



# SOROPTINEWS



**Soroptimist International of Middletown**

January 2014



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## President Pam's Update

Okay, Ladies, mark your calendars, be they paper or electronic, for May 2, 3, 4. Our Midwestern Region Conference is being held in Columbus, Ohio on those dates. Make your plans now because it is being held so close in 2014. Next year's is in Wisconsin. It would be great to have a couple of cars from our club. This is an excellent opportunity to get a bigger picture of Soroptimist, and it is a fun learning opportunity. I have made reservations at the Gorman Farm for my two Scotties, Hamish and Radley. Give it serious thought.

Thanks so much to Sue and Rick for our lovely Holiday Party. It was just wonderful. Good friends, wonderful food, fun auction made for a lovely evening. We all appreciate their

hospitality.

We have three prospective members. That is great! We need to put forth effort to give other women the opportunity to experience Soroptimist. The membership guidelines now include all women.

The Violet Richardson winner has been chosen and submitted for District judging. The Virginia Wagner Award is a work in progress. There is only one application so far but an excellent choice if we do not receive other applications.

Hope your Holidays were full of fun. See you on January 9th.

Pam

## Women's Opportunity Award News

Judi reports that we received 11 applications for the Women's Opportunity Award. These applications have been forwarded to the judges to determine the winning application.

Each year, more than \$1.5 million in education grants are awarded to more than 1,000 women, many of whom have overcome enormous obstacles including poverty, domestic violence and/or drug and alcohol abuse. Women's Opportunity Award recipients may use the cash award to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education, such as books, childcare, tuition and transportation.

### We're on the Web

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[www.simwr.org](http://www.simwr.org) International ~ Region

Facebook ~ Soroptimist International of Middletown Ohio & the Cin-Day Corridor

## Other Soroptimist Club News

The **Zanesville, Ohio**, club partnered with Zane State College and Zandex Health Care, Inc., to hold a Teen Dating Violence Awareness event. Club members organized a panel discussion on the current laws, prevention information, and warning signs of abusive relationships. Panelists included representatives from local law enforcement agencies and domestic violence organizations. More than 120 community members attended the event.

Through its Adopt-a-Village project, the **Toms River, New Jersey**, club provides high school girls with SAT preparation tools, college navigation skills and help with financial aid options for continuing education. The club will use its \$8,000 Soroptimist Club Grant for Women and Girls to provide the girls with transportation to and from college fairs, and to pay for SAT online course subscriptions and study guides.

The club in **Burlington, Washington**, recently held its second annual "I'm Proud to BEE Me—Celebrating Girl Power" event. The self-esteem workshop was designed to help 6th grade girls realize the importance of independence, self-esteem, respect and leadership. The club plans on holding a larger two-day workshop in the future.

### **This Month's Meeting to be held at :**

January 9th  
6pm @  
Forest Hills  
Program:  
?

Raffle: Carole  
Inspiration: Carole

### **Birthdays:**

•Betty Huck ~ Jan 6



### **Next Month's Meeting to be held at :**

Forest Hills  
Program: ?

Raffle: Ann  
Inspiration: Ann



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## President Pam's Update

Br-r-r-r-r-r-r! Hope you and your families have been safe during this extreme cold spell. This winter has been something else. During this time I was able to substitute teach seven days at Edgewood. It was so much fun. Substituting has none of the stress that goes along with being the daily teacher. The students were so much fun. It helped pass the time during the yucky, yucky weather.

The minutes of the last meeting were emailed to us the day of our meeting, January 9. Check your email for your mailing and please read the minutes.

We will no longer be meeting at Forest Hills. We have different locations for the meetings for the rest of the club year. So far we know February-Mt. Pleasant; March-Olive Garden Middletown; April-MidPointe Library Middletown; May-TBA; June-BeauVerre. I am sorry that we do not have a regular monthly place to meet. However, we have rotating meeting locations before. In this case, we needed to change.

Mid Western Region Conference is May 2, 3, 4

in Columbus, Ohio. The 2015 Spring Conference is in Wisconsin. Longer travel time! So think about this spring in Columbus, Ohio as an opportunity to get a "feel" for the grandness of Soroptimist beyond our club.

We are scheduled to have a new member join our club in February. Are you looking for prospective members for our club? The Federation has broadened the base of our prospective members. We no longer have to be so sensitive to type of positions/jobs. Think New Members.

Our Three club award winners have been chosen and sent on to the next level of judging. Women's Opportunity Award, Violet Richardson, and Virginia Wagner all had deserving award recipients. Thanks so much to Denise Brown and Judi Kuntz for WOA, Ginger Bruggeman and Elaine Garver for Violet Richardson and Karen Dillon and Laurie Flagel for Virginia Wagner. Karen Mehl and Ingrid Standafer are still working on MUM Scholarship.

Pam

## Committee Reports

### Violet Richardson Award News

Elaine Garver reports the following concerning the Violet Richardson Award: There were eight applications submitted this year. All the application were complete, met the criteria and were submitted for judging. The judges were in unanimous agreement on the winner. The winner is Christine Clark from Lakota High School. Christine's application has been submitted to the District for judging at that level. Ginger and I are excited about the quality of the applicant and her volunteer dedication both locally and

internationally. We are very excited to introduce her to you at the April meeting. Thank you to our judges this year: Libbie Lolli, Patty Pratt and Sherry Pieratt.

### Follow Your Dream Art Contest

The Live Your Dream organization, a partner to Soroptimist International, asks for those members on Facebook to vote in the Live Your Dream Art Contest. It is easy; go to the Live Your Dream Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/LiveYourDream.Org](http://www.facebook.com/LiveYourDream.Org)); go to photos, and "like" the pieces in each category that you think are the best representation of Living Your Dream!

### This Month's Meeting to be held at :

February 13th  
6pm @  
Mt. Pleasant  
Activity Building

Program:  
Elaine & Ginger  
Raffle: Ann  
Inspiration: Ann

### February Birthdays:

•24th ~ Laurie Flagel



### Next Month's Meeting to be held at :

Olive Garden  
Program: Ingrid  
Raffle: Ginger  
Inspiration: Mary



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## Inspiration

February ~ Ann  
March ~ Mary  
April ~ Pat  
May ~ Beth  
June ~ Open

## Raffle

February ~ Ann  
March ~ Ginger  
April ~ Denise  
May ~ Beth  
June ~ Karen M



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## Area Donation Opportunities

Ginger Bruggeman wants to remind our club of the various ongoing donation drives for area organizations. As we think about spring cleaning, remember some of the things we don't value can make a world of difference to someone else.

The Center of Hope for Women and Children is always in need of personal care items. This would include lotion, tooth brushes, facial tissue and other similar items. If you'd like to make a donation of these things, Ginger makes it easy for you. Just bring it to the meeting, and she will get the items to the center.

Atrium Medical Center is always in need of sweat suits for the patients in the Behavior Health Center. They can be men's or women's, in any size or color. When a patient is admitted to the hospital, especially in an emergency, they have to cut their clothes off of

them. Sometimes the clothing they have on is not in any shape to send them home in. Upon release the hospital will give them a sweat suit to wear home.

Do you have a few old cell phones lying around your house? Even though they seem out-of-date, they are useful to someone! One program gives the phones to Senior Citizens with medical needs and to women at the YWCA Dove House. These are re-programmed to dial 911 for emergencies only. In the event there is an over abundance of cell phones, we also give some to the Middletown Senior Center for recycling.

All of the above items are put to good use. If you are unable to bring the items to the meetings, you may drop off to Ginger Bruggeman at the United Way - 300 N Main Street, Middletown, Ohio. If you have any questions, call Ginger on her cell 513.594.1438

Women At Their Best,  
Helping Women Be Their Best.

### SUNSHINE

- Ann is going to be a Grandma Again

### CLOUDS

- Hazel Duvall & Margaret Dunn, prior members recently expired
- We have sent a card to Carolyn Dennin, had knee replacement surgery



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## Announcements

Mary is selling cookbooks for \$10, from First United Methodist's Women. The Middletown Senior Center is asking if you would sign up for your Kroger percentage to go toward the Middletown Sr Center. You go onto your Kroger rewards card online and can give them a percentage of what you spend. She will send additional information later.

April 5<sup>th</sup> 11am, is the Imagination Luncheon. It is no longer part of the United Way. Format very similar, will be at MUM this year, see Ginger if you have questions

Senior Center is collecting cereal for Dream Center

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## President Pam's Update

Bring new or gently used Bras on April 10 for Free the Girls project!

Remember to bring bras to the April Soroptimist meeting for the Midwestern Region project. It is an easy project in which to participate.

The Award winners evening is April 10. I hope you are planning to attend. It is kind of exciting to see and hear from some of the women we have supported. I am pleased to announce that our Violet Richardson award winner is also the Regional Winner. She will get an additional \$1000. Great! Thanks Ginger and Elaine for your hard work. I want to thank all of the award chairs for their work during the year. In addition to Ginger and Elaine, Karen Dillon chaired the Virginia Wagner Award; Ingrid and Karen Mehl chaired the MUM Scholarship; Judi Kunz and Denise chaired the WOA

award. Thank you all so much.

Barb and I will be traveling to the Midwestern Region Conference on May 2, 3, 4. It is in Columbus. I hope we bring back some valuable information.

Please think about saying yes to being an officer next year. We need a full slate of officers presented at our April meeting.

The April business meeting is at the Middletown location of the Midpointe Library. The May and June meetings will be at Mt. Pleasant, in the community room of the Mt. Pleasant Place apartment building.

Lastly, thanks to Carole, Barb, Jo and Dee for putting together the meal for the awards night. You are all appreciated.

*~Pam*

## Committee Reports

### Survivor's Luncheon

Dee Markle sends this request for help for the Survivor's Luncheon coming up in June. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7th. That's the date of the RELAY For LIFE Survivor's Luncheon, to be held in Middletown High School Cafeteria. Survivor's are invited to arrive at 11 a.m., so we will need to be there around 10 a.m. to get bread sticks, Olive Garden Salad, and

chicken salad croissants ready to serve to guests. Please locate your "Club golf shirt" (we haven't worn them for a while)—we'll wear "our shirts" and dark slacks, so folks will know "who we are". ---This is a great "feel good" event, ---- we will serve lunch to some very special folks---they've survived cancer! If you have any questions, please see Dee.

### This Month's Meeting to be held at :

April 10th  
6pm @  
Midpointe Library,  
Middletown

Program:  
Awards Presentation

Raffle: Denise Brown  
Inspiration: Pat Lewis

### April Birthdays:

1st - Tracey Pullum  
7th - Karen Dillon



### Next Month's Meeting to be held at :

Mount Pleasant Community  
Room

Raffle: Beth  
Inspiration: Beth



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April ~ Pat  
May ~ Beth  
June ~ ?

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## Raffle

April ~ Denise  
May ~ Beth  
June ~ Karen

## Dates to Remember

### May

1-Board Meeting 7:00 Coffee Beans & Brew, Monroe  
2-4 Spring Conference in Columbus, OH  
8 - Meeting, Mt. Pleasant Community Room  
22 - GED graduation 7:30 p.m. Middletown High theater

### June

5 - Board Meeting 7:00 Coffee Beans & Brew, Monroe  
7 - 11:00 a.m. we serve at the Relay for Life, Survivor's Luncheon  
12 - Meeting, Mt. Pleasant Community Room, Program is Installation of officers

### July

23-26, 2014 Biennial Convention in Vancouver, Canada

## Annual Report

The Soroptimist International of the Americas has just published its annual report for 2012-2013. Before you roll your eyes, thinking this is a report of boring finances and statistics, think again! With the title "One Mission, Many Women, Countless Dreams" this is no ordinary report. It contains really impressive information about the

changes we all make, globally and locally with our work, fund-raising and awareness of the challenges facing women and girls. Definitely take a look online at <http://www.soroptimist.org/pdf/annual.pdf>.

## Our Awards

The **Violet Richardson Award** is a recognition program for young women ages 14-17 engaged in volunteer action within their communities or schools. The award is given to young women whose activities make the community and world a better place.

The **Virginia Wagner Award** is specific to those states in Midwestern Region: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Women residing in these states who are attending college/university in pursuit of a bachelors, masters or doctoral degree are eligible to apply. Judging is based on effort toward education, scholarship, extracurricular activities and financial need.

The **Women's Opportunity Awards** program was established in 1972 to assist women with primary financial responsibility for their families to obtain the skills-training and education necessary to improve their employment status and standard of living for themselves and their family.

The **SI Middletown Miami University Scholarship** is a unique award created and offered by the SI Middletown club only. It is offered annually to one or more female students who have graduated within the past eight years from a high school or GED program, is age 25 or under, and is enrolled as a full-time freshman, sophomore, or junior student at Miami University Middletown. This award is made on the basis of academic performance, the potential for advancement, and financial need.

**SUNSHINE** Be sure to let Pat, Jo, or Dee know if you have Sunshine or Cloud information to announce.



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May 2014



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Barb and I made it to Spring Conference in Columbus. Rest assured that your bras made it to the "Free the Girls" project. We were glad that we didn't get stopped by the highway patrol, they might have thought we were smuggling bras.

The May meeting will be held at Mt. Pleasant Place, the apartments. If you are arriving from Rt 63, heading east; turn left on to Britton Lane. That is north. Turn left or west onto Seminary Drive. Seminary dead ends. Turn right on Mt Pleasant

Place. You will see the apartment building. After you park and enter the front of the building, go through two sets of doors and turn to the right in the lobby.

Remember we will be working GED graduation. If you signed up, please help make the graduates day special. Mark your calendars.

~Pam

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### Club Shirts

There is still time to get your Soroptimist polo shirt. The turnaround time is 7-10 days. We can just make it in time for the May 22 GED graduation if you bring your order and check to our May meeting, and Barb will turn in the money and order the next day. The cost including tax is \$21.41 for sizes s-xl. Size 2x is \$22.85. Be sure to say if it is L500 ladies or K500 men's size. Checks should be made out to Imprint Promotions. You can read about the shirts on [www.imprintpromotions.com](http://www.imprintpromotions.com) and click on the catalog and look at L500 and K500.

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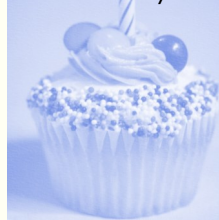
May 8th  
6pm @  
Mount Pleasant Place  
Community Room

Program:  
Conference News

Raffle: Beth  
Inspiration: Beth

### May Birthdays:

27th - Barb Flory



### Next Month's Meeting to be held at :

Is Installation

Raffle: Karen  
Inspiration: ?



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## President Pam's Update

Happy New Year Middletown Soroptimists!

The September meeting of the 2014-15 year will be held September 4 at the Mt. Pleasant Place Community Room. Social time starts at 6:00 and dinner and meeting starts at 6:30. Our meal will be Caesar Salad, Chicken Piccata, Asparagus Spears, Tiramisu. That would taste good to me right now.

At the meeting, our program will be to break into committees and plan for the year. Wouldn't it be so fine if we could find an identifying project to carry on year after year? Wouldn't it be so fine to find twelve new members to join our club this year? Wouldn't it be so fine to carry on our Style Show, the scholarships, and awards we traditionally support?

BRING NEW IDEAS AND VOICE THEM! We will be ready to Roll For the Year!

I am sorry to report we had four member not rejoin this year. Laurie Flagel has conflicts with her children's sports, Tracey Pullum closed her shop, Karen Dillon's work got more time consuming and Karen Mehl felt the time had come to depart. We are very sorry to lose these wonderful ladies. They have given much to SI Middletown.

Fall Conference for our District will be October 17-18 at the Findlay Inn and Conference center in Findlay, Ohio. It is an excellent opportunity to see and experience beyond our club. This is a fun and educational time. The club has budgeted for three persons to attend and to spend the night at the Findlay Inn. If more than three of us attend, registration is \$60 and includes three meals. We can double up on beds if we need to. You received the call to District meetings on August 15 from Christine Shearer. I need to know if you want to go. Deadline for registration is October 1.

## Style Show News

Dee, Barb and Jo send this message:

Circle Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> on your calendar! **Flair For Fashion**, our annual luncheon and style show fundraiser, is booked for MUM's Campus Community Room (same location as the 2013 event). Kay's Shoppe, Lebanon, will again do our fashions and Two Women in a Kitchen will cater the meal. Sue will coordinate models, Carole will take charge of raffle baskets, and Judy S. will print programs.

We need **YOU** to **invite** your friends and relatives. Think BIG and fill a whole table, design your raffle baskets/items (consider two smaller gifts, rather than one huge one), sell program ads and raffle tickets. Our goal is to FILL the room with guests and have lots of wonderful raffle gifts, and also to entice our guests to buy tons of tickets.

Let's work together for successful fundraiser!

Sue Willis wants to share our club's financial accomplishments for the club year of 2013-14:

We started with \$13,704.90 in the bank; gave out \$5,270 in scholarships, awards, and donations.

By the end of the year, we had reduced our assets by only \$286.18 for an ending balance of \$13,418.72. All with fewer members than in the previous club year.

*We have a great group of dedicated women, and we should be proud of our performance.*

## Ruby Award Ideas

Barb Flory asks us to please put on our thinking caps to come up with possible Ruby Award candidates. It would be great to have your recommendations for the August 28 board meeting or at least the September 4 meeting.

Here are the guidelines:

"The Soroptimist Ruby Award honors women who have worked to improve the lives of women and girls through their professional and/or volunteer work."

"Although clubs may honor a woman for a lifetime of good work, the majority of work should have occurred within the past two years."

"Examples of the type of work honored include: spearheading an effort to open a domestic violence shelter, starting a mentoring program for at-risk girls, or lobbying companies to provide on-site child care."

More information is available in the Members Only area of the website ([www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)) under Programs. Spread the word through businesses and universities and churches, etc. In the past we've pretty well covered the Middletown area, but maybe you know of more. Also consider Hamilton and other cities in Butler County.

The board makes the final decision, but they need written recommendations to act upon.

### This Month's Meeting to be held at :

September 4  
6pm @  
Mt. Pleasant

Program:  
Committee Meetings

Sign ups for Raffle and Inspiration will be conducted at the September 4th meeting

### Birthdays:

Sept. 22-Judi Kuntz



### Sunshine and Clouds

Sunshine: Ginger's husband is doing better

Clouds: Ginger's son has some good days and some challenging days

### Next Month's Meeting to be held at :

Mt. Pleasant

Program: Christine Birhanzi,  
Red Cross of Butler County  
Sign ups for Inspiration and Raffle will be conducted at the September 4th meeting



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## TREASURER'S REPORT July - 2014

**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF MIDDLETOWN**

BEGINNING BALANCE: \$1,993.87

**INCOME:**

Member Dues: \$200.00

2 Regular @ \$100

Savings Account Interest 06/30/14	\$0.15
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**TOTAL INCOME:           \$200.15**

**EXPENSES:**

**TOTAL EXPENSES:                    \$000.00**

**ENDING BALANCE:           \$2,194.02**

BEGINNING BALANCE: \$11,224.55

**INCOME:**

**TOTAL INCOME: \$ 00.00**

**EXPENSES:**

**TOTAL EXPENSES:      \$00.00**

**ENDING BALANCE:        \$11,224.55**

**OPERATING FUND AND SERVICE FUND TOTAL:           \$13,418.57**

### 5/3 CHECKING ACCOUNT

**OPENING BALANCE: \$7,220.23**

**TOTAL CREDITS: \$200.00**

**TOTAL DEBITS:                      \$000.00**

**ENDING BALANCE: \$7,420.23**

### **5/3 SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

**OPENING BALANCE: \$ 5,998.19**

**TOTAL CREDITS: \$00.15**

<b>TOTAL DEBITS:</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>
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**ENDING BALANCE:                   \$ 5,998.34**



**TREASURER'S REPORT August - 2014**  
**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF MIDDLETOWN**

**OPERATING FUND**  
**INCOME:**

BEGINNING BALANCE:      \$2,194.02

Savings Account Interest 07/31/14      \$0.15

**TOTAL INCOME:              \$0.15**

**EXPENSES:**

**TOTAL EXPENSES:              \$000.00**

**ENDING BALANCE:              \$2,194.17**

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**SERVICES FUND**  
**INCOME:**

BEGINNING BALANCE:      \$11,224.55

**TOTAL INCOME:              \$ 00.00**

**EXPENSES:**

**TOTAL EXPENSES:              \$00.00**

**ENDING BALANCE:              \$11,224.55**

**OPERATING FUND AND SERVICE FUND TOTAL:      \$13,418.72**

**5/3 CHECKING ACCOUNT**

**OPENING BALANCE:              \$7,420.23**

**TOTAL CREDITS:              \$000.00**

**TOTAL DEBITS:              \$000.00**

**ENDING BALANCE:              \$7,420.23**

**5/3 SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

**OPENING BALANCE:              \$ 5,998.34**

**TOTAL CREDITS:              \$00.15**

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## President Pam's Update

It is October. In October, 1955 our Soroptimist Club was chartered. That makes our club 59 years old. *Happy Birthday to us, (sing along now) Happy Birthday to us, Happy Birthday Middletown Soroptimist, Happy Birthday to us! And Many More.* Come and celebrate with us Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 6:00 PM. We will once again be meeting at Mt. Pleasant Place for our happy occasion.

Our Speaker will be Christine Birhanzi, Director of the Butler County American Red Cross. She will be speaking about her work at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in Oglala, South Dakota. Christine's presentation will prove to be very thought-provoking.

So far, we have not received any nominations for the Ruby Award, which we traditionally present at our Style Show. If you know of a woman who has helped other women work toward a more productive life, to "Live Their Dreams," please write it up. Nominations should go to Barb Flory as soon as possible.

We have a Regional Soroptimist Celebrity in our midst! District II Secretary, Judy Tannehill, is

moving to New Mexico. Governor, Vicky Hicks asked Barb Flory to complete Judy's term of office through Spring Conference 2016. She will serve on the Midwestern Region Board. She will be responsible for sending out any information or business that needs to be conducted by District II. Congratulations, Barb!

The Style Show is this month. I know everyone is busy inviting guests, selling ads and putting raffle baskets together. Much planning, time and preparation has already been put into this event. So hopefully we will see you, and your table of eight or more friends and guests, on Saturday, October 25 between 11:00 and 11:30.

Three members of our club will be attending the District II meeting on October 17 and 18. Barb will be going up to Findlay, Ohio on Friday. Beth and I will leave the next morning to go to the Saturday meeting. We have plenty of room if someone else wants ride along to see and experience a district meeting

**President Pam**

## Committee Reports

### WAYS & MEANS

This year's fundraiser, **Flair for Fashion**, will be held in the Campus and Community Room at Miami's Middletown campus. Fashions will be by Kay's Shoppe in Lebanon. Tickets are \$30 again this year. We are asking that instead of donating a large **raffle item**, that you divide the money you would have spent on it and bring two smaller ones. That way more guests can "win" a raffle item. Remember to list the item(s) on an attached card. Raffle items do not need to be presented in baskets, only if you choose to do so. If you **ask merchants to donate** something, be sure to let Barb know so they can be recognized in our program.

Remind your guests to **bring address labels** for their raffle tickets. We are using single tickets this year so we don't have to read numbers. Raffle tickets for those who will not be attending should also include a phone number.

**Ads** are clear profit for the club. All members should try to get one or two. **Elder-Beerman Community Days booklets** are also clear profit. Do not feel as if you need to buy these booklets. Carry them with you so if the opportunity presents

itself while you are out with friends, you will have them with you. We still need a **volunteer** to be in charge of getting volunteers to take a shift at the store selling the booklets.

**Volunteers:** Remember all members are part of the Ways & Means committee and expected to help make the event successful. If someone is comfortable preparing spreadsheets and would like to volunteer to keep track of reservations, check numbers, cash, etc. and enter the information onto a **spreadsheet**, contact Dee.

### Dates to remember:

**Oct. 9**—turn in ads at meeting. Turn in any reservations you have at this time, and bring your raffle items if you have them ready.

**Oct. 18**—reservations are due to Dee or Barb. Try to think of someone new, who has never attended, to invite. We need names for name cards. Our goal is to have all guests pre-paid. That makes registration much easier. If you don't have a table of 8, (and wouldn't it wonderful if everyone did?), please suggest with whom you might like to sit. We'll try to accommodate.

### This Month's Meeting

Mount Pleasant Place

October 9 at 6:00

Speaker: Christine Birhanzi

### October Birthdays:

Patricia Lewis— Oct. 14



## Inspiration

October 10 ~ Ann Munafo  
November 13 ~ Sign Up!  
December 11 ~ Sue Willis  
January 8 ~ Ingrid S.  
February 12 ~ Beth Miller

## Raffle

October 9 ~ Ann Munafo  
November 13 ~ Jo Ashworth  
December 11 ~ No raffle  
January 8 ~ Ingrid S.  
February 12 ~ Sign Up!

### Next Month's Meeting

Don't miss Roger Connor from Flowers By Roger. He will be talking about decorating just in time for the holidays!



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**OPERATING FUND**

BEGINNING BALANCE:		\$2,194.17
INCOME:	September Dinners 15 @ \$15	\$225.00
	September Raffle	\$15.00
	Savings Account Interest 08/29/14	\$0.15
TOTAL INCOME:		\$240.15
EXPENSES:	September Dinners (15)	\$256.00*
	Website Fees – 6 mos. @ \$6.28	\$37.68
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$293.68
ENDING BALANCE:		\$2,140.64

\*Discrepancy in amount collected for dinner and amount paid is being reviewed

**SERVICES FUND**

BEGINNING BALANCE:		\$11,224.55
INCOME:		
TOTAL INCOME:		\$ 00.00
EXPENSES:		
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$00.00
ENDING BALANCE:		\$11,224.55

**OPERATING FUND AND SERVICE FUND TOTAL:      \$13,365.19**

**5/3 CHECKING ACCOUNT**

OPENING BALANCE:	\$7,420.23
TOTAL CREDITS:	\$240.00
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$293.68
ENDING BALANCE:	\$7,366.55

**5/3 SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

OPENING BALANCE:	\$ 5,998.49
TOTAL CREDITS:	\$00.15
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$00.00
ENDING BALANCE:	\$ 5,998.64

**BANK ACCOUNTS TOTAL:      \$13,365.19**