

The Signpost

Making a Difference for Women and Girls for 98 Years

Soroptimist International of Kansas City
South Central Region



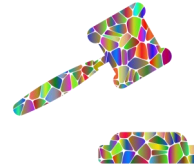
SOROPTIMIST® March 2024

Investing in Dreams



The Signpost

President's Message
Margaret Smith, MD



Sunday, March 10

Greetings Soroptimists!

Your Signpost was delayed because I am on a spring break medical trip to Guatemala with first year medical students. This is my last trip with the students because I will be retiring next year. It is always wonderful to see the students learn and gain exposure to medicine in a developing country.



Inside This Issue

Calendar	2
February Speaker	3
Nominating Committee	3
LYD Winners	4
SIA Walk for Women	5
March Holidays	6

Kay Stewart, Editor

www.kcsoroptimist.org

Soroptimist Kansas City Foundation
Soroptimist International
of Kansas City
1221 West 103rd #224
Kansas City, MO 64114



Last month it was exciting to see our Live Your Dream Award recipients honored and share their dreams and goals for the future. Helping young people achieve their dreams is one of the most rewarding parts of being a Soroptimist!

Happy March!

President Margaret

March Calendar



UMKC Women's Council Graduate Assistance Fund Awards

March 7, 2024
5:30 p.m.
Grand Street Café

SIA Tea Party via Zoom

March 7, 2024
8:00 p.m.
(go to www.soroptimist.org
for details)

Lift Her Up Event

March 9, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Sheraton Crown Center

Board Meeting

March 13, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Shepherd's Center
9200 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64114

Business Meeting

March 20, 2024
6:00 p.m.
O'Neill's Restaurant
9417 Mission Road
Leawood, KS 66206

March Business Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
O'Neill's Restaurant
9417 Mission Road
Leawood, KS 66206

5:30 p.m. Social Time
6:00 p.m. Dinner

Menu

Choose your own meal off O'Neill's Menu.

Go to <https://www.kconeills.com>

Make your choice. Your cost will be the amount shown on the menu plus 9.11% tax and 20% gratuity.

Payment will be due upon arrival at O'Neill's.
It is important that you be seated at the table prior to 6:00.

No-Sew Blankets
(Bring those scissors)



Speaker

Norma McKelvy on Diversity

RSVP to Marie Parker

at attendance@kcsoroptimist.org
no later than Tuesday, March 12



March Birthdays

Grace Boswell March 25



February Speaker & Live Your Dream Awards

Our Speaker for our February 21 business meeting was Audrey Navarro. She and CEO Mike Enos gave a presentation about MINDDRIVE.

MINDDRIVE is a project-based experiential learning program that serves students from around the Kansas City Metro.

Mentoring is a key component of the after-school programs with a student-to-mentor ratio of 2:1. They teach problem solving, critical thinking, and collaboration through math, science, technology, innovation and communication, giving their students deep-level experience with real world applications. Their programs include welding, battlebots, electric vehicle design and drone racing. They have a 100% graduation rate. They invited us to tour their facilities at 2615 Holmes and to attend their electric car races at the downtown airport in June.

Check them out at www.minddrive.org.



MINDDRIVE



Nominating Committee Formed

The Nominating Committee for 2024-2025 was formed at our latest Business Meeting. President Margaret appointed Tanya Johannes as Chair. The Board selected Grace Boswell and the club voted to add Marcia Boutz. The members of the committee were appointed per the club bylaws. They will be working to create a board during March with election to be held at the April club meeting.

Please plan to serve if called. We are all leaders and are capable of working on the board and serving as President if selected. If a particular position is not desirable, offer to serve in another position. It takes all of us.



Live Your Dream Awards

Grace Boswell, Chair of the LYD Awards Committee, presented grants to our Live Your Dream Award winners. Marcella Lee and E. Jeanne Cosby were our judges. Unfortunately, Judge Cosby and third place winner, Mia Haden were not able to join us.



First Place Whitney Moore and LYD Chair, Grace Boswell.

Congratulations to all!



Second Place Melissa Lane and Grace



Judge Marcella Lee and Grace.



SIA News



Step into Empowerment: Join the "Walk for Women" Event Throughout March!

The month of March gives us the chance to celebrate the strength and spirit of women around the world! This year, let's lace up our sneakers and move for a mission with the brand new annual Walk for Women event.

What is the Walk for Women?

Throughout March, and on International Women's Day, join us in taking steps towards empowerment. This is more than just a stroll; it's a movement to honor the women who have shaped our lives and a chance to build community around our cause.

How Do I Get Involved?

Get moving for women! Then step over to social media and post your "#WhyIWalk". You might also start a peer-to-peer fundraiser or organize a local group walk and outreach event.

Visit the [Walk for Women website](https://www.soroptimist.org) to find other ways to get involved, including the chance to purchase a limited-edition event t-shirt.

So, mark your calendars, gather your friends and family, and let's make every step count!



Go to
www.soroptimist.org
to order your shirt.

SIA News

Upcoming Events

Third Annual International Women's Day Tea Party

SIA is once again hosting a virtual tea party to celebrate International Women's Day! Please join us for a global celebration, March 7, 8 p.m. (ET). This virtual event will be presented with simultaneous interpretation in all our languages.

Go to www.soroptimist.org for information

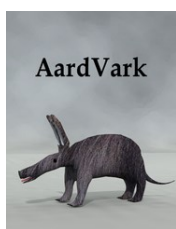
Weekly Observances in March 2024

In addition to the “usual” March holidays like International Women’s Day (March 8), The Ides of March (March 10), St. Patrick’s Day (March 17) and Easter (March 31), did you know there are “Weekly Observances too?”

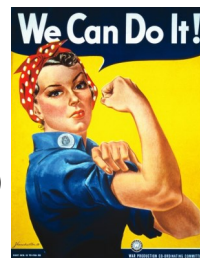
This month, let’s celebrate Sea Week (March 2-10)

Chocolate Chip Cookie Week and Women in Construction Week (March 3-9)

National Aardvark Week
and



Women of Aviation Worldwide Week (March 4-10)



Girl Scout Week (March 10-16)



National Agriculture Week and National Anonymous Giving Week (March 17-23)

and last but not least:
National Cleaning Week



National Introverts Week (March 18-24)

and National Tsunami Awareness Week (March 24-30)

