

SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

DECEMBER 2024



PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

Happy December!

The joyful holiday season is approaching. It is time to find the right gifts to put under the tree and watch to see the delight in our loved ones' eyes. 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 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. The smallest act of kindness can make this the best Christmas ever!

I'm looking forward to celebrating the season Dec 12th at the Willis' home. We will have a wonderful meal prepared by Chef Rick and a Blind Auction of a wrapped item of \$30 value, including 2 clues to help the bidder. Proceeds from the auction go towards our operating fund.

Please remember to invite a partner, friend, or relative.

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

THE NIGHT BEFORE THE SOROPTIMIST CHRISTMAS PARTY

'Twas the Night Before the Soroptimist Christmas Party, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a cat dreaming of a mouse; The decorations were placed throughout the house with care, in anticipation that the members and guests would soon be there.

Decorating out on the lawn created such a clatter, that the neighbors came out to see what was the matter. They opened their shutters and threw up the sash to see to see the beautiful Christmas holiday flash.

The morning sun shining on the new-fallen snow gave a luster to the Liberty Ridge Drive neighborhood below, when, what to our wondering eyes should appear, but an Amazon truck with the rest of the ordered holiday cheer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, he was greeted by my husband Rick. More rapid than eagles Rick's gourmet meal courses came, and he proudly gave each his special name.

As the busy day flew, Rick and Sue completed the final party preparations with the help of our house cleaner, Marleni, too.

And then, in a twinkling, we heard at the door the gathering of members gathering on the porch and around. We drew open the door, and all entered for a fun time bound.

All were dressed with holiday flair from head to foot, and came bearing a variety of live auction items to boot; They were invited to enjoy drinks on the bar in back along with some appetizers as a pre-dinner snack.

During the delicious dinner all eyes twinkled and smiles were merry, and there were lively conversations that by table would vary. Then the live auction was announced with a bow, and everyone assembled to watch the bidding on the wrapped packages; the contents of which only the donors would know.

The live auction was successfully run with skills resembling a jolly old elf, and winning bidders oohed and awed as each prize revealed itself.

As the festivities closed, all sprang to gather their things and left with the happiness a Christmas Party brings. As they drove out of sight, all heard a sound from above "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD-NIGHT"!

ON THAT HAPPY NOTE, please arrive at the Willis home, 6548 Liberty Ridge Dr., Liberty Township, OH 45011, at 6 p.m. The price for dinner and drinks is \$25. Drinks and appetizers, prepared by the board members, will be served prior to dinner. Bring your wrapped live auction package valued at \$30, tagged with two clues for the bidder. Rick and I look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, December 12th!

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to volunteer to help at a Christmas party at Mt. Pleasant? See Sue.

CALENDAR

December 5 No Board Meeting

December 7 Cars & Coffee 8-5
Bourbon ticket selling at Horsepower Farm

December 12 6:00 p.m.
meeting/Christmas Party at Sue's

December 21—Bourbon Raffle drawing

January 2 Board Meeting TBD

January 9 General Meeting, Mt. Pleasant Souper Night (chef to make soup)

January 15 VWA deadline

February 6 Board Meeting TBD

February 13 General Meeting "Have a Heart" speaker

February Fundraiser Hundred X

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

28 Dee

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

1998 Dee
1998 Beth
2018 Jennie

DECEMBER RAFFLE

Sue

DECEMBER INSPIRATION

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A Christmas Prayer

*May the blessing of joy abide within you;
May the blessing of peace rest upon you;
May the blessing of love flow out through
you; May all the blessings of the Lord be
yours at Christmas and in the new year.*



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