



The Signpost

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Soroptimist International of Kansas City
South Central Region

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November 2022

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Investing in Dreams



President's Message
Melanie Simpson



October was amazing in so many ways including great weather and lots of SIKC fun. October 2 was the “Jam Session” and if you did not attend, you truly missed out. It was fun and we learned a lot about making jam and canning from the “old masters” both members and family members. October 15 was the “You Golf Girl” event at the Nelson -Atkins Museum, again beautiful weather along with great fun and recruiting a new member. We are discussing making this an annual event – let us know your thoughts. South Central Region Fall meeting has come and gone and what a great time we had! There was not an official poll, but if there had been, the SIKC Club would have been rated as the most fun! We not only brought the music and jammed, but we sold the jam! Both flavors peach and mixed berry were a big hit, plan to purchase your own jar and those for stocking stuffers at the November 6th business meeting.

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Kay Stewart, Editor

Don't forget November 15 is the deadline for Live Your Dream Applications. If you know an individual who would benefit from the award or a school connection that can get the word out – contact them today!

Happy Autumn,

President Melanie

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To the members of SIKC:
I want to thank you for all the get well wishes, cards, candy, puzzle and coloring books. All the good wishes meant so much and helped me get back on my feet. I am getting better and can drive again. I plan on seeing you at the November meeting. Marcia

November Calendar



**November 8
Election Day**



**November 9
Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.**

Shepherd's Center
9200 Ward Parkway, ste. 200
KCMO 64114

**November 16
Ways & Means Meeting
5:45 p.m.**

(Right before business meeting)

**Business Meeting
6:00 p.m.**

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



November Birthdays

Norma McKelvy November 10
Margaret Smith November 21
Danielle Sidney November 24

**Business Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2022**

5:30 p.m. networking
6:00 p.m. Dinner

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

Menu

Soup & Salad

Soup Options

* Baked Potato topped with cheddar, crispy bacon, and scallions.

or

* Shrimp Tomato Bisque

Bleu Pine Salad

Mixed greens tossed in honey citrus vinaigrette topped with peanuts, oranges, tomatoes, red onion, red pepper, scallions, crispy wontons, and bleu cheese crumbles.

Cost \$20

Program/Activity

**LIVE drawing for
the Meat Raffle**

Come see who wins one of two gift cards

Collection

Salvation Army Angel Toys
Focus on 12-15 year old girls.
Please bring one or two toys.



**Don't forget to bring your receipts for the \$250
match by the Community Service Committee.**

Please RSVP

attendance@kcsoroptimist.org

Meat Raffle

Last day to purchase tickets: November 11, 2022

As of Saturday, October 29 - we have only sold 58 tickets out of a possible 250.

Please, Please, Please reach out to EVERYONE you know.

The winners will really enjoy the meat they can choose from
KC Cattle Company.

KC Cattle ships all over the country.

If you don't have a freezer, no problem.

You can order as much as you want
and the purchase will be deducted off your gift card.

This is Waygu Beef. The best, most flavorful beef there is.

It is worth a \$20 chance.

Just go to www.kcsoroptimist.org. Easy, peasy!



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MEAT RAFFLE

Enter to win an e-Gift Certificate
from the KC Cattle Company,
a veteran-owned local business.

www.KCCattleCompany.com

Only 250 tickets will be sold at \$20 each!

Grand Prize \$500

2nd Place \$250



Purchase your raffle tickets at
www.KCSoroptimist.org



Drawing held Wednesday, November 16, 2022

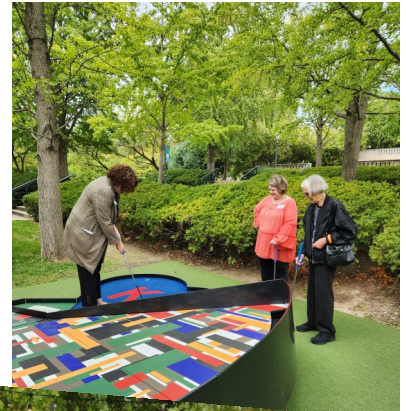
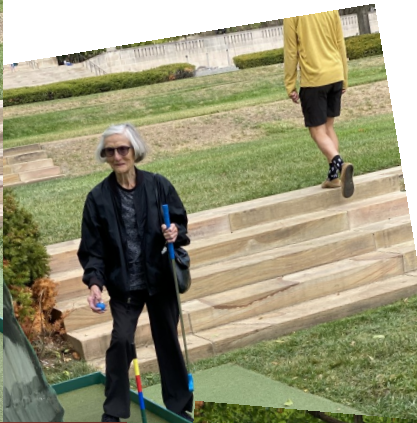
Final date to purchase tickets is Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 2022.

All proceeds benefit the programs of the Soroptimist International of Kansas City (SIKC).
SIKC is a 501(c)3 organization that assists women and girls in the greater Kansas City area.
Contact info@KCSoroptimist.org or call Jane at 973-615-1542 for additional information.

★ **Homegrown by Heroes** ★

You Golf Girl!

The Cultural & Special Events Committee and Recruitment and Retention Committee joined forces, and hosted an outing at the Nelson-Atkins Museum's "The Art Course" (aka putt-putt). Eight club members and six guests were able to attend. A guest hosted by Lynn LeCount is planning to become a member of our club. Yea! I don't think the Women's PGA will be recruiting any of us, but we had great fun, and will keep it in mind for a future performance.



Jam Session

In an effort to bring awareness to South Central Region members that we are putting on the 2026 Region Conference in Kansas City, our club joined together to make jam to sell at this year's SCR Fall Meeting. We had a great time. Several members and a few friends and family joined us for a day in Christy Crews' kitchen to stir up peach and mixed berry jam.

We finished the day with 196 jars ready to truck on down to OKC for the trade fair.



Christy and Tanya removing seeds from the berries.

Peeling a gazillion peaches.



Candy overseeing the amateurs.



It is a fun activity.



More Jam Session



Loren Lutes, Christy's dad stirring the pot.



Filling the jars.



Closing 'em up.



Bill Edwards, Kay's son, sealing the jars. Nora looking on....

CAN DO!

L-R: Kay, Bill, Melanie, Tanya, Nora, Loren, Christy, Candy.



SCR Fall Meeting

SI Kansas City made a great showing at the South Central Region Fall Meeting in Oklahoma, City over the weekend of October 15-17.

The Region board made a few changes to the normal schedule by starting opening ceremonies on Friday night and finishing up on Saturday evening. It was nice being able to get up Sunday morning and start the drive home.

The three Districts met separately on Saturday morning. SI Kansas City is part of District I. Kimberly Doty, District I Director, welcomed us all and proceeded to have club presidents present their reports of how their clubs are doing this year. There are many projects, events and fundraisers going on and planned for later in the club year. The District I delegates voted on the Dreams in Action candidates. Results to be announced in the spring at the SCR Region Conference.

SI Kansas City participated in the Trade Fair held Friday night and Saturday in the Hospitality Suite. Our efforts to sell our homemade jam were successful. We sold 49 jars to enthusiastic buyers throughout the time allotted. President Melanie made a party out of it bringing on the “jam” with music and a lot of fun. We are starting early to plant the idea that all clubs should come to the *SCR Conference in 2026 for SI Kansas City’s 100 years celebration.*



Selling that JAM!



More SCR Fall Meeting



Governor Angel presiding over opening ceremonies Friday night.



Colonel Abigail Ruscetta,
Vice Commander, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex,
Tinker AFB.
She is fantastic.



Enjoying our speaker.

November 15, the last day to apply...

Ready to begin a new life?

The Soroptimist *Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women* program has been helping women around the world since 1972. This program provides cash grants to women who are working to better their lives through additional schooling and skills training.



You are eligible to apply if you:

are a woman with primary financial responsibility for yourself and your dependents

are attending an undergraduate degree program or a vocational skills training program

have financial need

Apply for a LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD at bit.ly/LYDA-apply OR contact:

Soroptimist International of Kansas City Missouri

Name: Grace Boswell

Email: LYDSIKC@gmail.com

Phone:

Online: kcsoroptimist.org

Club Application Deadline: November 15, 2022

Amount of Club Award: \$1000-\$3000

Notes:



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Urgent Appeal



SOROPTIMIST KANSAS CITY FOUNDATION

...since 1954, a public charity improving the lives of women and girls in Greater Kansas City and the world
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November is national philanthropy month and ushers in the season of giving. We, the Board of Trustees of the Soroptimist Kansas City Foundation (SKCF), invite every Soroptimist International of Kansas City (SIKC) member to make a generous year-end, tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation by December 31, 2022. Any size gift will be deeply appreciated and will enable our Club and Foundation to:

- Help increase our available charitable funds to meet our Club's Service Objectives to improve the lives of women and girls in our community and around the world, and
- Help meet our IRS obligations as a public charity by increasing and diversifying our public support from members, friends, companies and foundations.

We invite you to consider becoming a Friend of SKCF by either contributing \$100.00 or more by calendar year end or by pledging to contribute \$100.00 or more by the Foundation's fiscal year end on June 30, 2023.

We hope that you will give generously to help our Club and Foundation strengthen our ability to fulfill our mission, serve our community and make a better world.

Board of Trustees Soroptimist Kansas City Foundation

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The IRS has designated our Foundation as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit public charity which provides full deductibility to donors.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SEND WITH YOUR CHECK TODAY!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

YEAR END GIFT (Enclosed) \$ _____ This is a memorial gift in honor of _____

I PREFER TO BUDGET MY SUPPORT of the Soroptimist Kansas City Foundation and pledge \$ _____ to be paid over the balance of the Foundation's fiscal year (ending June 30, 2023) as follows:

- Monthly: \$ _____ per month for 8 months (November, 2022 through June, 2023)
- Quarterly: \$ _____ Three payments on or before 12/31/22, 3/31/23, and 6/30/23
- Semi-Annual: \$ _____ Two payments on or before 12/31/22 and 6/30/23

_____ **My employer's matching gift program will supplement this contribution. Please contact me for details.**

**Please make your check payable to SKCF and mail to:
Soroptimist Kansas City Foundation, 1221 West 103rd St., #224, Kansas City, MO 64114**



Pumpkin Cookies

Editor's Note: I had a special request to reprint my famous pumpkin cookie recipe from 1995. That was the year they won \$50 in a Holiday baking contest held by a local neighborhood newspaper. The newspaper is long gone but the cookies live on.... Enjoy!

Pumpkin Cookies

2 cups sugar 2 cups shortening
1 15 oz. can pumpkin 2 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
4 cups flour 2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda 1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons cinnamon 1 teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon allspice 2 cups raisins 1 cup chopped pecans
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cream sugar and shortening. Add pumpkin, eggs and vanilla, beat well. Add baking powder, soda, salt and spices, then flour. Mix well. Stir in raisins and nuts. Drop by tablespoons to make large cookies. Bake 12 to 15 minutes till brown on bottom but just barely set on top.

For small bite sized cookies, drop by teaspoon and bake 8 to 10 minutes. Let sit on cookie sheet for 5 minutes before removing to tea towel covered with waxed paper.

Icing

1 box powdered sugar 2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon vanilla enough milk to thin to spreading consistency

Melt butter in microwaveable bowl. Beat in powdered sugar and vanilla. Add just enough milk to spread easily. Spread quickly on top of warm cookies. It sets up fast.

Makes about 2 dozen big cookies or 5 dozen bite sized cookies.

