

# SoropTalk

Soroptimist International of Canton/Stark County Bi-Monthly Newsletter



Soroptimist International of Canton/Stark County will host its annual fall fundraiser with a Broadway-themed event on Saturday, September 21, at La Pizzeria in Canton, located at 4656 Dressler Rd NW, Canton, Ohio 44718, in the Piazza Room. The doors will open at 10:00 a.m. and the family-style brunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. The public is invited and tickets must be purchased in advance.

In addition to the meal, the event will include a fashion show, a basket raffle, live and silent auctions, and much more. Tickets, \$40 per person, must be purchased online, by September 13, at Event Brite. Youth tickets are available at a reduced price.

As has been tradition for eleven years, Kent State University's Fashion Student Organization (FSO) will present a unique show based on the event theme. Founded in 1983, the Fashion Student Organization at Kent is an organization focused on helping students express creativity and gain hands-on experience in the fashion industry.

"FSO's role in this annual event is an amazing opportunity for our members to be involved with the industry they are passionate about while also learning about the great causes Soroptimist tackles," says Seneca Powers, Kent State student and FSO president. "We are ecstatic to be invited to showcase the talent of our members while supporting women and girls around the world."

Due to the event's growth each year, it has graduated into La Pizzeria's Piazza Room. The extra space has afforded more activities, including a gift card station. Rachel Yost, event chair, says, "We have secured double the amount of gift cards, in an effort to raise additional funds and meet last year's demand for this popular aspect of the event."

Soroptimists work to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment in local communities and throughout the world. There are more than 160,000 Soroptimist members in 21 countries and territories around the world. The Canton/Stark County Club was founded in 1941.

Club president, Janine Dalton, explains her reasons for being a member of Soroptimist. "I am continually inspired by the volunteerism and collaboration of our members for supporting our mission. We make a big difference in the lives of women and girls on a local level and on a global level." To learn more about the organization, or for a link to purchase tickets, visit [www.bestforwomencanton.org](http://www.bestforwomencanton.org).

In the club's 77 years, Canton/Stark County Soroptimists have engaged in hundreds of different projects, based on community needs they have observed throughout the years. The club now works closely with local partners to address the problem of intimate partner violence, human trafficking, and goal-setting for young women. Funds generated from the "Soroptimist on Broadway" event will go directly into these programs, as well as financial awards to encourage women in our community to complete their educational goals and work towards economic independence.

Yost explains, "I am proud to be part of a community that understands we must work hand-in-hand to accomplish the mutual goal of supporting women and girls in our backyard and across the nation."

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**SOROPTIMIST  
INTERNATIONAL OF  
CANTON/STARK COUNTY**

presents

**FALL/AUTUMN  
CLOTHING SWAP**

**Creating awareness about human  
trafficking through a sustainable  
clothing initiative**

**AUGUST 9, 2019  
FRIDAY | 6:00 PM  
MASSILLON MUSEUM**

FREE - Refreshments - Cash bar  
10 articles of clothing max (no jewelry)  
For event information and registration, visit  
[www.bestforwomencanton.org](http://www.bestforwomencanton.org).



You missed a great event! Informative and fun! On August 9th, ladies gathered at the Massillon Museum to hear from experts representing PATHS on ways we can combat human trafficking specifically through a sustainable clothing initiative. Some women who are trafficked, are forced into labor, which can include working in clothing sweatshops. This event was a great way to inform our members and guests about not only what we do to help stop human trafficking, but ways they can take small steps to end human trafficking through a more sustainable lifestyle. Don't buy, swap!







GESSNER HALL





Stay tuned for the next WOW event in October at DVPI. We will be doing a fun fall-themed craft. If you would like to volunteer or donate items, please contact Julie Thornberry [jthornberry82901@gmail.com](mailto:jthornberry82901@gmail.com).

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## Announcements

### Local Women-Focused Events

By: Courtney Johnson-Benson

Hello Sisters. If you have events you would like us to attend or table at on behalf of Soroptimist; please let me know. Thank you again to Alex for sharing a few events in our area.

### CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL: HONORING THE 19<sup>th</sup> AMENDMENT

Last month, we featured Her Flag 2020, an exciting collaborative art project bringing together women artists from the 36 states that worked to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment 100 years ago. If you missed it, [read up on how an Ohio designer and illustrator created a state-specific 18-foot-by-26-foot flag](#). Now, we're sharing more opportunities to learn about the women's suffrage movement this landmark year. Below, you'll find a selection of books from a reading list compiled by the League of Women Voters of Ohio for all ages and reading levels. We'll share new books each month, so stay tuned for more great reads!

### Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019, Louisville Constitution Day Parade Instructions-- For honoring the Centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment

Parade Check-in from 1:00-1:45 p.m. at the staging area at **Louisville Middle School**, 1300 S. Chapel St. The parade will walk about 3 miles, through downtown Louisville, ending at the high school, which is near the Middle School. I will work on details on parking after I see how many of you will be able to participate; since the two schools are relatively close to each other, a shuttle may not be needed.

**WEAR WHITE**--either period costume or modern-day clothing.

**Be fully hydrated!** Hydration should start 24 hours BEFORE the parade and continue parade day. CARRY a bottle of water with you during the parade.

We have an appropriate banner and signs promoting voting.

Please RSVP participation to [h Rubin@neo.rr.com](mailto:h Rubin@neo.rr.com)

**Sat., Sept. 21, 2019, Perry Township Parade Instructions--**

Parade Check-in from **10:15 am-11 a.m.** at the staging area at Doctors Hospital, 420 Austin Ave NW. The parade will walk to Perry High School, 3737 13<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Massillon, where the community Ocktoberfest will be going on. Parade will is expected to be completed **by Noon**. I will work on getting a shuttle ride for us, depending on how many of you can walk this shorter parade.

Details above apply for this parade too. Please RSVP participation to [h Rubin@neo.rr.com](mailto:h Rubin@neo.rr.com)

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# STUFF YOU SHOULD KNOW

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## Club Calendar

### August 2019

- 1 Late fee of \$100 for any club that has not yet paid 2019-2020 dues
- 1 Solicitation letters to clubs for nominations for Federation Board (in region selecting this upcoming cycle) and to all clubs for Fundraising Council
- 8 Soroptimist Club Grant impact reports due from clubs that received 2018-2019 funds

### September 2019

- 1 Late fee of \$150 for any clubs that have not paid 2019-2020 dues
- 2 Headquarters office closed (Labor Day in U.S.)
- 5 On or about this date, overdue 2019-2020 federation dues letters mailed to clubs
- 15 Deadline for all Electoral Area Board Nominations to be received by headquarters (in regions electing this year)
- 15 Deadline for all Fundraising Council Nominations to be received by headquarters

### October 2019

- 1 Club Charter forfeiture if 2019-2020 dues not paid
- 3 Founders Day 25-27 Fundraising Council Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- 31 Mail ballot sent for federation board members in region electing this cycle

## Club President Calendar

### September

- U.S. Clubs: Remind treasurer to file IRS Form 990 by November 15.
- Distribute current club roster and list of committee members (if applicable).

Be prepared to submit names of candidates for region or federation office. Candidates may be from the club or any club in the region. Nominations must be submitted by the date specified in the request.

### October

- Celebrate Founders Day on **October 3** with a special event that highlights SIA's mission of improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. If your club hasn't already submitted your club's Founders Pennies, Founders Day is the perfect time to collect pennies.
- Attend district or area meetings (if applicable) and region conference; arrange for reports to club.

· Begin fundraising for contributions to support federation programs. Your contribution of at least 10% of the money you raise locally will fund the Dream Programs. The remaining 90% funds the club's local projects. Together Soroptimist's collective impact is increased.

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#### **DISTRICT MEETING**

District Meeting will be held October 25-26 in at the DoubleTree Hotel in Newark, Ohio.

#### **FUNDRAISING**

Our Melt fundraiser raised over \$200! Thank you to Mary for coordinating!

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## **Next Business Meeting**

Tuesday, September 3rd

Location: La Pizzeria

3656 Dressler Rd NW

Canton, OH 44718

5:30 PM Dinner

6:00 PM Meeting

#### **Women's Committee**

DVPI could use personal care items like soap, body wash, shampoo, etc. If anyone has anything to give, let Myrna and Julie know. Please contact Julie for more details! [jthornberry82901@gmail.com](mailto:jthornberry82901@gmail.com)

**Club Officers 2017-2020:**

President: Janine Dalton  
Vice President: Julie Thornberry  
Recording Secretary: Tammy Iams  
Corresponding Secretary: Courtney Johnson-Benson  
Treasurer: Kim LeWay

**Board Members:**

Rachel Yost  
Karen Zutali  
Denise Hollenbach



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