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SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

DECEMBER 2020

PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

December is upon us and what a year 2020 has been. As I reflect back on where we are, I am so happy to say that although we have not met much face to face, our club has done a wonderful job meeting our Fall Event Goal. Congratulations and thank you to each member for the outstanding job done. Thank you to Betty for all of her hard work and to the rest of the Ways and Means committee for an outstanding job. Together we have made a difference.

As we enter the Holiday season remember that this can be such a wonderful time of the year as we celebrate, however, as this year is so different it may also be a difficult time for some as well. Please remember to check in on each other even if it is a text, an email, a card, or phone call.

Congratulations to Mary, she was our winner of our November Scavenger Hunt! Congratulations to Marti, she was the raffle winner.



It looks as though we will continue to meet via Zoom. December will be our holiday "Party" and we will do our Auction to go toward our Operating Fun. Please have a wrapped gift of \$20.00 value for bidding. Each person will show their wrapped item one at a time and the bidding will begin. Once the bidding has stopped the gift will be unwrapped. Payment will be sent to the treasurer. We will also have a game of Holiday Bingo for prizes. Cards are printed and will be mailed to each of you! We will meet at 7:00P.M., December 10.

Our January Meeting will most likely be Zoom as well. We will have a speaker Ann Marie Babb. She is a trafficking survivor and January is Trafficking Awareness month. She will be sharing updates and what is new and how we can continue to help put an end to trafficking.

Spring Conference for April 2021 may end up being virtual. Decisions will be made hopefully by December.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in December. If you are having trouble using Zoom please call me or text me and we can do a practice meeting. You can also call in to an 800 number and use the id and password to get on.

Blessings for a wonderful holiday! Hope for a Happy and Normal New Year.

Gayle

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Let Elaine know if any info has changed for your listing—different job title, newly retired, new address, new phone number, new email address, etc. We would like to update our pages for our membership directory.

CLUB CALENDAR

- December 3—**NO** board meeting
- December 10—7:00 Zoom club meeting
- December 15—Deadline for Dream Luncheon Raffle
- January 15—Virginia Wagner Award applications due to club
- March 1—Miami Regional Campus scholarship applications due to club
- March 1—Soroptimist Club Grant applications due at SI HQ
- March 31—Governor's Award Form due to Gov. Darcy Merritt
- April 23-35, 2021—Spring Conference, Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Fond du Lac, WI
- May 31—Club Giving and Founders Pennies contributions to SIA for 2020 recognition
- July 1—Club Celebrating Success forms due to Kris Armstrong

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

28--Dee

DECEMBER RAFFLE & INSPIRATION

Sue

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ginger. She was awarded the Roland P. Ely, Jr. President's Award at Middletown Community Foundation's Annual Meeting. Well-deserved, Ginger!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

From time to time, member spotlights will be sent in separate emails. Since our newsletters are available online on our website, we don't want to put personal information in our newsletters. The first spotlights will be past-president Marti and new president Gayle. Several were spotlighted last year: Mary, Ingrid, Judy, Jo, Betty, Barb. If you haven't turned in your information, you will receive a new questionnaire.

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TRAFFICKING NEWS

In these difficult times, the group has agreed to deliver the latest poster of missing children to our local businesses with public restrooms while masked and distancing. We're planning on doing this by mid December. Let's hope that this poster brings home as many as the last one. Susan Gruenburg shared:

POSTERS:

Miami Valley Poster (Montgomery and Greene), 6 found

I-75 corridor, 6 found

Middletown, 6 found

NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATED PRESS:

Eight missing children were rescued in a 5-day rescue operation in the Indianapolis area called "Operation Homecoming" according to the U.S. Marshals Service Southern District of Indiana. The children are between the ages of 6 to 17 years old and are "considered to be some of the most at-risk and challenging recovery cases in the area."

As the weather gets more challenging, it feels good to be doing what we can to help bring these children home safely.

Jennie