

The Signpost

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Soroptimist International of Kansas City
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The Signpost

President's Message
Margaret Smith, MD



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Greetings fellow Soroptimist,

I hope you have had a wonderful holiday and had the opportunity to spend it with family and friends! 2023 has been a challenging year with many ups and downs, including the official ending of the pandemic and the partial recovery of the economy.



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A new year brings the prospect of new beginnings, a chance to renew yourself spiritually, physically, mentally, and emotionally. As you reflect back on the year that is ending, take this time to think about what you want to accomplish in 2024. Be grateful for the blessings you received in 2023 and enjoy the holiday! Let's make this next year special!

PS- I wouldn't be a true science nerd if I didn't point out that the last day of 2023 is 123123!

Kay Stewart, Editor

Happy New Year!
President Margaret
2023-2024

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January Calendar



Board Meeting

January 10, 2023

6:00 p.m.

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

Business Meeting

January 17, 2023

6:00 p.m.

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

Foundation Meeting

January 22 via Zoom

6:00 p.m.



January Birthdays

Jane Zelazny-Belz January 3

January Business Meeting Wednesday, January 17, 2024

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

5:30 p.m. Social Time

6:00 p.m. Dinner

Menu

Chicken Tenders - hand-breaded, served with French fries, coleslaw and honey mustard

or

Bleu Pine Salad – peanuts, oranges, tomatoes, red onion, red pepper, scallions, crispy wontons, and bleu cheese crumbles.

Served with honey citrus vinaigrette. Includes dinner roll.

Brownie and cookie tray

Cost - \$22

Speaker

Kimberly Paul

Director of Community Programs with Safehome

Activity

No Sew Blankets for Safehome

RSVP to Marie Parker

at attendance@kcsoroptimist.org
no later than Friday, January 12.

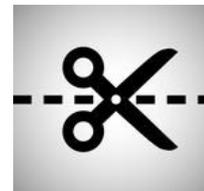
January Speaker & Hands On Community Service

Our Speaker for our January 17 business meeting will be Kimberly Paul, Director of Community Programs for Safehome.

She will catch us up on the latest services Safehome provides to domestic abuse victims and their families.

During the last two years, SIKC has provided over \$10,000 to Safehome to help feed 120 families.

Our activity that evening will be to make no sew blankets for the children staying at Safehome. With a few cold months yet to come, they will be welcome.



***Flannel provided by your Community Service Committee.
Please don't forget your scissors!***



Recruitment & Retention News

Recruitment and Retention Committee Plan

After considering several recruitment and retention ideas, the committee decided to utilize the large circulation and popularity of HerLife Magazine to help us get the word out about who we are, what we do, and why other like minded women should join us.

Between April and September, 2024 readers will see:

- *A Highlight Editorial Feature in HerLife's "Women of Influence" Issue
- *See and Be Scene Feature
- *Banner Ads in HerLife
- *Website Banner on HerLife's website for 60 days
- * Facebook Posting

We'll keep you posted as articles, features, and additional blasts occur in order for you to pass the word along for others to check out..



Samples...Look for HerLife at doctors offices, dentists offices, grocery stores, anywhere publications are displayed..

December Festivities

Our Holiday Celebration

How fun was our Holiday Celebration this year at Kay's beautiful festive home? IT WAS SO FUN! The food was delicious, the gift exchange was special, and it was wonderful having quality time with all who were there.

Thanks again to our "hostess with the mostess", Kay Stewart!!



Only Grace can pull off
"Christmas" Crocs...



More Holiday Celebration...



Three up to no good...



Jerri Cofran, Special Events Chair
Kay Stewart, Committee Member



Checking out Bob's Flea Market.

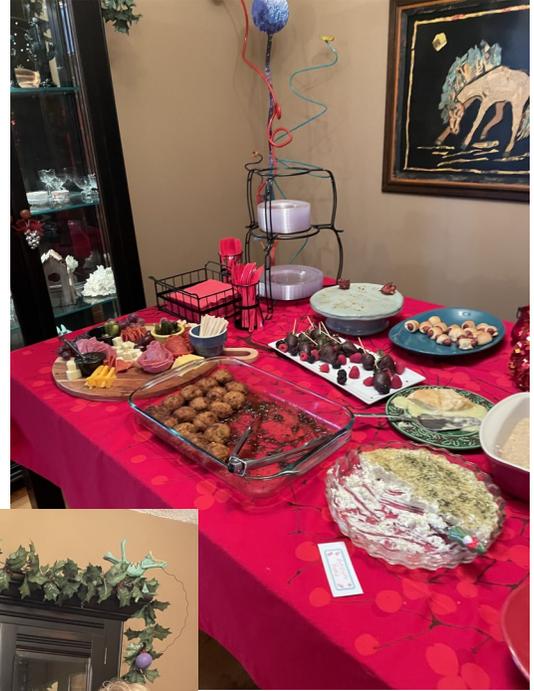
A view from above...



And Yet More Holiday Celebration....



Digging in....



Thanks to our Special Events committee for providing all the food and libations. All Kay had to do was shovel out her house and decorate. Easy, peasy....



Soroptimist Combined Holiday Party

December 13 was the date chosen for our annual combined club holiday party. Members of SI Kansas City, SI Kansas City Northland and SI St. Joseph joined host club SI Liberty at Conrad's in Liberty for an evening of food, games and fun.

We had the best lasagna ever and then worked off the calories playing games and winning prizes for everyone.



Pretty Amy and friend.



Kimberly Doty, SI Kansas City Northland and Marcia Boutz, SI Kansas City



SI St. Joseph

Partying in Liberty



Ready to party!!!



Jean Rube, SI Kansas City Northland and accomplice.

SI Kansas City
all dressed up and ready for fun.



Tanya Johannes attempting to unwrap a present while wearing oven mitts. Marcia Boutz rolling the dice and Grace Boswell cheering them on.