

The Signpost



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Investing in Dreams



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President's Message Grace Boswell



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Fresh Start

While reading his morning newspaper, A. was shocked to find his name listed in the obituary column. He called the newspaper office, outraged that the editor had made such a mistake. "This is terrible!" he screamed. "How could you do this to me?"

The explanation he got didn't satisfy the man, so he stormed down to the office and demanded to see the editor.

After being yelled at for several minutes, the editor grew frustrated and said. "Look, buddy, cheer up. I'll put your name in the birth column tomorrow, and you can have fresh start."

Members, we are starting a new year. It's time to let go of any previous year's problems and build a new productive year. If you haven't signed up for a committee, please do so ASAP. If you want to join an additional committee, that is available to you.

Let's work together.

President Grace

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July Calendar



Community Service Meeting

July 6, 2026
5:00 p.m.
via Zoom

Board Meeting

July 8, 2026
6:00 pm
via Zoom
Zoom link to follow

Club Meeting

July 15, 2026
6:00 pm
Fleetridge Elementary School
13001 E. 55th Street
Kansas City, MO 64133



July Birthdays

Mysti Meiers July 4
Tanya Johannes July 26

July Business Meeting

6:00 p.m.

July 15, 2026

Fleetridge Elementary School
13001 E. 55th Street
Kansas City, MO 64133

Period Poverty Project

We will be assembling the P3 supplies into useable packets for the school nurses to distribute to female students as needed. We have enough supplies for 236 bags. We need lots of hands on deck so please plan on attending.

This will be another brown bag event. Please stop and pick up something to eat prior to arriving.

Water, paper plates and napkins will be provided.

RSVP to Lynn LeCount

no later than Friday, July 10, 2026.

Foundation meetings all at 6pm via zoom.

July 20, October 19, January 25, April 19, and June 21 for

Soroptimist Kansas City Foundation Calendar

the 2026-2027 to 2027-2028 transition meeting.



Period Poverty Project

Community Service Report

Feedback from Fleetridge Elementary School indicated that the individual P3 bags were incredibly well received by the girls last year, 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. We sought 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 of filling more than 200 bags and have supplies available to restock at Fleetridge will be met. 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!

A Future Community Service Provider in Training...

Tuck doing his best to restock all the area free libraries!

Way to go, Mr. Miller!



Installation of new Officers and Trustees

On Wednesday, June 17, our club met at Cascone's Italian Restaurant to conduct our Installation of new Officers and Trustees for Soroptimist International of Kansas City.



A rowdy group...



Installation continued...



Outgoing President Mysti opening our meeting.

Former President Margaret Smith, installing our new officers.



Our new board charged with "Back to Basics".



Installation continued...

*New President Grace,
outlining her plans for the upcoming year.*

#1: Bee Happy



Presenting: Our 2026-2027 Board of Soroptimist International of Kansas City!

L-R: Grace Boswell, President; Tanya Johannes, President Elect; Kay Stewart, Secretary; Lynn LeCount, Foundation Trustee; Terri Goddard, Director; Danielle Sidney, Treasurer; and Angie Guynes, Foundation Trustee.