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## *Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe*

### President's Message

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Well, here it is June, 2018. After two years as President, and two years as co-president, my term has come to an end. I have enjoyed leading this club over the last four years and am proud of all that we have accomplished. We are a strong group of dedicated women who believe in the Soroptimist mission of women helping women and girls. So many of you have chaired events and programs, taken board positions and helped as volunteers, all of which made my job easier. I am grateful for the support and thankful for the friends I have made.

As we wind down our fiscal year and get ready to start up again in July, don't forget to **pay your dues!** Even if you can't make it to the meetings, or don't have time to volunteer, we still want you to be a member! Your support means a lot.

May was a busy month. Despite the rain, our garage sale was a success! Thank you to all those who donated items, helped with set up or clean up, shopped or helped to sell. Most of all thanks to Carrie Petrocelli, who allowed us to use her home/garage for our sale!

Our Mother's Day bags were beautifully packed and chock full of useful items. Mary Ellen Burke is passionate about these bags and makes sure every woman receives the same or similar items. She stores the items all year long and organizes the packing. This year she also helped distribute the bags to the Positive Images women.

Next up is our Dine Around Town raffle. Please remember to take the gift card request letter with you next time you go out to dinner. Ask the owner or manager if they would like to donate to our raffle. Gift certificates are due at the July meeting. Remember, this raffle helps to fund our awards.

Ross and I look forward to serving as a Past Presidents on the new Board and welcoming Aleksa Andjelkovic as our new President.

All the best for women,

*Roseanne and Ross*



Our Co-Presidents  
Ross Braun & Roseanne Horne

## DATES TO REMEMBER

FOR A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF ACTIVITIES PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND CLICK ON THE  
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# June 2018

### Soroptimist International Grosse Pointe

Today ◀ ▶ June 2018 ▼ [Print](#) [Week](#) [Month](#) [Agenda](#) ▼

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 Pointer Article Sub	29	30	31	Jun 1	2
3	4	5	6 6:30pm Board Meeting	7 Karrie Blankenship	8	9
10	11	12	13 6pm General Business	14 Peggy Hart Birthday	15	16 Marilyn Schafer Birthday
17	18	19	20	21 Jessie Enloe Birthday	22 Restaurant Crawl -	23
24	25	26	27 Kerri Green Birthday	28 Pointer Article Sub	29	30

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**Yesterday, the House of Representatives passed a bipartisan package of 27 bills aimed at combatting sexual assault in Michigan.**

I have been proud to help spearhead this bill package as the leading Democrat on the Committee on Law and Justice in partnership with a bipartisan team of colleagues and brilliant staff members. Over the course of many months, we read hundreds of pages of documents from MSU, had numerous collaborative bipartisan meetings to develop bills, listened to testimony at twelve committee hearings, and engaged in tremendous dialogue, research, and debate.

Click [here to watch my speech in support of Senate Bill 872](#) and [here to watch my speech in support of House Bill 5791](#).

Did you know that one in nine girls experience sexual abuse at the hands of an adult? I am proud that we passed House Bill 5791, my bill that will require the Department of Education to develop age-appropriate informational material related to sexual assault and harassment and make the materials available for every student in grades 6-12. Two years ago, the students in my Girls Making Change fellowship worked with me to develop this bill because nearly all of them either was a survivor of sexual assault or knew someone in their family who was. Knowing what sexual assault is and where to turn for help is critical. In my conversations with the former assistant attorney general who prosecuted the Nassar case, it has been made clear that if my bill were already law, some of the Nassar survivors' story could be much different.

**The bills we passed yesterday would not have been made possible if it were not for the conviction, grace and fortitude of the survivors and others who reached out to us to share their story and demand action to address sexual assault.** We owed it to them to pass a comprehensive set of reforms to better protect survivors in our state, and this week we made historic changes that will make a difference for Michiganders for years to come.

From the beginning, my colleagues and I set out to work on three principles — protecting survivors, increasing accountability, and preventing sexual assault. We are empowering young people by educating them about sexual assault and where they can turn for help and providing tools to ensure that universities are improving their responses to sexual assault on campus. We are holding health professionals accountable so that they cannot get away with sexual abuse under the guise of medical treatment. And we moved forward a bipartisan compromise on statutes of limitation that bring access, fairness, accuracy and justice to our legal system for survivors.

**I am proud of our work and know our work is not over yet. In addition to ensuring every single bill gets to the Governor's desk and is signed into law, I am committed to doing as much as possible in the months and years to come to address sexual assault in our state.**

Onward,

*Stephanie*



## POSITIVE IMAGES

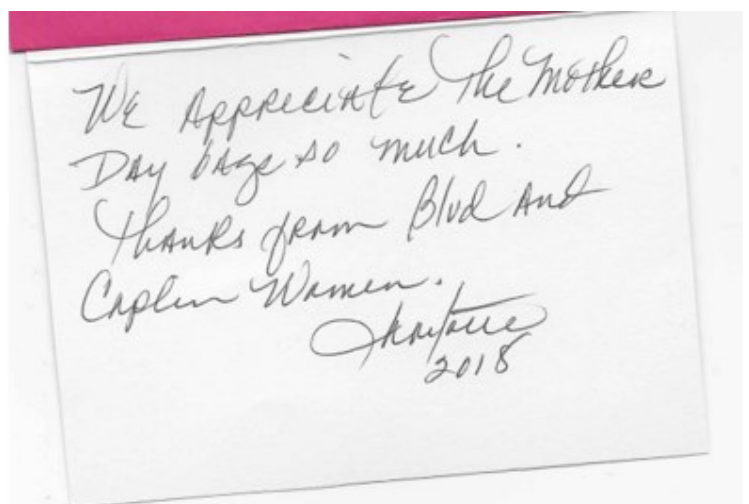
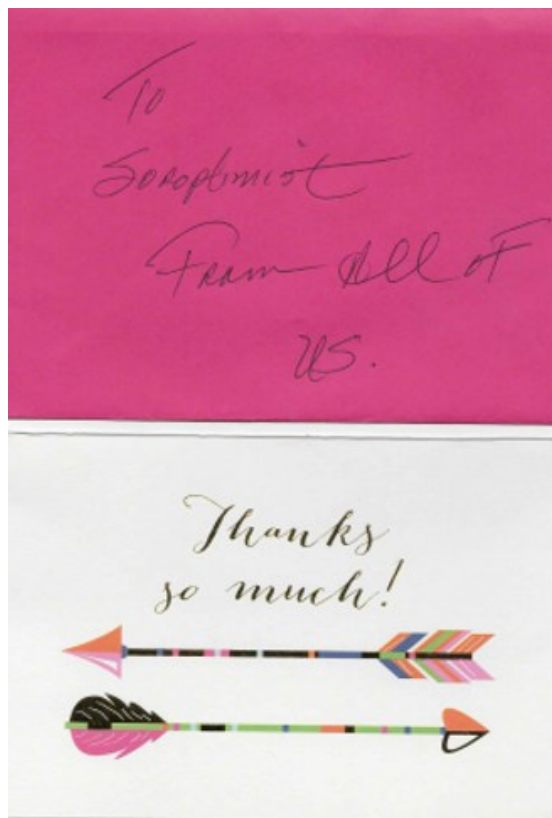
Parenting Classes continue with the help of dedicated Soroptimist members: Dorothy Wasinger, Jane Lightfoot, Diane Kashuba, Laura McCourt, Ellen Chapin and Bette LePouttre.

Positive images received a \$2500 grant for the Maternal Infant Program from Saint John's Church located on Woodward in Detroit.

The grant application came through Marj Alff, a member of AAUW. She contacted Mary Ellen and Diana about P. I. and was instrumental in forwarding the application. From what I understand, the grant will purchase cribs, car seats, infant seats as well as diapers and other disposable necessities for newborns.



**Delivery of  
Mother's Day  
bags @  
PositivelImages.  
Carol on left,  
Mary Ellen in  
middle, Maisha  
on right at PI.**





[Dine Around Town Letter to Restaurants](#)

A brief explanation of our Dine Around Town Raffle.

1. **Collection the gift cards.** We have created an Excel spread sheet that will track who has collected the GC, what restaurant's donated the GC, the value of the GC, the number of GC donated and the contact information for the restaurant; we send out "Thank You" letters to the manager/owner of the restaurants
2. **Bundling the gift cards.** Once the GC have been collected they are then bundled into prize packages. The committee will meet and create the bundles using the spread sheet mentioned above.
3. **Selling the Raffle Tickets.** Once the raffle tickets are printed we ask each member to sell five books of raffle tickets at \$20 a book, five tickets to a book (they get the 5th ticket for free) or \$5 a ticket. Then at our October meeting we pull the winning tickets.

*In order to collect gift cards you will need our Dine Around Town Gift Letter to be handed to the manager/owners of the restaurants. This letter can be retrieved on our website or by clicking on the box above. If you have any questions you may contact Diana Langlois by phone or email.*



\$1,465  
in sales

Diana,  
Nancy,  
Carolyn  
Peggy



Peggy



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**JUNE 22, 2018**

**DINE AROUND TOWN CRAWL**  
Details to follow  
Watch your emails for details



I'm happy to report that previous Ruby Award winner and former SIGP member, Rebecca Minardi and her husband (Andy Michalowicz) welcomed a baby boy yesterday!

Rhone Ellis Michalowicz

8lbs 3oz

21 inches

Born with lots of hair born at 8:08pm on 5/31/18

Fun story: Rebecca's due date was 5/28/18, so she's been patiently waiting all week. She and I had pedicures done on Wednesday evening. She picked out blue and pink polish for her toes, but the woman doing her toenails said she was going to do blue only since she thought Rebecca was having a boy :)

Submitted by: Kerri Green



Rhone  
Ellis

Kerri Green, Rebecca Minardi and Rene Newman

## Annual Club Dues Reminder!

We are reaching the end of our Soroptimist club fiscal year!

Annual dues are **\$125** and are needed from all members by

**Wednesday, June 13, 2018.**

Please pay by cash, check, credit card, or PayPal.

(\$4 surcharge assessed for credit card/PayPal transactions.)

Any questions, please contact your Asst. Treasurer listed below!

**Jane Evola, SIGP Asst Treasurer**

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Planning for the Stop Traffic 5K on September 29, 2018 is in full force. The committee has decided to brand this event using an image entitled **"She's Not For Sale."** It was originally created for another walk/run event presented by the SI Three Rivers chapter in Washington State. They could not be prouder to have their original imagery used by another chapter on the other side of the country. Thank you to Maddy Jeffs for providing this very powerful image to our committee and to Eva Habib for incorporating it into our marketing materials. We can't wait to unveil it when the final flyer designs are completed in June. Those interested in participating in the run/walk can now register! The direct link to information and registration is <https://www.grossepointesoroptimist.net/5k-race-walk--stop-traffic.html/>. We have already gotten our first registration so let's keep the momentum going. Please feel free to spread the word! The next meeting of the Anti-HT/5K planning committee will be June 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Big Boy Restaurant (GPW).



**SHE'S NOT FOR SALE**

**NEXT ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**5K RUN/WALK**

**MEETING**

**CONFIRMED FOR**

**JUNE 27, 2018  
AT 7:00 PM  
AT**

**BIG BOY RESTAURANT**

Address: 20710 Mack Ave, Grosse  
Pointe, MI 48236

**END HUMAN TRAFFICKING NOW!**

**Report a tip**

**Call 1-888-3737-888 or text BEFREE**

**<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/>**

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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

For upcoming events and to see what SIGP has been up to  
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