



## The Pointer

Dear SIGP Members,

**Our September General Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12th at the Village Grille located at 16930 Kercheval in the Village (across the street from Kroger in the Village) Meet and greet at 6:00. Meeting will start at 6:30.**

The Village Grille has a private banquet room where we will hold our meeting. There is a separate entrance on the ground floor into the banquet room off the alley in back of the Village Grille. The room has its own restroom, a screen for presentations and is very private from the restaurant.

Members will be able to order from a selection of reasonably priced menu items. Each member will pay their own bill. Members can attend and not eat also. The restaurant and bar are open until 11 p.m. for those who may want to stay after the meeting.

Parking is available: 1. On the street in front, 2. In the alley and parking lot behind the restaurant, and, 3. In the Trader Joe's parking structure.

We are trying the Village Grille as another option for a meeting place.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: We will be meeting at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in October to try the soup and salad bar option.**

### FIVE REMINDERS:

- TCBY fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, September 11th at TCBY on Mack in GPW. Come between 7 and 10 pm. SIGP gets 20%

- WE WILL BE INDUCTING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS at September MEETING!!

- Please remember to bring any raffle ticket stubs and money for tickets sold.

RAFFLE DRAWING OCTOBER 10TH! Keep selling!!

- Bring money to reserve your spot at the Crawl TO BE HELD September 14TH

- REGISTER FOR THE 5K RUN/WALK or SIGN UP TO BE A VOLUNTEER!! 5K Run/Walk to be held September 29TH

*All the Best for Women, Roseanne Horne, SIGP Past President*

## SIGP welcomes member of Ismit Soroptimist Club (Turkey)

SIGP was honored to welcome Emel Misirli (left) and her daughter Ebru Misirli Mansfield to our August meeting.

**Emel has been a member of Ismit Soroptimist Club in Turkey since 1980.** She's been an honorary member for the last couple of years since living in Michigan.

Because there is no SI Club in Ann Arbor, Emel told her daughter that she misses her "sisters" and wanted to find a club to hug.

As you can see from the photos here, SIGP members were all too happy to grant her wish.



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# STOP TRAFFIC 5K



## REGISTER AND/OR VOLUNTEER ASAP

Saturday, September 29, 8 a.m., St. Lucy's Church, St. Clair Shores

**There are a lot of choices to participate in this fundraiser to help stop Human Trafficking. You can run it, you can walk it, you can volunteer to help out with it. Take your pick. Registration information is below. To indicate your interest in volunteering, contact either of the SIGP members listed below.**

Register online by visiting [grossepointesoroptimist.org](http://grossepointesoroptimist.org) and clicking the 5K Walk/Run tab.

The direct link for the registration page is:

<https://www.grossepointesoroptimist.net/stop-traffic-5k-walk-run.html>

From this page, a registration form can also be printed if someone wishes to mail-in a check.

If you have any additional questions in the meantime, feel free to contact Carrie Petrocelli or Sarah Sheppard ([carreebeth@yahoo.com](mailto:carreebeth@yahoo.com) and [sshepp01@gmail.com](mailto:sshepp01@gmail.com), respectively).

Start collecting now for ...

## MOTHER'S DAY BAGS for Positive Images

Each Mother's Day SIGP Club collects, wraps and gives gift bags to each of the women at Positive Images (P.I.). All stages of this gift-giving project are fun. For example, you can collect sets of jewelry from your own collection or, if you see some pretty things at a sale, you can buy them to donate. Next spring, you can help put the bags together, or help deliver them. Take a peek at all the other items listed below for ideas on what to keep your eye out for. You can donate as little as one item to dozens. Starting now and with many hands, we'll have a beautiful stash to give come next May!

### These are the items we are now collecting:

Jewelry: Necklaces, bracelets, earrings

Jewelry boxes: Large enough to fit a set into

Cosmetic bags: New are preferred



Mugs: Cannot have any chips or ADS (such as, "Comerica Bank")

Scarves: Polyester or silk, must be long, not square

Oprah magazines: Remove your address label

Toothpaste: Must be small tubes. Ask your dentist to donate 10—12

Key chains: Prefer ones without ads, unless a clothier like Coach

Our club buys each woman a journal and pen. One of our members wanted each woman to receive a new instead of a used tote bag, so she has been purchasing them. A quilting friend of a Soroptimist has been donating handmade tissue holders with a new tissue pack enclosed.

If you wish to add any items not on this list, please check with Mary Ellen Burke first. The challenge is acquiring 62 "like" items, which can be easily stored for a year.

Thank you!

Dorothea Williams sent each member an updated SIGP Membership List  
via e-mail attachment. If you didn't get yours,  
or don't have access to a printer, let Dorothea know.

## Welcome new members!

We are proud to announce that since July we have gained 7 new members:

**Susan Amejka, Felecia Berry, Mary Jo Harris, Laurie Jost,  
Leigh Kistler, Sandra Mengel, Irem Yoruk**

We now have 64 members! New member induction will be held at our September 12<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, at the Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval Ave, Grosse Pointe, MI. We look forward to another amazing year with new members, ideas and service!

*Dorothea Williams, Vice President/Membership Chair*

## Welcome Celia Ling-Min Be!



Congratulations to Amanda Be and her husband, Kheng, on welcoming a new baby girl!

Celia Ling-Min Be was born on August 23, 2018.

Everyone (except maybe her big sister, Maggie) is adjusting and doing well!

*(At right) Two future Soroptimists?*



## GIVE YOURSELVES A PAT ON THE BACK

As membership chair for the Midwest Region, **I'd like to give the members of SIGP a pat on the back for having the most members in the region!** Not only did we retain 62 members from the 2017 fiscal year to the 2018 fiscal year, we have already gained 2 additional members. I truly believe it is the welcoming spirit, the passion to help other women through our programs and projects and our desire to make new friends and have fun that has helped our club to grow. I wish I could bottle up our energy and send it to some of the other clubs in our region that are struggling to keep the 12-member minimum required for clubs to exist.

Keep up the good work! Stay engaged! Invite a friend or family member to our next meeting or event. It is through our personal contacts and spreading the word about the great work that Soroptimists do, that will keep us growing.

If you happen to have a friend or relative living in any of the cities where we presently have Soroptimist Clubs, be sure to let them know about the Soroptimist organization. If you have family or friends that are interested in Soroptimist in areas where we don't have club, let me know! We are thinking about helping to charter a club in Ann Arbor or Louisville, KY.

*Roseanne Horne, Membership Chair – Midwest Region*

## SIGP cavalry to the rescue!

### Positive Images the happy recipient

Maisha Kenyatta, Director of Positive Images, put out a call for volunteers to organize a load of files. They'd been left by a staffer on maternity leave. Cheers to our volunteers!

**Dorothy Wasinger, Bette Lepouttre, Diana Langlois, Jane Lightfoot and new member Jean Kroll!**



Also at Positive Images, **Mary Ellen Burke**, assisted by **Bette Lepouttre**, restocked the facility's library. Clients have been reading them almost as fast as they can be restocked. Mary Ellen does an outstanding job of selecting books from the AAUW book sale that would be of particular interest to women in recovery.

And kudos to rescuer Mike Lucas, husband of member Liz Lucas, for getting P.I. computers online!



Don't miss the photos of the party SIGP had to honor

Marya's upcoming wedding! - page 10

Also, please see calendar on page 11.



### Soroptimist Pledge

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.

## One Days-for-Girls (DfG) Kit Is Enough to Change a Life

When Terry-Lynn, President of DfG Canada Society, first heard about Days for Girls, she felt that no matter how fast she sewed, no matter how many DfG Kits their wonderful Team made, it would never be enough. The need seemed almost overwhelming. But that all changed on a DfG Kit distribution she did in Sri Lanka.



After teaching an AWH education session, Terry-Lynn was able to distribute DfG Kits to all the young girls in attendance who were either mentally or physically challenged.

"After sharing the Kits with the girls," Terry-Lynn writes, "something awful and stunningly powerful happened. Several girls — and one mother of a severely mentally challenged girl — got on their knees and touched our feet with their heads. **I felt a whole wave of emotion** — shame, horror, and frustration that these women were prostrating themselves at our feet for what is a basic need. I hurriedly asked them to get up. After all, I was embarrassed."

"Then the translator - a wonderful and caring woman came up to me and very quietly said, 'Please allow them to do this; **this is all they have to say thank you for changing their lives.**' Her words touched me in a way I cannot explain; I gratefully accepted the girls' thanks and **my** life changed forever." Terry-Lynn said she knew then that, **"Every DfG Kit we make is enough. Enough to change the life of a girl, and her family."**



\*Terry-Lynn Stone, serves as Board President of DfG Canada Society. She also leads the Kamloops BC Canada Team.

## GENDER EMPOWERMENT—GENDER EQUALITY

The following art work was created by Annelie Borjesson, SI of Göteborg-Bohus Soroptimist Club in Sweden. It was published in the *NGO CSW62 Forum Handbook 2018*.



### Symbolism in the artwork:

\* The text - Empowerment and Gender Equality - is connected to the Agenda 2030 / Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by its colors.

\* Goal 5, Gender Equality, is central. The red color in the eye and the small white 5 in it, the red color of the gender signs of the sight, the five pieces/symbols that the woman wears (the agricultural implement, the three ears and the pen).

\* The agricultural ax and the three ears symbolize the situation of many rural women, the pen is a symbol for education and a possibility to improve life.

\* The sight with the world in it (seen from the North pole, just like the UN flag/logotype), meaning gender equality and empowerment for women all over the world.

### UN WOMEN: UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

The UN General Assembly created UN Women in 2010 to accelerate gender equality and empowerment of women. The main roles of the UN Women are:

- To support inter-governmental bodies, such as the CSE, in its formulation of policies, global standards and norms;
- To help Member States to implement these standards, standing ready to provide suitable technical and financial support to those countries that request it, and to forge effective partnerships with civil society;
- To lead and coordinate the UN system's work on gender equality as well as promote accountability, including regular monitoring of system-wide progress.

The Executive Director is Under-Secretary-General Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka. She and her team are working collaboratively with Member States, non-government organizations (NGOs), other UN agencies, academia and the private sector to advance these priority areas:

- Increasing women's leadership and participation;
- Ending violence against women and girls;
- Engaging women in all aspects of peace and security processes;
- Enhancing women's economic empowerment; and
- Making gender equality central to national development planning and budgeting.

--From *NGO CSW62 Forum Handbook*

## Award Deadlines—Plan Ahead

### Live Your Dream—November 15

Kathy Kraydich, Renee Rodriguez

### Virginia Wagner Award—January 15

Liz Lucas, Diana Langlois

New process—applications are all online

### Ruby Award—Mid February

Marlane Washington, Roseanne Morrow

Members can nominate candidates.

Bestowing educational awards to empower women is one of the primary reasons for our club's existence.

If you have any questions about the awards or their procedures, you can either go to the SIGP website:

<http://www.grossepointesoroptimist.org/>  
or call one of the co-chairs listed above.

## District III Emails

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## Soroptimist Websites

Soroptimist International Midwest Region - (simwr.org)

Soroptimist International of the Americas  
(soroptimist.org)

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(soroptimist.org/about-us/contact-us/index.html)

For upcoming SIGP events and information, click the link  
<http://www.grossepointesoroptimist.org/>

# *Soroptimist International Midwestern Region*

## **Call to District Meeting**

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



## District I & III Meeting: October 5-6, 2018

Hilton Garden Inn, 1300 Cinema Way, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

To celebrate Marya's upcoming marriage to Mark, SIGP members celebrated at Sierra Station on August 9th.



Ellen Chapin, Marlane Washington, Pat Casey



Marya Malkovich, Carol Hofer, Dorothea Williams



Roseanne Horne, Anita Sandercott



Kerri Green, Amanda Be, Myra Golden



Piñata dubbed "Markie" for the groom



Diana Langlois, Rich Solak, Diane Kashuba



Paula Davis, Karrie Blankenship, Sara Mai Baker



Mary Ellen Burke, Peggy Hart

# September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 <i>Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.</i>	6	7	8
9 <i>Birthday Judi Dara</i>	10	11 <i>TCBY Fundraiser 7-10 p.m.</i>	12 <i>General Meeting 6:00 p.m. Village Grille</i>	13	14	15
16 <i>Birthday Carrie Petrocelli</i>	17 <i>Birthday Kathy DiCenzo</i>	18	19 <i>Birthday Susan Amejka</i>	20 <i>Birthday Laurie Jost</i>	21	22
23	24	25 <i>Birthday Susan Stewart</i>	26	27	28	29 <i>SIGP 5K/Walk/ Run 8 a.m. St. Lucy's</i>
30 <i>Birthday Leigh Kistler</i>						

## SIGP Member Ads

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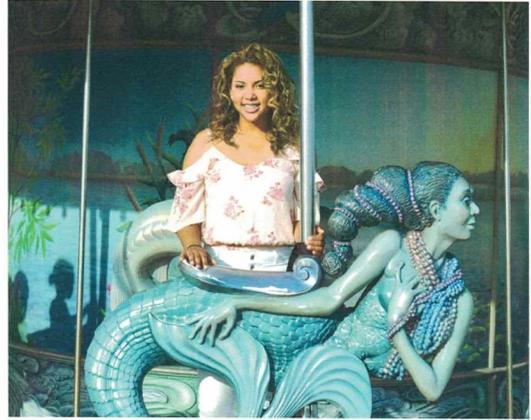
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