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**SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN**

**MARCH 2026**



**PRESIDENT GAYLE'S MESSAGE**

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

I want to say what a wonderful speaker we had at our February Meeting, Ben Thaeler. He spoke on Trafficking and presented it in a very real sense. He spoke about some



programs and websites we can explore. Barb has the information and will share it for our references.

March is a busy month for women! Women's History Month which is a month-long recognition of those who made a difference. The theme this year is "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future" expands our understanding of sustainability beyond just environmental concerns. It encompasses financial sustainability, community resilience, leadership succession, and intergenerational equity. Values we recognize as Soroptimists.

International Women's Day, March 8, 2026 (IWD 2026), under the theme, "Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls," marks a moment to amplify our collective determination. Wear Purple! It signifies justice, dignity and loyalty.

A woman to recognize this year is Alex Coon one of our own!

## The Massillon Museum

Congresswoman Sykes met with the Massillon Museum and recognized Executive Director, Alexandra Nicholis Coon, on earning the American Alliance of Museums' Advocacy Leadership Award. The Advocacy Leadership Award honors individuals or organizations for exceptional leadership in advocating for the museum field at local, state, or national levels. Coon has been participating in Museums Advocacy Day with fellow Ohio constituents for 15 years, and is passionate about communicating the value of museums, art, humanities, and culture to all levels of government and throughout the community.



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 and especially Mary, 105 years young!

HundredX results will be in soon. We are close as of now! March 10 ends our campaign. There is still time Thanks to all who did their best!

## **Nominating Committee:**

Pam Linzie will Chair

**We need 2 Volunteers to complete the committee to prepare for April Nominations.**

Call to Conference April 24-April 26 Columbus, OH

Deadline 4/2/2026

Basket Raffle: Better Together Key to Partnership

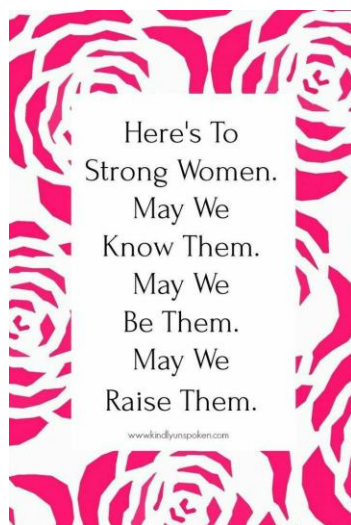
### Conference Basket

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 \$25 value. The basket raffle theme will be: Better Together Key to Partnership. Our basket will be gardening and environment.

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

See you soon!

*Gayle*



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING INFO

Ginger shared this information from our February meeting.

- **Ohio Human Trafficking Hotline:** Call [1-844-363-6448](tel:1-844-363-6448) ([844-END-OHHT](tel:844-363-6448)) or text "ENDOHHT" to **847411**. This non-emergency line, operated by the [Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation \(BCI\)](#), funnels tips directly to law enforcement task forces.
- **National Human Trafficking Hotline:** Call [1-888-373-7888](tel:1-888-373-7888) or text "HELP" or "INFO" to **233733** (BeFree). This is a confidential 24/7 service available in over 200 languages for reporting tips or accessing support.

### Abolition Ohio Contact Information

- **Email:** [abolitionohio@gmail.com](mailto:abolitionohio@gmail.com)
- **Phone:** [937-229-4326](tel:937-229-4326)
- **Address:** 300 College Park Ave, Keller Hall 453, Dayton, OH 45469-2790
- **Leadership:** Tony Talbott, Co-founder and Chair

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### Participation & Programs

- **Monthly Meetings:** Open to the public, typically held on the **second Friday** of every month (except July and December) from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.. You can email them to receive the Zoom link.
- **STOP Program:** Students and community members can get involved with the **Students Taking On Prevention (STOP)** project, which provides awareness materials and training for local schools.
- **Speakers Bureau:** Trained volunteers are available to give presentations on human trafficking to businesses, schools, and civic groups

Respectfully,

**Ben Thaeler**

*District Director*

U.S. Congressman Warren Davidson

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## **Invite a Guest to Hear Another Way Technology Can Support Your Health Journey**

At our March meeting, we will once again feature speaker, Jacky Groenewegen, who will give an eye-opening presentation on another aspect of Thermography – an innovative, radiation-free imaging technology that helps you see what your body may be telling you before symptoms fully develop. Thermography can identify areas of inflammation and stress in the body, offering insight into thyroid function, dental concerns, sinus issues and digestive health, as well as breast health which Jacky spoke about at our October 2025 meeting.

This topic is perfect for anyone who values proactive wellness, wants a deeper understanding of their body or is simply curious about natural, preventive health options. This meeting will be another great opportunity to invite a guest who will experience one of the many ways we provide women with life-changing education.

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### **CALENDAR**

March is Women's History Month

March 5—7:00 board meeting, ZOOM

March 8—International Women's Day

March 8—Daylight Savings Time starts

March 12—club meeting Jacky Groenewegen will speak

March 17—St. Patrick's Day

March 31—deadline to register for

Spring Conference

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

April 5--Easter

April 24-26—Spring Conference in Columbus

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

2 Beth

11 Pam

13 Ingrid

13 Mary (105)

## MARCH INSPIRATION

Mary

## MARCH RAFFLE

Mary

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