



SOROPTIMIST
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SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

MAY 2019

PRESIDENT MARTI'S MESSAGE

Greetings and Salutations!

As I write this, I'm preparing to leave for Spring Conference in Columbus. I am looking forward to sharing with other clubs to learn of their approach to gaining members, and activities that they are doing to invite community participation, which will serve as a way to share our work and possibly attract new members. *(I'm back and updating my message!)*

We have our budget approval in May. *I learned some great information in the Budget and Finance workshop that I will be sharing at the meeting.* I'm also hoping to have our Committee Chair and Service sign up sheets for you to complete.

Our Fall Event team is actively working on the venue and the date for our event. Our goal is to have it on 10/19 this year as the Fall Conference has been scheduled for the last weekend in October. We will be checking venues that will be more favorable to budgeting. I did announce at our April meeting that we are going to again have the gift card tree(s) so that you can begin getting them from now through the summer and get all of those great extra gas points!

Judy Spaulding will be in charge of that, so start bringing your gift cards any time. Jo Ashworth will again be responsible for the raffle baskets; so start thinking about what you may like to offer or what you may be able to get sponsored. We are working on one other item to sell, but until that is finalized, we will just let that be a mystery.

Our Award Meeting was wonderful! It is so inspiring to hear the recipients share their stories. It really makes us appreciate what we offer to help women. *Sadly, Brandi Benton, our LYD winner was not able to attend the Conference to receive her Conference award. She was called to be with her father who had open-heart surgery on Saturday. Surgery was successful, but he has a long recovery ahead. I received her award and am mailing it to her.*

Conference was wonderful and inspiring. We will be reporting at our meeting!

Marti



RECOGNITION AT SPRING CONFERENCE

~Dreamers' level for our contribution to 2017-18 Club Giving
~In honor of our efforts to increase SIA's collective impact
 Participated in LYD
 Engaged in DI/BI
 Contributed 10% of funds raised
 Donated Founders' pennies
 Submitted projects for a Soroptimist Celebrating Success Award

For 2018-2019 SI Midwestern Region Sweet Dreams Pillows Participation Certificate

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following slate of officers was presented 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: Elaine Garver
1-year board member: Judy Spaulding

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.

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 if you forget to wear your pin, if you have a birthday during the month, or if you just feel like it.

**Hope House Center for Women
and Children Update
4-28-19**

Five Sweet Dreams of Home Bathroom Baskets were delivered to Hope House this month. We currently have only 4 baskets remaining from our 20 we put together as quite a few ladies left the Center this past month. The baskets were once again enthusiastically received by Hanna Hamblin, Director of Volunteers. Reminder to everyone, please bring any small hotel or full-size toiletries, new make-up, costume jewelry, and/or gently used purses as rewards.

A thanks to the Middletown Soroptimists was included in the March Journal of Hope House Mission, "Chronicles of HOPE" with a picture of Tammy Ector, Hope House Center for Women and Children Director and myself with one of our Apartment baskets. I will bring a couple copies to our May meeting to share.

On Thursday, April 18th at 5:30 pm, we provided our third dinner, an Easter meal for the residents and working staff (approximately 35) at the Center. Thanks to Jenni Webb who fixed a delicious big crockpot of green beans and helped me set up, serve and clean up.

A big thanks to the rest of the team as well, Diane Drennan who made three big pans of wonderful mashed potatoes and donated some cookies; Mary Mauer who donated one of the two spiral hams; and Judy Spaulding and Ginger

Bruggeman who both furnished dozens of decorated Easter cookies. Thanks for the extra efforts of those who had to make special arrangements and extra trips to get their donations there. We also provided lemon aide and rolls/butter for the meal.

The Center women expressed much appreciation for the meal and most came back for seconds. The tables were decorated with spring print table cloths and small Easter baskets and each of the children received a candy filled egg after the meal. We were able to package and leave enough ham, potatoes, and cookies for quite a few people to enjoy another meal the next day.



RAFFLE

May—Betty

June--Barb

INSPIRATION

May--Jennie

June-- Marti



CALENDAR

May 2—6:30 board meeting—Mt.

Pleasant card room

May 9—monthly meeting—speaker on
trafficking

June 13—installation of officers

October 25 & 26--District Meeting in
Newark. OH

April 24-26, 2020—Spring Conference
in Ann Arbor, MI

July 22-25, 2020—46th Biennial
Convention in Bellevue, WA

2021—100th Soroptimist Anniversary in
San Francisco, CA

MAY BIRTHDAY

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