



The Vision



Governor's Message

Midwestern Region Governor

Greetings fellow Soroptimists,

Welcome to the 2020 - 2022 biennium. I am so honored to be your Governor and will do my best to lead with integrity.

I know it was disappointing that we had to cancel spring conference and you were not able to see your board installed. We will be installed at our July board meeting and will be taping it for all members to view.

As you recall my platform for this biennium is Educate to Empower and through our Dream Programs we will do just that. I know we will have challenges because of your fundraisers being canceled and I have no doubt as Soroptimists we will figure it out. I am amazed at how many clubs jumped right in and started meeting virtually and keeping your members engaged. We need to continue to focus on our mission and do what we can to help as many women as we can. You may not be able to do as much as you did last year and that is okay. Do what you can this year and remember we are women at our best, helping women be their best.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at District meetings in Indiana or Ohio and Spring Conference in Fond du lac. If you need anything I am only an email or phone call away.

Best Regards,

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and
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Members,
Chairs
&
MUCH MORE!



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SI of Middletown, OH

SI Middletown would like to share information about one of our long-time members. Mary Maurer has been a member for 62 years and just celebrated her 99th birthday. She joined in 1958 to be of service to the community and to make new friends. She continues to enjoy the members. She has held the office of president, vice-president, treasurer, and has served on most committees for our club. When asked what projects that the club has done that she thought were good, she replied the giving of our scholarship and awards and also in the past when the club gave kindergarteners hearing tests.

Mary was born in Middletown and has lived in Middletown, OH; Lancaster, PA; Houston, TX; and Monroe, OH. She worked for RCA in promotional sales, as assistant personnel director, and in the radar tube plant where they made radar tubes for the Navy. Women covered these jobs while the men were away during World War II. When her family moved to Texas, she worked at three hospitals in Houston setting up equipment lists for the new hospitals that were being built. When she moved back to Ohio, she became executive director of Middletown Area Girl Scout Council and then assistant director and finance director of the Great Rivers Girl Scout Council, Mary has always been of service to the community and continues to this day. She even sponsors an award through the Middletown Community Foundation, the Mary C. Maurer Award, that recognizes a community volunteer between the ages of 30 and 50.

SI Middletown thinks Mary is a very special person, and we're glad to have her as a member of our club!

SI of Macomb

Like all of you, things are pretty quiet for SI Greater Macomb because of the virus. But we are moving along slowly.

Our June business meeting was via ZOOM, but we actually had a semi-face-to-face transitional Board meeting, with about half of us in person, and the other half via ZOOM.

We had an electronic election for our new Board, and installation during the ZOOM Business meeting. Club veterans are very excited and relieved about our new Board. Most of these women have been members for no more than five years, are extremely tech savvy and bring new ideas, energy, and passion.

Our incoming aboard:

President: Jessica Finch

Vice President: Amanda Melkert

Co-Treasurers: Aubrey Dee and Laurie Huff

Co-Secretaries: Susan Rhein and Mona Clugh

Members at Large: Sue Todd and Stephanie Garza

Past Co-Presidents: Jackie Wajer and Bev Todd

We are still optimistically planning our annual picnic in August, as well as our Bunco fundraiser in November. We have, however, re-scheduled our 75th Anniversary celebration/Awards Banquet (again) to April 15, 2021.

Like all of you we hope to be able to return to our normal meeting format in the fall.

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SI of Suburban Chicago's Annual "Dine & Shop Around Town" Education Scholarship Fundraiser

Please help support Soroptimist International of Suburban Chicago Scholarships with purchasing our raffle tickets.

There are a lot of Awesome "Gift Cards" in these prize bundles that anyone can use now (since most places are doing carry-out/take-out orders)....and also all will honor all gift cards after covid-restrictions are lifted... (i.e.:... such as Mario Tricoci gift cards never expire)

1st PLACE
\$100 Target;
\$50 Longhorn
Steakhouse, Yard
House, Outback
Steakhouse,
Mario Tricoci;
\$25 Starbucks, Lettuce
Entertainment

2nd PLACE
\$75 Target;
\$50 Whole Foods,
McCormick & Schmick's;
\$20 Aveda;
\$15 Walgreens, Dunkin'
Donuts, Starbucks;
\$10 Panera, Cilantro
Cantina, Subway

3rd PLACE
\$50 Darden Group;
\$45 Mario Tricoci;
\$25 Target, Starbucks,
Portillo's;
\$20 CA Pizza Kitchen,
Applebe's;
\$15 Dairy Queen;
\$10 Starbucks, Buona
Beef

Soroptimist International of Suburban Chicago
Benefits Soroptimist Women's Scholarships and other club Programs

DINE & SHOP AROUND 2020
10th Annual Fundraiser
~~Drawing changed to Drawing May 3, 2020~~ **July 16, 2020**
at Annual Awards Reception & Officer Installation

3 Chances to WIN!
Prizes include gift cards/certificates for Restaurants and Shopping.
Featuring Mario Tricoci certificates!

1st PLACE - \$350 Value
2nd PLACE - \$270 Value
3rd PLACE - \$245 Value

TICKETS
1 for \$5
5 for \$20

To purchase tickets go to
www.si-suburbanchicago.org (click on Donations)
and to find more information about our club programs and scholarships.

Soroptimist International of Suburban Chicago has
501(c)3 status that applies to Federal Taxes.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT of WOMEN & GIRLS

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF WOMEN & GIRLS

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20

Order in multiples of four and the fifth ticket will automatically be included in your packet.
Winners do not have to present to win. The drawing was originally scheduled to take place on May 2nd at our annual awards luncheon where we celebrate our scholarship/grant winners for this year.
Due to COVID-19 restrictions we have rescheduled the drawing for the July 16th meeting

SISC is 501(c)3 and our Federal Tax ID# is 36-3670476

Like 0 \$ 5.00 **Buy Now**
In stock

Due to Covid-19 restrictions/limitations...our drawing for this raffle has been postponed/changed to July 16th 2020 - so we can have a little more time selling tickets via online by email/and social media...

Here is a link to our website:
http://si-suburbanchicago.org/dine_shop_around

there is a "Donate Button" at the bottom of the page ==>

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20

NOTE:

When Ordering in multiples of four
-the fifth ticket will automatically be included in your
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SI Fond du Lac

Looking forward, through the window...

Greeting and Salutations from SI-Fond du Lac!

We are gearing up for an interesting coming year. Watch this space for modifications and replacements for a few of our signature events (Dream It, Be It girls' conference, Chocolate Fantasy) and the continuation of others, such as the Landmark Ornament Sale, featuring Edith's Bridal Shoppe this year (photo). Our Womens' History Month event is postponed (it was scheduled just after the mass shutdown this spring), hopefully to be presented yet this year, since it deals with the 100-year anniversary of women's suffrage. Outfit preview by incoming President Uselmann from the March membership meeting (photo).

We're doing our best to continue to meet virtually, and in limited numbers in person (such as the five who stickered ornament boxes to prepare for selling). We are learning lots about how to operate in this new venue. Pictured: Crazy Hat Zoom meeting.

Although we weren't able to have a formal installation, our new officers have nonetheless been elected to serve, with vigor! They are:

- Linda Uselmann, President
- Dawn Nelson, Vice President
- Terri Jacobson, Recording Secretary
- Claudia Hawkins-Moise, Corresponding Secretary
- Vittoria Schnook, Treasurer
- Kathryn Dreifuerst and Renee DuFore-Russell, Directors
- Laurie Albert and Denise Wartgow, Delegates

Looking forward to a productive 2 years leading this organization...we're VIRTUALLY unstoppable!

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Linda Uselmann, SI-FDL

Soroptimist International of Trenton

2020

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS,
INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS,
AND CLUB AWARDS**

Soroptimist International of Trenton Area celebrated the induction of five new members: Cecelia Beaty, Mary Booth, Tracey Clarke, Chelsea Dobija, and Veronica Drakos. The evening's ceremony began with Lani Weslow's timely invocation.

Former president and membership chairperson, Linda Crisi, also presented the induction of the new 2020-2022 officers: President Abby Premoe, President-elect Lani Weslow, Vice-president Cathy Infantado, Secretary Kim Bondy, and Treasurer Chris Speedie. The immediate past-president is Karen Collins. The new board of directors include Diane McDowell, Tessa Smith, and Nancy Nagle.

Linda Crisi then distributed several perfect attendance certificates before presenting five-year membership pins to Kim Budz, Brigitte Rizzuto, and Cathy Infantado. Marty Evans and Donna Fickeisen both earned their 35-year pins, and Nada Frost obtained her 40-year anniversary pin.

Karen Collins presented Janelle Rose the "Rookie of the Year" award for her positive attitude and kind words to all. Tessa Smith was given the "Key Member" award for always being ready to step up to tasks and to be the first to volunteer. Last year's winner, Cathy Infantado, wrote the presentation of our most important award, the Soroptimist of the Year, for Chris Speedie. Chris is the backbone of our club, not only as our treasurer for many of her thirty-eight years as a member, but as our "go-to" person in all things Soroptimist. What she doesn't know, she finds out! In turn, Cathy was given a plaque to commemorate her as last year's recipient.

The annual scholarship awards commemoration was postponed from March due to the coronavirus, so the recipients were feted in conjunction with the installation ceremony. Three award winners, Ashley Jones of Ypsilanti, as the Live Your Dream Education and Training Award winner; the Virginia Wagner Educational Award winner, Artiesha Powe of Detroit; and the Soroptimist Prime award recipient, Mia Moberly of Trenton High School, were honored as well.

Soroptimist International of Trenton continued

and the Soroptimist Prime award recipient, Mia Moberly of Trenton High School, were honored as well. SI of Trenton Area also gave special recognition to the *Trenton Trib* and *The News-Herald*. Part of the efforts of Soroptimist is to bring awareness of women's issues to the forefront. We need media to do that. Some of the many charity fundraisers of which we sponsor are the annual motorcycle run, "Battle for Freedom," "Mommy and Me Tea Party," and our Dress Re-sale. Since our club includes the downriver communities of Trenton, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Woodhaven, Brownstown, and Riverview, the perfect spot to make those fundraisers known is through our local newspapers, the *Trenton Trib* and *The News Herald*. They have published those events and have announced several of our other awards and achievements. SI of Trenton Area is grateful to the editors who have been so supportive of our endeavors. Kathy Kane of the *Trenton Trib* and Joe Gray of *The News Herald* "Downriver Life" section have always been generous with giving SI of Trenton Area a place in their publications to help us to achieve our public awareness goals. Each editor received a certificate of appreciation.

If you are interested in learning more about the Trenton Area Soroptimists and our other activities, checkout our page on Facebook@Soroptimist Trenton, MI or sioftrentonarea@sbcglobal.net.



President Abby Premoe, President-elect Lani Weslow, board member Tessa Smith and Diane McDowell, Treasurer Christine Speedie, board member Nancy Nafle (not pictured Cathy Infantado & Kim Bondy).



New member Veronica Drakos, Cecilia Beaty, Mary Booth & Tracy Clarke. (not pictured Chelsea Dobijia)

Nada Frost - 40 years,
Donna Fickeisen - 35 years,
Karen Collins



SI International of Bloomington-Normal

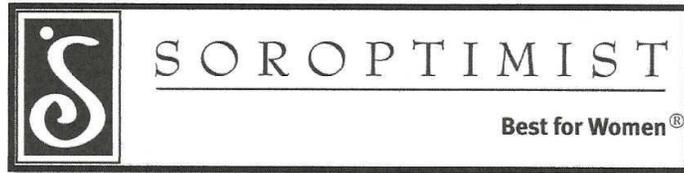
Becky Mentzer was installed as President of Soroptimist of Bloomington-Normal (SIBN) by District I Director, Susan Frankel on June 17 during a business meeting on Zoom. Connie Gindt, District I Secretary, was also able to be present virtually. Becky became part of SIBN in July 2018 and served as Live Your Dream chair for two years. She also helped to organize a hybrid Dream It, Be It program with Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal to mentor middle school girls in their Smart Girls Program. Becky is joined by Mary Ann Enzweiler as Secretary and Diana Lewis as Treasurer. Mary Ann has been a member since January 2011 and Diana joined in July 2019.

At this meeting we also agreed to hold two service days this summer at Catalyst Farms near Bloomington, IL, which is a residential and support services home in a refurbished farmhouse for women and children who are survivors of human and/or sex trafficking. We will be assigned jobs that allow us to help while still maintaining social distancing and safe interactions.

One member suggested that this might be a good time to help a local organization financially with member donations. We agreed to donate \$500 of club SHARE money if members matched this amount. And did our members come through? Indeed! Donations totaled \$1,210, so we were able to contribute \$1,710 split between The Immigration Project and our Community Healthcare Clinic. SIBN may be small, but we're mighty!



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Ladies (2XL) _____

Picture shows Ladies (S)

Circle embroidery choice

Jacket Cost **\$45**

Shipping: **\$10**

Embroidery - **White** or **Blue**

Cash: _____

Check: _____

Credit Card: _____

Sorooptimist International of Grosse Pointe

updated 5/27/20



Soroptimist International of Lucas County

We finally met this month in person. At our last meeting via zoom, we were hoping that we could have our annual pizza party (with ice cream sundaes this year) and planned a tentative date for June. However, that is not going to work due to the virus. Therefore, at our meeting this month at the home of Sharee Youssef we decided to send a donation instead. We all signed a thinking of you card and noted that since we can't be together, feel free to use the donation as in any way most needed. We sat outside on the patio and practiced social distancing.

We still have to lock in a venue for our wine tasting event October 3. There is still rising in the virus cases, and places are a bit hesitant to lock in a date which could be cancelled at the last minute.

The search for a venue will continue.

We are all looking forward to the virtual showing of the biennial convention later this summer. For those of us who can't be there in person, we will get to see what programs will be presented. What a wonderful gift. Take care and be safe. Hopefully we will be able to meet this fall.



**SIA's 46th
Biennial
Convention
Goes Virtual!**

JULY 22-24, 2020

Facebook Twitter YouTube LinkedIn Instagram #SIAConv2020

Dear Soroptimist,

Although we can't come together in person, we are excited to bring convention to you as an online experience. While this can't take the place of the fun and fellowship gathering together brings, we hope you'll enjoy a different kind of convention from the comfort of your home.

Watch convention co-chairs Sue Riney and Stephanie Smith share the daily activities you can look forward to during SIA's virtual convention!

A digital convention program will be emailed to all members in early July.

Regards,
SIA Headquarters



Remember to watch the
Virtual
Convention!

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe



**CAN & BOTTLE DRIVE
NOW THROUGH JULY 31, 2020**

**Avoid the bottle-return line
Avoid the sticky-icky chore of returning bottles & cans**

**Donate your returnable cans and bottles to support Soroptimist International
of Grosse Pointe**

**Proceeds go to Programs and Scholarships
for Women in need**

**Drop off donations at either address below:
Nancy Solak, 458 Cloverly, Grosse Pointe Farms, 313-820-1179
Roseanne Horne at 1247 Elford, Grosse Pointe Woods,
313-706-1801**

OR

**Return your own cans and bottles and donate the money to
Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe**

**Please make checks payable (in any amount) to: SIGP
And mail to Roseanne Horne at 1247 Elford, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236**

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

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