



# The Pointer

## Presidents' Message

### NOVEMBER: A time for gratitude

Through our Soroptimist Club connections, we have found that spark that helps us during challenging times and have imparted that spark to others. Studies from Harvard Medical School have shown that when people are grateful, they are more positive, have better health, will enjoy life's experiences, and will build strong relationships with others. November is a time to reflect on our lives and feel gratitude for what we have.



We were grateful to attend the Districts I and III meeting held October 15 - 16 in Chesterton, Indiana. Seven SIGP members attended the two-day event. Information and new ideas were shared on the Four Pillars: Membership, Fundraising, Public Relations, and Programs. SIA's Big Goal and the Dream Big campaigns were presented. We are now challenged to invest in the dreams of half a million women and girls through access to education; four times more than we are now reaching. To achieve this goal, the Big Dream campaign has been initiated to raise \$15 million in donations.

The highlight of the meeting was the keynote speaker, our very own Karrie Blankenship. Her presentation on Human Trafficking awareness with the viewing of the documentary *Insights on Human Trafficking* was well received, not only for the information provided but also for the professional manner in which it was delivered. We are grateful for the hard work Karrie and Laurie Jost put into the production and creation of the documentary. They are the spark to help end the exploitation of women and girls caught in the evils of Human Trafficking. We look forward to our November business meeting where the documentary will be viewed by all SIGP members.

— Ellen Chapin and Marya Rosenthal, SIGP Co-presidents

## SIGP named Midwestern Region finalist for Celebrating Success in Public Awareness Category!

Karrie Blankenship, Co-Chair of the SIGP Human Trafficking Awareness Committee, presented the documentary, *Insights on Human Trafficking*, which attendees gave generous applause and accolades. *Insights on Human Trafficking* is a compilation of the interviews SI Grosse Pointe and SI Greater Macomb put together in January in recognition of **National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month** and was moderated by Kristi Kirschmann, COO of The Joseph Project. Kristi presented and discussed the most current information about human trafficking with community leaders combating this crime daily.



It took a team to make this project a success. Without the cooperation and volunteerism of the panelists and moderator, the interviews and film would have been difficult to achieve. Carol Hofer was instrumental in getting additional funding, and Rich Jackson gave his talent and time to make the highest quality film possible with the material available.

**Laurie Jost will present the video at our club's November meeting, Wednesday, November 10, so be sure to attend.**

Every year clubs send a Celebrating Success entry form for each of the Four Pillars: Programs, Membership, Fundraising and Public Awareness. For the 2020/2021 Public Awareness pillar SIGP submitted the human trafficking interviews. Submissions are judged on the best practices of the club's entry and its support of the SIA strategic plan.

It is a thrill to announce that this year's Midwestern Region finalist for Celebrating Success in the Public Awareness category is SIGP's **National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month Interviews**. Congratulations to the SI Grosse Pointe Human Trafficking Awareness Committee and its co-chairs, Karrie Blankenship and Laurie Jost, for its continued support to human trafficking survivors.

P.S. The original six videos that led to the creation of the documentary are still available for viewing at: <https://www.grossepointesoroptimist.net/human-trafficking--what--here--mi-.html> and you are encouraged to send this link to whomever you like.

***Soroptimist Grosse Pointe Business Meeting  
Wednesday, November 10, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom  
You are cordially invited to view Soroptimist Grosse Pointe's  
Human Trafficking Awareness documentary!***

***INSIGHTS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING***

Please mark your calendar to ensure you remember to watch our club's groundbreaking effort to raise awareness of this horrendous industry. SIGP's HT Committee has been working tirelessly over the years to bring this information to the world.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Marya Malkovich Rosenthal  
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## *Dream It, Be It Returns!*

SIGP will present its signature *Dream It, Be It* program at Positive Images in a hybrid format. Through the generosity of the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Funds of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, we have purchased 10 Chrome books, a printer, and supplies needed for our club members to interact virtually with the women at Positive Images.

We are still in need of volunteers to help lead the women in setting goals, identifying obstacles to their goals, understanding resilience, finding ways to reduce stress, and putting goals into action.

Ellen Chapin and Marya Rosenthal have successfully presented this program in person prior to the pandemic and now they have adapted it to an online format. As a volunteer presenter, you would lead the activities on Zoom. We will have one or two volunteers onsite during the online sessions to assist the women with computer issues and help keep them on task with the activities. The first and last sessions will be in person so volunteers who are fully vaccinated and comfortable being onsite are also needed for these sessions. If you do not want to participate in the program as a volunteer, we completely understand and encourage you to sign on and observe the activities. Here is the schedule and need for volunteers:

**Tuesday, November 2, at 2:30 pm:** In-person volunteers to help with an ice-breaker activity, get the women on the computers, review rules, and complete a dream collage on the computers.

**Friday, November 5, at 2:30 pm (Zoom session):** Present a powerful women trivia game PowerPoint (already created by Maureen Anthony), present a currency activity via PowerPoint (already created), and lead a discussion on values. Lillian Frazier has volunteered to guide the women in writing letters to themselves. We would like to have one or two volunteers onsite to assist as needed.

**Tuesday, November 9, at 2:30 pm (Zoom session):** Introduce a Spaghetti and Marshmallow Tower building challenge (supplies will be delivered; Roseanne Horne has volunteered to be onsite to monitor the activity, but others are welcome as the women get quite excited). Onsite volunteers will also need to measure the towers and declare a winner! If you are not able to get involved in the activity, sign in to observe...it will be fun to watch! A volunteer on Zoom will then be needed to talk about SMART goals, guide the women in writing goals, discuss obstacles, then lead the obstacle smashing balloon activity.

**Friday, November 12, at 2:30 pm (Zoom session):** A volunteer on Zoom is needed to discuss resilience and present directions to construct a resilience box. Another volunteer or two is needed onsite to assist the women. We are

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looking for an additional Zoom volunteer to talk about stress. Then the onsite volunteers will conduct a Stress Ball Activity. This will be followed by two or three examples of ways to reduce stress. Carolyn Barth will lead the women on Zoom in music therapy. We would like to have another volunteer lead the women via Zoom in some simple Yoga moves. Lillian Frazier will lead the women in a simple Zoom meditation. Paula Davis has signed on as a Zoom participant but of course we encourage all to participate from home!

**Week of November 15-18**, Monday through Thursday: Stress Reducing Activities via Zoom to be scheduled: We need a volunteer to lead the women in an arts-and-craft project on Tuesday, November 16, at 2:30 pm. Supplies will be purchased and delivered ahead of time. One or two volunteers are needed onsite. Club members are welcome to participate on Zoom.

Laura McCourt will lead a session on Healthy Cooking and Eating. She has provided information separately in the newsletter about her plan. Please consider participating in this session. The women loved Laura's in-person sessions before the pandemic! She was their very own Julia Child! Again, we would love to have members join in on all this activity.

Nancy Solak will lead a session on journaling. The staff at Positive Images was very excited to hear Nancy will be back as they remember her writing workshops. Due to the personal nature of writing and reading one's stories out loud, only PI clients will be allowed to participate.

Times for Healthy Eating and Journaling will be confirmed as the week approaches.

**Friday, November 19, at 2:30 pm:** In-person Pizza Party. Again, if you are fully vaccinated and comfortable being onsite, we need volunteers to help with a Mind Field Trust activity, a Yarn Web Wrap-up activity, writing personal plans, and then pizza and a raffle! We are hoping for five or six volunteers on this day!

The Wilson Grant will be evaluated on the measure of perceived stress of our club members before and after participating in volunteer activities amid a pandemic. Social isolation has been an unfortunate result of social distancing and limited ability to offer our volunteer services in person. By volunteering virtually, we hope to lessen the stress of members and provide meaningful ways to engage with those in need of our talents and life experiences. We hope all of you will join us in some capacity.

Please contact Marya ([mmalkovich@gmail.com](mailto:mmalkovich@gmail.com)) or Ellen ([ellenchapin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellenchapin@sbcglobal.net)) to sign up!

## **Please welcome our newest member TONI ADAMS!**

Toni Adams, our newest Soroptimist joined after the New Member Induction at our August Business Meeting. Toni attended that meeting as a guest of her friend Carol Hofer, so a case can be made that she has already completed New Member Orientation; she participated in Soroptimist Bingo that evening. Please welcome Toni when you see her at our Zoom meetings and any in-person activities we may have this winter.

**The Human Trafficking Awareness Committee** will meet on November 2, at 7:00 p.m. to close out this year's Virtual 5K Walk/Run event. The tallies and information will be published in the December newsletter.

## It's the most wonderful time of the year ... Prepping Holiday Baskets for Women at Positive Images

The Positive Images gift basket assembly will be at Bette Lepouttre's home, 191 RIDGEMONT, GP FARMS, on NOVEMBER 30, from 7:00 – 8:30.

Each year we create 50 baskets for the women at Positive Images. When their raffle number is called, they get to choose the basket they want.

**FYI: To date we already have these items:**

50 pairs of winter gloves, 50 felt scarves, 50 holiday mugs, 50 calendars,  
50 holiday hand towels, 50 baskets

**All donations are appreciated. Here are some suggestions...  
and you don't need to have 50 to donate!**

Lotions  
Nail polish  
Nail files  
Holiday decorations – all kinds that are in perfect condition  
Like-new or brand-new home accessories and decorations  
Magazines that are ethnic based  
Like-new tote bags  
Winter hats  
Fuzzy slipper socks with non-slip bottoms  
And anything else you can think of that would go in a basket

If you want to donate themed items for one basket, that would be wonderful...just let us know when you donate them that you would like them kept together.

**Drop your items at Bette's home at 191 Ridgemont, GP Farms.**

**Call or text Bette, 586-557-3287 or Diana, 313-690-1515 if you have any questions.**



*A sample basket that  
will be prettily wrapped.*

The photos you see on this page are from last year's effort during COVID! Our Club is amazing even during a pandemic!



*Our 2020 masked elves are Mary Ellen Burke, Diana Langlois, PI admin staffer Carol Classen, Bette Lepouttre, Marya Malkovich and in the back, Ellen Chapin. They're delivering the baskets for the women, and the clothes and toys for their children.*



*The goody baskets all wrapped and waiting  
for PI clients to claim them!*

***THANK YOU  
for supporting  
this annual  
service project!***

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## Helping Create a Holly Jolly Christmas for Girls and Boys and their Mothers at Positive Images

There are FIVE short-term holiday volunteer opportunities for Positive Images (choose one, none or more!)

Our club has supported Positive Images (PI) in multiple ways for decades. One of those ways is to brighten up the holiday season for its residents and their children.

PI is a private, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit, therapeutic community. The organization addresses the special needs of adults and families recovering from substance use disorders, mental impairment, co-occurring disorders, and other social, medical, and environmental problems.

### FIVE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

1. As in previous years, SIGP members can offer to buy an outfit and a toy/gift for a child or young teen. This annual project helps support PI and is totally voluntary; participation is entirely up to each member. Information on each child's gender and size will be forthcoming.
2. Help organize and arrange all the children's gift donations and put them in gift bags.
3. Contribute items to go into gift baskets for the women of Positive Images. Donations can be dropped off at Bette's house, 191 Ridgemont, GP Farms. *(See details on p. 5)*
4. **Basket Assembly will be on November 30, from 7:00-8:30 pm.** Details TBD as masking and distancing in Bette's basement will require small groups. *(See more information re baskets on previous page.)*
5. Help deliver the baskets and gift bags to Positive Images' Coplin residence on **December 10.**

### Guidelines for shopping for children:

#### Note that \$25 items can be purchased on sale—VALUE \$25

- ◆ Buy a pant and top set, or pant and sweater/fleece, value of around \$25
- ◆ Remove all sales tags and place in a gift BAG with some tissue paper.
- ◆ Label the outside of the gift BAG with the mother's name, child's name, age, size of outfit.

#### AND

- ◆ Buy something that is not clothing and is appropriate for the age of the child, around \$25.
- ◆ Remove sales tags and place in a gift BAG.
- ◆ Label the outside of the gift BAG with the mother's name, child's name, age.
- ◆ **DECEMBER 1 -5** deliver both gifts (clothing plus toy/game/jewelry/or other gift) to

**Maureen Anthony's home: 524 Thorn Tree Rd., GP Woods**

**If you prefer to donate money for the children, please make your check out to:**

**SIGP, and write Positive Images children on the memo line.**

You can still choose your child and SIGP volunteer shoppers will shop for you.

## One-and-Done Volunteer Opportunities

- ◆ Full Circle [Foundation](#) is moving its out-of-season clothing inventory from Eastland to a new storage area at Trombley School. People who can help transport the clothing from site to site will be most appreciated. Work starts after November 6. Details will follow when we have an idea of interest from club members. Mary Fodell, founder of Full Circle is also a Ruby Award winner.
- ◆ Volunteers are welcome to help Full Circle staff sort, hang, and organize its winter inventory. The date, TBD, will take place after inventory (see entry above) previously stored at Eastland is moved to Trombley School. Watch your email for a call to help when a date is set.
- ◆ **WANT TO BE A MEDIA STAR?**  
As part of the Wilson Grant, SIGP Membership Chair and Vice President Laura McCourt will be making a series of short videos, demonstrating healthy, simple-to-prepare dishes, for the women living at Positive Images. Especially needed will be feedback during the production so the videos are clear and concise. Contact Laura at 954-232-4398 phone/text if you are available in early November; time/date at your convenience.
- ◆ **LAST CALL FOR DONATIONS FOR FREE THE GIRLS**  
Thanks to everyone who answered the call from the district and donated new or gently used bras in time for the District Meeting, in Chesterton, Indiana. If you have suitable bras you did not get to donate, Laura McCourt can pick them up, or will accept drop-offs. *(See more info on p. 11.)*

Please contact Laura McCourt ([lauraleecook@yahoo.com](mailto:lauraleecook@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in any of the above volunteer activities.

## More Ways you can help our club

- ◆ Looking for a person who has storage for second-hand items in the event SIGP decides to host another garage sale. Contact either co-president: Marya Rosenthal or Ellen Chapin.
- ◆ SIGP member Helen Clarren is looking for motivated SIGP members to help judge the applicants for the ACT/SAT grant awards. Our club provides scholarships to five high school juniors from either GP North or GP South high schools to take an SAT prep class. Helen and the volunteers will meet in early December to review and discuss the applications. Call or e-mail Helen if you are interested at 313-820-9852 or [hclarren@gmail.com](mailto:hclarren@gmail.com).

**A copy of the application for the Ruby Award can be found on page 15  
If you know of an organization that serves women and/or girls, please  
take a look at it and complete it before November 15. Thank you!!!**

# This Is an Evening You Won't Want to Miss... A Triptych of Celebrations!

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m., at Assumption Cultural Center  
(21800 Marter Rd, St Clair Shores, MI 48080) Soroptimist Grosse Pointe will celebrate:

- ♦ **The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Soroptimist**
- ♦ **The 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Soroptimist Grosse Pointe and**
- ♦ **Our Club's 2021 IN PERSON Holiday Dinner**

Buffet Dinner + non-alcoholic beverage, + holiday cookies, \$30 per person — Cash Bar  
President's Appeal (*Opening Doors to a Bright Future*) Tin Can Auction  
Photo Loop of Grosse Pointe Soroptimist's Past

**Auction Item Donations are welcome and can be dropped off at the home of either  
Anne Schwartz (365 Belanger, GPF, 586-907-6644), or  
Peggy Hart (66 Hall Place, GPF, 313-549-5779).**

MORE INFORMATION TO COME. CHECK YOUR EMAIL.

**P.S. LOOKING FOR DIGITAL PHOTOS** There will be a looping PowerPoint at the dinner highlighting SIGP's last 65 years and SI's last 100 years. Karrie Blankenship is looking for photos you can send her digitally that pertain to: Days for Girls, Membership Events, Friendship Link, SIA & SI conventions, and/or Fundraising. Deadline: November 21, but sooner is better than later

SI President Elect Maureen Maguire invites all Soroptimists to join her in  
*Opening Doors to a Bright Future*

#SIOpeningDoors



Maureen Maguire,  
SI President-Elect



"I am excited to share news of my SI President's Appeal 2021-23 and invite you to join us in '*Opening Doors to a Bright Future*'.

Education is the tool to tackle multiple barriers faced by women and girls today. Our first project in Cambodia is two-fold: providing vital access to education for girls aged 10 to 15 years, whilst empowering women to develop self-confidence through mentoring programmes".



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Soroptimist International Grosse Pointe presents...

## For the Love of Wine Raffle!



*SIGP is bringing back our popular raffle  
to be held on February 9, 2022*

*More information to follow on our website,  
Facebook page, and club newsletter!*

*Tickets will be available at our December  
Holiday Get-together.*

*\$5 each or \$20 for a book of 6!*



*If you love wine, you'll love our wine raffle!*



## #1 holiday hack:

When you buy your gifts  
at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com),  
Amazon donates.

**amazon**smile

### Shop with Amazon and support SIGP!

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases back to our organization. Use the link below when doing your holiday shopping or go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and search for

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-6099835>

Supporting SIGP has never been easier!

## It's time to send applications to prospective Live Your Dream and Virginia Wagner educational awards applicants!



SIGP is now accepting applications for our Club's 2022 signature programs – **Live Your Dream** and the **Virginia Wagner Educational** awards. Each year we offer these educational awards to women enrolled in programs beyond high school. Once again, we are pleased to provide financial assistance to women who struggle financially to attend college or a vocational program and strive to complete their educational goals.

We provide information about these awards and how to apply to Financial Aid offices of colleges and universities in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties. However, we're reaching out to you for help in finding qualified candidates for these awards. Word-of-mouth from SIGP members and associates is important and beneficial. This is an important endeavor and getting this communication out is crucial.



The **LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD** is for \$3000 and the applicant needs to be head of household, have financial need and be enrolled in any program past high school. **Applications are due by November 08, 2021.** (Flyer available to be copied and sent out is available on page 14.) The **VIRGINIA WAGNER EDUCATIONAL AWARD** is also for \$3000 and the applicant needs to be enrolled in a bachelor, master or doctorate program and has financial need. **Applications due by January 15, 2022.**

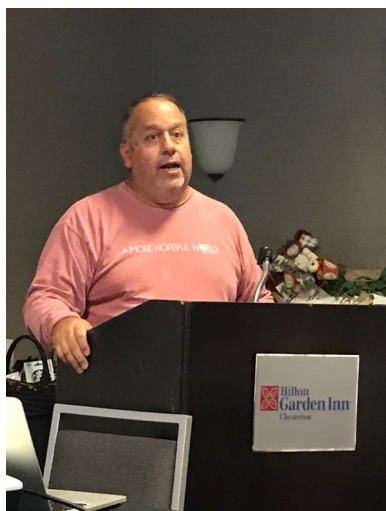
## Districts I & III meeting a delight after a year of isolation



*District III Director Kellie Klingel (SI-Flat Rock) welcomes first-time District Meeting attendees who include SIGP members: Laura McCourt, Ellen Chapin, Bette Lepouttre, and Marya Rosenthal.*

*(Photo by Roseanne Horne)*

## Joe Juarez makes surprise visit to District Meeting



As you may remember, Chesterton Soroptimists, who hosted our recent District I/III Meeting, put out a request for new or gently used bras for Free The Girls <http://www.freethegirls.org> This 501(c)3 organization, headquartered in their town, helps women in Mozambique, Costa Rica, and El Salvador who have escaped sex trafficking. The bras provide the inventory necessary to start a micro business, thus helping women achieve financial independence.

Inventory Manager Joe Juarez, from Free The Girls, made a surprise visit during the Meeting to thank us for our donations. The organization receives 30,000 bras every month from all over the U.S. and has just founded a fourth group in Mexico. This new branch will receive and sell the bras within their country rather than using donations from the U.S.

SIGP has donated bras in the past and additional donations are always welcome. SIGP member Laura McCourt is still collecting in case you've got some new or gently used bras to donate.

## SIGP Board Meeting

**Wednesday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom**



Several SIGP members participated in the Vote Forward project, a non-partisan initiative encouraging Virginians to exercise their right to vote. Letters were mailed on October 16.



The article at left, written by Laurel Kraus, appeared recently in the *Grosse Pointe News*. SIGP Public Awareness Chair Diana Langlois submitted the 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION to all five city councils that were adopted by the cities of Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Farms, and Grosse Pointe Park.

Thank you to both Diana and the *Grosse Pointe News* for getting our club's name out there. What's especially significant about the proclamation was the concise summary of what SIGP (Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe) does.

## Happy November Birthday to ...

Dorothy Wasinger, November 2

Roseanne Horne, November 6

Anita Sandercott, November 6

Sandra Mengel, November 26



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## SIGP's October speaker fosters positive international relations



*SIGP Membership Chair Laura McCourt, President of Global Ties Detroit Marian Reich, SIGP member Francine Pegues, Chair Emeritus of Global Ties Detroit), and SIGP member Carol Hofer at the Ford House October 27.*

President of Global Ties Detroit Marian Reich was the featured speaker at our October Business Meeting. SIGP members learned about this nonprofit that hosts international exchange programs on behalf of the US State Department, the US Agency for International Development, plus other organizations that seek to promote global exchange and citizen diplomacy.

SIGP member Francine Pegues is the Chair Emeritus of the organization, celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Members found Ms. Reich's talk interesting and thought-provoking, with a lively question-and-answer session following her talk.

SIGP members Carol Hofer and Laura McCourt attended the Annual Dinner of Global Ties Detroit, at the Ford House, on October 27. Both enjoyed an excellent dinner and, even better, an opportunity to meet Detroiters who are really making a difference in fostering positive international relations.

## Unofficial SIGP Side Hustles

**Full Circle Foundation's Annual Gala** will be November 4, at the Roostertail. Tickets for this event are available at: [fullcircle.home.qtego.net](http://fullcircle.home.qtego.net). SIGP members often attend this local charity's fundraiser.



**Curtain Call: SIGP member Katherine Baetz** is currently rehearsing for a drama/comedy stage production with Fine Arts Society of Detroit. The play is titled, "A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody." Show dates are Friday and Saturday, November 19 & 20, at the Players Playhouse, 3321 E Jefferson Ave, Detroit, MI 48207, in Detroit. Curtain goes up at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$30/person and includes a wine reception that starts at 7 p.m. Masks required. There will be round tables for groups of four to accommodate social distancing.

Reservations can be made with checks payable to FASD. Please get them to Katherine Baetz, 1504 Aline Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-1002 at least two weeks before the show. Seats are very limited.



PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF THIS FLYER AND DISTRIBUTE TO POSSIBLE CANDIDATES!!!

# Ready to begin a new life?

The Soroptimist *Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women* program has been helping women around the world since 1972. This program provides cash grants to women who are working to better their lives through additional schooling and skills training.



## You are eligible to apply if you:

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are a woman with primary financial responsibility for yourself and your dependents

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are attending an undergraduate degree program or a vocational skills training program

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have financial need

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**Apply for a *LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD* at [bit.ly/LYDA-apply](https://bit.ly/LYDA-apply) OR contact:**

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

Name: Elizabeth Lepouttre

Email: [elepouttre@gmail.com](mailto:elepouttre@gmail.com)

Phone:

Online: [grossepointesoroptimist.org](https://grossepointesoroptimist.org)

Club Application Deadline: November 8, 2021

Amount of Club Award: \$3000

Notes: Additional requirement for SIGP is to provide a copy of current coarse schedule.

Please send to [elepouttre@gmail.com](mailto:elepouttre@gmail.com)



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*Improving the lives  
of women and girls,  
in local communities  
and throughout  
the world.*

## Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women Nomination Form

The Soroptimist Ruby Award honors women who, through their professional or personal efforts, are making extraordinary differences in the lives of women or girls. Honorees are women who have worked to improve the lives of other women or girls. Their work has had a significant impact, and also inspires and encourages other women.

Women may nominate themselves or another woman they feel is deserving of this honor. Please complete this form and the essay, and return them to the participating Soroptimist club listed on this form on or before \_\_\_\_\_.

### Section I: Nominee Information

Nominee

Address

Telephone Fax

E-mail Address

Please include a statement (no more than 750 words) describing why you (if you are nominating yourself) or your nominee (if you are nominating someone else) should receive the Soroptimist Ruby Award.

*(Note: it is necessary to get the written permission of the nominee. See below.)*

*I consent to my nomination for the Soroptimist Ruby Award and to the accuracy of the information contained in this nomination form. I understand that my application and supporting information become the property of Soroptimist International of \_\_\_\_\_ upon submission, which shall have sole discretion in using these materials for the purpose of publicizing the Ruby Award program.*

*\*Please note that as this is a writeable form, typed signatures will be accepted. By typing your name in the signature line you agree to the terms of release as stated above.*

Nominee Signature Date

### Section II: Nominator Information (if different from nominee)

Nominator

Address

Telephone Fax

E-mail Address

## Soroptimist International Midwestern Region

### Nomination Form: Election 2022

**Nominations are due by December 20, 2021**

Candidate for:

Name:

Member of Soroptimist International of:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Soroptimist Offices/Committee Positions Held:

CLUB:

REGION:

FEDERATION:

Educational Background:

Community Service Activities, Awards and Honors:

What does Soroptimist mean to you?

**Email completed form and any attachments to:**

Region Chair: Veronica Stemen  
[vstemen@cdeducation.org](mailto:vstemen@cdeducation.org)

District II: **Barb Flory**  
[Bflory2307@gmail.com](mailto:Bflory2307@gmail.com)

District IV: **Diana Oswalt**  
[diana1991us@yahoo.com](mailto:diana1991us@yahoo.com)

District I: **Kris Armstrong**  
[krisquin@msn.com](mailto:krisquin@msn.com)

District III: **Karrie Blankenship**  
[karrieb40@gmail.com](mailto:karrieb40@gmail.com)

*Positions open with descriptions on next page.*

**Positions Currently Open are as follows:** Region Treasurer, Region Secretary, Governor Elect, All 4 District Secretary Positions, and All 4 District Director Positions

**Midwestern Region Bylaws state:**

**ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 4.1** The elected officers shall be Governor, Governor-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall constitute the Region Board of Directors. The District Directors and District Secretaries elected by each District shall also serve on the Region Board of Directors.

**Section 4.2** To be eligible for the office of District Director, the member must have served as a District Secretary or Club President. If no one meeting these requirements is willing to serve, eligibility shall be expanded to include any regular member.

**Section 4.3** To be eligible for the offices of Governor and Governor-Elect, the member must have served as a member of the Region Board and have been a Club President. If no one meeting these requirements is willing to serve, eligibility shall be expanded in the following order:

- 1) Those having served as Region Board Members
- 2) Those having served as Club Presidents
- 3) Any regular member

**Section 4.4** Elected officers shall hold offices for 2 years, beginning July 1 in even-numbered years, or until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible for no more than 2 consecutive terms in office.

**Section 4.6 Duties**

**Region Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall attend meetings of the Region Board; deposit and disburse all funds belonging to the Region under the direction of policies developed by the Region Board; provide financial reports at Board meetings and Region Conference; prepare a budget annually to be approved by the Board of Directors and delegates at Conference.

**Region Secretary:** The Secretary shall attend meetings of the Region Board; record the minutes of the board meetings and conference; coordinate with the Governor the issuance of minutes within 45 days after the close of the meetings; coordinate with the Governor the issuance of a Call to Conference at least 45 days prior to the date of the meeting.

**Governor Elect:** Governor-Elect. The Governor-Elect shall prepare for assuming the office of Governor by becoming familiar with all aspects of the Soroptimist organization; work closely with and under the direction of the Governor, assisting to the fullest extent possible; assume leadership in the absence of the Governor, and shall preside at meetings. She is empowered to appoint committees that serve in the next biennium after January 1 of the year in which her term commences.

**District Secretary:** District Secretaries shall attend District meetings; record the minutes of the district meetings; coordinate with the District Director to issue the Call to District Meetings and preside at District meetings in the absence of the District Director, and within 30 days of the District meeting send copies of the minutes to all clubs in the District, the District Director and the Region Board.

**District Director:** The District Directors shall plan and preside at district meetings; coordinate with the District Secretary the issuance of a Call to District meetings and keep in close communication with all clubs in the District, reporting upon conditions or problems with the District to the Region Governor. District Directors shall attempt to visit each club within the District at least once during the biennium for the purpose of providing Soroptimist education, leadership development, and recruitment and retention advice.

Applications should be returned to your district nominating committee representative listed below no later than **December 20th**.

Nominating Region Chair: **Veronica Stemen**  
[vstemen@cdeeducation.org](mailto:vstemen@cdeeducation.org)

District I: **Kris Armstrong**, [krisquin@msn.com](mailto:krisquin@msn.com)

District II: **Barb Flory**, [Bflory2307@gmail.com](mailto:Bflory2307@gmail.com)

District III: **Karrie Blankenship**, [karrieb40@gmail.com](mailto:karrieb40@gmail.com)

District IV: **Diana Oswalt**, [diana1991us@yahoo.com](mailto:diana1991us@yahoo.com)

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Treasurer - **Audrey Jarvey** - (audreyjarv@charter.net)  
District III Director - **Kellie Klingel** (ktingel@yahoo.com)  
Secretary - **Patricia Cavell** (bsktpac@comcast.net)

## Soroptimist Websites

Soroptimist International Midwestern Region - ([simwr.org](http://simwr.org))  
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## The Who's Who of SIGP's PUBLIC AWARENESS COMMITTEES

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