

The Signpost

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Soroptimist International of Kansas City
South Central Region



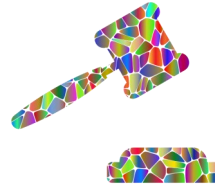
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Investing in Dreams



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President's Message
Melanie Simpson



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Whew, it has been a month! We all had a great time at Region Conference and so enjoyed celebrating our very own Kay Stewart as the SCR Lou Kirby Woman of the Year, 2023. So very well deserved!

The Foundation has a new name – with Soroptimist in it and the state of Missouri recognizes it (hooray). Thank you, Marie and Candy, for your diligence. We had a wonderful presentation about Madam President Camp from our dear old friend Jeanne Latz. We have elected new leadership for the club for the upcoming year. Again, I truly thank each one of you for stepping up and volunteering to give of your time and your talents to ensure our club is the best it can be.

Well, our busy spring season continues. Helping at Flourish Furnishings this weekend (April 29) and May 9th with Heart to Heart and in June at the KC Hospice House– let the hands-on, showing-up, being-present type of activities we love begin.

Don't forget to give/mail your dues (\$165) to Grace Boswell at the next meeting and be sure and put your t-shirt size on the check memo line. We will be amazing in our new bright blue Soroptimists t-shirts guaranteed to be conversation starters about our outstanding club.

If you have talked to anyone about our club or had anyone with any interest in the past, please, please, please invite them to the May meeting where we will be giving out our Service Objectives Awards. It is such a great representation of the impact we have in our community.

Be well,
President Melanie



May Calendar

2026 SCR Conference Committee Meeting

May 6, 2023
2:00 p.m.
Kay's home

Community Service Heart to Heart Project

May 8, 2023
9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
11550 Renner Blvd.
Lenexa, KS 66219
(wear closed toe shoes)

Board Meeting

May 10, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Shepherd's Center
9200 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64114

Celebration of Service

May 17, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Johnny Cascone's
6863 West 91st Street
Overland Park, KS 66212

Member Dues are Due

May 30, 2023



May Birthdays

No birthdays this month?
Who will eat all this cake?

May Business Meeting

No Business Meeting this month.

Instead we will have our
Celebration of Service

May 17
at Johnny Cascone's.
6863 West 91st. Street
Overland Park, KS 66212

Please join us as we honor our grant recipients this year.

Menu

Insalata Style Salad

Chicken Spedini

or

Baked Lasagna

or

Sautee'd Orange Roughy

or

Eggplant Parmigiana

Italian Bread Basket

Chef's Choice Dessert

Coffee, Tea, Soda

\$35

Cash Bar



RSVP to Marie Parker at
no later than Tuesday May 9.
Be sure to indicate your choice of entrée.

Election of Officers for 2023-2024

In April, our club elected the following slate of officers for the 2023-2024 club year.

SIKC Board

President—Margaret Smith

President-Elect – Lynn LeCount

Secretary – Heather Rollins

Treasurer – Grace Boswell

Director – Angie Guynes (2025)

Director – Mysti Meiers (2024) replacing Lynn LeCount as she is our President-Elect

Foundation Trustees

Danielle Sidney (2026)

Tanya Johannes (2026)

Marcia Boutz (2025) replacing Valerie Phillips

Thank you to our Nominating Committee made up of Jerri Cofran, Heather Rollins, and Marie Parker, Chair.

Our new officers will be installed at our Installation Ceremony on June 21, 2023.

Ready to pay your 2023-2024 dues?

Our treasurer, Grace Boswell, is ready to receive them no later than May 30. She will be collecting checks or cash for \$165.00 at our May 17 meeting.

Make your check for \$165.00 out to SIKC with “dues” and your t-shirt size on the memo line.



We must have the finalized list of sizes to our vendor by May 30th.

The shirt sizes run small so choose a size up from what you regularly wear.



South Central Region Conference April 16-18, 2023



Marie Parker, Jerri Cofran and SI Kansas City Northland member, Tammy Swartz enjoying the Saturday night banquet.

Amy Licata and friends from SI St. Joseph, MO.

Our Hospitality Suite hostesses from SI Kansas City Northland. They made us feel so welcome....



That's President Melanie in the background.

SCR Region Conference Coming This Month

Twenty three clubs attended our South Central Region Conference in April.

There were 62 voting delegates out of a total attendance of 108.

Federation Director Tanna Edwards of St. Peterborough, Ontario was a welcome visitor and speaker at our conference. We had two more excellent speakers, Brenda Oliver of Odessa, MO and Patty Bundi of Kansas City, MO. Brenda gave us a guide to “Orchestrating Your Second Act” and Patty talked about the “Building Blocks of Membership”.

The Delegates voted on changes to the Region Bylaws. Some proposed changes passed, others were sent back to committee.

Kudos to SI Kansas City Northland for hosting a great conference.

SCR Lou Kirby Woman of the Year Award



Kay Stewart was honored with the designation of “Woman of the Year” by the South Central Region. She is truly honored to be recognized by her club and the Region.

Here is the “formal” photo of our club members and Kay.

L-R: President Melanie Simpson, Grace Boswell, Marcia Boutz, Kay, Tanya Johannes, Jerri Cofran and Marie Parker.

And then, there is the “informal” photo of pure glee!

Thank you all.

I’m still in shock! Kay



Meet Angie Guynes

Angie was introduced to Soroptimist through KC Shepherd's Center where she works as Operations and HR Director. She supports the staff of KC Shepherd's Center in a myriad of ways, always with an eye to making their jobs easier delivering their programs and meals. She loves her job as it provides so much variety and has so many things to do at the same time. In her three years at her job, she has never been bored. Previously she worked at Powell Gardens for several years. She loves the outdoors, gardening, and hiking on nature trails.



Angie's first contact with Soroptimist was at our annual Celebration of Service. She was impressed with the amount of support and caring shown for the different organizations in Kansas City that support women and girls. And she was intrigued by the Soroptimist mission of being an advocate for women and girls.

Angie is married to her high school sweetheart Blake. They have been married for 27 years and have a daughter, Haley, 23 and son, Sam, 19. Angie was born in Shreveport, Louisiana. She left at 19, living in various places until settling in the Kansas City area. She was so pleased when she convinced her mother to move to Blue Springs from Shreveport. Her mom was here for six months before she passed away. Angie is so grateful to have had that time with her mom.

Outside of work, along with Soroptimist, she volunteers at Powell Gardens and was a Girl Scout troop leader for eight years. Sometime in the future, she dreams of visiting Italy or Greece.

Angie said the best piece of advice she ever received was from her boss who told her if you are not getting what you want from your job, you should move on. She thought it was hurtful at first, but later she realized it was excellent advice. She moved on and has never looked back.

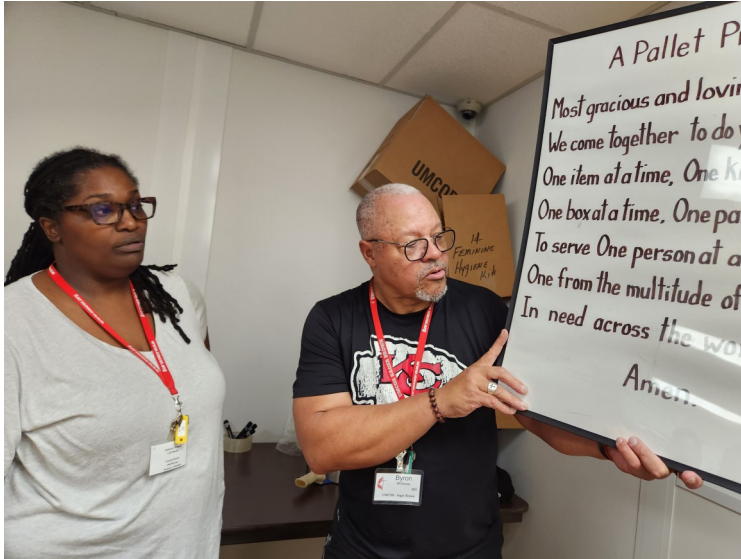
Angie joined SI Kansas City last year in June. We are so glad she did.....

Welcome, Angie!

Norma McKelvy's Mission Trip

Norma McKelvy and her husband Alfred, served in mission in Baldwin LA, at Sager Brown, a depot for the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Their project was to prepare women's hygiene packs for women in need in the community.



After they prepared each pallet (28 boxes of 14 kits) the entire group, about 20 of us, got together and read the Pallet Prayer sending forth our work to be a blessing to those in need.



More Member News

Recognition from KC Shepherd's Center for one of our own...



SHIRLEY LEGG, ADVENTURES IN LEARNING

Shirley Legg will be 95 on April 3rd. She has been an instrumental part of the AIL program for over 3 decades. Not only does she attend the weekly program, she also volunteers at the registration desk on Fridays, serves on the Leadership Team and now works on the new lunch committee to assist with making the lunch selections not only tantalizing but also affordable. Her wonderful spirit, personality and beautiful smile are always there as she welcomes you to Adventures in Learning every week. Shirley is a true treasure.

Ways & Means 50-50 Raffle Coming Soon!

The website is not quite ready so please don't jump on this yet. This is just a preview.



Spring into Action to support KC women and girls by purchasing raffle tickets to win half the collected cash.

Winner will be drawn June 21st.

Winner will be emailed.

Buy your chance to win at <https://www.kcsoroptimist.org/support-us/50-50-spring-into-action-raffle> !