



The Signpost

Making a Difference for Women and Girls for 96 Years

Soroptimist International of Kansas City
South Central Region

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Investing in Dreams



President's Message Heather Rollins



As we prepare to close our club year for the 2021-2022 activities, I want to thank you all for allowing me to lead this organization for the last 12 months. It's been a pleasure working alongside you all in working toward a common goal of supporting our community of women and children. Although Covid still lingered, we didn't allow that to stand in our way. I'm proud of the many accomplishment we achieved over the past year and look forward to continue along the path of opening new doors and discovering new opportunities to help those in need. I've learned so much from each and everyone of you and I appreciate all of your guidance and thank you for empowering me to lead in my own way.

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This month let's celebrate our incoming officers and pass the torch to the new class of leaders for our 2022-2023 club year. And remember, even if you are not serving on the board, please consider serving on a committee...your voice and your valuable input can make a powerful impact on SIKC!

Kay Stewart, Editor

"If you can't fly, then run.

If you can't run, then walk.

If you can't walk, then crawl.

But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward!"~Martin Luther King Jr.

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If you have not yet paid your dues, please contact Grace Kim. We don't want to lose you!



June Calendar

June 8
Combined Board and Business Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Kay Stewart's home
in Lee's Summit
(directions coming via email)

June 15
Installation of New Officers
Hereford House
5001 Town Center Drive
Leawood, KS
6:00 p.m.

June 20
Foundation Meeting
6:00 p.m.
Shepherd's Center
9200 Ward Parkway, ste. 200
KCMO 64114



June Birthdays
Candy Routledge June 1
Shirley Suter June 29



Installation of Officers
for 2022-2023 Club Year
June 15, 2022

Hereford House
5001 Town Center Drive
Leawood, KS 66211
Social Hour 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Installation 7:00 p.m.
\$45.00

Cash Bar

Menu
*Single medallion
5oz. bacon-wrapped medallion
or
Hickory grilled chicken boneless chicken breast served with HH BBQ sauce
or
Outlaw pasta fettuccine pasta tossed with red bell peppers, broccoli, alfredo sauce, topped with shrimp & finished with parmesan cheese and garlic bread

Please RSVP to Marie Parker by COB Monday, June 13 with your menu selection.

Bring a friend!
The more the merrier!



Combined Board and Business Meeting
June 8, 2022
Kay Stewart's home
6:00 p.m.

Menu
Box lunches
\$13.00

Choice of Ham or Turkey Sandwich with chips, cookie and drink.

Please email Marie Parker **no later than Friday, June 3** to place your order.

Program
Committee Year End Reports
Select Committees for upcoming club year



Year End Reports

Your 2021-2022 reports are to be presented by June 8 to the club body at the Board & Business meeting. Please bring two hard copies, one for the incoming president and one for the secretary's files.

Please include the following items as applicable:

Committee name and membership

Accomplishments / activities

Address: Program Areas

Human Rights / Status of Women

Economic and Social Development

Education

Environment

Health

IGU

Awareness, advocacy, action roles.

Hours devoted to these activities

Dollars spent / income

Recommendations for the upcoming year's committee

Anything else you would like to add.

These reports are important to our Club for several reasons:

Gives us credit for our accomplishments in our own eyes.

Inform higher levels of our accomplishments. (Federation Club Award of Excellence)

Provides a common thread from year to year to help new leaders.

Provides a history for our Club.

Provides new members an education of our structure, purpose, and accomplishments. Gives them something to identify with, live up to, and provide a challenge to go even further.

We need everyone's contributions. They should be complete, yet concise.

Please call President Heather Rollins or President Elect Melanie Simpson

if you have any questions.

Service and Sharing – Soroptimist Success

Committee Selection for Club Year 2022-2023

Programs of Service (overseen by Margaret Smith, President-elect)

- * Program Planning Chair, Margaret Smith _____
 Committee – All committee chairs
- * Community Service Chair ____ _____
 Committee _____
- * Live Your Dream Chair _____
 Committee _____
- * Dream It, Be It Chair _____
 Committee _____

Technical Committees (overseen by Melanie Simpson, President)

- * Growth & Retention/SOLT Chair _____
 Committee / _____
- * Laws & Procedures Chair _____
 Committee _____
- Public Relations Chair _____
- Committee _____

Fiscal Committees (overseen Melanie Simpson, President)

- * Finance/Budget Chair _____
 Committee member _____
- * Ways & Means Chair _____
 Committee members _____
- * Special & Cultural Events Chair _____
 Committee members _____



Committee Selection for Club Year 2022-2023

Service Objectives

Chair _____

2023 Rosemary Moran, Marcia Boutz

2024 Norma McKelvy, Heather Rollins

2025

The Service Objectives Committee and Chair are appointed by the incoming president. If you would like to serve on the SO Committee, please let Melanie Simpson know.

The following positions were formerly committees but are now appointed by our president. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, please let your incoming president know.

Attendance
Signpost/History
International Goodwill and Understanding (IGU)
Audit

Thank you for indicating your choices.

Your selection committee will be meeting in early July to make certain all committees are covered.

If you are asked to serve on a committee or chair a committee, please be prepared to accept or offer an alternative. We will do our best to make certain that all committee assignments meet your specific interests.

We are excited that we are starting a new year and look forward to everyone's participation.



Member News

From one of our newest members, **Wakisha Briggs**

The Bridge Leadership Academy would like to thank Soroptimist and our community partners for supporting young women that participate in our Job Readiness Program

What did I learn during the job readiness program?

During that time I learned the significance of not only money management but also time management, I learned that when I have money to spend and there's things I need to do, I take it into consideration and do what's best for my business. Additionally that time is money, meaning when I spend time on the art I create and love doing it can also benefit me money wise.

Another thing is the "pros and cons" of having someone invest in my business, with the benefit of the investment I will receive money to help my business flourish but will also need to consider my investors investments.

I also learned about core values/goals, and that I should set them for myself to always remember and come back to.

Furthermore I learned about what success means to me. Everyone has their own values and things they want to do, so I have to know what's best for me.

Lastly being involved in the program made me think deeply about why I enjoy creating art, and how art makes me a better person, I needed to know this because if I know why I love creating art it will help me grow further as an artist.

Jordyn
Tinsley

Jordyn Tinsley
8th grade
04/29/2022

Kisha Briggs is founder and CEO of Bridge Leadership Academy. She joined us last year, has taken part in several community service projects and is learning about what we do as an organization. In turn, we are learning about Bridge Leadership Academy.

Their mission is to foster forward-thinking progressive leaders through character-based development, educational, personal and professional discovery and a commitment to serve the community.



Valerie and Marcia-Fun Stuff

To say **Valerie Phillips** is a proud mom is an understatement. And rightfully so. Her son Matt Phillips was selected from several hundred applicants to design a heart for the Kansas City Parade of Hearts. His sculpture has been placed outside of the Boulevard Brewing Co., located at 2534 Madison Ave., Kansas City.

The concept behind Matt's design was based on a mirror ball, as well as the theme of "Reflections." Entitled, "Your Own Dance Party," Matt's heart was constructed to physically move, as a rotating entity. Like a mirror ball, we are ever-moving. Life is ever-changing. How we see the world is a reflection of our own personal encounters and perceptions.

Matt wanted to design a sculpture that was interactive, allowing each individual to have a unique experience with the sculpture. The heart reflects its surroundings: the cityscape, our face or selfie - our own dance.

As a society, we have "buy-in" to change or create a new world for ourselves and for others. Matt's intent is that you dance, reflecting your life and world that is to be celebrated!



While the rest of us were attending to SCR business, **Marcia Boutz** was enjoying her COVID delayed trip to Paris. From Marcia, "I had a wonderful time. I went with my sister who is the photographer. Here are some of the pictures she took. The first one is Monet's grave site, the second is his garden and the third is the Queen's Castle. The flowers are not in full bloom in April, but I thought they were lovely just the same."



Soroptimist History



How The Soroptimist Emblem Was Established.

The Soroptimist emblem originated with a desire by club members to be readily identified by an official insignia. Prior to 1927, each Soroptimist club designed its own insignia, if the club had one at all. During the 1927 Conference of Soroptimist Clubs in San Francisco, CA, however, delegates chose the design of the Sacramento club's pin as the common insignia of all Soroptimist clubs for the 1927-1928 club year.

A permanent insignia would be chosen at the 1928 convention, at which all clubs were encouraged to present their designs for consideration.

At the 1928 convention meetings in Washington, DC, the committee assigned to oversee the choice of an insignia brought two designs to the floor for a vote—one was a replica of the world with a detachable dangler stating the name of the member and her club. The second design featured a woman holding up the Soroptimist name. An overwhelming majority of the international delegates chose the second insignia, which was designed by Anita Houtz Thompson, a member of the Oakland, CA, Soroptimist club.

The Soroptimist emblem features a number of symbols. Behind the central figure, who represents the spirit of womanhood, are rays of sunlight, which were typically used by women's groups in the 19th and early 20th centuries to represent the dawning of a new era for women. To the right of the woman are oak leaves and acorns, symbolic of the growth and strength of the organization from its small start, and the progress and achievements of the future. To the woman's left are laurel leaves, representing victory and achievement. Surrounding all these symbols are the words Soroptimist International. Like the words circling the emblem, the Soroptimist organization encircles the world. This emblem not only identifies Soroptimist members, but embodies, through symbols, Soroptimist's aims and ideals.

In 2004 Soroptimist International of the Americas update the SIA logo to reflect a more modern look. The blue S was created and new member pins changed to the new S.

Those that wish to continue wearing the old pin are able to do so.

The Soroptimist pin should be worn proudly over the heart to all meetings or gatherings of Soroptimists.



(Next month: How did our pledge come into existence?)