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Investing in Dreams



President's Message
Melanie Simpson



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Well, we kicked off 2023 in style. Our first meeting of the new year brought us a delightful new member all the way from Washington. Welcome to Mysti Meiers! A wonderful presentation by our very own Dr. Margaret Smith, that stimulated an engaged discussion and gave us great information to share with friends and family. Thank you to Margaret! We had a productive business meeting, then topped off the evening with a service project of no-sew blankets and in record time at that. Thank you Danielle for providing the supplies and delivering the blankets. We packed a lot into one night and hopefully set a great pace for the rest of the year.

The February meeting will bring us a presentation from Flourish Furnishings one of our past Service Objectives winners. We have chosen our Live Your Dreams winners for this year, so please plan to attend the March meeting to hear from each of them, always the best meeting of the year. The Service Objectives Awards application period has ended and as usual they waited to the last minute, but we have 21 applicants. Good work Kay!

Lastly, please mark your calendars now for the South Central Region Conference April 21-23, 2023. It is here in town, North Kansas City, so please plan to attend all or part of it and join in on all the fun.

Be well,
President Melanie



February Calendar



Board Meeting

February 8, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Shepherd's Center
9200 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64114

Dream It Be It Meeting|

February 9, 2023

5:30 via

Zoom

Business Meeting

February 15, 2023

6:00 p.m.

O'Neill's Restaurant
9417 Mission Road
Leawood, KS 66206

Service Objectives Committee

Meeting

Date/Place TBD



February Birthdays

Nora Magee February 2

Rosemary Moran February 21

February Business Meeting

February 15, 2023

O'Neill's Restaurant

9417 Mission Road

Leawood, KS 66206

5:30 p.m. Social Hour

6:00 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Business Meeting

Menu

SOUP & SALAD

SOUP OPTIONS – select one

*Baked Potato topped with cheddar cheese,
crispy bacon, and scallions

*Shrimp & Tomato Bisque

SALAD

*Somerset Salad – mixed greens topped with pepper
jack cheese, tomatoes, crispy bacon, red onion,
red peppers, pecans, avocado, and tortilla straws.

Served with honey citrus vinaigrette.

COOKIE TRAY

\$20.00

(payable at the door)

Program

Rich Shockey

from Flourish Furnishings

RSVP to Marie Parker

at attendance@kcsoroptimist.org

no later than Friday, February 10

Community Service



The day after our Holiday Party in December, Danielle Sidney delivered the huge collection of women's shoes, hats, gloves and scarves to reStart. We do hope they help many of their female clients warm through these cold days. Thank you to SI Liberty, SI St. Joseph, SI Kansas City and SI Kansas City Northland for such a generous collection.



In January we wound up our business meeting making no-sew blankets for Safehome. O'Neill's has the perfect size tables for us to spread out all our stuff.



Service Objectives

Your Service Objectives Committee has received twenty-one grant applications as of the deadline of January 27.

We are now in the process of reviewing all of them and making some tough decisions. Our recommendations will be made to the Club Board on March 8 and to the club and the Foundation at the March 15 Business Meeting.

A Celebration of Service is planned for May 17 to present the awards to the winning organizations. Please mark your calendars now and join us for our first in person celebration since COVID.

Your Service Objectives Committee is made up of:

Rosemary Moran, Dianne Young, Marcia Boutz, Heather Rollins, Tanya Johannes with Norma McKelvy and Kay Stewart serving as co-chairs.



I've learned ...

That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

I've learned

That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

Andy Rooney, one of the best....

2026 South Central Region Planning

Your SCR Committee is kicking off a planning session later this month to start pulling together ideas for the SCR Conference in 2026.

It will be our 100th anniversary as a Soroptimist Club.

SI Kansas City was chartered on May 19, 1926 with 100 charter members. Stuart Morrow was in attendance to present the gavel to our first president, Patience Hocker.

We are planning a huge event to celebrate the extraordinary women that have worked to advance the status of women and children in our city over the last 100 years.

As members of Soroptimist International of Kansas City, you will be asked to participate on one of the subcommittees to make this happen. It will take all of us to make it a success. Please be ready to say “YES” when one of the core planning committee members asks for your help.

We have the dates: April 24-26, 2026

We have a contract with the Hilton Airport for accommodations.

It is a beautiful hotel with many amenities that will be appealing to our SCR delegates.

Best of all, we have a great room rate that includes breakfast.

Plan on joining us! It is going to be an exciting time!



We still have JAM!

If you haven't tried it, be sure to pick up a jar or two at our next club meeting.

It is fantastic!

Member News



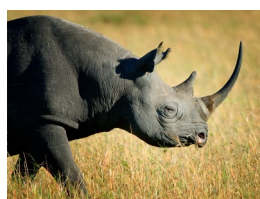
Wakisha Briggs, SIKC member, sent us this photograph of Bridge Leadership Academy students getting ready for their book club review.

Our friend Shirley Suter with SI Harare, Zimbabwe is convalescing at home after a fall.

She broke her hip and is undergoing physical therapy.

Shirley would love to hear from us. Please send her an email.

Shirley is too full of life and energy to be held down for long.



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