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SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

SEPTEMBER 2022



End of Summer/September News

As I sit looking out my window this morning I am seeing the school buses as one by one they are picking up children for the start of the school year. The end of summer is here and preparation for our Soroptimist 2022-23 year has begun.

I hope that everyone has had a restful, fun, and productive summer. I know I have enjoyed my time as well as been busy putting things in motion to start our year off right. It is wonderful to know that we will be meeting in person. There is a lot to share with you even before we meet as a club. The board has met as well as our Ways and Means chairs and there is much to tell.

The board met and I want to share with you some new approaches we have to our meeting.

*We will continue to have dinner meetings and they will be catered.

*Dessert will be included so there will be no need to have our members supply monthly desserts.

*When you R.S.V.P. for the meeting each month you will have the option to respond Dinner and Meeting or Meeting only. We will continue to have social time at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30. You do not need to have dinner to join us for social time or sit with us at dinner and enjoy each other's company.

*Meeting programs are set for September thru December.

*The Audit was done, and no corrections or suggestions were needed.

*A couple of fundraising options were discussed:

Continue Dream Raffle

Bourbon Demo/seminar for an in-person event

HundredX- Much more to come on this

Possibility of a Spring Event

*Discussed doing Member Spotlights each month since we have 2 new members, Deb and June. It is a great way to get our stories out.

The Live Your Dream portal is open. Please spread the information to any women or girls you feel would be candidates. The Portal closes November 15.

Betty and I attended the Virtual SIA Convention which was held in Japan this July. It was a learning opportunity for me as I was a delegate and learned so much about the formality of the procedures and the voting. We also had the opportunity to hear Malala Yousafzai as the Key Note Speaker. Malala is a Pakistani activist for female education and the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize laureate awarded when she was 17. She is the world's youngest Nobel Prize laureate. She was delightful, personable, and insightful. Her focus on women's rights, especially in education, is aligned and supports our Soroptimist Big Goal Program of educating ½ a million women and girls around the world.

Our first meeting is approaching fast. It will be September 8. It will be a working meeting which is a great opportunity to get our committees up and running. The focus will be on Ways and Means, Membership, and Programs going forward.

Can't wait! See you all in September.

Gayle

Meeting Dates 2022-23

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Raffle</u>	<u>Inspiration</u>
Sept 8	Working Committees	Diane	Diane
Oct 13	Women's Health	Deb	Deb
	Karen Kier - Speaker		
Nov 10	Holiday Card Workshop	Beth	Beth
	Jo Ashworth		
Dec 8	Holiday Event	Sue	Sue
	Willis Home		
Jan 12	TBD	Gayle	Gayle
Feb 9	TBD	Betty	
Mar 9	TBD	Mary	Mary
April 11	TBD	Jo	Jo
May 11	Awards?		
June 6	TBD		

August / September Birthdays:

None

SEPTEMBER CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Barb 1988

Jo 1988

Judy 1988

Betty 2001 transferred from Cincy club

Midwestern Region 2022-23 Calendar

July 22-23 SIA Convention, Virtual

August 1 Live Your Dream Award Online Portal Opens

October 14-15 District I & III Meeting at Hilton Garden Inn, Benton Harbor, MI

October 28-29 District II & IV Meeting at Courtyard by Marriott, Springfield, OH

November 15 Form 990 due to IRS

November 15 Live Your Dream Applications Due to Clubs

(Application deadline for club level awards)

December 2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

December 10 Human Rights Day – President’s Appeal

2023

January 6-8 MWR Board Meeting – TBD

January 11 National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness in the US

January 15 Virginia Wagner Award Applications due to Clubs

(Application deadline for club level awards)

February 1 Live Your Dream Award District-level judging deadline

Club Live Your Dream Report due to District Director

February 15 Live Your Dream Award Region-level judging deadline

Region LYD Winner info due to both SIA and Treasurer Linda Alpers by Region Chair

February 15 Virginia Wagner Club Award winners due to District Director

March 1 Soroptimist Club Grant applications due at SI HQ

March 8 International Women’s Day

March 8 Virginia Wagner District Winners due to Region Chair

March 15 Award Report due from District Directors to Governor-Elect Audrey Jarvey

March 15 Live Your Dream Award Federation-level judging deadline.

March 31 Region Virginia Wagner Award Winners names to Region Treasurer Linda Alpers by Region Chair

March 31 Club Activity Report due to Governor Christine Fowler-Shearer

March 31 Outstanding Soroptimist Form due to Region Secretary Sheila Zingler-Gilbert

April 20 - 21 MWR Board Meeting Kensington Hotel, Ann Arbor, MI

April 21 - 23 2023 MWR Spring Conference Kensington Hotel, Ann Arbor, MI

May 31 Club Giving and Founders Pennies contributions to SIA for 2022 recognition

June 1 Dream It, Be It Online Club Reporting due to SIA

June 23-25 MWR Board Meeting

July 1 Club Celebrating Success forms due to Missie Austin

July 27-29 SI Convention, Dublin, Ireland

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