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Soroptimist International of Kansas City
South Central Region

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Investing in Dreams



President's Message
Melanie Simpson



July is here and that means Soroptimist of Kansas City has a new president. I have huge shoes to fill! A big Thank You to Heather Rollins for her great leadership through such trying times in the world this past year. I feel grateful for my wonderful start already.

I am so proud of the way everyone stepped up and volunteered for committees and I am looking forward to seeing all we do this year. We had an amazing installation ceremony, great food, fun, and fellowship (Thank You, Jane). We have a beautiful new location for board meetings (Thank You, Shepherds Center) and we are starting off the year at a new location for our business meeting.

I hope you all are as optimistic as I am about the great year we have ahead of us and I hope we can entice many new members to join us.

When my husband asked me why I was going to be President again, my first response was "because nobody else wants to". The truth is, as I have told you all many times this organization holds a special place in my heart. We are a great group of women with giant volunteer hearts!

And: Together We Make A Difference

President, Melanie

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July Calendar

July 13

Board Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Shepherd's Center

9200 Ward Parkway, ste. 200

KCMO 64114

July 20

Foundation Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Shepherd's Center

9200 Ward Parkway, ste. 200

KCMO 64114

July 20

Business Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Pegah's Family Restaurant

12122 W. 87th St.

Lenexa, KS 66215



July Birthdays

Melanie Simpson July 17

Tanya Johannes July 26

Business Meeting

July 20, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Pegah's Family Restaurant

New & Traditional American Cuisine

12122 W 87th St

Lenexa, KS 66215

(87th & Quivira)

Menu Options

Smothered Chicken Breast

Meat Loaf

Fettuccine Alfredo

\$18

Cash Bar

Program

Barbara Fitzgerald

Hillcrest Transitional Housing

Please email Marie Parker
no later than Friday, July 15
to place your order.



Bits and Pieces



Shepherd's Center to the Rescue

After struggling through COVID and endless Zoom meetings, our club had run out of meeting places for our board and Foundation meetings.

Shepherd's Center generously volunteered the use of their conference room at their new location in south Kansas City. They are moved in with plenty of space.

The facility is beautiful with great parking and is easy to access.

Thank you Shepherd's Center! It is great to have friends in the community.

On June 8 we held our annual Combined Board and Business Meeting at Kay Stewart's home. It was a fun event with great boxed lunches from Vee's Sweets and Treats, libations and a lot of laughter.

Committee chairs presented their year end reports along with recommendations for the upcoming club year.

Incoming president, Melanie Simpson, enthusiastically got commitments from everyone attending for new committee chairs and members.

Every member is actively participating.

We welcomed prospective member Angie Guynes from Shepherd's Center.

She is enthusiastic and I guess we didn't scare her off.

She even volunteered to serve on one of our committees.

Way to go, Angie!



She was inducted into our club the following week at our installation of officers.

We are so glad you joined us!

Committees Set for Club Year 2022-2023

SIKC Committees and Appointments 2022-2023

Programs of Service:

Program planning- Chair President-Elect- Margaret Smith

Committee: All committee chairs

Community Service – Chair- Danielle Sidney

Committee: Wakisha Briggs, Bonnie Cutler, Rosemary Moran, Tanya Johannes, Nora Magee

Live Your Dream – Chair- Grace Boswell

Committee: Margaret Smith, Grace Kim, Marcia Boutz, Rosemary Moran

Dream It Be It – Chair - Heather Rollins

Committee: Wakisha Briggs, Jassma Thomas, Bonnie Cutler, Valerie Phillips

Technical Committees:

Growth, Recruitment and Retention – Chair- Marie Parker

Committee: Jerri Cofran, Lynn LeCount, Angie Guynes

Public Relations/Website- Co-Chairs Candy Routledge and Lynn LeCount

Committee: Kay Stewart (Newsletter), Danielle Sidney

Fiscal Committees:

Finance/Budget/Audit -Chair- Tanya Johannes

Committee: Elaine Fry, Grace Boswell, Danielle Sidney

Ways & Means – Chair- Jane Zelazny-Belz

Committee: Danielle Sidney, Nora Magee, Kay Stewart

Special & Cultural Events – Chair- Jerri Cofran

Committee: Marie Parker, Tanya Johannes, Kay Stewart

Service Objectives -Co-Chairs Kay Stewart and Norma McKelvy

2023 Marcia Boutz,,Rosemary Moran

2024 Norma McKelvy,,Heather Rollins

2025Tanya Johannes,,Dianne Young

Appointments:

Attendance – Marie Parker

Signpost/History- Kay Stewart IGU – Kay Stewart

Laws/Procedures- Norma McKelvy

Developing Our News Feeds

As requested by the SIKC members, the Public Relations Committee has evaluated the current electronic platforms and how they might fit with the needs of the Club. A critical element of a dynamic and successful presence on the internet is to offer ongoing updates, news and events to engage our members and our community.

So, we ask each of you to communicate to PublicRelations@KCSoroptimist.org your latest activities, plans, events, photos, experiences, and anything else you'd like to share with your fellow SIKC members and/or the public.

Our goal is to supplement our award-winning monthly newsletters with week posts of the SIKC FaceBook page and efforts are already underway to update www.KCSoroptimist.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Candy, Danielle, Kay and Lynn
PublicRelations@KCSoroptimist.org



Installation

On June 15, SIKC met at the Hereford House in Leawood to install and celebrate our new officers for the upcoming 2022-2013 club year.

Dinner was fabulous, the service excellent, the atmosphere perfect.

Special Events chair Jane Zelazny-Belz planned a great program with the proper amount of dignity and a whole lot of humor. Jane is a master of both.

Congratulations to our new board! We are looking forward to a great year.



From left to right: Jane Zelazny-Belz, Immediate past president Heather Rollins; our beautiful charter, President Melanie Simpson; President-Elect Margaret Smith; Secretary Kay Stewart, Treasurer Grace Kim, Norma McKelvy standing in for Director Danielle Sidney, and Director Lynn LeCount.

Marie Parker, Recruitment and Retention Chair, inducted new member Angie Guynes into our club. What a great way to start out the new year.

Welcome Angie!

Installation



Jane also installed our trustees to our Foundation. L-R: Valerie Phillips, Marie Parker, Jerri Cofran and Candy Routledge.



After our serious ceremony, we worked together to put together a puzzle. It was a perfect way to demonstrate President Melanie's theme this year. "Together We Make a Difference"

Soroptimist History



How The Soroptimist Pledge Developed

The search for a Soroptimist “creed” began six months prior to the 1930 biennial convention in Philadelphia, PA, when federation president, Ruby Lee Minar, asked for submissions to be voted on at the convention. While in Philadelphia, the convention delegates chose to defer making a decision for another six months, so that each club could receive copies of the proposed creeds, and then make an informed decision.

Ethel Knight Pollard, then the director of the Midwestern/South Atlantic regions noted, “... we want a creed that we can use and work by and live by, not one that will simply be printed and stuck away to get dusty and have no use to us...”

Six months later, the American Federation of Soroptimist Clubs chose as its creed a pledge that simply stated the ideals of the organization. The pledge was written in 1927 by Candis Nelson, a charter member of the Seattle, WA, club. Candis also wrote other inspirational verses on the spirit of Soroptimist, many of which can be found in early issues of the Soroptimist magazine. The pledge was set to music in 1947 by Dorothy Miller Dunlap, a member of the Hunting Park, CA, club. The setting was adopted as the official musical arrangement of the pledge at the 1950 biennial convention in Seattle, WA—the city of the Soroptimist pledge’s birth,

I pledge allegiance to Soroptimism and to the ideals for which it stands:

The Sincerity of Friendship

The Joy of Achievement

The Dignity of Service

The Integrity of Profession

The Love of Country

I will put forth my greatest effort to promote, uphold and defend these ideals, for a larger fellowship in home, in society, in business, for country and for God.

(Note: The pledge was originally written with the word “Soroptimisim”.

Sometime in the last few years, South Central Region declared there was no such word, so all references to the pledge deleted “Soroptimism” and inserted “Soroptimist”.)

Next month. A short coda ...



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