



SOROPTIMIST  
Best for Women

## SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

JUNE 2024



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The end of a year is near as is the beginning of a new one! We welcome summer and all the fun times that we can have. We can look forward to warm and sunny days, vacations, and plenty of family time.

As I write this, I'm still working one handed and thank you to all who reached out with well wishes. Hopefully I will get some good news at my 3-week visit!

I want to thank all our members for the work they have done this year to make it a successful year and allow us to give out 6 Scholarships and Awards. I know we have enriched the lives of very deserving women so they may follow their dreams.



The June Board Meeting will be to review the proposed budget and make a recommendation to the club.

Please come and enjoy our June Meeting, June 13th. We will have a Garden Party with the installation of Officers and Board and time to celebrate summer. Our committees for next year will be assigned, and we will have time for them to meet and begin the planning process.

Dues for next year have been sent out and we can be thankful we will not see a raise for our members. Please make sure you get your checks to Sue.

Betty and I had the opportunity to attend the Sip for Survivors Tea Party. It was a great experience to see what the Sidewalk Soldiers are doing to help the survivors of trafficking and to see how we can possibly support them as part of our Trafficking Program.

See you Soon!

*Gayle*

Gayle and I attended the "Sip for Survivors" Ladies Tea Party fundraiser for Sidewalk Soldiers on May 18 – the organization Ashley came and spoke to us about a couple months ago. During the presentation they mentioned that when they go out into the community to reach out to the ladies, they give them purses with items that they need, as might be listed below. I thought that our members might think about items you might have in your own closets or drawers that you are no longer using and might pass on to Sidewalk Soldiers. My friend Julie has been in contact with Ashley and says they can use purses, shoes, or other items. I'm sure we all have items in our homes that we no longer need and would benefit the ladies that Sidewalk Soldiers administer to.

They list a phone number 937-949-1524 to arrange pick up or drop off. And Julie has offered to take items that we may pull together up to their Dayton location. If you have specific questions on what they will accept you can contact them directly at this number.

This list is what they currently have on their website <https://sidewalksoldiers.net> as their Wish List. It says they also accept gently used household items for their Milestones Ministry.

I'm also happy to see that they are listed as a 501 (c) (3) with EIN 38-4074788

### Administrative Needs

Stamps                      Envelopes  
Copy Paper                Pens

### Outreach Needs

Tampons                      Wipes  
Ibuprofen/Tylenol        Deodorant  
Hand Sanitizer              Band-Aids  
Reusable Water Bottles   Snacks

### Recovery / Starter Kits

Pillows                      Wash Cloths  
Full Size Body Wash       Body Lotion  
Full Size Shampoo/Conditioner  
Toothpaste                      Denture Cream

### The Safe Haven Drop-in Center

Gas Cards      Walmart Gift Cards    Kroger Gift Cards  
Coffee      Sugar      Creamer  
Socks      Journals

I hope you all will consider supporting Sidewalk Soldiers in whatever manner you are able – contributing items from your downsizing, donations directly to the organization whether monetary or in-kind, attending fundraisers in the future, or developing possible partnership/support with the organization. Ideas can be shared with other members of our Club.

Betty

## SLATE OF OFFICERS

The following officers will be installed in June. Our outgoing District II Director and incoming Governor-Elect Ruth Waggoner and outgoing District II Secretary and incoming District II Director Laura Ferguson will do the Installation of officers.

President: Gayle Martz  
Vice-President: Beth Miller  
Treasurer: Sue Willis  
Recording Secretary: Pat Betts  
Corresponding Secretary: Deb Peters  
2-year board member: Betty Huck  
1-year board member: Barb Flory

## DUES

Dues for 2024-2025 Club Year

Dues will remain at \$150 for regular members and for new members joining anytime between July 1 and December 31, 2022. Please bring your payment to the June 13<sup>th</sup> club meeting. For those members who will not be in attendance, please mail your check to Sue for delivery no later than 6/15/24. For your convenience, her address is 6548 Liberty Ridge Drive, Liberty Township, OH 45011.

A separate check for dues would be appreciated.

Sue

## COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Kroger and Gordon Food Services both offer a Community Rewards Program for non-profits. Maybe other stores do, too. If a member signs up and names an organization, that organization receives a donation after each purchase. It's not a large amount, but every little bit helps, and we need to think of some ways to increase our operating budget.

Visit <http://www.kroger.com> . Once logged in to your account, search for Soroptimist International of Middletown, OH by name or click LD932 and then click Enroll.

## RAFFLE & INSPIRATION

Betty

## CALENDAR

June 6 7:00 Board Meeting

June 12 & 13 Leadership Roundtable  
7-9 p.m. EDT

June 13 General Meeting Come at  
5:30

June 22 Comedy Night at the Sorg  
Presented by WEL 8:00pm

June 27 Fun outing to Liberty Center –  
Sapphire Express Concert 6-9 p.m.

October 18-19 District Meeting in  
Findlay

April 25-27, 2025 Midwestern Spring  
Conference in Lafayette, IN

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

3 June  
23 Jo  
24 Sue  
27 Judy

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### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

19 Ginger  
27 Elaine  
29 Ann



### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

None

### **JUNE CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

June 2022  
Gayle 2015  
Mary 1958

### **JULY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

Ginger 1997  
Elaine 2012  
Pam 2010 (second time)  
Ann 1993