

The Signpost



Making a Difference for Women and Girls for 100 Years

Soroptimist International of Kansas City
South Central Region

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Investing in Dreams



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President's Message Mysti Meiers



Wow! What a way to wrap up April!

The South Central Region conference was a huge success, and that's because of *YOU*. *Hosting something like this takes a village, and it truly showed. Watching SIKC members move in sync, jumping in where needed, and making sure every guest felt welcomed to our beautiful city. It was something special.*

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and made it all happen. **You showed up and delivered.**

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And can we talk about Friday night?! Millie Edwards brought the energy in the best way. She was the perfect reflection of our city, and yes...a conga line may or may not have broken out. There's always room for a little fun, right?

Now here's the thing, we're not slowing down yet. We've got two more months packed with exciting events as we gear up for the next club year.

Next up: **Bloom & Brunch on May 9th**

The committee has been busy, and the auction baskets are *so good*. *We've already hit over \$9,000 in donations and ticket sales. AMAZING! If you haven't grabbed your ticket or want a sneak peek at the auction items, check it out here:*

<https://go.rallyup.com/bloombrunch>

Looking ahead, we'll also celebrate our **installation of officers** and hold our **joint board and business meeting** in June. More details coming soon, but make plans to be there. Your voice and participation matter as we shape the next 100 years of SIKC.

Quick ask for committee chairs:

Please take a few minutes to update your committee info [in the shared document](#)—add descriptions and outline processes for upcoming projects and events. This helps us stay organized, keep bylaws current, and make transitions seamless from one chair to the next.

Let's close out this year strong.

President Mysti

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May Calendar



Bloom and Brunch

May 9, 2026

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The Loretto Event Space

1111 W 39th St,

Kansas City, MO 64111

Board Meeting

6:00 p.m.

May 13, 2026

via Zoom

Business Meeting

May 20, 2026

6:00 p.m.

O'Neill's Restaurant

9417 Mission Road

Leawood, KS 66206



May Birthdays

None this month...

We all need to go out for
tacos!

May Business Meeting

6:00 p.m.

May 20, 2026

O'Neill's Restaurant

9417 Mission Road

Leawood, KS 66206

6:00 p.m. Dinner/Meeting

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.

Program

The program for the May Meeting will include a presentation about SIA and South Central Region of SIA. Jennifer Reeves from SI Joplin, MO and former Governor of the South Central will present via Zoom.

RSVP to Terri Goddard
no later than Friday, May 15th.



Bloom and Brunch



Please Join Us

- Benefiting Soroptimist International of Greater Kansas City
- Growing Hope in Women and Girls for 100 Years
- Event Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026
Location: The Loretto Event Space 1111 W 39th St Kansas City, MO 64111 (Parking in the rear of the building)
- Brunch complete with mimosas, silent auction and fellowship

Program Highlights

Live Your Dreams Recognition

Service Objective Grant Awards

100 Year Anniversary Celebration

Silent Auction, Raffles and more

Tell Your B&B Guests!

To encourage new members to sign up in conjunction with Bloom & Brunch, the Growth & Retention Committee will ask prospective members to pay for 2026-2027 dues and get May and June free. The offer is available through May 15th to new or lapsed members (re)joining the Club.



Community Service

The committee will be gearing up for our Period Poverty Collection in June, following with a club meeting focused on sorting, packing and donating to FleetRidge Elementary later in the summer. We have received 2 donations for the P3 drive via the Amazon wish list. We have asked for additional Facebook posts highlighting this effort following the completion of the Bloom and Brunch May 9th.

*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*

Public Relations

We ask all committee chairs who have used the google drive to provide feedback to us.
Any requests for changes in structure, more "how-to's", etc.
Thanks,
PR Committee

Finance and Audit

The work continues in updating the Financial Policies and Procedures, specifically additional refinement to the section for fundraising. Club members gave feedback at the April meeting which will be incorporated. The goal remains to complete the policy revisions in time for the upcoming club year.

Kansas City Resolution

On Thursday, April 23, 2026, SIKC members, Mysti Meiers, Terri Goddard, Marie Parker, Lynn LeCount and Kay Stewart attended the City Council session at City Hall. Mayor ProTem Rayna Parks-Shaw presented us with a Resolution Proclamation and declared April 23, 2026 as Soroptimist International of Kansas City Day in honor of our work for the last 100 years making a difference for women and girls in Kansas City. The Resolution is too large to reproduce in the Signpost but will be on display at our Bloom and Brunch Event May 9th and our Club Meeting on May 20.

South Central Region Conference and Our 100th Anniversary Party

Thanks to all of the time, effort and talent of the club members who participated, the SCR Conference was a success! Over 128 registrants, (17 of whom were our very own club members), 1 Region representative, 1 out of region member and 6 guests joined members from around our region in celebrating not only our SIKC 100th anniversary but the SCR Region's 100th. Kansas City's own Millie Edwards kicked off the entertainment Friday night and was a huge hit. Updates from all three districts were followed by a review and vote on by-law changes and then a focus on SIA's four pillars.

Jassma Thomas, our former member, gave a moving speech about the impact of winning Live Your Dream. The Region board members were elected and later installed. The Silent Auction raised just over \$2000 which will fund the Region's Dreams Programs in the next club year.

Please recognize the following club members who poured their heart and soul into preparing for this weekend: Mysti Meiers, Grace Boswell, Marie Parker, Marcia Boutz, Lynn LeCount, Danielle Sidney, Caitlin Miller, Norma McKelvy, Candy Routledge, Heather Rollins, Terri Goddard, Angie Guynes, Linda Myers, Margaret Smith, Nora Magee and Kay Stewart. My personal thanks to the committee members who tolerated the numerous zoom meetings and continued follow up efforts: Mysti, Grace, Marie, Marcia, Lynn, Terri and Caitlin.

Tanya

SIKC Club Members



SCR Conference 2026



First Time Attendees



Mayor Pro Tem
Ryana Parks-Shaw
of Kansas City welcomed
everyone to Kansas City.

SIKC President Mysti Meiers
Mayor Pro Tem Parks-Shaw
and SCR Governor, Leigh
Hedgpeth



The 2026-2028 South Central Region Board



SCR Conference 2026



Millie Edwards lit up the night.



Cutting a rug...



Millie and Terri Goddard.



President Mysti and
Federation Guest, Gail
Dekreton SIA Treasurer.



Jassma Thomas (right) and friends



Three Amigos

Happy Birthday, Shirley



Shirley Legg was honored with a birthday party at Shepherd's Center in April.

Our **2026-2027 club officers** were elected at our April club meeting.

Please welcome Grace Boswell, President
Tanya Johannes, President-elect
Kay Stewart, Secretary
Danielle Sidney, Treasurer
Terri Goddard, Director (2 years)
Foundation Trustees:
Angie Guynes and Lynn LeCount (3 years)

They will be installed on June 17, 2026
at Cascone's Italian Restaurant
3737 N Oak Trafficway
Kansas City, MO 64116

Please plan on joining us.



Don Bosco Thank You



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February 18, 2026

Soroptimist Club

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Dear Tanya,

I want to personally thank you two for your generous in-kind donation of toys, books, and clothes in December 2025 for our ELL Holiday Shop. Your generosity helped make this time of year extra special for our students. Your ongoing support makes you true mission champions!

Thanks to you, our students were able to shop for their families, their homes, and themselves completely free of charge. Many of our students are new to our country and are struggling to make ends meet. Having our Holiday Shop accessible to them provides a sense of relief in addition to bringing joy to their loved ones. We truly could not host the Holiday Shop without you.

I have enclosed an in-kind donation form for you to fill out. If you choose to assign a value, please scan a copy of the form to development@donbosco.org. This will help us track our donors and their generosity.

I hope you'll be able to join us for an in-person event, tour, or volunteer opportunity this year. But in the meantime, you are always welcome to call me directly at 816-691-2802 with any questions about our services or concerns about our clients.

In gratitude,

Mo Orpin

Executive Director

PS - Please visit www.donbosco.org to sign up for our e-newsletter, watch video messages from seniors, or read our impact report with stories from real people served by the Senior Center, Community Center, and ELL School programs.

No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution. Please keep this letter as proof of donation, and consult a tax professional in regard to your particular situation. 501c3 tax exempt organization, EIN 44-0558260

I really appreciate your orchestrating the collection of gifts for our ELL Holiday Shop. Your group made Christmas special for around 200 refugee students + their families. Thank you very much! ☺

SI Kansas City History

The Soroptimist Code of Ethics

Did you know that Soroptimist has an official Code of Ethics?

Delegates to the 1932 biennial convention in Sacramento, California adopted a lengthy code of ethics. By 1935 federation president, Amelia Johnson, had appointed a committee to revise this code. A letter to all clubs in the federation requested recommendations on the revision.

Several clubs replied that the pledge was a complete code of ethics. The members of the revision committee agreed. The committee proposed a considerably shorter code of ethics, with the pledge appended.

The delegates of the 1936 biennial convention in Kansas City, Missouri enthusiastically adopted this revised code of ethics:

*“My business principles exact:
full recognition of the rights of others;
acknowledgement of the responsibilities of citizenship
and the duty of discharging the obligations entailed;
the use of my position at all times to the end that a higher level of human ideals
and achievements may be attained.”*

This concludes the series on the History of Soroptimist.

Our challenge is to continue to grow and change with the times while keeping the original mission of Soroptimist foremost in our minds.

Simply put: Strive to improve the lives of women and girls in our community, our nation, and the world.

The Soroptimist Rose was developed especially for Soroptimist by the Soroptimist club of Thames, UK.



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