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SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

JANUARY 2017

PRESIDENT JUDY'S MESSAGE

Happy NewYear's.

Time to start those diets and make those New Year's resolutions. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. It surely started with a lovely Christmas Party at Sue & Rick's. We thank them very much. We have great speakers lined up for the rest of the year and I hope to see all of you at the January meeting.

President Judy

. DIMES FOR DREAMS BOTTLES

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JANUARY



JANUARY INSPIRATION

Ingrid

JANUARY RAFFLE

Ingrid

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 6—Betty Huck

JANUARY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Dee—1998

Beth--1998

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS

Do you know a woman attending college who could use some extra money for her schooling? Interested women can find writeable applications for Virginia Wagner Award and our Miami Regional scholarship on our website www.middletownsoroptimist.org. This is an easy way for them to get an application. Every year we struggle to find deserving applicants, so please share this information freely.

COLLECTIONS

Remember to collect little bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and soaps as you travel. We'll collect them at our business meetings, and they will be taken to the homeless shelters.

The board voted to have a monthly collection of other useful items. January's item is **feminine hygiene products. Please bring with you to the meeting.**

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CALENDAR

January 5—**NO** board meeting
January 11—National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness in US
January 12—6:30--monthly meeting—back at Mt. Pleasant Place where we started the year—speaker will be Jackie Phillips
January 15—Virginia M. Wagner applications due to club
March 1—Miami University Regional applications due to club
March 31—Governor's Club Award form due to Gov. Vivian
April 21-23—Spring Conference at Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, OH

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It is great news that we have two new members. Be sure to welcome them.

Hopefully February is the beginning of the end of winter weather and March will bring the beginning of spring. Begin to think of Spring Conference in April. I hope to see you at the February meeting.

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friendly competition between Districts II & IV and Districts I & III to see which District can bring in the most. **Remember to bring your dimes to our meeting. This will be the last chance before the deadline.**

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NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

We inducted two new members during our January meeting. Marti will be in the spotlight this month and Tina will be next month.

Marti Kelley is retired from Cengage Learning. She has been attending our fall luncheon/fashion shows with Jo for several years, and after retiring she thought she would have more time to participate. Marti's hobbies are playing handbells, singing, stamping, and doing paper mosaic art. Her interests are family, church, reading, music, playing games on her iPad, and Women's Rights. When asked what her talents are, she listed organizing, management, and directing. She would be interested in working on a project that follows Soroptimist's mission. (She sounds like a good fit).

We welcome Marti to our club!

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS

Do you know a woman attending a Miami University Regional campus who could use some extra money for tuition? Interested women, age 25 or under, can find applications for our Miami Regional scholarship on our website www.middletownsoroptimist.org. This is an easy way for them to get an application. Every year we struggle to find deserving applicants, so **please share this information freely.**

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The board voted to have a monthly collection of other useful items. Ann has contacted the Center of Hope for Women and Children. There is an ongoing list of needs, but some are more critical than others. February's item is tampons, even partial boxes as long as they are wrapped. As an extra touch, bring your donation in a reusable grocery bag. **Please bring with you to the meeting. Thank you!**

CALENDAR

February 2—7:00 p.m. board meeting at Judy's—munchies provided
February 9—monthly meeting—Hope House speaker
March 1—Miami University Regional applications due to club
March 31—Governor's Club Award form due to Gov. Vivian
April 21-23—Spring Conference at Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, OH
October 28—fall fundraiser at Brown's Run

FEBRUARY INSPIRATION

Barb

FEBRUARY RAFFLE

Barb

FEBRUARY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Betty--1988 in Cincinnati

Judi—2011

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MARCH 2017

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It is hard to realize that we only have four months left in this year. We have accomplished a great deal (membership meeting, style show & raffle, scholarships, speakers and we collected **\$150.00** in dimes for the "Dimes for Dreams" project for Gov. Vivian). It is now time to consider officers for the 2017-2018 year. We will soon need a nominating committee. We need good officers to carry on for our next coming year. Even though the weather has been warmer than usual, I am sure we all look forward to **Spring**.

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We welcome Tina to our club!

COLLECTIONS

Thanks to your donations, we delivered 26 large boxes of tampons and a large bag of toiletries for the women and children at Hope House after our last meeting! The volunteer coordinator, Lisa Fields, was most appreciative and excited to have us as a new community partner.

Just a reminder that we are planning to collect bed pillows at the March meeting. I'm thinking that would make a great photo opportunity for our club and maybe a little positive PR in the community. So bring on the pillows!! The more the better for Home House and for our photo opportunity.

Ann

MARCH CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Magda--2015

Pat—1979

MARCH INSPIRATION

Beth

MARCH RAFFLE

Pam

APRIL INSPIRATION & RAFFLE

Ann

MAY INSPIRATION & RAFFLE

Magda

JUNE INSPPIRATION & RAFFLE

Judy

CALENDAR

March 1—Miami University Regional applications due to club

March 2—7:00 board meeting at Judy's, munchies provided

March 8—International Women's Day

March 9—business meeting

Speaker—Jennifer Ekey, Director of Economic Development, City of Middletown

March 12—Daylight Savings Time

March 21—deadline for hotel reservations for Spring Conference

March 31—Governor's Club Award form due to Gov. Vivian

April 6—board meeting

April 13—Awards Night

April 21-23—Spring Conference at Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, OH

May 11—business meeting

Verlena Stewart from Parent Resource Center

October 28—fall fundraiser at Brown's Run

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APRIL 2017

PRESIDENT JUDY'S MESSAGE

Our pillow collection for Hope House was a great success. I know it will be future project for the community.



I hope that everyone can share the April scholarship meeting. It is one of the end results of our fundraising.

April 6th at my house (7 pm) will be the budget planning meeting with the board. Everyone is welcome.

President Judy



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We collected bed pillows at the March meeting. We forgot to count how many, but there were a bunch. This will be an ongoing project so the ladies can take their pillows with them when they leave the center. There will be a card attached to each pillow that will include the word Dream, (we need to come up with a catchy phrase) from Soroptimist."

Ann

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 6—Magda Rinder

APRIL INSPIRATION & RAFFLE

Ann

MAY INSPIRATION & RAFFLE

Magda

JUNE INSPIRATION & RAFFLE

Judy

CALENDAR

April 1—April Fool's Day

April 6—7:00 board meeting AT Judy's

April 13—Awards Night at Mt. Pleasant
Activity Building

April 15—Taxes due

April 21-23—Spring Conference at
Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, OH

May 11—business meeting
Verlena Stewart from Parent
Resource Center

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Run

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PERSONAL STORIES

Today I was talking to a nurse practitioner. She moved to Indiana from Connecticut. She is practicing in Cincinnati. I mentioned I was a Soroptimist. To my surprise, she said, "Soroptimist is a wonderful organization." I was so surprised that I said, "You know about Soroptimist?"

She had a patient that was unable to make ends meet any month. She had gotten pregnant in High School. Her parents disowned her. So she was a single parent.

She was employed. I presume the Connecticut Soroptimist, city not remembered, sent out questionnaires. The questionnaires asked employers if they knew of a woman struggling financially, honest, and responsible. There must have been more. Her employer replied. She knew nothing about it.

One day there was a knock on her door. A woman said, "Hi, I am a Soroptimist and my club would like to give you \$15,000. We want you to use it to help you use the money better your life." There were no restrictions, Soroptimist would not ask for anything nor any accounting. WOW!

She took the money and went to college and earned her Social Worker degree/license. This had been a dream of hers. In addition, because of her example, her daughter graduated from college.

The woman did join Soroptimist in Connecticut.

I told the nurse practitioner that our budget wasn't nearly that large. She said, "Oh that is Connecticut. They are very rich there!"

Thought you'd enjoy this story.
Pam

I recently took my husband for a test. During the preparation a nurse asked what we did to keep busy in retirement. I, of course, mentioned Soroptimist. Since she had never heard of it, I explained and gave her a list of the websites. Maybe she'll check them out. She is not a local person, but who knows?

See how easy it is to spread the word? Have your "elevator speech" ready just in case.

Barb

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MAY 2017

PRESIDENT JUDY'S MESSAGE

The April meeting giving out awards is always very rewarding. It was a great meeting and always good to see where our hard work fundraising goes. The May meeting is important as we will be approving a 2017-2018 budget and voting for next year's officers. Hope to see everyone May 11th at Mt. Pleasant.

President Judy



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Wouldn't it be great if each member would write a little about herself including her employment or past employment, honors, Soroptimist involvement, etc.? We could feature a member each month in our newsletter, and it would be great to have a copy in a binder that new members could peruse to get to know club members better. We could also include headshot photos. Think about it.

ANOTHER PERSONAL STORY

While we were at Kalahari for Spring Conference, there was a home-schooling convention across the hall. During a break, one young mother asked, "What is Soroptimist?" As good Soroptimist members, we had our "elevator speech" ready and told her about Soroptimist. As it turned out, she lives close to one of the District II clubs, so I gave her website and contact information. A member from the club she would be closest to gave her a business card with her contact information.

Many clubs have personal business cards that they carry in case an opportunity like this comes up. Maybe this is something we would want to consider.

COLLECTIONS

This week I delivered our gifts for the Hope House Center for Women and Children to Lisa Fields, Volunteer Coordinator, at Hope House. She was very pleased with our donations. In all there were 3 more pillows, 15 bath sponges, 36 hair brushes, 37 bottles of no-tear shampoo, 4 large bottles of adult shampoo/conditioner, 28 combs, and a bag of miscellaneous other small toiletries.

Lisa knows we are planning to donate enough pillows to last one year sometime in the next few months. Last year they had 210 residents at the Center. I ordered 100 pillows from Walmart in Franklin last week at, I believe, \$2.47 each and will be ordering another 100 "Big One" standard/queen pillows at \$2.99 each from Kohls this week as they have a big sale starting.

Would still like to see us put something on the pillows with our name and maybe Dream it/Be It or Dream Big. Searching for the equipment and type of paint or ink we would need for the stencil. Any ideas and suggestions for what and how to get info on the pillows would be appreciated. Maybe this could be a special summer time project with a get-together for us in July or August this year? Bring a friend, enjoy a little food and wine, and stamp a couple hundred pillows!

Lisa was excited to hear that we are donating flip flops for residents in May. She said flip flops would also be great for school age children and women. The intent is to have them to use in the shower.

I discussed other ideas with her and she said that a number of the ladies there were asking for some books and magazines. She says please nothing too racy. Told her we would plan to donate books/magazines for June and that we would not be meeting in July and August so no donations then. Books and magazines do not have to be new--can be gently used.

Thanks to everyone for supporting the Hope House Center for Women and Children project this year.

Ann

This month we will be collecting flip-flops in assorted sizes for the women (and girls) to wear in the showers or as shoes now that warmer weather is here

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SPRING CONFERENCE



The basket theme at Spring Conference was “Baskets Gone Wild.” This was our basket full of “wild” things.



Saturday evening had a safari theme since we were at a Kalahari Safari Resort. Here is Pam in her safari outfit holding our certificate for achieving an Excellent rating on the Governor's Award Form.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 27—Barb

MAY INSPIRATION & RAFFLE

Magda

JUNE INSPPIRATION & RAFFLE

Judy

CALENDAR

May 4—no board meeting

May 11—6:30 business meeting

Verlena Stewart from Parent Resource Center will be our speaker

June 3—Relay for Life Survivors' luncheon

June 8—installation of officers

October 20-21—District Meeting in Lima, OH

October 28—fall fundraiser at Brown's Run

April 27-29, 2018—Spring Conference in Lisle, IL

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JUNE 2017

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We will have officers installed at the June meeting, a budget was approved at the May meeting, and we are in a good position to start the 2017-2018 year in September. We will continue to be busy with scholarships, mentoring (Dream It, Be It), Hope House donations and many more service projects. Please think about what you want to help with in the coming year so we can work on committee assignments. I hope everyone has a good summer.

President Judy

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

A committee list is being sent with this newsletter. Please fill out and return to Judy or bring to the June meeting. Then committee assignments can be made early so committees can meet in the summer to get a head start on planning. Maybe you were happy with your assignment this past year, or maybe you want to try something new. Please let Judy know.

DUES

Please bring your dues to the June meeting or mail them to treasurer Magda. All are due June 8,



WAYS & MEANS

It's time to start getting our plans in place for our fall fundraiser. We have the date, location, and fashions in place. We are looking for ladies who would like to be more involved and take on some of the major responsibilities. Maybe a member would like to be a co-chair or a chair in training. We'd like to schedule a committee meeting in June, so let Dee or Barb know how you want to be involved. Thanks!

Barb & Dee

COLLECTIONS

. WOW! Our "Flip Flop" donations for Hope House Center for Women and Children was fantastic. In total, 124 pair of flip flops were donated. That should give them enough to supply everyone with a pair for 5-6 months depending on size distribution. There was a nice variety of sizes with 35 pair for children and 89 pair for the ladies.



124 pairs of flip flops

I told Lisa, volunteer coordinator for Hope House, that we would plan to donate books/magazines for June and that we would not be meeting in July and August so no donations then. In June I hope everyone will be able to bring new and/or gently used books and magazines. As stated previously, nothing too racy please. If anyone has a bookcase to donate, let me know and I'll check to see if they need it. A few children's books would also be great.

Your Soroptimist Board wants to continue with this community service project next year. With that in mind and maybe spring cleaning in process at your house (not mine!), please save any

luggage and/or twin size sheets as well as pillow cases for our future giving to the Center. Regular size twin sheets will work.

Pillow update: To date we have received about 100 pillows and have another 100 on order for our annual giving project that we approved. We have committed to supplying enough pillows for one year for each new resident at the Women's Center to receive her own new pillow. Their goal is to provide each incoming woman and child with a new pillow and blanket. They have several individuals and scout groups making and donating blankets so our pillow donation will help Hope House reach that goal. And when they leave the shelter, they will be able to take their pillow and blanket with them to their new home.

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JUNE CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Denise 2013

Gayle 2015

Mary 1958

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 23—Jo

June 24—Sue

June 27--Judy

JUNE INSPIRATION & RAFFLE

Judy

CALENDAR

June 1—7:00 board meeting at
Wendy's/Tim Horton's at 63 and
I-75.

June 8—installation of officers
Bring new or gently used books

October 20-21—District Meeting in
Lima, OH

October 28—fall fundraiser at Brown's
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in Lisle, IL

LOOSE CHANGE

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DIMES FOR DREAMS

But keep your dimes separate. Another Dimes for Dreams campaign for the Region begins July 1 and goes through March 31.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Tina has a new job.

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SUMMER 2017

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Summer is going quickly. Hope all of you are having a good one. September meeting will be a membership recruitment meeting, so start working on ladies to invite (Members \$10, Guest are free). We will have similar program like last year with ice breaker, appetizers, program outline for what we do. Should be fun. Invitations will be emailed soon to forward to your guests or we will mail if you send addresses to me.

The new committee list is attached.

President Judy

SCRAPBOOK & PHOTOS

Is there someone who enjoys making scrapbooks who would like to make our scrapbook for this past year?

If any of you have photos from the fundraiser, Christmas party, District Meeting or Spring Conference, please have prints made so they can be included.



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Barb & Dee & Sue

COLLECTIONS

Took our most recent donations to Lisa Fields at Hope House

Delivered:

35 towels

43 wash cloths

35 hand towels

76 magazines

36 children's books/activities (coloring books, activity books)

42 paperback books

11 Hard back books

5 pairs of flip flops

1 pair girls athletic shoes

Told Lisa we would be providing spiral notebooks and twin size sheets (NOT XLS) in Sept. Both should be on sale in August in preparation for back to school. Ollie's had microfiber twin sheets for \$7.99 last week.

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Ann

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Left to right:

Pam, 1-year board member

Ann, 2-year board member

Magda, treasurer

Elaine, standing in for Beth as corresponding secretary

Gayle, recording secretary

Mary, standing in for Sue as vice-president

Judy, president

The theme of installation of officers was a flower garden. Each officer received a flower representing her office, and the president received a bouquet representing all the officers plus the members.

DISTRICT MEETINGS 2017

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JULY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

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|--------|------|
| Ginger | 1997 |
| Elaine | 2012 |
| Pam | 2010 |
| Ann | 1993 |

JULY BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|---------|--------|
| July 19 | Ginger |
| July 27 | Elaine |
| July 29 | Ann |

NO AUGUST CLUB ANNIVERSARIES OR BIRTHDAYS

CALENDAR

October 20-21—District Meeting in
Lima, OH
October 28—fall fundraiser at Brown's
Run
April 27-29, 2018—Spring Conference
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DIMES FOR DREAMS

Go through your change purse and keep your dimes in a sandwich bag until our next meeting. Another Dimes for Dreams campaign for the Region began July 1 and will go through March 31.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Let Judy know if any info has changed for your listing—different job title, newly retired, new address, new phone number, etc.

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SEPTEMBER 2017

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The summer went quickly and now we are ready to start our 2017-2018 club year. Committees should be planning for the year.

I hope to see all of you at the September Membership Meeting. Invite friends and prospective members (no charge for guests). This should be a fun evening.

Remember that we are saving change and dimes at each meeting. Also remember Hope House donations.

President Judy



WAYS & MEANS

You'll receive your packet of information at the September meeting. You will receive an instruction sheet, \$30 of raffle tickets, an ad form, and 4 Paolo tickets. Have your guests save the date—October 28. Think about what you'll bring for your raffle basket—maybe a couple smaller ones instead of one big one. Also think about asking community businesses you frequent if they would donate an item or gift certificate in exchange for a free ad in

our program. Let Jo know what business you plan to contact so she can make sure a business isn't contacted by more than one person.

.DREAM IT, BE IT

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COLLECTIONS

We will be collecting spiral bound single subject notebooks and twin bed sheets at our September meeting.

Thanks to everyone for supporting the Hope House Center for Women and Children project this year.

Ann

DISTRICT MEETING 2017

Our District Meeting October 20-21, 2017 will be held in Lima, Ohio, at the Holiday Inn and Suites. Let's get a group to go. Officers and newer members are especially encouraged to attend. It's only @ a 1 ½ hour drive.

COMBINED MEETING

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SEPTEMBER CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

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| Jo | 1988 |
| Barb | 1988 |
| Judy | 1988 |
| Sue | 1995 |

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Judi | 9/22 |
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CALENDAR

September 7—7:00 board meeting at Judy's house

September 14—6:30--Membership meeting at Mt. Pleasant Activity Building

September 22—deadline for District Meeting hotel reservation

October 1—deadline for District Meeting in Lima reservation

October 20-21—District Meeting in Lima, OH

October 26—combined meeting and silent auction with Tipp City & Dayton

October 28—fall fundraiser at Brown's Run

November 15—Live Your Dream applications due to club

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SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

OCTOBER 2017

WAYS & MEANS

Please bring any checks, reservations, ads, and Paolo sales you have to the October meeting. Remember to turn in the money in separate envelopes if at all possible. It will save headaches for our treasurer. If you have your raffle basket/item ready, you may also bring it to the meeting. If it is a donated item from a business, please let Barb know. Those donations will be acknowledged on a page in the program. She will need that information October 12 to allow time for printing, etc. Otherwise, deliver your item/items to Barb or Dee before Oct. 26. List the contents on an attached card.



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COLLECTIONS

Sweet Dreams



Hope House Center for Women and Children Update

WOW! I was amazed at the list of items donated to Hope House Center for Women and Children since our last meeting. It was hard to believe we came up with so many requested items for them. Everything is always weighed in and we gave 345 pounds of goods.

1. Linens: Forty-two (42) sets of twin sheets-mostly brand new, 29 pillow cases, 14 wash cloths, 13 hand towels, 4 bath towels, and 2 blankets
2. Notebooks: 72 spiral notebooks
3. Magazines: 2 large boxes
4. Books: 45 books
5. Luggage: 7 suitcases and a large canvas tote bag
6. Clothing: 3 bras

Another 45 pounds of magazines was dropped off this summer. You can still bring any of the above items, especially towels, to future meetings and I will be happy to drop them off.

In October, they are requesting more children's no-tear shampoo/conditioner/body wash (Suave has a combo) and underwear (under size 10) for little boys only. They have plenty of little girl panties. They also need combs, brushes, and hair accessories (hair barrettes, head bands, scrunches, elastic hair bands, etc.).

Delivering our gifts/donations is very rewarding job for me. The men at Hope House on Main Street, where I drop off the items, help carry everything in from my car and are envious and wish they had a group like us bringing them items. Knowing that we are making a difference in the lives of women and children is exciting.

I also purchased another 100 pillows this summer at Walmart in Franklin (total 200). Pillows were \$2.39 each and they gave us another \$25 off our order since we were donating them to the homeless shelter. I have ordered two ink stamps that say "Sweet Dreams from Middletown Soroptimists" so we can stamp the pillows and the women will know where they came from. Judy Spaulding's daughter developed the art work. We will discuss a possible time to have a few people meet to get them stamped so we can deliver them soon.

Thanks to everyone for pitching in and embracing this project. We will have donor forms at the next meeting for anyone that wants to tract their donations for tax purposes.

Ann



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POUND PARTY

We plan to have a pound party in December. We will all bring a pound of something useful or delicious wrapped as a gift. It could be a pound cake or a pound of candy or something to pamper ourselves. Then we'll have an auction of the items, sight unseen. It will provide an evening of fun, plus you will go home with a surprise. More details as the committee finalizes plans.

CALENDAR

October 1—deadline for District Meeting in Lima reservation
October 5—board meeting
October 8—Happy 62nd Birthday, Middletown club
October 12—monthly meeting
October 20-21—District Meeting in Lima, OH
October 26—combined meeting and silent auction with Tipp City & Dayton
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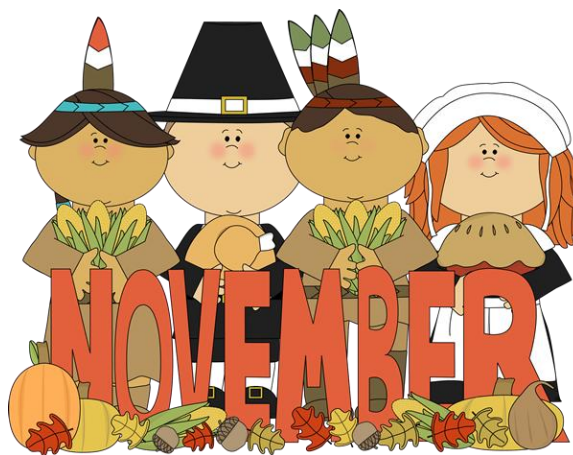
SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

NOVEMBER 2017

PRESIDENT JUDY'S MESSAGE

"Hot off the press!"

The style show was a lot of fun. Fashions were great, food was delicious, and we had a lot of winners of raffle items and Paolo necklaces. Thanks to everyone who helped. Our next fun thing will be Sue & Rick hosting our Christmas dinner and "Mystery Box" raffle. Hope to see you Thurs. Nov. 2nd for our Nov. meeting. There will be no board meeting for November.



HOLIDAY PARTY

Save the Date!
Holiday Meeting/Party
December 14, 2017

We will continue our tradition by celebrating at the home of Sue. This year we would like to open our event to our husbands, significant others, best friends, or a family member. We will hold a mystery gift auction to help with our operation fund. Please come with a mystery gift item to auction. The minimum value of your gift should be 15.00. Wrap it up in the most enticing way in hopes of increasing the auction price! I'm so excited to see the auction action!
Gayle

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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CALENDAR

No November Board Meeting
November 2—meeting—change of date
Speaker is Deborah Patterson
from the Dream Center
November 5—Daylight Savings Time
November 15—Live Your Dream
applications due to club
December 14—Holiday Party
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The holidays are coming and we are rushing around to get ready for them. Remember to save December 14th for our "Mystery Box" raffle. Come yourself, with a significant other or a friend. It should be fun and Rick always has a wonderful meal planned. Sue and Rick do great parties. Monies earned will be used for our club operating fund.

President Judy

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Chef Rick will serve another great holiday feast. Cost remains at \$20. Sue is creating another new look to their Christmas displays that the members and their guests will not want to miss! The address is 6548 Liberty Ridge Drive, Liberty Township, OH 45011. Since most people have navigation systems and there are so many route options, we're not including directions this year. Call 1-513-571-5575 if you need directions.

Please call Gayle with your reservation.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Dee | Dec. 28 |
| Denise | Dec. 30 |

RAFFLE & INSPIRATION

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| December | Sue |
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December 10—Human Rights Day
SI President's Appeal
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