

The Signpost



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President's Message Mysti Meiers



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As I write my final President's message, I find myself reflecting on what an extraordinary year this has been for Soroptimist International of Kansas City.

When I accepted to be President during our Centennial Year, I knew it would be a significant responsibility. What I could not have fully anticipated was the incredible energy, dedication, and passion that each of you would bring to making this year so memorable. Together, we celebrated 100 years of service, distributed \$100,000 much through our Live Your Dream Awards and Service Objective grants, strengthened our visibility in the community, and hosted a highly successful South Central Region Conference that showcased the very best of SIKC.

Throughout the year, I have been continually inspired by our members' willingness to step forward, volunteer, collaborate, and support one another. Whether collecting school supplies, advancing our Period Poverty Project, planning Bloom & Brunch, promoting Live Your Dream, or welcoming guests from across the region, you demonstrated what makes our club so special.

As we gather for our final Joint Board and Business Meeting and Installation of Officers, we celebrate not only the accomplishments of the past year but also the promise of the year ahead. Leadership transitions are an important part of any organization's success, and I am excited to pass the gavel to a new team that will continue building upon the strong foundation established by generations of Soroptimists before us.

Thank you for the trust you placed in me, the support you showed throughout the year, and the friendships that made this journey so rewarding. Serving as your President during our 100th anniversary year has been one of the greatest privileges of my Soroptimist experience.

As we begin our next century of service, I know the future of SIKC is bright. Together, we will continue empowering women and girls, strengthening our community, and making a difference for years to come.

With gratitude, President Mysti

June Calendar



**Year End Reports
Due to Grace & Caitlin
by COB, June 5th.**

Board & Business Meeting

June 10, 2026
5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Johnson County Library
Merriam Plaza
6120 Slater Street
Merriam, KS 66202

Installation of New Officers

June 17, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Cascone's Restaurant
3737 N Oak Trafficway
Kansas City, MO 64116



June Birthdays

Candy Routledge June 1
Shirley Suter June 29

June Board & Business Meeting

5:00 p.m.

June 10, 2026

Johnson County Library-Merriam Plaza
6120 Slater Street
Merriam, KS 66202

We are brown bagging it.
Please stop and pick up something to eat prior to arriving.
Water, paper plates and napkins will be provided.

The room opens at 5:00 p.m.
If you cannot make it by then, come as soon as you can.

We have a lot to cover during the three hours we have the room.

We are going to address:
Year End Reports from each committee.
Choose and pass off information for each new committee chair.

Determine our direction for the upcoming
2026-2027 club year.

Please review the outline for this meeting on the next page.

Collection
Period Poverty Project—period items (see page 6)

RSVP to Terri Goddard
no later than Friday, June 5th.



Joint Board & Business Meeting

This is an important meeting that all should attend as this will be the night we determine the committees and direction we will pursue in the next club year.

Date: Wednesday, June 10

Time 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. (if you can't make it by 5:00, come as soon as you can)

Place: Merriam Library (next to IKEA) 6120 Slater St, Merriam, KS 66202

We are brown bagging it so pick up something to eat prior to arriving.

Water, paper plates and napkins will be available.

In the interest of time, we are asking the committee chairs to submit their year end reports via email to Grace Boswell and Caitlin Miller no later than COB June 5th. Caitlin will upload them on Google Docs so we can all review them prior to meeting on June 10.

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Year End report guidelines are on the next page for the committee chairs to help them compose their reports. If you are not sure you are a chair, refer to the roster for a complete list of committee chairs.

A description of each of the committees and the responsibilities of that Committee is attached to the Signpost email. Please review it and choose which committee or committees you wish to serve on during the next year.

As there are only 20 of us, every member is required to serve on at least one committee.

There will be time that evening for each outgoing committee chair to have one on one discussion with the next committee chair as to what is expected.

Here is looking forward to an exciting 2026-2027 club year.

Don't forget your P3 items...



Year End Report Guidelines

To: Committee Chairs and Officers

Re: End of year reports due by June 5, 2026

Please submit two copies via email, one to President elect Grace Boswell and one to Caitlin Miller. Caitlin will put them up on Google Docs so we will have time to review them prior to our Joint Board & Business Meeting on June 10.

Please include the following items as applicable:

Committee name and membership

Accomplishments / activities

Awareness, advocacy, action roles

Hours devoted to these activities

Dollars spent / income

Recommendations for next year's committee chair

Anything else you would like to add.

These reports are important to our Club for several reasons:

Gives us credit for our accomplishments in our own eyes.

Inform higher levels of our accomplishments. (Federation Club Award of Excellence)

Provides a common thread from year to year to help new leaders.

Provides a history for our Club.

Provides new members an education of our structure, purpose, and accomplishments. Giving them something to identify with, live up to, and provides a challenge to go even further.

We need everyone's contributions. They should be complete, yet concise. Please call President Mysti Meiers or President Elect Grace Boswell if you have question.



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Installation of new Officers and Trustees

Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Arrival/Social Time: 5:30 p.m.

Order Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

We will each order off the menu and pay individually.

Dinner

7:00 p.m. Welcome from outgoing president Mysti.

Program

Installation of Officers and Trustees

Dr. Margaret Smith presiding

“Putting together our club’s puzzle” Terri Goddard

Remarks by President Grace

Soroptimist Pledge

RSVP to Terri Goddard

no later than Friday, June 12.

Collection! Period Poverty Project items....Don’t forget.



Code of Conduct

President-elect Grace reported on the May 13 Code of Conduct Virtual Session conducted by SIA. We reviewed the criteria as a club and agreed to abide by the guidelines.

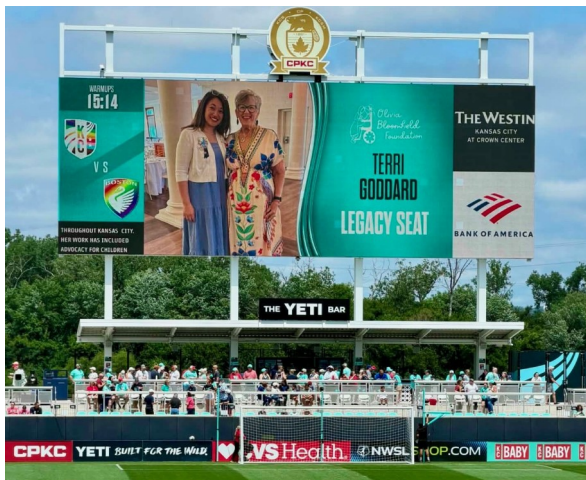
Community Service

The committee is gearing up for our Period Poverty Project, with collections in June at the combined board and club meeting and at installation. Feedback from Fleetridge Elementary School indicated that the individual P3 bags were incredibly well received by the girls, and the good news that extra supplies were shared with a middle and high school, expanding our reach! We continue to post via Facebook and have received additional supplies from one donor. Posts will continue through June. We are seeking the following: teen pads and liners, including overnight pads, individually packaged wipes, paper bags for disposal, and additional cosmetic bags to store and transport the P3 items. Currently we have 110 bags, one package of teen period underwear, 500 individual wipes, 90 size 1 (light pads), 60 liners, and 60 overnight pads. Our goal remains to fill more than 200 bags and have supplies available to restock at Fleetridge. Once all collections have been tallied, we will complete the SIA reporting form for Big Goal and submit.

Reminder, we will have a P3 packing party at Fleetridge Elementary on July 15th!

Terri Goddard Recognized...

The Kansas City Royals awarded Terri Goddard an evening in the Buck O'Neil Legacy Seat at Kauffman Stadium recently. Her lifelong career of volunteerism and her work with Adopt/Legacy Connect brought her this honor. We have a video of her waving from the seat, however, your editor cannot figure out how to snag a still shot from the video for publication. Darn.



Terri was also recognized for her volunteer work by the KC Current seating her and President Mysti as their guests in the Olivia Bloomfield Legacy seat at the KC Current stadium. Here they are on the big screen at the stadium.

Bloom and Brunch Fundraiser

President Mysti welcoming our guests to the Bloom and Brunch Fundraiser at The Loretto.



Final three contestants in Heads or Tails game at Bloom and Brunch.





Kansas City Recognition

Prior to our SCR Conference, our club was presented with a Resolution from the City Council of Kansas City declaring April 24, 2026 to be Soroptimist International of Kansas City Day.

L-R: Mayor Pro Tem Ryana Parks-Shaw , Kay Stewart, Terri Goddard, Marie Parker, Mysti Meiers and Lynn LeCount



Our 100th Anniversary in The Independent

THE SOROPTIMIST CLUB of Kansas City, Missouri

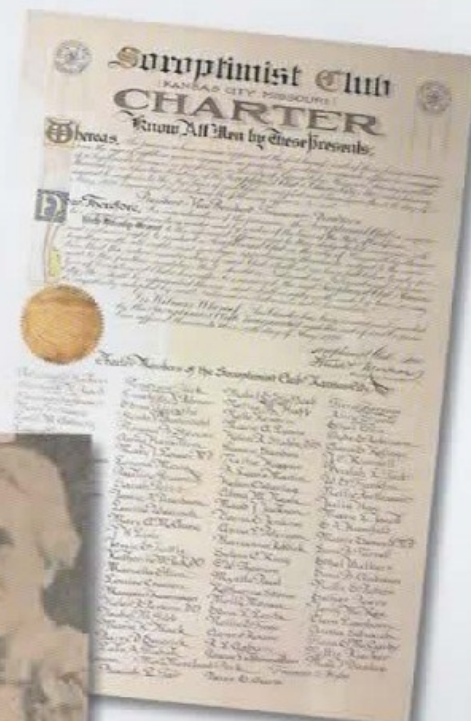
By Anne Potter Russ

Imagine our surprise when we found out that one of our publishers, Clara Kellogg, was also a founding member of the Soroptimist Club of Kansas City, Missouri! The local chapter is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2026, as its date of charter was May 19, 1926. Ten days following the signing of the charter, Clara wrote, "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. Stuart Morrow, founder and organizer of the Soroptimist Clubs of America, Great Britain, and France, installed the members."

Currently, there are five Federations of Soroptimist International, and they are the Americas, Europe, Africa, Great Britain and Ireland, and South East Asia Pacific. The very first club founded was in Oakland, California, in order to improve the lives of women and girls. The current 66,000 members worldwide strive to transform women and girls' lives through education, empowerment, and enabling opportunities.

Locally, Kay Stewart is, according to her, one of the oldest members, as she joined the club in 1989. In 1951, Kay remembers being in the car with her dad and siblings, as they drove down 31st Street to look at the West Bottoms after they had been flooded out, and her father had been fighting fires from the flood. Seeing people displaced and homeless from the floods left a lasting impression on her. The Soroptimist Foundation was formed in 1954, and the goal was to raise money for a welfare fund for the flood victims. Fast forward to the 1990s, and with some help from United Missouri Bank, the fund has grown to more than \$1 million. The goal still, today through an application process, remains helping women who are heads of households, have dependents, are working or going to school, and need a "hand-up," not a hand out.

Kay is integral in the planning for the 100th anniversary celebration, and she is grateful for the opportunity to keep serving the organization. She enjoys meeting the people, the amount of diversity in the club, the wide variety of projects they support, and the relationships built along the way. All of those will be on display and in action as the *Regional Conference* will be held in Kansas City from April 24th through the 26th (thanks to Kay lobbying for it), and at the celebratory luncheon to be held on May 9th, where awards for this year's grants will be given out. We know that Clara Kellogg will be there in spirit, as she would, no doubt, be supportive of the continued good works done by the club. Here's to 100 more years of helping women and girls!



Clara E. Kellogg

The original charter document for the Kansas City Chapter of the Soroptimist Club

Here's to an exciting 2026-2027 Club Year



Service Objectives



We celebrated our Service Objective Grant Recipients at our Bloom & Brunch Fundraiser on May 9! Pictured: Adoption and Beyond, Grace Restores Overcoming Women, Hope House, Frontier Schools, Flourish: A Furniture Bank, Cornerstones of Care, KC CARE Health Center, On Angels' Wings, Northeast Community Center, MOSCA, ReHope, Jackson County MO CASA, Cultivate KC, Keeler Women's Center, Madam President Camp, Rightfully Sewn, Mother's Refuge, The Single Mom KC, Women's Employment Network, The Nia Project Kansas City, United WE.
Not Pictured: Safehome & Hillcrest Transitional Housing