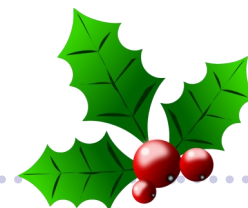


The Pointer

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe



President's Message

December 2016 Edition

Dear SIGP members:

November was another busy month for our club. Several members attended the premiere viewing of "Stuck in Traffic" a documentary focusing on Human Trafficking here in Michigan. Laurie Jost, a former Soroptimist, helped get this movie produced. Our club plans to help set up some viewings and discussions with High School groups to get the message out about Human Trafficking in our area.

SIGP also co-hosted a panel discussion with the AAUW - Grosse Pointe chapter on Domestic Violence. Many of our members attended this informative event.

Maisha Kenyatta, the director of Positive Images, spoke at our November meeting. She gave us some updates on the plans at Positive Images and spoke of the dire need for

facilities such as PI because of the increase in drug addiction. Maisha thanked our club for being a special partner for over 20 years. The staff and clients really appreciate our donations of time, money, clothing and gifts.

December brings some special events to celebrate the holiday season. We are looking forward to a record crowd at our Annual Christmas party on Wednesday, December 7th at Assumption Cultural Center. ((See article (pg7) for more info)). There will be a tin can auction to raffle of some nice items. The money raised will support the SI President's Appeal- Educate Nepal. Feel free to bring any items you may want to donate to be raffled that night.

At Positive Images there are many ways to volunteer and

give back during the holidays. Please volunteer to help at the PI Xmas Party on Saturday, December 17th or take a child's name to shop for Xmas clothes and toys.

Ross and I would like to thank all of you for your commitment to our club and its mission. Without our members, we could never accomplish all that we do!

Wishing you and your families a very happy holiday season!

Our very best regards,

Ross and Roseanne

Your Co-Presidents



Roseanne Horne (Left)
Ross Braun (Right)

Birthday's		
Carol	Hofer	12/11
Carolyn	Thomson	12/12
Nancy	Solak	12/17

If you are a new member or a seasoned member and your birthday has not been mentioned its most likely because we do not have your birthday.

Dates to Remember

- **12/07 Holiday Party ~ Assumption Cultural Center ~21800 Marter Rd., SCS, MI ~ 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**
- **12/15 Club Live Your Dream Award Winner due to District Director**

• 2017 Calendar

- 10/06&07 ~ Dist. I & III District Meeting ~ Hilton Garden Inn ~ 501 Gateway Blvd. Chesterton, Indiana 46304 #[219-983-9500](tel:219-983-9500)
- 10/21&22 ~ Dist. II & IV District Meeting ~ Holiday Inn & Suites Lima ~803 S. Leonard Ave. ~ Lima OH 45804 [419-879-4000](tel:419-879-4000)



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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Terri Phillips, President, Soroptimist International of Chicago, presented the following briefing at the SI District I and III meeting on October 1, 2016.

Soroptimist comes from soror and optima, meaning sister and best. It is not a sorority.

Members are part of clubs.

Clubs are part of Districts. Districts are part of Regions. Regions are part of Federations. Federations are part of Soroptimist International.

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe is part of District III. District III is part of SI of Midwestern Region (SIMWR), which is part of SI of the Americas (SIA). This is our Federation, which is a member of Soroptimist International (SI).

Soroptimist pin, the international one with the woman raising her hands up, is worn over your heart.

Soroptimist International headquarters is located in Cambridge, England.

Soroptimist International of the Americas headquarters is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Soroptimist International started in Oakland, California in 1921.

The first SI project was to "save the redwoods" in California. They succeeded.

The "tag line" for Soroptimist International is: "A

Global Voice for Women". "Educate to Lead" is the ten-year theme of Soroptimist International.

The "tag line" of Soroptimist International of the Americas is: "Improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment".

The current SIA focus is "Live Your Dream". It was "Making a Difference for Women".

Soroptimist International is a non-governmental organization (NGO) consultant to the United Nations. This means Soroptimist UN representatives advocate for women and girls, and lobby governments to take action to make sure that women and girls access their human rights.

SI Program Focus Reports are used for UN subcommittee meetings to suggest topics of women's concerns throughout the world.

The second part of her presentation was about SI's role at the United Nations.

The United Nations hosts a Summit for Women annually in New York City. The purpose is to bring women into decision making to solve world problems including educating girls and women, solve global poverty, and promote gender equality.

80 Soroptimists have credentials to attend this summit.

The United Nations has se-

lected 20 goals to strive for in the next 15 years.

SI has chosen to focus on 5 of these goals:

- UN Goal #1: No poverty
- UN Goal #4: Quality Education
- UN Goal #5: Gender Equality
- UN Goal #8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- UN Goal #10: Reduced Inequalities

SI is advocating creating gender equality and eliminating violence against women and girls.

SI present briefings to UN subcommittees at UN meetings.

SI is helping to solve world problems.

SI current focus is "the December 10th President's Appeal 2015-2017 'Educate to Lead: Nepal'. It seeks to Educate, Empower and Enable women & girls in Nepal to overcome adversity, and develop leadership skills that will in turn benefit entire communities.

Malala Yousafzai has stated "Education is only solution. Education first."

S.O.L.T.

Fundraising-Amazon Smile

Don't forget when Christmas shopping on line this year to sign up with Amazon Smile and choose Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe as your charity to donate

My generated funds of \$1.53 as of November 28, 2016 will help just a little. But if everyone shops with Amazon Smile every little bit will help SIGP.

All charities have received
\$37,903,623.82 as of November 2016

In the Grosse Pointe News submitted by Diana Langlois

Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe's new board members are fully engaged in fulfilling the mission of Soroptimist: to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. In our community this year Soroptimist awarded \$6000 in educational awards to women. The next award due January 17th is the Virginia Wagner Educational Award, a \$3000 award given to a woman who is working towards a Bachelor's, Master's or Doctorate degree. Application and qualifications can be found at www.grossepointesoroptimist.org or our Facebook page.

What's news in Soroptimist in November? Soroptimist has been very involved in heighten-

ing the awareness of human trafficking. Recently they supported a documentary on human sex trafficking entitled STUCK IN TRAFFICK, MODERN DAY SLAVERY IN MICHIGAN sponsored by the Health Management Systems of America and the Wayne County Medical Society. To view this informative video and the booklet which accompanies the video click on <http://viatvnetwork.com/human-trafficking/>

Also this month Soroptimist co-sponsored with American Association of University Women (AAUW) a panel discussion on Building Healthy Relationships. They brought together Maria Menozzi, MA, a Marriage and Family Therapist

and Judge Lynn Pierce to share their expertise on how to recognize domestic violence and how domestic violence cases are handled in the legal system.

If you find that you are willing to help improve the lives of women and girls then consider joining Soroptimist on the second Wednesday of each month at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club with meet and greet at 6:00 and business meeting at 6:30. Contact Roseanne Horne for further information at 313-706-1801 or visit our website: grossepointesoroptimist.org or Facebook page: Soroptimist Grosse Pointe.

Awareness—All Members!!

Diana Langlois is looking for a member to share the responsibility of writing articles for the Grosse Pointe News. Diana submit's article's every few months to keep the community informed of what SIGP has been up to-- fundraisers, activities, etc. So if you are interested in sharing the responsibility with Diana please contact her at dilang58@comcast.net or you can call her at 313-690-1515.



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Human Trafficking Update

We are excited to announce that the National Human Trafficking Resource Center is changing its name. Starting today, we will become the **NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE**. We are updating our website, email address, and outreach materials to reflect this new change. The phone number 1-888-3737-888 will stay the same.

If you are currently working on materials for Human Trafficking Awareness Month or have any current print or digital materials that promote the hotline or link to our website, please update your website links and the email address with the information below. You may also request a logo for your materials, by sending an email to: help@humantraffickinghotline.org.

National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-3737-888
help@humantraffickinghotline.org

www.humantraffickinghotline.org

While our name is changing, the National Human Trafficking Hotline will still serve as the same confidential, multilingual hotline that provides survivors of human trafficking with vital support and a variety of options to get help and stay safe. We will also continue to be a source of actionable tips for law enforcement and expertise for the anti-trafficking community. We welcome our newest partner, the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC) who will serve as the primary source of training and technical assistance from a public health perspective for the anti-trafficking field. Over the coming months, we will collaborate with NHTTAC to transition the hotline's training and technical assistance programming to NHTTAC. In the interim, please visit www.humantraffickinghotline.org and stay tuned for more details in January about the expanded

training and technical assistance offerings provided through NHTTAC.

For almost ten years, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has made it possible for the National Human Trafficking Hotline to become a nerve center that unites local efforts into a national movement that helps survivors restore their freedom and works towards eradicating human trafficking. With your help, Hotline staff have answered more than 100,000 calls, identified more than 30,000 cases of human trafficking across the United States, and provided more than 8,000 tips to federal, state, and local law enforcement.



Program & Service

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.

**MARY ELLEN
BURKE**
meb650@aol.com

MOTHER'S DAY ITEMS

Mugs
Cosmetic Bags
Tote bags
Oprah magazines
Key Chains
Nail polish
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste (sample)
Dental Floss
Scarves



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Programs & Services- PI News

PARENTING CLASSES

Parenting classes continue through December with the addition of wreath making after the Dec. 6 class. Clients make a wreath to take back to their room at the house on E. Grand Blvd. A fun and easy craft that SIGP has facilitated over the past five years.



DECEMBER 17 ... SATURDAY ...

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

POSITIVE IMAGES CHRISTMAS STORE on E. Warren, same as last year!

Members are welcome to give service helping with this shopping experience for clients. You may have signed up at the Nov. meeting, but if not, just let Diana know and you'll be on the list! It's easy – we help the clients "shop" and help with the celebration in the gathering room where singing and raffles are part of the excitement of the day.

SHOPPING FOR POSITIVE IMAGES CHILDREN

I'll be sending out the database for children that we still need to shop for this week. If you want to shop for a child, the general guideline is an article of clothing **valued at \$25** and something that is not clothes **valued at \$25**. (You don't have to spend \$25 if you find a good sale!) A suggested non-clothing item would be an age appropriate toy or game or electronics for the child you have chosen. This is a volunteer activity that members support for the children of clients at Positive Images. *Club monies are not used for this service.* If interested, we may do shopping in a group on Friday, Dec. 9 ... we'll talk about this in the email that you will receive with the database of children. Questions and clarification? Feel free to call me!
HUGS, Diana 313-690-1515

Awards- How much do You Know about the Ruby Award: For Women Helping

This award honors women who, through their **personal or professional** activities, are making extraordinary differences through their work to improve the lives of women and/or girls. The work of these women helps to promote the issues that are important to the Soroptimist organization, such as, access to education, empowering girls and ending violence against women and girls. Honorees are ordinary women who have worked in extraordinary ways to benefit other women and/or girls. The program enables local Soroptimist clubs to thank these women and encourage others to explore ways to assist women and/or girls.



Finding the Person You Want to Nominate

Eligibility Requirements:

A Ruby Award recipient should be a woman who:

- Has worked to improve the lives of women and girls,
- Has identified and focused on a need in their communities, which has significantly contributed to the improvement of women and girls' lives,
- Would inspire and encourage other women.

The majority of the nominee's work should have occurred within the past two years. **Previous award winners, Soroptimists and Soroptimist employees are not eligible for the award.**

Please nominate your eligible candidates today! Forward your nominations to Marlane Washington, Ruby Award Chair, at marlanewashington@gmail.com on or before January 15, 2017. The nomination form is attached for your convenience. If you would like to be part of the Ruby Award committee, please feel free to contact Marlane at the email above.

Thank you,

Marlane Washington



Awards— Seeking Virginia Wagner Applicants

APPLICATION ARE DUE
January 15, 2017

The Midwestern Region's Virginia M. Wagner Educational Grant (VWA) honors the effort and scholarship of a woman who is attending a college or university to earn a bachelors, masters, or doctoral degree.

First established in 1972, the award was renamed in 2004 to honor Dr. Virginia M. Wagner (Midwestern Region Governor 1982-1984) to commemorate her interest in higher education for women.

The Virginia Wagner Educational Grant

application can be found on our website:
grossepointesoroptimist.org

the Midwest Region website:
simur.org

and Facebook: *Soroptimist Grosse Pointe*.

Qualifications: applicant...

- is enrolled full time in a bachelor's, master's or doctorate degree program
- has overcome obstacles to get an education
- has given back to community in some way
- submits a current complete transcript
- has not won previous VWA

Deadline: JANUARY 15, 2017

The VWA is specific to states in the Midwestern Region: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and Kentucky. Women living in these states and attending a college or university in pursuit of a bachelors, Masters or Doctoral degree are eligible to apply.

The award process begins at the club level where SIGP is awarding \$3000 to the winner. The winner's application is then forwarded to District III for further judging. The finalist from each of the four Districts will receive a \$500 award and in turn those four applications will be judged at the Region level. One Region winner will be chosen and will receive a \$2500 award

Please let your family and friends know about this award grant and direct applicants to websites and Facebook.

Questions: contact
Diana VW Award Chair
at
[313-690-1515](tel:313-690-1515)
or
dilang58@comcast.net

Awareness-Domestic Violence

Induction of new member, Vicki Granger, at the Domestic Violence Panel Discussion.

On Thursday, November 10th 8 members of Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe attended the Domestic Violence Panel discussion at the Grosse Pointe Woods Library. SIGP co-hosted this event with the Grosse Pointe chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). SIGP co-president, Roseanne Horne, took this opportunity to formally induct Vicki Granger to our Club. Pictured from Left to right: Diana Langlois, Carolyn Barth, Ellen Chapin, Vicki Granger, Roseanne Horne, Aleksa Andjelkovic, and Rasheda Williams. SIGP member, Sue Stewart took the photo!



HOLIDAY NEWS

OUR ANNUAL SIGP HOLIDAY PARTY IS COMING UP ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

The delicious holiday dinner will be held at Assumption Cultural Center on Marter Road in St. Clair Shores from 6:30 – 9:30 pm

There is still time to RSVP for yourself or a guest. Please contact Jane Evola or Kerri Green to RSVP. All monies must be paid by Friday, December 2nd. The cost is \$25. There will be a cash bar.



If you would like to bake some Xmas cookies to share with eve-

ryone at the party please contact Jane Evola. They will make a great dessert!

We will also hold our annual Raffle for the President's appeal that night. Members have donated items that we raffle off through a Tin Can Auction. Bring a few extra dollars to buy some raffle tickets. All proceeds from the raffle go to the SI President's Appeal which is Educate to lead in Nepal.

Finally, if you are shopping for a Positive Images child please bring your items to the party. Diana will be collecting them that night.



SIGP & SIMWR Awards



The Soroptimist Ruby Award:
For Women Helping Women

**VIRGINA
WAGNER
AWARD**

Deadline February 28, 2017

Application due January 15, 2017

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

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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.

Connections for Local, Region & HQ

District III Emails Contacts

Governor- **Vivian Walczesky** - (vivianwal@sbcglobal.net)

Governor-Elect **Kris Armstrong** - (krisquin@msn.com)

Secretary - **Anita Newman** - (siurbana@soroptimist.net)

Treasurer - **Valencia Clark** - (vclark003@columbus.rr.com)

District III Director - **Darcy Merritt** (dmerritt81@hotmail.com)

District III Secretary - **Mary Pilon** (pilonm@sbcglobal.net)

Soroptimist International of the Americas - (siahq@soroptimist.org)

Soroptimist Websites

Soroptimist International Midwest Region - (simwr.org)

Soroptimist International of the Americas (soroptimist.org)

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S O R O P T I M I S T

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Bulletin Board

A visionary influence

November 17, 2016

In September 1960, Carolyn Barth was working as a supervisor and research technologist in hematopathology at Henry Ford Hospital when a doctor came through the door, looked around and declared he needed someone to help him with research. "He burst into my life that day and I started working for him," said Barth of Philip C. Hessburg M.D., who, for more than 50 years, would be Barth's mentor, colleague and friend. **(For more on this story click on the link below...Carolyn Barth became a Soroptimist this year so please take a few minutes to read the rest of this article which was featured in the Grosse Pointe News.)**

<http://www.grossepointenews.com/Articles-Community-i-2016-11-17-262873.114135-A-visionary-influence.html#123>



Courtesy photo Carolyn Barth recently helped establish an endowed lecture-ship, named for her friend and mentor, Philip Hessburg, to further research at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology.



Foodies Get-Together!!

Maddy Jeffs will be hosting a Foodies Interest Get-Together at her apartment on Thursday evening, January 19th at 6:30 p.m. Anyone who is interest in joining a Foodies group is encouraged to attend so they can decide how to structure the group. Maddy's address is 926 Nottingham Road in GP Park. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

RSVP at 509-551-1695 or by email (mjjeffs@frontier.com) no later than January 12th.

MIDWESTERN REGION 2016 – 2017

FOCUS – IMPORTANT DATES

July 1	Club Celebrating Success Entries due to Vicky Hicks
July 1	2016-2017 Club Dues to SIA HQ with Club Officer information
July 1	2016-2017 Member & Club dues to MWR with club officer information
July 1	Best for Women Fall issue article deadline to SIA HQ
July 20-24	SIA Convention – Orlando, Florida
August 15	Article deadline for Sept The Vision to Karrie Blankenship
September 30-October 1	District 1 and 3 meeting, Best Western, LaPorte, Indiana
October 1	Article submission deadline for Soroptimist Magazine due at SIA HQ For January – April edition
October 14-15	District 2 and 4 meeting, Deer Creek State Park & Lodge, Mt. Sterling, OH
November 15	Form 990 due to IRS
November 15	Live Your Dream Applications due to clubs
November 25	Soroptimist Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence
December 2	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
December 10	Human Rights Day – President’s Appeal
December 15	Club Live Your Dream Award Winner due to District Director
January 10	Deadline for The Vision article submission for February edition
January 11	National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness in United States
January 15	Virginia Wagner Award applications due to Club
January 15	District Live Your Dream Award Winners due to Region Chair
February 1	Article submission deadline to SIA HQ for May – August issue
February 15	Virginia Wagner club award winner due to District Director
February 15	Region Live Your Dream winner information due to both SIA and Treasurer Valencia Clark by Region Chair
March 8	International Women’s Day
March 8	Virginia Wagner District winners due to Region Chair
March 11	Soroptimist Club Grant Applications due at SIA HQ
March 21	Award Report due from District Directors to Governor-Elect Kris
March 31	Governor’s Club Award form due to Governor Vivian
March 31	Region Virginia Wagner Award winner names to Region Treasurer Valencia Clark by Region Chair
April 21-23	2017 Spring Conference – Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, Ohio