

**SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN**

**DECEMBER 2023**



**PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE**

Happy December! The joyful holiday season is approaching and for most of us it is time to find the right gifts and words for our friends and loved ones. It is a time of lights, decorations and traditions. Gatherings, parties, and shared meals are much a part of the season. However, Christmas is more than a season; it's a feeling and a state of mind. For most of us, it is the most wonderful time of the year, the beauty lies in our hearts. However, for some, it is a difficult time of the year. Remember if you know someone who is struggling this year, reach out with a call, a text, or maybe a visit.

Looking forward to celebrating the season Dec 14th at the Willis' Home. We will have a wonderful meal prepared by Chef Rick and an Open auction with proceeds going towards our operating fund. Please remember to invite a partner, friend, or relative. We will be drawing our Bourbon Raffle which was very successful. Congratulations all on a great job.

We have sent out our Community Partner donation letters. Waiting and looking forward to responses.

There will not be a board meeting in December.

Going forward, our January meeting will be working on our HundredX campaign.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Holidays,

**Gayle**



## Recipe

### Scotch Scones

#### Ingredients:

2 Cups Flour

1 Tbsp sugar

1 tsp Baking Soda

1 tsp Cream of Tartar

½ tsp salt

1 walnut sized lump Lard (yes lard is key)

1 walnut sized lump butter

Buttermilk enough to create a soft dough

Mix together flour, sugar, baking soda.

Add in Cream of tartar and salt.

Cut in lard and butter

Add buttermilk until dough is moist

Roll out until the dough is ½ inch thick and round.

Cut into triangles and cook on an ungreased griddle until golden.

This is my grandmother's recipe that I use only I put them into the oven 400 degrees until light golden

Gayle



### “We’re Cooking Up a Merry Christmas Celebration”

Rick and I are busy preparing for the Soroptimist International of Middletown Club’s annual celebration of the holiday season at our home on Thursday, December 14, beginning at 6 p.m. Members are welcome to bring a guest. We’ll start with appetizers prepared by the Board and drinks including beer, wine, soft drinks and water. Mingle and checkout this year’s Christmas decorations which I work hard to change up from previous displays.

Chef Rick has planned the following menu for our Christmas buffet:

- ❖ Smoked Chicken Breast with Raspberry Sauce
- ❖ Angel Hair Pasta with Shrimp in a Cream Sauce
- ❖ Asparagus with Mushrooms
- ❖ Dessert – he’s leaving this as a surprise!

Dinner price remains at \$20, and Dee will need your RSVP by Friday, 8<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a monthly raffle prize on display at \$2 per ticket.

Gayle Martz' husband, Rick, has volunteered to serve as our auctioneer so bring your unwrapped item (minimum value of \$25) along with lots of cash or checks! 😊 You're bound to find some great gifts – even for yourself.

As if you need any further incentive to join us, we will also be drawing the three winning tickets for our Drinks for Dreams Bourbon Raffle! The winners may even be in attendance!

We are located at 6548 Liberty Ridge Dr., Liberty Township, and luckily all of the construction detours are gone! There will be space in our driveway for those who require disabled parking and plenty of on-street spaces.

We wish all of you a healthy holiday season and are looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

Sue Willis

## **BETTY'S BITS**

**Reply inline to a Message Quickly. Inline replies quote the message you're responding to.**

In any iMessage conversation, swipe right on a message bubble (or image) that you would like to reply to, and a reply window will open.

Simply type your reply and hit send as you would with any other text message.

To return to the main conversation, tap the blurred background.

This is much quicker than tapping and holding the bubble, and then tapping Reply.

The "old" way of Replying (and can still be used) is the following.


Hold down on the message bubble you want to respond to until it "raises up".

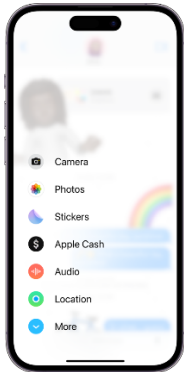
You can send a heart, thumbs up or down, "Ha. Ha", "!!" or "?".

Or you can use the Reply, Copy, Translate, Speak and More (select messages to delete or send) commands.

## iMessage Apps in Messages

Open the Messages app  on your iPhone.


Start a new message or open a conversation, then tap .



You will get this blurry screen with iMessage Apps that you can select.

For example –

- Tap on Photos to attach a photo from your Recent Photo Album
- Tap on Audio and record a message and send it
- Tap on Location to share your location in the message.
- Tap on More to display additional apps to use –
  - Memoji, Bitmoji, Music, Fly Delta, Google Maps, YouTube, and many more.

After making your selection press the blue  send button

## CALENDAR

**December 7** No Board Meeting

**December 14** 6:00 p.m.  
meeting/Christmas Party at Sue's

**December 10** Human Rights Day –  
President's Appeal

**January 15** deadline for Virginia  
Wagner Award

**March 1** deadline for Miami University  
Scholarship

**April 19-21** Spring Conference  
Fond du Lac, WI

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

28 Dee

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

2017 Marti

1998 Dee

1998 Beth

2018 Jennie

## DECEMBER RAFFLE

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## DECEMBER INSPIRATION

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