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SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

MARCH 2022

MARCH



PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

March is here and I do see signs of Spring in my yard. I have green coming up and it feels good. Happy St. Patty's Day!! As we end February, the shortest month of the year, I feel that we accomplished a lot to be proud of, even though it has been a long year of Covid anxiety. We have our Dream Raffles underway, Our Bourbon Fundraiser Tickets will be ready to sell, and our Partnership Projects are good to go. We also have 2 Live Your Dream Awards, One Virginia Wagner Award, and currently 6 Miami Applications.

Partnership Project has been selected by the committee and the awards are:

Success Program) - \$1,500 earmarked for feminine hygiene and personal care products to give the program the greatest shopping flexibility based upon need.

MANY Program - \$1,500 toward their general services

Haven House - \$2,000 to provide over 100 nights of shelter and hot meals for families with children, plus any needed personal care items - Baby diapers (disposable) baby wipes, feminine hygiene, bath towels, wash cloths, twin size sheet sets and pillow cases.

Our LYD Winners are:

First Place:

Cheyenne Blaser

(27 years)

Mother of two small children pursuing her Bachelors degree in Social Work from NKU.

Also cares for her mother with health problems..

Cheyenne was selected from District to go to Region

Second Place:

Danyelle Thaxton:

(35 years)

A widow with one small child who is pursuing a degree in Nursing from

Galen College of Nursing.

Our VWA Winner is:

Karla Garcia Cardenas

We also have a wonderful Speaker for our March Meeting, Rosa Beltare, President and CEO, Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence. The meeting will be March 10, 7:00 Zoom. I am including her BIO as part of the newsletter. Please feel free to invite guests. We will begin promptly as I'm sure she will be quite inspirational.

Don't forget March 8. Women's Empowerment Tea as part of the International Day of the Woman

Call to Conference: April 22-23. Registration is due by March 31. Please think about this opportunity.

Dream Raffle:

1. Katheryn Steward
2. Ms Ghizas
3. Ginger Bruggeman
4. Jacob Cade
5. Phyllis Mills
6. Carolyn Dennis
7. Judy Parsons
8. Jeff Huck

Gayle

MARCH SPEAKER

Rosa Beltré (She, Her, Ella) BIO

Agent of Change/Grace/Empowerment/Transformation

Rosa Beltré, Afro-Taina-Latinx, is the President & CEO of the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence. Rosa Beltré first joined OAESV as the Advocacy and Training Director in July 2013, before serving as OAESV's Interim Executive Director, and ultimately becoming Executive Director in June 2017.

Under Rosa's leadership, OAESV transitioned from its former shared office space to a standalone office in Independence, Ohio and improved its Columbus-based presence to provide conference and technology spaces and workspaces for eight full-time staff. OAESV has expanded from 3 employees to 17 under Rosa's leadership, greatly increasing service capacity, presence, organizational cultural and community relations. Rosa uses her passion, extensive background and

experience to develop and sustain relationships with leaders in the field, as well as key stakeholders within the state, national level, and federal government. She has spent the last 17+ years training, cultivating community relations, providing development to organizations and communities focused on fair housing, child abuse, sexual assault, volunteerism, financial literacy and church call to action. Rosa has served as the Co-chair of the State of Ohio Anti-Oppression and Accountability Committee and currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Women of Color Caucus of the State of Ohio, the Sexual Assault Advisory Board of Ohio, and the Ohio Family Violence Prevention Advisory Council, amongst other statewide taskforces.

Rosa is an ordained Minister of the Spanish Pentecostal Churches, Vice-President of International Women Ministry MDM, author, and the Regional Social Service Director of her Faith community.

Rosa is a Taino, Afro-Latinx, catalyst of change, who is action-driven womenx, passionate about power/gender-based violence, BIPOC empowerment, leadership, knowledge, enriching the lives of others, bridge building/ collaboration, accountability and provoking change.

Technical Assistance topics: Executive leadership, Board of Directors Development, Latinx Communities, Faith-based Communities, Cultural Humility, amongst others.

Leadership | Service | Dedication

Bilingual (English and Spanish) experienced professional with a successful career in Adult Education, Training & Facilitation, Sexual Assault Prevention & Intervention, Career Coaching, Banking, Retirement Plans, Community Relations & Affairs, as well as Translation-Interpretation. Highly motivated established leader proficient in exceeding goals and missions by providing excellent service with integrity, accountability and respect. Effective leader with the skills necessary to direct, supervise, train and motivate others to their fullest potential in any field. Successful team player devoted to excellence, helping others and building bridges of success.

HELP WANTED

Our church is looking for a secretary/bookkeeper. If you know anyone looking for a part-time job, here is the description. Let me know. Thanks! *Barb*

St. Paul's United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation located in downtown Middletown, Ohio, and is seeking a part-time secretary/bookkeeper to work three mornings, approximately 15 hours per week. Person must coordinate hours with Pastor and Church Council members.

Rate: \$15 per hour

Required: High School Diploma or equivalent, good computer skills (Word, Excel, financial program, desktop publishing), handle confidential information, highly organized, good people skills.

Preferred: Church secretarial experience

Primary: Duties include managing the church office, providing office support to Pastor and Council, answering the phone, greeting visitors, producing the weekly bulletin and monthly church newsletter, updating website, paying bills, maintaining supplies, and other duties as assigned.

MARCH INSPIRATION

Jennie

MARCH CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

2015 Magda Rinder

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 Beth Miller
7 Marti Kelley
11 Pam Linzie
13 Mary Maurer
13 Ingrid Standafer
16 Jennie Webb

CALENDAR

March is Women's History Month

March 1—Miami University Regional

Campus scholarship applications due to club

March 3—board meeting—7:00 Zoom

March 8—International Women's Day—Women's Empowerment Tea

March 10—club meeting—7:00 Zoom

March 31—deadline to register for

Spring Conference and make hotel reservations.

March 31—Governor's Club Award form

due to Gov. Christine

April 7—club meeting at the Farm—change of date

April 22-23—Spring Conference

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