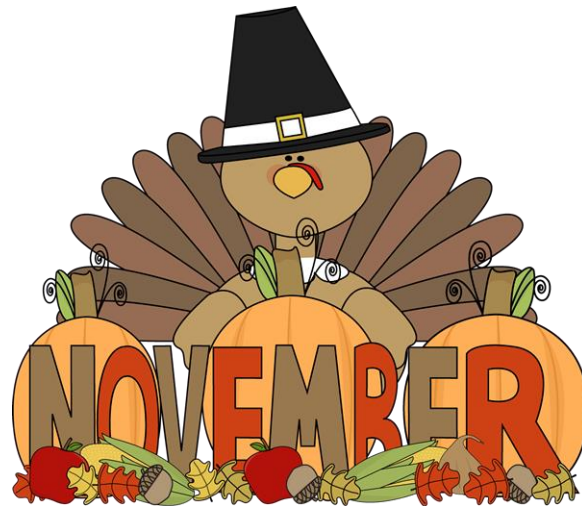




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NOVEMBER 2024



PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

When I think of November it is an official autumn farewell – the golden season ends and winter vibes start to trickle in. The last month of fall is one of the best periods of the year. That's why I think of it as a wonderful time of the year. It is the prelude to our winter holidays, shopping, sharing meals and spending time with family and friends but most important a time to give thanks and be grateful.

Have you ever thought that there is a difference between gratitude and thanksgiving? There actually is. Gratitude is a feeling whereas thanksgiving is more of an action. If someone does something for me, I can feel grateful. My offering of thanks to that person is an action. One can feel gratitude without thanksgiving. One cannot feel thankful without feeling grateful. Thanksgiving is gratitude in action.

As we enter this time of the year, we need to be thankful for each other and the wonderful things our club has accomplished over the year--the awards and scholarships we have been able to give as a result of our hard work and fundraising.

We need to be thankful that we have been able to meet each month in person and share friendship, fellowship and our meal.

If those are not enough reasons to be thankful, look at what November has to offer us. Check these out:

- November is American Diabetes Month
- Thanksgiving – fourth Thursday in November
- Veterans Day – November 11th
- U.S. General Election Day – Tuesday following the first Monday in November
- Chemistry Week – first week of November
- Game and Puzzle Week – third week of November
- Book Lovers Day – first Saturday of November
- Young Readers Day – second Tuesday of November
- Pumpkin Destruction Day – first Saturday after Halloween
- Child Safety Protection Month
- National Adoption Awareness Month
- National Novel Writing Month
- Native American Heritage Month
- Peanut Butter Lovers Month
- Military Family Month
- Movember-(for the men)

So, throughout the month let each of us give thanks because we all have reason to be thankful and grateful. Too often we get caught up in the hustle and bustle of everyday life and forget to thank those around us that make our lives better. Take a moment to make a list and call, email, or send a card to let them know they are appreciated.

“Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.” — A.A. Milne, “Winnie-the-Pooh”

I am happy to report that our Ways and Means has secured HundredX for February.

Our Cold Cash Campaign was a success, and we raised 3000.00 which gave us a net of 2500.00. Thank you to all for your efforts in making this a success! Congratulations to Sue Willis who won the drawing!

We are now on to our Bourbon Sales. We will be selling tickets at Cars and Coffee in the months of November and December. Drawing in Dec. When selling tickets you may want to let your buyers know this will be the last year we will be able to get the Rip Van Winkle for raffle.

Looking forward to November!

Gayle

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11/14 General Meeting Mt. Pleasant Sojourner Recovery/Christine Birhanz

11/15 LYD Deadline

November/Dec Bourbon Raffle Ticket Sales Cars and Coffee

December

No Board Meeting

12/12 It's Christmas Party Sue's Home Activity TBD See you Soon!

What an October!

Some great things happened in October.

Barb and I attended the District Meeting where we were happy to see many old friends but also excited to see many new faces.

Good discussions were had around fundraising and

membership.

Some important takeaways from Membership.

- Strong membership-strong clubs
- Recruit through community involvement, partnerships, family and friends
- Catch them, keep them by having mentors and education Soroptimist 101
- Involve all members

Each club received a new updated Leadership Guide with all essential information for club operations. It is also currently on the Midwestern Region Website.

We also learned that we will need to update/rewrite our bylaws by 2025-26 to make them current. Examples are on the SIA website. A committee will need to be formed.

Our basket was loved and won by a very deserving member (a new one).



Volunteering is the spirit of Soroptimist and what fun we had at the Halloween Party at Mt. Pleasant. If you missed this one there will be more to come.



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DISTRICT MEETING

District Meeting was in Findlay, Ohio October 18-19. Thirteen clubs, thirteen region officers, 40 members, and 1 guest were in attendance. In the Mission Possible session, we learned ways to promote our club so we're not "the best kept secret." We broke into groups and discussed ways we can Learn, Earn, and Return in the areas of fundraising, program, and public awareness. We should practice our elevator speeches. Perhaps we could sponsor a team so our name would be on the back of team shirts, perhaps we could have a billboard, perhaps we could once again send letters to companies asking for different levels of sponsorship. We were challenged to complete four key activities before Spring Conference in April. One is a community service project. (We just did that by helping at the Mt. Pleasant Halloween Party). So we're on our way. More to come.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

14 Gayle
20 Diane

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

1978 Ingrid

NOVEMBER RAFFLE

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NOVEMBER INSPIRATION

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CALENDAR

November 3 Daylight Savings Time ends

November 5 Election Day

November 7 7:00 p.m. Zoom Board Meeting

November 11 Veterans Day

November 14 General Meeting at Mt. Pleasant

November 15 Form 990 due to IRS

November 15 Live Your Dream Applications Due to Clubs

November 28 Thanksgiving

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS

Do you know a woman attending college or technical school who could use some extra money for her schooling? Interested women can find writeable applications on our website www.middletownsoroptimist.org. This is an easy way for them to get an application. Every year we struggle to find deserving applicants, so please share this information freely. The deadline for Live Your Dream Award is November 15th.

COLD CASH DRAWING

Our \$500 Cold Cash Drawing helped celebrate Halloween Day for our spooky member, Sue Willis. Stay tuned to find out our total profit to be used to fund our projects helping women of Middletown.



LAUNCHING OUR “DRINKS FOR DREAMS” BOURBON RAFFLE

Just in time for the Holidays our Bourbon Raffle is ready to go. Tickets are limited to 200 total. The cost is an amazing \$25.00 for the chance to win all three of the great Kentucky Bourbons. This year's bourbons are:

Old Rip Van Winkle - Aged 10 years

Old Bardstown - Estate Brewed

Johnny Drum - Private Stock

The drawing will be 12/21/24

There is still time for anyone who wants to sell tickets at Cars and Coffee the first Saturday in December please let Pat know!



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