



**SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN
MAY 2025**



PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

Happy May!!!

What beautiful weather has arrived! I hope everyone is out and enjoying the sunshine! Barb and I recently attended the Spring Conference in West Lafayette, IN. It was a rainy trip up but a very warm and sunny reception from the Indiana Clubs. What a group with lots of energy! Of course, it was a great place to meet old friends and make new ones. And become re-energized with great ideas.

In case you didn't know it was a special conference for our club. We had some special things happen. First, Jo Frawley was honored with a Region 3rd place award for the Virginia Wagner Educational Award and she and Betty were able to attend the Luncheon on Saturday. Next, we were named Excellent for our Club Activities, one step above last year! But the best for last, and my most favorite moment was our Barb Flory being named Outstanding Soroptimist of 2025 for our region. I did a video of the honor, but it was too long to send out. We will see it at our May 8 meeting.



The official visitor from Soroptimist Headquarters was Michelle Burnett. She gave updates of what will be coming such as many website changes in June, program reporting, and Big Goal reporting tips and updates. Her message to us was to grow as leaders and fight for gender equality so women and girls may live their dreams. More about conference info will be shared at our next couple of meetings.

So going forward we have 2 meetings. May 8 we will have a guest speaker from WHIIMS (Women's Health Issues In Miami-Valley Sisterhood) and the Topic is women's health issues and our election of Officers and Board. June 12 the Installation of Officers and our Guest Audrey Jarvey, Governor, will be there to do the honors.

See you Soon!

Gayle

Soroptimist 101 Tip:

What does our name Soroptimist mean?

Soroptimist was formed in 1921 in Oakland, California, at a time when women were not permitted to join service organizations. The name Soroptimist was coined from the Latin soror meaning sister, and optima meaning best. And so, Soroptimist is perhaps best interpreted as 'the best for women'.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026

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

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Maurer

Ginger Bruggeman

Pam Linzie, Chairperson

TRAFFICKING

Happy Spring, ladies!

I've heard from Susan Gruenberg, the founder of Dayton Soroptimist's anti-trafficking effort. The poster effort has been on a break this year. But the newest ones will be printed this week so we will continue our efforts to distribute them and hopefully help some folks find their way back home from modern day slavery.

I hope also that our club continues to raise awareness of this terrible problem anywhere we go. If even one person is saved from the misery of Trafficking, it's worth it.

Hope to see you all soon as I am on the mend.

Jennie

(note from Susan—25-30 of these young people are found each campaign)

WONDERFUL MOTHER by Pat O'Reilly

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He molded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.

CALENDAR

May 1—Zoom board meeting

May 8—general meeting

May 11—Mother's Day

May 26—Memorial Day

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BIRTHDAYS

1—Deb

27--Barb

