

The Signpost



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President's Message Mysti Meiers



Happy New Year to all! I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing holiday season.

As the famous rock band, [Bon Jovi sings](#), “Wooooooooah, we’re half way there, woah-oh, livin’ on a prayer, take my hand, we’ll make it I swear, woah-oh, livin’ on a prayer” Can you believe that we are half way through our club year?! Time flies...

We still have a lot to look forward to, which means a lot of work still needs to be done. To begin the new year at the January business meeting, the Growth & Retention/Membership committee will be presenting the findings of the membership survey that was conducted last spring. **I highly encourage as many who can attend to do so to be part of this important discussion.**

Moving into the year, we will be interviewing and **selecting our Live Your Dream award winners** and our **Service Objective recipients** for 2026-27.

We will be hosting our **Region conference in April** and will need all hands on deck. Your assistance by volunteering and attendance to the conference is highly encouraged. Our fantastic conference planning committee has been working diligently with the Region board to make this a very memorable conference.

And it's never too early to start spreading the word and getting your friends and family excited about our **Bloom Brunch that will be in May**. Ways & Means, Service Objectives, Live Your Dream committees are in collaboration to make this fundraiser a celebration to remember! How better to celebrate our 100 years than to highlight our current achievements and invite those who have been direct benefactors in our work. It is also a great opportunity to recruit new members!

So even though we might be able to see the finish line, we still have a lot of work to do! So let's pull up our shirt sleeves and get to it!

President Mysti

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January Calendar



Growth & Retention Mtg.

January 6, 2026
6:00 p.m.
via Zoom

2026 Conference Mtg.

January 6, 2026
7:00 p.m.
via Zoom

Ways & Means Mtg.

January 7, 2026
Noon to 1:00 p.m.
& January 21, 2026
Noon to 1:00 p.m.
Both via Zoom

Board Meeting

January 14, 2026
6:00 p.m.
via Zoom

Business Meeting

January 21, 2026
6:00 p.m.
FosterAdopt Connect

SKCFoundation Meeting

January 26, 2026
6:00 p.m.
via Zoom

January Business Meeting

6:00 p.m.
January 21, 2025

FosterAdopt Connect

18600 E 37th Terrace
Independence, MO 65057

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

**Terri Goddard will send out details about dinner.
Please watch for her email.**

RSVP to Terri Goddard

at Attendance@KCSoroptimist.org
no later than Friday, January 16

At the January club meeting, we will be collecting any remaining school supplies for the January delivery to a local KCK school. So far, we have accumulated multiple boxes of school supplies ranging from notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, markers, crayons, dry erase markers, Kleenex, and assorted backpacks. Delivery will be coordinated with the school.



2026 Conference Planning

2026 Conference planning continues. Following the meeting with hotel staff on 11/28/26, members met via Zoom to fine tune the updated conference budget and schedule, both of which were sent to the SCR Governor for review and approval. An updated AudioVisual quote and service specifics were also submitted. Entertainment details are being finalized. Program details are coming together. The committee will meet again in January to finalize the information needed for "the Call", due at the end of January.



Live Your Dream

Live Your Dream committee is pleased to announce eleven applications were received and have been reviewed by the committee. Two judges have agreed to serve and judging is scheduled for January 10th via zoom from 10:00 -2:30. Committee members will serve as greeters in the hosting room, ensuring applicants can access the interview process.



Community Service

Two carloads of toys, clothes and household items were delivered to Don Bosco for utilization in their holiday shoppe, serving refugee families. The organization was extremely appreciative of the generosity of current and former club members, helping them bring Christmas to life for many families!



Public Relations

Hope everyone had a great holiday season. If any committees have any social media drives or posts they would like shared, please send them to PR@KCSoroptimist.org.



We should have a Public Relations Zoom meeting in the second half of this month. We are still in process on our google drives. If any committee hasn't received the link to their specific drive, or has any files they need uploaded, please let Caitlin or Mysti know.

Thanks,
Caitlin Miller, Public Relations

Coming Up in February

Up next in February we are scheduled for a perennial favorite- no sew blankets! In addition to the blankets we hope to complete in the meeting, our very own Sandy Miller has provided several completed fleece blankets to share.



From the NIA Project

A link to a news clip featuring Nia Project's store. Just copy and paste.

Service Objectives chose a wonderful non-profit to support.

<https://www.kshb.com/news/local-news/nonprofit-resale-clothing-store-on-plaza-embodies-kwanzaa-principle-ujamma-through-teen-work-program>

Record Retention

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS - SIKC needs your support.

Please forward the following information to Norma McKelvy -

A list of documents you create or use for your committee.

Do you have minutes or meeting notes taken?

Does your committee have activities that you document?

Do you provide your end of the year report at the June planning meeting?

Are there other items you create that might have historical import?

Please take two minutes to think through what you do and send me a note,

thanks! Norma McKelvy



Madam President Camp Report

MADAM PRESIDENT® ★ Camp ★

THANK YOU, 2025!



Maple Woods Camp



Truman Camp



★ Johnson County Community College Camp ★

Thank You, MPC Community!

2025 has been an amazing year for Madam President Camp and we couldn't do it without **YOU!**

This year, MPC had their first winter break camp, an activism workshop and book club, a career in leadership day focused on AI, a confidence event for campers and a guardian, and six summer break camps throughout the metro!

We had 105 summer campers, 93 volunteers who gave their time to be with our campers, and 23 scholarships given so campers with financial need could attend camp.

Thank you for your support, your involvement, and your voice to spread the word about Madam President Camp! We are humbled and excited to see what 2026 brings!

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