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**Soroptimist International of Kansas City
South Central Region**

SOROPTIMIST® September 2026

The Signpost

Investing in Dreams



**President's Message
Grace Boswell**



President Grace's message is on Page Three....

VJ Day (1946)
Labor Day
Patriot Day (Veteran's Day)
POW/MIAA Recognition Day
U.S. Air Force Birthday (1947)
Gold Star Mother's Day

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All,

As usual, the Registrar for the SCR District Meetings wants to have all registrations come through the club treasurer on one check.

If you plan to attend, you should be ready to give Danielle a check at our upcoming club meeting, September 16, to pay for registration and meals.

Registration is \$30. Meals include Friday night dinner, Saturday lunch and Saturday night dinner. You can see the breakout in the Call which was sent to you via email. Total for meals is \$152. You will need to provide a check for \$182. Breakfast is included with your hotel room. You will make your hotel reservations as instructed in the Call.

The Region is also offering T-shirts. They are \$22 for S-XL, \$25 for 2XL, and \$28 for 3XL. If you want a T-shirt, include the amount on your check for Danielle. Anyone not planning to go to the event, can get a T-shirt. Give Danielle a check for the T-shirt amount and size needed. Your delegates will bring them back from OKC in October.

Call to the South Central Region
District Meetings



October 16-17, 2026
Embassy Suites Oklahoma City Will Rogers Airport

September Calendar



Board Meeting

September 9, 2026

6:00 pm
via Zoom

80's Bingo Night

KC Wine Company
(Tentative, see page 5)

September 12, 2026

6:00-8:00p.m.

13875 S Gardner Rd #1
Olathe, KS 66061

Club Meeting

September 16, 2026

6:00 pm

V's Restaurant

10819 E. US Highway 40
Independence, MO 64055



September Business Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

V's Restaurant

10819 E US Highway 40

Independence, MO 64055

Menu

We will order individually from the menu
and pay individually.

Please watch for Caitlin's email requesting RSVP's.

Speaker

We are excited to host Lori Unthank from The Single Mom KC in September! Please join us for an in-depth discussion of services and opportunities offered. You may remember this organization was recognized as one of our 2026 Service Objectives awardees at our Spring Bloom and Brunch.



If you plan to attend the South Central District Meetings, please bring your registration form and payment to the September meeting. See page 1 for more information.



September Birthdays

Heather Rollins September 3

Lynn LeCount September 7

President Grace's Message

September is an active month for **Soroptimist International of Kansas City (SIKC)** with leadership training, anti-trafficking advocacy, and membership campaign.

Federation-Level SIA Events

- **Driven By Dreams – New Membership Campaign Webinar** — *September 2, 2026 (Wednesday), 5:00pm, via Zoom* A federation-wide membership growth initiative.
- **Soroptimists Together Against Trafficking II – Virtual Round Table** — *September 30, 2026 (Wednesday), 6:39–8:00pm, via Zoom* A collaborative anti-trafficking discussion across clubs and regions.

New Member Orientation Webinar — *September 30, 2026 (Wednesday), 5:00pm, via Zoom* Federation-hosted onboarding for new Soroptimists.

The South Central District Meetings will be held October 16-17 at Embassy Suites Oklahoma City Will Rogers Airport. The Call was emailed to all members in Mid-August. If you plan to attend, please bring your registration form and payment to the September meeting. You can also order the SCR District T Shirt mentioned in the Call. Please consider joining us for a great time for information and fun.

I hope everyone enjoys learning about SIKC, SCR and SIA websites and specifically about our Google Workspace. If you still have questions, please contact our tech committee.

Committee chairs, please email your monthly reports to me by **Sunday, September 6th**. If you plan to present at our September meeting the Board needs a chance to review your reports and create the agenda

Thanks,

President Grace

I've been playing with
ChatGPT.
I might put this on a t-shirt.



Committee Reports

Growth Recruitment and Retention Meeting

Grace Boswell, Caitlin Miller, Marcia Boutz, Norma McKelvy, Chair

The meeting of the Growth Recruitment and Retention Committee focused on strategies to increase and diversify club membership, improve member engagement, and address issues of inclusivity and customer service. Norma, Grace, Caitlin, and Marcia discussed their visions for the club's growth by 2027, emphasizing the need for new and diverse members, re-engaging past members, and improving the onboarding process. They shared concerns about the club's internal dynamics, including side conversations during meetings and the need for better customer service at public events, referencing a recent incident at a fundraiser. The group brainstormed ideas for outreach, such as hosting an invitational event and using NFC keychains to direct prospective members to the club's website. They also touched on the need for leadership to model respectful communication and discussed the potential benefit of bringing in an external speaker on diversity. The following dates for activities were identified

- * September 16 club meeting "Homecoming" Invite 2 potential new members and reclaim membership – invite previous members to join us. We need to secure the list of previous members (from Bloom and Brunch listing?)
 - * Invite to October or November meeting
 - * Invite back to holiday social December (join?)
 - * February 27, 2027, Spring invitational meet and greet event for potential new members at Norma's house
 - * April 24 Bloom and Brunch
 - * May Meeting (Join?)
- Next meeting September 15

Norma will contact Candy about any applications or other mailings.

Bylaws Committee - Grace Boswell, Caitlin Miller, Marcia Boutz, Norma McKelvy, Chair

The meeting briefly covered updates on bylaws committee work and upcoming club events.

Discussed combining committee recommendations including name and changes in responsibilities by August 31. Make appeal in August meeting and bring it to the club in September. It was reported that there would be no reporting to the region as their review is only done every two years.

Submitted by Norma McKelvy, Chairman



SIKC Committee Signups 2026-2027

By-Laws:

Chair: Norma McKelvy; Danielle Sidney, Caitlin Miller, Grace Boswell

Communication & Technology:

Chair: Mysti Meiers (Website), Lynn LeCount, Caitlin Miller (Google drive), Angie Guynes, Candy Routledge (Email), Kay Stewart (Signpost)

Finance & Audit:

Chair: Lynn LeCount, Linda Myers, Marcia Boutz, Tanya Johannes, Grace Boswell

Ways & Means + Special & Cultural Events (awaiting new name):

Chair: Terri Goddard, Dianne Young, Mysti Meiers, Linda Myers, Marie Parker, Angie Guynes, Sandy Miller, Lynn LeCount (Foundation Representative)

Growth, Retention, Recruitment & Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training (SOLT):

Chair: Norma McKelvy, Caitlin Miller, Grace Boswell, Heather Rollins

Community Service:

Chair: Caitlin Miller, Dianne Young, Candy Routledge, Danielle Sidney, Marie Parker, Nora Magee, Sandy Miller, Kay Stewart, Tanya Johannes

Live Your Dream:

Chair: Marie Parker, Margaret Smith, Linda Myers, Grace Boswell, Tanya Johannes

Dream It Be It:

Chair: Angie Guynes, Danielle Sidney, Norma McKelvy, Margaret Smith, Terri Goddard, Linda Myers, Tanya Johannes

Program Planning:

Chair: Tanya Johannes, Marie Parker, Angie Guynes, Grace Boswell

