

The Signpost

Making a Difference for Women and Girls for 98 Years

Soroptimist International of Kansas City
South Central Region



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Investing in Dreams



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President's Message
Margaret Smith, MD



Greetings Soroptimists,

January was quite the month from the below freezing weather during the middle of the month, to the sixty degree heat wave at the end. And who could predict that our Kansas City Chiefs would end up back at the Super Bowl!



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Let's hope that we have seen the last of winter as we head towards Super Bowl Sunday and Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate our love for spouses, partners, family and friends. I hope you get to enjoy the day with someone you care about!



Kay Stewart, Editor

Make the most of this short month and thank you for all you do for the women and children of Kansas City. See you at the February business meeting where we will enjoy each other's company and meet our Live Your Dream Award winners.

President Margaret

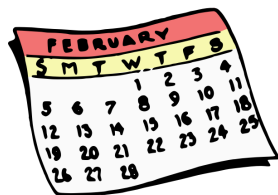
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Because of our January meeting cancellation, we will make our no-sew blankets at the March business meeting. Save those scissors!



February Calendar



Board Meeting

February 14, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Shepherd's Center

9200 Ward Parkway

Kansas City, MO 64114

Business Meeting

February 21, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Red Bridge Library

453 E. Red Bridge Road

Kansas City, MO 64131



February Birthdays

Nora Magee February 2

Rosemary Moran February 21

February Business Meeting Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Red Bridge Library

453 E Red Bridge Road

Kansas City, MO 64131

5:30 p.m. Social Time

6:00 p.m. Dinner

Menu

Panera Salad and Sandwich Options:

½ Sandwich Options:

Bacon Turkey Bravo

NAPA Almond Chicken Salad

Tuna Salad

½ Salad Options

Caesar Salad

Greek Salad

Chips included with sandwich and salad.

Cookie Options:

Chocolate Chip

Oatmeal Raisin

Bottled water provided

Cost - \$17.00

Live Your Dreams Grant Awards Selection of Nominating Committee

(see page 7 for bylaws requirements)

Speaker

Audrey Navarro

MINDDRIVE:

Creating Opportunity for Kansas City Youth

RSVP to Marie Parker

at attendance@kcsoroptimist.org

no later than Friday, February 16.

February Speaker & Live Your Dream Awards

Our Speaker for our February 21 business meeting will be Audrey Navarro, managing partner of Clemons Real Estate.

Audrey oversees a team of brokers and maintains an active role in acquisitions, redevelopment, strategic planning, and investment sales. Audrey was most recently honored by the Kansas City Business Journal as one of 2018's Women Who Mean Business. Additionally, Clemons Real Estate ranked 13th in the 2018 KC Business Journal's Fast 50 as well as 10th in Ingrams Magazines' Corporate Report. She is heavily involved with MINDDRIVE.



MINDDRIVE is a project-based experiential learning program that serves students from around the Kansas City Metro. Mentoring is a key component of our after-school programs with a student-to-mentor ratio of 2:1. We teach problem solving, critical thinking, and collaboration through math, science, technology, innovation and communication, giving our students deep-level experience with real world applications.

Live Your Dream Awards



Grace Boswell, Chair of the LYD Awards Committee, will present grants to three young women who were chosen by our judges, E. Jeanne Cosby and Marcella Lee. They will join us for our presentation.

Our winners are:

Whitney Moore First Place
 Melissa Lane Second Place
 Mia Haden Third Place

Come help us celebrate these deserving young women.

Transition Zone Spotlight

First time applicant Transition Zone was one of our grant winners last May at our Celebration of Service. Jacqueline Buycks, Founder and CEO, recently sent us a follow up glimpse of what our grant has allowed them to do this year.

Dec. 19, 2023
Kay -
Thank you so much for your generous donation to TZone. Your gift allowed us the opportunity to train many young girls in unconventional career choices and how to use their tool kits. Please see attached for a glimpse of what your gift accomplished in 2023. Thank you. Jackie



These young women are having a wonderful time learning how to use tools to repair small appliances.



Public Awareness Campaign

Starting in February, our club will be featured by HERLIFE Magazine, a publication distributed throughout the metropolitan area.

You can subscribe or pick up a free copy at medical offices, grocery stores, anywhere magazines are available.

Our first notification will be an **EMAIL BLAST** on their website in February.

Please take a look, like, and share with all your contacts.

HERLIFE MAGAZINE: herlifemagazine.com

There will be a Highlight article about us in the April issue, and ads in the May, June, July and August issues.

Please share them with your friends.

Our goal is to engage the public, make our presence and goals known, and recruit new members.



SIA News

Congratulations to all the judges who made these awards possible. Our own former Governor Grace Boswell has earned yet another accolade.



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Help us give a big thank you to our wonderful judges who volunteered their time to pick our deserving 2023 Best in Federation Club Award winners!



Meet the judges for the Best in Federation Club Awards!



Thank you to our Impact Judges



Susan Gilbey

2023-2025 Board of Directors

Lidia Arnez Malatesta

2020-2022 Governor
America del Sur Region



Deborah Scaife

2020-2022 SCSA* Chair
Founder Region

*Soroptimist Celebrating Success Awards



Thank you to our Engagement Judges



Deborah Mackes

2022-2024 Board of Directors

Grace Boswell

2020-2022 Governor
South Central Region



Anna Der

2020-2022 SCSA* Chair
Western Canada Region

*Soroptimist Celebrating Success Awards



Thank you to our Philanthropy Judges



Maria Odette Nassif do Vol

2023-2025 Board of Directors

Thoralinda Soyland

2020-2022 Governor
Desert Coast Region



Ana Marie Lenoue

2020-2022 SCSA* Chair
Camino Real Region

*Soroptimist Celebrating Success Awards

Nomination Committee Requirements

From our Club Bylaws:

ARTICLE V Nominations and Elections

Section 1 Nominating Committee—In February of each year, a nominating committee of three members shall be chosen as follows: the president shall appoint the chair, the board shall elect a second member, and the club shall elect the third member. Only one member of the committee may be a member of the board of directors. The committee shall invite each member to suggest names for consideration.

The committee shall nominate one or more candidates for each officer, director, and two members in good standing who have held such membership for at least one full club year to serve as Soroptimist Kansas City Foundation trustees for three years. The consent of a nominee must be obtained before the name is placed in nomination. At least ten days prior to the election date, the committee shall send its report to each member of the club via email or United States post office mail and publish it in the Signpost.

Section 2 Election—The election shall be held at the business meeting in April. The report of the nominating committee shall be read and additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided consent of the nominee has been obtained. Election shall be by ballot for any office for which there is more than one nominee. If election by ballot is required, the president shall appoint three tellers, none of whom shall be a nominee for any office.

