



## PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

Hello Friends,

May is such a great month. Flowers begin to bloom, and we finally feel like we can come out of our cold weather hibernation, the gateway to summer. We also celebrate Mothers on their special day. For us in the Cincinnati area, we also will celebrate The Flying Pig, and there is much more.

For us as a club this is a busy month as we begin to wind down 2021-22 and start to look forward to the coming year 2022-23. We will celebrate our awards winners on May 12 with a dinner for the first time in 2 years and we have many guests that will be with us. Our slate of officers will be presented and voted on and our work for next year's budget will begin.

A couple of us have just returned from Spring Conference on an upbeat note. I will share with you more in-depth information in June, but for now let's look at the big picture. There was an overall recurring theme of "Storytelling." Each of the presenters told their own story and then went on to help us to understand how important our own stories and the stories of our club



successes are to the 4 Pillars of Soroptimist (fundraising, membership, program, and public awareness) and how it helps to make connections to each other, potential members, the community, and our fundraising efforts.

Our club had some great takeaways. Besides having two of our award winners, Cheyenne Blaser LYD, and Karla Garcia Cardenas VWA, recognized at the region level, we accomplished the Celebrating Success Award for Fundraising. We also received the Outstanding Governor's Award. Each of us should be proud of these accomplishments and know that we did our best.

Beth, Betty, and myself each attended a different set of breakout sessions. We will report individually on what we took away.

Gayle: Leadership and Technology

Betty: Empowering Women's Health and Finance

Beth: Human Trafficking and Membership Retention

I have a quick overview for Leadership. We are all leaders in one way or another and we all have the characteristics to be leaders in our clubs and beyond. The critical piece that was presented and the group activity we did revolved around our listening skills. First, be an ACTIVE listener, then a good speaker. Next, delegate and follow up. Last, you don't always have to be a problem solver because as a compassionate listener situations can work themselves out. Be creative in recruiting Leaders.

Technology presented a couple new ways for clubs to facilitate new ways to help club communication and document sharing run smoother. More on this in June when I get the PowerPoint presentation.

May 5/5/2022 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Mt Pleasant Activities Meeting, Corner of Northwestern and Indiana. Budget work session

5/8/2022 Happy Mother's Day

5/12/2022 Awards Dinner/ General Meeting 6:00 Horsepower Farm

May is Mental Health Month: 1 in 5 people have/diagnosed with a mental disorder. 1 in 10 with substance abuse.

**"Always remember you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."  
Christopher Robin**

*Gayle*

### **Slate of Officers 2022-23**

We will vote on this slate at our May meeting.

President: Gayle Martz

VP: Beth Miller

Treasurer: Sue Willis

Recording Secretary: Elaine Garver

Corresponding Secretary: Deb Peters

2 yr Board: Jennie Webb

1 yr Board: Jo Ashworth

## Recent Dream Raffle Winners:

Week 14 Diane Drennan

Week 15 Mary Maurer

Week 16 Kelley Spaulding

Week 17 Larry Fillnow

## CALENDAR

May 5 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

May 7 Sell tickets at Horsepower Farm

May 8 Happy Mother's Day

May 12 6:00 p.m. monthly meeting and awards night at Horsepower Farm

## AWARD WINNERS

Our Live Your Dream Award, Virginia Wagner Award, and Miami University scholarship winners have been chosen. Our Live Your Dream and Virginia Wagner winners also were chosen first-place winners at the District level! Our winners will be invited to our May meeting so you can meet them and see how amazing they are. We'll get media consent forms signed and then send an article to The Journal News and include it in our newsletter.

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## RAFFLE TICKETS

Bring any money for bourbon raffle tickets that you have sold to our May meeting.

## MAY INSPIRATION

Jennie

## MAY RAFFLE

Dee

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

27 Barb

