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SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

MAY 2026

PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

Happy May!!!

What beautiful weather has arrived! I hope everyone is out and enjoying the sunshine! Barb, Betty and myself attended the Midwest Region Conference in Columbus, Ohio. Of course, it was a great place to meet old friends and make new ones. There were 28 first-time attendees, most of them were also new members. And become re-energized with great ideas.

There were two Panel Discussions: Friday Night was dedicated to Kids aging out of Foster Care/Current State of Affairs in Human Trafficking

The Panel consisted of: a Domestic Violence Judge, a Child Welfare worker, a Survivor, a Clinical Forensic Nurse, and

an author-activist-researcher-and national presenter on justice reform. The discussion revolved around the many misconceptions of trafficking and how statistics are on those aging out of foster care.

Saturday's panel was on Fundraising in our Region. The panel consisted of a member from each district. They discussed the overviews of successful fundraisers in their districts/member involvement/money and publicity.

The official visitor from Soroptimist Headquarters was Michells G. Strasser from SI Tampa. She is currently a SIA Board of Director and Laws and Resolutions Committee Chair. She held a Code of Conduct Breakout session which we will be learning more about in the near future.

So going forward we have 2 meetings. May 14 we will have a guest speaker from Mt. Pleasant, Jean Morgan, and the Topic is Dementia and Alzheimer Care. We will also have our election of Officers and Board. June 11 will be the Installation of Officers, and our Guest Ruth Waggoner, newly-installed Governor, will be there to do the honors. We will also have a short presentation on Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

See you Soon!

Gayle

MIDDLETOWN SOROPTIMIST OF THE YEAR

If you would like to nominate a member to be considered for Middletown Soroptimist of the Year, please send an email to Gayle with the reasons why you think she should be considered. This should be someone who has done an outstanding job this year. Be sure to list her accomplishments. Just send to Gayle and not the whole board because your nominee might be a member of the board, and it is meant to be a secret until the meeting when it is presented.

OCTOBER DISTRICT MEETING

This year's District Meeting will be close by. Make plans now to attend to learn more about what Soroptimist is all about beyond club level.

SLATE OF OFFICERS

President—Gayle Martz

Vice-President—Donna Reenan

Treasurer—Sue Willis

Recording Secretary—

Corresponding Secretary—Deb Peters

2-year Board Member—Betty Huck

1-year Board Member—Beth Miller

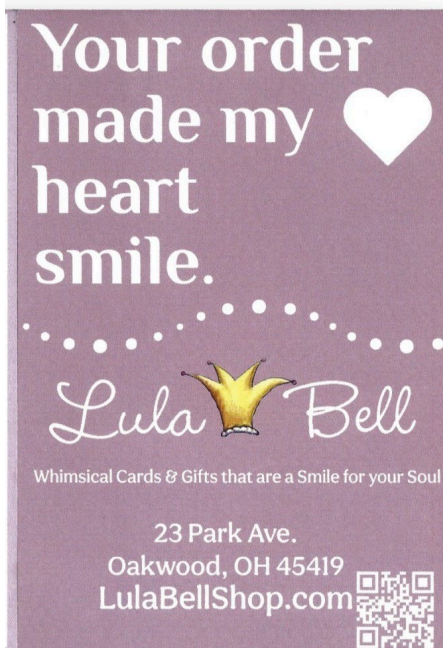
INSPIRATIONAL PRINTS

With all the enjoyment experienced regarding the scholarship and awards recipients' inspirational prints, I wanted to share some information about the artist and her shop. I met the artist and Lula Bell Shop owner, Amy Gantt, at the 2025 Sharonville Holiday Market where she had a vendor booth. I had previously been to her shop but had never had the pleasure of meeting Amy. While speaking with her, I was inspired to commission some customized prints for our winners. Amy can create cards or prints with the recipient's skin and hair color, as well as other provided characteristics. While we did not have the opportunity to provide all of these specifics, I worked with our committee chairs to obtain as many details as possible. Amy agreed to customize the prints with the recipients' names at no charge.

I encourage you to visit LulaBellShop.com to see the most amazing collection of prints and gift items. Once you do, you will be inspired to visit her shop in person. The area in

Oakwood where Lula Bell Shop is located also has many other boutiques that will capture your interest. I look forward to hearing about your experience with Lula Bell!

Sue



MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Deb
27 Barb

MAY INSPIRATION & RAFFLE

Barb

CALENDAR

April 30—board meeting—5:00 at Brio at Liberty Center

May 10—Mother's Day

May 14—club meeting

Oct. 23-24—District Meeting to be held at Hilton Garden Inn at Austin Landing in Miamisburg

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