



The Pointer

WEDNESDAY MAY 8, MEMBERSHIP MEETING at VILLAGE GRILLE

16930 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe; Parking & Private Entry Door in Rear

General Meeting starts promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Meet and Greet at 6 p.m.

Annual Dues are due Wednesday, June 12

Although Soroptimist International (SI) dues have increased \$9, the Board decided to keep the Grosse Pointe Chapter's dues the same—\$125. If you prefer to pay by credit card, the cost is \$129 since it includes a service fee. Checks are payable to SIGP.

Payment is due June 12, the date of our General Meeting. If you want to pay early or cannot make it to this month or next month's meeting, you can mail your check to either of our treasurers: Mary Ellen Burke or Bette Lepouttre.

Positive Images Mother's Day Bags

If you like to have a good time and volunteer for a short-term task, here's your chance.

Each year SIGP provides Mother's Day bags to the women at Positive Images.

Volunteers are needed to put these bags together.

Plan on a short evening and big on fun on **Tuesday, May 7, at 7 p.m., at Mary Ellen's condo. Please RSVP as soon as possible to: 313-399-8934.**

Gratitude News

Just wanted to share the response from Governor Kris Armstrong regarding our Governors Award Form which we submitted a day early! (See email below.)

Congrats to all for doing what you do to make our club so successful! I responded to Kris that we are very lucky to have “an ever-growing group of committed women that keep our mission going!” Also, thanks to Aleksa for taking the lead and keeping us going!

Thanks to Diana and Maddy for writing the grant so we could check that off the list. Kudos to Ellen and Marya for heading up *Dream It—Be It* again this year and for writing and administering an evaluation form. And thanks to Dorothea for analyzing the club assessment forms and new-member surveys so we could submit reports on each!

We were able to check everything on the list except for sending someone to Japan for the conference.

Great Job!! Great Job!!

Roseanne

Subject: Re:

Governors Award form

SI Grosse Pointe

Thanks, Roseanne.

I've reviewed the forms and all I can say is, Brava! I'm grateful for all of the work that SIGP puts in throughout the year, as well as the heart and soul that goes along with it. Please convey my Thank You and Congratulations to your awesome club members. Keep up the good work!

Kris Armstrong

Governor

Midwestern Region

*Soroptimist International
of The Americas*

SI Bloomington-Normal, IL



SIGP was honored at the SI Midwestern Region Meeting in April for its award-winning Dream It Be It project. Thanks to Marya Malkovich and Ellen Chapin for heading this endeavor and to all the members who contributed their time and talents to it!

(Gratitude News continued on next page)

Our gratitude news continues!

- ♦ Mary Ellen Brayton is now on SIGP's Board as Secretary.
- ♦ Three members have volunteered to head up the ever-popular fundraiser Dine Around Town (DAT)! Thank you to Donna Fitzgerald, Anita Sandercott and Dorothea Williams.
- ♦ Bette Lepouttre has donated four Amish quilts to raffle off to members over the next few months. For a Sneak Peek, see p. 5!
- ♦ Laurie Jost will start scanning our Club's history for future reference.



**Thank you to all of you
for helping to make our
Club one of the best in
the region!**



MAY

Happy Birthday to ...

Mary Bryk, May 7
Mary Clare Toffanetti, May 8
Amanda Be, May 10
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Ross Braun, May 25

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Positive Images Wish List

Peggy and I want to thank all of you for donating clothing to the women at Positive Images. It is so appreciated. We are really providing a needed service. Here is a list of items we always need.

Backpacks

Pajamas

Sweat pants

Hoodies

Purses

Bras

Panties

Jeans

Tennis shoes

Twin sheets

Raincoats

Jackets

Backpacks

Casual Clothes

+ One Full-Length Standing Mirror

Once again thank you, thank you, to everyone!

Peggy Hart and Jean Kroll

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Positive Images Mission

Our core values are transparency, community, gratitude, and **neutrality**.

We exist to give individuals and families searching for drug, alcohol, and mental health treatment unbiased, reliable, and trustworthy choices.

We are the largest clearinghouse of information for those seeking treatment in the United States and Canada. Unlike others in the industry, we are not owned by a treatment center. We list and organize facilities both for the insured and indigent.

We believe every person who needs help should be able to get help as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Amish Quilts on Offer



Blue Star Wall Hanging 3' x 3-1/2"



*Beige Oatmeal Star Wall Hanging
3-1/2' x 3-1/2'*



Detail of Star Queen-Size Quilt seen at right.

We will begin selling raffle tickets for each of these quilts over the summer, starting in June. The winner (who need not be present to win) will be chosen at a fall meeting. You can see the quilts up close at our General Meetings.



Round Blue/Beige Tablecloth



Queen-Size Quilt (detail of star at left)

Happy Mother's Day to all of you!

In honor of Mother's Day ...

Dear SIGP Sisters:

Soon we will celebrate Mothers' Day. I am not aware that this occasion is officially celebrated in Ghana where our young students at St. Anne Girls' Secondary School study and reside. But our six girls were asked to write on a topic of their choice from a selection of topics we offered. The writing that follows is from a first-year student, Mary Assumpta, who wrote about her mother. I offer you excerpts without corrections. Mary Assumpta is working on grammar, spelling and writing ability.



At the end of the page her heart spills out how she really feels about her mother. Let's face it, moms are treasured the world over.

Enjoy.

Carol Hofer

My Mother

My mother is called Madam Joan Kpiimmagle. She is a Dagaati by tribe....She likes talking, and also helping the poor and the needy. She likes advising people and bringing people together. She is more or less a councillor but rather unfortunate that she never went to school

She also likes telling my siblings and I so that we get to know something about pass events And she also taught us about our culture and how we can relate well with other people especially the elderly ones.

She is the mother of four of which I am the first child. My mum is a hard working woman. She takes a lot of risks to keep her children safed all the time. She is also responsible for provisions of our needs, most especially basic needs of food, shelter and clothing. She always makes sure that she advices us whenever we are not on the right path. She's the best mother everyone will love because she a loving and caring mother. Thank You.

Mary Assumpta Kpiinmagle.



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Day-of-the-event registration fee is \$40

Children 12 and under are FREE

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PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION

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NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGO) CSW63 FORUM EVENTS

63RD SESSION - UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Economic Security, Women and Work: Global Solutions for Equity

Sponsored by American Association of University Women (AAUW)

Kimberly Churches, Chief Executive Officer of AAUW, began the panel discussion. AAUW is providing accountability through metrics, and is tracking data that affects change. Laws do not guarantee change. The Equal Pay Act of 1963 is stagnated. The gender gap still exists. Women earn only \$.80 to men's \$1.00. In the AAUW Gender Equity game plan, facts matter, and research is important. Currently, student debt is also higher for women. In 2019, parents were funding more boys' education over girls. The AAUW has a three- pronged approach: policy (laws), employers (practices), and employees (train women in negotiation skills). Women negotiate less than men. Women need to create men allies. The current online salary negotiation program, Work Smart (www.salary.aauw.org) has four key components: know your value, know how to target salary and benefits, know your strategy, and practice, practice, practice. Women need to work on economic security for their families, which includes both boys and girls.

Estelle Kone, Ph.D., Vice President, Controllers Modeling, at Goldman Sachs, had clear advice concerning gender equality. Girls should choose to take more mathematics courses in high school. Women should surround themselves with a good network. Women should make their goals known in their company.

Mabel Abraham, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Management, at Columbia University, discussed the gender bias issues prevalent in all social classes. In her research she discovered that men have fewer barriers to entrepreneurship than women due to patriarchy. In the hiring process, evaluation systems are not effective. Quality is hard to access and there is much ambiguity in analytical skills. When a hiring manager is uncertain, usually a man is hired. There are double standards, and women who excel usually get evaluated as less. A woman has to be a super star in order to get recognition for her success. Women need to overcome these obstacles by networking. They usually do not find a high-power network, but choose peers and family. They need to develop the right contacts for business advice and funding. Women need resources. They need to create business relationships.

Carmen Sebro, MBA, Senior Associate Brand Manager for M & M, Mars Inc., spoke about her company's commitment to gender equity. Mars, Inc. is a worldwide, private, family-owned business, with 100,000 employees. Their company is involved in manufacturing, the supply chain, STEM, and marketing. Currently there are gender gaps, so Mars is taking a long-term approach to change this. They have partnered with the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in the Media. Their current plan is to attract, develop, advance and retain their employees. This includes the Launch—mentorship and opportunity. Next follows Mid-Career Marathon, which includes balancing caregiving responsibilities. Finally, Executive Transition is to provide more support for leadership. Mars, Inc.'s goals for the future are focused on creating gender equity in their company. They want to add three women to their Board, changing their culture. They are offering and expect men to take paternity leave. They are creating women-centered groups to help women. Finally, they believe it is important to show children there are gender equity issues that need to be solved for the benefit of both men and women.

This article was prepared by Mary Ellen Burke

In Memoriam



Carolyn Jean Thomson

Carolyn Thomson joined the Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe Club on June 1, 1968. She became a life member so at her death at age 98 on October 14, 2018, she was a member for 50 years. She grew up in Grosse Pointe and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School. She obtained her degree from Wayne State University, and became a Laboratory Technician at Cottage Hospital where she worked for more than 25 years. She served as SI of Grosse Pointe's president from 1970—1972, was the editor of SIGP's newsletter, *The Pointer*, 1977-1986. She supported SIGP's annual Dine Around Town fundraiser until her death last fall.

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 be accessed by all public awareness chairs: socialmediasigp@gmail.com

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NEWSLETTER: THE POINTER is on the website and
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MEDIA: Newspaper articles, radio PSAs, etc. Diana Langlois



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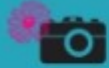
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