

The Pointer

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

President's Message

Dear SIGP Members,

Well, here it is June, 2016 which marks the end of my 2-year term as President! I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as the President of our fabulous Club. I also want to thank all of the Board members and committee chairwomen for their hard work and time commitment to our Club. Together we all accomplished quite a bit in the last 2 years. I am proud to say that we have maintained at least 50 members in our club at a time when many clubs are losing members. I am proud that we have been able to raise additional funds to provide additional awards and money to women in need. I am proud that we were able to celebrate our club's 60th Anniversary together and raise a lot of money doing so! I am proud of the increased public awareness our club has received in the news, on the radio and on TV. I am proud that we are continuing to fund

tuition for girls going to High School in Ghana. I am also proud of our continuing involvement with Human Trafficking awareness.

Moving forward to the next 2 years... Ross Braun and I will be your Co-presidents! We look forward to adding even more members to our club, continuing our Ghana grants to educate girls in Ghana, increasing our scholarship dollars and awards here in Metro Detroit, continuing our efforts to extend Human Trafficking awareness, raising more publicity about our Soroptimist club, holding a "Dream It, Be It" Career Day, and possibly chartering a Detroit Club. Our new slate of Board members will be inducted at our June meeting; June 8th at 6:30 pm. Dues will also be collected that evening if you have not already paid. Bring a friend along so they can learn more about our club.

Finally, our BIG SSS (Soroptimist Secondhand

Sale) will be held this week; June 2, 3 and 4th. If you have some time to help set up, sell, or clean up please stop by! 1247 Elford Ct in Grosse Pointe Woods! Shoppers are needed too! Great Bargains!

As always, All the Best for Women!

Roseanne Horne
SIGP President



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



June 2016 Edition

Birthday's

Karrie Blankenship 6/07

Marilyn Schafer Meyer 6/16

Kerri Green 6/27

Dates to Remember

- **6/01** Board Meeting ~ Mary Ellen's Condo~6:30pm
- **06/2,3 & 4 ~** SSS @ Roseanne Horne's
- **6/08** Business Meeting ~ Grosse Pointe Yacht Club ~ 788 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Shores ~ 6:30pm
- 07/31 Garden Tea Party ~ Michelle Straits home ~ 1pm-5pm

District Meetings

District 1 & 3

- 9/30 - 10/1 ~ La Porte, IN

Districts 2 & 4

- 10/14& 15

2017 Spring Conference

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

Fundraising

SOROPTIMIST SECONDHAND SALE

When?

June 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2016

Where?

1247 Elford Court

Grosse Pt. Woods, MI 48236

Time?

Thursday 2nd, 9am—3pm

Friday 3rd, 9am—3pm

Saturday 4th, 9am—1pm

We still need help with set up

Wed 9-3; Thru & Fri 9-3; Sat 9-1

and clean up Sat 1-3

**GARAGE
SALE**

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JUNIOR LEAGUE SHOW HOUSE

On Saturday, May 14th at 10:30 am several SIGP members and their guests toured the Junior League Show House with a private tour guide. We started the day at Ross Braun's home for a fabulous breakfast spread and then a quick walk over to the Show House. This was another SIGP Membership Funraiser! Ross donated the cost of the Show House tickets, but there was a small charge for the breakfast! It was a little cold and rainy that day, but it was a very worthwhile and enjoyable event! The tiny house at the back of the property was very interesting, but it could not accommodate our meetings! The under-the-living room boat well, also was very fascinating, but I don't think too many of our members could "boat" to a meeting! We will stick with the Yacht Club for now!

You're invited to join

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF GROSSE POINTE

for a

Garden Tea Party!

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2016

Drop in any time between 1:00 and 5:00pm
to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments



At the Home of:
Michelle Strait
1457 Seminole
Detroit, MI 48214

Cost is \$25 per person
Guests are welcome!

Limited capacity, so please RSVP in advance to Kerri Green (586) 651-9222 or
jazzykerri@yahoo.com

Program & Service

Mother's Day Bags

Thanks to everyone for their support of the Mother's Day Bags for Positive Images. We made 62 bags which were decorated with beautiful flower stencils that Dorothy Wasinger created again this year. Thanks to Uncle Harry's Deli for donating the bags. The club purchased the journals and the pens. Members contributed jewelry, jewelry boxes, Oprah magazines, tote bags, cards, cosmetic bags, mugs, nail polish, key chains, and a travel size shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, lotion and bar of soap.

I also want to thank the following members who came to the GPW Library to pack all the bags: Roseanne Horne, Myra Golden, Dorothea Williams, Rosanne Morrow, Marlane Washington, Carol Hofer, Phyllis Darden, and Diana Langlois.

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.

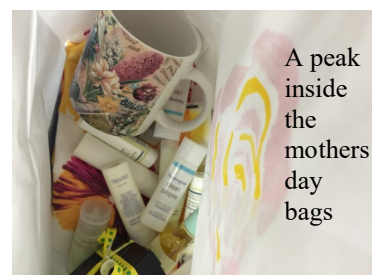
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Dorothea
Williams



Mary Ellen Burke &
Myra Golden



A peek
inside
the
mothers
day
bags

MOTHER'S DAY ITEMS

Mugs
Cosmetic Bags
Tote bags
Oprah magazines
Key Chains
Nail polish
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste (sample)
Dental Floss
Mouthwash
Scarf's



Carol Hofer, Rosanne Morrow, Dorothea Williams,
Roseanne Horne and Phyllis Darden

MemberSHIP

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF GROSSE POINTE
OFFICIAL BOARD for 2016-2018

CO-PRESIDENTS: Roseanne Horne and Ross Braun

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Aleksa Andjelkovic

VICE PRESIDENT: Phyllis Darden

PAST PRESIDENT: Mary Ellen Burke

TREASURER: Kerri Green

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Jane Evola

SECRETARY: Ellen Chapin

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Nancy Solak

DIRECTOR: Myra Golden

DIRECTOR: Marya Malkovich

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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 June business meeting, or you can mail a check. Thanks to the members who already paid!!
Kerri Green!

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

MemberSHIP

Here are the results from the 2015 Club Assessment Report

Data collected from 22 surveys (43% return)

Why did you become a Soroptimist?

76% said to improve the lives of women
65% said to meet people in my community
47% said for networking opportunities
33% said for leadership development

98% said that the club has met the above expectations

What qualities do you value most from Soroptimist membership?

92% said for friendship and fellowship
85% said for the opportunity to volunteer
85% said to be with other like-minded women
36% said for the leadership & personal development opportunities
48% said for diversity of members
67% said for personal connection to the mission
58% said they like being part of a global organization

100% of members completing the survey

- Feel welcome in our club
- Enjoy the club meetings
- Feel comfortable sharing ideas & concerns with club leaders

Club Involvement	Adequate	Excessive	Inadequate
Membership Development	90%		10%
Membership Orientation	90%		10%
Program	90%		10%
Public Awareness	90%		10%
Fundraising	90%	10%	

Cost Associated With Membership

	Excessive	Reasonable	Inadequate
Club Dues	30%	70%	
Cost of Meals	20%	80%	
Contributions to Projects	30%	70%	

- 95% of the members are satisfied with our visibility and recognition in the community
- 100% of the members think our club programs and projects support the Soroptimist mission.
- 100% of members have participated in a club project
- Activities that members like the best include: Service Projects, Restaurant Crawls, Award Ceremony, Wine Tasting, Grant Writing and SS Sales.

MemberSHIP

- Activities members liked the least are long business meeting, too many activities in on week, Human Trafficking is depressing
- Describe our Club in one Word: Motivating, dedicated, worthwhile, engaging, fabulous, fun, committed, wonderful, fantastic, inspirational.

I BELONG TO SOROPTIMIST BECAUSE? ...It fulfills me...I want to give back to society...I want to help other women...I love the friendship...I like being connected with my community...I enjoy the fellowship and mission...I want to help women who have not had the same privileges I've received...I enjoy helping women help themselves.



Suggestion from new member survey for the following:

Fundraising Programs:

- More online fundraising

Programs serving our Community:

- Mentoring program in high schools or middle schools
- Invite members to share their expertise on topics at meetings

Membership recruitment/retention:

- Try parent clubs at high schools and retirement organizations for new members

Public Relations/marketing initiatives:

- Great visibility in area newspaper

Breakdown of how the 3 new members rated the following:

	EXCELLENT	VERY POOR				
RATING SCALE	1	2	3	4	5	
Orientation	2	1	0	0	0	
Programs & Mtgs.	1	2	0	0	0	
Accepted by others	3	0	0	0	0	
Your level of involvement	1	1	1	0	0	
Your enjoyment of the club	1	2	0	0	0	

Health & Hospitality



Hello Ladies of SIGP:

Diana Langlois was kind enough to provide the following update on Cathie Baldwin, Ann Cunningham and our friend at Positive Images, Sandra McCadney:

Cathie Baldwin is going to rehab twice a week and is improving daily to get her back to walking independently. Hopefully by next month, she will be much better!

Ann Cunningham was back in the hospital for four days and is now back at Brookdale. Stable. Doing ok. Please continue to send your cards and well wishes.

This is a note from Maisha about Sandra:

"**Sandra McCadney** (P.I.) is doing better and has been released from the nursing home. At home, she is recuperating and plans to take off from work indefinitely. She is still weak and not answering her phone. Keep her in your prayers. "

Thanks,

Marlane Washington
SIGP

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 /

Fundraising

Diana Langlois-Secretary

Ellen Chapin-Asst. Sec. /

Public Awareness

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

**HELP
WANTED!**



- Editor of The Vision -

Duties: Obtain articles and photos from clubs in Midwestern Region regarding women and girl issues for inclusion in The Vision.

All articles/photos would have to be in before the deadline dates. It is published twice a year. Please consider helping and thank you in advance. If interested, please notify Chris Speedie, 2016-18 Public Awareness Chair at crspeedie@sbcglobal.net



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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