



DISTRICT I NEWSLETTER

MIDWESTERN REGION

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IFROM THE DIRECTORS CHAIR

I want to thank you all for sending the latest information on your clubs. As you know Mother Nature decided that the Board Meeting was to be a conference call. We covered everything on the agenda so please read through this

newsletter.

Hope you all are having your Virginia Wagner Awards judged please send me your winner as soon as possible. I do need by February 15th.

Thank you all for your coloring of the “*Leadership is Fundamental*” sheet, the Winner was Cathy Venturella.

I would like to know if you are having any events coming up. I will try to get to them if possible. Also remember to submit your events to **The Vision** send them to Karrie Blankenship email: karrieb40@gmail.com

TO DO



I hope you are all having your Virginia Wagner applications judged. If you have any questions you can contact me or the Virginia Wagner Region Chair, Denise Wartgow, denise.wartgow@yahoo.com.

Remember I do need your winner by February 15th. Let me know if you will not make this date. Other items to review and complete – Grant Applications are due by March 1st to SIA Headquarters - good luck!

SPRING CONFERENCE

Spring Conference, is coming soon April 26 to 28th, 2019. The call for Spring Conference should be in your

Soroptimist Email if not it is posted on the Midwestern Website. <https://www.simwr.org>.

It will be held at the Marriott Airport in Columbus, OH. Phone 614-475-7551 ask for **SIA Spring Conference** rooms

Important Info:

- Rooms must be reserved with members names that will be staying in room. Do not use one name for all rooms & only reserve rooms you will need.
- Registration form has changed review each column and make sure you mark First time attends so they are recognized. Guest should also be added and meals marked correctly.
- All Forms for registration are due by **March 31, 2019** watch the call to know who should receive each form.
- A late fee of \$100.00 will be charged for any club registration **NOT** received by March 31, 2019.
- **Governor's Award** form is included with the call packet it is revised this year and needs to be completed and sent to Kris Armstrong by March 31, 2019.

Start planning that road trip with your Soroptimist members. The car rides bring us all closer together and the memories last forever so plan now to attend. If you have never attended, you will come away motivated and with a better understanding of Soroptimist beyond your local level.

ACORN GUILD



Have you seen Hildy the Acorn Guild squirrel? You can join the Acorn Guild by making a \$100 donation. Money gained by the new Acorn Guild will support and finance the Dr. Virginia M. Wagner Award. This award is only a Midwestern Region award and the Midwestern Region is

responsible for the funding. When you join the Acorn Guild you will receive a squirrel pin and the knowledge that you are assisting young women.

If you want to contribute you can do this at Spring Conference or contact your club president or me.

Remember the Virginia Wagner Award helps support a young lady pursue her higher education.

NEWSLETTERS

Your club newsletter is a great way for members who miss meetings to know about club projects, upcoming events, speakers, and updates from yours truly. It's a great way for me to know what your club is doing so I can plan when to come for a visit or to support an event.

Please make sure your newsletter editor is sending it to the following: me smfrankel5@gmail.com, District Secretary Connie Gindt, connie@ep-direct.com, the Region Board, and Chris Speedie crspeedie@sbcglobal.net. Chris will post each newsletter on the Midwestern Region website. That's an easy way for clubs in the District to learn about and support each other and their projects. Check out some of the other clubs' newsletters on www.simwr.org. Click on the Members Only area (password is "member") and read what's going on in the Midwestern Region.

MIDWESTERN REGION WEBSITE

Speaking of the MWR website, please review your club's information and photo to ensure they are current. I believe some of the District I clubs do not have current information or current pictures. If changes are needed please send all updates to Chris Speedie at crspeedie@sbcglobal.net.

If you are posting on Facebook, send that information to Chris Speedie at the address above and to Karrie Blankenship grossepointesoroptimist@gmail.com. for The Vision.

BUDGETS



Have you sent me a copy of your budget? If not please forward as soon as possible. When setting your budgets be sure to follow our mission. Use your club's money to support women and girls. Look at this year's figures from your fundraisers to predict how much your club will be able to award a Live Your Dream or Virginia Wagner winner. **A budget is a guideline.** If you have a successful

fundraiser, consider increasing the amount or adding another winner. The awardees certainly appreciate any help they receive. Be sure to plan for Club Giving in your budgets—10% of your fundraising profit.

LIVE YOUR DREAM | DR. VIRGINIA M. WAGNER AWARDS



Thank you all for participating in **The Live Your Dream Award** this year. I want to announce that the District I winner is Emily H. from the Fond du Lac Club as District I winner she now will move on to the Regional voting here she will either win \$3,000.00 or \$5,000.00. We wish her luck!

Dr Virginia M Wagner Award were due to Clubs by Jan 15, 2019. Your winner should be chosen and sent to me by February 15th.

DIMES FOR DREAMS

Dimes for Dreams was a fun and easy project the past couple years and will continue for the next biennium. Collect your dimes and add this to your Club Giving and see how quickly it adds up. This money goes toward funding our awards. Make sure when submitting these funds that you state they are **Dimes for Dreams** to have your club recognized for their contributions.

SOROPTIMIST LOGO



Hope you are working on changing your Soroptimist logo to the "S" logo. I know the date is 12/1/2019 but we should start using it as soon as you are able.

Consistent branding will positively affect our ability to recruit members, attract corporate sponsors, and gain attention for our organization and programs.

CLUB CHARTERING

A BIG Welcome to the new Tri-State Club. Governor Kris Armstrong has just announced that the Tri-State Club has submitted it's chartering paperwork. Send this club your support and is possible a small monetary gift to help them start their club off right. Hopefully they will be at the Spring Conference this year. Also if you know anyone in the Evansville, IND area let them know about this new club maybe they would be interested in meeting them.

District I do we know of an area that would be a great place to have a club? Let us know they would not be alone as we would all help establish another club.

MEMBERSHIP

In District I we have 6 clubs. All of our clubs should work on new members. If you have any ideas for an event or if you have had an event that you have had that was successful we should share it just may be the idea that another club can use for new members. One suggestion was that all of our members should carry SI club cards to share with women they met during their day that they think would be interested in our clubs. If you have someone or a relative that lives near another club we could possibly meet them and go to another club close to them in hopes that they find it interesting. If you are having a membership event let me know and Connie or I will try to attend.

DREAM IT, BE IT



The Dream It, Be It. I hope you are working on this program. Remember you can use either

the Mentoring or One Day Conference - both work to help young women!

The DIBI Region Chair is Ruth Waggoner, her email is ruthwaggoner55@gmail.com I am sure she will help you with anything you may need. Make sure you submit to SIA Headquarters and also send a copy of your transmittal form to Ruth after your event is completed.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

After you have completed a program for one of the Four Pillars: Fundraising, Program, Membership and Public Awareness you should complete a Celebrating Success Form this lets SIA know what you are doing and how you are continuing to work on the 4 pillars. Per Vivian make sure you give a through explanation, include pictures and any media information. The instructions and form can be found on the Midwestern website see link below:

<https://www.simwr.org/tools-and-resources>

When you fill out the form mail to Vivian Walczesky

15015 Woodpine Drive • Monroe, MI 48161

or email: vivianwalczesky@yahoo.com

DISTRICT I & III MEETING

Mark your calendar for the next District I and III Meeting it is set for October 18th and 19, 2019 it will be at the Essenhaus Inn and Conference Center, Middlebury, Indiana

SIA CONVENTION

The 2020 SIA Convention is being held in Bellevue, Washington, USA. So close that you should plan on attending it will be in July 2020 and it will also be celebrating the Soroptimist 100th Anniversary. Watch for more information as it become available.

IN CLOSING

We are having a District I Round table on Saturday February 23rd in Rockford, IL. Let your President know if you are interested.

See you at Spring Conference!!!

Yours in service,

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