

The Signpost

Making a Difference for Women and Girls for 98 Years

Soroptimist International of Kansas City
South Central Region



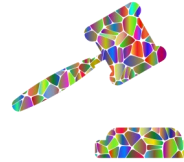
SOROPTIMIST® March, 2025

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Investing in Dreams



President's Message
Lynn LeCount MD



What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover?

A rash of good luck.



And that's exactly what's heading our way over the next four months!

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As a reminder, our March business meeting will be an abbreviated but very important 15-ish minutes in the private dining room of O'Neill's Restaurant at 6 p.m. on March 19th.

Leading up to that time, many of us will be seated in the restaurant's main dining room enjoying dinner with our friends and family. I encourage you to invite any women at your table who express an interest in what SIKC does to walk with you to the private dining room to hear the brief committee reports.

Kay Stewart, Editor

Caitlin Miller,
Photographer and Reality
Checker

While we are a multi-faceted club supporting many initiatives, the Service Objective grants showcase the culmination of so much hard work by the Club to benefit the KC metro community. So, let's share that news with the women at your tables who may be tempted into joining SIKC in our mission of improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

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President Lynn



March Calendar



Walk 4 Women
Starts March 1, 2025

International Women's Day
March 8, 2025

Virtual Tea Party
March 10, 2025
7:00 p.m. CST
via Zoom

Board Meeting
March 12, 2025
6:00 p.m.
via Zoom
(contact information to be sent
out via e-mail)

**2026 SCR Conference
Planning Meeting**
March 15, 2025
4:00 p.m.
via Zoom

Business Meeting
SIKC Fundraiser at O'Neill's
6:00 p.m.



March Birthdays
Grace Boswell March 25

March Business Meeting
Wednesday, March 19, 2025
6:00 p.m.

O'Neill's Restaurant & Bar
9417 Mission Road
Leawood, KS 66206
will be the site of our fundraiser for SIKC
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. See next page for details.

RSVP to Heather Rollins
at attendance@kcsoroptimist.org
or hh62a@yahoo.com
816-256-9231
no later than Friday, March 14, 2025.

*Please, Please, Please don't forget to invite your friends
and family to this event..*

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

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.



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International Women's Day Fundraiser March 19, 2025

SI of Kansas City Fundraiser O'Neill's Restaurant & Bar Wednesday, March 19

Bring your Family • Bring your Friends • Have Fun

Your participation helps support our annual
Signature Events & Projects

- Live Your Dreams Awards for women pursuing education or training programs
- Dream It, Be It mentoring program for school aged girls
- Service Project Grants that fund local non-profits so they can continue offering support services



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Bring your family and friends. It will be a good time and will help a woman in our community!



Period Poverty Program

Your Community Service committee has found a perfect project to help young women in our community who are experiencing period poverty. You will be hearing more about how our club can help.

The link for Amazon is https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/7DW51OT934CJ?ref=wl_share.

The link for donations through our website is [Period Poverty Project Donations Request – Soroptimist International of Kansas City](#)

We will have more information soon.

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Period Poverty Project (P³)

- WHO:** A Jackson County, Missouri elementary school
- WHAT:** 100 cute bags of light period products for 9 – 11 year olds, including flushable wipes
- WHERE:** Buy products online through our charity registry at Walmart (link here) or Amazon (link here) or your favorite retailer to bring to the March 19th, April 16th or June 11th meetings. Or donate cash at (link here).
- WHEN:** By June 15th so we can assemble the bags July 16th meeting as our Community Service project for delivery to the elementary school in early August.
- HOW:** By bringing together women who wish to offer girls resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams

Attention: Members

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

Together, we can make dreams come true.

April 25th- 26th, 2025

Hosted by:

Soroptimist International
of Grand Prairie, TX

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



Service Objectives

The Service Objectives Committee was excited to have 23 applications for grants. As we look at the applications, we are mindful that the funds requested were almost twice the amount we have to award. We want our grants to focus on programming that supports meaningful longer term improvements for women and girls and we were pleased that there were new organizations applying for funding as well as some of our perineal standards. We will be taking our recommendations to the Club Board Meeting and Club Meeting (for that 15 minutes we will have at O'Neill's) in March and then to the Foundation Board for final approval. Our "Celebration of Service" will be held in May where we will hear from the recipients and award their grants. This would be a great time to invite a woman who might be interested in Soroptimist and what we're doing.

Just saying...

Norma McKelvy, Chairman Service Objectives Committee

The Recruitment and Retention Committee will be sending a Survey Monkey document to your email within the next thirty days. Our goal is to assess the current direction and the direction of our club moving forward. This information will be used by our Board and the Club as we continue to maintain and grow.

Jerri and Betty

February is Phone Pal Volunteer Appreciation Month

What started off as a way to connect people who were isolated during the pandemic, has developed into one of KC Shepherd's Center's most successful programs. That success is contributed to the volunteers who take their time to reach out and connect with others. Thank you to our Phone Pal volunteers!!

When Jerri had an opportunity to volunteer with the Phone Pal program, she originally thought she was just doing her part to help others. However, it wasn't long before these weekly phone calls turned into a relationship Jerri and her pal Betty both value. They talk at least once a week and have had an opportunity to meet in person and even have met other members of their respective families.

Jerri has always been a volunteer for various non-profits and service organizations, but even she did not anticipate how much she would get in return for her efforts. As she explained, their calls have created a "beautiful friendship".

What a great testimonial to the value of her time and how much helping others serves to fill her bucket as well. It is through giving that much is received.

"The Phone Pal program brought Jerri and I together several years ago. She isn't just my Phone Pal, she is truly my very best friend.

Jerri has become a part of our family over the years, and we have a very close, spiritual relationship filled with love and respect."

- Betty



For more information about the
Phone Pal program:
adaire@kcshepherdscenter.org
or call 816-293-9612



**To Volunteer:
terry@kcshepherdscenter.org
or call 816-293-9593**

Power of the Purse is Coming Back...



Donations Request

for Silent Auction items & Raffle Requested



POWER OF THE Purse



Donations need by April 12, 2025

Donation pick-up can be arranged by emailing foundation@kcsoroptimist.org

New and like-new items needed:

- Designer and non-designer handbags
- Jewelry & Accessories
- Price Point, \$20 and over



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POWER OF THE Purse



Silent Auction | Sweet Treats | Drinks | Shopping | Raffle

Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 1:00 to 4:00pm

Gallery V Fine Arts, 4020 Indian Creek Pkwy OP, KS



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Fashion & Fundraising

FREE Admission

All proceeds will make a difference for Women & Girls in the Kansas City community. Items sold are new or like-new.

SIA Tea Party

This promises to be a fun event. Please register at Soroptimist.org/events

It's Time for Tea

Let's come together for International Women's Day and explore ways to #AccelerateAction and continue to drive meaningful change worldwide! Wear your best hat/fascinator, pearls and gloves and join our CSW69 parallel event conversation.



March
10
8 p.m. (ET)
-Virtual-

Register for the Party:

Soroptimist.org/events

SIA Photo Contest



Join us in celebrating Soroptimist's mission through the **SIA Photo Contest!** We want to see your best photos that highlight our mission, programs, and the incredible work being done to empower women and girls.

Showcase Soroptimist's Impact

This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the amazing impact Soroptimist clubs and members are having in their communities.

Submissions Open
February 3 - April 30
Open to All Clubs

We can't wait to see your club's photos!

SIA Headquarters

Unlimited Entries

Chance for Prizes

Reminder: A photo release is required for all individuals prominently featured in images, except for those appearing incidentally in public spaces as part of the background.

SIA Projects for March

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!

Candidates

The following 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 SIA Board members are candidates for 2025-2026 President-elect:



Susan Gilbey
SI/Westminster, California
(Desert Coast Region)



Melanie Kenny
SI/Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
(Western Canada Region)



Maria Odette Nassif do Vol
SI/Arandu, Paraguay
(America del Sur Region)



Michelle G. Strawser
SI/Pasco, Florida
(Southern Region)



Madoka Ushio
SI/Asahikawa, Hokkaido
(Japan Kita Region)

Club Voting

The resumes and videos for all the candidates are now available for your club to review on the SIA website. Please review all resumes and determine how the club will cast its vote before entering the voting portal.