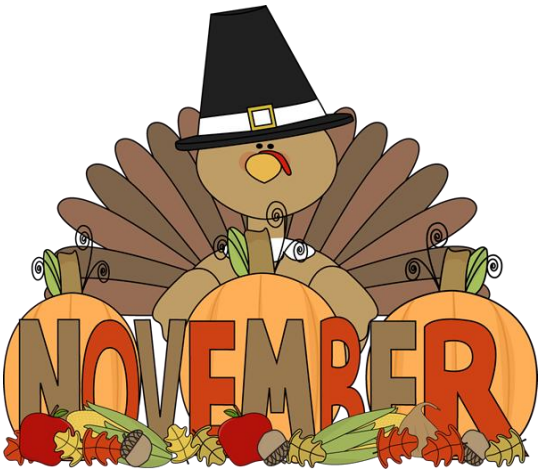
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NOVEMBER 2026

PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE

When I think of November, it is the official autumn farewell – the amazing colors fade, and winter vibes start to trickle in. What an awesome time of the year to share with friends and family. It is the start to the hustle and bustle of the holidays but also a time to stop and give thanks to all the amazing people we have in our lives and that we are able to help through our fundraising efforts.

Thank you to an amazing October Program and the guests we had to enjoy that program. It was a full house and a great feeling.

As we experience November, we need to be thankful for each other and the wonderful things our club has accomplished over the year, especially the amazing programs we are able to present.

We need to be thankful that we have been able to meet each month in person and share friendship, fellowship, and our meal.

If those are not enough reasons to be thankful, look at what November has to offer us. Check these out:

- November is American Diabetes Month
- Thanksgiving – fourth Thursday in November
- Veterans Day – November 11th

- U.S. General Election Day – Tuesday following the first Monday in November
- Game and Puzzle Week – third week of November
- Book Lovers Day – first Saturday of November
- Young Readers Day – second Tuesday of November
- Pumpkin Destruction Day – first Saturday after Halloween
- Child Safety Protection Month
- National Adoption Awareness Month
- Native American Heritage Month
- Peanut Butter Lovers Month
- Military Family Month
- Movember- (for the men)

Too often we get caught up in the hustle and bustle of everyday life and forget to thank those around us that make our lives better. Take a moment to make a list and call, email, or send a card to let them know they are appreciated.

> "Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude." — A.A. Milne, "Winnie-the-Pooh"

I am happy to report that our Ways and Means committee has secured HundredX for February.

Looking forward to November!

Gayle

November

11/3 Election Day

11/3 Board Meeting

11/11 Veterans Day

11/12 General Meeting Mt. Pleasant. -- Program Safe at Home. Invite friends and potential members, but be sure to make reservations before the deadline.

11/15 LYD Deadline

11/15 Form 990 due to IRS

11/26 Thanksgiving

December

No Board Meeting

12/10 It's Christmas Party at Sue's Home. Activity TBD. Guaranteed to be fun

What an October! A reflection

Some great things happened in October

Seven of us attended the District Meeting in Austin Landing where we were happy to see many old friends but also excited to see many new faces. We were able to share much about where our club was headed especially with the awesome Calendar of Events that both the District and Clubs were impressed with how we laid out our year. Super kudos for our Program Committee.

Good discussions were had around fundraising and membership as well as public relations.

Some important takeaways from Membership.

- Strong membership-strong clubs
- Recruit through community involvement, the importance of partnerships, family and friends
- Mentoring
- Involve all members

Programs and Public relations:

- The importance of branding and being consistent with the appropriate logos so people can identify with us when they see them.

Fundraising—some ideas from other clubs

- Know your purpose/be clear that the funds support our mission
- Know your potential sponsors/are their missions in line with ours
- Use partnerships/work with other clubs
- Seek grants

“The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.” – Oprah Winfrey

Gayle

25 Week Cash Raffle

At this time our club has sold 168 tickets for a total of $6720. We still have 82 tickets to sell to reach our goal. Some of you have not yet reported your sales, so please bring your ticket stubs and money to our November meeting. If you have tickets you don’t think you will be able to sell, bring them to the meeting in case someone needs more tickets. But please try to sell your tickets. Since we don’t need to mail a prize—just checks to the winners—don’t forget to ask you friends and family who live out of state. We have several members who have sold more than twenty, so it can be done! Many hands make light work.

Barb

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

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SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS

Do you know a woman attending college or technical school who could use some extra money for her schooling? Interested women can find writeable applications 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. The deadline for Live Your Dream Award is November 15th.

WEBSITES

Check out our website and the Midwestern Region website. Both have been updated.

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