



# The Pointer

## 2019 MARCH SIGP AWARDS DINNER & CEREMONY

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

**Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter Road, SCS, MI 48080**

(possibly a very brief general meeting)

**RSVP before Friday, March 8,**

**with \$25 cash or check made payable to: SIGP**

Check or cash goes to either Roseanne or Ross.

Questions? E-mail Roseanne: [rosewa33@aol.com](mailto:rosewa33@aol.com)

*(wine, beer and cocktails will be available for purchase)*

## Welcome New Inductees!



New members were inducted to SIGP at the Village Grille on Wednesday, February 13, 2019. Pictured (l-r): Ross Braun, (Past President), Mary Ellen Brayton, Irem Yoruk, Anne Schwartz, Cara Crawford, Robin Crawford, Ernesta Kurrle, Dorothea Williams (Vice President/Membership), and Roseanne Horne (Past President).

## Second Annual STOP TRAFFIC 5K!

September may seem like it's eons away, but it would be great if you could block out the date for our next STOP TRAFFIC 5K Walk/Run.

**Mark your calendar for Saturday,  
September 21, 2019**

## Why You Keep Hearing About Positive Images (P.I.)

Positive Images (P.I.) is a therapeutic community for women and families in the process of recovery. It consists of three facilities in Detroit: An intake house on **East Grand Boulevard**, a residential facility on **Coplin**, and an office building a half-block away from Coplin. This building is referred to as **East Warren**. For more than 20 years, SIGP has supported P.I. to further its and our cause to help women.

A meeting with Maisha Kenyatta, LMSW, CAADC, Executive Director, along with PI staff and SIGP members Nancy Solak, Jean Kroll, Dorothy Wasinger, Tina Edgar, Kathy Baetz and Diana Langlois was held on February 15. It resulted in a good discussion and clarification of ideas. The topics below illustrate the broad range of services SIGP provides.

SIGP welcomes club members who would like to get involved! Call Diana Langlois or one of the P.I. volunteers mentioned below if you're interested. You don't have to commit right away. In fact, one of them will pick you up, bring you to the session (where you don't have to say one peep or lift one finger—only observe), and drive you home again. It's always an uplifting experience to see the clients getting closer to full recovery. Here's what happened at the meeting:

### Parenting at East Warren

Intern: LaShonda Carter, new P.I. staff, assigned to the Parenting Class

There are fewer clients in Parenting. The reason is that grant money has been drastically reduced; clients can only stay a *maximum* of 29 days.

This not only has reduced the number of clients taken in, but also has required SIGP's Parenting volunteers to condense the original 7-8 week program.

These cuts have also affected Coplin residents; its grant money has also been drastically reduced. Clients can stay only 4 months, then must pay rent.

### Computer Lab at East Warren

Computer Lab: Hats off to Mike Lucas who came to troubleshoot the one nonworking computer. He replaced a \$3 part and the computer was back on! **THANK YOU, MIKE!!!**

Thanks to a suggestion made by Susan Amejka, the four computer stations are more spread out. SIGP volunteers moved a bookcase out of the Computer Lab and re-purposed another computer desk into the Computer Lab. This change gives clients more personal space while using one of the computers.

### Coplin

The Coplin dining room needs an update. *Maisha is requesting that Soroptimist consider redecorating the dining room. Anyone who can't resist designing and painting a room should let Diana know. At least one designer is needed along with some worker bees.*

Personal hygiene items: P.I. is always in need of personal hygiene items such as tampons, pads, shampoos, lotions, etc. You can always bring such items to the business meeting and be assured the items will be delivered to P.I.

### Clothing Room at East Warren

Hats off to Jean Kroll, Peggy Hart, Susan Amejka, Dorothy Wasinger, Tina Edgar, and anyone else who has given hours to organize this room. It's an ongoing project and looks great!!!

Roof and wall repair: What is desperately needed in the second clothing room, is repair of plaster peeling water-stained walls. Maisha said she would get three bids for repair by the end of March. Soroptimist may look for an organization to write a grant for this repair.

### Acupuncture

Kathy Baetz has offered her services as an acupuncture therapist. Questions about insurance came up so no decision was made as to when this may begin.

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**Journaling**

Since journaling is one of the activities strongly advised for people in recovery, Nancy Solak led four weekly writing workshops in February with at least six clients participating. With the help of Ms. Nelson, a Coplin staffer, she will restart the program in April.

On Tuesday, February 25, Dorothy Wasinger, Diane Kashuba, Bette LePouttre, and Nancy Solak met at Diana Langlois' home to discuss continuing task of consolidating the Parenting Program. From 8 chapters down to 4, our volunteers are now down to presenting the main ideas into four groups: Infancy and Childhood (birth-6 yrs.); Preadolescence (7-11 yrs.); Adolescence (12-17 yrs.); Parenting and Life Skills (18-adult).

Members who volunteer at P.I. in Parenting are always looking for ways to make the sessions meaningful to clients, especially now that they come for only 3 or 4 sessions. SIGP welcomes other club members who would like to be involved!

Call Diana or one of the P.I. volunteers if you're interested in Parenting, Computers or The Clothing Room. The clients are appreciative of the time and energy SIGP volunteers put into the all of the above programs.

**Parenting** meets from 1-2:30, give or take, on Tuesday afternoons.

**Computer Lab** is open from 2-4 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

**Clothing Room** volunteers come anywhere from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and/or Fridays.

All you have to say is, "I'm interested," and our Club members will lead the way. We're always hoping to help you find YOUR niche in our Club.



*Pictured here are three of the four computers located at PI East Warren facility.*





SIGP had a lot of representation for the viewing of the documentary, *Stuck in Traffic — Modern Day Slavery in Michigan*, on February 24. The film was produced by the Wayne County Medical Society Foundation of Southeast Michigan, and was shown at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

## WANTED: A Springtime Basket

The Midwest Region Spring Conference will be held April 26-28, 2019, in Columbus, Ohio, at the Marriott. SIGP members are welcome to attend. Whether you are attending or not, you might want to give the contingent a hand by putting together a Springtime Basket to raffle at the Conference. If you're interested in attending or creating a basket,



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*Although puppies in a basket would be nice, perhaps something less perishable?*

*If interested in helping put together the springtime basket, contact Roseanne Horne.*

*If interested in attending, contact either Mary Ellen Burke or Bette Lepouttre.*



*The Soroptimist*  
*International Greater Detroit Presents*

  
*Inaugural Live Your Dream Award Bruch*

The *Live Your Dream Award*,  
 provides support to women  
 striving to reach their dreams!

  
 There will be a Silent Auction, Raffle and Prizes.  
 Saturday, March 16, 2019  
 11:00am-3:00pm  
 Center for Creative Studios  
 A. Alfred Taubman Center For Design Education  
 485 W. Milwaukee Avenue  
 Detroit, MI 48202

If you are interested in attending,  
 would like to partner or donate  
 please email  
 vlwaller11@yahoo.com.

SI of Greater Detroit fundraiser for Live Your Dream Award.

## Collecting Mother's Day items for Positive Images Baskets

At right, Marj Alff, a member of St. John's Episcopal Church on Woodward Avenue, brought 50 Ziplock™ bags of toiletries for the women at Positive Images! Marj is also a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in Grosse Pointe.

Speaking of donations for PI, SIGP member Mary Ellen Burke is in the process of collecting the following items for Mother's Day baskets:

- ◆ Baskets
- ◆ Jewelry
- ◆ Mugs (no advertising)
- ◆ Pretty doo-dads



## District III Roundtable

Saturday, March 9, 2019, Trenton, Michigan

11 a.m.—3 p.m.

Members attending: Karrie Blankenship, Ross Braun,

Mary Ellen Brayton, and Roseanne Horne

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

## 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](mailto:socialmediasigp@gmail.com)

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NEWSLETTER: THE POINTER is on the website and  
is emailed to members ..... Nancy Solak

MEDIA: Newspaper articles, radio PSAs, etc. .... Diana Langlois



Remember to use AMAZON SMILE [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)  
(look for Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe)

## District III Emails

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## Soroptimist Websites

Soroptimist International Midwest Region - ([simwr.org](http://simwr.org))

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([soroptimist.org/about-us/contact-us/index.html](http://soroptimist.org/about-us/contact-us/index.html))

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# March 2019

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3	4	5	6 Board Mtg 6:30 p.m. Mary Ellen's	7	8 Happy Birthday, Marya Malkovich!	9 District III Round Table 11-3 at TJ's Trenton
10	11	12	13 Awards Dinner, 6: 30 p.m. Assumption	14 Happy Birthday, Kathy Kraydich!	15	16 Inaugural Live Your Dream Brunch 11-3 See p. 6
17	18 Happy Birthday, Jean Kroll!	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Happy Birthday, Diane Kashuba!	27	28	29 Happy Birthday, Pat Casey!	30
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## A quick way to get through the newsletter:

1. Grab your calendar
2. Go through each page and note what interests you
3. Peruse articles
4. Tah-dah!



**When:** Monday, March 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: Places in the Heart.** This drama film starring Sally Fields is about a U. S. depression-era Texas widow who tries to save the family farm with the help of a blind white man and a poor Black man.

**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, March 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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

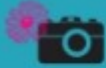
Please submit reservation form below, with payment, to Carolyn Barth. Deadline to reserve tickets is Friday, March 8, 2019.

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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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