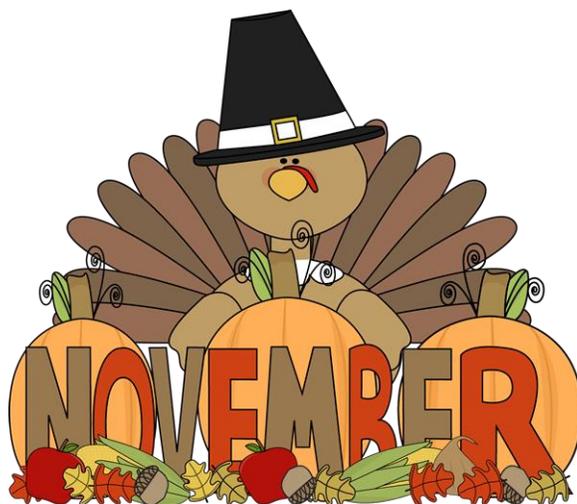




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NOVEMBER 2021



PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

November is such a wonderful month! It launches our Holiday season, a time of the year when we have so much to be thankful for. So I thought I would start out my newsletter with some of the things I am thankful for. There are the obvious things, my family, my health, friends, and being able to do some of the “normal” activities. But thanks and thankfulness goes beyond that.

I am so thankful that we have such a wonderful club and membership that have remained strong throughout this Covid Pandemic. You all have been a special support for each other.

I am especially thankful that we are able to welcome a New Member this month. Deb Peters joining our club officially, she has been a friend and supported Soroptimist through her Art contributions for a couple years! She will be a great asset to an already strong group of ladies.

Thank you to Betty Huck for her work on the "Bourbon Auction" bringing in \$500.00. Thanks also goes out to Magda Rinder for her contribution through her workplace! Way to Go.

Thanks to all the members for their work in selling Dream Raffle Tickets! You are awesome.

November is a busy month. We have an exciting meeting planned November 11. Our guest will be Lisa Rocklin , Women Writing for A Change:

Lisa Rocklin found her way to a Women Writing Saturday Sampler in 2006. From that first circle, it was wonderfully obvious that her writing voice had found a home. She is a 2015 graduate of the Conscious Feminine Leadership Academy and became a SoulCollage® facilitator in 2020. Lisa has a BA in English and an MA in Secondary Education from Northern Kentucky University, as well as a BA in International Affairs from the University of Cincinnati. Prior to joining the staff of Women Writing for (a) Change, Lisa spent 21 years as a high school English teacher. She credits her sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Patsy Cash Cole, with recognizing and encouraging her poetic tendencies. Helping young people cultivate their authentic selves through writing is a passion she pursues as a facilitator of teens' and young women's classes. She lives in Mt. Healthy with her husband Tony and dogs Daisy and Hazel.

Please remember our Veterans as we Celebrate them November 11. We owe so much to them for all they have given to keep us safe and free.

Some other things to remember in November are:

Daylight Savings Ends 11/7

World Kindness Day 11/13

Diabetes Awareness Day 11/14

American Education Week 15-19

Thanksgiving 11/25

So here is to being Thankful for many things, I hope as you read this it brings to mind what you are thankful for!

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Friendsgiving!

Board Meeting - Zoom

November 4, - 7:00 pm

General Meeting

November 11, - 6:00

Sue and Rick's - Horsepower Farm

CALENDAR

- November 2** Election Day
- November 4** 7:00 Zoom board meeting
- November 7** Daylight Savings Time ends
- November 11** Veterans Day
- November 11** 6:00 monthly meeting
- November 15** Form 990 due to IRS
- November 15** Live Your Dream Applications Due to Clubs
- November 25** Thanksgiving
- December 10** Human Rights Day – President's Appeal
- April 22-24** Spring Conference at Hilton Fairlawn in Akron, OH

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 14 Gayle
20 Diane

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 1978 Ingrid

NOVEMBER RAFFLE

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NOVEMBER INSPIRATION

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DREAM LUNCHEON RAFFLE

All checks and cash for 162 of the 250 Dream Raffle tickets have been turned in to Ann to be deposited. So we still have 88 tickets to turn money in for - hopefully you all have sold those tickets!!!!

Please bring your sold Dream Raffle tickets and checks to the November 11 meeting. If you are not going to be at the meeting, please let me know and I will pick up any sold tickets sometime during the week before the meeting - November 8-10. I'd like to get checks turned into Ann to deposit and get any cash safely in the bank. I can pick up tickets anytime Monday after 1:00, Tuesday after 1:00, or Wednesday between 1:00 and 4:00.

Even if you are going to be at the meeting, if you have a bunch of sold tickets and would like to get rid of them before the meeting, let me know and I can pick them up on one of those days or even the week of November 1-5. Let me know and we can figure something out. If I get the tickets and money from you by November 10 I can give the the funds to Ann to deposit at our meeting.

Please bring any tickets you don't think you will sell to the November 11 meeting. You still have a couple months to try to sell them so if you think you will sell them please keep them until the December meeting. If

you are out of tickets and need some to sell, let me know as soon as possible and I'll coordinate who has tickets to get to you.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.
Betty

SLAVERY TODAY

There are an estimated 21 million to 45 million people trapped in some form of slavery today. The most common forms are: Domestic servitude; Sex Trafficking; Forced Labor; Bonded Labor (work to repay supposed loan); Child Labor; and Forced Marriage.

Some ways you can do to end slavery:

1. Put the National Trafficking Hotline number in your phone. 1-888-373-7888
2. Did you know your coffee beans could be harvested by slaves? A Fair Trade label ensures a slave-free product. Download the Slave Free Buying Guide at endslaverynow.org to find Fair Trade coffee and other products.
3. See how slavery today is not unlike chattel slavery in the 1800's. Watch Journey to Freedom. Endslaverynow.org/journeytofreedom.

All information taken from the endslaverynow.org website, a product of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. This 30+ minute video is definitely worth the time needed to watch.

Jennie

DONATIONS

Thank you to members Betty and Magda for securing donations to our club.

Magda works for United Health Care, and the company donates money to a charitable group to reward the employee after so many volunteer hours. Magda asked for her contribution to go to our club.

Betty's nephew works at Bourbon Party Town in Florence. They offer a bottle of bourbon to non-profits to be used for fundraising. Our club applied and was chosen to receive a bottle. Before we could decide how to promote it, someone offered to buy it for a sizeable amount. Problem solved, so we didn't need to come up with another raffle or another idea.

Thanks, ladies, for adding to our treasury so we can increase the amounts and/or number of our awards.

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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