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JANUARY 2018

PRESIDENT MARTI'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that half my term as President is in the past. There is still much to do. Two LYD Award winners have been chosen, we are working on the Virginia Wagner award, and DIBI is underway. We have committed to the anti-human trafficking program, and we are considering how we want to support the Hope House under the new leadership. The Fall Event was successful. BUT we still don't have any new members.

So in 2019, we probably need to think about what changes or additions, if any, we need to make to become more relevant in the community and beyond. That is not something that can be left only to the Board. I'm asking all of you to consider this and to let me know your thoughts.

2019 is underway, and I'm looking forward to the challenges before us. I hope that you are as well.

Marti

JANUARY



JANUARY MEETING

Our next SI Middletown meeting will be held at the new Kettering Health Network facility, at 6147 West, OH-122, Middletown, OH 45005. Access the location from Union Road (take a right turn off of Ohio 122 onto Union Road as you are heading out of Middletown, then pass CVS and turn right at the Kettering sign). Go around the building (to the I-75 side) to park and to enter the building. We will meet in the Community Room with our usual schedule of 6:00 pm networking and 6:30 dinner. A Kettering representative will tell us more about the

facility and provide a tour. Dinner menu is not yet available.

COLLECTIONS

Reminder for next meeting: Hope House for Women and Children asking for donations of flip flops, gloves and hats, and toiletries. More about our "Going Home Packs" after our January Board meeting. A sign up list will be circulated at the January meeting for items needed in our "Going Home Packs".

SPECIAL CLUB PROJECT

Searching for 5 volunteers to prepare and serve dinner to women, children and staff at the Hope House Center for Women and Children on Thursday, January 31st at 5:30 pm. Call Ann at 513-422-5411 if you can help out on the January team. Once I get the team, we will need to decide the menu and who will bring what items.

Thanks. Ann

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Do any of you have any updates for our membership directory? If so, give them to Judy.

JANUARY INSPIRATION

Mary

JANUARY RAFFLE

Elaine

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 6—Betty

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. 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.

Virginia Wagner applications are due January 15.

SPRING CONFERENCE

Put the date on your calendar now and plan to attend Spring Conference April 26-28. It's an easy drive to Columbus, and it will be a good experience for some of you who have never attended!

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.

CALENDAR

- January 3—6:30-- board meeting at
Clubhouse Grill off Rt. 63
- January 10—**Change of location.**
Monthly meeting will be held at
Kettering Health Network –meal,
tour, and speaker
- 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. Kris
- April 26-28—Spring Conference in
Columbus, OH



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