



# The Pointer

## Presidents' Message Forging Ahead in Our 65<sup>th</sup> Year



Ellen Chapin



Marya Malkovich  
Rosenthal

What are your favorite images of summer? For us, it's a picnic of family and friends filled with laughter and good times. Or it's a smooth sail across a calm-rippled lake with a fresh breeze. For Soroptimist, it's a chance to reconnect outdoors with our fellow members. It is also a time to reconvene in planning committees as we set sail on another year; a year that is still hovering in doubt with an ongoing pandemic. But as we demonstrated this previous year, we will not be thwarted from forging ahead and making our 65th year as a club even more successful!

Our programs will continue to provide women and girls access to education to achieve economic empowerment. Our recent garage sale has kicked off our fundraising activities with hopes of many more creative ways to raise money for service projects and awards. The virtual 5K Walk/Run planned for September will continue to raise public awareness to stop human trafficking.

We hope your images of summer put a smile on your face while energizing you to get involved and help us to make our 65th year as a club an investment in dreams for women who rely on our help and support in these trying times. Happy summer to all!

### **SOROPTIMIST GROSSE POINTE BUSINESS MEETING & NEW MEMBER INDUCTION WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 6:30 P.M.**

**HYBRID: On Zoom and in Person at Grosse Pointe Shores Park**

800 Lake Shore Rd, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INDUCTION, WE WILL PLAY SOROPTIMIST BINGO!  
IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND VIA ZOOM, PLEASE RSVP ASAP TO RECEIVE A BINGO CARD.  
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# Run to **STOP** Human Trafficking Virtual Walk/Run

## Receive a SIGP tote bag (see below) and help a human trafficking survivor at the same time!

**AUGUST 100S**

**REGISTER NOW FOR THE 5K!**

IF 20 MEMBERS WALK OR RUN THE 5K DURING SEPTEMBER, WE WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF **100K**.

**LET'S DO IT!**

REGISTER NOW! BE IN THE FIRST GROUP OF 20 PEOPLE FROM OUR CLUB TO REGISTER IN AUGUST AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A SOROPTIMIST BAG.

MORE THAN 20 MEMBERS REGISTER? WE WILL START ANOTHER GROUP AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A BAG, TOO.

CAN'T RUN OR WALK A 5K? FIND A PROXY TO REGISTER AND WALK / RUN FOR YOU. LET KARRIE KNOW WHO YOUR PROXY WILL BE.



**LET'S SUPPORT ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND HELP THE VICTIMS OF THIS TERRIBLE CRIME BECOME SURVIVORS!**

In honor of SI's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, our August 100s challenge is to have 20 SIGP members register for the "Run to **STOP** Human Trafficking Virtual Walk/Run." (20 members x 5K = 100K!) By the end of August, each registered member will receive a Soroptimist tote bag. Who knows? Maybe we'll even have 100% participation.

So far, each month SIGP has met its 100s challenge—think we can do it again? We know we can.

Wayne Gretzky, who played 20 seasons in the National Hockey League, said: "You miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take." Let's not miss this shot.

A survivor of human trafficking needs your HELP! Take your shot! Register below.



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## **THE CLUB'S SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN!**

The SIGP membership survey contained some anticipated results, along with a few surprises. Of the 30 members who responded, most prefer a monthly dinner meeting at a restaurant or club, would enjoy a speaker at selected meetings, and endorse hybrid meetings.

Issues of international importance, plus issues unique to our community led the topics members would like to hear about. One hundred percent (100%) of respondents felt social activities should be part of our club. Aside from typical activities, the greatest interest focused on "cultural activities." Eighty percent (80%) of respondents were interested in additional volunteer opportunities. Finally, issues benefitting women and girls were the main reason many members joined SIGP.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey. Your input will help SIGP's Board of Directors plan for our new fiscal year.

## **100s Projects for July, August and September**

SIGP's 100's Project commemorating our organization's 100th anniversary continued in July with the "Turning Point Wish List." Members were asked to donate cleaning supplies for this organization. Turning Point, a domestic shelter for women who have been abused, will benefit from our donations. If you have last-minute items to contribute, please leave them at Ellen Chapin's (container in front of the garage) or Roseanne Horne's (in front of the garage.)

Our August 100's project will tie in with the upcoming 5K Walk/Run (see p. 2), and we will conclude the anniversary of giving in September with the goal of collecting 100 new children's books for the Head Start Program. Details on both events will be coming soon!

**SIGP Board Meeting, Wednesday, August 4,  
6:30 p.m. via Zoom**

## 2021 GOLDEN GARAGE SALE – Part II

The Golden Garage Sale was rained out June 25, and 26, but returned for a one-day sale on July 15! A total of \$2436 was earned for Soroptimist awards. A special donation by AAUW member, Sandy, a friend of Mary Ellen's, bought her loveseat for \$200!



*Two of the many volunteers for the one-day sale were SIGP member Kathy Di-Cenzo (above) and her husband, Craig Wodecki, (below). He's trying to repair the base of a broken telescope someone donated to the sale.*



Roseanne still has things that didn't sell, but Vietnam Vets is scheduled to come in August to pick up what is left. The move to virtual online selling may be the focus for the upcoming year – we are willing to give it a try with the help of those members who are accomplished at online selling.

A BIG THANK YOU to members who volunteered to help set up, work the sale and clean up: **Mary Ellen Burke, Diana Langlois, Bette Lepouttre, Carol Hofer, Roseanne Horne, Peggy Hickey, Ellen Chapin, Mary Bryk, Katherine Baetz, Cathy DiCenzo** and her husband **Craig Wodecki, Briana Cruga, Peggy Hart, Geri Pleva** and Carol's friend, **Toni Adams**.

Thanks to **Carolyn Barth** for the delicious chili, **Carol Hofer** for the Frostys and other snacks, **Donna Fitzgerald** for the coffee-cakes, **Bette Lepouttre** for the case of water bottles, and **Roseanne Horne** for the snacks and beverages.

**Briana Cruga**, our Virginia Wagner Awardee, came to help sell on July 15. She took pictures and posted items on Facebook and Marketplace. After the sale, she helped pack up Diana's car and her own car and made a delivery to Positive Images. This was an opportunity for her to see the Coplin residence center and say "Hi" to a few of the women. Her help and enthusiasm was greatly appreciated!



## **SIGP's Mentoring Program expands to include Awardee Associates!**

Maddy Colavito and Laura McCourt recently developed the "Awardee Associate" designation for young women interested in participating in SIGP activities while still a student. Available to Live Your Dream and Virginia Wagner Award winners, this extends the mentoring activities headed by Maddy and Diana Langlois, helping the entire Club serve as mentors to young women interested in the mission of our organization.

It is a two-way street since Awardee Associates can provide valuable insight to our group concerning the interests and needs of college age women. Although this designation is NOT a membership, SIGP's Vice President, as membership chair, will monitor the Awardee Associate program on an annual basis. This special designation is only available while the woman is enrolled in school. When her education is complete, we will welcome her as a member if she chooses to join SIGP.

Please join us in recognizing our first ever Awardee Associate, Briana Cruga, winner of the 2021 Virginia Wagner Award.

## **Enjoy garage sales?**

### **Here's one where you can help raise funds for our Ghana girls**

Although this garage sale is not sponsored by our club, it's another way you can help raise money for our Ghana girls. Some of us will participate in the Eastpointe City Wide Yard Sale Saturday, August 21, to raise funds for our Ghana Girls. Location is near Gratiot and Stephens (Nine and Half Mile Road — near Cloverleaf Pizza). Help is needed setting up prior to event. Even ONE hour of help is most appreciated. This is meant to be a relaxing, fun event with some great treasures to examine along with food treats. Contact Carol for details (586-774-3144).

P.S. Last month, Kerri Green, Carol Hofer and friends enjoyed dinner with a priest from St. Anne, Damongo, Ghana, while he was in town. A grand time was had by all!

## **Happy August Birthday to ...**

Bette Lepouttre, August 8

Anne Schwartz, August 8

Diana Langlois, August 12

Robin Crawford, August 14

Susan Lewandowski, August 23

Ellen Chapin, August 27



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# FOODIES, live and in person after 15 months!

In June, SIGP member Maddy Colavito (at right) hosted FOODIES at my house. The group met live and in person following 15 months of Covid restrictions. Maddy treated SIGP members Laura McCourt, Marya Rosenthal, Carolyn Barth, Ellen Chapin, Roseanne Horne, SIGP friend Terry Welch, and me to an Italian evening of pasta making.

From scratch, Maddy taught us how to add eggs, oil, and water to semolina flour. The dough was then kneaded in a food processor, allowed to rest 30 minutes, then carefully fed through a pasta machine. The pasta came out pressed thin enough to make various types of noodles including spaghetti, fettucine, and tagliatelle.



While the pasta dough rested, we sampled a charcuterie plate created by Marya and Terry. Sauces were prepared in advance: Bolognese (Carolyn), mushroom (Laura) Romano cheese butter (Roseanne), and lemon garlic (Maddy). A delicious pasta meal was eaten while seated on the deck. Dessert was Limoncello cake that Ellen baked for Terry's birthday! *"E' stato bello mangiare!"* (Literally: It was beautiful eating.) – *Diana Langlois*

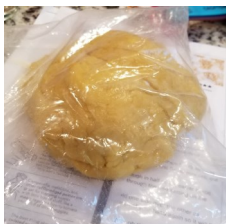


*SIGP members Maddy Colavito and Roseanne Horne press the dough.*



*Drying the pasta.*

**Photos by SIGP member Carolyn Barth**



*Dough at rest.*

FYI: Over the years, two interest groups have sprouted from Soroptimist membership: Foodies and Book Club. As unofficial adjuncts of the club, anyone can join. If you are interested in one or both, contact Maddy Colavito for Foodies and Karrie Blankenship for Book Club. Especially in the case of Foodies, which must limit its number, you may have to be put on a wait list. If you want to form a separate Foodies, or any other interest group for that matter, it can be advertised in the newsletter.

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## **POSITIVE IMAGES INC. IS HERE TO HELP!**

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## **RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM**

## **WE ARE A PLACE FOR WOMEN & THEIR CHILDREN**



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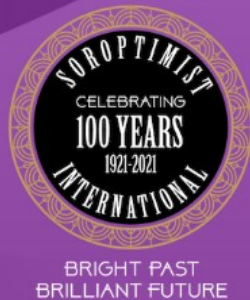


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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday	August 4	SIGP Board Meeting, 6:30 on Zoom
Wednesday	August 11	SIGP General Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. Hybrid: Zoom and Grosse Pointe Shores Park
Saturday	September 25	SIA 100th Anniversary Virtual Event 7 p.m.
Sunday	September 26	SIA 100th Anniversary Virtual Event 7 p.m.
TBD	October	SIGP's Celebrations of SIA's 100th Anniversary



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### Register for SIA's 100th Anniversary Virtual Event

Take advantage of early bird savings and get your ticket today.

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This two-day event spans Saturday, September 25 to Sunday, September 26, and begins at 7:00 p.m. EDT each day. Registration is good for both days.

*(For more information, see next page)*

## (SIA's 100th Anniversary Virtual Event Continued from Previous Page)

Join SIA members from around the globe for a dynamic two-day event to celebrate our bright past and brilliant future. **Festivities begin each day, Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m., EDT.**

Even though the event is virtual it will not lack excitement or fun!

- Witness the opening of our Violet Richardson time capsule (created and sealed on our 50th anniversary)!
- Look back at Soroptimist's history through our virtual museum
- Experience cultural performances
- Participate in an interactive game show
- Hear from international speakers, including keynote and *Live Your Dream Award* recipient, Dawn Johnson

And come ready to party wearing your [100th anniversary pin and/or scarf!](#)

Stay tuned for more event details in the coming weeks!

## INVITE A FRIEND

What better time to introduce someone new to our organization than during our global celebration? Friends of Soroptimists may register via this [special link](#).

## EVENT QUESTIONS

Have questions or need help registering? Contact SIA Headquarters at [siahq@soroptimist](mailto:siahq@soroptimist) or +1-215-893-9000.

## #SOROPTIMIST100

Join the conversation with [#Soroptimist100](#)! Follow SIA on social media for event details, historical stories, commemorative jewelry promos, and other celebratory news!

## CELEBRATION IN A BOX

Check out SIA's [Celebration in a Box](#) for other great ways to celebrate our 100th anniversary.



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## Soroptimist Pledge

I pledge allegiance to Soroptimist and to  
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 The integrity of profession,  
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 I will put forth my greatest effort to  
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 for a larger fellowship in home, in society,  
 in business, for country and for God.



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