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PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE



October has come upon us quickly. Leaves are falling and hopefully our 90 degree weather is behind us. Apples, pumpkins and Mums are just a few wonderful sights as fall moves on!

It was so wonderful to see everyone at our September Meeting. We had a very special presentation by Stan Kappers from Mt. Pleasant. From the information he shared about Dementia Care and Alzheimer Care, we have an opportunity to partner with Mt. Pleasant and do a community information program. Dee is working with Stan on this effort. More to come!

Barb and I will be attending the District Meeting this October in Findlay. It is our hope to bring back some solid information to enhance our already great programs and fundraising we are doing.

October not only brings the fun of Halloween but on a more serious note it is Breast Cancer Awareness month. In 2024, more than 360,000 people will be diagnosed with breast cancer. But there is hope. Advancements in early detection methods and support continue to increase the chances of survival. When caught in its earliest, localized stages, the 5-year relative survival rate of breast cancer is 99% per nationalbreastcancer.org. A good time to think about getting that Mammogram.

October is also Domestic Violence Month. The theme for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 2024 is "Heal, Hold, and Center". The theme focuses on:

Healing

Recognizing the different ways that cultures heal from violence and oppression

Holding space

Listening to survivors, providing non-judgmental support, and allowing survivors to share their experiences

Centering

Prioritizing the most marginalized survivors, who often face barriers to having their voices heard

Go Purple. **October 19 is #PurpleThursday in recognition of survivors!** Wear purple, hang purple lights, and make sure to tell others why purple is so important on this day!

Please remember our members who are currently dealing with health issues or family concerns. Keep Ron Spaulding and family in your prayers as they continue through the grieving process. As per Judy's wishes, she didn't want flowers but did stipulate where donations could be sent. One of her wishes was Soroptimist International of Middletown. If you want to do anything, our club would greatly benefit as well as fulfill her wishes. All donations will benefit our programs and awards.

Don't forget to bring Cold Cash ticket stubs and money to our October Meeting! Also remember to bring your clothing articles for donation.

Remember the deadline for Live Your Dream is November 15. If you know someone that is in need and qualifies, please direct them to our web page middletownsoroptimist.org, so they may apply.

October

10/5 Board Meeting TBD

10/10 General Meeting Mt. Pleasant Bethany Tompkins/Job Threads Clothing

Donations

10/18-19 District Meeting Findlay Inn

10/31 Cold Cash Drawing

November

11/7 Board Meeting TBD

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

Bourbon Raffle Drawing

TRAFFICKING NEWS

If any members would like to join our group and distribute wanted posters or stop signs, please let me know. We would love to expand our efforts. Let's bring these kids home!

Jennie

HOPE HOUSE

Please bring hangers to include in the Hope House baskets we distribute.

Ann

COLD CASH TICKET SALES

\$500 COLD CASH DRAW 💰

To be ready for our winner drawing on 10/31/24, tickets and money must be turned in either at our **October meeting** or to Jennie Webb, **5002 Roosevelt Avenue**. If this causes any problems, please call and let me know.

Sell, sell, sell! And **good luck!**

Jennie/Fundraising Committee

No October birthdays or club anniversaries

October Raffle & Inspiration

Diane

Calendar

Oct. 3 Board Meeting

Oct. 3 Soroptimist Founders Day

Oct. 8, 1955 Middletown club chartered

Oct. 10 Meeting—Please bring cold cash money and ticket stubs, hangers, clothing donations for Job Threads, items to send to District Meeting

Oct. 18 & 19 District Meeting

Oct. 19 Purple Thursday—wear purple

Oct. 31 Cold Cash Drawing by Zoom

Oct. 31 1:30-3:00 volunteer to help at Halloween Party for Mt. Pleasant residents in the chapel

Women Helping Women Event: A Survivor's Journey

Wednesday, October 16 at 7 pm

Join me at "A Conversation with New York Times Best Selling Author Stephanie Land".

I've read both of her books *Maid* and *Class* and watched the 10-episode series on Netflix inspired by the first book *Maid*. Both books are great memoirs of her life as a single mom fleeing a violent home with her daughter, and her challenges as a poor college student and single parent.

The event is at The Schiff Center, 5400 Red Bank Road, Cincinnati, Ohio and would be about 35 minutes from Mt. Pleasant on a "good day". Tickets are \$75 for General Admission (there is also a ticket for \$250 for VIP Reception at 6:00 if you prefer that).

For additional details and the link to purchase tickets go to <https://www.womenhelpingwomen.org> .

Please share this information with anyone you know who might be interested – whether it's because they read the books or have an interest in "A Survivor's Journey".

I am definitely going so if anyone would like to carpool with me, I could meet you at the Union Centre exit on I-75 at 6:00. If you prefer to go at a different time or just go on your own, that is perfect too.

Betty



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DISTRICT MEETING

Attached is the list of items that will be collected at District Meeting. The Hancock County club gives them away at their Women's Empowerment Emporium. Purchase what you can at Dollar Tree and bring the items to our October meeting so Gayle and Barb can take them to District Meeting. Thank you!

Wish List for SI Hancock County Women's Empowerment Emporium

Hancock County tries to provide the same items every time, just to keep everything simple. These items can all be purchased for \$1.25 each at Dollar Tree, or online at www.dollartree.com (minimum case sizes apply)

District II Attendees should bring:



Zest Body Wash 15.2 oz Fresh Scent



LA's Totally Awesome 2 in 1 Detergent, 42 oz



Single Roll White 2-ply Paper towels



Scotties Facial 2 ply Tissues 64 ct.

District IV Attendees Should Bring:



V05, 18 oz Extra Body Conditioner



V05, 18 oz Extra Body Shampoo



Oxydol 30 oz Lemon Scent Dish Soap



Arm & Hammer Ultra Max Deodorant, Fresh Scent, 1 oz

Monetary Contributions and Dollar Tree Gift Cards will also be accepted on behalf of Hancock County for the Emporium.