

The Signpost

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Soroptimist International of Kansas City
South Central Region



SOROPTIMIST® November 2024

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Investing in Dreams



President's Message
Lynn LeCount



All,

I hope everyone had a happy Halloween and are looking forward to the holiday season suddenly in full swing.

We're counting down the days until the November 11th, the deadline for selling Meat Raffle tickets – please help us disseminate the SIKC FaceBook post (see page 6) to reach as many potential buyers as possible. We look forward to the Ways & Means Committee drawing our Meat Raffle winner during the November 20th business meeting. Will you be the person thankful for enjoying a steak on Thanksgiving?

Then it's time for holiday parties and gearing up our community service endeavors. Thank you all for your efforts to help us reach our Fo(u)r Grand Fun(d)!

Lynn

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SAVE THE DATE

****DECEMBER 4, 2024****

**SOROPTIMIST JOINT
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

6:30 P.M.

**CONRAD'S RESTAURANT
LIBERTY, MO**

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

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2024 - 2025 is the club year
**FOR
GRAND
FUN!**



November Calendar



UMKC Archives Research

November 8, 2024

8:30 a.m.,

800 E 51st Street,

306 Miller Nichols Library

UMKC, Kansas City, MO 64110

Board Meeting

November 13, 2024

6:00 p.m.

KC Shepherd's Center

Kansas City, MO

Rosemary Moran Memorial

November 15, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Visitation Church

5141 Main Street

Kansas City, MO 64112

Business Meeting

November 20, 2024

6:00 p.m.

O'Neill's Restaurant

Leawood, KS



November Business Meeting

6:00 p.m.

November 20, 2024

O'Neill's Restaurant

9417 Mission Road

Leawood, KS 66206

5:30 p.m. Social Time

6:00 p.m. Dinner

Menu

Choose your own meal off O'Neill's Menu.

Go to <https://www.kconeills.com>

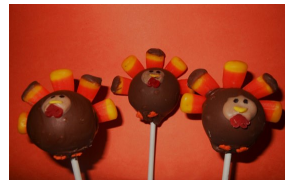
Make your choice. Your cost will be the amount shown on the menu plus 9.11% tax and 20% gratuity.

Payment will be due upon arrival at O'Neill's.

It is important that you be seated at the table prior to 6:00.

RSVP to Heather Rollins

no later than Friday, November 13



November Birthdays

Norma McKelvy November 10

Margaret Smith November 21

Danielle Sidney November 24

Rosemary Moran

Last month we lost one of our most beloved members, Rosemary Moran. A member of SIKC for thirty-nine years, Rosemary could always be depended on to take on any job asked of her. She served in every role except President throughout her time in the club. She served on every committee, her favorites being Service Objectives and Live Your Dream.

She loved to travel and during her almost 50 years employed by Midwest Research, she traveled the world. She visited every continent on the planet and was ready to go anytime anyone asked. Quiet and undemanding, she could easily be overlooked. Behind that quiet demeanor was a woman of solid conviction, a passion for helping young women and girls get ahead, and a strong work ethic. She was an extremely intelligent woman who gave of herself and her time to help those less fortunate.

She taught English as a second language to recently arrived immigrants, volunteered at the Food Pantry at Redemptorist, and served as a judge of the Science Fair for over 50 years. Being a private person, she seldom talked about her work. We will miss her terribly.

A Memorial will be held on November 15 at Visitation Church at 51st and Main Street. Visitation is at 10:00 a.m., A Rosary will be said at 10:40 a.m., Mass at 11:00 a.m., and Lunch at the Church immediately after mass.



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Bob and Dianne are Retiring!!!

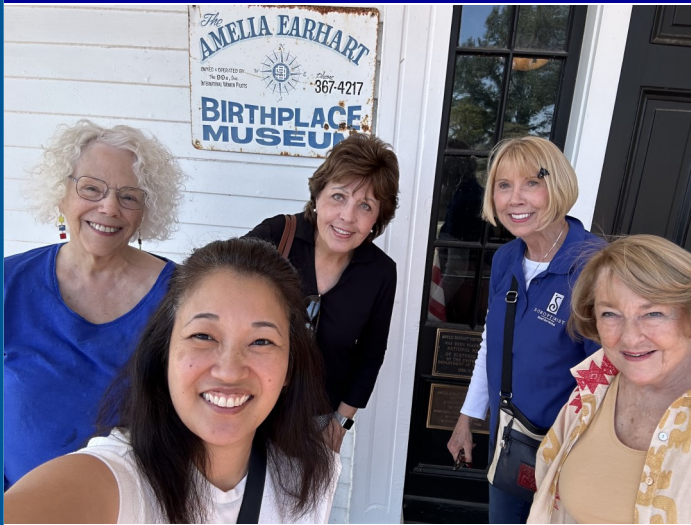
After 50+ years, Bob and Dianne Young are closing the doors of The Little Gallery Frame Shop.



Channel 41 News did a nice piece on them and their careers last week. Not to worry, Sweetie Pie aficionados, Dianne will still be making those luscious pies. She said you can order through her Di's Sweetie Pie Facebook page or by calling her direct.



SIKC Visits the Amelia Earhart Museum and Home in Atchison, KS



On a beautiful October day, five SIKC members made a trip 45 miles north to Atchison, Kansas to visit the birthplace and museum dedicated to Amelia Earhart. Amelia was way ahead of her time by breaking all the gender barriers and becoming a world famous pilot who was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic alone. She was the first president of the 99s, the International Organization of Women Pilots. Founded in 1929, it has chapters all over the world, the Dallas Chapter is currently the owner and custodians of Amelia's birthplace in Atchison.



One of the interesting things we found in her home was this portrait of Amelia's grandmother. The plaque below states it was restored through the generosity of Soroptimist International South Central Region and Japan clubs. No date, no further information. We would love to know how much more influence SCR had on the restoration of Amelia's home.



On the front porch....



The Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum. It houses "Muriel", the world's last remaining Lockheed Electra 10-E aircraft — identical to the plane Amelia piloted on her fateful round-the-world flight.

More Amelia...



Exploring the museum.



Of course, we stopped in Weston for homemade ice cream.

She CAN do it!



South Central Region Districts Meeting

SIKC was well represented...



Service Objectives Grant Applications Due by November 15

The links for the applications, the funding criteria, and the mid-year report forms can be found at www.kcsoroptimist.org.

Click on Programs/Service Objectives Grants
Scroll down for forms.

If you know of any organization that has specific projects that benefit Women and Girls in our community, please provide the links to them so they may apply.

Important Deadlines!

Live Your Dream
Applications
Available



PLEASE share the Facebook posting about our meat raffle. It is such a bargain and for \$20 you can help support our work helping women and girls in our community.

November 11, the last day to buy tickets.

So easy, so yummy and such a good cause.



SOROPTIMIST KANSAS CITY FOUNDATION

...since 1954, a public charity has been 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, 2024. 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, 2025.

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.

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Caitlin Miller	Dianne Young	Margaret Smith

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 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, 2025) as follows:

- Monthly: \$ _____ per month for 8 months (November 2024 through June 2025)
- Quarterly: \$ _____ Three payments on or before 12/31/24, 3/31/25, and 6/30/25
- Semi-Annual: \$ _____ Two payments on or before 12/31/24 and 6/30/25

_____ **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



These cookies continue to be a favorite. I have requests to reprint the recipe every year.
(Talking to you, Joni!)

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| 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 nuts |



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 or a cooling rack.

Icing

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| 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.

