



SOROPTIMIST

Best for Women

SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

MARCH 2021

PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE



March is upon us, and hopefully Spring is around the corner. It has been a long and trying winter however, with vaccines becoming available to many of us there is hope of some normalcy returning.

But now it's raining. Rain, rain, go away! There is hope that we will eventually begin to meet face to face again and plan for some exciting events. Hope that we will be able to pull in some new members as well as continue to do what we do best again. Serve our community and the women and girls to dream their dreams and with our help live them!

A lot happens in March! Women's History Month, **International Women's Day is March 8, 2021** theme is 'Choose to Challenge' - #ChoosetoChallenge. If you go to the web site there is a lot of good information. There is **Daylight Savings Time March 14**, **St. Patricks Day is March 17 for all of the Irish in us**, and March 20th is the First Day of Spring.

So speaking of Women's History Month, we should begin celebrating our own! This week's #Soroptimist100 tidbit relates to an historic figure in our organization's story: **Violet Richardson** (August 27, 1888 - August 1979). Violet Richardson Ward was born in New Jersey but moved to California in 1908. She started her college pursuits in the arts, but earned her bachelors and masters degree in Physical Culture. In addition to her many accomplishments, she founded and served as president of the first

Soroptimist club in 1921. Located in Alameda County, the club is part of what is known as the Founders Region. Richardson lived by the motto, "It's what you do that counts." In addition to her legacy with Soroptimist, she was extremely active in other aspects of the community, having founded the Berkeley Women's Gymnasium, helped introduce physical education into Berkeley schools, and started a hiking club.

So with all of my trivia for the month I will see you Via Zoom for our meeting March 11 at 7:00.

Stay safe, healthy, and happy.

Gayle

Board Meeting Zoom

Thursday, March 4 at 7:00

SPRING CONFERENCE

Save the Date 4/23/2021-4/24/2021---Midwestern Region Virtual Spring Conference

Here are more events leading up to the conference. Please register for each one individually. Use the link below to register.

<https://mailchi.mp/f415487bb82c/simwr-spring-conference>

Dates for upcoming events:

2/24/2021---Covid-19 Vaccines: Import Things to Know

3/23/2021---Be a Brand Warrior

4/1/2021---Virtual Fundraising Workshop

4/14/2021---Happy Hour: Celebrate our 100 Years!

4/19/2021---Dream It Be It Panel

4/23/2021-4/24/2021---Midwestern Region Virtual Spring Conference

MARCH

MARCH INSPIRATION

Marti

MARCH RAFFLE

Pam

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 Beth
7 Marti
11 Pam
13 Mary
13 Ingrid
16 Jennie

MARCH CLUB ANNIVERSARY

Magda 2015

CALENDAR

March—Women's History Month
March 1—Miami University Regional applications due to club
Mar. 4—7:00 Zoom board meeting
Mar. 8—International Women's Day
Mar. 11—7:00 Zoom club meeting
Mar. 13—**Mary's 100th birthday!**
Gathering 3:00-4:00 at Mt. Pleasant Activity Building. Please RSVP to Judy by March 6.
Mar. 14—Spring forward
Mar. 17—St. Patrick's Day
Mar. 20—Spring!
March 31—Governor's Club Award form due to Gov. Darcy

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