

# 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



April is here and here we GO! This month is full, exciting, and a beautiful reminder of what we can accomplish when we **show up for each other**. As things pick up, I want to take a moment to ground us in what matters most, which is our connection, our shared purpose, and the strength we bring when we move forward together.

### April 23 – SIKC Proclamation at KCMO City Hall

Join us as we proudly accept the proclamation and stand together in support of our club and our mission. This is more than just a moment of recognition—it's a chance to celebrate the impact we've made and the legacy we continue to build side by side.

### April 24–25 – South Central Region (SCR) Conference

All hands on deck! Whether you're volunteering, attending, or simply cheering from the sidelines, your presence matters. This is our time to shine as a club and to show our region the heart, energy, and commitment that define SIKC. Let's lift each other up, step in where needed, and make this an experience that reflects the very best of who we are.

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As we move into the home stretch of our club year, I encourage each of you to keep that momentum going, but more importantly, to **keep supporting one another along the way**. Check in on your fellow sisters, offer a helping hand, share encouragement, and celebrate the big and small wins.

Immediately following the conference, we turn our focus to **Bloom & Brunch on May 9**. It's an opportunity to bring together our friends, families, and community to see the impact of our work firsthand.

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**This event truly takes all of us.** Let's continue to rally around our Ways & Means Committee as they bring everything together. They are actively seeking sponsors at all levels, and your connections, outreach, and advocacy make a real difference. If you haven't already, please plan to purchase your tickets and invite others to join in this special celebration.

President Mysti

## April Calendar



### 2026 SCR Conference Committee Meeting

April 6, 2026  
7:30 p.m.  
via Zoom

### Board Meeting

April 8, 2026  
6:00 p.m.  
via Zoom

### Business Meeting

April 15 2026  
6:00 p.m.  
Merriam Plaza Library  
Webb Family Meeting Room

### SIKC Foundation Meeting

April 20, 2026  
6:00 p.m.  
via Zoom

### South Central Region Conference & SIKC's 100th Anniversary

April 24-25, 2026  
Hilton Airport  
(see the Call for details)

## April Business Meeting

6:00 p.m.  
April 15, 2026

Merriam Plaza Library  
6120 Slater  
Merriam, KS 66202

### Webb Family Meeting Room

6:00 p.m. Dinner/Meeting

#### Menu

Order from Panera/pay individually  
Terri will send out a Panera link to the club soon.



#### Activity

Election of Officers for 2026-2027  
Working out final details for the SCR Conference.

**RSVP to Terri Goddard  
no later than Friday, April 10th.**



#### April Birthdays

Shirley Legg April 3  
Angie Guynes April 12  
Marie Parker April 20

## 2026 SCR Conference Update



**Less than 23 days away**, planning remains in full swing. The program has been completed by Governor Leigh and will be forwarded for printing by April 8th. A QR code has been developed that will allow participants to use their phone to review the program details during the conference. As of 3/30/26, we have **124** registrants! Additional rooms are available at the conference rate as long as the Hilton has open rooms. Marie as the registrar is collating the reservations, meal requests, and parking information for the conference. Meal numbers must be submitted to the hotel no later than April 5th, which will also impact the food and beverage contract expense. The club provided the \$5,500 allocated in the budget to the conference in March to ensure the conference checking account had enough to cover initial food and beverage expense. The Audio-Visual information form has been sent to every presenter, and we will have the details back by April 10th in order to ensure we have all of the needed connections. Menus are in the process of being finalized. Centerpieces and presenter thank you gifts have been finalized. Thank you again to everyone who volunteered their time and talents to cover the needed assignments before and during the conference.

Tanya Johannes, Chair

## Slate of Officers for 2026-2027

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for election at the April 2026 Business Meeting.

The Committee is made up of Marie Parker, Chair, Angie Guynes and Heather Rollins.

President - Grace Boswell

President-Elect - Tanya Johannes

Secretary - Kay Stewart

Treasurer - Danielle Sidney

Club Director - Terri Goddard (term of 2 years)

Foundation Trustees - Angie Guynes and Lynn LeCount, (term of 3 years)

The election shall be carried out as stated in our bylaws:

*Election—The election shall be held at the business meeting in April. The report of the nominating committee shall be read and additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided consent of the nominee has been obtained. Election shall be by ballot for any office for which there is more than one nominee. If election by ballot is required, the president shall appoint three tellers, none of whom shall be a nominee for any office.*

Marie Parker

Nominating Committee Chair

## Soroptimist Kansas City Foundation

Following the March club meeting, the SKCF members approved the request from Service Objectives Chair Norma McKelvy for grants to be awarded from local 501(c)3 agencies. The money has been moved from the foundation corpus and checks will be written for distribution at the May Bloom and Brunch event.

The Foundation will meet again by zoom on April 20th.

## Community Service

With the generous donation of completed fleece blankets from Sandy Miller and the effort of the club members at the March business meeting, we had 10 blankets (combination of sewn and no-sew) ready for donation to a local Domestic Violence Shelter! Members voted Hope House as the recipient and blankets have been delivered.

Members are encouraged to think of our upcoming Period Poverty Project (P3) and start collecting items and sharing out efforts with friends, family and supporters. We intend to collect items in June, meeting at Fleet Ridge in July or August (DTBD) and hosting a packing party at the club meeting then. Thanks to the PR committee for keeping P3 in the Facebook eye-- we have received items from 2 individuals already from the posted Amazon wish list. Those donors have been thanked.

## Financial Procedures

### **Finance/Audit \$\$\$**

Revised financial procedures were submitted to the President, with a plan to include an update to clarify fundraising procedures. The goal is to have all of these procedures reviewed and approved and ready for the beginning of the club year. The more we look at the procedures, the more we add and focus on!

**\*\*\*\*\*Reminder\*\*\*\*\***

*Committee chairs need to review their committee descriptions on the Google page.  
If changes are needed, please submit to me. We will review and discuss.  
Grace Boswell*

## New Sew Blanket Fun

*We voted to send them  
to Hope House.*



## Public Relations

As we continue to work with the Google Drive, if you are having issues accessing the drive, please let me know ([caityjo89@gmail.com](mailto:caityjo89@gmail.com) or [soroptimistkansascity@gmail.com](mailto:soroptimistkansascity@gmail.com)). We've sent out direct emails to those members who do not have a google affiliated email address for access to the full FOLDERS. Individual items within the drive can be sent to any email address. Access to specific folders is limited to those with a google accepted email address. Invitations to folders or files will come from [soroptimistkansascity@gmail.com](mailto:soroptimistkansascity@gmail.com). Please star or save these invitations within your email where you can find them. The link within these invitation emails will continue to work.

Please remember to share social media posts, and to respond to the Bloom & Brunch event on Facebook. You can invite others to this event as well.

The link for ticket purchases is within the event.

Thank you,  
Public Relations Committee



## SI Kansas City History

### How the Soroptimist Pledge Developed

The search for a Soroptimist “creed” began six months prior to the 1930 biennial convention in Philadelphia, PA, when federation president, Ruby Lee Minar, asked for submissions to be voted on at the convention. While in Philadelphia, the convention delegates chose to defer making a decision for another six months, so that each club could receive copies of the proposed creeds, and then make an informed decision.

Ethel Knight Pollard, then the director of the Midwestern/South Atlantic regions noted, “...we want a creed that we can use and work by and live by, not one that will simply be printed and stuck away to get dusty and have no use to us...”

Six months later, the American Federation of Soroptimist Clubs chose as its creed a pledge that simply stated the ideals of the organization. The pledge was written in 1927 by Candis Nelson, a charter member of the Seattle, WA, club. Candis also wrote other inspirational verses on the spirit of Soroptimist, many of which can be found in early issues of the Soroptimist magazine. The pledge was set to music in 1947 by Dorothy Miller Dunlap, a member of the Hunting Park, CA, club. The setting was adopted as the official musical arrangement of the pledge at the 1950 biennial convention in Seattle, WA—the city of the Soroptimist pledge’s birth,

I pledge allegiance to Soroptimism and to the ideals for which it stands:  
 The Sincerity of Friendship  
 The Joy of Achievement  
 The Dignity of Service  
 The Integrity of Profession  
 The Love of Country

I will put forth my greatest effort to promote, uphold and defend these ideals, for a larger fellowship in home, in society, in business, for country and for God.

(Note: The pledge was originally written with the word “Soroptimism”. Sometime in the last few years, South Central Region declared there was no such word, so all references to the pledge deleted “Soroptimism” and inserted “Soroptimist”.)

Next month. A short coda...

