

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy Summer,

It is hard to believe that Summer is here and our year is coming to a close. And FINALLY some good weather! I want to give thanks to each and every member for their support of our programs this year and help to make our fundraising goal! We have had great events and speakers this year. We have been fortunate to bring in 3 new members who are already making an impact!

We have much to look forward to this coming year, especially our upcoming 70 years Anniversary in October.

District Meeting and Spring Conference are close by in Columbus. Hopefully we can increase our attendance.

Please keep our members in your prayers as some are facing difficulties at this time. Check up with each other even if it is to just say hi!

We will meet on June 12 for our installation of officers for 2025-26. Our guest will be Governor Audrey Jarvey. Committees will be formed and we will look forward to some new and innovative fundraising. Please remember on June 15 all the dads, grandads, brothers, uncles, father figures and pet daddies on this Father's Day.

Please remember Juneteenth as we commemorate the emancipation of enslaved African Americans.

June is also Pride Month, and Pride Day is Celebrated June 28.

Happy 4th of July, Independence Day, as we celebrate our great nation.

**Gayle**

## **SLATE OF OFFICERS**

Officers will be installed in June.

President: Gayle Martz

Vice-President: Ginger Bruggeman

Treasurer: Sue Willis

Recording Secretary: Deb Peters

Corresponding Secretary: Jo Ashworth

2-year board member: Beth Miller

1-year board member: Betty Huck

## **DUES**

Dues will remain at \$150 for regular members and for new members joining anytime between July 1 and December 31, 2025. **Please bring your payment to the June club meeting. For those members who will not be in attendance, please mail your check to Sue for delivery no later than June 12.** For your convenience, her address is 6548 Liberty Ridge Drive, Liberty Township, OH 45011.

A separate check for dues would be appreciated.

**Sue**

## **COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM**

Kroger and Gordon Food Services both offer a Community Rewards Program for non-profits. Maybe other stores do, too. If a member signs up and names an organization, that organization receives a donation after each purchase. It's not a large amount, but every little bit helps, and we need to think of some ways to increase our operating budget.

Visit <http://www.kroger.com> . Once logged in to your account, search for Soroptimist International of Middletown, OH by name or click LD932 and then click Enroll.

## **DIRECTORY UPDATE**

Do you need to update your directory information? Perhaps you have a new job title, are newly retired, have a new cell phone number, have a new e-mail address, etc. Please give that information to Sue so our records will be up-to-date. Sue will also update the information with SI.

## **HOPE HOUSE**

Thanks to Sue Willis for delivering 4 Soroptimist Home Bathroom baskets for women leaving Hope House while I was in Florida. I assembled and delivered four more last week and have spent the last two weeks placing orders and purchasing the final items of the basket supplies needed for 2025-26. I was lucky to already have purchased all the baskets and towels last fall. Now waiting for my mail order delivery to Dollar Tree which is expected in the next few days.

Planning to see if I can get my 17 and 19 year old grands to lug all the cases to and from my car and then the basement when they arrive. And I'm hoping to get my younger grandchildren at ages 6, 9, and 10 together soon to help start preparing baskets. Of course this grand plan is all dependent on catching up with any of them long enough. Do you think a lunch bribe or two might work?? Even a slumber party for the younger ones should work. Never too early or late to encourage and teach them to start volunteering!

**Ann**

## **DAYTON EVENT**

The Dayton club is having their celebration event where they will honor their grant winners and acknowledge their partners and supporters. It will be a high tea at 2:00 downtown at the Dayton Women's Club. The cost is \$30. Barb plans to attend. I've been before, and it's a nice event. Since we're geographically close, let me know if you might also want to attend.

**Barb**

## **JUNE RAFFLE & INSPIRATION**

Gayle

## **CALENDAR**

June 5 7:00 Board Meeting—final look at budget

June 12 General Meeting Come at 5:30

September 4 board meeting

September 11 General Meeting

October 24-25 District Meeting in Columbus at a casino.

April 24-26, 2026 Midwestern Spring Conference in Columbus

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

3 June

23 Jo

24 Sue

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

19 Ginger

27 Elaine

29 Ann

### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

9 Mary Ann

### **JUNE CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

June 2022

Gayle 2015

Mary 1958

### **JULY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

Ginger 1997

Elaine 2012

Pam 2010 (second time)

Ann 1993

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