



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF TRENTON AREA

“Soropti-link”

MIDWESTERN REGION

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Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

Presidents Message.



2018 - 2020 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Karen Collins

PRESIDENT ELECT

Abby Premoe

VICE PRESIDENT

of RESOURCES

Nancy Nagle

SECRETARY

Brigitte Rizzuto

TREASURER

Chris Speedie

DIRECTORS

Sarah Hill

Cathy Infantado

IMMEDIATE

PAST PRESIDENT

Linda Crisi

Chartered:

April 3, 1951

Club # 105319

Meetings:

BOARD MEETING
2nd Tuesday of Month
5:30 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING
2nd Tuesday of Month
6:30 p.m.
Brownstown
Community Center
corner of Telegraph & King Rd.

DINNER MEETING
4th Tuesday of Month
6:00 p.m. Social
6:30 p.m. Dinner
TRUAGO
West Jefferson & West Rs

Hi Ladies,

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Thank you, Abby, for leading the board and business meeting in February and being available for the dinner meeting. I hated missing it!

I am starting on the reports for the upcoming Spring Conference in April. If you have pictures of events, news articles, etc., please get those to me.

I hope to see you all at the upcoming Board and Business meeting March 10th. I am very excited that for the month of March, I do not have any more business travel (as of now) and should be able to attend both our Board/Business meeting and our Awards Dinner that will be held on March 24th. I am very much looking forward to seeing everyone!

*Yours in Soroptimist,
Karen Collins
President*

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2020

Brownstown Community Center

Meeting called to order @ 6:30pm by President Elect Abby.

16 Members in attendance. Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Minutes from January 2020 business meeting approved by Chris Speedie, 2nd by Linda Crisi.

Treasurers Report filed for audit.

Correspondence: Thank you received from Prestige and Hope Against Trafficking.

Committee Reports:

PUBLIC AWARENESS:

Soroptimist Prime Application and Live your Dream applications are judged. Virginia Wagner applications being judged. Award ceremony is March 24, 2020 at TV's Grand Event in Trenton.

SERVICE:

ChristNet – First Methodist Church in Trenton Thursday, Feb, 20th.

DIBI set for Saturday, March 28, 2020 at Alternative for Girls 9am-3pm. There 20 residents 15-21 yrs old and 6 children. **Need volunteers** – meeting TBA.

Mommy and Me Tea set for May 2, 2020 – Candyland theme at Cook's Community Center. February 19, 2020 committee meeting. Possible donation from Tea Party – Foster Klost.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership event set for March – Committee meeting tonight after business meeting.

PROGRAMS:

Next dinner meeting at Truago in Trenton, February 25, 2020. March 24, 2020 will be the awards banquet at TV's Grand Event.

April and May Dinner meeting at Truago's in Trenton. Committee Club member survey.

FUNDRAISING:

Battle For Freedom sold out – wrap up meeting last Tuesday. 2022 Battle For Freedom possibly at Crystal Garden's in Southgate, MI. Start working on Sponsorships for next one.

Derby possible 2021. 2020 Motorcycle ride raffle - Yeti Cooler.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vote on By-Laws revision next meeting.

Spring Conference – Kensington Hotel in Ann Arbor, MI April 24-26, 2020.

SIA Convention – Hyatt Regency Bellevue in Bellevue, WA July 22-25, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

Walleye tournament.

Symposium – Human Trafficking

MEMBER CONCERNS: None

Next business meeting is March 10, 2020 at Brownstown Community Center

Motion to adjourn meeting with the Soroptimist Pledge at 7:43 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Brigitte Rizzuto, Secretary



UPCOMING CLUB ITEMS

In March we will be choosing a nominating committee that consist of one person chosen by the president, one person chosen by the board and one person chosen by the club members. They will be responsible to contact members for nomination to the club's Board of Directors for the 2020 - 2022 Biennium. If you would like to be on the nominating committee please let a board member know. Thank you.

Abby will become President and we will be electing President Elect; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer and 2 Directors.

• COMMITTEE UPDATES •

PROGRAMS

Pat Gonyea, Temporary Chair

I think we all enjoyed Dr. Christina Lucas as our speaker in February. She certainly gave us valuable information. Now on to March!!

Our Business meeting is on Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30 pm at Brownstown Community Center on Telegraph Road at King Road. The Board meets at 5:30 pm if you are interested.

Our Dinner Meeting is our Awards Banquet and will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at TV's Grand Event with Social at 6 pm and Dinner at 6:30 pm. The Awards are given following dinner. We like to have a good crowd for this event and we encourage you to invite guests (spouses, family members, friends, prospective new members) to join us. The cost will be \$20 or so. I have to firm it up with Sue at the Grand.

MEMBERSHIP

Linda Crisi, Chair

We had a great New Member Orientation on March 3rd at the Bretton Village Clubhouse. Thank you Chris for securing us a great venue. Thanks to Janelle for doing the visual flip charts.

I would also like to thank Chris, Janelle and Dianne for coming along for support in going over the materials with four of our new/newer members. If anyone else would be interested please let me know and we can set up another one.

The membership committee is planning a membership event on May 6th. A flyer will be circulated shortly with all the details. Our goal would be for each member to try and bring a prospective new person to see what we are all about.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Nancy Nagle, Chair

Please plan to attend the Awards Banquet on March 24th at the Grand Event in Trenton.

We will be honoring the winners of the Soroptimist PRIME, Virginia Wagner and Live Your Dream awards.

Guests are invited to attend. We've also invited our contacts at The Trenton Tribune and The News Herald to be recognized for publishing our news.

Sub-Committees:

Service and Human Trafficking
Sarah Hill & Donna Fickeisen, Service Co-Chairs
Karen Collins, Human Trafficking Chair

SERVICE

No Report

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

No Report

FUNDRAISING

Chris Speedie, Chair

From: Abby Premoe, Chair of
Battle for Freedom

No Report



MORE UPCOMING CLUB ITEMS

In May we will be preparing our 2020 - 2021 Budget. In attendance we need the President, Treasurer and the chair or representative of each of our club pillars; Membership; Fundraising; Public Awareness and Program.

Start thinking about what monies you will need during the next fiscal year. We will set a place; date and time in the near future.

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

6 - Nancy Nagle
17 - Pat Gonyea
23 - Catherine Russell
30 - Sarah Hill
30 - Dottie Brannon



MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

1983 - Gini Lebold
1985 - Marty Evans



APRIL 24 - 26, 2020

Midwestern Region Spring Conference

Kensington Hotel in Ann Arbor, MI

The room rate will be \$125.00 per night.

Spring Conference is always a fun and informative weekend. We received the Call to Conference and it has been emailed to each of you.

Room Registration deadline is March 31, 2020 (but don't wait). Registration cost is \$175.00 for the weekend and all Soroptimist members must pay full registration. **Consider attending!**

Committed to attend so far: Karen, Erika, Linda, Pat G., Nancy, Roni, Donna, Janelle, Dianne & Chris.

*We are still looking for one delegate. A delegate **MUST** attend all business sessions; take notes and be prepared to share your experience with the club at the April business meeting.*

****** Editor's Note ******

Deadline for the APRIL Issue is Monday, April 6, 2020. Please have all items to Chris Speedie by that date. Info can be mailed to the address below or emailed.

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Calendar of Events

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BROWNSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER

21313 Telegraph at King Road

Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

10 BUSINESS MEETING

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24 AWARDS DINNER

THE GRAND EVENT

West Jefferson & West Road • Trenton, MI

6:00 pm Cocktails • 6:30 pm Dinner

**This is our annual Awards Dinner to
present our 3 awards**

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Alternative for Girls

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