

SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

MARCH 2023





PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

Well March has definitely come in like a lion! Hopefully it goes out like a lamb. By the time you get this we will have finished our HUNDREDX and the final figures will be to us sometime in March. A BIG thank you to everyone for your hard work on this. Once we have the results we will need to come to a decision as a club how we want to proceed with our fundraising.

I am looking forward to our March 9th meeting. We will have Kami Barns from Hope House and she will be speaking about the success of our basket program and possibly how we can do some more with the ladies at the shelter.

Going forward April will be our Awards Night. It will be wonderful to meet the ladies that we are helping.

March is also an important month for women. We celebrate Women in History Month. The theme for Women's History Month in March 2023 is '**Celebrating Women Who Tell Stories**.' This theme honors and recognizes the important role that women have played in storytelling throughout history. Some ways you could learn more and celebrate are:

- 1. Watch a documentary about women's rights. ...
- 2. Read books about women's rights...
- 3. Learn some Women's History Month stories. ...
- 4. Learn more about the history of women's health.

We also celebrate the wearing of the Green March 17!

I also want to send a Very Happy Birthday to Mary, 102 on March 13! And to the rest of our members who celebrate in March, a very busy month. Possibly we could write our own stories.

BethMarch 2MartiMarch 7PamMarch 11IngridMarch 13MaryMarch 13

Jennie March 16

Call to Conference: Great opportunity for members to see what other clubs are doing. Get some fresh ideas:

Midwestern Region Spring Conference will be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan April 21-23, 2023.

A few changes to note this year:

•Deadline dates are not all the same...the hotel reservation deadline is **MARCH 30, 2023** and the registration deadline is **MARCH 31, 2023**.

I will email the call to you so you may see what will be going on. Some of you may remember I forwarded it a while back, but I will resend it.

Please let Sue and me know before the deadlines if you want to go this year so Sue can get the forms in on time.

Gayle

MARCH INSPIRATION & RAFFLE

Mary

CALENDAR

March is Women's History Month

- March 1—Miami University scholarship applications due to club
- March 2—7:00 Zoom update on fundraiser
- March 8—International Women's Day
- March 9—club meeting
- March 12—Daylight Savings Time starts
- March 17—St. Patrick's Day
- March 30—deadline to make hotel reservations for Spring Conference
- March 31—deadline to register for Spring Conference
- March 31—Governor's Club Award form due to Gov. Christine
- April 13—club meeting at the Farm
- April 21-23—Spring Conference

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

We plan to spotlight members in the newsletter again. We can collect those spotlights in a binder so newer members (and all members) can learn a little about us. Several from the past have been saved, so interview sheets will be sent to those who haven't filled one out. If you are comfortable writing, you may write your own. Otherwise, just return the questionnaire, and one will be written about you.



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