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PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

Happy and prosperous New Year to All. Here's hoping that everyone had a peaceful holiday and are ready to tackle the coming year.

Our Holiday Party was intimate but successful. We raised a total of \$920.00 for our operating fund, \$680.00 was from our auction, and \$240.00 from donations. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

Our January Meeting will be devoted to strategies to make our February HundredX Campaign highly successful. While our committee prepares information for you, you can also be proactive in preparing your list of potential people to invite.

I emailed HundredX to see if they could share our participant list from our campaign last year, and I was told they do not keep that info which was reassuring that they do not use personal information.

We need to remember that January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month, a presidentially designated observance designed to educate the public about human trafficking and the role they can play in preventing and responding to human trafficking. Remember that it is important to report any suspicious activity to the National Human Trafficking Hotline Call: 1-888-373-7888 Text: 233733 (BEFREE) Live Chat | TTY: 711. Remember if you see something, say something!

Please continue to pray and keep Judy in your thoughts!

See you soon! *Gayle*

Calendar

1/4/2024 7:00 Board Meeting Zoom

1/11/2024 6:00 General Meeting Mt Pleasant

1/15 2024 deadline for Virginia Wagner Award

2/1-3/6 HundredX

3/1/2024 deadline for Miami University Scholarship

4/19-21/2024 Spring Conference Fond du Lac, WI

Inspiration Barb**Raffle Pat****January Birthday**

Jan. 6 Betty

January Club Anniversaries

Dee 1998

Beth 1998

Marti 2017

Diane 2018

Jennie 2018

Deb 2022

“Drinks for Dreams” Bourbon Raffle Reaches Goal

Thanks to everyone for your help with making our 2023 Bourbon Raffle a big success! All 100 tickets were sold, raising \$3,020 that included an extra \$20 donation. This fundraiser carried a lot of weight, as we had a short timeframe for its launch and completion and needed to reach our raffle goal to help ensure we meet our annual fundraising budget. The club worked as a team in quickly selling tickets and returning money with ticket stubs to meet tight reporting deadlines.

Holding the raffle drawing at our December Christmas Dinner truly added excitement for the members and guests in attendance! These three lucky winners were announced:

Name	Ticket #	Ticket Seller	Prize
Jennifer Batliner	#53	Barb Flory	10 Year Rip Van Winkle Bourbon
Ron Spaulding	#2	Judy Spaulding	Stagg Kentucky Bourbon
Eric Schauer	#23	Sue Willis	Buffalo Trace Bourbon

All winners were quickly notified and invited to the visit the Willis home to capture a Christmas photo with their prize. Our winners were all ecstatic to hear the news, and thus far we have the following photos of Jennifer Batliner and her husband, Carl. Note Carl's added enthusiasm. 😊



Their visit was a great opportunity for additional thanks for their support of our club projects!

All of this would not have been possible without the special efforts of the following people who obtained the donated bottles of bourbon, making our raffle sales pure profit. Special thanks to Betty Huck, Rick Willis and Ginger Bruggeman and congratulations SI Middletown!

BETTY'S BITS

How to Use Cellular Data for Automatic App Downloads (iOS 17)

When downloading apps, your iPhone has the ability to either use cellular data or to only download apps while your device has access to Wi-Fi. If you do not have an unlimited data plan, you may want to disable downloads using cellular data to ensure you're not wasting data unknowingly. However, being able to download apps when you don't have access to Wi-Fi can also be extremely useful. In today's tip, we're going how to change the download settings on iPhone to either enable or disable downloads over cellular. You can decide what you prefer based on your data plan and Wi-Fi availability.

1. Open **Settings**
2. Tap **App Store**
3. Toggle **Automatic Downloads** on or off under Cellular Data

Apple Universal Clipboard: Copy & Paste Between Devices

If you have multiple Apple devices, you can copy or cut something from one device and paste it to the other. This productivity feature is extremely helpful for starting something on one device and completing it on the other device. Apple calls this the Universal Clipboard, and the feature couldn't be easier to use.

This tip will work on iPhone SE (gen 1) or later running iOS 10 or later, iPad (gen 5) or later running iPadOS 10 or later, and Macs running macOS Sierra or later.

In order for Universal Clipboard to work smoothly, make sure all your devices are connected to Wi-Fi and are logged in to the same Apple ID account. Next, you will want to make sure AirPlay & Handoff is turned on in your iPhone's settings. To do this:

1. Open **Settings**
2. Tap **General**
3. Tap **AirPlay & Handoff** - Toggle **Handoff** on and off

Or you may have **Automatically AirPlay** to select **Never, Ask or Automatic**

And **Handoff** to turn on.

You can also follow these steps to turn on Handoff on your iPad.

Similarly, click on **General** in **System Settings** on your Mac to ensure **Handoff** is toggled on.

Now that you've made sure you're logged in to your Apple ID on all devices, and you've turned on Handoff, you should be able to copy, cut, and paste between various devices.

1. Highlight the text or image you want to copy or cut
2. **Tap Cut** or **Copy** depending on your needs.
3. Now, open up your Mac or iPad to the place you want to paste.
4. Click **Paste**.

HOPE HOUSE BASKET UPDATE

January 2, 2024

Hope House Basket update: Twelve "Going Home Bathroom Baskets" were delivered on December 12th to Hope House for women leaving the shelter over the next 3 months. It was exciting to add a few extra items to the baskets that were delivered and the 3 they still had in storage. For those who were at our wonderful Christmas party at the Willis home this will not be new information. Hope House recently received a major donation of items from Miami Valley Gaming Casino. Since Hope House has so little storage space they asked if we would store some of the items and add them to our baskets over the next year or so. I went back to Hope House on 12/14 to meet the delivery truck and bring the donations to my house. Hope House did keep several additional boxes of these items to give to the men living at their facility. In all we received and brought to my house:

- 90 queen size sheet sets (25 used in baskets already and will still have some for 2024-25 baskets)
- 15 queen size comforters (all placed in baskets in storage now at Hope House)
- 24 rotating sweepers (non-electric)
- 24 stick vacuums (electric)
- 16 spray mops

Yes, I have them stored in my basement presently but I do have the space so its not so bad. I did take 15 sheets and 15 comforters back to Hope House on 12/26 and placed them in the baskets I had delivered the week before. I also prepared 10 additional

baskets should they be needed before I come back from my Florida trip. Sue Willis very graciously agreed to store them and deliver them to Hope House if needed. After that we still have 4 more baskets at my home to finish out this year. Which will make a total of 38 baskets donated for 2023-24 through August of 2024. I have shared information with the board about ways to reduce our costs so we can continue this project in the future. Certainly, receiving the mops and sweepers is a great way for us to reduce some of our expenses for mops, brooms, and dustpans. We are scheduled to discuss this more at our January meeting and I'm preparing a report for the board with some changes I've made in the baskets and items to decrease our total cost per basket. I'm happy to report that we have received a couple recent donations to help us move ahead with this program for next year. More details from Sue about that in her December financial report. I will be available by phone for this discussion at the January meeting.

Another interesting piece of information that I learned about this month is that someone is now making baskets for the men who are leaving the Hope House shelter. Seems we started a good thing in our community and now even more people are receiving support to help reduce homelessness.

Ann Munafo

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS

Do you know a woman attending college who could use some extra money for her schooling? Interested women can find writeable applications for the Virginia Wagner Award and our Miami scholarship 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. Virginia Wagner applications are due January 15.

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