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MARCH 2020

PRESIDENT MARTI'S MESSAGE

March already? How did that happen??

I'm sure all of us are happy to see Spring right around the corner! However, with April, I think I recall a saying about April Showers bringing May Flowers? On my! More rain!

Regardless, I'm praying that with spring coming, we will all feel a sense of renewed strength and energy for what lies ahead for our organization! As seasons change, so must our organizations, businesses, churches, etc. and our thinking. It isn't always easy, but as next generations come along, we need to appeal to them on their level while preserving what is relevant and needed.

So with that, I will see you at our meeting. Hopefully we will not need to be wearing waders or wetsuits!

President Marti

SPRING CONFERENCE

Put the date on your calendar now and plan to attend Spring Conference April 24-26 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. It will be a good experience for some of you who have never attended! A new governor and Region board will be installed. The

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registration deadline as well as the hotel reservation deadline is March 31. Sue will fill out the registration form at our March meeting. Each person attending will make her own hotel reservations.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Our club can earn money when we shop at Kroger. If you have a Kroger account, log in at <http://www.kroger.com> and search for Soroptimist International of Middletown or enter LD932 and click enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid e-mail address, and

a rewards card. If you do not have a rewards card, you may get one at a Kroger customer service desk. Participants must swipe their registered Kroger rewards card when shopping for each purchase to count.

If you have not already designated a non-profit to receive your points, please consider listing Soroptimist International of Middletown. You do not need to be a club member to donate your points, so ask your family members and friends if they will choose our club as their beneficiary. Your choice will print at the bottom of your receipt

Thanks!
Sue

FIELD TRIP

We have found a unique opportunity to see the exhibit Motel X at the Underground Freedom Center in Cincinnati. This is an interactive activity that is supposed to reveal clues that would let a concerned person realize that this is a trafficking situation. This happens as you explore a motel room setting.

We will meet in the Mt. Pleasant parking lot by the main building at 9 am on March 11. We have 8 going so far with Ann Munafo and I driving. If you are interested, please call Ann for a ride. And if she gets full, Barb has offered to drive. Or you could meet us down there.

We will ride the streetcar to exhibit from Music Hall, \$2.00, take in Motel X, \$18.00, eat at Yard House, ?, and on home.

The exhibit is there through April 4
Check out <https://freedomcenter.org/motelx> for more information. The exhibition reveals the grim reality of human trafficking.

Jennie

ANOTHER OUTING POSSIBILITY

Soroptimist International of Dayton is presenting a free movie on how traffickers prey on teenagers for sex trafficking on March 28 at 3:00.

Please forward this out to all you friends and family who have children who may be vulnerable to Human Trafficking. Subject matter is for mature audiences.

Register to attend this free event through Event Bright at www.eventbright.com and enter in the Search: **I Am Jane Doe** or click on the link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/i-am-jane-doe-a-special-showing-tickets-94902892105?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

MARCH INSPIRATION

Jennie

MARCH RAFFLE

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MARCH CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

2015 Magda Rinder

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Beth Miller
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CALENDAR

- March is Women's History Month
- March 1—Miami University Regional Campus scholarship applications due to club
- March 5—board meeting, 6:30 Mt. Pleasant
- March 8—International Women's Day
- March 12—club meeting—socialize at 6 and dinner at 6:30
- March 31—deadline to register for Spring Conference and make hotel reservations.
- March 31—Governor's Club Award form due to Gov. Kris
- April 24-26—Spring Conference and installation of Governor Darcy Merritt in Ann Arbor, Michigan, at the Kensington Hotel
Friday night theme is Tropicana and Saturday night will be cocktail dress.
- July 22-25—SIA Convention in Bellevue, WA to kick off our 100th anniversary.
- October 23-24—District Meeting in Canton, OH at the Holiday Inn.

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

October 1-3, 2021 in San Francisco, CA.

Join Soroptimists from all four Federations as we celebrate our *Bright Past* and look forward to our *Brilliant Future*. The Fairmont San Francisco Hotel is special because of its historic significance. It marks the site of the very first worldwide Soroptimist convention in 1922. Because of its significance in our history, it was chosen as the perfect location for this event. The dates in October are significant because they are close to the date of our founding.

A website page is available at <https://www.sotoptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/whats-new/100-anniversary.html> There will also be a Facebook group formed soon.

PINS

Have you ordered your new pin yet? Maybe we can all combine our orders into one order. The cost of the S pins is \$15.

Remember to wear your pin and nametag to the meetings. It helps visitors and newer members put names and faces together. 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.

ANTI-TRAFFICKING NEWS

There's something about numbers that help us see the reality of what's happened. Here are some hopeful stats:

93 locations in our city each day now have their employees looking at the faces of the 8 missing kids from our area because of posters our group has distributed.

10 restrooms have stop sign pull offs in case someone needs help.

5/8 missing children found in Butler/Warren Counties; Montgomery County, 8/8.

A new round of posters planned for March.

As you see, we have a number of good activities going on. What a difference our numbers are making.

Jennie

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