



**SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN
APRIL 2025**



PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

Spring is here and April Showers will bring May flowers!



Before I get into what is coming, I just want to say WOW! What an awesome awards evening last month. Thanks to our judges and chairpersons we had an amazing group

of award recipients. Each one had such an inspirational story to tell. And best of all, our Virginia Wagner Award winner, Jo Frawley, was selected to go on to the District and will be honored at the Spring Conference. Last but not least, it was wonderful to have Laura Ferguson, District 2 Director, and Ruth Waggoner, Governor-Elect join us.



We also celebrated March Birthdays with one very special--Mary 's 104.

This month we will be the beginning to wrap up our year. Fundraising is done, and I'm happy to report that HundredX and donations have totaled close to our goal of \$7,000.00. Thank you to all who made this possible. This will definitely help us to continue to help.

Our April 10th Meeting will be 2 Speakers from Butler County Elderly Services - Council on Aging. We will also have blanket making.

Spring Conference will be attended by Barb and myself as well as our Virginia Wagner Award winner, Jo Frawley.

The April board meeting will be Zoom.

FYI April is also: Volunteer Appreciation Month, National Autism Awareness Month, Stress Awareness Month, Child Abuse Awareness Month, Arthritis Awareness Month, Canine Fitness Awareness Month, and for fun National Decorating Month. We also celebrate Earth Day, Tax Day, and Easter.

May and June meetings will be our wrap up of our year with elections, installation of officers and celebration of our year of hard work!

APRIL INSPIRATION AND RAFFLE

Jennie

NO BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

CALENDAR

April 1	April Fools Day
April 3	7:00 Board Zoom
April 10	5:30-General Meeting
April 15	Tax day
April 20	Easter
April 22	Earth Day
April 26	Hope House Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on April 26th at 11 a.m.
April 25-27	Spring Conference

HOPE HOUSE

Ann reported that we delivered six baskets to the Hope House Center for Women and Children this month and included this message from them to all volunteers. It would be great if some of our members attend and wear their Soroptimist shirts and pins.

Hope House Volunteer Luncheon: We're especially thankful for our vested volunteers, those of you who faithfully served throughout the winter months and year-round. Your dedication makes a real impact—whether it's through sharing a meal and conversation at the dinner table or leading Bible and Life Skills classes. Volunteers truly are the backbone of our shelter and ministry. Last year, **553 individuals** participated in volunteer activities at one of our locations, and we couldn't have done it without you.


To show our appreciation, we'd love for you to join us at the **Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on April 26th at 11 a.m.** Please [RSVP by emailing me or registering online](#).

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The Heart of Memory Care Exploring our Grace Center Programs

Stan Kappers, CEO of Mt Pleasant, spoke to us in September regarding the Dementia - Alzheimer's Care here. Many of you said you'd like more information.

That is now available.

You are invited to attend an exclusive presentation to learn all about specialized programs and certified memory care services available in the Grace Center at Ohio Living Mt. Pleasant.

This informative session will be led by Jean Morgan, Corporate Manager of Memory Care, who will share insights into our approach, the certifications we hold, and how our team provides compassionate care for residents.

PLEASE COME----Wednesday, April 30, 1:30 p.m. in Mt Pleasant Chapel
(RSVP: Jenni Moore at 513-5639-7760)

Questions----Ask me! Dee

NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed three new members to our club. Here's a little information so we can get to know them better. June introduced all three ladies to the club.

Donna Reenan joined in January. Since she liked what Soroptimist stands for and she enjoyed the programs, she decided to join. Donna was born in Cincinnati and has always lived in the area. She worked in real estate. Donna has three children, seven grandchildren, and one great granddaughter.

Ann Kuhlmann joined in January. She said Soroptimist is an organization with a mission that interests her and she can support. The members are interesting and friendly. Ann was born in Hamilton Ann Kuhlmann joined in January. She and mostly lived in the area but also lived in Sacramento, CA, when her husband was in the Air Force and stationed there. She was a Registered Nurse. She worked as a Public Health Nurse, in a pediatrician's office, as a Home Health Nurse, with Life Span, and as a court appointed staff guardian. She has one daughter and two grandchildren. She

enjoys playing cards and belongs to bridge, pinochle, and other groups. She calls her card groups therapy. Volunteer activities have always been important to her.

Mary Ann Stelzle joined in February. She joined to work with active ladies to help young women advance. Mary Ann was born in Covington, KY and has lived mostly in the Cincinnati area. In younger days she also lived in North Carolina and south of Cleveland. She has done clerical work, was an administrative assistant, and a church receptionist. She enjoys reading, golfing, sewing, crafts, watching XU basketball, football, Reds, and taking a yearly trip to Hilton Head. We welcome these new members to our club!



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