

The Signpost



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South Central Region

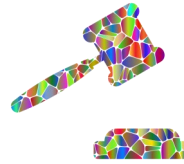
SOROPTIMIST® May 2025

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Investing in Dreams



President's Message Lynn LeCount



May is one of my favorite months because it means summer and the Celebration of Service dinner are on the horizon.

Add in the Power of the Purse Plus sale (hey, have you shared <https://www.FaceBook.com/Events/1283998892669759> on your FaceBook yet?), Mother's Day and Memorial Day, then sprinkle with the usual flurry of weddings and graduations for a fun-packed month before the summer heat descends on Kansas City.

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I'd like to congratulate our newly elected 2025-2026 Club Board and Foundation Trustees and thank them for their willingness to carry the torch.

Lastly, I'd like to encourage everyone to keep an eye out for 5"-ish X 7"-ish zippered bags in girl-friendly designs at low prices for the 100 Period Poverty Packs we're assembling in July.

Kay Stewart, Editor

Caitlin Miller,
Photographer and Reality
Checker

Happy Mother's Day to everyone!

President Lynn

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



May Calendar



Symposium International™

Power of the Purse

May 3, 2025

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Gallery V in Mission Farms

Board Meeting

May 7, 2025

6:00 p.m.

via Zoom

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

Celebration of Service

May 21,, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Johnny Cascone's

6863 W 91st St, Overland Park,
KS 66212-1459



May Birthdays

darn...no birthdays this month.

No May Business Meeting instead we will have our Celebration of Service Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Johnny Cascone's

6863 West 91st Street

(just east of Metcalf on 91st street)

Overland Park, KS 66212

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

Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.

Menu|

Salad

Choice of Lasagna, Orange Roughy,
Chicken Spedini, or Eggplant Parmigiana

Dessert

Coffee/Tea

Cost: \$37.00

Program

Distribute Service Objectives Grants
to nineteen local non-profits.

This is an excellent time to invite a potential member as
your guest.

RSVP to Kay Stewart

no later than Friday, May 16, 2025.



Power of the Purse Event

Grab your friends and come to the Power of the Purse Event at Gallery V in Mission Farms



The Power of the Purse committee is working hard getting ready for our fundraiser event on Saturday, May 3rd at Gallery V in Mission Hills, from 1:00 - 4:00.

We have 27 beautiful designer purses ready to go for our silent auction, lots and lots of nice "buy now" purses, totes, darling backpacks, Vera Bradley galore, wallets and gorgeous costume jewelry.

If you haven't already, invite your friends and family for an afternoon of fun shopping, and let's make this a successful fundraiser for SIKC!!



A Very Special Happy Birthday to Shirley Legg who turned 96 in April.

***As the most mature and wise member in our club,
we treasure her friendship
and her many years of service to SIKC.***

Happy Birthday, Shirley!!!

Meet Our Live Your Dream Award Winners



L-R: Shelda Stoker, Judge; Marcia Boutz, LYD Committee Chair; Andrea D (2nd place); Salmonella H (3rd place); Alexis T (1st place); Committee members: Tanya Johannes, Grace Boswell, and Margaret Smith. Not shown: Teresa S (4th place)

On a windy evening in April, SIKC met to celebrate our 2025 Live Your Dream Award winners. They are a lovely, hard working group of young women who are determined to make a better life for their families and themselves. We are pleased to give them some financial support and to help them live their dreams.

We wish them great success in their endeavors.

Looking Ahead

Our Combined Board & Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Merriam Plaza Library.

The Library is located at 6120 Slater, Merriam, KS 66202

All committee chairs will submit their year end reports and committees for next year will be formed. Please be thinking about what you would like to do next year to contribute to our success. More details to follow in the next Signpost.

Welcome, Terri!

We welcome Terri Goddard as our newest member of Soroptimist International of Kansas City. Angie Guynes (on right) served as her sponsor and conducted the induction ceremony. SIKC President Lynn LeCount (on left) joined in welcoming her. Terri's specialty is fundraising and we look forward to her challenging us to up the ante' on our fundraising efforts.

Terri, we are so glad you are part of SIKC.



Period Poverty Project



A fun twist for our Community Service Period Poverty Project!

Grab those receipts for your Period Poverty Project donations and bring them to the June 14th joint Board/Business meeting.

The Community Service Committee will give you a raffle ticket for every \$10 in receipts for feminine pads, hygienic supplies and zippered bags that you show us.

Each raffle ticket means a chance to win a gift card!

South Central Region Conference



Our delegates to the South Central Region Conference hosted by SI Grand Prairie, Texas.

L-R: Candy Routledge, SIKC President-elect, Mysti Meiers, and Marcia Boutz.

Evidently, SCR has instituted a brand new award/recognition category, The Outstanding Soroptimist Award. Mysti was among the first recipients of the award this year. To say she was surprised is an understatement.

Here is a photo of her award certificate.



And here is her report. She will have more to add when we attend our Combined Board and Business Meeting on Saturday, June 14.

Good morning!

I just wanted to say hello back from Grand Prairie, TX. The conference was great. It was a very busy day and half, and I couldn't have asked for a better road trip buddy Candy. She definitely made the 16+ hours in a car worth the trip!

I also wanted to let you know that I won an Outstanding Soroptimist Award? I'm not sure who nominated me, but I was very surprised. I appreciate the nomination and award. Not sure if I completely deserve it with the first ever group of recipients, but thank you to whoever nominated me. Definitely gives me a boost of confidence heading into 2025-26.

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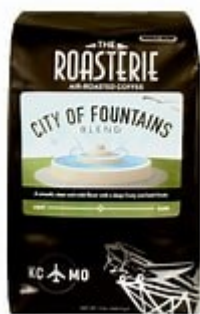
Hosted by SI Grand Prairie, Texas

I uploaded a picture of the award in the shared album. Unfortunately, we did not get a pic as we weren't seated in the most convenient spot for Candy or Marcia to get out. .

Anyways, good morning and happy Monday!

Mysti

Mysti is pictured here issuing an invitation to all the delegates to attend our 100th anniversary celebration next April, 2026. Roasterie Coffee was kind enough to donate 3 oz. packages of their Special Blend coffee so that each delegate could receive one of Kansas City's best products. We will be working with them to possibly produce one pound packages of their coffee branded as Soroptimist International of Kansas City's 100th anniversary Special Blend.



Visit KC also provided our delegates with 150 copies of "Discover Kansas City" magazines, loaded with hundreds of places to visit and explore in our area.

Our thanks and appreciation go out to Roasterie Coffee and Visit KC for their contribution to our upcoming event next year.

Cultivate KC (one of our Service Objectives recipients)

Urban Grown Farms and Gardens Tour



Cultivate KC is proud to announce the following farms and gardens will be featured on the Urban Grown Tour:

Bread and Roses Farm
George Washington Carver Farm
Global One Urban Farming
Juniper Gardens Training Farm
Kansas City Community Gardens
KC Farm School
Kansas City Urban Farm Co-Op
Manheim Gardens
Maple Creek Urban Farm
MO HIVES KC
MyCo Planet
Two Birds Farm
URBAVORE Urban Farm
Young Family Farm



Watch your email for more details...



The SIKC 2025 membership survey is ready for our member responses.
The link will be sent to them individually through
the membership@soroptimist.org email address