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SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

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PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

Happy December!

The joyful holiday season is approaching and for most of us it is time to find the right gifts and words for our friends and loved ones. It is a time of lights, decorations and traditions. Gatherings, parties and shared meals are much a part of the season. However, Christmas is more than just a day; it's a feeling and a state of mind. For most it is the most wonderful time of the year, the beauty lies in our hearts. However, for some, it is a difficult time of the year. As we enter the festivities, if you know someone who is struggling this year, reach out with a call, a text, or maybe a visit. The smallest act of kindness can make this the best Christmas Ever!

We look forward to our annual holiday event. The Christmas Party will be at the Willis' residence beginning at 5:30. The cost of dinner will be \$30.00. Dinner/dessert/drinks

Spouses and Guests are welcome.

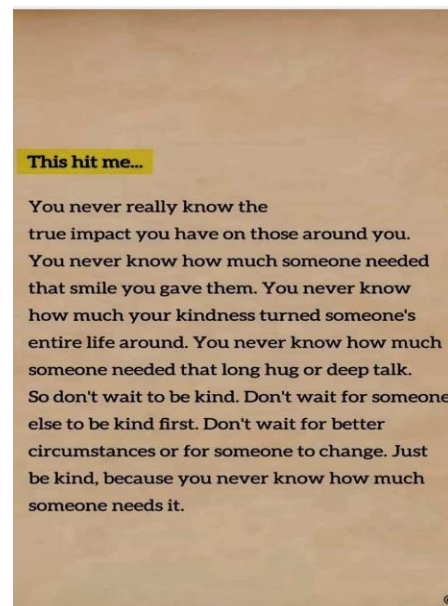
Appetizers will be provided by the board and/or anyone who wants to share.

Bring a WRAPPED White Elephant Gift (something that you no longer need or want.) We will NOT have an auction of gifts this year. In lieu of buying and auctioning a gift, members are asked to donate \$50 to our Operating fund.

Going forward, our January meeting will be working on our HundredX campaign.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Holidays.

Gayle





ANNUAL SOROPTIMIST CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

My husband, Rick/Opie, and I are excited to once again host the club's annual Christmas meeting and party! I have been hard at work decorating, with another new spin on the holidays. All members are welcome to bring a guest to join in on the festivities. We will begin at 5:30 pm for a holiday happy hour, enjoying beverages (beer, wine, soft drinks, ice tea and water), appetizers provided by board members, and of course, viewing Sue's displays.

Dinner prepared by chef Opie, will be served at 6:30pm. The evening's menu will include smoked pork tenderloin, pasta, a variety of vegetables and assorted flavors of cheesecake. The charge for dinner and drinks will be \$30. Please come hungry!

Sue will provide the monthly raffle item that you will want to win and present the inspiration. In lieu of bringing and bidding on auction items, we have agreed that each member will donate \$50 to support our operations fund. The evening's activity will be a white elephant exchange, for which everyone will bring a wrapped item at no specific value. You may opt to bring an item that everyone will wish to win or a gag gift that no one will want to take home. Guests have the choice of deciding whether or not to participate. There will also be a surprise game to be revealed at the party!

We look forward to seeing everyone and are pulling out all the stops to make it a memorable gathering!

Sue and Opie

DONATION POSSIBILITY

Animal shelters in our area can use towels and wash cloths (old or new), blankets and sheets (big or small), small rugs, or any other items you might think they could use. Also, if you have old stuffed animals that might be appropriate for pups to snuggle with, you might consider donating them. You can bring items to any of our meetings and Betty will take them to her friend Julie to get them to the shelters. Yes, even at the Christmas party, you can bring items.

Thanks
Betty

December Inspiration: Sue

December Raffle: Sue

December Birthdays

23 Donna

28 Dee

Important Dates:

December 13 Holiday Party

December 2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

December 10 Soroptimist International Foundation Appeal (formerly President's Appeal) and UN Human Rights Day

December 15 Club LYD Award Winner due to District Director

January 11 National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness

January 15 Virginia Wagner Educational Award applications due to clubs

January 15 District LYD Award Winner due to Region Chair, February 1 Club LYD due to District Director, February 15 Virginia Wagner educational Award winners due to District Director, February 15 Region LYD Award winner information due to SIA and Region Treasurer

March 1 Soroptimist Club Grant applications due to SIA

March 8 International Women's Day

March 8 Virginia Wagner educational Award winner's name to Region Chair

March 15 Club Award Report form due to Region Governor-Elect

March 15 Convention fee due – even years only

March 31 Club Activity Report form due to Region Governor

March 31 Outstanding Soroptimist Application form due to Region Secretary

March 31 Region Virginia Wagner Educational Award winners' names to Region Treasurer

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