



Soroptimist International Midwestern Region

September
2019
Edition

The Vision

2019 Date to Remember

- **October 18 & 19**
District I & III Fall Meeting
- **October 25 & 26**
District II & IV Fall Meeting

2020

SPRING CONFERENCE

- April 24-26
Ann Arbor, MI

SIA CONVENTION

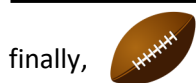
- July 22-25
Bellevue, WA

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Governor's Message



Wow, this summer has gone by really fast! Hopefully everyone is ready for "Soroptimist Season" – awards, fundraisers, District Meetings and everything in-between. It's also, finally, football season.

We've got a very full issue of The Vision this month, kudos to Editor Karrie for pulling it all together! Please take time to read through all 24 pages – I especially love all of the stories from the SI Convention recently held in Kuala Lumpur. There's also a link to SWP member Kimberly Berem's CSW report – it's also a must read.

A fresh reminder that the Live Your Dream portal is open that your club should be checking it at least once a week for new applications.

Something new from SIA this year is that registration for the SIA Convention is opening in October and not January. I always get a chuckle remembering former Governor Sally Smittle, who had the goal to be the first person registered for every convention. Sally and former Governors Virginia Wagner and Monica Phillip were a travelling trio to all things Soroptimist. One of the great things about Soroptimist is how you form lasting friendships across the region and I wonder if twenty years from now, there will be a gaggle of traveling Midwestern Region Soroptimists. Pretty sure there will be. Anyway, I hope we'll have a big group from Midwestern Region attend in 2020, so be on the

lookout for registration to officially open. Be sure to check out the article on page 3.

Along the same line, we are thinking about how to celebrate the 100th Anniversary. An official celebration will take place at The Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, October 1st-3rd 2021 and space will be limited to 750 people. We're thinking of having a celebratory conference together on that weekend instead of our usual District Meetings. More to come as we think it through – if you have thoughts, please let me know.

It's also time to consider running for Soroptimist office. If you're interested in seeking a position on the region board, and have questions, please ask. Or if you're interested in serving on a committee, let Governor-Elect Darcy know of your interest. I've been a committee chair and a board member, and both are very rewarding ways to give back to Soroptimist.

Enjoy September everyone, let's get out there and do Soroptimist!

Kris Armstrong
Midwestern Region Governor



SAVE THE DATE(s)

October 18 & 19, 2019
District I & III Fall Meeting
Essenhau Inn &
Conference Center
240 Hwy 20
Middlebury, IN 46540



October 25 & 26, 2019
District II & IV Fall Meeting
DoubleTree by Hilton
50 North 2nd Street
Newark, OH 43055

REMEMBER!
you don't have to
attend "your"
district's meeting,
you can choose
which ever one
fits your
schedule!

Soroptimist International of the Americas Convention July 22-25, 2020

**BE THERE TO KICK
OFF THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION!**



Bellevue, Washington • July 22-25, 2020

Save the Date

Join SIA for our convention in July 2020. Be there to kick off our 100th anniversary celebration!

Helping women and girls live their dreams

46th Biennial Convention

Bellevue, Washington, USA, July 22-25, 2020

Reach New Heights with SIA in Bellevue – and be there to kick off our yearlong 100th Anniversary Celebration! [Meet the group of Soroptimists/committee chairs](#) who have partnered with headquarters staff to make this an incredible event you sure don't want to miss.

Please note: Registration and housing will open in October.

Member Registration

Early Registration, October – January 15: \$550 (daily fee: \$325)

Regular Registration, January 16 – May 15: \$625 (daily fee: \$325)

Late/Onsite Registration, May 16 – July 25: \$675 (daily fee: \$375)

Delegate Registration: \$0

Guest Registration

Early Registration, October – May 15: \$350

Late Guest Registration/On-site – May 16 – July 25: \$375

Registered non-member guests may attend workshops and general sessions. Guest tickets for meals are additional.

Online registration deadline: June 22, 2020

Hotel Information

Hyatt Regency Bellevue Hotel

900 Bellevue Way, NE

Bellevue, Washington 98004 USA

Phone: (425) 462-1234

Book your room when you register for convention via the hotel link included with the convention registration information. Must book online to receive SIA discount.

Single or Double (king or two queens):

\$219 USD + 14.4%, tax per room/per night

Triple (three people sharing room):

\$244 USD + 14.4% tax per room/per night

Quad (four people sharing room):

\$269 USD, plus 14.4% tax, per room, per night

Hotel reservation deadline: June 10, 2020

Food Functions

See actual menus offered and select your main course during the registration process. Dinners include a salad/appetizer as the first course, and dessert. No substitutes permitted.

Wednesday, July 22 – Friendship Dinner: \$110 USD

Thursday, July 23 – Sit-down Lunch: \$70 USD

Saturday, July 25 – Sit-down Lunch: \$70 USD

Saturday, July 25 – Recognition Banquet: \$120 USD

Mandatory Convention Fee

The 2020 convention fee is \$550. An invoice will be mailed to each club in December 2019 but no later than January 15, 2020. Payment must be submitted no later than March 15, 2020. A 10% late fee will be assessed to all convention fees received after March 15, 2020.



Save the Date
Spring Conference 2020
April 24, 25, & 26
Kensington Hotel Ann Arbor MI

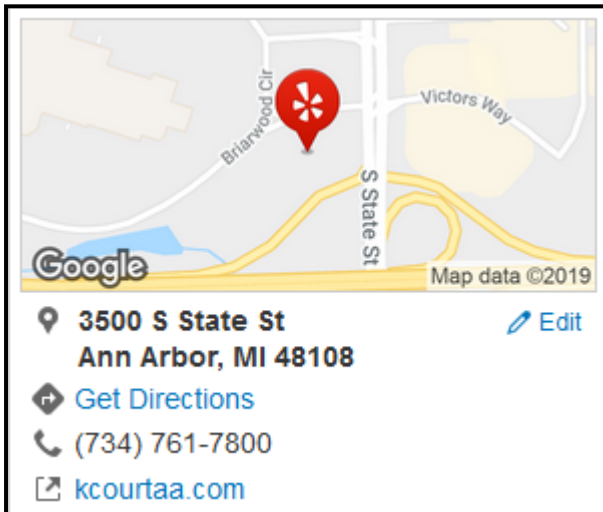
Educate to Empower

Darcy Merritt
Installed as Governor of the
Midwestern Region

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Best for Women

SCROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
MIDWESTERN REGION

The poster features a blue sky background with a row of silhouettes of women holding hands at the bottom. It includes the Scroptimist logo and the Midwestern Region logo.



3500 S State St
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
(734) 761-7800
kcourtaa.com

The map shows the location of the Kensington Hotel at the intersection of S State St and Victors Way. It includes a red location pin and a list of contact information.



**MORE INFORMATION
TO FOLLOW**

**Helping women and girls
live their dreams**

Memorable and Impactful SI Conference - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - submitted by: Lee Ann Cochran

Lata Shastri and I traveled close to 40 hours (there and back) to participate in the exceptional 21st #SIConventionKL2019! MWR was well represented with 8 members and 1 honorary member! Bev Bucur, Fran Ingram, Amanda Melkert, Bev White Todd, Dez Grin, Careth Flash and honorary member Helen Bailey!

The sessions and experts covered: "Woman at War" keynote with Christina Lamb Gender Equality for Water & Food Security, Financial Security for Women, Trafficking, Women in STEM and Healthcare. The Soroptimist workshops covered relevant topics for the challenges we have to address as Soroptimist's today. I personally attended and live tweeted 2 sessions: 1. Effective SI Engagement with the UN and 2. Connecting SI in the Digital World. The voice of a diverse Soroptimist's across all of our territories was insightful as we discussed these important agenda items. The breadth of the topics combined with the depth of the speakers has made for a great opportunity to learn and grow. Malaysia has opened their arms to us with a welcome for the Queen, food and drink to ensure we never go hungry and the most warm and hospitable conference team I have ever experienced.

SI President-Elect Sharon Fisher introduced the Road to Equality for the 2019 - 2021 SI President's Appeal. She asked we bring our hearts, open minds, and our voices to turn up the volume on our global voices. Sharon wants us to "get on the bus" and work collectively to address some of the most challenging issues around human rights: FGM, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence and Child Marriage.

I am both inspired and proud to be a Soroptimist! Many of the presenters brought tears to my eyes when it came to reminding us as to why we need to advocate for those without a voice. I am thankful that our #SoroptimistSisters don't ignore issues that are preventing equality of human rights; trafficking, access to water, the need for education, health, and child marriage. Now let's bottle up the knowledge, energy and enthusiasm and take action to change the world we live in today. If you haven't been to an SI convention I encourage you to start saving now. With 4 years until our convention in Dublin Ireland, a little saving every month just might bring you there!



Lee Ann Cochran-Amanda Melkert-Bev Todd-Fran Ingram-Lata Shastri-Dez Grin-Careth Flash-Helen Bailey

Soroptimist International Of Cleveland



SI Cleveland/Midwestern Region and SIA Fundraising Council Chair – LeeAnn Cochran giving a presentation at the 2019 SIA Recognition Banquet in Montreal, QC, Canada. This event celebrated clubs and regions for their achievements and honored SIA leadership. The fun-filled event included an awards presentation, recognition of

outgoing and incoming Fundraising Council and Board of Director members, and the installation of 2019-2020 President Tina Wei-Kang Pan.



President Elizabeth Di Geronimo pinning new SIA President Tina – Soroptimist International of Taipei. Tina's term begins 9/01/19.

The United Nations Civil Society Conference

The United Nations Civil Society Conference (**previously known as the Department of Public Information (DPI) Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Conference**) is the premier event in the civil society calendar at the United Nations. It typically attracts more than 3,000 participants representing over 700 civil society organizations from over 100 countries. Each Conference focuses on a different United Nations topic of interest related to the work of civil society and NGOs. This international forum also brings together senior United Nations system officials, prominent international civil society organizations, academicians, public opinion makers and international media to discuss issues of global concern. More on the United Nations Civil Society Conference: outreach.un.org/ngorelations/dpi-ngo-conference

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which are an urgent call for action by all countries — developed and developing — in a global partnership. They recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth — all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

More on the Sustainable Development

Goals: sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300



THE 68TH
**UNITED NATIONS
 CIVIL SOCIETY
 CONFERENCE**



Soroptimist International Of Greater Macomb

On Saturday, Aug 10, SIGM held our annual summer picnic. We were fortunate to have the most gorgeous, perfect weather we could ever have hoped for. Thanks to our hosts Jessica and her Soroptimister, Jeff. They provided delicious sangria, perfect chicken kebabs, two wonderful fire pits, a lovely yard and a few lawn games.

In addition the picnic itself, we also included a few other events. Bev and Amanda told us a little about their fantastic trip to Kuala Lumpur for the SI International Convention. There was a small surprise wedding shower for Jessica, as she and Jeff are flying off to Colorado to get married soon. Laurie H and Amanda made the delicious Barbie doll cake. (When is the last time you saw one of those?)



Two of our members who were unable to attend were out of town visiting their new grand babies. Congratulations Sue T and Vickie H!



Last but not least, we presented our newly established "Outstanding Soroptimist Greater Macomb" Award to a most deserving member. She has been in SIGM for over 30 years and held every board position possible. She was Director of Turning Point, Macomb County's domestic abuse shelter for women for over 25 years; since retiring she has become our own



professional volunteer. Even now she is taking new training so she can volunteer at Alabaster Gift, Macomb County's drop-in shelter for Human Trafficking survivors and for women who are still being trafficked. She is also our Grant Writer Extraordinaire. Congratulations, LAURIE HUFF!



Soroptimist International Of Mt. Vernon & Knox County



We were all saddened to learn of the passing of former Mt. Vernon & Knox County Soroptimist President Roselyn Beery on June 8, 2019. She was active in many civic, community and church organizations and will be greatly

missed.

She is survived by her three children, Rex, Jan and the Rev. Max Beery; three grandchildren Isaac, Josephine and Noah Beery. Her husband Dr. Ralph Beery Jr. and daughter Joan preceded her in death. Roselyn was a graduate of Mount Vernon High School and the Barbizon School of Fashion Modeling in New York City.

Always committed to serving others, she was a

past Executive Director of United Way of Knox County, Mount Vernon City Council Member, Knox County Chairwoman and a Teen Age Republican Advisor for the Ohio Republican Party.

As a member of the Gay Street United Methodist Church she served on the District Planning Committee, District Council and was a District Lay Speaker. Always looking to uplift others she enjoyed entertaining with the USO during WWII and then with her musically gifted young family entertaining those with disabilities throughout the state.

Soroptimist International Of Greater Macomb

Submitted by: Bev Todd

Kuala Lumpur, SI Convention... oh my goodness, there is SO MUCH. It was amazing.

The theme: "Soroptimist Enable A Sustainable World, Global Connections, Empowered Women" with members there representing the 75,000 Soroptimists from 125 countries and territories. Coming soon are clubs in Vietnam and Myanmar; China is in planning stages. Also coming are an online Soroptimist Museum, and the new online Soroptimist News.

From outgoing President Mariet: updated on the water initiative: over \$350,000 raised to date, with educational and water retention programs in three nations so far.

We also learned that the UN now has their Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand. So we now have 20 UN representatives in the seven UN centers around the world.



The queen of Malaysia spoke of her own background working to empower women and girls, having served on the board of Girl Guides/Girl Scouts International; she was nominated for president of Associated Country Women of the World, which works to help rural women fight gender inequality and violence, and health issues. She also reinforced the importance of the water initiative.

She left us with this quote: *"Women are Prime Ministers of their homes and we are God's gift to men."*

Keynote speaker on day one was Christina Lamb OBE, author & now chief foreign correspondent Sunday Times of London, a war correspondent for 32 years, with an amazing story to tell.

She interviewed Pakistan's Bhutto in the 1980s. She was in Afghanistan when they were fighting the Russians, staying at the same hotel as arms dealers. In 2006 she was back in Afghanistan when her group was ambushed and she was close to being killed. The next year, back in Pakistan, she was on a bus that was bombed and 150 people were killed.

In 2013 she co-wrote "I Am Malala", becoming friends with the family, She has met many many many raped women and Human Trafficking survivors of ISIS. In 2015 she interviewed a Syrian refugee who escaped in a wheelchair, with her sister pushing her; they learned fluent English by watching Days of Our Lives. (An American Soap Opera)

We also met the future President of the new Africa federation. Mary Muia of Kenya.

Other topics a highlights of each (oh, this is so difficult) included:

1. "Gender Equality for Water and Food Security"

Participants included a university professor of Change Management, the founder and Director of H2Go, the Legal Director of Heineken Malaysia, and outgoing President Mariet.

Takeaways: **a)** From Parakramabahu the Great (1153-1186): Let not even a drop of water obtained from rain, flow to the sea without benefiting mankind." **b)** water crises are one of the 5 top risks for next 10 years per the World Economic Forum. **c)** Time spent by girls collecting water is time not spent in education. **d)** In over 60 countries, over 50% of the population have no (that is **NO**) access to clean, safe water. **e)** Girls drop out at school at puberty if their schools is without water. **f)** Every 9 seconds someone dies due to water and sanitation issues, over 3.5 million per year. **g)** Heineken has stepped up to the plate, instituting rehabilitation in six Malaysian rivers plus educating adults and children to monitor the rivers, establish community gardens, as well as how to recycle river garbage into art. Their water harvesting systems are benefiting 1,000s of people in Malaysia, and more to come. **h)** food harvested from 28% of land used for agriculture is wasted.

2. "Women Take Charge, End Violence, Trafficking & Exploitation".

Participants included owner of a digital marketing and design agency, a rep from UN Fund for Family and Population, SE Asia.

Takeaways: **a)** Human trafficking generated about \$217 billion in 2018. The chain of control consists of several layers of intermediaries, including crime syndicates. **b)** trends are for more diverse and sophisticated methods to recruit, more and more children and younger adults, as well as an increasing culture of sexploitation. **c)** need to work w/ youth, especially to educate young men. We saw a video of teen boys standing in a hallway, getting ready to have their turn with a prostitute. The first boy enters; when the woman turns to face him it's his mom. **d)** Recap: lack of education, financial, legal, professional, medical, and opportunity equities put females in greater susceptibility to domestic violence, and Trafficking. **e)** "We (Soroptimists) should be completely proud of our contributions because we are changing the lives of people 'on the ground'".

3. "Women Leading in Technology & Innovation".

Participants were an MBA/ Civil Engineer, a Malaysian engineer, a PhD physics who is President of a science commission

Takeaways: **a)** STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) should also mean "START THEM EARLY MOVEMENT. **b)** 80% of new jobs next 10 yrs will demand math and/or science, **c)** In 1888, Bertha Benz used her dowry money so her husband Karl could develop his car. **d)** firms with more women in management have up to 34% higher Return on Investment. **d)** things women invented include the circular saw, life raft, brake pads, windshield wipers, and much much more. **f)** #MakeWhatsNext

4. Our Climate, Our Responsibility, Our Actions.

Participants included a scientist who was part of Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" team who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007, a World Bank environment & natural resources specialist, a Senior Executive Director of Sunway Educational Group, and a former minister of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment of Netherlands

Takeaways: **a)** More people die every year in NYC from extreme heat than from guns, **b)** the increasing water crises, floods, fires, droughts, heat waves and extreme weather world wide are all attributable to Climate Change. **c)** Extreme weather events, failure of climate change mitigation and adaptation are two of

the top 5 risks for next 10 years per the World Economic Forum. **d)** The earth's temperature now is the highest in **3 million** years. We are moving to 6th worst extinction in history, **e)** The richest countries are most responsible but poorest countries feel results soonest and most drastically. Richer nations should help poorer countries work to goals. **f)** Climate changes disproportionately affects the poor, especially females as women are main farmers in poor countries, producing 45-80% of food. **g)** 2018 was the 3rd consecutive year of increased number of world hungry. **h)** 1/4 of human health issues worldwide are due to environmental degradation. **i)** too much of economy is based on CO2. We need to phase out coal, gas, oil in next 30-40 years. We also NEED to hold temperature rises well below 2*, hopefully less than 1.5*. **j)** There is a lack of leadership, ambition, commitment among politicians. Before the Copenhagen 2015 conference there was Greenland dialog to accelerate later formal meetings, agreed upon proposals, with trust built among scientists, Ministers. Then the heads of State went to Copenhagen, took over, and everything blew up. All negotiation, compromise, strategies were lost due to power issues and antagonisms. **k)** Future costs will be increasing worldwide: water insecurity, food insecurity, displacement and migration (more refugees), increased violence as urban issues escalate due to people leaving their villages to come to the cities.

To do: Work to promote sustainable development, sustaining rain forests, solar panels roofs of all buildings, write letters demanding action EVERY Friday, 9 AM EST. "Women and girls around the world can save our planet.

One more takeaway: Each of these topics was covered by one keynote speaker, followed by a conversation among the keynote speaker and the other experts in that area. Afterward each panel took questions from the audience through Twitter or hand written notes. After the Climate Change session, the keynote speaker noted that about half the questions were basically the same: "What can be done about all the superpowers that won't acknowledge Climate Change. What can we do?" I looked at my travel companion and asked, "How many superpowers do you think there are that are denying Climate Change?"

There is so much else I'm not covering.... a section on women's health, the projects and programs of each federation, the breakout workshops, the incoming President and her new President's Appeal, the new African Federation, Bev Bucur's talk, not to mention meeting new amazing friends from all over the world. I even met two of my Facebook friends in person!

There was much conversation about the San Francisco Birthday bash in May 2021. Many women I spoke to from all over were looking forward and could not understand how any one from US would not attend. So if you'd like to attend an international convention without the travel time and passport, I strongly recommend you plan for San Francisco. And wait till you hear the details about Dublin. in 2023...can't wait!!

Queen of Malaysia & President Mariet



KLCC Convention Centre
July 19 · 🌐



Soroptimist International of Illiana

Hello all,
I thought you might like to read Kimberly Berem's CSW report. It was a wonderful experience for her.

I was in Papau New Guinea about 30 years ago and to see her in New York at the UN is really amazing.

Regards,
Bev

Due to the length of the Kimberly Berem's CSW I have attached the link below. If you would like to read about her experience in New York City just click on the link.

[Kimberly Berem's CSW Report](#)

Soroptimist International of Dayton

Christmas in July

Loretta Reynolds Chair

On July 13 Soroptimist collected food and cash at Lannings, Bakers IGA, and Wal-Mart in coordination with the Knox County Sheriff Dept. This event helps restock the pantry in all 5 Interchurch locations: Centerburg, Bladensburg, Danville, Fredericktown and Mount Vernon. The summer months are their busiest time with children home from school.

Total cash collected was \$11,991.62 along with 2,164.00 items going directly to Interchurch which served 7,204 households in 2018. **Every dollar donated purchases ten dollars worth of food at the Mid-Ohio Foodbank!**



Education is the key to gender equality, which has yet to be achieved anywhere in the world.

Soroptimist International of The America's

Since 1972, we've distributed more than **\$30 million** in education grants to **30,000** women making a better life for themselves and their families.

We invest in women's education because it transforms lives and communities. The *Live Your Dream Awards* has been recognized for its effectiveness and long-term impact.

The *Live Your Dream Awards* application cycle will currently open on August 1, 2019

[HOW TO APPLY](#)

Soroptimist International MWR

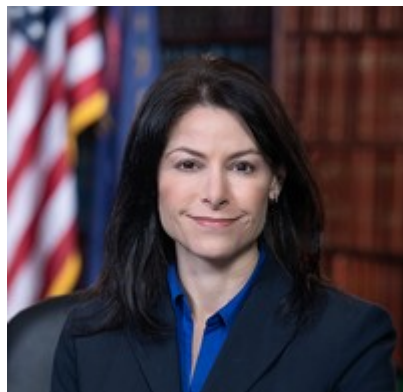
Please note that the 2019 Virginia Wagner Educational Award application has been added to the region's website?



Soroptimist International of Greater Macomb

This month we are having a planning meeting for our second 2019 Dream It Be It program (we held one in March). This one will be held Saturday, September 21st, from 9 am to 4 pm, again at the Macomb County's Verkuilen Building in Clinton Township. We are planning for 10-20 participants.

When it Comes to Your Personal Safety



Michigan's Attorney General Dana Nessel.

The state of Michigan was offering state employees a crash course on Government Imposter Scams during their lunch break a few months ago.

Below is the link and you may want to take a moment to read it.

[AG - Government Imposter Scams](#)

A site visitor just submitted a new Contact Form
<https://www.simwr.org/>

Message Details:

Name: Lynn High

Email: lhigh2003@aol.com

Subject: Thank you

Message: Soroptimist Sisters, thank you for the outpouring of prayers, Facebook messages, and cards during the tragic loss of our grandson, Levi.

Lynn High

SI Anderson



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HUMAN
TRAFFICKING
HOTLINE**

Call 1-888-373-7888 (TTY: 711) | Text 233733 | Live Chat

Soroptimist International of Dayton

The Community Outreach to Runaway Youth (CORY) Project has had tremendous success with the second distribution of posters for this year. The posters were distributed to 652 locations and seven of the eight missing children or teens have been found. Law enforcement has received a tip about the last one, so we are very hopeful.

The club is also supporting efforts to pass Ohio Senate Bill 105. This bill requires massage parlors to have licensed massage therapists. Ohio is the only state that allows for unlicensed massages. Massage is the only profession in health-care that spends so much time with someone behind doors while one person is clothed, and

another person is not. This creates intense vulnerability for massage therapists. The general public is impacted with assumptions of sex acts and the stigma of massage parlors. Not all massage parlors are involved in sex and labor trafficking. This bill closes the loophole in state law to allow for businesses to operate as fronts for commercial sex enterprises.

We have moved the showing of the film “I am Jane Doe” to the spring of 2020. The Dayton community continues to rebuild after the devastating Memorial Day tornadoes and continues to heal after the August mass shooting. We will endure. We will thrive. We are #DaytonStrong.

Officials discover pornographic ads selling two missing teenage girls for sex in Metro Detroit

Dyshaun Harris charged with sex trafficking, child pornography

By Derick Hutchinson

Posted: 10:30 AM, August 28, 2019

Updated: 10:30 AM, August 28, 2019

See link below for the complete article



<https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/officials-discover-pornographic-ads-selling-two-missing-teenage-girls-for-sex-in-metro-detroit>

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The Vision

Soroptimist International Of Trenton

September Fundraisers

16TH ANNUAL
SAVE THE GIRLS
CHARITY RIDE

SOROPTIMIST
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2019
REGISTRATION: 9:30 TO 11:30
KICKSTANDS UP: 11:45

RIDE WITH US (ESCORTED BY THE H.O.G. CHAPTER) TO RAISE MONEY TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.

\$25 PER BIKE * \$10 PER PASSENGER * \$10 FOR NON-RIDER FOOD

SAME DAY REGISTRATION: \$30 PER BIKE * \$10 PER PASSENGER

50/50 RAFFLE * GIFT BASKET RAFFLE * MUSIC


FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT KAREN COLLINS AT 313-969-9206.

REGISTER ONLINE @[HTTP://FORMSMART.COM /FORM/1MDN](http://formsmart.com/form/1MDN)



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SI OF TRENTON SERVICE PROJECTS INCLUDING: HUMAN TRAFFICKING, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, WOMEN'S HEALTH, AND EDUCATION FOR GIRLS/WOMEN.

Soroptimist International Of Monroe

 *Soroptimist International of Monroe County*

Presents

*Designer
Purse
Bingo*



Sunday, September 15, 2019

Doors open at 1PM

Bingo starts at 2PM

\$30 in advance/\$35 at door

\$5 each additional card

River Raisin Banquet Center

8 North Monroe Street

Monroe, MI 48162

Gift Raffle Baskets

6 Tickets for \$5

10 Tickets for \$15

40 tickets for \$20

Drawings start after intermission

How to get Tickets

Purchase through club member

Or

Purchase [Online](#)

Light snacks and refreshments are included

Must be **18+** to participate

Who we are: Soroptimist 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.

Soroptimist International Of Cleveland



You are invited to our First Annual Soroptimist Cleveland Golf Outing Fundraiser! Monday, September 16

All of the proceeds raised for this event will drive our mission to *improve the lives of women and girls through our Live Your Dream and Dream it Be it Programs*, leading to social and economic empowerment.

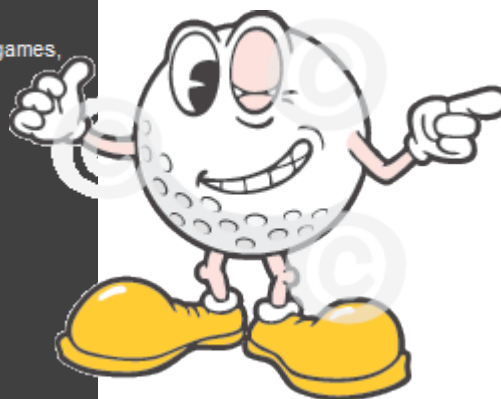
To learn more about these programs and Soroptimist International please visit www.soroptimist.org.

Several options are available for you to enjoy this special day filled with fun, raffles, games, music and more!

- Golf and Dinner
- Dinner Only
- Sponsorship Opportunity

Register Below or mail a check (memo Soroptimist) to:
Bunker Hill Golf Course
3060 Pearl Rd., Medina Ohio 44256
Contact Chad Gibson via text 216-469-9241 or
Email chad@bunkerhillgc.com for more information.

We invite and encourage you to share this event with your friends!



Link below to register

<https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/soroptimist%C2%A0>

For almost 100 years, Soroptimist has been helping women and girls unleash their power. As a global volunteer organization with deep experience and insights, we know the best way to lift up communities, nations and the world is to educate women and girls. Your gifts empower women and girls to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

Soroptimist International Of Grosse Pointe

Join Us on Saturday, Sept 21, 2019



STOP TRAFFIC 5K

A Human Trafficking Awareness Walk/Run

Presented by Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe

Start and Finish at St. Lucy's Church
23401 Jefferson Ave., Saint Clair Shores, MI 48080

SHE'S NOT FOR SALE

Check-in
begins at
7:30 a.m.



SOROPTIMIST
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Start Time
begins at
8:00 a.m.

Register at www.grossepointesoroptimist.org

Proceeds benefit anti-human trafficking organizations operating in Metro Detroit.
This is an untimed, family-friendly event. RAIN OR SHINE.

Soroptimist International Of Canton/Stark County

9/21 - Inside of Flier

Soroptimist International is a global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

Current projects that our Canton/Stark County Club is involved with include:

- Providing women and girls with educational grants through our Live Your Dream, Virginia Wagner, Shirley E. Howes and Sally Donze awards.
- Maintaining our signature "Furnishing a Fresh Start" program, which supplies beds and bedding for women who are transitioning out of Domestic Violence Project Inc.'s shelter and into homes of their own.
- Partnering with Days for Girls to create sustainable menstrual & health care
- Supporting The American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.
- Working in conjunction with the STOP Trafficking project.
- Honoring outstanding women in our community with our Woman of Distinction and Ruby Awards.
- Supporting Girls on the Run East Central Ohio.
- Creating a Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls program & summer camp.


Donations from last year's fundraiser were used in a variety of ways, including

- Awarding \$6,205 in educational awards to deserving women and high school students in our community.
- Purchasing and delivering 25 complete bed and bedding sets to families moving out of Domestic Violence Project Inc.'s shelter.
- Sponsoring a Girls on the Run team for a full year.
- Implementing our Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls program and summer camp, which supported over 40 girls in the Stark County School Districts.

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La Pizzeria - Piazza Room

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BROADWAY

September 21, 2019
10:00AM - 2:00PM
Tickets on Sale NOW!

The Vision

October Fundraisers

Soroptimist International Of Greater Macomb



October 13 is the date of our 2nd Annual Steps Towards Freedom 5K Run/Walk. Like last year, our walk is being held at Shelby Township's River Bends Park. Also, like last year, we will be offering water, fruit, cider and donuts after the event. So far our planning committee has lined up FIVE (5!!) corporate sponsors. We are looking forward to being able to make donations to organizations that support Human Trafficking survivors at our Awards Banquet next year, in addition to our education grants and Ruby Award.

As last year's Bunco event was fun and successful, we are planning another one on Nov 8. Again, we are planning snacks and appetizer buffet, basket raffle, and 50/50 drawing. Thank you Laurie Huff and Amanda Melkert for planning it again.



Soroptimist International Of Grosse Pointe

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe DINE AROUND TOWN RAFFLE

Proceeds benefit Soroptimist Awards and Projects

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<p>Prize 1: Value \$550 Beyond Juicery + Eatery Chocolate Bar Café Fairfax Market Fishbones Grubhouse Restaurant Jet's Pizza Josef's European Pastry Jumps Restaurant Little Tony's Luxe Bar & Grill Mimi's Bistro Salvatore Scallopini Telly's Place The Jagged Fork Village Grille Village Wine Shop Waves</p>	<p>Prize 2: Value \$500 Beyond Juicery + Eatery Blue Bay Fish Brownie's on the Lake Cafe Nini Champs Chocolate Bar Café Firehouse Pub Golden Chopsticks Grubhouse Restaurant Mack Avenue Grille Red Crown Sabby's Lounge Salvatore Scallopini Side Street Diner The Jagged Fork Village Grille Village Market</p>	<p>Prize 3: Value \$450 Cafe Nini Champs Ferlito's Family Dining Firehouse Pub Grubhouse Restaurant Jet's Pizza Licavoli's Market Lyla's Mike's on the Water Nautical Deli Pepperoni Grill Red Crown Sahara Restaurant Salvatore Scallopini TCBY</p>	<p>Prize 4: Value \$400 Bucci Ristorante Caffé Far Bella Donna's Family Dining Ferlito's Family Dining Grubhouse Restaurant Irish Coffee Jet's Pizza Ram's Horn Sahara Restaurant Sierra Station Telly's Place The Jagged Fork TCBY Trattoria Serventi</p>	<p>Prize 5: Value \$350 Andary's Restaurant City Kitchen Detroit Wing Company Donna's Family Dining Grubhouse Restaurant Irish Coffee Marge's Bar and Grill Mike's on the Water National Coney Island Pegasus Taverna Sahara Restaurant TCBY Uncle Harry's Deli</p>	<p>Prize 6: Value \$300 Cabbage Patch Saloon City Kitchen Eos Café & Coffee House Grubhouse Restaurant Little Tony's Milestone Bar & Grill Norma G's SpagBurger Tropical Smoothie Uncle Harry's Deli</p>	<p>Prize 7: Value \$240 Detroit Coney Island Detroit Wing Company Eagles Bar & Grill El Charro Grubhouse Restaurant Jumps Restaurant Marchiori Catering The Jagged Fork</p>	<p>Prize 8: Value \$200 Gaudino's Grubhouse Restaurant Jumps Restaurant Plaza Mexico Sabby's Lounge Sahara Restaurant</p>	<p>Prize 9: Value \$165 Eagles Bar & Grill Grubhouse Restaurant Jumps Restaurant Shores Inn The Charlevoix</p>	<p>Prize 10: Value \$150 Gilbert's Lodge Grubhouse Restaurant Jumps Restaurant Outback Steakhouse</p>
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Drawing on October 9, 2019
at the Village Grille Restaurant, Grosse Pointe

Winner need not be present to win

Tickets: \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

For details of prize packages visit grossepointesoroptimist.org

To purchase a raffle ticket please contact SIGP via email at grossepointesoroptimist@gmail.com

Soroptimist International Of Lucas County



Soroptimist International of Lucas County

You're Invited to our *Wine Tasting*

Saturday
October 5, 2019
4:00 - 7:00 PM

Moose Lodge 1579
6072 Main St.
Sylvania, OH 43560

Tickets \$20

To purchase tickets contact a Soroptimist member or email us at silucascounty@soroptimist.net.



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Soroptimist International Of Flat Rock

4th Annual Road Rally 2019 FOR THE CURE

COST: \$35/PERSON
(INCLUDES FOOD AND SOFT DRINK)
PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED TEAM
50/50 RAFFLE & BASKET RAFFLE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019
BROWNSTOWN RECREATION CENTER
2113 TELEGRAPH ROAD - BROWNSTOWN TWP., NJ
REGISTRATION STARTS AT 3:00 PM
ROAD RALLY STARTS AT 3:30 - 5:30 PM

PIZZA, SALAD AND SOFT DRINKS AFTER THE RALLY.

PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE THROUGH EVENTSBRITE
[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTSBRITE.COM/E/RALLY-FOR-THE-CURE-TICKETS-70077659165](https://www.eventsbrite.com/e/rally-for-the-cure-tickets-70077659165)
TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH ANY SOROPTIMIST MEMBER.
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Soroptimist International Of Indy Metro

NOVEMBER FUNDRAISER

ANNOUNCING DESIGNER HANDBAG BINGO!
November 2nd, 2019 in Indianapolis, IN
Shortened Eventbrite Link- <http://bit.ly/2GwPT1S>



SOROPTIMIST

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Indianapolis Metro Presents:

Designer Handbag Bingo



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2019

Doors open at 11:00 am
Bingo starts at 12:00 pm
\$35 in advance, \$40 at door



Northside Events & Social Club

2100 E. 71 Street
Indianapolis, IN 46220



Gift Basket Raffle (\$50 - \$150 Value)

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.
One (1) raffle ticket included with entry fee.



Food, snacks, and drinks (including alcoholic beverages) will be available for purchase.



Must be 18+ to play & participate

Tickets are available on Eventbrite at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-designer-handbag-bingo-presented-by-soroptimist-indy-metro-tickets-65007016737>

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To improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. Funds raised will support our scholarship awards & mentoring programs to help women & girls.

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