



SOROPTIMIST
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**SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN
SEPTEMBER 2023**



Welcome Back!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer enjoying time with families and friends and you are ready for the coming year.

I don't believe how time flies. It seems like we were just ending our year and now it is September, and we are ready to begin another exciting chapter.

Our big news from our summer is that the Ways and Means Committee has been working hard to bring options to the table at our September meeting and get into high gear. Some of the ideas will be new and different!

The Live Your Dream portal is open. Please spread the information to any women or girls you feel would be candidates. Exciting news, we already have applicants!! The portal closes November 15.

Something to consider is the District Meeting is approaching fast; it is October 13-14. Mission Possible Training/District II and IV Meeting is at Doubletree, Newark, Ohio. It is a great time to meet new friends and share and receive ideas!!!

Our September meeting is approaching fast. We will finalize our fundraising and programs. Please bring creative ideas for our meeting programs. What would you as a membership like to see for October and November?

We will continue to meet at the Willis' farm for food, fellowship, and fun!

Please keep Jennie and Judy in your thoughts and prayers as they heal.

See you soon!

Gayle

Meeting Dates 2023-24

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Raffle</u>	<u>Inspiration</u>
Sept 14	Working Committees/SOLT	Diane	Diane
Oct 12	TBD	Elaine	Elaine
Nov 9	TBD	Gayle	Gayle
Dec 14	Holiday Event Willis Home	Sue	Sue
Jan 11	TBD	Pat	Barb
Feb 8	TBD	Deb	Deb
Mar 14	TBD	Pam	Mary
April 11	TBD	Jo	Jo
May 9	Awards	Barb	Jennie
June 13	Installation	Ann	Ann

Board Meeting

Our September board meeting will be September 7 and we will meet at Moeller Brew Barn at 6:30.

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MIDWESTERN REGION 2023-2024 CALENDAR

2023

July 1 Club Celebrating Success Entries due to Missie Austin
July 1 Club Dues to SIA HQ with Club Officer Information
July 1 2023-2024 Member & Club Dues to MWR with Club Officer Info
July 27-29 SI Convention, Dublin, Ireland
August 1 Live Your Dream Award Online Portal Opens
October 3 Soroptimist Founders Day
October 13-14 Mission Possible Training/District II & IV Meeting at Doubletree, Newark, Ohio
October 27-28 Mission Possible Training/District I & III Meeting at Essenhaus, Middlebury, Indiana
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

2024

January 12-14 MWR Board Meeting, Essenhaus, Middlebury, Indiana
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 & 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 1 Region 100X Fundraiser
April 18-19 MWR Board Meeting Radisson Hotel, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
April 19 - 21 2024 MWR Spring Conference Radisson Hotel, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
May 31 Club Giving and Founders Pennies contributions to SIA for 2023 recognition
June 1 Dream It, Be It Online Club Reporting due to SIA
June 28-30 MWR Board Meeting
July 1 Club Celebrating Success forms due to Christine Shearer, Past Governor
July 24-27 SIA Convention, Bellevue, Washington

Betty's Bits

My favorite Bit is using "Find My" on your iPhone or iPad. Some people see this as invading someone's privacy, but you give permission for this. I see it as safety for you and your loved ones as well as a tool to find things that you've misplaced or lost. If you share your location with someone they can know where you are if they have not been able to contact you – perhaps you were in a car accident or fell and were not able to get to your phone. It's a great tool if you are meeting someone and you can check to see how far out they are. (You can always turn off the sharing.)

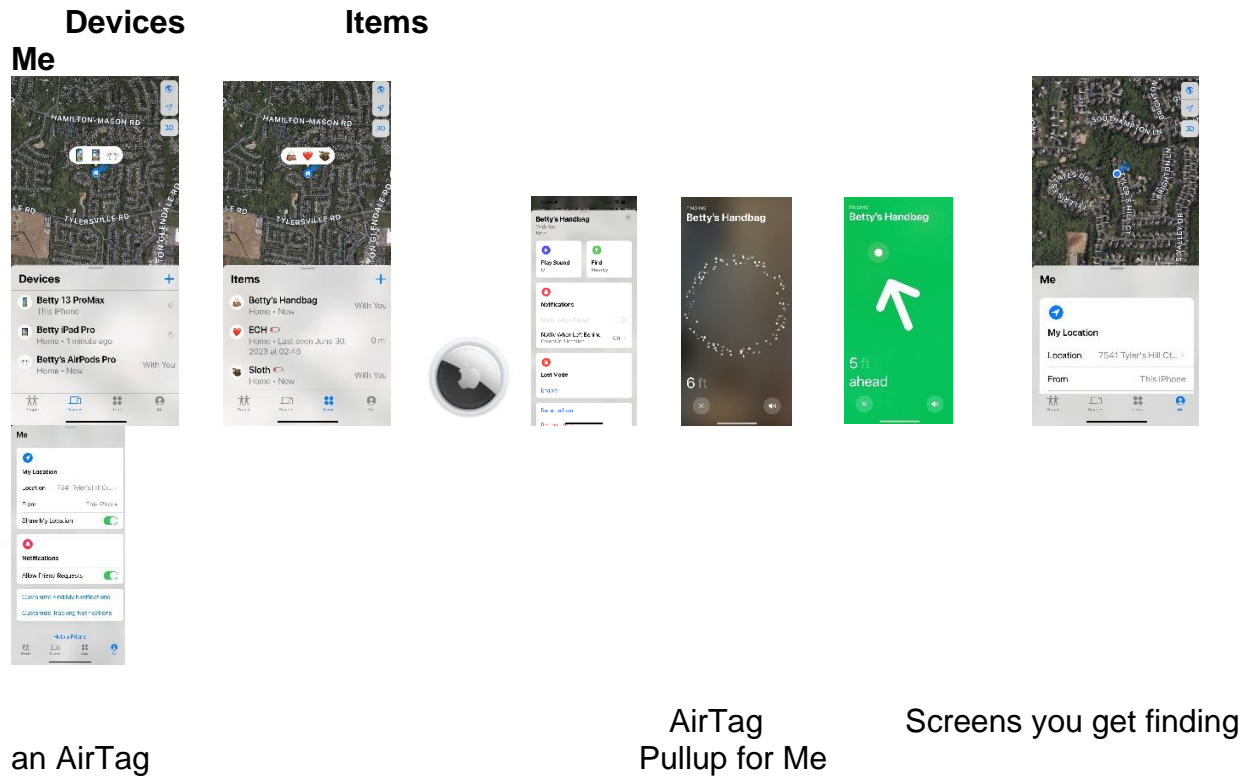
You can find your other Apple devices if you forgot where you put them. You can attach an AirTag to non-Apple items that you want to make sure you know where they are – camera, backpack, briefcase, etc. - and your phone will give you directions to find them.

Search for Find My and you will pull up the App that looks like this -
When you open the App, across the bottom you will see these Selections



From here you find four different things –
People (who have given you permission to track them),
Devices (your Apple items – iPhone, iPad, AirPods, Apple Watch, etc),
Items (things you have put an AirTag on or in- \$29),
Me (where you are, in case you don't know)

I won't show what locating People looks like for security reasons, but the following shows the other items –



People, Devices, Items, and Me will all display on the map. Tap on a particular choice in any of the first three and it will take you to a more detailed map position. Tap on an Item using an AirTag and you will get a screen to have the AirTag Play a Sound or to Find it if it is Nearby. The black screen with the circle of white dots shows that the AirTag is within range and the green screen appears when you are close with an arrow that will direct you to the Item with the AirTag and tell how far away you are.

Under People, Devices and Items you will see a Plus Sign and when you tap on it you will get to select from the following:

- Share My Location – tap on this and you can identify someone to share you current location for One Hour, Until End of Day, or Share Indefinitely
- Add MagSafe Accessory – this if you have a MagSafe Accessory
- Add Air Tag – this is to add an AirTag that you can attach to an item to find. You purchase these from Apple - \$29 - or other places like Amazon
- Add Other Item – this is to add other items that may be available to link to the iPhone/iPad

TRAFFICKING

Thank you all of you who've sent me messages of good wishes. And to those of you I've meant to talk to, my prayers have been with you.

As far as trafficking goes, I'll see what Susan Gruenberg says about the timing of the fall poster. We'll get it done if possible. Changes to our system of distribution and other ideas will wait until we can meet later in the fall.

Meanwhile, here's an interesting fact about the problem we're trying to fight:

"Estimates suggest that, internationally, only about .04% survivors of human trafficking cases are identified, meaning that the vast majority of cases of human trafficking go undetected ". Do something.org

Let's get shining some light!
Jennie

