

The Pointer

Scroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

President's Message

Dear SIGP members,

WOW! April was a fabulous month for our Club! Our 60th Anniversary Celebration/Awards Ceremony/Silent Auction was a huge success. I cannot begin to thank all of our members who contributed time, ideas, energy and money. Together we made it happen! Everyone I have received comments from those who attended and had a wonderful time. The presentation was beautiful, the food delicious, the award ceremony and speeches were amazing and the Auction items were fantastic.

Spring Conference was held April 22- 24 in Ann Arbor. Ross, Diana, Karrie and Amanda attended from our Club. They had a great time seeing old friends,

learning new ideas and enjoying the dining and dancing!

Vivian Walczesky was sworn in as our new Governor. Vicky Hicks presented our club with the Governor's Award for Excellence. (see picture below) As a club we must fill out a form listing all the items that our club does; we get points for each. The completed form is in the newsletter (pg10) for you to review. As you can see and probably already know – our Club does it all! Congratulations again to SIGP for being a top notch Club!

Coming up on May 3rd we will be packing the Mother's Day Baskets for the women at Positive Images at the Grosse Pointe Woods Library from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

Also on May 14th, we are hosting a fun event at Ross Braun's house. A brunch and a private tour of the Junior League of Detroit Designer Show house. More information is included in the newsletter.

Looking ahead to June, save the dates: June 3, 4 and 5th for our next BIG SSS at my house 1247 Elford Ct in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Roseanne Horne
SIGP President



President Roseanne Horne conducting her first business meeting as SIGP's President

May 2016 Edition

Birthday's

Mary Bryk 5/07
Mary Clare Toffanetti 5/8
Amanda Duda 5/10
Katie Lucey 5/24
Ross Braun 5/25
Betty Cook Scott 5/31

Dates to Remember

- **05/03** ~ Pack Mother's Day Bags at GPW Library ~6:00pm
- **05/04** ~ Board Meeting ~ Roseanne Horne's ~6:30pm
- **05/11** ~ General Business Meeting ~ GPYC ~ 6:00pm
- **06/3,4&5 ~ SAVE THE DATE SSS @ Roseanne Horne's**

District Meetings

District 1 & 3

- 9/30 - 10/1

Districts 2 & 4

- 10/14& 15

2017 Spring Conference

- 04/21,22 & 23
Kalahari Resort & Conventions, Sandusky, OH

Public Awareness

Our Ghana Girls

If you have been reading the *The Pointer* or have attended SIGP meetings you will recall our girls in Damongo, northern Ghana and their quest to complete studies at St. Anne Girls High School. SIGP has supported this effort in a big way with a large grant, another grant application, and individual and club donations. Several articles on this topic have been printed.

Well, something the Head Mistress (Mary T.) wrote to us a few days ago touched my heart. Perhaps you will appreciate her words as well. I emailed to her my last article printed in *The Pointer* describing the importance of finishing school for these young students. Mary T. promptly responded by saying she loved the description and that it was a---well, she meant to say "masterpiece," I believe. That description is stretching it, for sure, but what is precious is her spelling mistake.

She wrote "master peace" instead of masterpiece.

First I chuckled at the mistake. Then I thought more deeply about it.

"Masterpeace." Reach out to help those in need and make this a better world. This is exactly what it means to "master the art of peace."

Peace is not brought about by bombs or force or violence. Peace is brought about by caring for each other. Feed the hungry. Give drink to the thirsty. Clothe the naked. Visit those in prison. Educate those who thirst for knowledge so they may feed and clothe themselves, and improve the community around them.

Do these things with each person in need. This is what SIGP is all about. Help the pregnant moms with a birthing clinic in Papua, New Guinea. Offer parenting and computer classes for women at Positive Images. Brighten their residence with art and lace and curtains to increase their sense of welcome and warmth and worth. Present scholarships to young women who yearn to educate themselves and in so doing provide a better life for themselves and their families. Fight the scourge of human trafficking. Do whatever is possible to free young women from the shackles to their hearts and minds that keep them in bondage to "human monsters."

These are all actions that we in SIGP are taking on behalf of those in need.

And in a far off developing country our Ghana girls, once they finish high school, will be able to better provide for their families and their communities. A lower poverty rate, a better understanding of this complex world, and an increase in good will are the results.

Truly, on this troubled little planet, this is what it means to "master the art of peace," or at the very least, take a good first step.

Program & Service

Positive Images UPDATES

Members Nancy Solak, Laura McCourt, Dorothy Wasinger, Phyllis Darden and soon-to-be member Penny Thomas and myself met on April 22 at Mimi's Bistro for a breakfast meeting to talk about the Parenting Program at Positive Images and other initiatives. Parenting will continue through the summer. Phyllis and Penny are going to observe during the next few weeks and will join the team of facilitators in May after they receive training from Positive Images. We are very excited to have our new members be involved with our service to Positive Images!

In the Fall, plans to update the computer room and offer short sessions on WORD and EXCEL to interested clients were discussed. Hopes of having the computer room functional by December is our new goal! A donation of a gently used desktop computer would be wonderful...just clean out all personal information and leave the Microsoft Programs when donating. I'll be happy to pick the computer up from your home or business! We are always striving to do just a little bit more at P.I. ! HUGS,diana



S.O.S. - HELP!!!



Garage space need from May 10th until the Second Hand Sale (SSS) on the first weekend of June! We have a large donation coming after Mother's Day and both Roseanne's garage and my garage are full! Is there a member who can make space in a quarter of their garage to take this donation for just a month? Please call me or Roseanne if you can help - at this time we are thinking that this will be our only SSS this year!



Thanks, we are very appreciative !!!
HUGS,diana



We can always use more jewelry (necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and/or pins) and jewelry boxes since each woman gets a wrapped gift of jewelry.

Thank you everyone who has donated these items and please keep the women of PI in mind before you toss these item in a drawer. We collect items all year round.

**MARY ELLEN
BURKE**
meb650@aol.com



Mothers Day Items	Still Need
Mugs	0
Cosmetic Bags	0
Tote bags	19
Oprah magazines	30
Key Chains	44
Nail polish	27
Toothbrushes	50
Toothpaste (sample)	54
Dental Floss	49
Mouthwash	0
Scarf's	29

Soroptimist Celebrates 60 Years

Sixty years ago on July 14, 1956, eighteen women from Grosse Pointe met to charter *Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe (SIGP)* as part of the world's largest international service organization for women. Earliest projects included gifts to nursing homes, donations to the Foundation of Exceptional Children and tuition for women to attend college. From the 1960's through 1984 a pledge to Cottage Hospital resulted in a contribution of \$25,000. In the 1980's SIGP formed a partnership with Positive Images, Inc., a residential center for women in Detroit recovering from alcohol and drug addiction. Over the past 25 years SIGP has written and received grants totaling \$18,000 to support Positive Images. Grants include creating a Resource Center which established a computer lab, refurbishing the residential house on E. Grand Blvd., providing nutritional workshops for clients, creating a library and decorating the dining room in the residential center, and annually supporting clients at Christmas and Mother's Day with gifts.

Since 2008, *Soroptimist* has been a frontrunner in the awareness of human trafficking bringing information to the community and also being a member on the Michigan Task Force Against Trafficking. Sadly, Detroit is a major city for trafficked victims as it is an international border and is located close to Toledo, Ohio where major interstate freeways make it easy to move victims from state to state.

Today, *Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe* is 51 members strong! We celebrated our 60th Anniversary on April 8th at the Assumption Cultural Center where we shared a delicious meal prepared by Marchiori Catering with our many friends and supporters who bid on multiple auction items resulting in a very successful fund raising evening. Decorations included flower bouquets by Full Circle Foundation students.



The highlight of the celebration was the presentation of awards. Noudiamintoya Molsby won the Virginia Wagner Award of \$2000. She went on to win District and Region for an additional \$5000. Noudiamintoya is pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Business Management at Baker College. A \$2000 Live Your Dream (LYD) Award was won by Alexis L. Mitchell and a \$1000 LYD won by Lakissa Purnell. Interestingly, both women are working on Bachelor of Social Work degrees at Wayne State University. During the past decade, to assist with obtaining education past high school, SIGP has awarded \$57,000 to women in the Detroit metropolitan area through their awards programs.

Rebecca Minardi was the recipient of the Ruby Award for Women Helping Women where she works for Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center. She was honored with a donation of \$500 to Winning Futures, a nonprofit created to mentor teens.

Soroptimist is committed to "Educate to Lead". SIGP has funded the high school education of six girls in Damongo, Ghana, Africa, for the past two years at \$1100 per girl and they plan to see them graduate!

SIGP meets the second Wednesday of the month at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club at 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to a business meeting anytime. Please visit us on Facebook. Applications for the Live Your Dream Award and the Virginia Wagner Award can be found on our website: grossepointesoroptimist.org.

MemberSHIP

Join SIGP's mini-fundraiser with private tour of the
**Junior League of Detroit
 Designer's Show House**

Show House Address: 15500 Windmill Pointe Drive, Grosse Pointe Park

Saturday, May 14, 2016

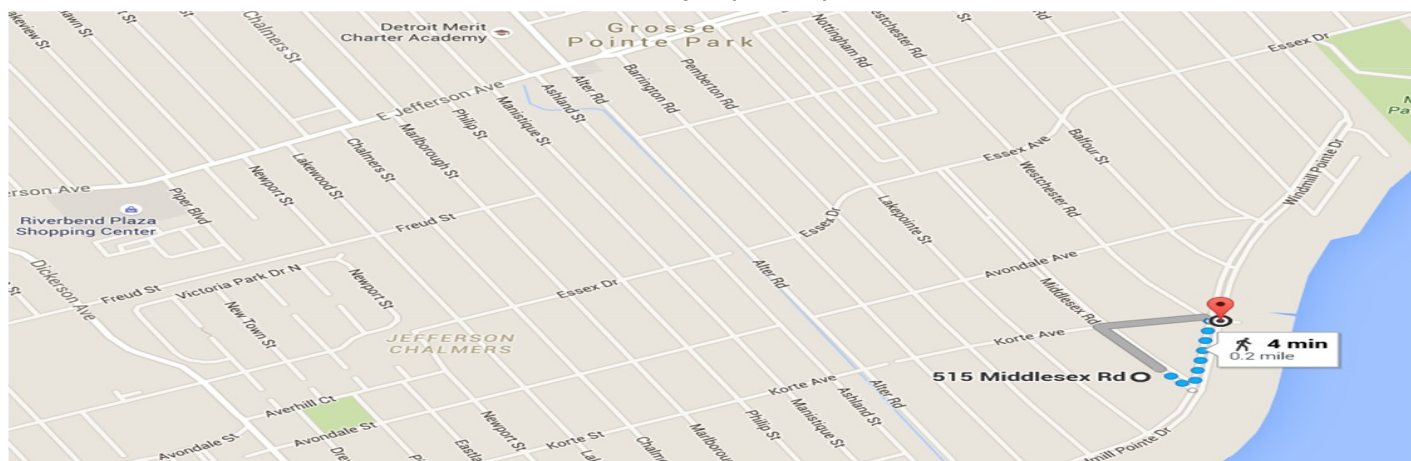
Private group tour starts at **10:30AM**

Cost is **\$30** per person

Continental breakfast will be served at Ross Braun's home prior to the tour
 (515 Middlesex Drive, GPP)

We will walk to the show house together from Ross's home
 (0.2 miles, about 5-minute walk, see map below)

If you are interested, please contact **Kerri Green**
 586-651-9222 or jazzykerri@yahoo.com



MemberSHIP

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE COMING SOON!

Reminder to all club members that 2016-2017 Membership Dues **must be paid by the end of June**. Please submit your **\$125** fee to Jane Evola or Kerri Green. We will be collecting the funds at the May business meeting, or you can mail a check. Thanks to the 8 members who already paid their dues at the April meeting!!

Kerri Green!

(For PayPal and Credit Cards Charges please contact Kerri Green @ JAZZYKERRI@yahoo.com)

MemberSHIP

60th Anniversary Finance Committee Update:

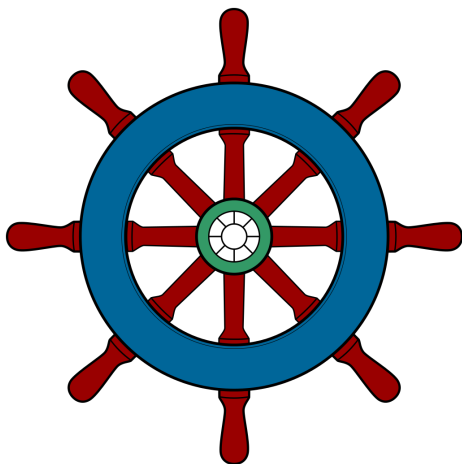
Thanks to everyone who supported the SIGP 60th Anniversary Celebration on April 8th.

The Tin Can Raffle and Silent Auction made a net profit of over **\$9500!**

We also received another **\$5000** in revenue from Sponsorships and dinner ticket sales.

Grand Total from our event was **\$14,500!!**

With such a successful fundraiser, this means we will skip the Dine Around Town restaurant gift card raffle for 2016 and focus on our service projects!



NOMINEES FOR THE 2016 / 20018 BOARD

Members are encouraged to submit their name for any board office. It is not too late to be on the board! Please contact your nominating committee, (Amanda, Myra, or Diana) by May 9th if you are interested in a board position.

This is **NOT AN OFFICIAL SLATE** at this time:

President: (?)

President Elect: **Aleksa Andjelkovic**

Vice President: **Ross Braun**

Treasure: **Kerri Green**

Assistant treasurer: **Jane Evola**

Secretary: **Ellen Chapin**

Assistant secretary: **Nancy Solak**

Director: **Myra Golden**

Director: **Marya Malkovich**

Health & Hospitality

Diana Langlois just shared a note from Ann's daughter, Jill, that said that Ann will be returning to her home in Troy. She is feeling much better and loved hearing about the SIGP Anniversary Celebration from Diana. She also loved receiving cards from the membership. Jill said "SIGP has been such a cherished & important part of her (mother's) life". Please continue to remember Ann in your thoughts & prayers. And if you have a moment please reach out with a card or note to 4850 Northfield Parkway, (Brookdale Assisted Living) Troy, MI 48098.

2016 Spring Conference



Toya Molsby and
Ross Braun



Vicky Hicks Karrie B. Darcy Merritt



Karrie—Amanda—Lauren—Diana—Ross

Saturday afternoon speaker, Lauren Marie Galley—is a 21 year-old, award-winning teen mentor, TEDx Speaker, Amazon Best Seller Author, actress/model, and President of Girls Above Society, a non-profit 501(c3) organization dedicated to empowering tween and teen girls to be confident while maintaining positive morals and values as they face the tough pressures of today's media driven society.



Vicky Hicks, the out going Mid West Region Governor and Vivian Walczesky, the incoming Mid West Region Governor

2016 Spring Conference Speaker



2016 SPRING CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Lauren Marie Galley

girlsabovesociety@att.net

Lauren is 21 and when she was in high school she created a non-profit organization, **Girls Above Society**, dedicated to empowering tween and teen girls to be confident while maintaining positive morals and values as they face the tough pressures of today's media driven society. A dynamic, energized speaker that brought a current perspective on teens and the pressures they face.

One of her suggestions:

Instead of giving compliments to teens about the way they look which only emphasizes their focus on body and beauty, here are some other ways to give positive reinforcement and praise:

- You're strong!
- You're empowering!
- I'm so happy that you exist!
- It's nice to see such kindness!
- I hope we know each other for a long time!
- I would trust you with my passwords!
- Your ideas matter!
- You have great taste!
- You're amazing!

Let's try out one of these 'feel good messages' on our daughters, granddaughters, nieces and young girls that we know!

Lauren came back to the stage to close the conference on Sunday with an invite to all clubs to join her on a PenPal Project with girls in Ghana, Africa...What a great fit with what SIGP is doing with our grant to educate girls in Ghana!



2016 Spring Conference Presenters



www.buythechangeusa.com

Kari Hughes has been a member of SI Monroe County since 2006. She created an S-Club at Monroe High School, developing the Expect

Respect teen dating violence prevention program and offering Girls Circles in Monroe elementary schools.

She founded both **Buy The Change**, a social enterprise retail company, and the **Buy The Change Foundation** a registered 501©3 non-profit organization that buys and sells products made by women in 3rd world countries. This project has become a passion that is taking her around the world and changing the lives of women and families in eight developing countries.



Dana Martin, Board Member of Soroptimist International of the Americas

Dana presented a power point on the journey of Soroptimist from it 's founding to it 's presence in today 's global society. She stated that we (Soroptimist members) are the authors of a magnificent story, and she feels privileged to be part of an organization that gives her the opportunity to contribute to writing a new page everyday as the journey continues!

2016 Spring Conference Workshops

How to Be an International Soroptimist
Through Advocacy

Bev Bucur, SI Illiana and Soroptimist International of the Americas Board Member

Bev relayed her knowledge of Soroptimist International based on her travel and her experiences as an SIA Federation board member who represented Midwestern Region. It is clear that she views Soroptimist on an international level seeing the work it does in other countries. She is passionate about the fact that Soroptimist International is a member of the Commission of the Status of Women at the United Nations.

WRITING THE SOROPTIMIST GRANT

Presented by Alex Coon, Christine Shearer

Summary by Diana

Sharing a few of the slides from a well-done workshop on GRANT WRITING. Alex and Christine were generous enough to send me a PowerPoint copy of their presentation and a copy of the grant that they wrote this year. In the Fall, I would like to invite members who are interested in learning more about grant writing to see their presentation. It will help us as we move forward in OUR grant initiatives.



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: MARCH 31, 2016

CATEGORIES	Available Pt. Values	Points Earned
Membership		
1. Inducted new members (July 1, 2015–Mar 31, 2016)- 6 new members	3 points/new member	18
2. Held a formal membership event prior to: 3/31/2016 (show me invitation)- Wine Tasting (see attached)	15 points	15
3. Held a formal member training event prior to: 3/31/2016 (S.O.L.T. – show me agenda)- Held Wed, Sept 16, 2015- PowerPoint attached	10 points	10
4.* Performed a Club Assessment and submitted report to Governor by 3/31/2016	10 points	10
5.* Performed a New Member Survey and submitted report to Governor by 3/31/2016	5 points	5
Program		
1. Participated in the Live Your Dream Award, the signature SIA project	15 points	15
2. Gave additional monetary Live Your Dream Awards- Memorial Award	10 points each award	10
3. Participated in the Virginia Wagner Educational Award	15 points	15
4. Recognized an Outstanding Woman in your community (show copy of award or press release)- See attached	5 points each	5
5. Participated in a hands-on project benefiting women and/or girls- Positive Images Parenting Class	10 points	10
6. Supported a Soroptimist International project (list which ones)- Nepal	10 points	10
7. Made at least one entry in the <i>Soroptimist Celebrating Success Program</i> (attach copies)-	10 points each	40
8. Performed Club Project Evaluation on a major service project and submitted report to Governor by 3/31/2016-	10 points	0
Public Awareness		
1. Had TV or radio covered (attach description)- see attached	10 points	10
2. Had article printed (Please tape or copy article onto a 8 1/2 x 11 inch piece of paper. DO NOT ATTACH full-size newspaper articles, scrapbooks or other bulky items)	2 points each print article	20
3. Had on-line posting on community calendar (Please attach a printout)- see attached	2 points	2
4. Published a club newsletter, at least bi-monthly, and circulated to all members, presidents of other clubs in the district, and REGION BOARD MEMBERS . (will be verified)	15 points	15
5. Maintained a club website. Website address: grosspointesoroptimist.net	15 points	15
6. Submitted articles for inclusion in the <i>Vision</i> - 10 submitted	5 points each	50
7. Maintained a club account on social media i.e.: Circle all that apply: Facebook Twitter LinkedIn Instagram	5 points each	5
8. Developed or updated club brochure from last year (attach copies)- see attached	5 points each	5
Fundraising		
1. Paid Founders Pennies for all members	5 points	5
2. Had adequate club fundraising activities to support giving a cash award to the club's Live Your Dream winner	10 points	10
3. Made a donation to Club Giving	5 points per \$100.00	50
4. Club members joined Laurel Society (including monthly giving option)	5 points/member	0

CATEGORIES	Available Pt. Values	Points Earned
Other		
1. Attendance at 2015 Spring Conference in Milwaukee, WI (do not include first time attendees)	3 points/attendee	15
2. Had first time attendees at 2015 Spring Conference	5 points/attendee	10
3. Hostess at 2015 Spring Conference	30 points	0
4. Attendance at SI Convention in 2015 (i.e. Turkey)	5 points/attendee	0
5. Attendance at District Meeting, October 2015 (do not include first time attendees)	3 points/attendee	6
6. First time attendees to District Meeting, October 2015	5 points/attendee	0
7. Submitted a Soroptimist Club Grant (must attach a copy of the grant)	25 points	25
8. Submitted Program Focus Reports (attach list of reports, not reports themselves)- 3	2 points each	6
TOTAL POINTS EARNED		412

Total amount of money donated to women and girls projects and awards for current club year: \$ 9499

(LYD- 2000, Memorial- 1000, VW- 2000, Ruby- 500, Lee Myers- 149, PI- 1000, Mother's Day- 100, Human Trafficking- 50, Wayne Co Med- 150, Mentoring- 150, Ghana- 1000, SI Pres Appeal- 400, Club Donations- 1000)

Approximately how many women did your financial donations assist? 172+ for local projects in addition SIGP has contributed to international campaigns which reach unmeasurable amounts of women

Recognition will be given at FOUR levels:

Excellent	250 points or more
Outstanding	205-249 points
Commendable	125-204 points
Participant	35-124 points

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

2014-2016 Board Members &

Chairs

Roseanne Horne-President

Amanda Duda-Pres. Elect/

Program

Ross Braun-VP / Member

Mary Ellen Burke-Past Pres

Jane Evola-Treasurer

Kerri Green-Asst. Treasurer /

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Diana Langlois-Secretary

Ellen Chapin-Asst. Sec. /

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Karrie Blankenship-Director /

Webmaster & Editor

Marlane Washington-Director /

Hospitality



For upcoming events and to see what
SIGP has been up to check out our
website by clicking the link below

[http://
www.grossepointesoroptimist.org/](http://www.grossepointesoroptimist.org/)

Please have your article's to
Karrie Blankenship by 9:00 pm
on or before 28th of each
month to:

karrieb40@gmail.com

Soroptimist Pledge

I pledge allegiance to Soroptimist and to the ideals for
which it stands:

*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*

Soroptimist is an international volunteer organization for women who work to improve the
lives of women and girls, through programs leading to social and economic empowerment in
local communities and throughout the world.



Bulletin Board



SAVE THE DATE

2016 Used Book Sale:
Dates: May 17th - 21st, 2016

Location: First English Evangelical Lutheran Church,
800 Vernier Rd, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236





Human Traffickers Among Us: Learn To Spot Them

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Human Traffickers Among Us: Learn To Spot Them

May 9th, 2016 5:00pm - 7:00pm - Oakland County Executive Conference Center

Every 30 seconds another person becomes a victim of Human Trafficking.

The Metro Detroit Chapter of the US National Committee for UN Women joins with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)-Detroit for an educational training session to teach the general public, first responders and police officials how to spot the red flags of human trafficking.

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Detroit/Transnational Crimes Task Force (TCFF) representatives will provide an in depth training session to explain the methods and techniques employed by traffickers and human smugglers; how to spot them and programs designed to help the victims.

You will learn from Homeland Security Investigations (HSI):

- What is Human Trafficking
- The difference between Human Trafficking and Human Smuggling
- Human Trafficking Indicators/Red Flags
- HSIs Focus Relating to Human Trafficking
- HSIs Victim Assistance Program
- HSIs Blue Campaign (Outreach and Education Program)

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO LEARN HOW TO SPOT HUMAN TRAFFICKING ABUSES

The event is free to the public, however a suggested donation of \$10 is welcomed. Space is limited. Please reserve in advance on-line at: <http://nimby.brownpapertickets.com/> or by calling 248-417-6725.



DETROIT INTERNATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUMMIT

Presented by Liberty & Freedom Now 501(c) 3

DATE:

JUNE 9, 2016

WHERE:

COBO HALL - MAIN BALLROOM

SCHEDULE:

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

author of *The Slave Across the Street*, a USA Today and Wall Street Journal best seller, and *The Sacred Bath*.

1:00 p.m. Bathroom Break

1:15 p.m. Session Convenes: United States
Eastern District Attorney Barbara McQuade

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Corporate Responsibility:
Presented by Global Freedom Network
Supply Chain

2:15 – 3:00 p.m. Individual Leaders: Religious
Leaders in the Community
Eyes on the Ground training

3:00 p.m. Coffee Break

3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Session Convenes:
Speaker: State Senator Judy Emmons

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Wrap Up Current Metrics –
Bill Sumner CEO HMSA 2015-2016 Goals and
Next Steps

4:30 p.m. Conference Ends / Strolling Cocktail
Reception

7:30 a.m.
Coffee Bar

8:00 a.m. Program Begins
Opening Remarks: Welcome
and Program for the Day

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Human Trafficking 101
(Education and Awareness) Global, US, Michigan,
Southeastern Michigan- Walk free Foundation, Tom
Watkins CEO DEMHA, Aaron Muscatello Southeastern
Michigan FBI Task Force,

10:00 a.m. Coffee Break

10:15 a.m. Session Convenes: Michigan Attorney General
Bill Schuette- Every Key Stakeholder needs to have
Training

11:45 a.m. Bathroom Break

12:00 p.m. Lunch - Key Note Speaker Theresa Flores,

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