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Best for Women

SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

NOVEMBER 2019

PRESIDENT MARTI'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

Now that the Fall Event is over, it is time to begin working on our Membership Drive. Barb, Sue and I met several members from other chapters and got some very interesting ideas.

During the Club Sharing session, I was able to give a talk about our Hope House Baskets. After hearing Tami speak and after hearing what other clubs are doing, I'm really proud of our project for Hope House. We all need to be very proud of the project. A huge thanks to Ann Munafo for taking care of all of the details!!

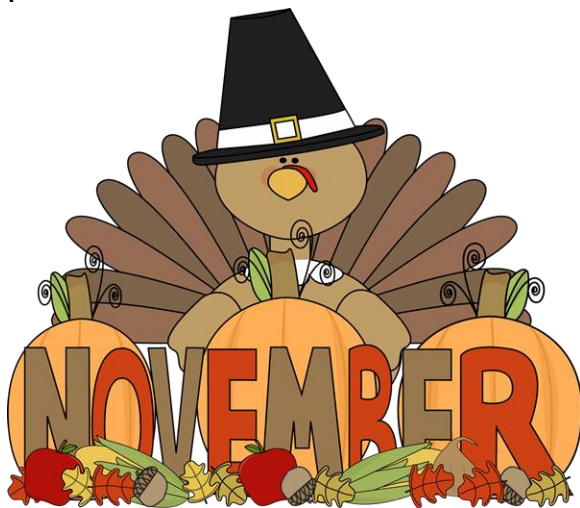
Again I want to congratulate our Middletown Outstanding Soroptimist, Gayle Martz. Every time I think about the DI/BI program I get excited. After

hearing about the reasons women and children become homeless or in abusive situations, I am thankful that Soroptimist has a program to teach young girls about how to overcome obstacles and how to break whatever situations they may be experiencing to overcome and rise above to have a better life.

Our speaker at District this year, Bonnie Zorc, told stories that made my head swim. Things that having been privileged to grow up an American are taken for granted when there are young girls in this world who have no idea about what is happening to them. Days for Girls is an organization that is doing amazing work in third world countries providing lessons and supplies to train young girls and adult women how to care for themselves during "that time of the month".

I'll be sharing more at our meeting. I'm really looking forward to the Tea Party and I hope you are too.

President, Marti



NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Susan Schechter, owner of The Tea Parlor in Liberty Twp. will be the November meeting speaker. She will present, "The Perfect Cup of Tea." With a background in catering and a love of tea, Schechter has studied the history, processes and brewing of tea for 15 years. She has attended classes at the World Tea Convention and online.

Her presentation will focus on the health benefits of tea, proper brewing, and a bit of tea history.

If you have one, bring a special cup and saucer set to share and display that evening. Ann

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Having Tammi Ector, the director of Hope House for Women, speak to our group in October helped us understand its day to day operations. I think that after listening to her, we all feel extra good about providing the bathroom baskets to their clients.

Tammi described her fall into the "D" stories, divorce, depression, drug abuse, dysfunction and despair. She then found, through what she feels is divine intervention, degrees and daycare and now Hope House for Women director. She definitely can relate to the women she helps.

Tammy explained that the shelter is the access point for four counties and has an intake procedure to determine whether to shelter or divert. Hope House for Women is funded to serve all counties, not solely Middletown. Women must come on their own volition no matter where the referral comes from. They are provided with counseling and classes. And Hope House is always there to help these woman, even after release.

For our part, the baskets we provide help the shelter provide accountability to women. There are certain regulations and goals that must be reached, and if they are, the baskets are a reward for their success.

It is great to help women get a new start, and we appreciate Tammi's role in managing our donations. Jennie



October speaker Tammi Ector

TRAFFICKING NEWS

Our trafficking group met on October 24, and we addressed two main areas. How can we improve accountability for better communication and how can we keep the whole membership and the group more involved.

We intend to keep close track of materials used and visits made by collecting data as soon as each group drops the poster and stop signs to their business.

We've already started to communicate to the group at large by the reports in the newsletter and at meetings. We will also help grow awareness by adding a

tip each month to help educate each one of us.

I am also happy to report that eight out of eight victims were found in the last cycle. How empowering!

Tip of the month:

Possible signs of trafficking are minors (teens) are around during school hours, and the man or men with them are paying with cash/ wad of money.

We recently received permission from the Ohio Department of Transportation to leave the STOP stickers inside the women's restroom stall doors at the highway rest stops. Elaine and Gayle are distributing them. Jennie

CALENDAR

November 3--Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 7—6:30 board meeting

November 14—meeting--Speaker will be Susan Schechter, owner of the Tea Parlor

November 15—Live Your Dream applications due to club

January 15, 2020—Virginia Wagner applications due to club

March 1, 2020—Miami Regional Campus scholarship applications due to club

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

July 22-25, 2020—46th Biennial Convention in Bellevue, WA
Kick off Soroptimist's 100th anniversary celebration

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

14 Gayle Martz
20 Diane Drennan

CLUB ANNIVERSARY

1978 Ingrid

NOVEMBER RAFFLE

Judy

NOVEMBER INSPIRATION

Mary

INSPIRATION

At District Meeting, Sue read an inspiration and wanted to share it with you . She chose it because of the strong correlation with DIBI and the new organizational tagline “Investing in Dreams.”

17 Motivational Quotes to Inspire You to Be Successful

By [Lydia Sweatt](#) | November 3, 2016

1. Your limitation—it's only your imagination.
2. Push yourself, because no one else is going to do it for you.
3. Sometimes later becomes never. Do it now.
4. Great things never come from comfort zones.
5. Dream it. Wish it. Do it.
6. Success doesn't just find you. You have to go out and get it.
7. The harder you work for something, the greater you'll feel when you achieve it.
8. Dream bigger. Do bigger.
9. Don't stop when you are tired. Stop when you are done.
10. Wake up with determination. Go to bed with satisfaction.
11. Do something today that your future self will thank you for.

12. Little things make big days.
13. It's going to be hard, but hard doesn't mean impossible.
14. Don't wait for opportunity. Create it.
15. Sometimes we are tested not to show our weaknesses, but to discover our strengths.
16. The key to success is to focus on goals, not obstacles.
17. Dream it. Believe it. Build it.

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 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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