



# Soroptical

SI of Columbus & Franklin Co.  
November 2019

## Officer's Message



*Dear Members.*

*When Abby asked me to write this message I thought about my time as a member of this club. I thought about different projects we have done over the years and how we have helped so many women and girls in our community working with Choices, Amethyst and Gracehaven, just to name a few.*

*What I love about this club is that we are not members for social status or individual recognition. We have a mission and that is what we constantly strive for, to help women and girls. Many of the people we have helped do not know our name, Soroptimist, but they will always remember having a safe and beautiful place to stay when they had nowhere else to go or how to cook and sit down and have a meal as a family unit.*

*I am so proud that we are helping teenage girls and our "Dream It Be It" program gets better every year. It is so important for teenage girls to know their value and potential and we help make that happen.*

*Each member brings a special gift to this club and I admire each and every one of you. I am truly blessed to be a Soroptimist.*

*Yours Truly,*

*Malinda*

## Birthdays - November

Vicky Hicks - 10th  
Veronica Stemen - 23rd  
Kristi Urig - 27th



## CALENDAR

113<sup>th</sup> Spring Conference  
April 24-26, 2020  
Kensington Hotel  
3500 S. State St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

SIA Convention  
July 22-25, 2020  
Hyatt Regency Bellevue Hotel  
900 Bellevue Way NE  
Bellevue, WA 98004

\* Registration begins Oct. 2019  
October - Jan 15 cost \$550  
Jan 16 - May 15 cost \$625  
May 26 - July 25 cost \$675

## S.O.L.T. ( Soroptimist Officer Leadership Training)



What are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere;
2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture;
3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages;
4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all;
5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls;
6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all;
7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all;
8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all;
9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation, and foster innovation;
10. Reduce inequality within and among countries;
11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable;
12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns;
13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts (taking note of agreements made by the UNFCCC forum);
14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development;
15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification and halt and reverse land degradation, and halt biodiversity loss;
16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels;
17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development.

## Fundraising

### Poinsettias

Orders will be due November 14th  
Delivery will be Dec. 3rd  
At Kristi Urig's home  
Contact Veronica Stemen



### Dream 250

each ticket costs \$52  
only 250 are available  
if we sell all 250 we profit \$7200  
First draw will be January 7, 2020  
Contact Ann Louise or Veronica for details



By Deanna McCaffrey

Soroptimist International Midwestern Region District II & IV Meeting was held October 25-26, 2019 at the Doubletree by Hilton hotel in Newark, Ohio. Friday evening started with a friendly buffet dinner, Presidents Appeal Purse raffle, and team building events of Escape Room Activities and Inspiration Card Making. Saturday started out with a buffet breakfast for all and call to order by District Directors Barb Flory and Christine Shearer with 59 attendees present. Inspirations, recognitions of first time attendees, and messages from District Directors led into a fun team building event. The team building event gave all attendees the opportunity to take a leadership role while engaging and listening to others. Guest speaker Bonnie Zorc presented on behalf of the Days for Girls International Organization which empowers women and girls in poverty by providing feminine reproductive education and hygiene product kits. All meeting attendees provided generous donations of women and girls panties, washcloths, soap, body wash and plastic bags for additional feminine hygiene kit distribution worldwide. Club donation raffle baskets were beautiful as usual generating \$1,270.00 for our SI Districts. Meeting was adjourned with the Soroptimist Pledge and farewell to friends until next Spring Conference April 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> at the Kensington Hotel in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



Team Diva



### Who am I? A Member Profile

I joined: February 1, 2002

I was invited by: Wendi Stern

Why I joined: I heard about all the fun service projects the club was doing, and wanted to get my hands dirty and help others. It was fun to see projects from start to finish. I also was a stay at home mom at the time I joined, so it gave me an outlet to get out of the house too!

Favorite Soroptimist memory or project: I love going to conferences and meeting new friends. Playing Truth or Dare has taught me a lot about many of my friends in the club. I also enjoy doing the fundraising activities-from Night at the Races to the flower sales, to Music Trivia Night.

Favorite vacation: I took a weeklong trip to Michigan a few years ago and enjoyed going to Mackinac Island and to the Upper Peninsula of MI. It was so relaxing and fun.

Bucket list vacation: I would love to go to Bora Bora!

Favorite movie: I don't really have a favorite movie, but I do enjoy suspense movies or ones that have a twist at the end that you didn't see coming.

Holiday memory: I remember going to our church before Easter with my grandmother, Bosia, to have our Polish Easter food blessed. We would load the food into a wagon and walk about a block to church together.

Most memorable Spring Conference and why: Hmmm...They are all memorable. I think the one where we learned secrets about Sue Wykle was the best!

Soroptimist member who made the greatest impression on me: I would have to say Sally Smittle. She was the Soroptimist Goddess who seemed to know everyone and know every Soroptimist rule!

Something I would like to see our club or SIA do or bring back: I enjoyed going to places and painting or decorating rooms. That was fun!

I am Veronica Stemen  
Proud Soroptimist  
(pictured with sons Troy and Luke)



## Remembering our Past



Having some fun at past District Meetings



## Next Meeting



November 5, 2019

Meeting will start at 6:30 pm

UA Library – 2800 Tremont Rd, Upper Arlington, 43221

Will be in **Classroom B** (down stairs)

**For those interested:** members will meet for dinner across the street at Old Bag of Nails in the Tremont Center.

Expect to start gathering by 5:00-5:15

**\*\*NOTE\*\*** our holiday meeting will be moved to Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> to Vicky Hicks home for brunch. Details forth coming.