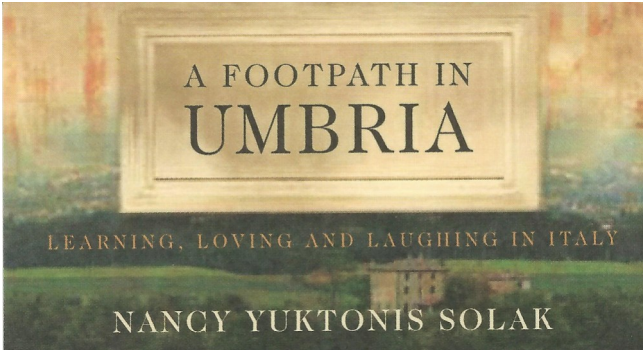

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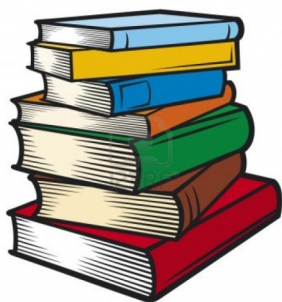
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Writer, Book Editor, Copy Editor,
Ghostwriter, Writing Instructor



Below is SIGP's book club picks for 2017.

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.

- 8/17 All the Light We Cannot See - Anthony Doerr
- 9/21 Mademoiselle: Coco Chanel and the Pulse of History - Rhonda K. Garelick
- 10/19 Flight Behavior - Barbara Kingsolver
- 11/16 Circling the Sun - Paula McLain
- 12/21 Born a Crime - Trevor Noah



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Nail Technician

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Brass lamps with shell shades



Chest of drawer and dresser



Night stands (2)

Soroptimist Second Hand Sale has a bedroom set for sale.
For information please contact Diana Langlois at
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MIDWESTERN REGION 2017-2018

FOCUS - IMPORTANT DATES

**** Use MWR dates for ALL awards – do not use SIA dates ****

July 1	Club Celebrating Success Entries due to Vicky Hicks
July 1	2017-2018 Club Dues to SIA HQ with Club Officer info
July 1	2017-2018 Member & Club dues to MWR w/Club officer info
July 21-23	MWR Summer Board Meeting – Middlebury, IN
October 6-7	District I & III Meeting at Best Western – Hilton Garden Inn Chesterton, IN
October 20-21	District II & IV Meeting at Holiday Inn Express, Lima OH
November 15	Form 990 due to IRS
November 15	Live Your Dream Applications due to Clubs
December 2	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
December 10	Human Rights Day – SI President's Appeal
December 15	Club Live Your Dream Award Winner due to District Director
2018	
January 11	National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness in US
January 15	Virginia Wagner Award Applications due to Club
January 15	District LYD Award Winners due to Region Chair
February 15	Virginia Wagner Club Award Winner due to District Director
February 15	Region LYD Winner info due to both SIA and Treasurer Valencia by Region Chair
March 1	Soroptimist Club Grant Applications due at SI HQ
March 8	International Women's Day
March 8	Virginia Wagner District Winners due to Region Chair
March 15	Award Report due from District Directors to Governor-Elect Kris
March 31	Region Virginia Wagner Award winners names to Region Treasurer Valencia by Region Chair
March 31	Governor's Club Award form due to Governor Vivian
April 27-29	2018 Spring Conference – Sheraton Conference Center – Lisle, IL
July 30- August 2	SIA Convention – Yokohama, Japan