



SOROPTINEWS SI MIDDLETOWN

OCTOBER 2025

PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

October has come upon us quickly. Leaves are falling and hopefully our 90-degree weather is behind us. Besides a change of season, the new month brings an exciting celebration of our club's 70th anniversary! All members are encouraged to invite a guest to help promote our club's mission and achievements as well as increase our opportunity for new members. We will feature a special speaker, Jenny Groenewegen, who will talk about the benefits of full body and breast medical imaging. I am excited to welcome back our District II Director, Laura Ferguson, and Governor Elect, Ruth Waggoner. There will also be a presentation highlighting our scholarship programs that includes all in attendance receiving a special token to be shared with women and girls in need of education financial assistance. We will be serving appetizers and beverages which will be complimentary for all of our guests. Members will pay a lower meal price of \$10. In addition to our monthly raffle, we will hold a door prize raffle for our guests. Last but not least, our meeting space will be decorated to add to the evening festivities.

Barb and I will be attending the District Meeting October 24th and 25th in Columbus. It is our hope to bring back some solid information to enhance our already great programs and fundraising efforts.

October not only brings the fun of Halloween but on a more serious note it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and also Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Please remember our members who are currently dealing with health issues or family concerns.

Remember the deadline for Live Your Dream is November 15. If you know someone that is in need and qualifies, please direct them to our web page middletownsoroptimist.org, so they may apply.

Gayle

DISTRICT MEETING

Donations will be collected for the local Period Pantry. Pads and tampons are needed. Items will be delivered by SI Columbus-Franklin County. Please bring items you want to donate to our October meeting, and Gayle and Barb will take them to the District Meeting. Thank you.



DISTRICT MEETING BASKET – “BET YOU’LL LOVE THIS”

CALENDAR

Oct. 2 No Board Meeting

Oct. 3 Soroptimist Founders Day

Oct. 8, 1955 Middletown club chartered. **This is our 70th anniversary!**

Oct. 9 Meeting—Please invite a friend who might be interested in our club and/or a former member to share in “our memories.”

Oct. 24-25 District Meeting, Columbus, OH

Oct. 31 1:30-3:00 Club member volunteers needed to help at Halloween Party for Mt. Pleasant residents to be held in the chapel. Contact Sue Willis if you are able to participate.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY

Oct. 30 - Ann Kuhlmann

COLLECTION ITEMS

Are you trying to downsize or organize? Or maybe you know of an organization that collects items for distribution. This newsletter is a great way to spread the word. For example, St. Paul's UCC at 114 S. Broad St. in Middletown has a clothing closet where clients can get clothes at no cost. The clients are low-income, so everyday clothes would be appreciated. They are open between 10 and 1:00 on Tuesdays. If you can't drop them off at that time, give donations to Barb, and she will deliver them.



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SI/ Middletown, OH

Dear Club President,

Please accept my most heartfelt congratulations on your club's 70-year anniversary! A significant anniversary such as this provides the opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate your many accomplishments locally and what you are a part of globally.

SIA recently celebrated 100 years of working together to ensure women and girls have the resources and opportunities they need to achieve their full potential and live their dreams. We also celebrate your club as you reach a milestone in service alongside our global organization.

As we look back on this legacy, we also look to the future. We are working together toward our 2021-2031 Big Goal of investing in the dreams of half a million women and girls through access to education. This audacious goal will continue to increase our collective impact by helping four times the number of women and girls facing obstacles to economic empowerment as served in the prior decade. This is a big, bold goal, and we honor the Soroptimists who came before us as we, too, envision a future where all women have the opportunity to live their dreams.

As you celebrate this milestone anniversary, I encourage your club to take some time to reflect on the life-changing programs that you've carried out in your community over the years. Consider the many Live Your Dream Award recipients who have benefitted from your club's commitment to economically empowering women. Remember the faces of Dream It, Be It program participants as they learned practical lessons about overcoming obstacles.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, headquarters staff, and the women and girls we serve, I congratulate your club for advancing our mission through our programs and through contributions that make our programs possible. We are so proud to celebrate your club's longevity. We eagerly look forward to SIA's brilliant future!

Sincerely,

Sue Riney, 2025-2026 President
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