

# The Signpost

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Soroptimist International of Kansas City  
South Central Region



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Investing in Dreams



## President's Message Mysti Meiers



March is here, and with it comes a fresh start. Spring is the season when everything wakes up and stretches toward something new. It's a natural time to reflect on how we want to finish this year strong—and how we want to shape the next one.

A huge thank you to **Marie, Angie, and Heather** for stepping forward to serve on our Nominations & Elections Committee. They will thoughtfully prepare the slate of officers for the upcoming club year, presenting it in March with a vote to follow in April.

If you have someone in mind—or if that someone is you—reach out to the committee. Leadership is an opportunity to grow, connect, and make a meaningful impact. Don't wait to be tapped on the shoulder.

And yes... it's celebration season! In April, we host our Region Conference, and it will take all of us to make it shine. Volunteers are essential to keeping everything running smoothly. If you haven't signed up yet, connect with Tanya and find your place on the team. Many hands truly make light work.

Mark your calendars for these important dates:

- **April 23** – SIKC Proclamation at KCMO City Hall. Join us as members to accept the proclamation and show your support.
- **April 24–25** – Region Conference. All hands on deck! Conference attendees are welcome to stay at the host hotel.
- **April 25** – Breakdown and clean-up (that night).

And the momentum continues with **Bloom & Brunch on May 9**. We need your help securing sponsors and auction items. Check your email for access to the [Ways & Means Google Docs](#), where you'll find everything you need—solicitation letters, sponsorship details, and donation forms.

I'll be hosting a table, donating a Night at the Theatre basket, and contributing a Washington Wine basket. How will you be part of the energy and excitement?

There is a lot to do—but there is also a lot to celebrate.

This is our season to step up, support one another, and make this year unforgettable. Let's make it happen together.

President Mysti

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## March Calendar



**Service Objectives  
Committee Meeting**  
March 10, 2026  
5:30 p.m.  
via Zoom

**Recruitment & Retention  
Committee Meeting**  
March 10, 2026  
7:30-8:30 pm  
via Zoom  
Member Survey Analysis

**Board Meeting**  
March 11, 2026  
6:00 p.m.  
via Zoom

**2026 SCR Conference  
Committee Meeting**  
March 16, 2026  
7:30 p.m.  
via Zoom

**Business Meeting**  
March 18, 2026  
6:00 p.m.  
O'Neill's Restaurant  
9417 Mission Road  
Leawood, KS 66206

## March Business Meeting

6:00 p.m.  
March 18, 2026  
O'Neill's Restaurant  
9417 Mission Road  
Leawood, KS 66206

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

### Menu

Choose your own meal off O'Neill's Menu.

Go to <https://www.kconeills.com>

Make your choice. Your cost will be the amount shown on the menu plus 9.11% tax and 20% gratuity.

Payment will be due upon arrival at O'Neill's.

It is important that you be seated at the table prior to 6:00.

**RSVP to Terri Goddard  
no later than Friday, March 13th.**

### Activity

No Sew Blankets  
**(BRING YOUR SCISSORS)**  
*Recipients to be determined.*



***PLEASE DON'T FORGET YOUR DONATED ITEMS  
FOR OUR SILENT AUCTION BASKET FOR THE  
REGION CONFERENCE.***

***We are doing a Made In Kansas City basket so anything  
produced in our area is acceptable.***

***Ours should be the biggest  
and the best!***



## 2026 SCR Conference Update



Amazing response from everyone at the February Club meeting volunteering their time and efforts for the conference. Thanks to everyone's generosity and willingness, the majority of the identified tasks at the conference are now covered! We will have additional opportunities for folks to help prior to the conference, everything from shopping to planning staging, which we will identify closer to the event.

We have the opportunity to attend an event at KC City Hall on Friday, April 24th, from 1-2 pm where the Mayoral staff will officially designate a Soroptimist Day and provide a proclamation for our use.

Please plan to attend if possible- we want to show up and support them supporting us! Terri Goddard will be providing additional information closer to the date.

A committee meeting is scheduled for March 16th from 7:30-8:30pm via zoom.

## No-Sew Blankets



No-Sew Blankets are scheduled for the March Club Meeting. We are asking people to bring their scissors and enthusiasm as we plan to complete 4 blankets during the meeting. These, in addition to the completed blankets donated by our very own Sandy Miller, will be donated to an organization chosen at the club meeting. This will be an opportunity to work together while being updated on our May fundraising event, Bloom and Brunch.



### March Birthdays

Grace Boswell March 25

### Special & Cultural Events Committee Meeting.

Planning Installation Banquet  
All members invited to attend.  
Please contact Lynn LeCount  
for Zoom access.  
Wednesday, March 4, 2026  
6:00 p.m.,

## Financial Procedures

The committee will be reviewing final updates and presenting to the Board in March. It is the hope of the group that these revised procedures reflect current practice and provide additional security and structure to our fiscal process and planning.

## Public Relations

The Public Relations committee had a Zoom on 1/20. Lynn and I were able to get the "how-to" finalized, and the folders and documents set up for Growth Recruitment & Retention. We have a few more details to get ironed out as a committee. Hope to have that finalized by the end of February. As always, please send any social media announcements/requests to [caityjo89@gmail.com](mailto:caityjo89@gmail.com). If you have any post suggestions or requests for February, please send them my way. Final reminder for Service Objective Grants went out on 1/26 (Thank you Norma).

If you are having any issues accessing the google drive or need more assistance than the "how-to" doc provides, please let me know. Access to various folders, as requested by their committee chairs went out last week. Those access emails come from [soroptimistkansascity@gmail.com](mailto:soroptimistkansascity@gmail.com). If you have not received the link for the "how-to" access doc, please let me know. We have a couple of members with emails that are not supported by Google for access to folders in the drive. Those people have been sent an email (from [soroptimistkansascity@gmail.com](mailto:soroptimistkansascity@gmail.com)) for additional information/assistance. Thank you, Caitlin

## Community Service

Grace and Tanya successfully delivered multiple boxes of school supplies to Lindbergh Elementary on February 9th and met briefly with the FACES Coordinator Dania Romero Arellano.

They planned to put the supplies into immediate use and were very appreciative.



## Google Calendar

Lynn suggested using a Google Calendar for the club. This would include various committee zoom meetings, in person meetings, club meetings, GRR events, Community service events, Fundraising events, etc. Those members of the club who currently use a Google calendar would be able to link this calendar to their existing Google account. I'll bring a sign up or questions form to the March meeting for feedback prior to launching anything. We are having serious discussions about the options square offers in terms of invoicing (digital payment options vs in person options). We'll get a "how-to" written up and sent out to committee chairs once we have the details ironed out. This would offer options such as electronic dues payments, registration fees, donation options (other than using the website link), etc. As always, please send any PR social media requests to me. Everyone should have received the access to: GRR Bloom and Brunch, Conference Planning Sign up Sheet, and the "how-to" access the google drive document. We do have 4 members who have not provided an alternative email address.

They have been contacted through our website.

Thanks, Caitlin

## The Call is Out

Please check your email for The Call to the 2026 South Central Region Conference. As you know, the SI Kansas City Club is hosting this year in order to engage all Region Clubs in joining us to celebrate our 100th anniversary as a club.

Please pull out the Registration Form, fill it out and be prepared to give it along with a check to Marcia Boutz at our March 18 club meeting. She will write a single club check to the Conference registering all of us at once.

Pay special attention to the column requesting your make, model and license plate number of the vehicle you will be driving.

That information will ensure you get free parking at the hotel. If you don't supply the information, you will be charged a parking fee for the weekend.



## SI Kansas City History

### How The Soroptimist Emblem Was Established.



The Soroptimist emblem originated with a desire by club members to be readily identified by an official insignia. Prior to 1927, each Soroptimist club designed its own insignia, if the club had one at all. During the 1927 Conference of Soroptimist Clubs in San Francisco, CA, however, delegates chose the design of the Sacramento club's pin as the common insignia of all Soroptimist clubs for the 1927-1928 club year.

A permanent insignia would be chosen at the 1928 convention, at which all clubs were encouraged to present their designs for consideration.

At the 1928 convention meetings in Washington, DC, the committee assigned to oversee the choice of an insignia brought two designs to the floor for a vote—one was a replica of the world with a detachable dangler stating the name of the member and her club. The second design featured a woman holding up the Soroptimist name. An overwhelming majority of the international delegates chose the second insignia, which was designed by Anita Houtz Thompson, a member of the Oakland, CA, Soroptimist club.

The Soroptimist emblem features a number of symbols. Behind the central figure, who represents the spirit of womanhood, are rays of sunlight, which were typically used by women's groups in the 19th and early 20th centuries to represent the dawning of a new era for women. To the right of the woman are oak leaves and acorns, symbolic of the growth and strength of the organization from its small start, and the progress and achievements of the future. To the woman's left are laurel leaves, representing victory and achievement. Surrounding all these symbols are the words Soroptimist International. Like the words circling the emblem, the Soroptimist organization encircles the world. This emblem not only identifies Soroptimist members, but embodies, through symbols, Soroptimist's aims and ideals.

The Soroptimist pin should be worn proudly over the heart to all meetings or gatherings of Soroptimists.

(Next month: How did our pledge come into existence?)

