**SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN**

**OCTOBER 2020**

**PRESIDENT GAYLE’S MESSAGE**

Happy October and fall is here or it certainly feels like it! In the past this has been our busy month with all the hustle and bustle to roll out our style show but things have changed and I don't know about everyone else, but I am so excited about the launch of our NEW Dream Luncheon Raffle ticket sales. You have been real go getters!!

October is also very exciting this year because of the launch of our new website. We have an updated look with lots of possibilities to attract new members. By the time you read this it will be up and running with PayPal in full run mode. This will give us more possibilities for fundraising in the future. Please check it out as soon as it is up and running.

Meetings this month will continue via Zoom! Hope that we can be back together soon. I sure miss seeing everyone!

Zoom Board Meeting : October 1, 2020 7:00p.m.

Zoom General Meeting: October 8, 2020 7:00p.m.

Please check out the email sent previously about the changes in by-laws. We will be voting to approve these. Let me know if you need the link resent.

The in-person District Meeting is cancelled. There will be Virtual sessions:

October 23, Virtual-6 p.m.

October 24, Virtual- time to be announced

More information and links will be sent closer to the date.

As a club we do need to think going forward how we can attract new members. I have already pointed to the use of the website. Let’s get creative.

Don’t forget to send your monthly raffle money ($16) to Ann so she can forward your name to Jo for the drawings.

Enjoy this fall weather.

See you soon with Zoom!

Gayle

**2020-21 CALENDAR**

**August 1** Live Your Dream Online Portal Opened

**October 16 -17** District I & III Meeting at Essenhaus, Middlebury, IN—cancelled; will have virtual sessions

**October 23-24** District II & IV Meeting at Double Tree by Hilton, Newark, OH—cancelled; will have virtual sessions

**November 6-8** MWR Winter Board Meeting, Middlebury, IN

**November 15** Form 990 due to IRS

**November 15** Live Your Dream Applications Due to Clubs

**December 2** International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

**December 10** Human Rights Day – President’s Appeal

**December 15** Club Live Your Dream Award Winner due to District Director

**2021**

**January 11** National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness in the US

**January 15** Virginia Wagner Award Applications due to Clubs

**January 15** District Live Your Dream Award Winner due to Region Chair

**February 1** Club Live Your Dream Report due to District Director

**February 15** Virginia Wagner Club Award winners due to District Director

**February 15** Region LYD Winner info due to both SIA and Treasurer Audrey Jarvey by Region Chair

**March 1** Soroptimist Club Grant applications due at SI HQ

**March 8** International Women’s Day

**March 8** Virginia Wagner District Winners due to Region Chair

**March 15** Award Report due from District Directors to Governor Elect Christine

**March 31** Region Virginia Wagner Award Winners names to Region Treasurer Audrey Jarvey by Region Chair

**March 31** Governor’s Award Form due to Governor Darcy Merritt

**April 22 & 23** MWR Board Meeting Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Fond du Lac, WI

**April 23-25 2021** Spring Conference Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Fond du Lac, WI

**May 31** Club Giving and Founders Pennies contributions to SIA for 2020 recognition

**June 1** Dream It, Be It Online Club Reporting due to SIA

**July 1** Club Celebrating Success forms due to Kris Armstrong

**CLUB CALENDAR**

October Breast Cancer Awareness Month and National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October 1—7:00 Zoom board meeting

October 8—7:00 Zoom monthly meeting

**October 8—Happy 65th Birthday,**

 **Middletown club**

October 23-24–District Meeting virtual

sessions

March 1—Miami Regional Campus

scholarship applications due to club

April 23-35, 2021—Spring Conference

In Fond du Lac, WI

**NO OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS OR CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

**OCTOBER RAFFLE**

Diane Drennan

**OCTOBER INSPIRATION**

Magda Rinder

**DREAM LUNCHEON RAFFLE**

Everyone has the Dream Luncheon Raffle Procedures that Gayle sent out to you on Sept 9. I just want to clarify a point. Under Procedures it says “All ticket order forms with payment are to be mailed or delivered to Betty.” This order form should only be submitted with payment when Betty needs to fill out a ticket for the purchaser. If you have an actual ticket filled out, you do not need to submit an Order Form. This order form is only to get the information to someone who can fill out the ticket (namely, Betty). When Betty gets this order form she will fill out a ticket stub, make a copy of the ticket and email or mail it to the purchaser so they have a copy of their ticket. If someone fills out their ticket stub and submits it with payment, they will keep the large part of the ticket for their records. This order form is mostly for any tickets ordered from our website, or any additional tickets you want and don’t need me to give you the actual ticket to fill out – eliminates the additional steps of dropping the tickets off to you and picking them up again. The order form with payment can be mailed to me or given to me when I pick up your original tickets that you have sold.

Since we will be meeting on October 8 on Zoom, I would like to have as many as possible of the sold and completed ticket stubs. This will let me log all the tickets into the spreadsheet and get the checks for payment to Ann so that she can deposit them before she leaves town. Also, we can then know how many of the tickets have been sold.

So please let me know when I can pick up your sold ticket stubs with the checks for payment. I am available the following days and times to come by and pick up. If you want to drop your sold tickets off to another member in Middletown to make for fewer pickup points, that is fine with me. Please let me know that you are doing that, so I know where your tickets are.

Wednesday – Sept 30 – Between 12:30 and 1:30 or After 5:30

Thursday - Oct 1 - After 5:30
Friday - Oct 2 - After 1:00
Saturday - Oct 3 - After noon

Sunday – Oct 4 – After 1:00

Monday – Oct 5 – After 4:30

Wednesday – Oct 7 – After 5:30

If you need additional tickets, let me know and I can drop them off to you when I pick up your tickets. I will always bring the remaining tickets with me when I pick up any of the sold tickets. If you have any questions about the process, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thanks,

Betty

**DIRECTORY UPDATE**

Let Elaine know if any info has changed for your listing—different job title, newly retired, new address, new phone number, etc.

**NOTE FROM TREASURER**

Don't forget to send your $16 meeting raffle check to me.  This enters you in all monthly raffles held during our virtual or actual monthly meetings this year.  So far only 3 people have paid and have their name in raffle for the year.  At this rate, I'm excited about being one of three big winners!   Ann Munafo's address is 7194 Hetzler Road, Middletown 45042.

Don't forget to sign up for Kroger Community Rewards with SI Middletown as you designated charitable organization.  If you need help signing up, I would be happy to help.  Middletown Soroptimist will get a percent of sales quarterly. We received a check for $31.68 in June and it looks like we only have 8 people signed up at this time. Sign up for community rewards at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com/). and select Soroptimist International of Middletown, OH or LD932.  You do need to use your Kroger card each time to capture your purchase.

**HOPE HOUSE AND GRANT**

Hope House Update:   HANGERS ARE NEEDED.  If you have any kind of hangers to donate, please call Ann or Beth to arrange for delivery/pickup.  Our grant request to Butler Rural Electric Community Connections was successful and we were granted $410 to help with this project.  Two more requests will be sent out before the end of September. Six baskets have been delivered to Hope House to start off this year.  We have committed to provide 48 baskets over the next twelve months.  Getting our supplies for the baskets is more challenging this year as many of the items we provide are from the Dollar Tree Store are in limited supply and/or on backorder.  Ann

**SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS**

Do you know a woman attending college or technical school who could use some extra money for her schooling? Interested women can find writeable applications on our website [www.middletownsoroptimist.org](http://www.middletownsoroptimist.org) This is an easy way for them to get an application. Every year we struggle to find deserving applicants, so please share this information freely.

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