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PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

Happy and prosperous New Year to All. Sorry this is late coming, but my heart procedure and hospital stay set me back a little. I'm happy to say that it appears to be successful, however, it will take about a full month for the heart to heal completely. Here's hoping that everyone had a peaceful holiday and is ready to tackle the coming year.

Our Holiday Party was intimate and successful. We raised a total of \$800.00 through our donations for our operating fund and had a lot of fun with our gift exchange.

Our January Meeting will be devoted to sharing with you what we need to do to make our February HundredX Campaign highly successful and supportive of our goals for scholarships, awards, and programs. While our committee prepares information for you, you can also be proactive in preparing your list of potential people to invite to help with our campaign. Remember the saying it takes a village, this is so true here.

With this new year we also need to set goals and prioritize our needs as a club. Over the next couple months, we will need to go into planning mode for the next year while we execute and evaluate this current year. Be thinking how to best serve our club!

Just a special reminder, please check on friends and neighbors during the flu season. It is hitting hard and we need to make sure we keep each other in mind!

See you soon

Gayle Martz

TRAFFICKING

Our February program will be on the topic of trafficking. A speaker from the office of congressman Warren Davidson will address trafficking issues in our local area and communities as well as state-wide initiatives.

This is the perfect opportunity to invite guests since this is not only a very important “hot topic” as well as one that is not always understood. It is my hope that this will give us a renewed interest and ways to pursue this as a program.

Gayle

JANUARY INSPIRATION & RAFFLE

June

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 6—Betty

JANUARY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Dee—1998

Beth—1998

Deb—2022

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS

Do you know a woman attending college who could use some extra money for her schooling? Interested women can find writeable applications for the Virginia Wagner Award and our Miami scholarship on our website www.middletownsoroptimist.org. This is an easy way for them to get an application. Every year we struggle to find deserving applicants, so please share this information freely.

CALENDAR

January 15—Virginia M. Wagner applications due to club

January 15---LYD winner info to Region Chair

January 22—club meeting—change of date

February 1---Hundred X begins

February 12—club meeting—please invite guests!

February 15—Miami University applications due to club

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