

**SOROPTINEWS SI MIDDLETOWN  
FEBRUARY 2026**

**PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE**

February is here and it is a busy month. Not to mention the cold. It has been hard to get out and do things. It is important to check on each other.

We now move into February and once again have a special couple of events planned. Our February 12 meeting will be a special speaker from Congressman Davidson's office to speak on Trafficking Initiatives in our local area and state wide. There has been a great deal in the news lately about what is being accomplished. I have sent you an email invite that you can customize and send out to friends in our community.

We will also kick off our HundredX fundraising. This is so important since it is our major way to raise our money for our initiatives. We begin our campaign Monday February 9. Information and invite emails will be shared as soon as we have access to the Google Drive.

February is American Heart Month and February 6th is National Wear Red Day. Please become familiar with the signs and symptoms by checking out information at [www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org) .

February we celebrate Valentine's Day, I wish each and everyone a very special day!

SPRING CONFERENCE:Mark your calendar for April 24-26,2026 for Spring Conference. It will be in Columbus, Ohio We encourage all to attend and if you have never attended one before, then let this be the first for you. It is an election year and installation year. Travel is close and what a great way to meet new people. Come and have a great time with everyone!

The Call will be coming out in February.

I recently participated in a Book Club virtual event and it was a lot of fun. The next one is the book Broken Country by Clare Leslie Hall. More details to come

Gayle

Soroptimist clubs are changing lives across the globe. Opening doors, creating opportunities, and helping women and girls live their dreams. Our clubs and members are the heartbeat of Soroptimist, and together, you are moving us closer to our Big Goal.

- Have you wondered how other clubs are growing and expanding their program impact?
- Curious how your Club Giving and Founders Pennies contributions are advancing our global mission?
- Looking for fresh ideas for fundraising, corporate partnerships, or communicating your impact in your community?

We invite you to join us on [February 18, from 8 to 9 p.m. \(ET\)](#), for a federation-wide webinar that celebrates our collective work, highlights the impact of Club Giving and Founders Pennies, and shares practical tools and inspiration you can bring back to your club.

Not sure if you'll be able to attend? [Register anyway](#) and we'll send you the recording after the event

#### **Greetings from former club member, Magda Rinder**

Magda enjoyed visiting the club at our October 70<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration. Living now in Florida, she and her husband, Peter, come back to Ohio where they also have a home that had belonged to Peter's parents. Magda looks forward to visiting us again.

Magda has generously donated a beautiful framed beaded floral design for our February raffle. Come prepared to buy extra raffle tickets!

*Hi Everyone,*

*I would like to share that I am now a certified travel advisor!*

*Travel is personal, and the way you experience it truly matters. As your travel advisor, I take the time to understand what you value—your style, your pace, and the moments that will make your trip unforgettable. I'm here to guide you with expert insight, handle the details, protect your investment, and support you if plans change along the way. You don't have to navigate the journey alone—I'm here to make travel easier, more meaningful, and stress-free. If you're ready to start planning, I'd love to help. You can reach me at [maria.rinder@fora.travel](mailto:maria.rinder@fora.travel) or cell: 513-720-7295 or connect with me on <https://www.foratravel.com/advisor/magda-rinder>.*

*For this month:*

*Planning a well-deserved getaway? Take advantage of exceptional cruise offers featuring 50–75% savings for the second guest, along with valuable onboard perks designed to elevate the travel experience. From enriching destinations to premium dining and entertainment, this is an opportunity to enjoy a memorable escape with outstanding value.*

*I look forward to working with you on your next adventure,*

*Magda Rinder*

## **CALENDAR**

February 2—Groundhog Day

February 3-March --HundredX

February 5—no board meeting

February 6—National Wear Red Day for heart disease

February 12—club meeting. Come at 5:00. Feel free to bring a friend or potential member. Be sure to make a reservation for meal.

February 14—Happy Valentine's Day

February 15—Miami University scholarship applications due to club.

March 31—Governor's Club Award form due to Gov. Audrey

April 24-26—Spring Conference in Columbus, OH

## **FEBRUARY INSPIRATION**

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## **FEBRUARY RAFFLE**

Donated by former member Magda

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

none

## **FEBRUARY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

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## **SCHOLARSHIP**

The deadline for our Miami Scholarship is February 15. Please help spread the word. Interested women can find writeable applications on our website [www.middletownsoroptimist.org](http://www.middletownsoroptimist.org)

## **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS**

Our club can earn money when we shop at Kroger. If you have a Kroger account, log in at <http://www.kroger.com> and search for Soroptimist International of Middletown or enter LD932 and click enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid e-mail address, and a rewards card. If you do not have a rewards card, you can get one at a Kroger customer service desk. Participants must swipe their registered Kroger rewards card when shopping for each purchase to count.

If you have not already designated a non-profit to receive your points, please consider listing Soroptimist International of Middletown. You do not need to be a club member to donate your points, so ask your family members and friends if they will choose our club as their beneficiary. Your choice will print at the bottom of your receipt.

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