



SOROPTIMIST

Best for Women

## SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

JANUARY 2018

### PRESIDENT JUDY'S MESSAGE

Christmas party was a great success. A good time was had, attendance was great and we raised \$828 for our operating fund. Wonderful!!

January is fast approaching. Board meeting is Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> at my house, 7PM, diet food provided as we are probably all starting that yearly diet. Hope to see you Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> for meeting at Mt. Pleasant.

*President Judy*

### NEW MEMBERS

We will be inducting two new members at our January meeting—Diane Drennan and Jennie Webb. Welcome to our club!

### DIMES FOR DREAMS BOTTLES

Members can fill up the bottle from now until **MARCH 1, 2018**, at which time all dimes collected by each club should be cashed in and a check or money order sent in to SIA HQ and earmarked "FOR CLUB GIVING FROM NAME OF OUR CLUB" so that our club gets credit for the club giving. **Remember to bring your dimes to our meetings.**

JANUARY



### JANUARY INSPIRATION

Gayle

### JANUARY RAFFLE

Gayle

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 6—Betty Huck

### JANUARY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Dee—1998

Beth—1998

Marti—2017

## 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](http://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.

January's item for the Center of Hope for Women and Children is **feminine hygiene products—especially tampons. Please bring with you to the meeting.** Ann delivered 45 pillows to the center before Christmas.

## SPRING CONFERENCE

### PINS

Remember to wear your pin and nametag to the meetings. Otherwise, feed the piggy bank. The money collected in the piggy bank goes toward operating expenses. Feed the piggy \$1 if you forget to wear your pin or if you have a birthday during the month.

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

We'll be printing directories for our two new members. If you have an updated e-mail, phone number, or work title or status, now would be a good time to send it to Judy so you'll have current information in our directory. Please send ASAP. Thanks!

## CALENDAR

January 4—7:00-- board meeting at Judy's

January 11—monthly meeting at Mt. Pleasant Place. Arrive at 6:00 to socialize. Dinner is at 6:30.

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 27-29—Spring Conference at Sheraton Lisle Hotel in Lisle, IL

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Our January meeting was great fun and an example of what the "Dream It, Be It" group of ladies has accomplished this year. Let them know what a great job they have done. Hope to see everyone in February. Board meeting will be Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 PM at Tim Horton / Wendy's at I-75 & Rt. 63.

*President Judy*

### SPRING CONFERENCE

You all should have received The Call to Conference with all the information. It's in the Chicago area. Wouldn't that make a great weekend getaway? Go a day early or stay a day later to do some sight-seeing or shopping. Think about it.

### SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS

Our club's Live Your Dream winner is also runner-up at the Region level. She will receive \$1000 from our club and \$3000 from the Region.

Virginia Wagner applications are in the process of being judged.

Miami Regional campus scholarship deadline is March 1. Spread the word.



### NEW MEMBERS

We welcome two new members to our club. Here is what they wrote for "Getting to Know You."

Many people say the key to happiness is spending your life doing a job that you love so much that it does not seem like work. Many parts of teaching felt like that to me, and I still miss talking to young people about the universal ideas in literature and writing. But the grading, hours and pressures meant I could leave with few regrets when I retired three years ago. I taught English 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> at Monroe for four years and Middletown for 16. That followed working with Dee and Barb for 15 years in Adult Education/GED prep.

It is my friendship with Barb and Dee that introduced me to Soroptimist. I started going to the style show many years ago as part of their "tables", and

have heard about the scholarships provided and the women honored for their dedication to this club and the community. I am looking forward to becoming involved in making these activities a success. Whether that involves helping with style show, reading applications or planning programs, I am willing to assist as I am able.

I love to read, write, hike, travel, cross stitch, discuss ideas, and any of these are better done on a beach or outside on a lawn or porch! I also enjoy doing these in the company of any of my six grandchildren, family or friends. I think literacy and reading are my passions, and I have worked my whole life to promote getting people more comfortable and active in reading.

I am looking forward to my time as a member of Soroptimist.

Jennie Webb

I work two jobs – I sell steel and I have a skincare business (Tzone) and am looking forward to retiring in Nov. 2019 to spend more time with my family, to travel, and to take classes like photography and Spanish.

I have a son, 40, who has a 4 year old daughter, and they live with me. I have 30 year old boy-girl twins, and my daughter has 2 sons, 2 and 4. My younger son owns two restaurants that serve healthy food (Fit Food Stop). I

also have a 3-legged black lab that I rescued.

I enjoy walking, gardening, reading, going to the gym, listening to music, movies and cards.

Sue Willis first introduced me to Soroptimist when she invited me to attend a fashion show. I have put off joining for years because of my work schedules – I was afraid that I could not contribute enough.

I would like to help with the fashion show – I would love to model. And I would be interested in being a part of the scholarship selection.

Diane Drennan

We are anxious to get to know both of you better and work alongside you on our projects. Welcome!

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## FEBRUARY INSPIRATION

Ingrid

## FEBRUARY RAFFLE

Betty

## FEBRUARY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Betty 1988

Judi 2011

## COLLECTIONS

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Ann asked what items are needed for the Center of Hope for Women and Children. Lisa Fields suggested sweat pants, new or gently used, sizes 14 and larger and shoes, not heels, for women and children, new or gently used. **Please bring with you to the meeting.**

## PINS

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## CALENDAR

February 1—7:00 p.m. board meeting at Tim Horton's/Wendy's Rt. 63 & I-75

February 8—monthly meeting at Mt. Pleasant Place. Arrive at 6:00 to socialize. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Program speaker will be Lauren Matus, owner of SoulCraft Studio in downtown Middletown

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MARCH 2018

### PRESIDENT JUDY'S MESSAGE

Look forward to seeing you in March. Don't know where February went. Board will meet at Tim Horton's (I75-Rt.63) at 7 PM on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Spring Conference reservations are due in March.

### SPRING CONFERENCE

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### SOROPTIMIST STRONG T-SHIRTS

If you would like a Soroptimist Strong t-shirt, Barb will be glad to pick it up and bring it back from Spring Conference. There are short sleeve and also baseball ¾ sleeve shirts ranging from \$17-\$20. Bring your check and order form to the March meeting and we can mail a club order instead of individual orders. Pictures and order blank are in *The Call*.



### PAM'S OPEN HOUSE

Pam is having an open house on Sunday, March 11. It will be from 2:00-4:00 in the Community Room at Mt. Pleasant Place (where our club meets). All Soroptimists are invited.

### COLLECTIONS

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Ann asked what items are needed for the Center of Hope for Women and Children this month. Lisa Fields suggested sweat pants, jeans, exercise clothes, new or gently used, sizes 14 and larger. There are several pregnant ladies who will use sweats or exercise clothes as maternity wear. They could also use women's and children's shoes. **Please bring with you to the meeting.**

## CALENDAR

- March 1—Miami University Regional applications due to club  
March 1—Board Meeting 7:00 Tim Horton's Rt. 63 and I-75  
March 8—Business Meeting at Mt. Pleasant. Maria Langendorf, president of Junior Achievement will be speaker.  
March 8—International Women's Day  
March 11—Daylight Savings Time Pam's Open House 2-4  
March 27—hotel reservations deadline for Spring Conference  
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## MARCH INSPIRATION

Mary

## MARCH RAFFLE

Pam

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Beth Miller  
7 Marti Kelley  
11 Pam Linzie  
13 Mary Maurer  
13 Ingrid Standafer  
16 Jennie Webb

## MARCH CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

2015 Magda Rinder

## OFFICERS

It's time to be thinking about officers for next year. Let a board member know if you might be interested.

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP

Our club's Live Your Dream Award winner was first runner-up at the Region level. She plans to attend Spring Conference to receive her \$3000. We are still waiting for judges' results to learn if our club Virginia Wagner Award winner will advance to the Region. Applications are starting to arrive for our local Miami Regional Scholarship. The deadline is March 1.

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APRIL 2018

### PRESIDENT JUDY'S MESSAGE

Our April meeting is a special one as we honor our scholarship and award winners and their families. You won't want to miss this, and the 2018-19 slate of officers will be presented. See you Thurs., April 12<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Pleasant.

*Judy*

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee of Ann, Ginger, and Pam will present the slate of officers at the April meeting. It will be voted on in May, and officers will be installed in June.

### COLLECTIONS

This month's suggestions for Center of Hope for Women are bath and kitchen towels, new or gently used. In May we should bring large bottles of shampoo/conditioner and body wash. June's article will be blankets of any size, new or gently used.

### MONTHLY RAFFLE

April Elaine

### MONTHLY INSPIRATION

April Beth



### CALENDAR

April 1—Easter

April 1—April Fool's Day

April 5—7:00 p.m. Board Meeting at  
Judy's

April 12—Awards Night  
Mt. Pleasant Place  
Come at 6:00 to socialize.

April 15—tax deadline

April 27-29—Spring Conference in Lisle,  
Illinois

October 12 & 13--District Meeting in  
Lima, OH

October 27—fall fundraiser at Brown's  
Run. Fashions by Kay's Shoppe.

### APRIL BIRTHDAY

6 Magda Rinder

### APRIL PROGRAM

Our April program will be our Awards Night. This will be a good night to Invite prospective members and the award judges so they can see first-hand the results of our efforts.

## **AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP**

Our local Live Your Dream Award winner, Gabrielle Correll, is from Middletown and attends Cincinnati State Technical and Community College. She is working toward an Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice. Her ultimate goal is to become an agent for the Drug Enforcement Agency. She is a single mother of one and also has a full-time job. Gabrielle also won at the District level and was a runner-up at the Region level. She will receive \$1000 from our club and \$3000 from the Region. She plans to attend Spring Conference in Lisle, IL where she will be recognized at the Awards Luncheon.

Our Virginia Wagner Award winner is Jade Smallwood and will be awarded \$1000. Jade is from Middletown and attends Miami University in Oxford, OH. She is a junior majoring in Civic and Regional Development and expects to graduate in May of 2019. She explains that this is a major for nonprofit work. Her ultimate goal would be to open her own nonprofit that invests in the youth, specifically the underprivileged youth of Middletown. She is president of the Campus Activities Board, is secretary of Miami Middletown Student Government, and is a volunteer leader for Young Life at Middletown High School. She has two part-time jobs

The club voted to award a Miami Regional winner as well as a runner-up if the applicants were close in score. Our winner who will receive \$1500 is

Kimberly Danielle Smith from Hamilton. Kimberly is working on her Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science and would like to work in law enforcement. She wants to serve her community and provide her piece of the puzzle to help serve justice. A career in a criminal lab is what she has always dreamed of. Kimberly has maintained a 4.00 GPA for all semesters and is a tutor in chemistry and math through Miami and a Student Learning Assistant for the general chemistry courses at the regional campuses. She graduated as salutatorian from Hamilton High School with a weighted GPA of 5.00.

Our runner-up who will receive \$1000 is Emily Nichole Temple from Franklin. She has a 3.57 GPA. She is a sophomore and is an Early Childhood Education major. She currently attends the Middletown campus and plans to transfer to the Oxford campus in the spring of her junior year. She has three part-time jobs, is a full-time student, and is on the softball team. She is a member of NHS of MU. Emily says her greatest contribution is working with children as a pre-school ministry coordinator at Grace Point Fellowship in Springboro.

## **RESERVATIONS**

Scholarship and Awards chairs, please check with your award winners and judges ASAP and let Dee know how many winners, judges, and family members will be attending so we will have enough seats, food, and nametags available.

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MAY 2018

### PRESIDENT JUDY'S MESSAGE

We vote for our new slate of officers this month and will install them in June. The year end is coming soon and so will our dues statements for the 2018-2019 year. It's time to select committees for next year and put our thinking caps on for fundraising. Kroger's and Gordon Foods have programs that may help with our operating monies. All ideas are open for discussion. Hope to see you all at the May meeting May 10<sup>th</sup>. The board will meet at 7pm, Thurs. May 3 at my house.

*Judy*

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee of Ann, Ginger, and Pam presented the following slate of officers at the April meeting. It will be voted on in May, and officers will be installed in June.

President: Marti Kelley  
Vice-President: Gayle Martz  
Treasurer: Sue Willis  
Recording Secretary: Pam Linzie  
Corresponding Secretary: Beth Miller  
2-year board member: Judy Spaulding  
1-year board member: Ann Munafo



### COLLECTIONS

Our collected items for Hope House Center for Women and Children from last month have been delivered. Our club member donations and some donations from a friend of mine were part of the delivery which included:

63 dish towels  
20 dish cloths  
Package of 40 food service disposable towels  
2 pillow cases  
2 flat sheets  
16 bath towels (most new)  
63 wash cloths  
12 cloth diapers  
Large box of magazines  
2 pair flip flops  
17 pairs of sweat pants  
5 hoodies/sweaters  
1 small bag of hotel toiletries  
Plus 2 bags and a box of misc clothing, shoes, underwear, men's items (jeans, underwear, slacks), misc other items.

In May, we have been asked to bring large containers (10-24 ounce) of shampoo and conditioners. I'm sure other personal care items like body wash, deodorant and hair spray would be welcome as well.

In June, we will be donating new or used blankets- pretty much any size but twin and full are preferred.

We received two thank you notes from representatives at Hope House in April. We will share the letters with everyone at our next meeting.

Ann

### **SPRING CONFERENCE**

As a first time attendee of a Soroptimist Spring Conference, I wanted to share some of the very valuable things I took away. I came away with a deeper understanding of what we are about and greater knowledge of our vision and mission. I learned how our mission reaches worldwide. And although there was a lot of business, it was fun and the women were amazing. I came away energized and hopeful. I highly recommend attending next spring when it will be in Columbus!

Gayle

### **MEMBERSHIP EVENT**

Think ahead so we can plan a membership event. Think of ways to promote it, who we can invite (think of new neighbors or new business owners who might want to network and get involved in the community), if we want it

to be a meeting, a service project, or a social event. All ideas are welcome. New members are always welcome.

### **COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM**

Kroger and Gordon Food Services both offer a Community Rewards Program for non-profits. Maybe other stores do, too. My church is enrolled, and if a member signs up and names an organization, that organization receives a donation after each purchase. It's not a large amount, but every little bit helps, and we need to think of some ways to increase our operating budget. Would someone be willing to ask at the stores what Soroptimist of Middletown would need to do to sign up? After that is done, our members will need to go online (or maybe to the customer service counter) to sign up. It does not affect your gas points.

Barb

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### **MONTHLY RAFFLE & INSPIRATION**

**May**--Ann

**June**--Magda

## CALENDAR

May 3--7:00 board meeting at Judy's

May 10—monthly meeting. Speaker  
from Safe Haven Farms

June 14—installation of officers

October 12 & 13--District Meeting in  
Lima. OH

October 27—fall fundraiser

April 26-28—Spring Conference in  
Columbus, OH

## MAY BIRTHDAY

27 Barb

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**JUNE 2018**

### **PRESIDENT JUDY'S MESSAGE**

I look forward to seeing you on June the 14<sup>th</sup> for our installation dinner. Mt. Pleasant always does an outstanding spread for the evening. A reminder to pay dues and let the new president Marti what your choices are for 2018-2019 committees. There will be no board meeting in June. Enjoy this warm weather and see you the 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Judy*

### **INCOMING PRESIDENT MARTI'S MESSAGE**

Long ago when I was confirmed, my pastor gave each of the confirmands a Bible Verse. The one he gave me has been a blessing, an albatross, and a saving grace. It has to do with the light you are shining to others. Light has been a theme for my life for many years.

Soroptimist means "best for women". I see Soroptimist as a light. We are a light to help women become their best. Through our scholarships and awards, our Dream It, Be It program, our support of Hope House women, and WEL, we are shining our light and passing it on.

This year, our goal will be to continue to shine, and to shine even brighter.



Women are making a difference in this world, but there is so much more that needs to be done. I look forward to our next year together for ways that we can grow stronger as well as having fun doing it.

*Marti*

### **SLATE OF OFFICERS**

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## **DUES**

Bring your dues of \$120 to the June meeting or mail them to Sue by June 14.

## **FUNDRAISER UPDATE**

Our October 27 luncheon and fashion show will be held at Shaker Run Golf Club. Please note the change of location.

## **DIRECTORY UPDATE**

Do you need to update your directory information? Perhaps you have a new job title, are newly retired, have a new cell phone number, have a new e-mail address, etc. Please give that information to Judy so our records will be up-to-date. Sue will also update the information with SI.

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Run Golf Club  
April 26-28—SpringConference in  
Columbus, OH

## MONTHLY RAFFLE & INSPIRATION

June--Magda

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

23 Jo  
24 Sue  
27 Judy

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

19 Ginger  
27 Elaine  
29 Ann

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

none

### JUNE CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Denise 2013  
Gayle 2015  
Mary 1958—**60 years of  
membership!**

### JULY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Ginger 1997  
Elaine 2012  
Pam 2010 (second time)  
Ann 1993

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SUMMER 2018

### PRESIDENT MARTI'S MESSAGE

Looking toward our next year in Soroptimist, I am excited to focus on growing our membership. It is very important for us to become more visible, not only in Middletown, but in the territory stated in our By-Laws, which is Butler, Warren and Hamilton Counties. There are many opportunities for us to do so and that will require us to think outside of our comfort zone. Yes, that is a challenging effort, and it will necessitate some changes, which may be scary to think about unless we see change as opportunity to grow our membership and to promote the Soroptimist Mission: *To improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.*

The committee roster for 2018-2019 will be sent as a separate attachment. These are not carved in stone, so if you have any concerns about the assignments, or if you would like to be added to a particular committee, please call or email me. As president, I will be happy to serve as Ad Hoc member of any committee that would like to have me involved.

Since I'm new in Soroptimist, I ask your patience and your comments. Working together, we can accomplish many good things!

*President Marti*



## **FUN NIGHT**

August 9 will be a fun evening just for socializing. We will meet at Rick and Sue's farm for an evening of food and fun. Chef Rick will man the grill, and the committee will bring side dishes and desserts. Members will be charged \$10, and that money will go into our operating fun. We plan to play Bunco because during that game the players change tables and partners, and it will be a good opportunity to mingle.

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## **DISTRICT MEETINGS 2018**

Our District Meeting October 2018 will be held in Lima, Ohio, at the Holiday Inn and Suites. Let's get a group to go. It's only @ a 1 ½ hour drive. It will be a tremendous chance for newer members and others who would be first-timers to get a broader idea of what Soroptimist is all about! Last year's Friday night project was a great opportunity to mingle and share ideas with others as we worked. It was so well-received that we will again make knotted fleece blankets to give to women at homeless or domestic violence shelters. If you would like to contribute, watch for sales at WalMart, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, JoAnn Fabric, etc. and donate two yards of fleece, either plain or printed. It takes two, two yard pieces to make one blanket.

## **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. Ask your friends to save the date—Saturday, October 27, and be thinking of what kind of "basket" you will put together for the raffle.

## **NO AUGUST CLUB ANNIVERSARIES OR BIRTHDAYS**

## **CALENDAR**

October 12-13—District Meeting in  
Lima, OH

October 27—fall fundraiser at Shaker  
Run

April 26-26, 2019—Spring Conference  
in Columbus

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SEPTEMBER 2018

### PRESIDENT MARTI'S MESSAGE

Wasn't the summer short—in days, not heat? I'm wondering how long the summer season will last!

Your new president has been a busy girl trying to get up to speed with all that there is to learn about Soroptimist. I thought I was aware, but oh my! I hadn't scratched the surface. I'll be learning for a good while too!

In August you read that our primary focus this year is growing our membership. To that end, we have a wealth of materials on the Soroptimist web site and some other information I have researched and found to help us do that. I will be sharing this information with you and your committees so that as we come together this year, we will have some new ideas to bring others into our wonderful group.

The Program Committee has already met and has presented some exciting suggestions for programs. However, in September our program will be committee huddles. This may be challenging since some of you are on more than one committee, but it will be a beginning. I know you will figure it out. Each month Committees will report to



the Board suggestions and plans, and final results will be reported at our meetings.

Past President, Judy, did a wonderful job of keeping the meetings on point, and it is my intention to do likewise.

Stay cool, and see you at our usual place on September 13<sup>th</sup>!

*President Marti*

## **WAYS & MEANS**

You'll receive your envelope of information and tickets at the September meeting. You will receive an instruction sheet, \$30 of raffle tickets, and an ad form. Have your guests save the date—October 27 at Shaker Run Golf Club. 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.

## **DISTRICT MEETING 2018**

Our District Meeting October 12-13, 2018 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. Deadline for registration and also hotel reservations is September 15, so come prepared to sign up at our September meeting.

## **SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS**

Do you know a woman attending college or technical school who could use some extra money for her schooling? Interested women can find writeable applications for Virginia Wagner Award and our Miami University Regional scholarship on our website [www.middletownsoroptimist.org](http://www.middletownsoroptimist.org) The Live Your Dream Award can only be done online this year. This should

streamline the process and guarantee that an applicant only applies to one club—the club closest to where she lives. Every year we struggle to find deserving applicants, so please share this information freely.

## **CALENDAR**

September 4—6:30 0 board meeting at Mt. Pleasant card room

September 13—6:30--Membership meeting at Mt. Pleasant Activity Building

September 15—deadline for District Meeting hotel reservation

September 15—deadline for District Meeting in Lima reservation

October 12-13—District Meeting in Lima, OH

October 27—fall fundraiser at Shaker Run Golf Club

November 15—Live Your Dream applications due to club

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April 26-28, 2018—Spring Conference in Columbus

## **SEPTEMBER RAFFLE**

Marti

## **SEPTEMBER INSPIRATION**

Gayle

## **SEPTEMBER CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

Jo	1988
Barb	1988
Judy	1988
Sue	1995

## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

none

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

We will again be working with girls at Monroe Middle School starting in the fall. Gayle and Elaine have had the initial meeting with the school.

## **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**

Do you need to update your directory information? Perhaps you have a new job title, are newly retired, have a new cell phone number, have a new e-mail address, etc. Please give that information to Judy so our records will be up-to-date. Sue will also update the information with SI.

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## SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

OCTOBER 2018

### PRESIDENT MARTI'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

This is our big month! I hope you are as excited as I am about Flair for Fashion. It is always such a great event, and I'm looking forward to another great one this year.

October has become quite busy this year! Our next meeting is Game Night, and this would be a great time to invite friends who may be interested in becoming a member of Soroptimist. Please invite someone (or more) to come to our October meeting. I'll try very diligently to keep the business meeting short!

If your committee has something to report, please let me know so that I can add that to the agenda. If your committee has not had a chance to meet and do your planning for the year, please do so. As I stated in our last meeting, I would like to have a written document detailing what your committee responsibilities are so that we have a record for the future and for new members to have for reference.



Our District Meeting begins October 12<sup>th</sup>, and there are five of us going to Lima, OH, to attend the meeting. This will be my first meeting, and I am looking forward to meeting other Soroptimist members from the district to share ideas and experiences.

I need to close this as I have people to contact and invite to Flair for Fashion!

Happy Fall!

*Marti*

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Last month Barb e-mailed a sheet of suggested information for you to submit to Barb or Jennie because we plan to feature members in our newsletter to help us get to know each other better. So far only one has been returned. In case you lost yours, new ones are being sent.

## **DISTRICT MEETING 2017**

Our District Meeting October 12 & 13, 2018, will be held in Lima, Ohio, at the Holiday Inn and Suites. Barb, Marti, Gayle, Betty, and Pam will report on the meeting and any updates at our November meeting. If any of you want to contribute two yards of fleece material, plain or patterned, bring it to our October meeting, and we'll take it to District Meeting. We'll be making knotted fleece blankets to give to women's shelters.

## **WAYS & MEANS**

Have you been able to fill a table of eight with your friends? How many ads have you sold? Were you able to get any donations from businesses for the raffle? Let Gayle know if you need more yellow special raffle tickets, and let Jo know if you need more raffle tickets.

Please bring all checks, reservations, ads, and special raffle ticket money 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. List your name, your guests' names, etc. 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 11 to allow time for printing, etc. Otherwise, deliver your item/items to Barb or Dee before Oct. 25. List the contents on an attached card.

## **SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS**

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## **CALENDAR**

October 4—board meeting—6:30 at Tim Horton's  
October 8—Happy 63<sup>rd</sup> Birthday, Middletown club  
October 11—monthly meeting  
October 12-13—District Meeting in Lima, OH  
October 27—fall fundraiser at Shaker Run Golf Club  
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### **CLUB GRANT**

Does anyone know how to write a grant? SIA has grants to be awarded, and the deadline is March 1. We could apply for our Dream It, Be It project or another project for the community. Information is online. Go to the [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org) website; go to the Members Only area; go to Program Resources, go to Soroptimist Club Grants, and you'll find all the information you need.

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## SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

NOVEMBER 2018

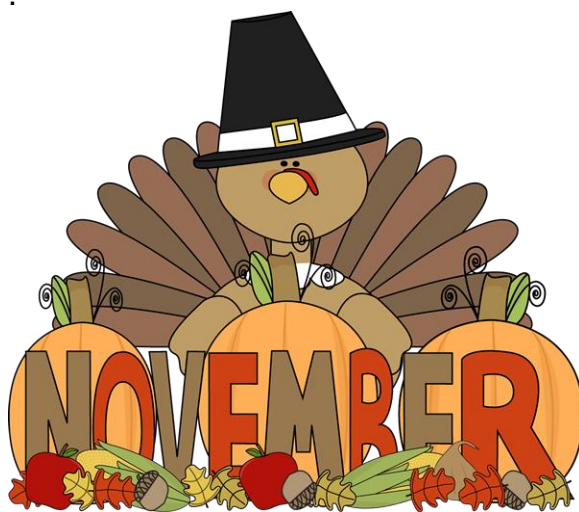
### PRESIDENT MARTI'S MESSAGE

Our 2018 fundraiser is now history. All things considered, it was a great day! As with all events there were pros and cons which is inevitable. The important thing is that people attending had pleasant visits, laughter, and positive information to absorb.

The baskets and raffle items were fantastic! And the gift card tree raffle was awesome! KUDOS to all who helped support our fundraiser in these ways! Thank you to all who came on Friday to help set up. Many hands make lighter work.

Now we move on to the projects we have before us. I was very proud to describe our projects to the attendees of the fundraiser. Our work is very important, and I'm hoping that we will expand our membership this year with women who realize the importance of women doing their best to help other women to be their best.

*Marti*



### CALENDAR

- November 1—6:30 board meeting at Tim Horton's
- November 4--Daylight Savings Time ends
- November 15—Live Your Dream applications due to club
- November 15—Meeting—**Change of Date** Speaker Bianca Hooks of Blissful Blooms Floral
- January 15—Virginia Wagner applications due to club
- March 1—Miami Regional Campus scholarship applications due to club
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## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

14 Gayle Martz  
20 Diane Drennan

## **CLUB ANNIVERSARY**

1978 Ingrid

## **NOVEMBER RAFFLE**

Jo

## **NOVEMBER INSPIRATION**

Diane

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**SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN**

**DECEMBER 2018**

**PRESIDENT MARTI'S MESSAGE**

Happy, Merry, Joyous, and Blessed  
Holiday greetings!

What a fun evening we had making floral arrangements at our November meeting! It was interesting to learn that we each have an eye for making a beautiful arrangement. No two were alike, and all were beautiful.

Our Flair for Fashion was another wonderful event. We did well financially, and many compliments came my way on every aspect of our program. I want to thank each of you for your contribution to another successful event.

December is a very busy month, and we look forward to gathering at the Willis home for our annual Christmas Party. We will bring a \$15.00 gift, wrapped attractively to encourage (entice) the bidding. The cost of the meal is \$20.00, and spouse, significant other, or a friend will be welcome. Read further in the newsletter for more details.



My Christmas prayer for all of you is to have a blessed, safe, and enjoyable, Christmas with family and friends.  
*President Marti*

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Rick and I once again invite the members and their guests for the club's annual holiday party on Thursday, December 13, at 6 p.m.. Chef Rick will be preparing marinated smoked chicken, sauteed shrimp, vegetable medley and rice pilaf. For dessert, you will be able to indulge from a "to die for" platter of sweets. We will also offer wine, beer, soft drinks, coffee and tea to complement the menu.

To further pique your interest, come to see how I have created my very own, "Christmas in Africa" display inspired by our October 2018 trip to South Africa and Zimbabwe. We posed with Rambo in this vacation photo.

Spouses, friends and potential club members are welcome to join in the festivities. Cost is \$20. Each guest is asked to bring a wrapped mystery gift with a minimum \$15 value for our live auction benefiting our operations budget.

We are waiting "with bells on" for your arrival. Please RSVP to Gayle Martz by Saturday, December 8th. Our address is 6548 Liberty Ridge Drive, Liberty Township, OH 45011.

## **SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS**

Do you know a woman attending college or technical school who could use some extra money for her schooling? Virginia Wagner Award application deadline is January 15 and our Miami Regional scholarship deadline is March 1. Applications can be found on our club website

[www.middletownsoroptimist.org](http://www.middletownsoroptimist.org).

## **CALENDAR**

December 6—No board meeting  
December 13—Christmas Party at Sue & Rick Willis' house.  
January 15—Virginia Wagner applications due to club  
March 1—Miami Regional Campus scholarship applications due to club  
April 26-28, 2019—Spring Conference in Columbus, OH at the Columbus Airport Marriott

## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

28     Dee

## **ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

I am so excited about getting our group involved in the Soroptimist fight against human trafficking.

As we've discussed at our meetings, we need to get a master list together of places in Middletown, Trenton, and Madison Township that have public restrooms. Interested members will then ask if the Missing Posters and stickers can be distributed at these restaurants, schools, gas stations, etc.

Since we were having so much fun arranging flowers at our last meeting, I forgot to ask who's interested in helping with this work. Since we are supposed to be ready in February to receive our first supplies, could anyone interested in helping email me soon so that we can plan a time in early January to get organized.

Thanks and happy holidays,  
Jennie

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The ladies and staff at the Hope House Center for Women and Children really appreciated our dinner in October and would like us to do it again. We have tentively set the next dinner for 5:30 on Thursday, January 31st. I will need 5 volunteers for the event. Menu will be discussed and decided by the volunteers. Call me at 513-422-5411 if interested in working on this dinner with me.

I met in November with the new Center Director, Tammy Ector. She does not like the under-the-bed storage boxes that we discussed previously. She would like for us to consider putting together "move out boxes" for women moving out of the Center and into an apartment. She estimates they have between 1-3 women a month moving out who would qualify for this assistance.

I told her I didn't think we could stock an entire apartment but maybe we could do a certain room or certain items. Examples might be kitchen boxes, bathroom boxes, or cleaning boxes. A bathroom box might include a shower curtain and hooks, a couple towel sets, shampoo/conditioner, toilet brush, tissues, toilet paper, toothpaste, hand soap, cleaning supplies. Kitchen boxes would take a lot more, I think. I'd like to discuss this project and possible options briefly at our December meeting.

1. Do we want to do it and will we be able to do this as a ongoing project?
2. If so, what box above or other box do we want to try to do every month for 1-3 women.

In the mean time, if anyone is interested in donating to the Center now there were three items mentioned to me that

they could use now: flip flops for shower, winter gloves, and magazines/books. Bring any of these items to our December meeting and I'll get them to the center before Christmas. They would also like a small bookcase that would fit at the end of a hallway. It would become home for the donated reading materials.

Thanks,  
Ann

## **DIBI**

DIBI is up a running. We have 6 really great girls. So far we have completed session one and the girls have created their dream collages. We will be meeting for the three Thursdays in December and wrap it up in January.

Gayle

## **LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD**

Seven applications were received. They are in the process of being judged.

Judy

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