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President's Message Lynn LeCount



Like the daffodils, SIKC is springing into April beautifully.

A quick summary of your hard work...

T-Shotz: \$ 360
Meat raffle: 1,041
O'Neill's: 576
Net proceeds: \$1,977

2024 - 2025 is the club year
**FOR
GRAND
FUN!**

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We are halfway towards our FO(u)R GRAND FUN(d)!!

I want to reiterate the importance of our \$4,000 goal during the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This amount was chosen specifically to keep the donation rolling average large enough to meet the IRS public support test. That allows the Soroptimist Kansas City Foundation to remain categorized as a public charity and, thus, tax-exempt.

Where else can a mere \$4,000 of net fundraising be leveraged into \$10,557 for four Live Your Dreams awards and \$56,000 in Service Objective grants for 19 KC area charities? Ladies, you ARE making a difference in the lives of many KC girls and women!

Like the Kentucky Derby, we are heading into the home stretch on Saturday, May 3rd. Mark your calendars for 1 – 4 p.m. for the Power of the Purse Plus at Gallery V then invite your shopping buddies to this amazing extravaganza of designer purses, jewelry and scarves! Currently stored in Jerri's basement is an amazing collection of dozens of designer purses, so much jewelry we couldn't get through it, and many attractive scarves. There are so many Vera Bradley backpacks, travel totes, purses, billfolds and lunch bags that they would stock a mall kiosk.

I am so grateful for your efforts! President Lynn

April Calendar



Board Meeting

April 9, 2025

6:00 p.m.

via Zoom

(contact information to be sent
out via e-mail)

Business Meeting

April 16, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Granite City

Zona Rosa on Prairie View Rd.

2025 SCR Conference

April 25-27, 2025

Hosted by SI Grand Prairie, TX



April Birthdays

Shirley Legg April 3

Angie Guynes April 12

Marie Parker April 20

April Business Meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Granite City

8461 NW Prairie View Rd

in Zona Rosa

Kansas City, MO 64153

Social Time: 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at cash bar
Meeting starts at 6:00 p.m.

Menu|

Pasta Bar Dinner

Salad

Dessert

Soft drinks.

Cost: \$30.00

Program

Live Your Dream Awards

Election of 2025-2025 Board of Directors

(See slate of nominees on next page)

Induction of new member

Terri Goddard

RSVP to Heather Rollins

at attendance@kcsoroptimist.org
no later than Friday, April 11, 2025.



Nominations for 2025-2026 Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for election at the April, 2025 Business Meeting.

The Committee: is made up of Elaine Fry, Chair; Tanya Johannes and Grace Boswell.

President, Mysti Meiers

President Elect, Grace Boswell

Secretary, Candy Routledge

Treasurer, Marcia Boutz

Director, two years, Nora Magee

Delegates; Mysti Meiers, Grace Boswell, Marcia Boutz

Alternate Delegate; Candy Routledge

Foundation: Heather Rollins and Margaret Smith (3 year terms of two years)

The election shall be carried out as stated in our bylaws:

Election—The election shall be held at the business meeting in April. The report of the nominating committee shall be read and additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided consent of the nominee has been obtained. Election shall be by ballot for any office for which there is more than one nominee. If election by ballot is required, the president shall appoint three tellers, none of whom shall be a nominee for any office.

Your Live Your Dream Committee



Marcia Boutz, Chair

Grace Boswell, Tanya Johannes, and Margaret Smith

Come meet our Live Your Dream Award winners at our club meeting on April 16. These women are working so hard to further their education to make a better life for their families.

***Greet them, make them feel welcome,
and DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG!***

Meet Our Newest Member

Terri Goddard will be inducted into our club at the April 16 business meeting.

Terri is delightful,
full of fun,
extremely
knowledgeable
about fundraising
and we are so glad
she is joining us.

Welcome Terri!



SI KANSAS CITY MEMBER



Terri Goddard
New Member

I joined Soroptimist International/Kansas City because I am passionate about empowering women and girls in our community. Working in the non-profit space I've seen firsthand the organization's commitment to education, advocacy, and support and this aligns perfectly with my values, and I wanted to be part of a group that actively works to create positive change and improve lives.

Speaking of Fundraising....

We owe a huge thank you to O'Neill's for participating in our fundraising efforts in March. And a big thank you to all of our members who brought their families and friends to O'Neill's to take part.

O'Neill's generously donated 10% of their proceeds from EVERYONE who came that evening for dinner and libations. They are a great partner and always treat us well when we hold our meetings in their private room.

Thanks again to all!



Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Events

Period Poverty Project

P3

Soroptimist International of KC is seeking donations of products and cash to benefit girls at a Jackson Co., MO elementary school. Visit our website by June 30th to learn how you can help!



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Period Poverty Project (P³)

Who would've thought that there are girls in KC who skip school because their families can't afford feminine pads?

Let's keep those girls in class by supplying a local school with zippered bags of pads and hygienic supplies.

You can donate products via our [Walmart wish-list](#) or [Amazon wish-list](#) so the supplies are delivered directly to the P3 Committee. Or visit your favorite retailer to bring the supplies to the April or June meeting. No time to shop? Donate by credit card on the [SIKC website](#).

Thank you for helping SIKC benefit KC area girls!

Service Objectives Celebration of Service

Your Service Objectives Committee has worked hard to sift through the many applications we received for funding this year. We have nineteen recipients this year which includes several new organizations. The committee has presented the list to the Board of Directors, the Club and the Foundation. All have approved.

On Wednesday, May 21, we will once again Celebrate by honoring our recipients at a dinner at Johnny Cascone's Italian Restaurant at 6863 W 91st Street
Overland Park, KS 66212

Please mark your calendar for this joyful event!

Power of the Purse

The purses, jewelry, and scarfs continue to roll in for the Power of the Purse. The committee is making good progress with getting items ready to sale, and we have more coming our way thanks to Flourish Furnishings gathering donations as well.



Donations Request
for Silent Auction items & Raffle Requested


POWER OF THE
Purse

Donations need by April 12, 2025
Donation pick-up can be arranged by
emailing foundation@kcsoroptimist.org

New and like-new items needed:

- Designer and non-designer handbags
- Jewelry & Accessories
- Price Point, \$20 and over





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POWER OF THE
Purse

Silent Auction | Sweet Treats | Drinks | Shopping | Raffle

Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 1:00 to 4:00pm
Gallery V Fine Arts, 4020 Indian Creek Pkwy OP, KS



 *Fashion & Fundraising*
FREE Admission
All proceeds will make a difference for Women & Girls in the Kansas City community. Items sold are new or like-new.



Flourish Furniture Bank gathered a whole bin of gently used purses for our Power of the Purse event in May.

They have become a wonderful partner for us.

Thank you Amy and Elinore!

Congratulations, Grace

From Soroptimist International of the Americas

The SIA Board of Directors is forming the Member and Leader Code of Conduct Implementation Task Force to establish the governance, mediation and appeal processes for implementing the Member and Leader Code of Conduct.

Led by SIA Board Director Peggy Gentile-Van Meter, this task force will include seven members representing diverse global perspectives. Interested members should apply by Monday, April 28, 2025.

Grace Boswell applied for one of these seven positions, was accepted and has accepted the appointment.

Grace Boswell
SI/Kansas City
South Central Region

Dear Grace,

Thank you for your patience as the final scope of work was configured for the **Club/Region Governing Documents Task Force**. I am pleased to inform you of your appointment to the Task Force. We recognize your availability and interest may have changed since you submitted the application. Therefore, please review the Scope of Work below. The work of the Task Force is expected to extend into the 2025-2026 club year. If you are still interested and available, please confirm your acceptance of the appointment to the Task Force by contacting me at lisa@soroptimist.org no later than Monday, March 24, 2025.

Club/Region Governing Documents Task Force Scope of Work

Task Force to review, update and finalize region bylaws and recommended procedures templates

Blueprint on how to facilitate the amendments/changes on the region level via business meeting at region conference, suggested conference standing rules

Task Force to review, update, and finalize club bylaws and recommended procedures templates to facilitate consistency and common philosophies while acknowledging cultural or legal differences.

Establish region taskforce/work group to work with clubs to get them where they need to be.

Blueprint to facilitate club governing document reviews/changes including potential suggested standing rules

Establish/propose policies and procedures for ongoing review and required updates of bylaws and procedures for both regions and clubs.

Distressing News

Former SIKC member and Kansas City Dynamo, Joanne Collins, was injured in a robbery downtown recently. She was the first black woman elected to the Kansas City Council, served as Mayor Pro Tem, and has served on multiple service organization boards throughout the years.

We all wish her a quick and speedy recovery.

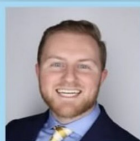


Happy News

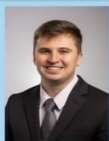
Marie Parker's niece, Grace, celebrated on Friday, March 21st as it was National Match Day where main residency results are announced. Grace was accepted as a resident into the School of Orthopedic Surgery at KCU. Only a very small percentage of women are accepted in the field of Orthopedic Surgery. She will be doing her 5 year residency primarily at Research Medical Center. Grace and family are elated that she will remain in KC.



So excited to join this group!



Logan Drusell, D.O.
New York Institute of
Technology - Arkansas



Blake Campbell, D.O.
University of North Texas
Health Science Center



Grace Thiel, D.O.
Kansas City University



Drew Klocke, D.O.
Kansas City University



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Orthopaedic Surgery
Resident
Class of 2030!



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