

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

A Message from your Editor

My dear fellow Soroptimists,

I would like to take this time to say, "It has been my pleasure creating, editing and distributing our monthly newsletter, *The Pointer*, for all of you to read and enjoy". Most of you have been reading our newsletter for many years and have been witness to its many changes. Well, another change is about to happen!

Back in 2011, Mary Clare Toffanetti, the editor of the newsletter, approached me and asked if I would be interested in taking over the responsibilities of editing the SIGP newsletter. My initial reaction was "O my gosh, NO! Mary Clare has won awards with her newsletter." However, as I thought it over, I came to the decision, "Why not" and so began my adventure into creating SIGP's newsletter. Through the years technology has advanced and so has our newsletter. I have used many different types of templates, formats and distributions hosts. Technology played a major part in all my creative discussions, which in my opinion, has enriched the look and vibe of our newsletter. My intent was always to keep the look fresh and new, while focusing on the members' articles as the most important aspect of the newsletter.

Now comes another new look and new editor; Nancy Solak. I'm confident Nancy will create a well edited and well formatted newsletter, full of up to date information for your reading pleasure and knowledge. I will be working closely with Nancy to make the transition seamless and transparent for all our readers.

Thanks to all of you for your appreciation, praise and support these past 7 years. Please support Nancy and your club by reading your newsletter! It has important dates and information about SIGP's fundraisers, public awareness, programs and service events all of which are all working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

--Karrie Blankenship

Meet your 2018 / 2020 Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe Board Members




Pictured back row: Mary Ellen Burke, Treasurer; Bette Lepouttre, Asst. Treasurer; Marya Malkovich, Director; Dorothea Williams, Vice President; Myra Golden, Director; Laura McCourt, Secretary.

Front row: Carolyn Barth, Program Chair; Roseanne Horne, Past President; Aleksa Andjelkovic, President; Ross Braun, Past President. Not pictured is Ellen Chapin, Asst. Secretary.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FOR A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF ACTIVITIES PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND CLICK ON THE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS TAB UNDER **THE POINTER** TAB

July 2018

Sun Jul 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
Sara Mai Baker Birth			Independence Day ● 6:30pm Board Me			
8 Aleksa Andjelkovic B	9	10	11 ● 6pm General Busi	12	13	14 Renee' Rodriguez Bir
15 Rasheda Kamaria Wi	16	17	18 ● 7pm DAT Bundling	19 Jane Lightfoot Birthd	20	21
22 Molly Ann Augustine	23 Rosanne Morrow Birl	24 Catherine Baldwin Bi	25	26	27 Mary Ellen Burke Birt	28 Pointer Article Subm
29	30 Jane Evola Birthday	31	Aug 1 ● 6:30pm Board Me	2	3	4 



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[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.



Gift Cards In Hand

Restaurant	Amount
BUCCI	\$ 25.00
Buddy's Pizza	\$ 15.00
Champs	\$ 20.00
Champs	\$ 20.00
City Kitchen	\$ 50.00
City Kitchen	\$ 50.00
City Kitchen	\$ 25.00
City Kitchen	\$ 25.00
Cracker Barrel	\$ 25.00
Cracker Barrel	\$ 25.00
Fishbones	\$ 100.00
Grubhouse	\$ 50.00
Grubhouse	\$ 50.00
Grubhouse	\$ 50.00
Grubhouse	\$ 50.00
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Irish Coffee	\$ 20.00
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Luxe Bar	\$ 50.00
Mike's On the Water	\$ 20.00
NiNi Café	\$ 75.00
NiNi Café	\$ 75.00
Pegasus	\$ 30.00
Pepperoni Grille	\$ 25.00
Hot Tamales	\$ 20.00
Salvatore Scallopini	\$ 30.00
Salvatore Scallopini	\$ 50.00
Saraha	\$ 25.00
The Hill Seafood & Chop House	\$ 50.00
Trattoria Serventi	\$ 50.00
Uncle Harry's deli	\$ 20.00
Villa Italian Restaurant	\$ 20.00
Total Gift Cards in hand	\$ 1,460.00





- **Contributions to Public Affairs: Editor of Newsletter, Updating club website, writing articles for club or other Soroptimist publications, and/or local paper**

The previous guidelines were developed in May 2004 by Mary Parsigian who created this award for the Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe (SIGP) Club in order to honor Ann Cunningham's years of dedicated Soroptimist service. Ann Cunningham was the first recipient of this award in June 2004.



Marya Malkovich was awarded the Ann Cunningham Dedicated Soroptimist Award. The previous winner, Mary Ellen Burke, along with the presidents, Roseanne Horne and Ross Braun chose Marya based on these guidelines.

- **Dedication to SI mission based on service to club and to service projects**
- **Most helpful to club president, especially consider a member serving behind the scenes so rarely recognized**
- **Active member as measured by attendance at meeting, district meetings, regional conferences, SIA conventions, SI conventions**
- **Service to club as SIGP Board member, Club officer, Chairwoman, Event chair**
- **Service to club service projects such as Positive Images activities (tutoring, parenting program, computer lab, Mother's Day bags, Christmas party/store, donations)**
- **Contributions to Program: Chair of club award, solicitation of applicants, Chair of Human**

Trafficking or Teen Violence, Support of any program

- **Contributions to Fund Raising: creating a project, chairing a project, donating items or \$ or time to club project**
- **Contributions to Membership: creating/attending events, recruiting a member/s, hosting club events at home (wine tasting, general meeting, board meeting, Christmas party, committee planning, sending cards to members for birthday or illness or sympathy)**

Hello Soroptimist group! Thank you so much for the card; it meant a lot to me to receive it. We've been having a lot of fun getting to know our son, Rhone. He loves to go on walks, listen to my made up songs, and take baths. I hope he can meet you all soon!

Best,
Rebecca Minardi



ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Planning for the Stop Traffic 5K on September 29, 2018 continues. The committee will be sending the electronic version of the official flyer to the chapter in early July. We hope you will share it in electronic and hard copy forms with those who might be interested. Hard copies will also be provided at the July meeting. A sponsorship committee is now forming. Carolyn Barth and Roseanne Horne have graciously offered to take the helm of that subcommittee and would love others to join them. The first meeting about sponsorship will be July 18th and 6:00 pm. The location has yet to be determined, but feel free to reach out to Roseanne, Carolyn, or Carrie Petrocelli for more details. Aside from sponsorship, we are working on a DJ, host, goody bags, marketing timeline and much more! The recruitment of anti-HT organizations to be exhibitors at our expo post-race is also underway. Stay tuned. It is going to be a great day of fun, facts, and fundraising!

Remember that those interested can now register online by visiting grossepointesoroptimist.org and clicking the 5K Walk/Run tab. The next meeting of the Anti-HT/5K planning committee will be July 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm (immediately following the sponsorship subcommittee meeting). As previously mentioned, the location is to be determined, but we will know by the July member meeting. If you have any additional questions in the meantime, feel free to contact Carrie Petrocelli or Sara Shepherd.

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SHE'S NOT FOR SALE

NEXT ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING

5K RUN/WALK

MEETING

CONFIRMED FOR

JULY 18, 2018
AT 7:00 PM
AT

TBD AT THE JULY MEETING

END HUMAN TRAFFICKING NOW!

Report a tip

Call 1-888-3737-888 or text BEFREE

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/>



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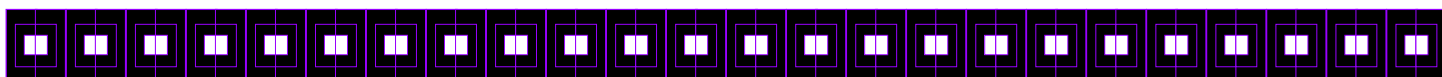
Please have your article's to
Karrie Blankenship by 9:00 pm
on or before 28th of each
month to:
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*I pledge allegiance to Soroptimist and to
the ideals for which it stands:*

*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 lar-
ger fellowship in home, in society, in busi-
ness, for country and for God*

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/>



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