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PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

As I sit looking out my window this morning I am seeing the school buses as one by one they are picking up children for the start of the school year. The end of summer is here, and preparation for our Soroptimist 2026-27 year has begun.

I hope that everyone has had a restful, fun, and productive summer. I know I have enjoyed my time with family and the little ones since both start new chapters in their lives.

Committees have been meeting and both Membership/Programs and Ways and Means/Fundraising have worked hard to put together a year of great events. It has been great to see the team effort that has been successful in making this happen. A calendar will accompany this Newsletter.

The Live Your Dream portal is open. Please spread the information to any women or girls you feel would be candidates. The Portal closes November 15. I have put the information on Facebook as well.

Our first meeting is approaching fast. It will be September 10. We will have Karen Cook from Sleep in Heavenly Peace speak about opportunities for possible community service. If you would like to donate to them, NEW TWIN SHEET SETS are needed.

September will also be the official Kick Off to our main fundraising event 25 WEEK CASH RAFFLE. Many of you have received your tickets. If you still need your tickets, you will receive them at the meeting. Sales will run through December with January being our first drawing.

Can't wait! See you all in September.

Gayle

SEPTEMBER RAFFLE—Pam

SEPTEMBER INSPIRATION—Deb

CALENDAR

September 2 8:00 p.m.—Zoom meeting Soroptimist Membership Campaign (see link below)

September 3 Board Meeting 7:00 Zoom

September 10 General Meeting Mt. Pleasant

Social Time 5:00 Dinner 5:30 Speaker 6:30

September Birthdays: none

SEPTEMBER CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Barb 1988

Jo 1988

Betty 2001 transferred from Cincy club

Sue 1995

COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Kroger and Gordon Food Services both offer a Community Rewards Program for non-profits. If a member signs up and names an organization, that organization receives a donation after each purchase. It's not a large amount, but every little bit helps, and we need to think of some ways to increase our operating budget.

Visit <http://www.kroger.com> . Once logged in to your account, search for Soroptimist International of Middletown, OH by name or click LD932 and then click Enroll. That's all you need to do. It doesn't affect your fuel points. It's just an easy way for the store to give back to the community.

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IDEAS – EMPOWERING WOMEN & GIRLS – INCREASING MEMBERSHIP

Working Document – As of 08/25/26

Meeting Month	September 10, 2026	October 8, 2026	November 12, 2026	December 10, 2026	January 14, 2027
Speaker/The me	Sleep in Heavenly Peace Butler, Co. – Helping Children Sleep Better; Speaker – Karen Cook, Confirmed 25 Week Cash Raffle Kick Off	“SCAMS” Presentation by local speaker TBD. Program rescheduled due to speaker availability.	Nancy Rhinock, OH Safe at Home Liaison w/OH Sec of State. Domestic Violence & Trafficking victims assistance. Confirmed. Location TBD.	“Merry Christmas ” Party at Sue’s home. What do we want to do as a fundraisin g activity?	Hundredx Fundraiser Plans for February Kick off 25 Week Cash Raffle weekly winner drawings begin 01/7/27.
Activity	Donate items to support speaker services	Community Service/Members hip event.	Community Service/Members hip event.	TBD	Invite guests to help build fundraiser momentu m
Meeting Month	February 11, 2027	March 11, 2027	April 8, 2027	May 13, 2027	June 10, 2027
Speaker/The me	Women’s Heart Health Month. Confirmed speaker – Karen Kier, Prof. Pharmacy Practice; Dr. of Drug & Health Info; Preventive Care	Girls on the Run Monroe – Confirmed speaker, Annie Horn, Executive Director plus additional speaker TBD. Programs to help girls increase inner strength, physical activity & self-confidence.	Scholarships/Awa rds Night – Led by Beth Miller, Ingrid Standafer & Ann Kuhlmann, Betty Huck	Budget Review Possible speaker from Book Bums West Chester – Mission: “We Transfor m Your	Installatio n of club officers. Invite Laura Ferguson District 2 Dir. and/or Ruth Waggoner MWR Gov. June is

	Specialist – Ada, OH. In-person/remote presentation TBD.			Struggling Reader into a Thriving Student”	final month of 25 Week Cash Raffle.
Activity	Invite guests as potential new members	Possible partnership with Girls on the Run for community support and greater Club awareness	Testimonials from Recipients	Discuss possible new local service projects to fund – i.e. partnership with Book Bums to coordinate with Dream It Be It	Request Directors deliver presentation with Q&A. Present brief summary of club’s new initiatives to MWR leaders

In case you missed it in the SIA August e-newsletter, there is a Zoom meeting at 8:00 p.m. on September 2. Driven by Dreams Soroptimist Membership Campaign Webinar. It will be simultaneously interpreted in our languages and recorded, so don’t worry if you can’t attend live. Here’s the link to register. If this doesn’t work, try to find it on the SIA website. We really need to work on building our membership. Thanks. Barb

https://events.zoom.us/j/Ai5xznzWBgyVxzVL1681AsLp3yVkyzBUcYe7C3l7R9yNjipXb3pl2~AnuxjUbnNf0GgSZsw9-oB1qYhBA35h9UM6uDiNt2v6XEheuVHMdSNAR-LA?utm_source=sfmc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=August+BFW+-+2026&utm_term=https%3a%2f%2fevents.zoom.us%2fev%2fAi5xznzWBgyVxzVL1681AsLp3yVkyzBUcYe7C3l7R9yNjipXb3pl2%7eAnuxjUbnNf0GgSZsw9-oB1qYhBA35h9UM6uDiNt2v6XEheuVHMdSNAR-LA&utm_id=123120&sfmc_id=168097597

Raffle**Inspiration**

September Pam	September Deb
October Ginger	October Ginger
November Gayle	November Gayle
December Sue	December Sue
January Ingrid	January Ingrid
February Donna/Ann K	February Donna/Ann K
March Jo	March Jo
April Deb	April Deb
May Ann M	May Ann M
June June	June June

Please remember that if you will not be able to attend the meeting you signed up for please switch with someone.