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The Pointer

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT VILLAGE GRILLE

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

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: Wednesday, February 13, 5:30 P.M.

To be followed by General Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Meet and greet at 6 p.m.

We now have a whopping 70 members!

Since July we gained an amazing 14 new members! SIGP now has 70 members. A New Member Induction was held for eight new members at our September 14, 2018, General Meeting.

Another New Member Induction is scheduled during our General Meeting on Wednesday, February 13, at the Village Grille (see above), for the following six new members:

Mary Ellen Brayton, Cara Crawford, Robin Crawford,
Ernesta Kurrle, Anne Schwartz and Elaine Stypula.

A SIGP New Member Orientation will also be held on February 13, at 5:30 pm (an hour before our meeting time) at the Village Grille.

We always welcome guests at our General Meetings to learn more about our Soroptimist mission of improving the lives of women and girls through programs, awards, and service.

Dorothea Williams
SIGP Vice President/Membership Chair

OPPORTUNITIES ARE A'KNOCKIN'!

SIGP needs a liaison to the *Grosse Pointe News*

This is a perfect opportunity for a member who has limited time to do something vitally important. If you are interested, contact Diana Langlois and she'll give you the details. If you decide it's for you, she'll be by your side.

Short-term and fun!

Want a short-term volunteer gig that can be one to six 1-1/2 hour stints? Once again, the Dream It Be It chairs of our mentoring program will be doing fun and useful activities at Kennedy Middle School in St. Clair Shores. Sign up to help on one or all six sessions which meet after school from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. The after-school program includes the following **MARCH** dates:

Mon. 4, Wed. 6, Mon. 11, Tues. 12, Mon.18, Wed. 20

If you are interested, please contact **Marya Malkovich** as soon as possible. You'll need to take a quick trip to the school (straight down Jefferson) to sign papers and get your license copied.

Wanted for Positive Images Clothing Store

The goals of re-opening the Clothing Store are to provide clothes for women with few clothing choices, and to provide them with clothing suitable for job interviews.

Parenting classes continue at Positive Images every Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. followed by the computer lab from 2-4p.m. Add to this the daunting task that some of the Positive Images volunteers have taken on...the cleaning and organizing of the Clothing Store...and you can see the impact SIGP is having there!

Pictured at left are Jean Kroll and Peggy Hart who were there on Friday, January 25. Also involved in the cleaning of the room are Tina Edgar and Susan Amejka. Thanks to Carol Hofer who answered the call to lend a hand.

Our volunteers are in desperate need of good sturdy hangers, especially skirt hangers. They'd also like to borrow a stand-up garment steamer to try and are looking for a donation of a free-standing or attachable full-length mirror.

If you have any of these things, please bring them to the general meeting or text Jean Kroll.

A note: Maisha Kenyatta's daughter, Asha, is home from the hospital. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe (SIGP)

2019 Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Assumption Cultural Center
On Marter Road in St. Clair Shores
(No Business Meeting in March)

Cost of Dinner is $25 per person

(Wine, Beer and cocktails will be available for purchase)

Please RSVP and PAY to Roseanne Horne at rosewa33@aol.com

or Ross Braun at braunross@aol.com by March 8, 2019

Cash, check, credit card or Pay Pal accepted.

Janelle Lefief

January's Guest Speaker from Phoemale

Thank you Janelle Lefief from the Phoemale (pronounced FEE-male) organization for presenting at our January meeting. Phoemale is doing terrific work to help empower women in our community.

The nonprofit's vision is to help women take the next step in their journey toward rebuilding their lives. Phoemale is unique in that it fills the gaps that other agencies do not provide (i.e., providing a bus pass, school supplies, etc.) **One hundred percent** of its fundraising efforts go directly to women.

To learn more about Phoemale you can visit:
https://www.phoemale.org/

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Live Your Dream Award Winners Selected

Co-Chairs Kathy Kraydich and Renee Rodriguez have announced that two winners have been selected to receive the Live Your Dream Award. One is attending Macomb Community College and the other is attending St. Clair College in Ontario.

Come meet them next month at the March Awards Ceremony. Details on page 3

Second Annual STOP TRAFFIC 5K!

This year's STOP TRAFFIC 5K Walk/Run plans are underway. St. Lucy's has agreed to collaborate with SIGP's effort once again! Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 21, 2019.

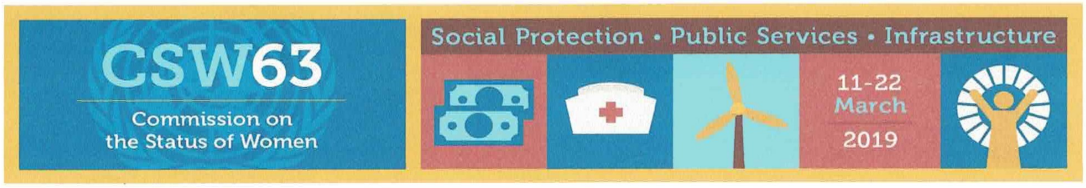
SAVE THE DATE! District III Roundtable

Saturday, March 9, 2019, Trenton, Michigan

11 a.m.—3 p.m.

Karrie connects with a Soroptimist from India

Karrie Blankenship, our Club's Friendship Chair, has been communicating with Laxmi Parasuram from a Soroptimist club in India. Laxmi is coming to the U.S. to New Hampshire. She had hoped to connect in person with our club. That hope was dashed when she learned that New Hampshire is more than 1300 kilometers from Michigan. Since both Karrie and Laxmi plan attend the SI Convention in Kuala Lumpur, the two will finally meet.



The sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 11 to 22 March 2019.
Representatives of Member States, UN entities, and ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all regions of the world are invited to attend the session.

Themes
Priority theme:
Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls
Review theme:
Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development (agreed conclusions of the sixtieth session)

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

WEBSITE: grossepointesoroptimist.net ..... Carrie Petrocelli
or https://www.grossepointsoroptimist.net/calendar of events.html for calendar

E-MAIL: grossepointesoroptimist@gmail.com ..... Anne Schwartz

SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:
FACEBOOK: facebook.com/soroptimistgrossepointe ..... Renee Rodriguez
INSTAGRAM: soroptimistgp ..... Sarah Shepherd
TWITTER: @soroptimistgp..... Jean Kroll

NEWSLETTER: THE POINTER is on the website and
is emailed to members ..... Nancy Solak
MEDIA: Newspaper articles, radio PSAs, etc. ..... Diana Langlois

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(look for Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe)

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PROGRESS IN FY17/18

Empowering Women & Girls Through Access to Our Dream Programs

LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS

$2,414,864 in *Live Your Dream Awards* was given through the program ▲*15%*

1,595 deserving women ▲*9%*

93% increased their self-esteem

86% completed their education and increased their standard of living

DREAM IT, BE IT

14,547 girls participated ▲*19%*

88% feel prepared to pursue their career goals

91% feel more confident about their future success

Gaining New Members and Suppporters

3,714 new and charter members

+9 net increase in clubs *(best net change since FY97/98)*

127,825 people in our LiveYourDream.org community

101,638 program activities conducted through LiveYourDream.org

Attracting More Financial Support

$2,284,366 raised ▲*22%*

- **$1,141,420** in total individual contributions ▲*44%*
- **$748,304** contributed through Club Giving ▲*3%*

Corporate Philanthropy

$180,375 raised ▲*$168,375*

- **$150,000** received from Torrid Foundation
- **17** unsolicited corporate partnership requests were received through LiveYourDream.org

HELP WOMEN CHANGE LIVES

$14,291,581 in Net Assets ▲*5%*

Growing Recognition

537,654 unique visits to Soroptimist.org and LiveYourDream.org ▲*51%*

41,567 social media followers ▲*8%*

1.5 million people reached through SIA and LYD.org social media networks

6 million+ women across the US saw our online ads (Google Grants and Facebook Ads)

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February 2019

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3	4	5	6 Board Mtg 6:30 Ross' house	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 **New Member Orientation** 5:30 at Village Grille **General Mtg.** follows at 6:30	14 Love and thanks to all of you!!!	15	16
17	18 Happy B'day Mary Jo Harris!	19	20 Happy B'day Maddy Jeffs and Karen Klein!	21	22 Happy B'day Felecia Berry and Deborah Thomas!	23 Happy B'day Liz Lucas!
24	25	26	27	28		March 13 SIGP Awards Ceremony See p. 3

Int'l and Local News from Days for Girls (DFG)

Days for Girls (DFG) received some great photos of a kit distribution to women in Ansavo, Haiti, by our mission partner H.A.R.T. (Haiti and Africa Relief Team).

The doctors did a three-part program to cover all of the information. A young woman who traveled with H.A.R.T. worked with three young women from the community, and sometimes the girls' mothers, to ensure that the girls all felt competent to handle the kits. In the words of Dr. Joyce, "It was awesome!"

The bags may not look familiar because the sets are from a sewist in the U.P. who is a friend of Mary's. But the smiles on the girls' faces will remind you of other girls you've seen at distributions. Thanks to you and all you do, we were able to fill this order and bring this gift to all those girls.

Grosse Pointe Days for Girls (DFG)

Take a look at the members of SIGP who volunteered Saturday, January 26, for a morning of working on the personal hygiene kits. They are *(from left to right): Susan Amejka, Diana Langlois, Roseanne Horne, Sandy Mengel, Jean Kroll, Maddy Jeffs and Peggy Hart.*

Kudos to both the international and local volunteers.

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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.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE: 1-888-3737 OR TEXT: BEFREE

Award Deadline—Plan Ahead

Ruby Award—Mid February, 2019

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:

www.grossepointesoroptimist.org/
or call one of the co-chairs listed above.

*Special thanks to **Mary Clare Toffanetti** for cheerfully proofing these newsletters. Any errors you might find are mine and mine alone. — Nancy Solak*

District III Emails

Governor-**Elect Kris Armstrong** - (krisquin@msn.com)

Governor Elect- **Darcy Merritt** (dmerritt81@hotmail.com)

Secretary - **Missie Austin** - (missieaustin@gmail.com)

Treasurer - **Audrey Jarvey** - (audreyjarv@charter.net)

District III Director - **Mary Pilon** (pilonmary0@gmail.com)

District III Secretary - **Lata Shastri** (shastrilata@gmail.com)

Soroptimist Websites

Soroptimist International Midwest Region - (simwr.org)

Soroptimist International of the Americas (soroptimist.org)

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Soroptimist International of the Americas -

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

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

When: Monday, February 11, 2019
Time: 6:45 p.m. (movie starts **promptly** at 7:00 p.m.)
Where: Okulski Family Theater at the Lavins Activity Center- Windmill Pointe Park-Grosse Pointe Park

Movie: Lost Valentine. This drama film tells the story of a TV journalist who is working on the profile of a woman (Betty White) and her love affair with her naval aviator husband, who was declared "missing in action" sixty years ago during World War II.

Cost: $10.00 (pre-paid by following the instructions and completing the form below). **There will be no collections at the door and therefore no walk-ins will be honored.**

This is a fundraising event. Bring a friend and support the American Association of University Women Grosse Pointe Branch for an evening of friendship and camaraderie.

RSVP deadline: Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Please return the form below with your payment. Proceeds will benefit the AAUW Scholarship fund and STEM project.

Make checks payable to *AAUW Grosse Pointe Branch* and send to:
Barbara Tecos, 1237 Balfour, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, (313) 882-1081
Name _____
Address _____ Phone# _____
Total # attending: _____ Total enclosed: $ _____
Name(s) of those attending _____
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AAUW GP Afternoon at the Theatre
Theatre Arts Club Proudly Presents

"Grandmothers Incorporated"

Written by Lillie Evans & C.V Rhodes.
Directed by Patricia O'Brien – Produced by Lisa Lechniak

This play is a hilarious comedy about four retired widows who arrive at an isolated cabin for a weekend of peace and serenity, only to be confronted with a notorious drug lord in distress. Chaos reigns as these amateur sleuths dispense their unique brand of justice to the criminal in their midst.

Saturday Matinee
March 16, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.
at The Historic Player's Theater
3321 East Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48207
(There is guarded parking at the Michigan Insurance
just west of the Playhouse Theater)

Ticket cost: $25.00

Please submit reservation form below, with payment, to Carolyn Barth. Deadline to reserve tickets is Friday, March 8, 2019.

Make checks payable to *AAUW Grosse Pointe Branch* and send to:
Carolyn Barth, 8000 Harbor Place Drive, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080; (313) 320-0808 (c); (586) 777-7173 (h)

Name _____
Address_____Phone#_____
Total # attending:_____ Total enclosed: $_____

Name(s) of those attending_____

SIGP Member Ads