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JUNE 2022



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June is here! Reflecting back on the year, we have had a very good year. Our Dream Raffle was once again successful, and we have had the awesome opportunity to have a second raffle which is our Bourbon Raffle, and it is still in progress.

Our Scholarship and Awards Night was an amazing evening of celebration for our recipients and their families. Our winners were such a wonderful group of young women with great futures ahead.

We have been able to meet on and off in person for a good part of the year and look forward to next year being all in person.

Because of our successful fundraising, we were able to connect with several

organizations and help them with some of their needs.

In April we were able to celebrate Mary's 101 birthday! What a celebration it was.

I would say we have reason to celebrate! We will celebrate in June with the installation of officers for 2022-23. We will also have our Budget recommendations ready for next year. I will be sending to you Serving Interests along with the Agenda, Minutes and Treasurer's Report. Please bring them with you to the meeting so we can get our committees formed and get working on next year soon. Think about doing something new, co-chair a committee with your bestie.

Please remember to rsvp as soon as possible so we can get our meal reservations in on time.

As we go into the summer months it is especially important to stay connected to each other. If you know someone is down, or ill connect with them. Let myself or Deb Peters (next year's corresponding secretary) know.

Don't forget to keep selling the Bourbon Tickets and bring you money and stubs to the June meeting. The drawing will be July 4th at Horsepower Farm.

Dream raffle winners for May:

Imogene Orts

Jenny Tadych

Marj Millenor

Krystiana Peterson

"Live, and be happy, and make others so." Mary Shelley

See you soon.

Gayle

DUES

Dues for 2022-2023 Club Year

Dues will remain at \$150 for regular members and for new members joining anytime between July 1 and December 31, 2022. Please bring your payment to the June 9th club meeting. For those members who will not be in attendance,

please mail your check to me for delivery no later than 6/15/22. For your convenience, my address is 6548 Liberty Ridge Drive, Liberty Township, OH 45011.

90% of the dues paid by regular members is divided between the Federation, Midwestern Region and our District. The percentage is higher for new members. As a club, we have benefitted with some of these dollars coming back to us in the form of scholarship awards for our applicants. Thanks for helping meet the 6/30/22 deadline for submitting our club dues.

Sue Willis

CALENDAR

June 2 7:00 Zoom Board Meeting

June 9 General Meeting
Horsepower Farm

June Raffle and Inspiration: Magda

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

23 Jo

24 Sue

27 Judy

JULY BIRTHDAYS

19 Ginger
27 Elaine
29 Ann

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

None

JUNE CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Gayle 2015
Mary 1958

JULY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Ginger 1997
Elaine 2012
Pam 2010 (second time)
Ann 1993

SLATE OF OFFICERS

The following officers will be installed in June:

President: Gayle Martz
Vice-President: Beth Miller
Treasurer: Sue Willis
Recording Secretary: Elaine Garver
Corresponding Secretary: Deb Peters
2-year board member: Jennie Webb
1-year board member: Jo Ashworth

GREAT NEWS

Here is a feel-good story to bring the good work we do a little closer to home. Our Midwestern Region Live Your Dream awardee advanced to the Federation level judging and was chosen as one of three finalists. Midwestern Region is so proud! That means she was awarded \$3000 from the Grosse Pointe, MI club, \$5000 at the Region level, and \$10,000 at the international level. Nealmetria Loper lives in Detroit, is the single mother of four children, and works 35 hours a week.

Her ultimate career goal is to become a certified Social Worker. She is an abuse survivor and wants to help women and children who are suffering through traumas. She is completing her GED and then will continue working on her Associates degree through the Michigan Reconnect Program. Then she plans to begin classes at Henry Ford Community College in January to become a certified Community Health Worker. She currently works as a Family Health Advocate. She founded an LLC called "An A.N.G.E.L.is here." ANGEL stands for Advocating, Nurturing, Guiding & Empowering Lives. She organizes donation drives for mother in need (laundry detergent, books, spa kits, basic hygiene, back-to-school backpacks).

She attended Spring Conference and spoke at the Awards Luncheon and had everyone in tears.

Soroptimist is really helping her to Live Her Dream!

COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Kroger and Gordon Food Services both offer a Community Rewards Program for non-profits. .Maybe other stores do, too. If a member signs up and names an organization, that organization receives a donation after each purchase. It's not a large amount, but every little bit helps, and we need to think of some ways to increase our operating budget.

Visit <http://www.kroger.com> . Once logged in to your account, search for Soroptimist International of Middletown, OH by name or click LD932 and then click Enroll.

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