



The Signpost

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Soroptimist International of Kansas City
South Central Region

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Investing in Dreams



President's Message Heather Rollins



Greetings Wonderful Women of SIKC!

I think the weather has us all fooled as we start our first day of April. I'm torn between wearing a coat, pulling out my raincoat and umbrella, or pulling out my shades. But rest assured, sunny days are ahead of us and spring is definitely in the air! We should all feel a sense of renewal and possibilities all around. Thinking of all the possibilities, be sure to check out all of the fun activities happening this month throughout this month's Signpost.

If you haven't done so already, please be sure to spread the word about the meat raffle that will conclude this month. (see page 4) Be sure to email and text the link to your friends! We will also have a community service collection this month. Let's continue to show our support to help others in need. Also, the Region Conference will be held in Amarillo, Texas. Please be sure to register and reserve your rooms if you will be attending. Let's show up and represent our club well!!

Check out these quick tips that I found at www.chopra.com to help create opportunities. When we create opportunities as a club and an organization, we continue to grow and build on the legacy of SIKC.

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1. Understand who you are!
2. Believe in what you offer
3. Step out of your comfort zone
4. Remain open
5. Create good karma
6. Be decisive

Gandhi said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Thank you!

SIKC President
Heather



April Calendar

April 13
Board Meeting
 Central Library
 Turner Boardroom
 14 West Tenth Street
 Kansas City, Mo 64105
 6:00 p.m.

April 15
Tax Day

April 20
Business Meeting
Election of Officers
 O'Neill's Restaurant
 6:00 p.m.

April 22—24
South Central Region
Conference
Amarillo, Texas

April 25
Foundation Meeting
 Location to be determined
 6:00 p.m.



April Birthdays
 Shirley Legg April 3
 Marie Parker April 20

2022-2023 Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committee comprised of Norma McKelvy, Jerri Cofran and Jane Zelazny-Belz met and contacted members for service as the 2022/2023 Club Officers, Directors and trustees for the Foundation. We are presenting the following slate.

Melanie Simpson - President
 Margaret Smith - President elect
 Kay Stewart - Secretary
 Grace Kim - Treasurer

Lynn LeCount - Director
 Nominee
 Danielle Sidney - Incumbent

Foundation Trustee Nominees
 Jerri Cofran (2025)
 Valerie Phillips (2025)

According to the Bylaws these nominees must be communicated in the Signpost and emailed to the membership at least 10 days before voting at the April meeting.

Norma McKelvy, Chair
 Nominating Committee

Business Meeting,
Wednesday April 20
O'Neill's Restaurant
9417 Mission Road
Leawood, KS 66206

Menu
Canterbury Pasta
\$20.00

Program
Election of Officers

Collection
Supplies for Ukrainian
Refugees

Please RSVP to Marie Parker
 by COB Monday, April 18
marieparker22@gmail.com



Collection for Ukrainian Refugees

Lynn LeCount has proposed doing an impromptu collection to send to the Ukrainian refugees. One of her colleagues works at the hospital in Lublin, Poland, which is taking the brunt of the millions of people escaping because it's so close to the Belarus/Ukraine border. Unfortunately, there's no reason to believe the exodus will end by the time we convene on April 20th.

She can mail our contributions (everything must be unopened packages) directly to him to ensure the contents reach the refugees. Lightweight and small items are cheaper to ship.

The majority of these folks are on foot, so think about what you'd want to carry if you cross-country hiked.

Gather up those travel size feminine products, over-the-counter medicine (pain relievers / antihistamines / decongestants / cough drops), Band-Aids, travel snacks (protein bars / Larabars / nuts / trail mix / jerky), socks, travel tissues, deodorant, hotel-sized soap / shampoo / toothpaste, etc.

Be creative! It's hard to imagine what it is like to be suddenly displaced.
We can help.



Buy a Chance! This meat is fabulous.



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF KANSAS CITY

MEAT RAFFLE

Enter to win an E-Gift Certificate from
the KC Cattle Company
www.kccattlecompany.com

Grand Prize \$500
2nd Place \$250

Tickets are \$20 and can be
purchased below
www.kcsoroptimist.org



Only 250 tickets will be sold!!

Drawing held Easter Sunday April 17, 2022

Final date to purchase tickets is April 15, 2022. All Proceeds benefit Soroptimist International of Kansas City's programs. SIKC is a 501(c)3 organization that assists women and girls in the greater Kansas City area. Gift Certificate provided by KC Cattle Company. Any questions, please contact www.kcsoroptimist.org or Danielle Sidney 816 529 5565.

Live Your Dream Awards

On March 16 our club honored our Live Your Dream Award Recipients at O’Neill’s Restaurant where we celebrated with dinner and recognition of our winners. They are delightful, determined young women who are working hard to make a better life for themselves and their families.



< LYD Chair, Valerie Phillips and 3rd place winner, Charlesetta McDaniel.

1st place > winner Ashley Morrison.



<2nd place winner, Rachel Hampton.

Valerie Phillips, Melanie Simpson, Judges Edie Sladek and Jerry Snider. >

The 2021-2022 SIKC LYD committee consisted of Grace Boswell, Rosemary Moran, Norma McKelvy and Margaret Smith.



Soroptimist History

How Soroptimist Kansas City Foundation Was Born

Last month's history installment elaborated on the effort of our club to help the victims of the 1951 flood by establishing a community center in Trailer Park, Kansas City, Kansas. It was a tremendous accomplishment that took the resources of Soroptimists and other organizations in the Kansas City Metro Area.

Club members realized that to meet the needs of unforeseen disasters and to help women and children locally, it was critical to set aside money. In 1953, Soroptimist International of Kansas City established The Soroptimist Welfare Fund.

The original resolution involved transferring \$1,000 from the Soroptimist Club of Kansas City, Missouri to The Soroptimist Welfare Fund. The purpose was stated as "created for and the property thereof shall be distributed exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary or education purposes, the prevention of cruelty to children, or any other welfare purpose, and none of the property shall be distributed for the purpose of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation." (Quoted from the original Resolution, 1953)

Six club members were elected by the membership to serve on the board of trustees. Two club officers (the president and immediate past president) and one committee chair (the chair of the Service Objectives committee) were added to the board as ex-officio administrators. The board of trustees invested the \$1,000 in stocks and bonds with the goal of growing the fund so the interest earned could be spent for local need.

In 1973, Virginia Porth, a longtime member of Soroptimist International of Kansas City, left a bequest of \$90,000 to the Soroptimist Welfare Fund. The board of trustees determined that it was time to "select and employ a corporate trustee to whom may be delegated such powers in managing and investing the principal of the fund as the trustees may deem advisable, and to pay such corporate trustee's reasonable compensation and expenses". (Quoted from Revised Resolution, 1973) The trustees selected United Missouri Bank as the corporate trustee.

Soroptimist History continued....



Throughout the ensuing years, wise investing along with donations and bequests grew the Welfare Fund. Later renamed the Soroptimist Kansas City Foundation, our nonprofit public charitable organization continues to give grants to 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organizations whose projects meet Soroptimist objectives:

To improve the lives of women and girls in Kansas City, the region and around the world;

To help children with special needs; and

To help needy families with disaster relief and shelter.

Over the years from 1954 to 2022 Soroptimist Kansas City Foundation has awarded more than \$1,238,000 in grants.

Next month, we don't just give away money. We give our time and our talents with hands on service to the community.



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Best for Women

A Senior's Version of FACEBOOK

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have 4 people following me: 2 police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.