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Investing in Dreams



President's Message Melanie Simpson



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What a wonderful way to start fall with lots of great things scheduled. I challenged you all to get things “on the calendar” and you all stepped right up. Here are a few things to look forward to:

* Be sure and join the “JAM Session” – we will be making jam to sell at the Fall Conference. Let Candy Routledge know if you want to help. Date to be determined by the groups’ availability.

* Our Special and Cultural Events committee combined with our Recruitment and Retention committee for a wonderful event to be on the grounds of the Nelson-Atkins Museum to play putt-putt on their 9 hole "The Art Course", Saturday, October 15, with a 2:00 p.m. tee time for our group. Let Jerri know how many guests you are bringing. What a fun event to show what a great group we are to potential new members.

* South Central Region Fall Meeting, October 21-23, 2022, in Oklahoma City, OK. Please join us for what is sure to be a fun and relaxing weekend with other wonderful women with similar volunteer hearts.

* Ways and Means has a Meat Raffle planned and I am asking every member to sell a minimum of 5 tickets (no maximum :-). Buy some for yourself or as gifts for others, put it out on Facebook on at least two different days, email flyers to friends, acquaintances and coworkers, leave a stack of flyers at work or church.

* Live Your Dreams Awards are now open – please take just one moment to send the link to someone who may benefit or someone who can share to others who will benefit- this is a tremendous opportunity and we want to ensure those who need it can apply.

* Please keep checking the website for a complete listing of all the dates, times, and places – for the events we have to offer this year. Buckle up ladies it is going to be a joyous ride!

Together We Make A Difference,
President Melanie

September Calendar



**September 14
Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.**

Shepherd's Center
9200 Ward Parkway, ste. 200
KCMO 64114

**September 21
Business Meeting
5:30 p.m.**

KC Daiquiri Shop Bistreaux
8725 Metcalf Avenue
Overland Park, KS 66212

**September 24
Time TBD**

Women Vets at
St. Michaels's
3838 Chelsea Drive
Kansas City, MO 64128



September Birthdays

Bonnie Cutler September 2
Heather Rollins September 3
Lynn LeCount September 7
Jerri Cofran September 11

Business Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

5:30 p.m. networking

6:00 p.m. Dinner

KC Daiquiri Shop Bistreaux. .

8725 Metcalf Avenue
Overland Park, KS 66212

Menu Options:

Bistreaux Combo-1 fish, 4 shrimp, 2 chicken tenders
w/fries

Satcho Shrimp and Grits-creamy grits topped with
w/succulent shrimp, andouille sausage and Cajun creme

Bistreaux Salmon Caesar Salad-succulent grilled salmon
with romaine lettuce, topped with shaved parmesan
cheese

Blackened Chicken Fettuccine-blackened chicken breast
w/Cajun alfredo sauce over fettuccine

Cost \$20

Program

Wakisha Briggs
Bridge Leadership Academy

Collection

School Supplies (see next page)

Please RSVP

attendance@kcsoroptimist.org

or

Marie Parker

no later than Monday, September 19
with your menu choice.

Community Service Calendar

Your **Community Service Committee** has been quick to put together a calendar for the 2022-2023 club year. Mark your calendars so we are ready to go with collections and hands on service.



August – August 17, 2022 - Collect School Supplies for **KC Girls Preparatory Academy**

September – September 24, 2022 – Provide food for **Women Veterans at St. Michaels.**

October – October 19, 2022 - Write encouraging letters to women fighting **Breast Cancer** during business meeting.

November – November 16, 2022 - **Salvation Army Angel Drive** collection of toys for girls

December – December 7 – **Collection** for joint meeting with SI KC Northland, SI Liberty, SI Lawrence and SI St. Joseph

January – January 18, 2023 – **No Sew Blankets** during the club meeting

February – Date TBA – Assist **Safehome** with organizing their donation room.

March – March 15, 2023 – **KC Women in Tech** – providing financial assistance to deserving women for their coding classes.

April – April 19, 2023 – Collect women’s hygiene products collection to benefit **Amethyst Place**

May – Date TBD – Volunteer at the **Mattie Rhodes** Spring Block Party (date not available yet)

June – Date TBD - Provide and serve a meal at the **Kansas City Hospice Center**

Community Service Committee

Danielle Sidney, Chair
 Wakisha Briggs
 Bonnie Cutler
 Rosemary Moran
 Tanya Johannes

Live Your Dream



The Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women® is now open for applications! And this year's application season marks the 50th anniversary of this life-transforming program. Isn't that exciting?

Since 1972, Soroptimists have distributed more than \$39 million in education grants through the Live Your Dream Awards and helped over 39,000 women make a better life for themselves and their families. By empowering women to change their lives, the award has paved the way for new generations of independent, educated, and financially secure women and families, who in turn give back to their communities and countries.

August 1 through November 15 marks the annual award application period, in which eligible women may apply for the award by submitting their application to a club near them (or by applying through the online application portal if located in the U.S. or Canada).

What Should Members Do?

Spread the word. Every member can help their club recruit applicants. SIA happily offers tools to help you publicize the award in your local community, including ideas for reaching out to local organizations who may know eligible women. Here is the link for women who want to learn more about applying: www.kcsoroptimist.org

Committee Meetings

COMING SOON!

Your Ways & Means Committee

is going to put on a meat raffle again this year.
We learned a few things so this time, it should be a little easier
to buy tickets.

Right now, the drawing is to be held Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at
our club business meeting.

\$20 tickets will go on sale October 1, 2022 to November 11, 2022.

It will be a fitting end to sales on Veterans' Day
since KC Cattle is all about Veterans.

Watch this space for more information in the October Signpost.

Ways & Means Committee

Chair, Jane Zelazny-Belz

Danielle Sidney

Nora Magee

Kay Stewart

Your **Special and Cultural Events Committee** met in August to plan for
the current club year. (They
look like they're up to no
good, don't they:-)

L-R: Tanya Johannes,
Marie Parker, and
Jerri Cofran, Chair

Not shown: Nora Magee
and Kay Stewart



Member News

On August 19 The KU School of Medicine announced that Margaret Smith, MD was awarded the inaugural Rolfe A. Becker and Sylvia Becker Mentoring Award for her work in mentoring learners (medical students, residents, and fellows). The award comes with funding to be used to further enhance mentorship and membership to the KU School of Medicine Distinguished Mentors.

Congratulations, Margaret!



Marcia Boutz learned the hard way that a moped doesn't stand a chance against a pickup truck. Ouch!

Marcia is recovering at Carnegie Village Rehabilitation and Health Care Center



***Cards, visitors
and chocolate
are welcome!!!!***



Bridge Leadership Outreach Program

Notes from the August Bridge Leadership News Letter

Backpack and Dignity Kit Drive

This month, Bridge Leadership Academy and Keller Williams Real Estate partnered up to host a backpack and hygiene kit giveaway. We successfully provided over 150 free backpacks and hygiene kits to students in the Greater Kansas City, (primarily) Hickman Mills School District area.



The backpack and dignity bag giveaway for students in the Bridge Leadership program and siblings, and Bridge Leadership Academy CEO Wakisha Briggs having lunch and building healthy relationships with a KCPD officer, and Mazuma Credit union manager.

Thank you for all that you do to keep our community safe.

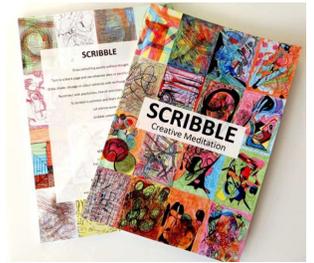
International Goodwill and Understanding (IGU)



**Soroptimist
International
South Africa**

Editor's Note: Recently I was invited by Trunell Morom, our SI Cape of Good Hope Friendship Link contact, to attend one of their Zoom meetings to meet their club members and hear their speaker. It was a great experience.

President Susan Hill introduced Abigail Florence, who shared her creation, A Scribble Journal for Creative Meditation. The purpose is to promote good mental health and well being.



From their website: SI Cape Of Good Hope – Soroptimist International SA (soroptimistsouthafrica.org)

The two pillars Soroptimism are Programme Action and Membership.

As a service organisation we have at times struggled to attract younger professional women to join us. Modern technology has opened up our meetings to an international audience which in turn has provided us with a range of interesting and informative speakers. This has attracted younger professional women to participate and become interested in the project work of Soroptimist International whose focus is the improvement of the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment and enabling personal development. We look forward to the future of continuing with the technology of Zoom for our meetings, to inspire younger members to join and the opportunity to charter new Virtual Clubs.



Soroptimist International Cape of Good Hope, South Africa

One More Committee Meeting



Your **Service Objectives** committee met in August to review and update funding procedures and the applications for 2022-2023. First we had a light lunch and then settled down to work.

It was a productive meeting. All goals accomplished. The forms are on our website and ready to go. Please let any organization you think would meet our criteria know that they are available.

L-R: Norma McKelvy, Tanya Johannes, Heather Rollins, Kay Stewart, Rosemary Moran and Dianne Young.



Don't Forget to make your hotel reservation



South Central Region Fall Meeting, October 21-23, 2022



**Embassy Suites Oklahoma City
Will Rogers Airport
1815 S Meridian Ave, Oklahoma
City, OK 73108**

**Nightly room rate \$119
Includes 2 free breakfasts per room**

Reservation portal now open!

Go to WWW.my-event.hilton.com/soroptimist-international/
or call the hotel at 1-405-682-6000 for telephone reservations.
Mention group code SCR

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- 24 hour front desk
- Airport Transportation
- Fitness Center
- Gift Shop
- Swimming Pool - Outdoor
- Contactless check-in and check-out are available
- Free Continental Breakfast
- ATM Machine
- Parking - Self
- Internet Access - Free in room
- Dry cleaning service, Laundry
- Non-Smoking Facility
- Business Center
- Lounge/Bar

