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**Investing in Dreams** 



President's Message Melanie Simpson





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Kay Stewart, Editor

Here we are ready for 2023 to begin, but I would like to take a moment to reflect on some of the wonderful things 2022 brought to us. First and foremost, we are meeting in person again and what a treat. I think we all would say we truly thrive when we spend time together like making jam, playing putt-putt golf, attending the Fall Meeting, and of course the great Holiday dinner at Johnny Cascone's to name a few.

Now for 2023, our busy season begins with the Live Your Dreams awards and the Service Objectives Awards. We all have much to be thankful for and I am so happy that as a club we are able to share in such a meaningful way with others. As you get your new calendars ready for 2023 please be sure to mark all our activities, so you don't miss any great opportunities to be present and share in the fun.

2023 here we come!

Happy New Year,

President Melanie

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## January Calendar

January						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

#### **Board Meeting**

January 11, 2023 6:00 p.m. Shepherd's Center 9200 Ward Parkway Kansas City, MO 64114

#### **Business Meeting**

January 18, 2023 6:00 p.m. O'Neill's Restaurant 9417 Mission Road Leawood, KS 66206

#### **Foundation Meeting**

January 23, 2023 6:00 p.m. Shepherd's Center 9200 Ward Parkway Kansas City, MO 64114



January Birthdays
Jane Zelazny-Belz January 3
Valerie Phillips January 28

## January Business Meeting

January 18, 2023 O'Neill's Restaurant 9417 Mission Road Leawood, KS 66206

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

\$20.00 (payable at the door)

#### Menu

#### **SOUP & SALAD**

Soup Options

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

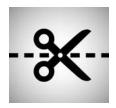
Or

Shrimp Tomato Bisque

Salad

Somerset Salad – mixed greens topped with pepper jack cheese, tomatoes, crispy bacon, red onion, red peppers, pecans, avocado, and tortilla straws. Served with honey citrus vinaigrette.

# Activity No Sew Blankets for Safehome



RSVP to Marie Parker at attendance@kcsoroptimist.org

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## NO Sew Blankets for Safehome

Pull out those scissors and bring them to our club meeting on January 18. We will put them to good use making no sew blankets after our business meeting at O'Neill's. This is one of our favorite fun activities and is "sew" appreciated by Safehome. (pun intended!)







### 2026 Conference Update

We are very close to securing a hotel for our 100th anniversary celebration in 2026. We will be celebrating at the South Central Region Conference which SIKC will be hosting in April, 2026.

Stay tuned.

More to come as we finalize our lodging plans.

We are going to have so much fun!



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## What A Party!



This year SIKC was honored to host our multi-club Holiday Party celebration.

We were thrilled when SI St. Joseph, SI Liberty and SI Kansas City Northland agreed to join us at Cascone's on December 7.

We had 64 attendees and party we did!

Prior to the party, SIKC's Special Events committee decided to make party favors for everyone.

Marie Parker and Tanya Johannes made a whole lot of cookies, then joined Nora Magee and Kay Stewart to sack them up and decorate the sacks with holiday cookie cutters. That turned out to be a party too.

Tucker,
Official cookie
decorator and quality
control tester.
Also known as Tanya
Johannes's grandson



### Three Amigos...



A couple of days later, we all headed towards Cascone's in our best party duds for a fabulous Tour of Italy buffet, lots of libations and a fun ornament exchange. Everyone brought ornaments to trade with one another and cold weather attire for clients of reStart Shelter in Kansas City.

Danielle Sidney took all the hats, gloves, socks, scarves and sweatshirts to reStart the next day.

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## Party On!



Norma McKelvy, Rosemary Moran and Joanne Collins





Jon Clark and Lynn LeCount



Taking Home the Leftovers...



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# Lookin' Good.....



Some of our hosts.



The whole Shebang...