

# The Signpost

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## President's Message Mysti Meiers



As families send their kids back to school, it's a clear sign that SIKC is also beginning a brand new club year! Just one month into our club year, we hope you're feeling recharged and ready to jump back in.

The **Community Service Committee** has a school supply drive planned. Be sure to read more below and find out how you can help support this important effort.

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Kay Stewart, Editor

Caitlin Miller, Assistant

Last month's **Period Poverty Project** meeting was incredible—thank you to everyone who attended! We're excited to move forward with this as one of our signature annual projects. While we don't yet know how often supplies will need to be replenished, the **Community Service Committee** is already planning ahead, so be sure to pay close attention to future announcements about how we will continue to support this important initiative.

The **LYD Committee** is also getting to work and will have updates to share soon. Keep an eye on SIKC's social media and—this is important—please share our posts! Go a step further and send a personal message to your own network. Someone you know might be the perfect candidate, or may know someone else who is.

There's a great energy building as we start this year together. Let's keep it going and make our 100th year one to remember!

President Mysti

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## August Calendar



### **Board Meeting**

August 13, 2025

6:00 p.m.

via Zoom

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

### **Live Your Dream**

August 6th, 2025

Zoom—6pm

### **Business Meeting**

August 20, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Grand Street Cafe

## August Birthdays

Diane Young August 13

Elaine Fry August 28

Caitlin Miller August 30

## August Business Meeting

August 20, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Grand Street Café

4740 Grand Ave

Kansas City, MO 64112

### **Menu**

Terri will be sending out an email with details re-  
garding the meal.

[Grand Street Cafe - Food Menu](#)

### **Program**

Our program for the August meeting will be a  
presentation by retired educator from USD 500 in  
Kansas City KS. She will discuss team building.

We have a Big Project in April. We need “ All  
Hands on Deck”

-Grace



## Period Poverty Project Recap

On July 16th, we met at Fleetridge Elementary for our Period Poverty Project. This last month, club members and new friends completed packing 201 Period Project bags for Fleetridge Elementary Girls! In addition, the club provided enough hygiene supplies to equip the school for the entire school year. A great time was had by all!

The 2024-2025 Community Service Committee  
Danielle, Dianne, Grace, Lynn, Marcia and Tanya





## Community Service Updates

We are excited to kick off our outreach efforts August 3rd, 4:45 pm-- Delivery dinner for Mother's Refuge! Thanks to everyone who signed up to assist in providing an Italian feast for the 12 adults and 3 kiddos, needed as the facility kitchen is under renovation.

## MENU SIGN UP!

SALAD

GARLIC BREAD

BAKED ZITI OR SPAGHETTI

CHICKEN ALFREDO

DESSERT

PLATES

SILVERWARE

NAPKINS

DRINKS with cups

GRACE

MARCIA

CAITLIN

TANYA

DIANNE

SANDY

MYSTI

MYSTI

LYNN

### School Supply Drive-

Ladies, please take advantage of local school supply sales this month! We are collecting supplies to re-supply a local classroom in January and are happy to hold your donations for you until then! Highest needs are basic supplies, including 24 count crayons, colored pencils, black dry erase markers (thin and thick), scissors, pencils, basic 10 count colored markers, single subject notebooks, pencils, and composition notebooks.



MISSOURI  
TAX FREE  
WEEKEND—  
AUGUST 1-3,  
2025

# Please complete our survey by 8/10!

## Special & Cultural Events Committee



The Special & Cultural Committee invites one and all to join us mid-morning on Saturday, September 13th at the Grintner Sunflower Farm in Lawrence. We're planning to have lunch at Free State Brewery before heading home. Partners, family, friends and neighbors are all welcome.

We've tentatively identified Sunday, January 11th at 1 p.m. for our holiday gathering. We'll also let you know if we are contacted about a joint holiday party with other local SI clubs.

We're working out the specifics so more details will be forthcoming. In the meantime, mark your calendars now!

Candy, Lynn, Marie, and Sandy

## PR Update

We are working on completing our “Welcome Packet” for Service Objectives Grant Recipients, along with starting a new “Welcome Packet” for prospective members to SIKC! Do you have anything you wish you would have known prior to joining SIKC? Please email [caityjo89@gmail.com](mailto:caityjo89@gmail.com)

We are also asking each committee to prepare a “Policies & Procedures” document for future incoming chairs. Caitlin will reach out to the heads of each committee to help facilitate this as the year moves on.

Please use this link to view Service Objectives Grant Recipients Fundraising Opportunities:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rfmUAfv6-5ZG4SFqBofKfWQIlxfnk1ccZP0TmO7V3rE/edit?usp=sharing>

-Caitlin, Mysti, Lynn, Candy, Angie & Kay





## Live Your Dream Update

The LIVE YOUR DREAM committee members including Marie Parker, Chair, Grace Boswell, Margaret Smith, Nora Magee, and Tanya Johannes are having their first committee meeting on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 via zoom. We will be reviewing the necessary steps that need to be taken to support our LYD awards program. The time line for applicants to apply starts on August 1<sup>st</sup> and goes thru November 15, so we have work to do!



## 2026 South Central Region Conference

The committee (Kay Stewart, Grace Boswell, Marie Parker, Marcia Boutz, Caitlin Miller, Lynn LeCount, Mysti Meiers, Terri Goddard, Tanya Johannes) continue planning for SIKC to host the upcoming conference and identifying the myriad of details required to pull this off successfully.

Tasks have been identified as follows for the next month:

- Meet with hotel personnel to lock down menus, audiovisual provisions, and expenses for each
- Obtain template for programs from prior hosting clubs
- Request bids for program printing
- Purchase sample items for possible attendee “swag”
- Locate potential music entertainment and determine expenses

Hosting the conference is going to be a massive endeavor, and we will need everyone in the club to assist. Please know that we will rely upon your skills, experience, and enthusiasm to make this a success. Updates will be provided monthly, along with our requests for your time, expertise, experience, and enthusiasm!

## Soroptimist Kansas City Foundation

The quarterly July meeting 7.28.25 finalized the election of Board officers (Tanya Johannes Chair, Margaret Smith Vice Chair, Heather Rollins Secretary, Danille Sidney Treasurer, Trustees Dianne Young and Caitlin Miller, ex-officio voting members Club President Mysti Meiers, immediate Past President Lynn LeCount, Service Objective Chair Norma McKelvy, and non-voting Advisor Elaine Fry.

Policy and Procedures and By-laws were reviewed and revisions accepted. The Foundation's investment portfolio was reviewed and distribution for charitable contributions determined. The projected fundraising goal to meet public support test is being requested from Support KC.



## Soroptimist History - Part 2

### SIKC History Part 2 The Independent

From The Independent Written by Clara Elizabeth Kellogg May 29, 1926

The ballroom of the Hotel Muehlebach presented an unusually attractive sight last Wednesday night upon the occasion of the Installation Dinner of the Soroptimist Club—the very youngest organization of business and professional women in town. The Speakers' table was decorated with vases of blue delphinium and pink roses, while the smaller tables held bouquets of vari-colored iris, syringa and snow-balls. Stuart Morrow, founder and organizer of the Soroptimist Clubs of America, Great Britain and France, installed the officers and presented the charter to the president, Patience E. Hocker, who acted as toastmistress. Albert I. Beach, Mayor, James E. Nugent and E.C. Meservey of the Board of Education, Reginald Davison, British vice-consul, Mrs. Eleanore C. Walton, of the Missouri Federated Clubs and Mrs. Helena Gamble, California State Organizer of Soroptimist Clubs gave brief talks, after being appropriately introduced by the toastmistress. Catherine Prosser, Moving Picture Editor of the Kansas City Star spoke entertainingly on "Movie Stars I Have Met" and Mrs. Julia Kiene, Director Household Searchlight of the Household Magazine, Topeka, Kan., gave a most interesting talk on "Business Women through the Ages." Barton Donaldson, a good looking youth, with a splendid baritone voice gave several delightful solos, accompanied by Edna Forsythe. The club starts out with a splendid foundation, one hundred and one charter members and an excellent list of officers and directors. Patience Hocker, the president, has requisite for a successful executive, charm of manner, good looks, tact, sweetness and sincerity, combined with capability and the desire to serve. The club is to be congratulated upon having so representative and popular a business woman at its helm. Miss Hocker will be ably supported by Genevieve Turk as vice-president, Tiera Farrow as secretary and Mabel E. Stafford as treasurer. The Board of Directors is composed of Nettie Huff, Alice Steele, Lavalette Palmer, Edna Forsythe, Lenore Anthony and Mrs. Acenaith H. Reed. Editor's note: This style of writing has long been out of style but is fun to read now. This event is especially noteworthy since American women had just won the right to vote only seven years earlier in 1919 after forty years of suffrage. We've come a long way and still have a long way to go.

(To be continued.....

Next month, who was Patience Hocker)

