

# The Pointer

## Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

### President's Message

July 2017 Edition

We had the pleasure at our last general meeting to present the National Live Your Dream Award to our winner, Sara Mai Baker. It was an honor to help with the celebration for our club, our district and region, as well as Sara and her family and friends. She has an amazing story and we wish her continued success.

We continued to gather more gift certificates for our Dine Around Town raffle fundraiser. We will present the final number and values in the next few weeks, but it looks like it may be our best effort at collection! We will be bundling the prizes and printing the tickets before our August meeting. We will keep you posted on all the important details. Our Detroit Cycle Boat

Tour fun-raiser on June 21<sup>st</sup> was a blast! It was a perfect evening weather-wise and Jane Evola organized and prepared fantastic food! Thank you, Jane, for planning this fun event!

As we begin July, we should note this is our NEW YEAR! The Soroptimist calendar begins in July, so we have the opportunity to reflect on our past and prepare for the future. We have some new members, which is always a celebration, and we have continuing active members that we treasure and value. It is a time to start our new year with a new approach or attitude and to resolve to make this year our best!

A few quotes to inspire us this year:

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right." – Oprah Winfrey

"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way." – Napoleon Hill

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help somebody." – Anonymous

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." – Lao Tzu

Thank you members of SIGP for allowing us to serve for another year.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

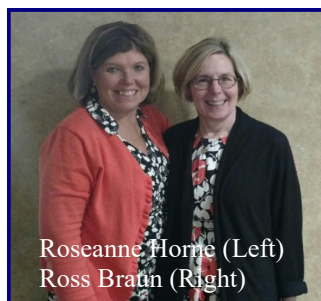
Sara Mai	Baker	7/1
Aleksa	Andjelkovic	7/8
Rasheda	Williams	7/15
Jane	Lightfoot	7/19
Rosanne	Morrow	7/23
Catherine	Baldwin	7/24
Mary Ellen	Burke	7/27
Jane	Evola	7/30

#### Dates to Remember

#### 2017 Calendar

- 07/05 Board Meeting~ Jane Evola~6:30 pm
- 07/12 Business Mts.~ GPYC~ 6:00 pm ~Meet and Greet ~ Meeting starts at 6:30
- 07/28 Newsletter article's due to Karrie B. by 9:00 pm.

*Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.*



Roseanne Horne (Left)  
Ross Braun (Right)



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# Programs & Services - PI

## MOTHER'S DAY BAGS

Everyone, thanks for all your donations for this year's Mother's Day bags. The best part of this project is our club's teamwork. Of course, the Positive Images women love being honored on Mother's Day, so thanks to SIGP their day was very special again this year.

This year each woman received over 20 items: Journal, Pen, Oprah magazine, Necklace, Cosmetic bag, Mug, Tote bag, Nail Polish, Keychain, Bandanna, Kleenex pack in colorful holder, Toothbrush, Small toothpaste, Dental Floss, Mouthwash, Note-card, Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotion, Soap, and Body Wash.

It is very challenging to collect 62 of these items. We want every woman to get a necklace, Oprah magazine, and cosmetic bag. The last two years we have collected enough mugs and tote bags.

These items are harder since they must look new and be similar in size. So we will still "go for it".

We purchase the journal and pen with club funds. Usually we get enough travel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, and body wash to give every woman more than one. We are eliminating nail polish, and key chains since we never seem to have enough for everyone, without purchasing more. The bandannas and Kleenex holders were both donated by one person, so that may not continue, which is OK.

The dental items are also challenging. We always have enough toothbrushes. Some of the travel size toothpaste had to be purchased the past two years. Dental floss may or may not get added since we sometimes don't get 62. A dentist donated the mouthwash. These items are important for women's health, so if members asked their dentist to donate a dozen small toothpaste, or dental floss, or mouth-

wash or toothbrushes, that would help.

We collected about 30 silk/polyester scarves this year. So we did not add them to the bags. So if we can collect another 32 scarves this year, we can add them to next Mother's Day bags. **Scarves made of wool or yarn are NOT included.** These are given at Christmas.

Finally, we also need the small cardboard jewelry boxes to insert the necklaces into before we wrap them. So please don't throw out any since we are now low.

Karrie, our editor has created a wonderful illustrated Mother's Day reminder box in every newsletter. So you can always check it if you are unsure what is needed. I will continue to collect and save all items until Mother's Day, so you can still bring your donations to me via meetings, or drop off.

THANKS AGAIN EVERYONE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.....Mary Ellen Burke

# Programs & Services - PI

Diana, Roseanne and Anita wrapping the Jewelry - Mary Ellen counting the bags - Items in each 2017 Mother's Day Bags



Jewelry Boxes



Silk Scarves (infinity)

Cosmetic Bags



## MOTHER'S DAY ITEMS

Mugs  
Cosmetic Bags  
Tote bags  
Oprah magazines  
Silk Scarves (No bandanas please)  
Toothbrushes (individually wrapped)  
Toothpaste (sample size)  
Dental Floss



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## Programs & Services - PI Parent Classes

Parenting classes continue through the summer at Positive Images due to our great team of members: Laura McCourt, Diane Kashuba, Jane Lightfoot, and Dorothy Wasinger. Subs on board that fill-in: Liz Lucas, Sarah Sheppard, Katherine Baetz. ... all

new members! Thank you so much for giving your service and your time! Liz brought her husband, Mike, to see the computer lab at the Positive Images East Warren facility. They are going to facilitate putting in a laser printer with a router that will en-

able all four computers to print. This will happen in August. Then with the help of SIGP members we can schedule some Word and Excel training for the women of P. I. and other worthwhile activities. HUGS to all, diana

## Programs & Services - Days for Girls Schedule

- Wednesday July 12... EXTENDED DAY!!!! Late start at 2 pm, extended to 8pm! Pot luck Dinner! Packing Day! All sewing and surging and other jobs as well! Haitian Art Sale on July 12! Denise and Bob Snyder will be selling Authentic Haitian Art to support their mission work! (Denise has helped distribute over 380 DfG kits that this Farmington/Livonia Team created!!!) Please see <http://www.partnerinhaiti.org/> for more information.
- Wednesday July 19... noon-4
- Wednesday July 26... noon-4
- Wednesday August 2... noon-4
- Wednesday August 9... noon-4
- Wednesday August 16 ...noon-4
- Wednesday August 23... EXTENDED DAY!!!! Late start at 2 pm, extended to 8pm! Pot luck Dinner! Packing Day! All sewing and surging and other jobs as well! W.A.R. "Women at Risk" Jewelry Sale, August 23! Be a modern abolitionist. WAR is an international or-

ganization that rescues girls and women from slavery, takes them to safe houses and gives them a trade: making jewelry. <https://warinternational.org>

- Wednesday August 31 ...noon-4
- Wednesday September 4.... NOT MEETING (Labor Day holiday)

We are always looking for missionaries and medical teams to deliver Days for Girls kits to the girls and women who need them. If you know of anyone who is traveling to a developing country, tell them about DfG and have them contact us.

We are grateful for all you have done and the interest that you have given to our team, together we are changing the world, one girl at a time!

Susan Smith and Jody White



## Programs & Services - Ghana Girls

Ladies of SIGP—

Our Ghana girls continue to strive for excellence in school. Here is an excerpt from one of our first year students, Francisca Anobila, writing on why it is important for women to be educated. The excerpt is not edited for corrections. No doubt writing improvements will be made as she continues through high school.

*"It is really important for women to be educated because, this days if one is not educated you will never enjoy marriage, because, when the man goes through education and becomes a worker, and the woman is not, he*

*doesn't appreciate and respect her, and even treat her very badly in a way that can cause sickness like blood pressure and depression to you. But if both are workers, he knows very well she can at times support him in a way, so he does things that will not disturb you and respect her as well. Which I think this way of life is a very good living and so women should not allow themselves for a man to disrespect."*

Finally it is important for women to be educated because women are in charge of domestic work like cooking, sweeping the environment and training their children to live a good life. So, it is

very important for them to be educated on how to manage this daily activities and also the effect of not doing such activities very well. As the saying goes "A Sound mind is found in a healthy body". As we all know hygiene is something important in life, which women is mostly responsible for. So it's very important for women to be educated on hygiene.

To conclude, I'll urge you to kindly help in encouraging young girls to take education very serious. Have a nice day and stay blest. "

Carol Hofer

## Awards - Sara Mai Baker

**FOR THOSE OF US WHO DO NOT RECEIVE THE GROSS POINTE NEWS PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO READY THE ARTICLE DIANA LANGLOIS SUBMITTED TO THE GP NEWS ABOUT OUR LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD WINNER SARA MAI BAKER**

GROSSE POINTE NEWS, JUNE 29, 2017

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From left, Soroptimist Midwestern Region Gov. Vivian Walczesky, award winner Sara Mai Baker and co-presidents Ross Braun and Roseanne Horne.

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**Sarah Mai Baker earns national Soroptimist award**

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe in March awarded Sara Mai Baker its Live Your Dream Award, which honors a woman who is head of household, enrolled in an educational program and has financial need. Baker is a single parent of three children, enrolled in the University of Michigan Dearborn and working part time.

In April, Baker won the Soroptimist Midwestern Region Live Your Dream Award and in May, she won the National Federation Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award. Each level of award resulted in assistance with educational expenses.

Visit [grossepointe.soroptimist.org](http://grossepointe.soroptimist.org), find Soroptimist Grosse Pointe on Facebook or contact Roseanne at (313) 706-1801 for more information about this club, whose mission is to improve the lives of women and girls in the community and around the world through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.



# Michigan Declaration for LYD Award Winner **SARA MAI BAKER**

## SPECIAL TRIBUTE

To

**SARA MAI BAKER**

LET IT BE KNOWN, that it is a pleasure to offer congratulations to **Sara Mai Baker** upon receiving the *Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award*. Such an accomplishment is an indication of outstanding commitment, dedication, and resilience, and should be commended. We applaud the determination she has consistently displayed and have confidence that the same determination will lead her to flourish in her career.

**Sara Mai Baker**, a mother of three, has endured several hurdles that were meant for her to lose hope and give up, yet she overcame every obstacle. Her perseverance for not only herself, but also her children has not gone unnoticed. While receiving her Associates degree from the University of Michigan is a tremendous accomplishment, it is merely the beginning of a career where Sara Mai Baker will use what she has learned to help others.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated to salute **Sara Mai Baker** upon receiving the *Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award*.  
May the future bring great success and satisfaction.

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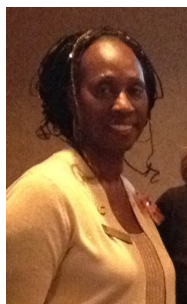
Bettie Cook Scott, State Representative  
The Second District

The Ninety-Ninth Legislature  
At Lansing  
Thursday, June 15, 2017



## Membership ~ Speakers for our June & July Business Meeting

### June 14 meeting:



Bettie Cook Scott, SIGP member and State Representative. Bettie was to give us updates on what she is working on in Lansing, specifically on Human Trafficking and womens' issues.

However, her work in Lansing enabled her to attend the meeting. The previous page shows the proclamation Betty gave to Sara Baker for winning the Live Your Dream federation level award.

"Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny."  
— Aristotle

### July 12 meeting:



Laurie Jost, former SIGP member and fundraising coordinator for the Human

Trafficking movie, "Stuck in Traffic". This movie has won many awards and is being used in many classrooms and organizations to educate the public about Human Trafficking. Laurie will update us on the success of the movie and how we can help promote it.

## Fundraiser ~ Cycleboat downriver

Our SOROPTIMIST members and guests had a wonderful cycling cruise up and down the Detroit River. We even really did peddle to power the cycleboat. The night couldn't have been any better as the sun was beating down on our Group. Really felt like a little vacation. We got to see the Bob-Lo boat being overhauled/refurbished/ restored and other landmarks on the River narrated by our own Captain George. We enjoyed great company and from the words of: Martha Ross Braun It was a great evening! You could not ask for better weather! Food was delish and the drinks were cold!

Thanks to all who attended. See you next year!!!! P.s. Nobody got seasick, AMEN!!



A list of attendee's in no certain order below

Kerri G  
Jane E  
Amanda B  
Marya M  
Ross B  
Carolyn B  
Roseanne H  
Laura M

Sadie (friend of Jane)  
Katie L  
Sarah S  
Donna (friend of Ross)  
Myra G  
Mary Ellen B  
Rosanne M  
Sue S



# Fundraiser ~ Dine Around Town Raffle Update

Antonio's in the Park	\$	50.00
Applebees	\$	20.00
Athenian Shish Kabob	\$	20.00
Boatyard Grille	\$	35.00
Cabbage Patch Café	\$	40.00
Café NiNi	\$	200.00
Caffe Far Bella	\$	25.00
Champs Rotisserie	\$	25.00
Chocolate Bar Café	\$	75.00
City Kitchen	\$	100.00
Coldstone Creamery	\$	10.00
Cornwall Bakery	\$	25.00
Di Noto's Genuine Italian	\$	25.00
Eagles Bar & Grill	\$	60.00
El Charro	\$	30.00
Fairfax Quality Market	\$	30.00
Firehouse Pub	\$	50.00
Garridos Bistro & Pastry	\$	75.00
Gilbert's Lodge	\$	40.00
Golden Chopsticks	\$	25.00
Hamlin Pub	\$	15.00
Hot Tamales Cantina	\$	25.00
Irish Coffee	\$	120.00
Jagged Fork	\$	30.00
Josef's European Bakery	\$	25.00
Jumps Restaurant	\$	25.00
Just Delicious Scones & Tea Room	\$	30.00
Little Z's BBQ	\$	25.00
Louis's Chop House	\$	50.00
Luxe Bar & Grill	\$	100.00

*Congratulations!*

*Thank you all for  
your participation  
in collecting gift  
certificates for our  
Dine Around Town  
Fundraiser.*

*We have collected  
\$2,735 worth  
of gift certificate.*

*Our next step will  
be to SELL! SELL!  
SELL!*

*The money raised  
from the sale of  
these raffle tickets  
funds our awards.*

Merchants Fine Wine	\$	20.00
Mike's on the Water	\$	50.00
MiMi's Bistro	\$	25.00
National Coney Island	\$	25.00
Nautical Deli	\$	20.00
Nautical Mile Merchants Asc	\$	50.00
Panera Bread	\$	35.00
PaPa John's Pizza	\$	60.00
Pegasus	\$	50.00
Pepperoni Grill	\$	25.00
Ram's Horn	\$	20.00
Red Crown	\$	100.00
Rex's Deli	\$	30.00
Salvatore Scallopini	\$	25.00
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Shores Inn	\$	50.00
Side Street Diner	\$	20.00
Sierra Station	\$	25.00
Steve's Backroom	\$	20.00
Sugarbush Tavern	\$	15.00
TCBY	\$	80.00
Telly's Place, Inc.	\$	50.00
The Hill Seafood & Chop House	\$	50.00
Uncle Harry's Deli	\$	50.00
Vic's Diner	\$	20.00
Village Wine Shop	\$	25.00
Watermark Grille	\$	25.00
Which Wich Superior Sandwiches	\$	50.00
Whiskey Six	\$	50.00
Wine Dock	\$	5.00

*The next sub-committee for the Dine Around Town Raffle will be meeting at Roseanne Horne's home to bundle the restaurant gift certificated, which are listed above, into our prizes. We are anticipating the raffle tickets be completed and ready for distribution to our members at the August general business meeting.*

**Seroptimist International of Grosse Pointe**  
Proceeds benefit Seroptimist Awards and Projects

**★ DINE AROUND TOWN RAFFLE ★**

<b>1ST PRIZE \$600 VALUE</b> Ashley Ice Cream Big Boy Biggby Cafe Far Bella Chocolate Bar Café Eatside Bagel El Charro Restaurant Freddi's Family Dining & Pizzeria Hot Tamales/Pizzeria Jagged Fork Jet's Pizza Little Tony's Lounge in the Woods Mara's Shogun Japanese Restaurant Shores Inn Smart Cookie Sugarbush Tavern Toby The Hill Seafood & Chop House Village Wine Shop	<b>2ND PRIZE \$500 VALUE</b> Andiamo Armando's Biggby Buffalo Wild Wings Capital Grille Dirty Dog Jazz Café Firehouse Pub Gilbert's Lodge Jet's Pizza Joe's Pastry Shop Little Tony's Lounge in the Woods Side Street Diner Stewart's Restaurant Sugarbush Tavern Toby Woods Wholesale Wine	<b>3RD PRIZE \$400 VALUE</b> Apple Annie's Cornwall Bakery La Chu Mexican Family Restaurant Luxe Bar & Grill Nautical Deli Olive Garden Pepperoni Grill Rockefeller Cyster Bar & Grill Uncle Harry's Deli Which Wich	<b>5TH PRIZE \$250 VALUE</b> Cloverleaf Pizzeria Golden Chopsticks Jersey Mike's Subs Jet's Pizza Jumpa Restaurant Just Delicious Little Z's BBQ Village Grille
<b>4TH PRIZE \$300 VALUE</b> Cabbage Patch Café Cafe NiNi City Kitchen National Coney Island Papa John's Pizza Salvatore Scallopini Sierra Station Tin Fish	<b>6TH PRIZE \$200 VALUE</b> CJ Browne Boatyard Grille Jersey Mike's Subs National Coney Island Papa John's Pizza Salvatore Scallopini T.N. Thai Bistro Telly's Place		

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and the love of country.*

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ness, for country and for God*

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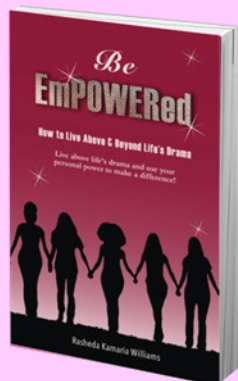
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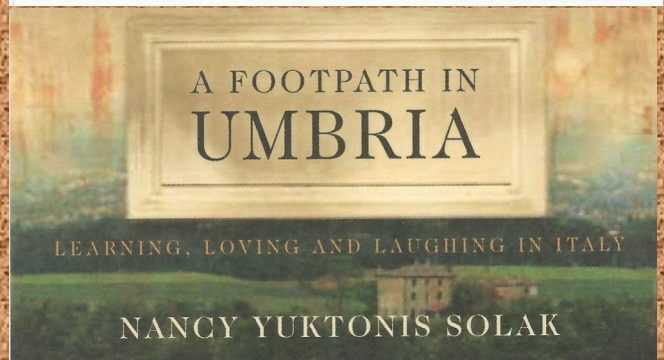

  
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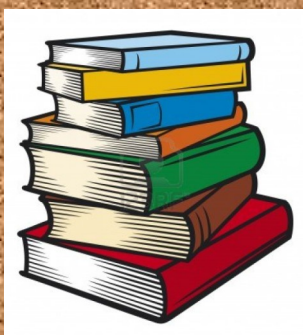


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Below is SIGP's book club picks for 2017.

If you are interested in reading any or all of this years picks and joining us in the discussion please contact Karrie Blankenship or Mary Ellen Burke for the details. We meet the third Thursday of each month at 7pm. Every month is hosted by a different member of the club.

- 7/20 Born with Teeth - Kate Mulgrew
- 8/17 All the Light We Cannot See - Anthony Doerr
- 9/21 Mademoiselle: Coco Chanel and the Pulse of History - Rhonda K. Garelick
- 10/19 Flight Behavior - Barbara Kingsolver
- 11/16 Circling the Sun - Paula McLain
- 12/21 Born a Crime - Trevor Noah



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**Nail Technician**

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## ***MIDWESTERN REGION 2017-2018***

### **FOCUS - IMPORTANT DATES**

**\*\* Use MWR dates for ALL awards – do not use SIA dates \*\***

July 1	Club Celebrating Success Entries due to Vicky Hicks
July 1	2017-2018 Club Dues to SIA HQ with Club Officer info
July 1	2017-2018 Member & Club dues to MWR w/Club officer info
July 21-23	MWR Summer Board Meeting – Middlebury, IN
October 6-7	District I & III Meeting at Best Western – Hilton Garden Inn Chesterton, IN
October 20-21	District II & IV Meeting at Holiday Inn Express, Lima OH
November 15	Form 990 due to IRS
November 15	Live Your Dream Applications due to Clubs
December 2	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
December 10	Human Rights Day – SI President's Appeal
December 15	Club Live Your Dream Award Winner due to District Director
2018	
January 11	National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness in US
January 15	Virginia Wagner Award Applications due to Club
January 15	District LYD Award Winners due to Region Chair
February 15	Virginia Wagner Club Award Winner due to District Director
February 15	Region LYD Winner info due to both SIA and Treasurer Valencia by Region Chair
March 1	Soroptimist Club Grant Applications due at SI HQ
March 8	International Women's Day
March 8	Virginia Wagner District Winners due to Region Chair
March 15	Award Report due from District Directors to Governor-Elect Kris
March 31	Region Virginia Wagner Award winners names to Region Treasurer Valencia by Region Chair
March 31	Governor's Club Award form due to Governor Vivian
April 27-29	2018 Spring Conference – Sheraton Conference Center – Lisle, IL
July 30- August 2	SIA Convention – Yokohama, Japan