



Soroptimist International Midwestern Region

FEBRUARY
2019
Edition

The Vision

2019 Date to Remember

FEBRUARY 15

- Virginia Wagner Club Award winners due to District Director
- Region LYD Winner info due to both SIA and Treasurer Audrey Jarvey by Region Chair

MARCH 9

- **SAVE THE DATE** for District III Roundtable at Grand Event in Trenton. 11:00am -3:00pm more info to follow

SPRING CONFERENCE

- April 26-28th Columbus Airport Marriott

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Vicky Hicks

Governor's Message

Winter (still) Greetings

I've been thinking a lot about our biennium theme: Leadership is Fundamental. I was pretty darn happy with myself when I came up with it, because I thought it was a clever play on words from my childhood: Reading is Fundamental. Amusing myself is one of my most favorite things, if you didn't know that already. Anyway, we are seven months into the biennium and I'm not sure what **you** think it means. I know what I wanted it to mean, but frankly, I think that I'm not doing a very good job of making it happen, so I've been reconsidering.

I read an article by Luke Kanie: Strategy is Culture, and it contained the following: Peter Drucker famously said, "Culture eats strategy for breakfast." This is often interpreted as culture being more important than strategy... it's obvious to me that culture isn't more important than strategy, it *is* strategy. Your strategy is not what you're trying to do (those are your goals), but rather how you plan to do it, and your culture determines how you work. Pick any great, differentiated strategy, and you'll see that how it translates the company culture is what determines its efficacy. We tend to think of culture as being about how people feel, or how they treat each other, but that's a bare shadow of its importance. **Your culture is how your strategy is executed, and you've got to put in the time to make it work.**

So I re-read our Strategic Plan and meh, it's a strategic plan. Midwestern Region employs a four year strategic plan instead of the two year plan suggested by headquarters, and we also don't use their preferred template, although we use parts of it. Neither are ground-breaking and it's been my experience that most are pretty darn dull. Vision, Mission, Core Values, blah blah blah. Don't get me wrong, it's an important document and it's better to have one than not have one, but it's hardly inspiring. That's partly what the biennium theme

is for, focus and inspiration. But the thing that truly inspires us – in my opinion – is our mission to improve the lives of women and girls, right? I can't tell you how many times I've been inspired by one of our award winners and think to myself, I could never have done what she did. That inspires me to remain a member, and raise money for the awards. It inspires me to learn more about what other clubs, regions and federations are doing toward that end. That's our culture. Our mission is to improve the lives of women and girls, and our culture, our strategy, is how we do that. And that, my friends, is why the Midwestern Region works. We "do" Soroptimist, it's really that simple. In the last decade, Midwestern Region has raised more money and given more awards despite declining membership numbers. Ok, so how does "leadership is fundamental" fit into this? Well, who's raising the money? Who's giving awards? When we had 1500 members, we had a deep pool of candidates to step up and lead. We have 750 members now, so that pool of leadership candidates is smaller in number, but I think that it's equal in passion. All of our members are stepping up to lead, in big ways, small ways and everything in between. In my own club, we had a newer member step us to lead our program committee and she did a great job – that's leadership. We had a longtime member step out of her comfort zone by taking ownership of a new fundraising idea, and she rocked it – that's leadership.

Anyway, one of the thoughts behind Leadership is Fundamental was to get everyone excited about serving, so that we don't have to beg for officers every two years. The path to leadership isn't the destination, it's the journey. It's the small steps you take along the way to realizing, "Oh my gosh, not only can I do this, but I want to do this". Many of you are taking those small steps, the question is, who will keep going? Leadership is fundamental to

the continued success of Midwestern Region and I'm convinced that we'll succeed.



Kris Armstrong
Midwestern Region Governor

Soroptimist International Of The Americas Convention 2020

We Need Your Ideas? SIA Convention 2020



As part of the newly formed Program Committee for the SIA Convention in 2020 in Seattle, we are working on the Program, Workshops and Speakers for this convention. We need your ideas? What / Who would you like to see as a topic, workshop presenter and/or speaker? We are not considering any political speakers. We want only those speakers that can address the issues of women & girls. If you have an idea for a

speaker, please drop me an email with your idea & thoughts.

Thanks much

Vicky Hicks

SI Columbus & Franklin Co.

Midwestern Region Conference

Planning Committee

2020 SIA Convention Program Committee

Vickylou56@gmail.com

A Note From Your Governor Kris Armstrong

Midwestern Region has a new club! Welcome to the Tri-State Midwest club – centered in Evansville, IN and District II. The club territory reaches into S Indiana, NW Kentucky and SE Illinois. If you know of anyone in these area, please encourage them to join. More details will be forthcoming regarding a chartering party/event. One of the best practices that I'm attempting to steal from another region is one of welcoming new clubs with a monetary donation from other clubs in the region, suggested amount is \$100. And if you don't have the funds, I'm sure that they would also appreciate a "welcome" card/letter.

Correspondence should be directed to:

Gina Mullis, President

615 Ingle St

Evansville, IN, 47708



Working to improve the lives
of women and girls everywhere.

Soroptimist International Midwestern Region Membership Chair Roseanne Horne

Midwestern Region Membership News

A warm welcome to the newly chartered club in our Region: SI Tri-State! It takes a lot of time, organization, patience and encouragement to charter a club so thank you to all those involved in making this happen! We look forward to meeting some of the new members at Spring Conference in Columbus, Ohio this Spring.

The following is an update on where our Region stands regarding our membership goals for the fiscal year ending on May 31, 2019. The Membership Goals for each Region as stated in the Diamond Campaign information are as follows: -1% or better in membership change

13% or better in new members

14% or less in terminated members

Charter more than one new club

The numbers below represent member totals as of November 30, 2018.

Midwestern Region	5-31-18	9-30-18	11-30-18	GOAL for May, 2019
Total Members	775	692	701	767

As you can see, we need 66 more new members in our Region to hit the goal of 767. The chartering of a new club will help us reach that number. Gaining new members in all our clubs and retaining present members will also help us reach our goals.

How is your club doing toward reaching its goals? Below is a listing of each club's membership from May 31, 2018 through November 30, 2018. Those clubs highlighted in Green are at or above their goal.

	5-31-2018	9-30-2018	11-30-2018	GOAL
Chicago, IL	17	15	15	17
Fond Du Lac, WI	45	40	40	45
Milwaukee, WI	21	15	16	21
Bloomington-Normal, IL	24	23	23	24
Suburban-Chicago, IL	13	12	12	13
Iliana, IL	23	18	19	23
Indianapolis, IN	19	18	18	19
Dayton, OH	12	15	15	12
Middletown, OH	20	19	19	20
Anderson, IN	20	23	23	20
Kenton, OH	36	35	35	36
Tipp City /Upper Miami Valley, OH	26	17	27	26
Urbana, OH	22	21	21	22
Lucas County, OH	17	14	15	17
Hancock County, OH	10	8	9	10
Greater Detroit, MI	16	6	6	16
Flat Rock Area, MI	42	36	36	42
Grosse Pointe, MI	62	65	66	62

Region Membership Chair Continued...

Greater Macomb, MI	23	20	21	23
Monroe County, MI	40	40	40	40
Oakland County, MI	12	10	10	12
Trenton Area, MI	37	40	40	37
Wyandotte-Southgate, MI	13	14	14	13
Canton/Stark County/OH	37	34	34	37
Columbus/Franklin County, OH	21	18	18	21
Fremont, OH	58	45	45	58
Mt Vernon/Knox County, OH	34	32	34	34
Zanesville, OH	35	28	28	35
NE Suburban Franklin County, OH	12	11	11	12

Remember these numbers are based on November 30, 2018 membership totals. Some clubs may have increased membership since then.

This information is being made available to all club members, so we all know the Region Goals and our individual club goals. The next step is to make a plan to reach our membership goals. As Antoine de Saint-Exupery stated, **“A goal without a plan is just a wish.”**

How does your club plan to increase its membership? How about a membership event? Have a potluck or a wine tasting event and everyone invite a guest. Organize a fundraiser, advertise in your community newspaper, online, Facebook, and get your club’s name out there. Invite the community to your Award ceremony! Ask your friend, neighbor, relative to your club’s next meeting. Those that attend a meeting, or an event usually join the club. Sometimes all you need to do is ask!

Good luck with your **plans** so we can all reach our **goals!!**

Roseanne Horne
– Midwestern Region Membership Chair



SIA'S DIAMOND CAMPAIGN

Shining Our Way to the 2nd Century

SEPTEMBER 1, 2017—AUGUST 31, 2018

SOROPTIMIST®

PROGRESS IN FY17/18

Empowering Women & Girls Through Access to Our Dream Programs

LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS

\$2,414,864

in Live Your Dream Awards was given through the program ▲15%

1,595

deserving women ▲9%

93%

increased their self-esteem

86%

completed their education and increased their standard of living



DREAM IT, BE IT

14,547

girls participated ▲19%

88%

feel prepared to pursue their career goals

91%

feel more confident about their future success



Gaining New Members and Supporters

3,714 new and charter members

+9 net increase in clubs (best net change since FY97/98)

127,825 people in our LiveYourDream.org community

101,638 program activities conducted through LiveYourDream.org



Attracting More Financial Support

\$2,284,366 raised ▲22%

• **\$1,141,420** in total individual contributions ▲44%

• **\$748,304** contributed through Club Giving ▲3%

Corporate Philanthropy

\$180,375 raised ▲\$168,375

• **\$150,000** received from Torrid Foundation

• **17** unsolicited corporate partnership requests were received through LiveYourDream.org



\$14,291,581

in Net Assets ▲5%



Growing Recognition

537,654 unique visits to Soroptimist.org and LiveYourDream.org ▲5%

41,567 social media followers ▲8%

1.5 million people reached through SIA and LYD.org social media networks

6 million+ women across the US saw our online ads (Google Grants and Facebook Ads)



Soroptimist.org | LiveYourDream.org

Soroptimist International Of Trenton

Soroptimist International of Trenton Area is hosting a prom and homecoming dress re-sale on Sunday, February 24 from 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. at the Westfield Activities Center, 2700 Westfield (next to the Trenton Library). Local teen girls will be able to purchase gently used or new dresses in current styles in a multitude of sizes at deeply discounted prices.

Donate your clean gowns and dresses (any style, length, or size). Please deliver them on hangers, and be sure to note the size.

Instinct Salon in Flat Rock was the first drive-thru drop-off location this past Sunday. A second drive-thru drop off will be at Bearclaw Coffee Company, 24146 Sibley Road, Brownstown on Sunday, February 17, between 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

All contributions are tax deductible. Proceeds will be shared with Becca's Closet, a national, non-profit organization for teens who need help to have a great dance experience.



- Donate your dresses to give local teens affordable options!
- Your donation is tax deductible!
- The dresses will be deeply discounted!
- Proceeds will be shared with [Becca's Closet](#), a national non-profit for teens who need help to have a great dance experience!

DRESS SHOPPING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Westfield Activities Center (next to library)
2700 Westfield Rd, Trenton

DRESS DRIVE-THRU DONATION SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

1:00 - 3:00 PM

InStinct Salon

25471 Telegraph Rd, Brownstown

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Bear Claw Coffee

24146 Sibley Rd, Brownstown

- WHEN DONATING
- Current styles only
 - Dresses should be clean and on hangers
 - Note the size of garment

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Soroptimist International Of Fond du Lac

'Hatchet-swinging history' in Fond du Lac

Like many women honored during Women's History Month in March, Carrie A Nation was a trouble-maker. Newspaper headlines captivated the nation around the turn of the 20th century, recounting the infamous temperance activist Carrie A. Nation. She barged into saloons, preached an anti-alcohol message and terrified men drinking there into spilling their beer and fleeing to the nearest exits when she pulled out a hatchet and started swinging.

One of the taverns where that wild-eyed woman made her mark and smashed a bottle of whiskey was in Fond du Lac, Wis. Outside the front door of the corner tavern that still exists is a faded wooden sign, "Site of the famous Carrie Nation hatchet-swinging episode."

That event and the woman who made history will be the focus of SI Fond du Lac's Women's History Month event on March 21. Partnering with the FdL Public Library, the club hosts the March installment

of a monthly lecture series called "History at Home."

Soroptimist participation in the popular series began several years ago when then-member Terri Fleming, a library employee, helped the club plug into the project. Terri has since moved to Colorado, but her leadership helped the club establish a lasting relationship with History at Home. Marge Brashier, a new club member who also works at the library, has stepped up to nurture the partnership, while member Marion Blakely, a mainstay of the Fond du Lac County Historical Society, is chairing the event.

"History at Home" events include discussion and refreshments for the 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. lectures which are free and open to the public.

-- Submitted by Renee DuFore Russell, SI Fonddu Lac president

Soroptimist International Of Dayton

Soroptimist International of Dayton is pleased to report about the impact of the CORY Project. The CORY (Community Outreach for Runaway Youth) Project, an effort of the Montgomery County, Ohio Sheriff's Department, SI Dayton and hundreds of volunteers, began in 2018 by distributing posters and educating the Miami Valley population about human trafficking. Through this project, 18 children across the Miami Valley region were found or

rescued in 2018, a sting was made at a massage parlor, and liquor licenses were denied. It has also illustrated the importance of trauma and mental health care for our Miami Valley children. In 2019, the CORY Project will expand distribution to Middletown, OH and Cincinnati, OH with posters identifying missing children from those areas. Other states and Canada have expressed interest in the CORY Project as a method to find their children.

Soroptimist International Of Monroe

Amazing Local Women



Trooper Tressa Duffin worked more than 25 years at the Monroe Post. She is now assigned to a task force fighting

human trafficking in Southeast Michigan.

Michigan State Police Trooper Tressa Duffin, who has worked in Monroe County for 25 ½ years and headed the Monroe County Anti- Human Trafficking Coalition since it started, will be moving from the Monroe Post to Detroit starting Monday. She will work with the Southeast Michigan Trafficking and Child Exploitation Task Force. She doesn't know all the details of what her job will entail, but said the task force will be multi-jurisdictional and investigate trafficking and primarily child exploitation in Southeast Michigan.

"It's a plain-clothes detail, so I won't be wearing a uniform any more," she said Tuesday. "I'll be using a computer and doing some STING operations and sweeps with the FBI to rescue human trafficking victims and arrest johns and traffickers. There are a lot of victims, not just children."

She began her career with the state police at the Erie Post in 1993.

Due to her new work schedule, she will no longer chair the county coalition, but will still be involved as much as possible. "I will still be part of the coalition and will help find someone to run the coalition. I just can't at-

tend all the meetings." It may be a collaborative effort or a committee to replace her. Because of the holidays, the coalition won't meet again until 5 p.m. Jan. 17 at the United Way Building.

Crime Stoppers public service announcement
"I have enjoyed working with (the coalition) and am hoping that this new job will benefit the coalition and all of our efforts," she said in an email.

The coalition has assisted 47 survivors to date in Monroe County. "We are doing awesome work here and need to continue our efforts," she said.

January is Stop Human Trafficking Month. The coalition would like to hold several town-hall-like meetings in 2019 specifically targeting the Bedford, Dundee, Monroe and Milan areas, she said. She is looking for a community hall or church to host a presentation on human trafficking awareness. Anyone with suggestions on where to hold such an event is asked to contact her at DuffinT@michigan.gov or Lennie Alcorn at Alcornl@michigan.gov.

"We want to get more of the community and businesses involved," Duffin said. "We want to take a broader approach to educate our community. Many people still don't think it is a problem here."

In the new year, the coalition will work with a local survivors' group, promote more training with law enforcement and work with the Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution (SOAP) group. SOAP has a local office in Monroe headed by Theresa Flores. The group plans to send members to the Super Bowl in Atlanta, Ga., to rescue victims of human trafficking there.

By Dean Cousino Monroe News staff reporter

Soroptimist International Of Monroe

There are Midwestern members from Michigan, Ohio and Illinois who will be attending as Delegates for the 2019 CSW in New York March 11-22, 2019. All members should check the CSW website and UN Women website to find out more information. The members who are attending will be Soroptimist International delegates for SI, SI of Great Britain and Ireland, and Women, Water and Leadership.

Members should also look up the "Agreed Upon Conclusions" from 2018. In 2020, we meet again to address the Beijing Declaration and to review how far we have come and what progress has been made since that Beijing meeting.

All Soroptimist members of the Midwestern Region have a voice at the United Nations through their delegates.

Best to everyone.

Vivian Walczesky
SIGBI Delegate for SI
Past Governor 2016-2018
Midwestern Region USA



CSW63 (2019)

The sixty-third session of the [Commission on the Status of Women](#) will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 11 to 22 March 2019.

Representatives of [Member States](#), UN entities, and [ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations \(NGOs\)](#) from all regions of the world are expected to attend the session.

Themes

Priority theme: Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls;

Review theme: Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development ([agreed conclusions](#) of the sixtieth session);

CSW64 / Beijing+25 (2020)

In 2020, the global community will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the [Fourth World Conference on Women](#) and adoption of the [Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action](#) (1995). A five-year milestone will be reached towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals of the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#). 2020 is therefore a pivotal year for the accelerated realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, everywhere.

The sixty-fourth session of the [Commission on the Status of Women](#) will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York in March 2020. Representatives of Member States, UN entities, and [ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations \(NGOs\)](#) from all regions of the world are invited to attend the session.

Themes

The main focus of the session will be on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the [23rd special session of the General Assembly](#). The review will include an assessment of current challenges that affect the implementation of the Platform for Action and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and its contribution towards the full realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Bureau

Information about the Bureau of the sixty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be made available here at a later stage.

Preparations

National-level reviews: States are called upon to undertake comprehensive national-level reviews of the progress made and challenges encountered.

Regional 25-year review processes: The regional commissions of the United Nations are invited to undertake regional reviews and convene regional intergovernmental meetings. These will feed into the sixty-fourth session of the Commission.

Soroptimist International Of Greater Macomb

It was a busy and exciting quarter for Greater Macomb, with a variety of events, something for everyone.

Sunday, Sep 16th was our First Annual Steps Toward Freedom, a 5K run/ walk at River Bend Park in Shelby Township. Being our first attempt at putting on a run, we were very fortunate to see 60 participants turn out. We also had excellent weather, a disc jockey, eight corporate sponsors, plus cider and donuts for all. We raised around \$3000, to be used for awards and Human Trafficking awareness activities,

We are so happy with the success of the run, we have already scheduled the park for the end of this summer; our Second Annual Run Toward Freedom will be held on Sunday, Sep 14th, 2019, and we have already received our first corporate sponsor's donation.

November 9th was our 2nd Bunco Party at the New Baltimore Civic Club. Thanks to Laurie H, Amanda M, Jacqui G and Lynn F for all their hard work. In addition to the Bunco, the evening included basket raffles, 50-50 drawing, tables of yummy buffet snacks and goodies, beer and wine at the bar, plus Lynn's awesome pudding shots. Also, we increased our Soropti-mister participation by 400%-500%, as at the 2017 event we only had one husband; this time we had 4 or 5 gentlemen.

Between the ticket sales, the raffles, and the bar we earned about \$2200, but our total was about \$3100 due to a \$900 grant from Kohl's for having 5 Kohl's employees volunteer their time to help with the event.

Due to the success of these 2 events we have increased the total amount of our 3 awards to \$4000.



Our Christmas party became a Christmas pot-luck lunch / craft project. This was held at Lake Huron Metro Park's Nature Center (administered by our own Soroptimist member, Julie C). Thanks to Audrey G, we all went home with burlap bags with snowmen painted on them. Audrey supplied the bags, templates, brushes, all acrylic paints we could need. Most importantly, thank you, Audrey for bringing a sample of the finished product so we could copy!

The next activity on our schedule is Dream It Be It, chaired by Mona C who is working with Macomb County 4H club. This will be held in March at the VerKuilen Building in Mt, Clemens. We are looking forward to working hands-on with these young women.



Soroptimist International Of Flat Rock

Soroptimist International of the Flat Rock Area
FASHION SHOW

Thursday, March 21, 2019
The Crystal Gardens,
16703 Fort St., Southgate, MI
Doors open at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:15 pm and Fashion Show at 7:00 pm
Tickets: \$40 pp –Each ticket includes Dinner and Fashion Show -- Cash Bar Available
Tables of 10 available for \$400

Silent Auction, raffles, and High Energy Fashions from [Traffic Jam Boutique](#) in Wyandotte

Proceeds to benefit local charities and be used for our annual Live Your Dream Awards, Virginia Wagner Award, Violet Richardson Award and the Woman of Distinction Award

Tickets Available online at:
fashionshow.brownpapertickets.com



Soroptimist International Of Bloomington-Normal

New SIBN Fundraiser for 2019

Lina Wombacher, Raffle Ticket Manager

SIBN is trying a new fundraiser in 2019. Thanks to the Kenton, OH club for the idea! They successfully initiated the raffle "Club 250". We were able to benefit from their experience and suggestions and are now rolling out the fundraiser ourselves.

SIBN is concerned that our annual Christmas Gift Wrapping at Eastland Mall for the past 25 years would fall short due to diminishing mall traffic. With our goal to increase our three grants awards, we feared the gift wrapping would not allow us to do so and needed an alternate idea, hence Club 250.

Each member was asked to sell as many raffle tickets as possible.

Many members used the raffle tickets as Christmas gifts to their family. Our plan was to sell all 250 tickets. We did a great job of selling and only had approximately 40 left (still hoping for some last minute raffle sales). Drawing starts on Friday, Jan 4th and will take place each Friday throughout the 2019 year.

Winners will be posted on our Facebook page.

Good luck to everyone who purchased a ticket!

Soroptimist International Of Monroe

LUNA FEST

Thursday, January 31, 2019 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm •
Doors open at 6:30 **Monroe High School Auditorium**
901 Herr Drive - Monroe, Michigan

LUNA FEST is a traveling film festival celebrating, showcasing, and championing women in film. Enjoy popcorn, snacks and eight short films 3-17 minutes per “movie”. The film festival will benefit Soroptimist projects that empower Women and Girls in our community. This festival is a community event with high school aged girls invited free of charge. We may end up with some filmmakers “to be” in the audience. Women in the community are invited with a suggested donation of \$10,



or a free-will donation of their choosing, or donation of a new woman’s hat, scarf or gloves. Who we are: Soroptimist (Suh-rop-tuh-mist) International is active in 122 countries and Soroptimist International of Monroe County works to help make a difference in the lives of women by assisting women and girls with educational awards, raising awareness and advocating for women’s issues, and engaging in community service. Visit our website: www.monroecountysoroptimist.org

Respectfully submitted,
Tammi Van Aken – Fundraising Chair

Soroptimist International Of Milwaukee

LUNAFEST® is a program of eight short films that are BY, FOR and ABOUT women. Groups like ours host LUNAFEST® screening events annually all around the country. The Marquette University Women’s Innovation Network (MU-WIN) is pleased to host this year’s event during Women’s History Month.

Date and Time
Tue, March 19, 2019

Choose either the AFTERNOON (3:30 PM) or EVENING (6:30 PM) screening. Contact us to get promo codes for FREE tickets for students and volunteers. We offer the convenience of online ticket purchases. Please contact us with any special requests or to purchase tickets in person.

Early Bird tickets (through March 5) are only \$15!



All funds raised will benefit Soroptimist International of Milwaukee’s two “Dream Programs”:

Click to register for tickets:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lunafest-marquette-university-milwaukee-wi-330pm-630pm-tickets-55052171527>

And here is the official trailer:
<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/lunafest2019/295446728?autoplay=1>

Location

Tony and Lucille Weasler Auditorium
1506 W Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

Soroptimist International Of Lucas County

Hope everyone has stayed warm through the polar blast of colder than colder temperatures.



Fall and winter were busy times for our club. We had our very first wine tasting fundraiser on September 29. Being this was our first, we weren't sure how successful it would be. It was very successful and we will be planning on another for next year!

Members all had a great time at our Christmas gathering December 4. Not only did we have wonderful food and such fun opening white elephant packages, we also included the judging of our LYD applicants. The three judges finally came up with the top three of the eleven applications received. We are in the planning stages of the LYD dinner on March 19, 2019. We will be awarding three women again this year.

And to keep issuing in spring, April 3 is our fourth pizza party for the women and children at the WYCA Battered Women's Shelter in Toledo, OH. There will be fun and games for all and we have the opportunity to listen to the women and offer what support and encouragement we can.

Soroptimist International of Monroe County

Presents

LUNA FEST



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Visit our website: www.monroecountysoroptimist.org



 International Women's Day

Challenging Our Narratives

Perceptions of

Cultural
Victimhood

Body
Image

Criminal
Background

23rd Annual International Women's Day Breakfast
Moderator—Dakesa Piña, Ph.D.

Saturday, March 2, 2019
Event 9:00—11:00 a.m.—Doors/buffet open at 8:30 a.m.
Eastland Suites Conference Center
Tickets \$25 /\$10 students- Table Sponsors \$250/8 guests
Includes: sponsor recognition at table & in event program.
Reservations/payment required—Deadline February 21

Checks payable to SIBN /mailed to: OR  —request emailed to:
Karen Fleming klfleming1973@gmail.com
1416 Godfrey Drive Convenience fee added
Normal, IL 61761

Questions/further information—call (309)454-2513

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Preparing Girls for a Brighter Future

Our Global Impact in FY17/18

across



14,547 girls
participated



14 countries
& territories

Girls Are Empowered to Live Their Dreams



91%

feel more confident about
their future success



88%

feel more prepared to pursue
their career goals



90%

created achievable goals for
their future



85%

were introduced to
professional role models

Girls are Inspired by Possibilities



They said:

"I learned I am more powerful than any obstacle."

"Dream It, Be It taught me to hope."

"I loved relating to adults who wanted to listen and help me plan for my future dreams."

"I learned that I can make a difference."

View the full *Dream It, Be It* Impact Report at: <http://bit.ly/17-18DIBIImpact>

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SOROPTIMIST LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS®

Igniting Change for Women

Our Global Impact in FY17/18



\$2.4 million+

In education awards
disbursed



1,595

motivated women
received an award



802

women received additional
support beyond an award



Across
21
countries

Women are Economically & Socially Empowered

Recipients from three years ago report:



86%

completed their education
and improved their
standard of living



93%

increased their
self-esteem



97%

are now living in a safe environment—
of the 55% who are survivors of
domestic violence, sexual assault, child
abuse, trafficking and/or prostitution

Women & Families Gain Independence

Recipients said:



"I have entered into a career that will raise me and my daughter out of generational poverty. Without the woman of Soroptimist and their many levels of support, I could not have become the woman I am today nor the mother I've always wanted to be and wished I had growing-up!"

"As a single mother family, we were financially struggling, but I studied hard and obtained a license and now I work as a nurse. The Live Your Dream Award gave me encouragement and energy because I felt that it acknowledged my hard work."

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