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SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

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PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

Hello and Happy November! I hope that this finds you all safe and well. We would normally be celebrating the success of our Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon at this time but as we all know nothing is normal. Instead we are going to celebrate our members and club for taking on the new challenge and success of our Dream Luncheon Raffle. Thank you to all of you who have been selling your tickets.

Although this is not 100% reporting, it looks as though we have about 47 tickets to sell and we will be going online. We also have some PayPal activity so that is GREAT!

I am happy to say I was able to attend all of the virtual District Meeting and learn about a super way of communicating club business without email threads and where our information can remain safe for all to keep up with. It is called SLACK. Betty, Barb, and I used it during the meeting and it was super easy to use. I would like to get us all up to speed and try to use it to make our communication more efficient.

Speaking of the meeting, I was very inspired by the keynote speaker Rosa Beltré, Executive Director, Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence. Rosa is also a member

of SI Cleveland. Her passion and enthusiasm for not only that the State of Ohio will be free of sexual violence but that we seek equality and inclusivity for all women. This was definitely a highlight of the meeting for me and well worth having her present. Every club should have a Rosa! I will share more when we meet.

A few other important bits of information that came out of the meeting were some guidelines for virtual fundraising and ways to do virtual fundraising, also presentations are on line for all to view. There was also a good presentation about our online presence through our Facebook and Instagram. This is an opportunity for us to let our community know who we are and what we do.

Since we started out saying nothing is normal, as we all know, it looks like we will need to continue to meet through Zoom. Looking at the state as the positive numbers climb, and the thoughts of the members it is the best for all of us to stay safe. I miss seeing all of you, however, I don't feel that in person is worth the risk. With that said I do have a fun activity up my sleeve for the meeting.

See you soon through Zoom. Until then stay safe and well. And remember, If you can dream it, you can be it!

Please remember to check in with each other during these times.

Gayle



Dream Luncheon Raffle Rounding the Corner to Success!

We are just twenty tickets away from our goal of selling 250 and earning nearly \$7,000 in net revenue! The plan was to sell all tickets by December 15th, and we are blowing that target out of the water at the beginning of November! Hats off to our hard-working members for persevering during these challenging fundraising times. We developed and have implemented a promotion that is a win-win for all.

It is important that we recognize the special efforts that established a strong foundation for this year's fundraiser. Our webmaster, Edwin Toy, implemented the new look of our website, including the showcase of our raffle and the set-up of PayPal. While we have sold just 4 tickets to-date through PayPal, this credit card payment capability represents significant growth potential for our future fundraiser initiatives.

We are also positioned not only for increased fundraising revenue but also for greater community awareness of our club, through the efforts of Magda Rinder as our new social media chair. The opportunity presented by this new focus is limitless!

Tying all of this together is the outstanding effort put forth by Betty Huck to deliver all tickets for sale, pickup raffle stubs and money for all sold tickets and report up-to-the-minute sales results. During this period of remote meetings, her services have been invaluable!

Thanks again to all for rallying to this fundraising challenge. We are strongly

moving forward in our mission to help women and girls live their dreams!

Sue

CLUB GRANT

Our club received a check for \$2,000 as a grant from the Miriam G. Knoll Foundation to support our "Sweet Dreams of Home" bathroom basket project. Way to go, Ann!

HOPE HOUSE

Hope House Update: HANGERS ARE NEEDED. If you have any kind of hangers to donate, please call Ann or Beth to arrange for delivery/pickup. We have committed to provide 48 baskets over the next twelve months. Getting our supplies for the baskets is more challenging this year as many of the items we provide are from the Dollar Tree Store are in limited supply and/or on backorder.

Ann

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Let Elaine know if any info has changed for your listing—different job title, newly retired, new address, new phone number, etc.

CLUB CALENDAR

November 1—Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 3—Election Day
November 5—7:00 Zoom board meeting
November 11—Veterans' Day
November 12—7:00 Zoom monthly meeting
November 15—Live Your Dream applications due to club
November 26--Thanksgiving
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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

14 Gayle
20 Diane

CLUB ANNIVERSARY

1978 Ingrid

NOVEMBER RAFFLE

Elaine

NOVEMBER INSPIRATION

Diane

Sue volunteered for both the raffle and inspiration for December.

NOTE FROM TREASURER

Don't forget to send your \$16 meeting raffle check to me. This enters you in all monthly raffles held during our virtual or actual monthly meetings this year. Ann Munaf's address is 7194 Hetzler Road, Middletown 45042.

Don't forget to sign up for Kroger Community Rewards with SI Middletown as you designated charitable organization. If you need help signing up, I would be happy to help. Middletown Soroptimist will get a percent of sales quarterly. We received a check for \$31.68 in June and it looks like we only have 8 people signed up at this time. Sign up for community rewards

at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. and select Soroptimist International of Middletown, OH or LD932. You do need to use your Kroger card each time to capture your purchase.

A SEASON TO REMEMBER

A notice came to our PO Box announcing changes to Hospice Care of Middletown's tradition. In the past there was a candlelight chapel service and fellowship at Woodside in December. Stars and handmade ornaments were displayed on trees at Central Connections and in the Community Room at Woodside Cemetery and Arboretum. If you want to participate, handmade ornaments will be mailed as the orders come in and will be mailed to whomever you designate. The stars will also be ready to be picked up at the hospice office, 4418 Lewis St., Ste. B, between 8:30 and 5:00 Monday through Friday. The last day for pick up will be Dec. 23. All orders must be placed by Dec. 4. For a minimum donation of \$10, you receive both ornaments. Include this information with your check: your name and address, in memory of or in honor of, and the name and address of the person the acknowledgement should be mailed. Make checks payable to Hospice Care of Middletown and send to 4418 Lewis St., Ste. B, Middletown, Ohio 45044

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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