

The Signpost

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Soroptimist International of Kansas City
South Central Region



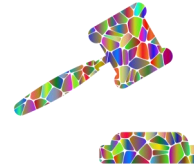
SOROPTIMIST® May 2024

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Investing in Dreams



President's Message
Margaret Smith, MD



Dear Club Members,

I apologize for the delayed message. May is the month of beginnings and endings, with graduations and the end of the school year for children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. But I like to remember all the mothers, grandmothers, aunts and mother figures in May. We all have one and each of us, whether we have children or not, serves as one for someone in our lives.



Thank you for who you are and what you do for women and children!

Happy Mother's Day fellow Soroptimist!

Enjoy your day and the month of May!

President Margaret

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Don't Forget...
Bring your check for \$171.00 made out to SIKC
with "dues" on the memo line to the
Celebration of Service on May 14.



May Calendar



MindDrive Race

May 4, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Details on page 5

Board Meeting

May 8, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Shepherd's Center
9200 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64114

Celebration of Service

May 14 2024
5:45 p.m.
Cinzetti's
7201 West 91st Street
Overland Park, KS 66212

June Events

SIKC Planning Meeting

June 1, 2024
2:00-5:00 p.m.
Blue Ridge Library
9253 Blue Ridge Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64138)

Installation

June 12, 2024
5:30 p.m.
Hereford House/Town Center

SIKC Fundraiser

June 23, 2024|
T-Shotz
Details to come

May Celebration of Service

Tuesday May 14, 2024
Cinzetti's Restaurant
7201 West 91st Street
Overland Park, KS 66212

Arrive no later than 5:45 p.m.
6:30 p.m. Dinner

Menu

Italian Buffet

Cost

\$26.00

(includes tax and gratuity)

RSVP to Marie Parker

at attendance@kcsoroptimist.org
no later than Friday, May 10



Special Note

*Our Installation Banquet will be held at Hereford House in Town Center, Overland Park on **Wednesday, June 12.** This is **NOT** our regular meeting night.*

Please mark your calendars.

Details to come...



May Birthdays

No birthdays this month?
Darn! How will we get cake?

Celebration of Service

**Important Note: This is not our regular meeting night.
The Celebration of Service will be held the night before, Tuesday, May 14.**

On Tuesday, May 14, we will meet at Cinzetti's at 91st and Metcalf to honor seventeen recipients and distribute their grants. Please mark your calendars.

Recipients include: Safehome, Madam President Camp, Mother's Refuge, The Salvation Army, Hillcrest Traditional Housing, Keeler Women's Center, Fashion Arts Fund, The Single Mom KC, Gateway of Hope, Child Abuse Prevention Association (CASA), Transition Zone, Raymore Christian Church (Baby Grace), Jackson County CASA, KC Shepherd's Center, Cultivate KC, The Whole Person, and Hope House.

This is a perfect opportunity to invite a friend and introduce them to Soroptimist.

We will have a lot of space as the room seats 80.

Grace will be taking payment for our dinners as we arrive.

She can accept cash, credit card or check.

Let's Celebrate!!!



Recruitment and Retention

The May issue of HerLife will contain a quarter page ad for our club.

It appears on page 19.

It will also appear on HerLife's e-mail blast for May.

The ad is on our website and Facebook.

Please share with everyone you know.

We need more members and now is our chance to get the word out.



The Running of the Beds

On a sunny day in April, Flourish Furniture Bank held it's first bed race, THE RUNNING OF THE BEDS. It was a fundraiser and a way to bring visibility to their mission in the community. There were nine beds and nine teams. Each team had five volunteers who took on the task of building their amazing racing bed. The creativity was eye-catching and the team attire was clever and fun! The crowd cheered on the teams as the beds went racing by, hoping to take bragging rights home as the fastest Flourish Furnishing Bed!

The event raised more than \$20,000 to support free beds and furniture for those in need. Several of our members were in the cheering section.



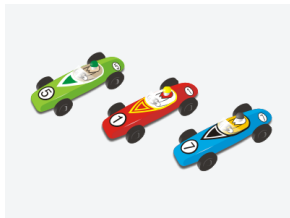
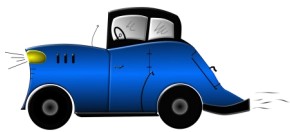
Then to follow up through our Community Service work, our club donated new pillows and bedding to dress up those beds.



MINDDRIVE INVITATIONAL

This sounds like wonderful fun!
 If you have this Saturday free, please join us.
 There will be food trucks and plenty of space to watch.

Bring your lawn chairs and sunglasses!



Please Join Us



Saturday May 4th, 2024

VML at Charles Wheeler Downtown Airport

Races: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

- The final KS/MO Electrathon races of the season
 - 5+ MINDDRIVE race teams participating
 - 15+ participating regional high schools
 - 20+ race teams total
- 4-6 students per race team, 120+ students total
 - 2 heats of racing

Where: VML parking lot at the Charles Wheeler Downtown Airport
 250 NW Richards Rd
 Kansas City, MO 64116

South Central Region Conference

The SCR Conference was hosted by SI Vandalia, Illinois. Our club sent three delegates, Grace Boswell, Tanya Johannes and President Margaret Smith. Marcia Boutz who serves as the SCR Region Treasurer also attended.

Following is the report submitted by Grace Boswell.

98th South Central Region Conference

April 19-21, 2024

Host SI Vandalia Illinois

The members of SI Vandalia IL welcomed us when we arrived at the hotel.
We went to registration and the Hospitality Room when we arrived.

Friday, April 20, 2024

Charters Patio

Tour of the Witness Distillery

Dinner from two food trucks

Opening Ceremonies

Evening activities were outside. There were fire pits but it was very cold outside.

Federation Report by SIA Secretary/Treasurer Sue Rinay, SI Oak Harbor WA
She presented the information from SIA. She also invited everyone to attend the conference
in July.

Saturday, April 21, 2024

Business Session

23 clubs were represented.

69 voting members.

The slate of officers were elected

Governor Elect- Teresa Young SI Plainview TX

Region Secretary- Rikki Smith SI Joplin MO

Region Treasurer- Kathy Newsom- SI Wichita KS

District I Director-Kimberly Doty-SI KC Northland

District II Director- Jacque Sappington SI Carthage MO

District III Director- Shebra Hackett SI Grand Prairie TX

South Central Region Conference

Reports were presented for the five Focus Chairs

Membership

Fundraising

Public Awareness

Program

SIA Best in Region/Federation

District Directors' Reports were presented. District III Director was unable to attend.

Clarification was presented regarding the ByLaws that were published in The Call.

The By Laws were presented and voted on. The key changes.

The District Meetings will continue to be held jointly.

SCR is raising the dues.

Awards Luncheon

The following awards were presented.

Celebration of Life (our own Norma Tilton was recognized)

Live Your Dreams

Lucy Keller Dreams in Action

Norma Caldwell Communicate and Grow

Maxine Pease Membership and Grow

There were two speakers

Annie Schomaker- Human Trafficking

Joleen Murra- Women's Health

Saturday Evening

The SCR Officers were installed. The Federation visitor installed the officers with a Star Trek motif. She was dressed in a Trekkie uniform.

Local high school students were the servers during the meal.

***The SCR Lou Kirby Woman of the Year was awarded to Liz Payne SI Grand Prairie TX.
Congratulations Liz! Well deserved!***

South Central Region Conference



Angie Guynes dressed it up in a nice basket with a pretty bow.

The lucky winner of this basket was Be Bee from El Dorado-- and she was thrilled!



Our club sent a basket of KC BBQ goodies to be auctioned off at the Region Conference.



Tanya packed up and ready to go!



Arriving in Vandalia...
(There is Grace, way in the back.)

South Central Region Conference



Friday Night Fun!

Member News



Shirley Legg celebrated turning 95 with a ride on the Big Wheel in downtown Kansas City.

Here she is with her family. What a great afternoon!
Happy Birthday, Shirley!



2024-2025 Club Composition

From President elect, Lynn LeCount.

It appears we can obtain the most participants by holding our joint board/club meeting on **Saturday, June 1st at 2:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars.** Last night I emailed the person responsible for booking the meeting space at the Mid-Continent Blue Ridge Library to ensure it's available.

Be thinking about how your committee can contribute toward earning \$4,000 for the Foundation during the 2024-2025 club year.

SIKC Likely Committees Compositions

as of April 29, 2024

<u>Committee/Appointee</u>	<u>(Co)Chair(s)</u>				
Service Objectives	Norma McKelvy	<i>Members listed below</i>			
Attendance	Heather Rollins				
Laws & Procedures	Marcia Boutz	<u>Member #1</u>	<u>Member #2</u>	<u>Member #3</u>	<u>Member #4</u>
Growth/Recruit/Reten	Elaine Fry	Margaret Smith	Angie Guynes		
Finance/Audit/Budget	Tanya Johannes	Angie Guynes	Marie Parker	Mysti Meiers	
Ways & Means	Jerri Cofran	Danielle Sidney	Grace Boswell	Nora Magee	Marie Parker
Special/Cultural Events	Kay Stewart	Caitlin Miller	Nora Magee	Jerri Cofran	
Community Service	Lynn LeCount	Candy Routledge	Danielle Sidney	Tanya Johannes	Dianne Young
Live Your Dream	Marcia Boutz	Grace Boswell			
Dream It, Be It	Melanie Simpson	Margaret Smith	Rosemary Moran		
Public Relations	Mysti Meiers	Newsletter Kay Stewart	Webmaster Mysti Meiers	FaceBook Lynn LeCount	Technology/WordPress Candy Routledge

Term	Trustees	Service Objectives Committee	Board	Member
thru 2025:	Jerri Cofran & Marcia Boutz	Bonnie Cutler & Marie Parker	Past President:	Margaret Smith
thru 2026:	Danielle Sidney & Tanya Johannes	Grace Boswell & Nora Magee	Director:	Marie Parker
thru 2027:	Dianne Young & Caitlin Miller	Kay Stewart & Rosemary Moran	Director:	Angie Guynes
			Treasurer:	Grace Boswell
			Secretary:	Candy Routledge
			President Elect:	Mysti Meiers
			President:	Lynn LeCount