



SOROPTIMIST
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SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

MAY 2024



PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

Happy May!!!

What beautiful weather has arrived! I hope everyone is out and enjoying the sunshine! Barb and I recently attended the Spring Conference in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin with the excellent chauffeuring by my husband Rick! It was cold but sunny and a very warm reception from the Fond du Lac club! What a group with lots of energy! Of course, it was a great place to meet old friends and make new ones.

Congratulations to our club. We once again received an Outstanding Award for our club's activity, and Barb and I each received Laurel Awards.

Our basket was won by Laura Ferguson, our new incoming District Director. So that was awesome!



The official visitor from Soroptimist Headquarters was Susan Gilbey from California. She gave updates of what will be coming such as many website changes in June, program reporting, and Big Goal reporting tips and updates. Her message to us was to grow as leaders and fight for gender equality so women and girls may live their dreams.

New Region Officers were installed. Audrey Jarvey Governor

Ruth Waggoner Governor-Elect

Linda Alpers Treasurer

Karen Keir Secretary

Fall Meetings were announced: Districts 2 and 4 at the Findlay Inn, October 18, 2024.

Spring Conference will be in Lafayette, Indiana. More to come as always.

Our May Meeting is packed with much to get done before we close out our year. First on our program, we will welcome our Scholarship and Award winners at Mt. Pleasant May 9. We will begin at 5:50 and meet the lovely young women and their families. The menu will be appetizers and drinks provided by Mt. Pleasant. Please make sure you respond quickly when the email comes out.

Next, we will vote for next year's Officers and Board. The slate of officers is:

President Gayle Martz

V.P. Beth Miller

Treasurer Sue Willis

Recording Secretary Pat Betts

Corresponding Secretary Deb Peters

1 year Board Barb Flory

2 Year Board Betty Huck

We will be receiving our updated serving interests forms for next year's committees. You will be filling them out so committees can be formed, and we can begin our quest in June to get our programs and fundraising on the calendar.

The budget committee will meet and have that ready for approval in June.

May 12 is Mother's Day and my wish for all of you, moms, grandmothers, bonus moms, pet moms, aunts, and those who have ever taken anyone under their wing, a very special day.

See you soon!

Gayle

May is Women's Health month.

From National Today:

With a growing focus on personal health, it is extremely important for all women and girls, especially those with underlying health conditions like hypertension, diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular and respiratory conditions, and women 65 years and older, to take care of their health. Taking care of yourself and your loved ones should always be a top priority.

Member Recruitment Tip

5 Good Reasons to Become a Soroptimist

Friendship, Fellowship

To Make a Difference

Women Helping Women

Advocate for Women and Girls - Human Rights

Empower Yourself and Others

SPRING CONFERENCE

There are 25 clubs in the Midwestern Region, all in good standing. There were 113 in attendance at the 116th conference.

Our club received an Outstanding Club Activity Award.

Governor Christine also gave nine fun awards named Laurel Awards, similar to the Academy Awards. Gayle and Barb each received one this year and were totally surprised! Here is how Governor Christine announced them:

Best performance by a leading actress: Do you remember Dottie Hinson from the movie *A League of Their Own* (played by Geena Davis)? Dottie took great measures to encourage her teammates to work together and find success. SI Middletown's Gayle Martz is our region's Dottie. She works hard to keep her club engaged. She looks for new ideas for fundraisers and speakers and makes sure their newsletter gets out on time. Having involved members and gaining new members is always top of the mind for Gayle. You may have seen her in action this weekend as the Region Nominations Chair. She loves being a Soroptimist; you can see it in her smile. She is one classy President.

Best screenplay (newsletter editor)
We have many fine newsletter editors in the region, searching for articles to include, which we all know can be a monumental task. SI Middletown's Barb

Flory takes this role seriously, seeking interesting, timely information, keeping the entire region up to date about Middletown's information, all while using her signature personal touch. Should we refer to her as Nancy Drew, Jessica Fletcher?



MAY INSPIRATION

Jennie

MAY RAFFLE

Barb

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1—Deb
27--Barb

CALENDAR

May 2 7:15 p.m. Zoom Board Meeting

May 9 monthly meeting—Awards Night

May 12 Happy Mother's Day

Oct. 18-19 District II Meeting in Findlay

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

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TRAFFICKING NEWS

These stats are from the National Trafficking Human Hotline website. We often wonder where our posters and stop signs will do the most good. Here is a breakdown of places for their hotline. The next page addresses why the people are calling the hotline. Both of these pages are specific to Ohio.

Let's keep trying to bring these victims home!

Jennie

People contact the hotline to report a tip, request a referral, or reach out for crisis-related services such as immediate shelter or crisis response.

Requests on Human Trafficking Cases

Report a Trafficking Tip	185
Access Service Referrals	87
Request Crisis Assistance	19

Case Demographics

The Hotline only collects demographic information for victims and survivors in a trafficking situation when appropriate. These numbers are not cumulative as one case could involve multiple victims and survivors.

Ages

Adults	207
Minors	72

Genders

Females	236
Males	42



Venues for Sex Trafficking

Pornography	27
Hotel/Motel-Based	18
Residence-Based Commercial Sex	18
Illicit Massage/Spa Business	12
Online Ad Venue Unknown	9
Escort/Delivery Service	6
Truck Stop-Based	6
Street-Based	5
Other	131

Venues for Labor Trafficking

Construction	4
Domestic Work	3
Restaurant/Food Service	3
Other	13

