



The Signpost

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Soroptimist International of Kansas City
South Central Region

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Investing in Dreams



President's Message
Heather Rollins



Greetings Everyone!

As we enter into a new year for our Soroptimist club, I think of a quote by Henry Ford, 'Coming together is the beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success!'

Thank you all for the opportunity to inspire and lead the organization over the next 12 months. Most importantly, I would like to send a special shout out to thank our Immediate Past President Dianne Young for all of her hard work during a very challenging year.

We are entering a new club year and I'm inspired for the opportunity to make a difference while navigating a new environment.

I'm encouraged and excited to explore, engage, and develop as your President. My goal is that we all start in this new normal without fear, without hesitation and with full commitment. Thank you all and stay well! I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming meetings!

President Heather

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Don't Forget! If you haven't yet paid your club dues, please contact Danielle Sidney as soon as possible. Dues for our entire club must be sent in at the same time or we risk a financial penalty. Don't want that.....



July Calendar



July 14

Board Meeting

Blue Cross Blue Shield
2301 Main Street
Kansas City, MO 64108
6:00 p.m.

July 19

Foundation Meeting

via Zoom
6:00 p.m.

July 21

Business Meeting

O'Neill's Restaurant
9417 Mission Road
Leawood, KS 66206

5:30 Social Hour
6:00 p.m. Meeting



July Birthdays

Melanie Simpson July 17
Tanya Johannes July 26

Business Meeting, Wednesday, July 21

**O'Neill's Restaurant
9417 Mission Road
Leawood, KS 66206**

**5:30 Social Hour
6:00 p.m. Meeting**

Menu

Heavy Appetizers

Cost: \$15.00
payable at the door

Cash Bar

Program

Janet Baker with Shepherd's Center Central

Shepherd's Center is celebrating their 50th year and our club was involved from the get-go.

Come hear about their history, how some of our club members made it happen, and what a huge impact they make in our community.

**Please RSVP to Marie Parker
by Monday AM, July 19**



Power of the Purse Update

With the POP auction complete, the committee decided to use a little tough love in order to whittle down the purses we have remaining. We managed to fill 4 large garbage bags with a large selection of purses which Kay and Nora took directly to Hillcrest Thrift Store in Lee's Summit where they will be used for a variety of purposes. Hillcrest supports transitional housing in the area for homeless families.

They were delighted to receive them.



For the remaining purses, we are running a really fun idea by the Board of Directors at their July meeting. Stay tuned for an update at our next club meeting.

Editor's Note: Jerri Cofran did a superb job working many hours to make our Power of the Purse Live Auction a success. She and her committee pulled it off making it look easy. It was not.

As a thank you, Jerri was presented with a limited edition SIA 100th anniversary scarf.

Jerri, lookin' goood!



Installation of Officers for 2021-2022

Elaine Fry did her usual excellent job of installing our new officers.



Grace Kim and Rosemary Moran being sworn in as Club Treasurer and Club Secretary.



Heather Rollins sworn in as our new Club President.



Madam President!

Outgoing President
Dianne Young
congratulating our
club on great
accomplishments
despite our year of
COVID.



Your New Club Board



L-R: Grace Kim, Treasurer; Judy DuprePecararo, Director; Melanie Simpson, President Elect; Heather Rollins, President; Rosemary Moran, Secretary, Danielle Sidney, Director.

Congratulations to all. You have our complete support!

2021-2022

Soroptimist Kansas City Foundation Trustees

Grace Boswell (2022)

Margaret Smith, Chair (2022)

Jane Zelazny-Belz (2023)

Bonnie Cutler (2023)

Candy Routledge (2024)

Marie Parker (2024)

Service Objectives Chair, ex-officio

Heather Rollins ex-officio

Dianne Young, ex-officio

Elaine Fry, Marcia Boutz, Advisors

A Dash of SOLT



Once in a while it is good to revisit the correct protocol of Soroptimist interactions. Here is the latest from the SIA website.

Proper Soroptimist Custom and Protocol

- Begin and close meetings on time; be on time for meetings.
- Attend regularly.
- Address the presiding officer as president, governor or, if the vice president is presiding, by her title followed by her name, e.g. “Vice President Mary.”
- Address another Soroptimist by her first name.
- Do business with Soroptimists on a business basis, expecting no favors or special treatment.
- Pay your own way, unless you’re invited as a guest or as a speaker.
- Invite Soroptimists and others (as deemed appropriate by the president) to business meetings. Welcome visiting Soroptimists.
- Disagree politely and keep informality within the bounds of fellowship and parliamentary procedure.

Use correct terminology:

- We are Soroptimists — not Sorops.
- We are members — not sisters or girls.
- We are clubs — not chapters.
- We are a federation — not national or federal.
- We have a pledge — not a creed or motto.
- We attend a club or district meeting, region conference, federation or international convention.
- We elect region officers — not regional officers.
- We believe in Soroptimist — not “Soroptimism.”

Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training (SOLT)

Use correct names:

- Soroptimist International of Kansas City
- Soroptimist International of the Americas
- Soroptimist International of Europe
- Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland
- Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific
- Soroptimist International Africa Federation
- Soroptimist International



Protocol promotes orderly procedures. Personal friendships, likes and dislikes cannot matter in official life. Always remember that you honor the office a person holds...not the person.

Note: Should an occasion arise when you do not know the correct protocol, you will find that a gracious, cooperative attitude is most acceptable.

Wearing of the Membership Pin

By custom, the pin is worn on the left side, close to the heart.

100 Years of Soroptimist Register online at www.Soroptimist.org



We have great news! Registration is open for SIA's virtual 100th anniversary event on September 25 and 26. Register now and save. Early bird fee ends July 6 at 4:59 p.m. EDT.

Registration

Early Bird

Monday, May 17, 9 a.m. EDT – Tuesday, July 6, 4:59 p.m. EDT \$40

Regular

Tuesday, July 6, 5:00 p.m. EDT – Friday, September 17, 4:59 p.m. EDT \$50

Just in Time

Friday, September 17, 5:00 p.m. – Sunday, September 26 \$75

Join SIA members from around the globe for a dynamic two-day event to celebrate our bright past and brilliant future. Festivities begin each day at 7:00 p.m. EDT.

Even though the event is virtual it will not lack excitement or fun!

Witness the opening of our Violet Richardson time capsule
(created and sealed on our 50th anniversary)!

Look back at Soroptimist's history through our virtual museum

Experience cultural performances

Participate in an interactive game show

Hear from international speakers, including keynote and Live Your Dream Awards recipient, Dawn Johnson

And come ready to party wearing your 100th anniversary pin and/or scarf!

Stay tuned for more event details in the coming weeks!

INVITE A FRIEND

What better time to introduce someone new to our organization than during our global celebration?

Friends of Soroptimists may register via this special link.

Join the conversation with #Soroptimist100! Follow SIA on social media for event details, historical stories, commemorative jewelry promos, and other celebratory news!

CELEBRATION IN A BOX

Check out SIA's Celebration in a Box for other great ways to celebrate our anniversary.

Register for SIA's 100th Anniversary Virtual Event

Take advantage of early bird savings and get your ticket today.

This two-day event spans Saturday, September 25 to Sunday, September 26, and begins at 7:00 p.m. EDT each day. Registration is good for both days.