

# SOROPTINEWS

Soroptimist International of Middletown  
January 2015



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## President Pam's Update

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you had a happy holiday.

But...it is not over! Thursday night is our Christmas auction. Bring your items, favorite service, or home made goodies to auction to the highest bidder. Bring your cash or checkbooks too. All money raised benefits club activities. It should be a great culmination to the festivities of the past few weeks. We meet at the Mt. Pleasant Place Community Room at 6:00 for social time and dinner starts at 6:30. The auction follows dinner!

Mark your calendars for April 24-26. We will be traveling to Milwaukee. It will be an educational and a fun time. I am planning on going. Barb is going as District II Secretary.

There was no Board meeting this month.

A special thanks to Sue and Rick for hosting our Christmas party. It was truly a wonderful party.

President Pam

## Program Schedule for 2015

What's going on for the rest of the year?  
Check the informative meeting speakers coming in 2015

- **March: Dr. Sam Ison**-Superintendent of Middletown City Schools. Meeting will be held in the MidPointe Library Middletown's Community Room.
- **April: Soroptimist Annual Awards Event** will be held in the MidPointe Library Middletown's Community Room. Don't miss this chance to meet the wonderful women our club supports.
- **May: Conference Report.** Catch up on everything new for our club. Meeting will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Community Room.
- **June: Installation of Officers.** Celebrate with us as another year comes to a close, and we plan for 2015-2016. Meeting will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Community Room.

## Spring Conference



Speaking of Milwaukee! Barb, Pam and two more people from our club will be attending the SI Spring Conference, April 24-26. Will it be you? Start thinking about it now. We will be mailing registration in the middle of March. The Milwaukee and Fond Du Lac Clubs are co-sponsoring the conference, and they promise that the event will not be all business!

### Make sure you "like" SI!

Are you getting all the SI of the Americas news?

Be sure to like their

Facebook page: [https://](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Soroptimist-International-of-the-Americas/69575569890)

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January Birthdays:

Betty Huck- Jan. 6

## Inspiration

January 8 ~ Ingrid S.  
February 12 ~ Beth Miller  
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## Raffle

January 8 ~ Ingrid S.  
February 12 ~ Sign Up!  
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Happy February! Time is moving fast. We have much to think about. Election of officers, the budget for next year, membership, membership, membership, Spring Conference and our spring/summer activities.

The Board meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 5 in the conference room of Beans and Brew located in Monroe. Feel free to attend.

**President Pam**

## Committee Reports

### Change of Meeting Place

The Hospitality Committee wants to remind the group that our February, March and April Club meetings will be held at MidPointe Middletown Community Room at 125 South Broad Street. We will have a catered meal for February and March, and the "Fearsome – Foursome" (Carole, Barb, Jo and Dee) will again provide appetizers and desserts for Scholarship Night in April. Details of cost and reservations will be in your email. We'll be back at Mt. Pleasant Place Community Room for our May and June meetings.

### Virginia Wagner Award

Carole Schul reports that a Virginia Wagner Award recipient for 2015 has been chosen. Shaurita Isreal, a single mom of five children is going to Miami University, working toward a degree in Social Work. She plans to graduate in December 2016, and this award with help with her financial debt.

### Region II Board Meeting

Barb submits her thoughts after her first Regional Board Meeting. The Midwestern Region is in good hands. The board is composed of twelve very capable women who keep the best interests of our region's clubs in mind as decisions are made. The board members range in age, occupations, and years of membership, so it is a good mix.

### Live Your Dream Art Contest!

Make your vote count! SIA received more than 3,650 entries from children around the world! Now visit the Live Your Dream Facebook page to help pick the winners. Vote by "liking" the picture of your favorite artwork in each category. SIA will post one category per week throughout February, and announce the winners once the fourth week of voting is over. Here is a link to the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LiveYourDream.Org>

## Reports, Continued

The members of our club who only attend our club meetings miss the whole picture of what being a Soroptimist means. If you take advantage of attending fall District Meetings and Spring Conferences, not only do you get to make some new friends, but you network and gather ideas of what other clubs are doing and what their projects are. And information is shared about programs Soroptimists promote to improve the lives of women and girls. Soroptimist is on the forefront. Think how many years ago they started promoting programs to increase awareness of domestic violence and human trafficking. Now we frequently hear about human trafficking on the news and in the movies (Taken). We work together and share award applications with clubs that did not receive any applications, but think what a broader experience it would be if we would try to hold a joint meeting once a year with another club in our District or attend some of the other clubs' fundraisers or special events. Let me encourage our club members to become more involved and to reach out to other women in the community to increase our membership so that we will have more hands to become involved in activities that spread our mission of improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

### Don't Miss this Month's Meeting

Doug Adkins, the Middletown City Manager, is our speaker at The MidPointe Library Middletown, 125 South Broad Street. Meeting will be held in the Community Room. Come to Socialize at 6:00. Dinner begins at 6:30

### February Birthdays:

No Club Member Birthdays!

### Next Month's Meeting

So much is going on with our local schools. Dr. Sam Ison, Superintendent of Middletown Schools, will tell us what is going on in his district. Meet in the Community Room of the MidPointe Library Middletown at 6:00 to socialize. Dinner at 6:30.

### Save the Date!

October 16-17, 2015  
Midwestern Region II and IV Meeting.  
Maumee Bay State Lodge and Conference Center  
Oregon, Ohio



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## **Soroptimist Club of Middletown Ohio**

### **Club Organizational Chart**

<b>General</b>	<b>Specific</b>
Member	You
Club	S I Middletown
District	District II
Region	Midwestern
Federation	S I Americas
Soroptimist International	S I

There are four Soroptimist International Federations:

- ♦ Great Britain and Ireland
- ♦ Europe
- ♦ South West Pacific
- ♦ Americas

There is may be an additional fifth federation: S I Africa.

*Did you also know:*

- ♦ The word Soroptimist is formed from two Latin words: “Soror” meaning “Sister” and “Optima” meaning “Best”
- ♦ Soroptimist International has 86,000 members in 124 countries.
- ♦ The first Soroptimist Club was founded in 1921 in Oakland, California. In 1923, the first European clubs were chartered in London and Paris.
- ♦ Soroptimist International of the Americas is the largest federation with more than 1500 clubs and 47,500 members

## SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

MARCH 2015



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### PRESIDENT PAM'S MESSAGE

March came in like a lion! I am more than ready for the lamb part to show up!

The conference in Milwaukee is just eight weeks away. You received the Call. Why don't you look over the agenda and make a choice to attend?

We need to know by the seventeenth of March. I think you would be pleasantly surprised if you attended. Give it some thought.

Carole Schul brought up at the last meeting that we need to do more service in our community. She is so correct. If you know of any need in the area specifically pertaining to women and girls, please look into it and report back at the March 12th club meeting.

(March 12th is the Girl Scouts' birthday.) Each one of us is responsible to find service projects.

Magda Rinder will become a member this month. Ann Munafo will do the member installation. Magda found us.

We need to be thinking of others with whom we can share the Soroptimist opportunity. I have received two women's names who are interested in Soroptimist. We will invite them to the April Awards meeting.

Several other women in the Cincinnati-Florence area have voiced an interest in

starting a new club. Governor-Elect Vivian Walczesky is starting the stages to form a club in that area. If you would like to be part of this growth, please let Barb or me know.

Step right up, Ladies! We need officers for our next year. It is a personal growth opportunity. We also need three people to serve on the nominating committee.

Do not say, "Oh, I cannot be on the nominating committee because I want to be an officer." You can be on the committee and be an officer. We need three people on the nominating committee; one appointed by the president, one appointed by the board, one appointed by the general membership.

See you on the Girl Scouts' Birthday,

President Pam

### SPRING CONFERENCE

Spring Conference will be April 24-26 in Milwaukee. The club has budgeted for three members to attend—the president and two delegates. This is a wonderful opportunity for officers, members, and newer members to learn more about Soroptimist beyond the local club level. The Call to Conference has been received with all the information. Please consider attending and let Pam know ASAP.





## SI MIDDLETOWN'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2	Beth Miller
11	Pam Linzie
13	Mary Maurer
13	Ingrid Standafer

### CALENDAR

March 5	board meeting
	7:00 Coffee Beans & Brew
March 8	International Women's Day
March 8	Daylight Savings Time
March 12	dinner & business meeting
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
April 2	board meeting
	7:00 Coffee Beans & Brew
April 9	Awards Night
April 24-26	Spring Conference in Milwaukee, WI
May 7	board meeting
	7:00 Coffee Beans & Brew
May 14	dinner & business meeting
June 4	board meeting
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October	SI Middletown's 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary. SI Middletown was chartered in 1955.
Oct. 16-17	Districts II & IV Meeting Maumee Bay Lodge Oregon, OH

### RAFFLE

March	?
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### INSPIRATION

March	Mary Maurer
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## MEETINGS

Meet at 6:00 to socialize; dinner at 6:30

MARCH 12 Midpointe Library  
Sam Ison superintendent,  
Middletown City Schools

APRIL 9 Midpointe Library  
Awards Night

MAY 14 Mt. Pleasant Community  
Room  
Spring Conference report

JUNE 11 Mt. Pleasant Community  
Room  
Installation of officers



May you always have work for your hands to do.

May your pockets hold always a coin or two,

May the sun shine bright on your windowpane.

May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain.

May the hand of a friend always be near you.

May the hand of a friend always be near you.

And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

## FUNDRAISING REPORT

Our fall fundraiser will once again be held at Miami University Middletown's Campus and Community Center on Saturday, October 24. Thank you, Carole, for making the arrangements!

## IRISH BLESSING QUOTES

May the road rise up to meet you,

May the wind be ever at your back,

May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and the rain fall softly on your fields,

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.



### NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Magda Rinder was born in Romania and immigrated to United States almost ten years ago. She grew up in a small town in the Eastern part of Romania together with her family: her mother, a pharmacist, her father, an agricultural engineer and her sister, a psychologist. She attended local schools. Upon graduation from high school she was accepted as a student at the Technical University in Iasi. After she graduated college, she worked for eight years at a Canadian-Romanian company in Romania. In 2005, she decided to do her graduate studies in USA. She was accepted at University of Cincinnati where she finished a Master in Industrial Engineering in 2007, and then at Ohio University where she received a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering in 2012. Magda is now employed by United Healthcare Group as an IT Data Analyst Consultant, and she just loves her job!!

While a student at University of Cincinnati, she met her husband, Peter,

a native of Dayton. They married in 2010. They have four nieces and nephews: Stefan (12), Otto (9), Molly (6) and Lucy (6), who bring so much joy in their lives. Magda enjoys travelling, spending time with their families and friends, cooking. The thing that brings the most joy in Magda's life is making people happy!!

We welcome Magda to our club!

### GOVERNOR'S CLUB REPORT FORM & ASSESSMENT FORMS

This is a yearly form to fill out and return before the end of March. That way Soroptimist can keep up to date on all the clubs and their activities. One of the things clubs are asked to do is fill out an assessment form. One is attached to this newsletter. Please return it to the president by e-mail or print it off and bring it to the March meeting (or mail it if you are not able to attend). These forms are helpful. The board goes over them and compiles your thoughts and suggestions. Thank you for your help.

## SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS

Our Awards Night will be held next month, April 9, at Midpointe Library. We will present our winners with their certificates and checks. Family and judges will also be in attendance. This would be a great opportunity to invite friends and prospective members to help spread the word about how Soroptimist helps improve the lives of women and girls.

Nancy Brooks will receive the Live Your Dream/Women's Opportunity Award. She attends the University of Cincinnati Clermont in the paralegal program.

Shaurita Isreal will receive the Virginia Wagner Award. She attends Miami University Hamilton and is studying social work.

Our own local Miami University Regional campus scholarship applications are now being judged. The deadline was March 1.

## PINS

Remember to wear your pin and nametag to the meetings. Only five members wore their pins to the February meeting. Otherwise, feed the piggy bank.

## SUNSHINE

Be sure to let Pat know if you have Sunshine or Cloud information to announce

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the March meeting the nominating committee will be appointed. According to our bylaws, the president chooses a member to be on the committee, the board chooses one, and the club chooses one. If you want to nominate someone, ask her permission first. Or you can volunteer yourself. If there is more than one name suggested, we'll vote to decide our representative. The committee will prepare a slate of officers to present at the April meeting. The slate will be voted on in May, and officers will be installed in June. Please give serious consideration to being an officer. Some members have never served in an office. We understand when you are adjusting to a new job or have family demands. But maybe now is your time. Previous officers will help you. If you would like to be considered, please talk with one of the members of the nominating committee. You are welcome to "shadow" the current officers to learn first-hand what is required. Officers are President, Vice-president, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and one and two-year Board Members.

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## SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

APRIL 2015



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### PRESIDENT PAM'S MESSAGE

Hi, Ladies,

It is happening April 9, 2015! S I Middletown's Awards Meeting. All award winners are invited and so are the judges for the various awards. It is a most rewarding meeting of the year. You get to meet the women we have worked to help. I hope you are able to attend. It is what we are all about.

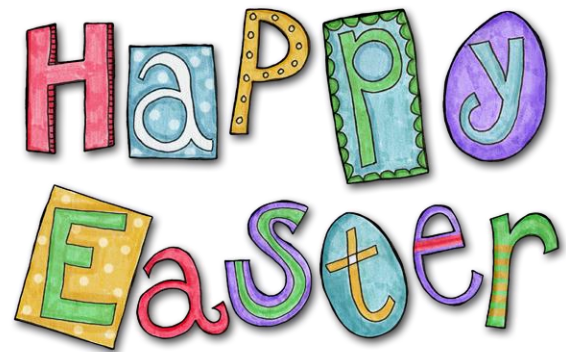
We have four members attending the conference in Milwaukee: Barb, Betty, Magda and I. We have a full delegation plus one. We are taking two cars. Barb and I leave Thursday. Betty and Magda will drive up Friday in time to participate in the evening activities. We will attend workshops on Launching the New Girl Program, Managing Your Club's Valuable Asset—THE MONEY, and A Ruby Among Us. We will be chocked full of information.

The theme for auction baskets is great things come in small packages. Do not forget to bring your "little" thing to add to our small package. The money raised in this auction funds Midwestern Region awards. If we have a district or regional winner, the money comes back to our area.

Dee agreed to work as membership representative with Barb, president's representative, and Beth, board representative, on the nominations committee. They will report back at the April meeting at Midpointe Library Community Room. In turn, we will vote at the May 14 meeting at Mt. Pleasant.

Have a Happy Easter.

President Pam





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### **FUNDRAISING REPORT**

#### **Mark Your Calendar Now!!!**

Ladies, please circle Saturday, October 24th on your calendar. That's the day we will celebrate our Club's 60th anniversary at our annual Luncheon & Style Show. The Community Room at Middletown Miami Campus is booked --- -Two Women in a Kitchen will cater the luncheon ----and Kay's Shoppe in Lebanon will present the fall fashion line-up. Please think NOW about friends you usually invite ---ask them to mark the date on their calendars too. Looking forward to a fabulous anniversary celebration!

Ways & Means Committee

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### **DREAM IT, BE IT**

Elaine will be heading up this new program. Several members have already volunteered to work with her on the committee. Please let Elaine know if you are interested in helping. This is a great opportunity for us to have some real "hands-on" experience. You can read all the program information at [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org). Go to the Members section and click on Programs. Click on Dream It, Be It, and you will see the complete curriculum. It's lengthy, but if you plan to participate, you might want to print it out to read and have on hand.

## NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

for your membership book

Magda Rinder

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IT Data Analytics Consultant UHG

Birthday: April 6

Anniversary: March 26

Spouse: Peter



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 6      Magda Rinder

## CALENDAR

April 1	board meeting 7:00 Sue's house
April 9	Awards Night
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May 14	Relay Survivor Luncheon
May 23	board meeting 7:00 Coffee Beans & Brew dinner & business meeting
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Oct. 16-17	
Oct.24	

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April      none

## INSPIRATION

April      ?

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MAY 2015



### PRESIDENT PAM'S MESSAGE

Hello Soroptimists of SI Middletown,

Barb, Betty, Magda and I learned about the Dream It, Be It program. (For example, the Violet Richardson Award touched one girl. This program will reach a wider audience. It can be offered as a one-day presentation or can be covered in seven 60-75 minute sessions to build closer relationships with the girls). The four of us will review some topics at the May meeting.

We enjoyed the company of 150 Soroptimists from the Midwestern Region. There was a little time for socializing. We had a time to work on a service project. It was well worth our time to represent you.

Remember the Relay Survivor Luncheon is on Saturday, May 23. We agreed we would help with it again this year. Please let Dee know you will be volunteering.

We will be voting on officers for the '15-'16 club year. We hope you will be there.

President Pam

### SPRING CONFERENCE



Saturday evening was a Margaritaville theme. You'll get a full report of conference at our May meeting.



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## NEW CLUB INFORMATION

Barb and Betty met with former member Michelle Semrad in Cincinnati on May 2. There is interest in chartering a club in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area. Several women learned about Soroptimist online and contacted the region membership chair. A future meeting date will be determined, and anyone from the Middletown club who would like to attend the informational meeting is welcome to join Betty and Barb. If you know of anyone who lives in that area and who might be interested in joining a Soroptimist club, please give their names to Betty or Barb.

### CALENDAR

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May 14	dinner & business meeting
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Oct.24	Fall Fundraiser
July 20-23, 2016—44 <sup>th</sup>	Biennial Convention in Orlando, Florida

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 27 Barb Flory

## MEETINGS

Meet at 6:00 to socialize; dinner at 6:30  
Call Dee or Jo to make your reservation  
by the Monday of meeting week.

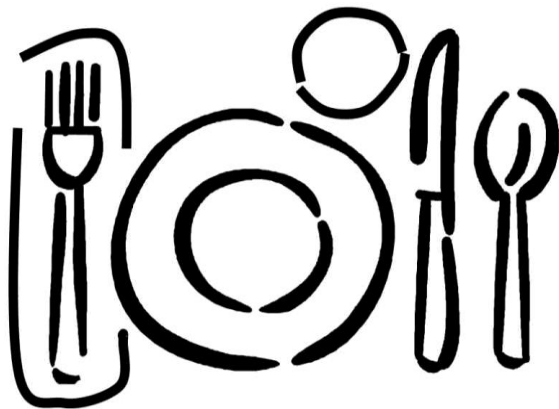
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## THANK YOU

Elaine sends a thank you to all the  
Soroptimists who attended the Women  
Enriching Lives luncheon.



## RELAY FOR LIFE Survivors'

### Luncheon

The 2015 Survivors' Luncheon will be held at Monroe Methodist Church on Saturday, May 23rd. Survivors and caregivers are invited to arrive at 11:00 a.m. to have their pictures taken and socialize. Lunch will be served at noon, so we should arrive between 10 and 10:30 to get things ready in the kitchen. This year's menu will be an Italian theme, with spaghetti, salad and bread sticks to be plated and served to guests at their tables. Chips, in baskets, will be placed on tables as a pre-lunch appetizer. Dessert will be cupcakes, served to each guest. The luncheon chair asked that we place pitchers of water on the tables. Other drink choices include iced tea and coffee.

I believe Coffee Beans & Brew will supply the coffee, but the chair had no source for iced tea. We donated tea before ---thought we could do it again. It really might work better if we each contributed a \$1 or so and bought all the same kind/flavor at the grocery. If some of you wish to make sun tea, as you have in the past, that would work too.

Wear your Soroptimist shirt and name badge, with dark slacks and comfortable shoes ---and you'll be ready to serve lunch to some very deserving folks. Please let me know if you can work--- questions, email or give me a call.

Thanks,  
Dee

### **RAFFLE**

May Judy Spaulding

June volunteer

### **INSPIRATION**

May volunteer

June volunteer

The sign-up list has been misplaced.

### **SUNSHINE**

Congratulations to Magda who received an Innovation Award from her company in Minneapolis April 22-23. Then she met Pam, Betty, and Barb in Milwaukee for Spring Conference.

Be sure to let Pat know if you have Sunshine or Cloud information to announce. Also, if you have any items for the scrapbook, Pat will be happy to take them.

### **COLLECTIONS**

Remember to collect little bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and soaps as you travel. We'll collect them at our business meetings, and Ginger will take them to the homeless shelter. She took some recently and said they *really* need them.

As long as you are collecting items, we have been asked to take new or gently used bras to District Meeting for the Free the Girls project. We have until October to collect them.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The proposed slate will be voted on in May, and officers will be installed in June.

President—Pam Linzie

Vice-President—Beth Miller

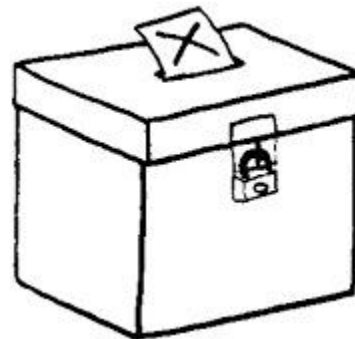
Treasurer—Sue Willis

Recording Secretary—Elaine Garver

Corresponding Secretary—Ann Munafo

2-year Board Member—Ingrid Standafer

1-year Board Member—Magda Rinder



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**JUNE 2015**



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Hi, Members!

It is good to feel the warmth and light from the sun. My favorite time of year.

We will have a small meeting, membership wise, for installation of officers. We will install our own officers! I have never seen or heard of it. But any Soroptimist may do an installation of officers. Bring you speaking voice and your reading glasses. It will "bee" fun. I am sure you are sick of getting bee emails from me.

We, several of the members, want to have a S I Middletown social. Where to have it is the first question to answer. If you are willing to have an outing at your home, please let us know. If you will not be at the June meeting, please e mail me.

I have a new Soroptimist e mail account, [plinzie@cinci.rr.com](mailto:plinzie@cinci.rr.com). I still have my other accounts.

There will be change of address forms at the meeting. Please update your information if there are any changes. Since Stephanie has moved, we need someone to keep our phone

book/personal information up to date. Please let me know if you are willing to do this. It becomes a major chore for some of us dinosaurs on computers. Someone who is agile with computer programs could do it easily.

Remember to fill out you committee sheets. I have already received one. She just filled in the form Barb sent out for me and sent it back to me. Easy to do!

President Pam

### **FALL FUNDRAISER**

#### **IMPORTANT UPDATE**

There has been a recent change of plans. Because we will be celebrating our club's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Ways & Means co-chairs (and a couple other members) decided to hold our event at Browns Run Country Club this fall. Browns Run has recently remodeled, and we thought it would be a classier location for our event. The date, cost, and fashions remain the same: Saturday, October 24 and fashions by Kay's Shoppe in Lebanon

## CALENDAR

June 11 dinner & business meeting  
Installation of Officers  
Induction of new member  
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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

23 Jo Ashworth  
24 Sue Willis  
27 Judy Spaulding

## MEETINGS

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JUNE 11 Mt. Pleasant Community  
Room  
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## THANK YOU

Thank you to Carole, Elaine, Barb,  
Magda, Ann, Beth, Ingrid, Mary, and  
Pam for serving the Relay for Life  
Cancer Survivor & Caregiver Luncheon  
on May 23. Thank you also to those who  
contributed to the ice tea fund and to  
Carole for the scrumptious cupcakes.  
Ann delivered the leftover food to Hope  
House and the Center of Hope for  
Women and Children.

## COLLECTIONS

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Treasurer—Sue Willis

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Corresponding Secretary—Ann Munafo

2-year Board Member—Ingrid Standafer

1-year Board Member—Magda Rinder



## **TRUNK SALE**

If you have some items that you no longer need but not enough for a garage sale, the fundraising committee is thinking about participating in a trunk sale. Barb's church has a Trunks of Treasure sale each September, and Middletown Area Senior Citizens has a trunk sale during their Father's Day car show in June. We don't have time to organize it in time for June, but we could aim for September. Our club (or any individual) would pay \$15 for a space in the parking lot, and any money earned would go to our club. By doing this, no member has to offer garage space, store, set up, clean up, etc. Think about if you might have anything to contribute.

## **SUMMER FUN**

If you would like to have a summer social (picnic, pound party, BUNKO, etc.), or if you would be willing to volunteer your home as a location, please mention it at the June meeting. It's nice to have an opportunity to get to know each other on a casual level instead of at a meeting or doing a service project. Or maybe someone knows of a service project that might need our help.

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## SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

SUMMER 2015



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### FUNDRAISING REPORT

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## DISTRICT MEETING

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Our club recently received The Call to District Meeting which will be shared with you. Reservation deadline for rooms is September 10. Since that is our meeting date, Pam and Sue will need to know in the near future if you are planning to attend. Rooms are \$99, and the club budget will cover two rooms. Usually two or three members share a room, so four to six of you won't have room charges. Registration is paid for the president and two members (usually treasurer or delegates). Dinner is at 6:00 Friday evening, and dismissal is at 3:00 Saturday. It's by Toledo and about a 3 1/2 hour drive.

## SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

June 23—Jo  
June 24—Sue  
June 27—Judy S.

July 19—Ginger  
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July 29—Ann

August—no one

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summer potluck. The weather  
cooperated, and we ate outside, picnic  
style. When the mosquitoes started  
buzzing, we went inside for dessert. It  
was fun to have time to visit and catch  
up on summer vacations, grandchildren,  
etc. The evening ended with a lively  
game of Bunko. Dee, Mary, and Magda  
were the prize winners. A good time was  
had by all.

## **SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN**

**SEPTEMBER 2015**



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### **PRESIDENT PAM'S MESSAGE**

**ARE YOU READY TO RUMBLE?**

It is time for SI Middletown to begin our 60th year! Wow, that is a while. So we get to celebrate the entire year. Let's get in a festive mind set!

You should have received the committee lists for '15-'16 Soroptimist program year. We all support and help with all committees. The Ways and Means committee has been busy these past months. Remember the Style Show is October 24. It should be on your calendars.

We need people to go to the District meeting October 16-17. Information was sent to everyone by Barb. See specific information later in the newsletter. We have reserved two rooms. Please give attendance at District meeting a thought.

Let's rumble,

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## CALENDAR

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|-----------------------------------|---|
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| Sept. 10                          | Mt. Pleasant Community<br>Room<br>No speaker—committee<br>meetings                      |
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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 22—Judi Kuntz

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## SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

OCTOBER 2015



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### PRESIDENT PAM'S MESSAGE

Dear Soroptimists of Middletown,

Happy Birthday to us,  
Happy Birthday to us,  
Happy Birthday, Middletown  
Soroptimists,  
Happy Birthday to us,  
And many more!

Our very busy time is upon us. I hope each one of us has sold a full table for our style show.

We need to continue to sell chances on our Diamond necklace. Remember, if we sell all of the tickets, we will make \$2,500 free and clear! Raffle tickets are important, too. Have you put your raffle basket together? I have two. One in a cute basket and one free standing. Barb and I will represent SI Middletown at the district meeting. It is the 16th and 17th of October. Friday night we'll make s'mores around a campfire at Maumee State Park. Sounds like fun. We will tell you all about it.

*President Pam*

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we'll have a sunny day. So far we have earned \$150. Thanks to Judy, Magda, Dee, Jo, Beth, and Barb for offering their time that day.

Ways & Means Committee

## CALENDAR

- October 8 Dinner and business meeting at Mt. Pleasant Community Room. 6:00 gather, 6:30 dinner and birthday party
- October 8 SI Middletown's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. SI Middletown was chartered in 1955.
- October 10 Trunks of Treasure sale Part 2—St. Paul's UCC 11-1
- Oct. 16-17 Districts II & IV Meeting Maumee Bay Lodge Oregon, OH
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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 14 Pat Lewis

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### **MONTHLY RAFFLE**

Oct. Magda

Nov. Gayle

Jan. Ingrid

Feb. Pat

Mar. Elaine

April

May Jo

June

### **MONTHLY INSPIRATION**

Oct.

Nov.

Dec. Sue

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Feb.

Mar. Mary

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May

June





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## SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

NOVEMBER 2015

### PRESIDENT PAM'S MESSAGE

Hi, Soroptimists!

Barb and I had an informative time at the District meeting. The big push is to refresh membership. There were several presentations about membership. In fact the theme for the next year is get onboard the memberSHIP. A nautical theme for the rest of the biennium will be the main focus of the Federation and the Region. Barb and I will update everyone at the Spinning Fork.

We have received six at-large applications for the Live Your Dream Award. Judi and Denise have contacted most of the area post secondary institutions. They have been very busy.

We did very well at our *Fashionably Sixty* anniversary luncheon and style show. The committee worked diligently to make it the success it was. We all participated in one way or the other to make it a great celebration. Our sale of tickets for Palo's necklace and evening out just proves what we can do when we all work together. Yeah for us!

I'll be seeing you in just a few days. With the time change we fall behind. But with our meeting we are springing ahead a week. See you Thursday, November 5!

*President Pam*

### FUNDRAISING REPORT

#### FASHIONABLY SIXTY

Here is a BIG THANK YOU to all members for a successful fundraiser. Just imagine sixty raffle items—and what a variety! (It was a coincidence that we had sixty items. How appropriate!) The Paolo raffle was a new and very successful addition this year. Thanks to Sue for arranging that and to Gayle for keeping track of the tickets. The centerpieces were stunning. Thanks to Magda, Ann, and Gayle for their creations. The programs were awesome. Thanks to Judy for printing them and Jo's daughter Suzy for creating them. Invitations were a new idea this year. Thanks to Ann and Judy for printing them. Thanks to Sue for organizing the models and coordinating with Kay's Shoppe. Thanks to Dee, Jo, and Barb for their tireless efforts of coordinating with Brown's Run, following up on details, and keeping us all in line. Some members exceeded expectations of selling luncheon tickets, ads, special raffle tickets, and getting donations from area businesses. A special thank-you goes to them! We heard many positive comments and are anxious to hear the final results. Just think how many women and girls we can help because of our efforts. It was real teamwork!

## TRUNKS OF TREASURE

We had another fundraiser on October 3 at the Trunks of Treasure sale. The day was cold, windy and rainy, and we didn't do much business. We had a carryover sale the next weekend, but it was not very well supported and was a LOT of work for not much profit. Thank you to Magda, Judy, Dee, Jo, Beth, Sue, Betty, and Barb for their efforts.

## DISTRICT MEETING

Pam and Barb represented the club at District Meeting that was October 16-17 at Maumee Bay State Lodge and Conference Center. They will share information and stories at our November club meeting. There was a nautical theme to the weekend. (Guess we closed our eyes for the flash).



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## NEW MEMBERS

We're proud of our new members who have really "jumped in with both feet." Magda donated many items to the Trunks of Treasure sale and was the power behind the centerpieces for *Fashionable Sixty*. She also received several donations from businesses for our raffle. Gayle jumped right in and helped create centerpieces and kept track of the Paolo raffle tickets. Kelley hasn't even received her pin yet, and she donated to the raffle and helped with set-up at Brown's Run. It's great to have new members and fresh ideas in our club. Welcome aboard SI Middletown Member *SHIP*!

## CALENDAR

No Board meeting this month because of change of date

Nov. 5—dinner meeting at Spinning Fork **(change of date and location)**

April 22-24—Spring Conference in Ann Arbor, MI

July 20-23, 2016—44<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in Orlando, Florida

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

14 Gayle Martz

## ANNIVERSARIES

This is a new addition I've noticed in other clubs' newsletters. They list the anniversary months of when members joined their clubs. Here are September, October, and November anniversaries.

September	Jo	1988
	Barb	1988
	Judy	1988
	Sue	1995
November	Ingrid	1978

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DECEMBER 2015

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It is here! It is here! The magic time of year. We are all charged up for our party at Sue and Rick's. What to wear? What to bring wrapped? Dreaming of how beautiful Sue's house will be decorated and how delicious Rick's culinary delight will be. We have worked hard and deserve a fun, Soroptimist night out. See you on the 10 th of December.

We have a great start on increasing our membership with Kelley and Frances joining. Now we need to think of others we should offer the Soroptimist opportunity. Are there doctors you know or go to their practice? Think about teachers, daughters, nurses, a police woman, firefighters, clerks, beauticians, managers, workers, someone from A K Steel, owners of small businesses and other women. Think, think, think. We all need to support our membership committee.

Well, my tree is up and decorated. Dogs have ignored it so far. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

President Pam



**Do you have December 10th circled on your calendar? Hope so ---that's the night we gather at Sue and Rick's for our annual Christmas party. (I need your "definite" reservation by Sunday, December 6th – to give the number of RSVP's to Sue, Monday morning.) Rick will again put on his chef's hat, to cook a scrumptious dinner for us ---( I understand that the Board is bringing yummy appetizers.) Dinner (and wine) is \$20.00.**

**This evening is a great time to socialize --- so if you have a friend you'd like to "introduce to Soroptimist", this would be a fun evening to do so (just need a reservation for your guest). For entertainment we're going to try something new----a FUN gift – grab-game. If you want to take part, bring a \$10.00 gift that you think would be on a Soroptimist's "Dear Santa" list. You'll get a number----we'll explain all the "rules" when we "play" ---you'll**

love it ---- and you'll get to take a gift  
home --- FUN!  
Hope to see you all there!  
Dee

## NEW MEMBERS

We'll induct two new members in December. Here is their contact information: Kelley Spaulding [kelley@wilsonschrammspaulding.com](mailto:kelley@wilsonschrammspaulding.com) & Frances Neu [fshull001@cinci.rr.com](mailto:fshull001@cinci.rr.com)



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Gayle Martz joined our club in July. She is a retired third grade teacher from Monroe Local Schools and as a teacher her dedication to help others led her to her interest in Soroptimist.

She and her husband Rick have been married for 30 years and have two grown sons Cody and Casey. Besides helping others, her passions in life are spending time with her family, cooking, and reading. She and Rick also enjoy travelling and hope to make several trips this year. Their long-term goal is to spend the cold winter months in a warmer climate.

We welcome Gayle to our club!

## DREAM IT, BE IT

Interested in working with some high school age girls who could use some good role models? Dream It, Be It is a great opportunity for us to have some real "hands-on" experience. You can read all the program information at [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org). Go to the Members Section and click on Programs. Click on Dream It, Be It, and you will see the complete curriculum. It's lengthy, but if you plan to participate, you will want to print it out to read and have on hand. Elaine has been working behind the scenes for several months and has lined up women who have worked with this age group and are willing to partner with us. Let's get this program started.



## CALENDAR

Dec. 3—no board meeting  
Dec. 10—Christmas party at Rick & Sue Willis' home  
Dec. 10—Human Rights Day—  
SI President's Appeal  
Dec. 15—Live Your Dream Award  
winner due to District Director  
Dec. 15—Midwestern Region nomination  
form due  
Jan. 15—Virginia Wagner applications  
due to club  
Feb. 15—Virginia Wagner club winner  
due to District Director.  
March 8—International Women's Day  
March 31—Governor's Club Award form  
due to Governor Vicky  
April 22-24—Spring Conference in Ann  
Arbor, MI  
July 20-23, 2016—44<sup>th</sup> Biennial  
Convention in Orlando, Florida

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

28 Dee Markle  
30 Denise Brown

## NOMINATIONS

Have you considered serving on the Region Board? Voting will take place at Spring Conference to elect a board for the upcoming 2016-2018 biennium. If you're interested, please submit your nomination form by December 15<sup>th</sup> to Lyn High. Questions? See Pam or Barb.

## SUNSHINE

***Congratulations*** to Elaine on receiving the YMCA Award of Character and on her upcoming retirement from Middletown Community Foundation.

If you have any items for the scrapbook or photos taken at last year's meetings or events, please give them to Pat.

## MEMORIES

If you have some favorite memories of your time in the club (especially members who have been in the club for many years), please write them down and give them to Barb. They will be shared in the next newsletter or will be used as SOLT (Soptimist Orientation and Leadership Training) moments.

## PROGRAM

If you know an interesting speaker we could ask to present a program during one of our meeting months, please give Beth the contact information.

## PINS

Remember to wear your pin and nametag to the meetings. Otherwise, feed the piggy bank.

## COLLECTIONS

Remember to collect little bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and soaps as you travel. We'll collect them at our business meetings, and Ginger will take them to the homeless shelter

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP

Do you know someone who might be a candidate for our awards or scholarship? The Live Your Dream Award deadline has passed, but the Virginia Wagner deadline is January 15, and our Miami University scholarship deadline is March 1. Both of these are for female college students. Applications can be found on our website. (The year date has not been updated yet, but the day date is correct). Please help spread the word.

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## MONTHLY RAFFLE

Jan. Ingrid  
Feb. Pat  
Mar. Elaine  
April Sue  
May Jo  
June Ann

## MONTHLY INSPIRATION

Dec. Sue  
Jan. Ingrid  
Feb.  
Mar. Mary  
April Magda  
May Beth  
June Ann

