

The Signpost

Making a Difference for Women and Girls for 99 Years

Soroptimist International of Kansas City
South Central Region



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Investing in Dreams



President's Message Mysti Meiers



Fall is here, and so is “scary season”, but fear not! There’s plenty of important and exciting work happening with SIKC.

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Sadly, KMBC News 9 reported that Kansas City saw 18 domestic violence-related killings by August, already surpassing last year. Many groups cite budget cuts as a major factor. Also reported, nationally 1 in 3–4 women experience intimate partner violence, with ages 18–24 at the highest risk.

How can SIKC help break this cycle? We can help by supporting local nonprofits through our Service Objective grants. If you know an organization that should apply, connect with committee chair Norma McKelvy. Additionally, our Live Your Dream Awards are also accepting applications through November 15th. This financial award is a great way to help women break the cycle through education.

Throughout October, the Public Relations Committee will share posts highlighting Domestic Violence Awareness Month and our Live Your Dream Awards. I HIGHLY encourage all SIKC members to share the posts because what do they say?

Whispers become shouts, and together we show survivors they’re not alone.

President Mysti



October Calendar



Live Your Dream Committee

October 1, 2025

6:00 p.m.

via Zoom

Board Meeting

October 8, 2025

6:00 p.m.

via Zoom

2026 SCR Conference Committee Meeting

October 12, 2005

3:00 p.m.

via Zoom

Business Meeting

October 15, 2005

6:00 p.m.

V's Restaurant

10819 E US Highway 40
Independence, MO 64055

SCR District's Meeting

October 17-18, 2025

Holiday Inn

Wichita KS East I-35



October Birthdays

None this month.....:-(

October Business Meeting Wednesday, October 15, 2025

6:00 p.m.

V's Restaurant.

10819 E US Highway 40

Independence, MO 64055

(Right down the road from Mother's Refuge)

Menu

[Menu - V's Italiano Ristorante](#)

Click on the link above for the full menu.

No restrictions on what you order.

Cash Bar

Program

Julie Youngers, Development Director North East Community Center

She will speak to us about

Support Our Northeast Girls (SONG)

All Girls Music Therapy

Their project is funded by our
club through Service Objectives.

RSVP to Terri Goddard

By Monday, October 13 with your meal choice.

All will be billed separately.



Community Service

Submitted by Tanya Johannes, Community Service Chair

For our October meeting, we would like to utilize our traditional "meet and greet" time to write letters of support for female cancer survivors and veterans. The committee will provide blank cards/envelopes, pens, and possible messages to jump start the process. Members can choose which cause (either or both) they would like to support, and we will collect and send to respective organizations for distribution.

The remaining club year schedule is noted below, as promised!

October: letters of support for cancer survivors and female vets

November: Collections for holiday refugee family

December: final collections, deliver holiday presents

January: final school supplies collections, deliver to KCK school

February: no sew blankets

March: Kickoff for period product collections

April: SC Region Conference-- no activities

May: Fund raiser-- no activities

June: P3 collection/sorting/packing.

We are looking forward to a busy service year!



Thank You's and Accolades



September 17, 2025

Tanya Johannes
Tjcjscem58@yahoo.com

Dear Tanya,

Thank you for your generous in-kind donation. With thoughtful gifts like yours, the young moms and babies at Mothers Refuge continue to receive the housing and parenting help they need.

One of our residents recently shared these heartfelt words:

"Mother's Refuge helped me get on track for the life I want. I feel much more stable since going through this program, and I no longer have to worry about where my daughter and I will live. I know that we are safe here."

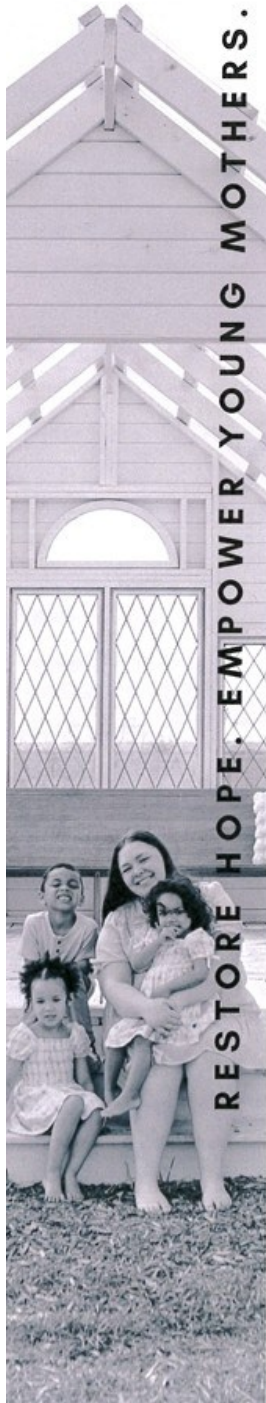
Her story is just one example of the hope and transformation made possible by your kindness. Every gift you give helps mothers like her take brave steps toward independence while knowing their children are safe and cared for.

As we celebrate these stories of hope, we're looking forward to our upcoming **Night of Compassion Gala on Friday, October 3rd, 2025**, at *GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium – North Club Plaza*! This unforgettable evening will feature a gourmet dinner, inspiring testimonies, thrilling auctions, and live music with dancing. As our signature event of the year, it's a night you won't want to miss, and we would be honored to celebrate with you. For more info you can go to <https://www.mothersrefuge.org/night-of-compassion>.

With Sincere Thanks,

Angel McDonald
Executive Director

*We appreciate
Your help!*



Phone: 816-353-8070 | Web: MothersRefuge.org
Address: 14400 E 42nd St S, Ste 220, Independence, MO 64055

Congratulations are in Order

Pat yourselves on the back!

Our Period Poverty Project has been accepted by SIA
as a Big Goal Accelerator Project.
Our Board of Directors' goal is to make this a signature event for our club.

From: Soroptimist International of the Americas
Date: Tue, Sep 9, 2025, 22:02
Subject: Your project has been approved!
To:

Dear Lynn LeCount,

Thank you for submitting your club's Big Goal Accelerator Project: Period Poverty Prevention Packs!

Your project report has been reviewed and approved.

Thank you for your Soroptimist service!

Sincerely,

The SIA Program Team.



SI Saint Joseph Fundraiser



Let's Roll!!

BUNCO



with

Soroptimist International of
St. Joseph, Missouri

Lisa's Roadside Diner
2414 South 4th Street
St. Joseph, Missouri

Saturday, October 11, 2025
2:00 p.m.

\$15 per person

Prizes and Silent Auction
Food and Drinks available for purchase
(Kitchen closes at 2:00 p.m.)

For tickets
Joyce C at 816.262.9083
Bea at 816.390.5367
or purchase at door

Proceeds used to support SI St. Joseph service projects

SI Kansas City History

SI Kansas City had a hand in separating Stuart Morrow from Soroptimist

As Stuart Morrow was organizing clubs in the Midwest, clubs along the Pacific coast began to consider the idea of forming some type of federation to bring the clubs into closer association with each other. With Morrow's assent, the nine clubs along the Pacific coast met in Oakland, CA, in August 1926 to consider whether, and how, to federate. The consensus of the meeting was to federate, and to obtain from Morrow all rights to the Soroptimist name and chartering of new clubs. Violet Richardson Ward was instructed to contact Stuart Morrow and request that he make a proposition to relinquish complete control of Soroptimist. The delegates decided to invite representatives from all Soroptimist clubs in North America and Europe to a meeting in San Francisco in 1927, where Morrow's proposal would be considered. It was referred to in printed reports as "The First International Conference of the Soroptimist Clubs of the World." Representatives from Soroptimist International of Kansas City were in attendance. Two major themes dominated the conference—determining a way to separate the organization from Stuart Morrow, and establishing an international alliance of clubs.

Morrow tendered three offers to the Soroptimist delegates. After some debate, delegates decided to pursue a complete buy-out. A committee was appointed to negotiate with Stuart Morrow—who had personally welcomed the delegates to the conference earlier in the day. The negotiating committee was instructed to try to reduce Morrow's \$6,000 figure. They returned the next day with an option agreement from Morrow, who consented to a settlement within 30 days for \$5,500. Soroptimists' accepted the settlement and proceeded to pro-rate the cost between the clubs. It was decided that no club would be penalized because of inability to pay.

With the Soroptimist name exclusively in the hands of its members, the delegates turned their attention to crafting a constitution and bylaws. The delegates envisioned an international alliance of clubs, and a simple constitution, drawn in accordance with Roberts Rules, was approved. The international constitution outlined the method of admitting members; fees and dues; nomination and election of officers and their duties; national councils and their powers and duties; committees; quorums; and voting bodies and delegates. Another committee determined that a uniform membership pin was preferable to the individualized pins each club had designed. The clubs were instructed to submit designs for a permanent organization emblem and pin to be chosen at the 1928 convention. The final bit of business at the 1927 convention was to establish Regions and Region Directors for the main geographic areas of the Americas—North Atlantic, Midwestern, Northwestern, South Central and Southwestern. Soroptimist was launched!

(Next month, Soroptimist International of Kansas City starts making history...)

Tanya's vacation spot

A few weeks ago, Tanya and a longtime friend made a trip to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. While there, they visited Mackinac Island, then crossed into Canada where they caught the train at Toronto. This was their favorite spot.



Ontario Canada. Seriously serene and beautiful!

