

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



President's Message Lynn LeCount MD



Hello ladies,

Like that roller coaster car starting its descent down the carefully laid tracks, the next six months will zip by (hopefully, no screaming!).

On February 19th we'll learn via Zoom how another SI club has implemented corporate memberships to help grow their local influence in supporting girls and women.

March 19th we'll celebrate International Women's Day by filling O'Neill's Restaurant to capacity with our friends and family (please invite them today!) to raise funds. During April we'll celebrate our successes with a party, elect a new board, and honor our Live Your Dreams recipients on April 16th.

May brings our annual Celebration of Service with grants to metropolitan 501(c)3s. We thank the members of those two committees for their efforts making those difficult choices of where to place the funds. Power of the Purse will soon be hitting full steam in preparation for the early May sale.

June 18th is the Officers/Trustees installation. We hope to have ready for our July 16th meeting a period poverty packaging party as our Community Service project with an eye towards its contributions to SIA's Big Goal Accelerator Project.

The tracks we worked so hard to lay in 2024 are paying off. Enjoy the ride!

President Lynn

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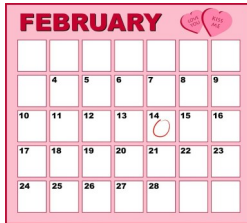
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2024 - 2025 is the club year
**FOR
GRAND
FUN!**

February Calendar



Board Meeting

February 12, 2025

6:00 p.m.

via Zoom

(contact information to be sent
out via e-mail)

Business Meeting

February 19, 2025

6:00 p.m.

via Zoom

(contact information to be sent
out via e-mail)



February Birthdays

Nora Magee February 2

Rosemary Moran February 21

February Business Meeting Wednesday, February 19, 2025 via Zoom

6:00 p.m.

Speaker

Laura Powell, SI Pasco member (Pasco, Washington) will speak about their corroborate membership structure. Join us with your favorite libation close and some snacks for a chance to learn about collaborating with corporations to build membership.



RSVP to Heather Rollins

at attendance@kcsoroptimist.org

no later than Friday, February 14, 2025.



Don't forget to invite your friends and family to participate in our March International Women's Day Fundraiser on March 19th.

*Good Food at O'Neill's, Good Fun,
Good Cause!*

International Women's Day Fundraiser March 19, 2025



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Please extend this invitation to your friends and family as SIKC celebrates International Women's Day!

O'Neill's Restaurant & Bar located at 9417 Mission Road Leawood, KS 66206 has graciously agreed to sponsor a fundraiser for Soroptimist International of Kansas City, on March 19, 2025, in honor of International Women's Day celebrating women's historical, cultural, and political achievements.

A portion of the meal proceeds will be donated to our club.

Soroptimist International of Kansas City is a network of women who work to improve the lives of women and girls in our community through programs that lead to social and economic empowerment. Soroptimist International of Kansas City (SIKC) believes the most effective way to empower women and girls is to provide them with access to education.

SIKC's Live Your Dream award disburses education grants to women who have overcome enormous personal obstacles. Recipients may use the cash grants to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain additional education or training.

SIKC also awards grants to non-profits in our community through our Soroptimist Kansas City Foundation. Former recipients include Salvation Army, reStart, Inc., Harvesters, Shepherd's Center, and SafeHome which a Soroptimist member founded.

A major component of Soroptimist is Service, and we have participated in a wide range of projects throughout the years engaging in hands-on volunteering including providing school supplies for needy children, no-sew blankets for SafeHome, meals to Kansas City Hospice House and adopting a family during the holidays at Don Bosco.

Please note for SIKC to receive proceeds from O'Neill's for this event on March 19, 2025, it is important to let your O'Neill's server know that you are supporting the SIKC fundraiser.



Live Your Dream Award Winners

Marcia Boutz, chair of the LYD Awards Committee is excited to announce the winners of this year's awards.

4th Place is Theresa Sims
3rd Place is Sa'Mone Henderson
2nd Place is Andrea Doudna
1st Place is Alexis Troy of

Congratulations to these wonderful women.

Committee Members are Tanya Johannes, Margaret Smith, Grace Boswell and Marcia Boutz, Chair

These young women will be invited to a celebration in April.



SCR Call to Conference

Soroptimist International of the Americas 99th South Central Region Conference Call to Conference

Together, we can make dreams come true.

A dream catcher is a handmade, circular hoop woven with a net or web, traditionally used by Native American cultures to protect sleepers from bad dreams by catching them in the web while allowing good dreams to pass through the center hole.

April 25th- 26th, 2025

Hosted by:

Soroptimist International
of Grand Prairie, TX

Be sure to read The Call.
It is in your email.

It would be perfect if we had great
representation from SIKC.

SI Grand Prairie is a terrific club
in the South Central Region.

Hard working, progressive
thinking and a whole lot of fun.



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SIA Walk For Women 2025 Campaign



Limited-Edition Walk for Women 2025 Apparel is Here!

You asked, we answered!

Get ready to step into empowerment with Soroptimist's exclusive Walk for Women 2025 apparel, now available for pre-order!

These commemorative shirts and sweatshirts, complete with a brand-new design, are the perfect way to show your support and join the movement as we gear up for the Walk for Women 2025 campaign launch on March 1. We also have some new, fun additions to this year's storefront so be sure to check it out!

Showcase Soroptimist's Impact

For the second annual Walk for Women, we are calling on members to make a global effort to showcase Soroptimist's impact throughout March. Gather with friends and fellow Soroptimists to plan a Walk for Women event and engage your local community. Need help getting started? Check out our Walk for Women Toolkit for resources and tips to help you organize an impactful event.

Raise awareness and funds while rocking your matching Walk for Women shirts!



SIA's Fourth Annual Women's Day Virtual Tea Party March 10 at 7:00 CST



International Women's Day Tea Party

Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. is once again hosting a virtual tea party to celebrate International Women's Day! Please join us for a global celebration!

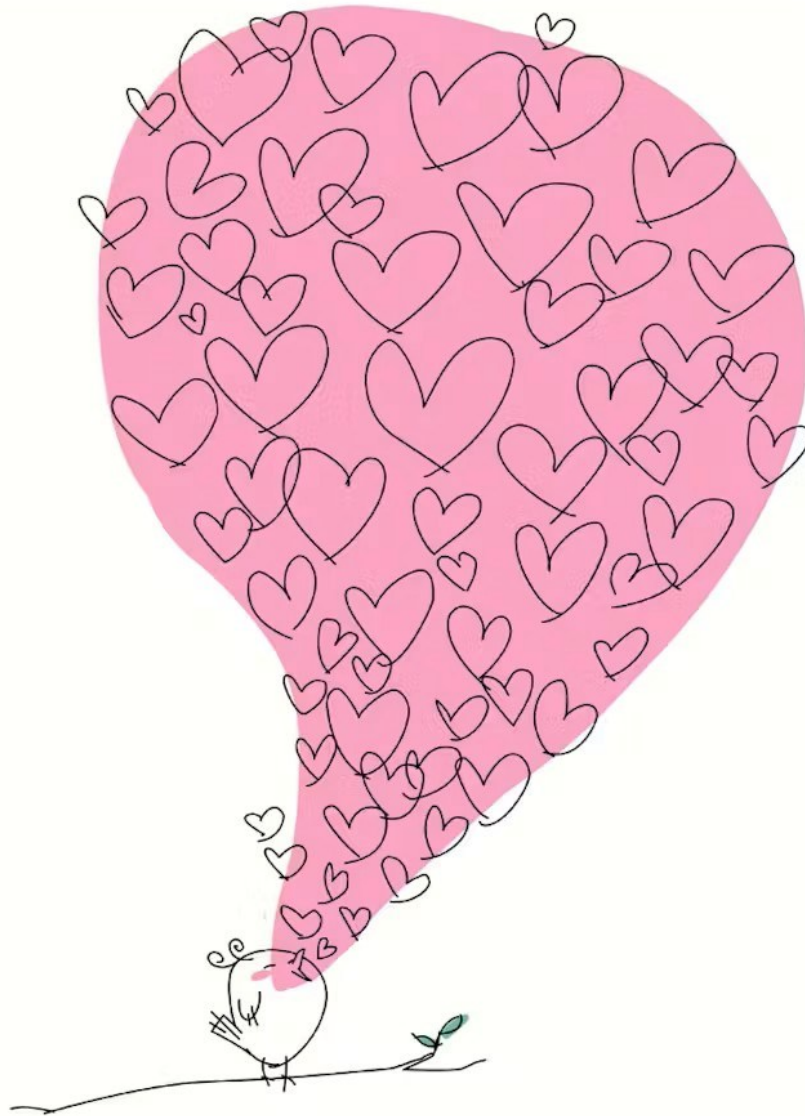
Come to the event with your own tea party dress attire! This can be country-specific traditional attire for teas or your best hat/fascinator, pearls and gloves. Whether you're enjoying your favorite tea, coffee or another beverage of your choice, we'll be united in spirit to honor the strength and resilience of women.

Interpretation will be provided to SIA's six federation languages; please indicate your language in the registration form.

Your editor will be sending out the email from SIA with the registration button mid February so you can register for the event. It is free and sounds like fun.



Happy Valentine's Day



Love Bird