



SOROPTIMIST
Best for Women

SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

MARCH 2025

MARCH



PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

March is here! After a lot of snow and cold I sure hope that Spring Weather is around the corner.

March is a busy month! Women's History Month which is a month long recognition of those who made a difference. The theme this year is "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations." International Women's Day-March 8 and the theme "For All women and girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment." You can wear purple as the official color. Both of these themes fit right in with our organization's mission and values.

We also celebrate the Irish in us all, St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

Don't forget Daylight Savings, Spring, and within our club many birthdays of our special women, Beth, Pam, Ingrid, Jennie, Pat, and especially Mary, 104 years young!

We also want to celebrate our new members. Donna, Mary Ann, and Ann. We are so happy to have you as members and part of our Soroptimist family.

Thank you to Sue, June, Barb for helping at Mt. Pleasant for the Valentine Party for the residents!

Thank you to June for leading our activity in February, making T-shirt bags. The extra ones we made went to Sojourner.



March 13 Meeting will be at Mt. Pleasant. We will celebrate our Scholarship and Award winners. Dee will send out Meal Information. We look to have appetizers and dessert. If you are bringing a guest, please make sure you give Dee names.

HundredX results will be in soon; we are close as of now! March 4 ends our campaign. Thanks to all who did their best to make it successful.

Call to Conference

Midwestern Region 117th Annual Spring Conference April 25-27, 2025 in Lafayette, Indiana

Reservation Deadlines March 31, 2025.

Conference Basket

In keeping with a conference tradition, each club is asked to create for display and raffle, a basket of items which has no less than a \$25 value. The basket raffle theme will be: **The Key to Bringing You Joy**. All baskets must be accompanied with the following

information: 1. Title of the Basket 2. Club Name clearly marked on the basket 3. An itemized list of the basket contents

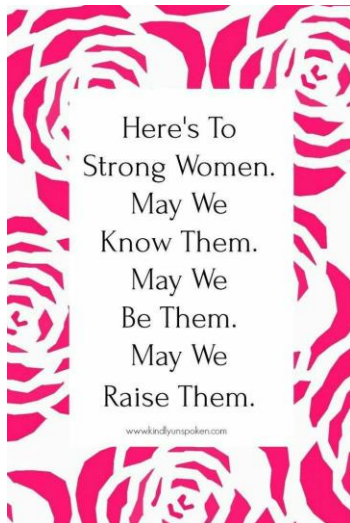
Nominating Committee:

Pam Linzie will Chair

We need 2 volunteers to complete the committee to prepare for April nominations.

See you soon!

Gayle



Some Remarkable Women in History

We Celebrate:

Queen Elizabeth II

[Queen Elizabeth II](#) served as head of the [royal family](#) for 70 years, making her the longest-reigning monarch in British history. She celebrated her Platinum Jubilee in June 2022, just three months before she passed away at 96 years old.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

[Ginsburg](#) made history as the first Jewish woman to be appointed to the Supreme Court. Her entire career was highlighted with pivotal moments in American history. Consistently standing up for gender equality and civil rights, she helped pass historic rulings on topics ranging from the Affordable Care Act to the legalization of same-sex marriage before her 2020 death at age 87.

CALENDAR

	April 20--Easter
March is Women's History Month	April 25-27—Spring Conference in Lafayette, IN
March 6—7:00 board meeting, ZOOM	MARCH BIRTHDAYS
March 8—International Women's Day	2 Beth
March 13—club meeting—Awards Night	11 Pam
March 9—Daylight Savings Time starts	13 Ingrid
March 17—St. Patrick's Day	13 Mary
March 31—deadline to register for Spring Conference	15 Pat
	16 Jennie
March 31—Governor's Club Award form due to Gov. Audrey	MARCH INSPIRATION
	Mary
April 3—board meeting	MARCH RAFFLE
April 10—general meeting	Pam

BOOK SUGGESTION

This is the book Betty mentioned at our meeting. For some reason I can't copy and paste the photo of the cover into this newsletter. Instead of pulling all my hair out, I'll just send it in a separate email.

A must-read for all parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and even teens and preteens: the generation-defining investigation into the collapse of youth mental health in the

era of smartphones, social media, and big tech—and a plan for a healthier, freer childhood.

After more than a decade of stability or improvement, the mental health of adolescents plunged in the early 2010s. Rates of depression, anxiety, self-harm, and suicide rose sharply, more than doubling on many measures. Why?

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

Middletown Arts Center has the opportunity for you to step into an immersive exhibition where history and glass artistry come together in a captivating way.

Glass Through the Lens of an Artist by Darren Goodman. March 15 from 6-9 p.m. is Fire & Ice, An Experience. Featuring live glassblowing, bourbon & spirit tastings with Name Brand Distilling, Nitroblast demonstrations, and more! Complimentary light refreshments provided. Free Admission.

Check the website for more information.
www.middletownartscenter.com/darren-goodman

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