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## SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE FLAT ROCK AREA

### *SOROPTI-NEWS*

**Midwestern Region**

*P.O. Box 14*

*Flat Rock, MI 48134 USA*

**JANUARY 2020**

*Improving the lives of  
women and girls  
through programs  
leading to social and  
economic empowerment*

#### **2018-2020 OFFICERS**

##### **PRESIDENT**

*Kellie Klingel*

##### **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

*Wendy Smith*

##### **2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

*Cindy Wylonis*

##### **TREASURER**

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*Evelyn Kosowski*

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##### **DIRECTORS**

*Valerie Radar*

*Lynn Uveges*

*Sharon Wilson*

CHARTERED: March 21,  
1952

CLUB #

#### **MEETINGS**

##### **BOARD MEETING**

*4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY OF MONTH*

*6:00pm*

*FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH*

##### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY OF MONTH*

*6PM SOCIAL*

*7PM*

*BIG BEAR LODGE*

### **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Happy New Year Sorooptimists! I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday!

As always, this time of the year seems to be our "busy season", with Expect Respect, the Fashion Show, Spring Conference and, any other small things that pop up in between.

As I stated in my last Newsletter, the group will need to form the nomination committee for the upcoming election year, as we will need to fill the position of Second Vice President (unless, of course, someone is willing to jump right in?) .

I also need to know the following regarding:

1. If you are interested in being on the nomination committee, rather than being "voluntold".
2. If you currently hold a board position, and no longer wish to hold this position, or are unable to uphold the duties of the position;
3. If you are interested in running for a specific board position.

I have many other things for the agenda ..... I hope to see everyone on Tuesday. Missed you all!!!

President Kellie

***"Empowered Women, empower women."***

Soroptomist International of Flat Rock Area  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
**November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m by President Kellie. There were 30 members in attendance with returning guest, Lorrie Milewski.

Motion was made by Joan, seconded by Regina to approve the minutes as read with the correction of \$150 instead of \$250 spent on Adopt a Child. Motion carried.

Finances – Bev  
Report filed for audit.

Fundraising – Shelly  
Posters and tickets were distributed for the Christmas Home Tour on December 7<sup>th</sup>.  
On Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> between 2:00 – 5:00 p.m unsold tickets should be returned. Mary Dale is selling tickets at the Flat Rock Library on Saturday. Ticket price will be \$25 on the day of the tour and \$20 prior to the event. Traffic Jam will be a ticket stop also. Monroe Evening News and the News Herald will do the advertising. There will also be a bake sale on Saturday at the Flat Rock Library beginning a 9:00 a.m. Sign up sheet was sent around for donations. Sign up sheet was also sent around for homes to be worked at as a greeter. The Warming Building will have cookie making and has to be signed up for also.  
Fashion Show is Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be available at our January meeting.

Programs – Gilda  
Thank you to all who helped or donated to Christnet. We had 28 guests.  
Adopt a Child has 8 children through the Flat Rock Preschool Program. Six will be serviced through our membership and two from the club at \$150 each. Bring donations to the Christmas Party on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Besides the outfits, it is encourage to include crayons, coloring books, playdoh, and even children's scissors.  
Christmas Party is Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Del Webb catered by Jim's Butcher Shop starting at 6:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift for auction with all moneys going to the Children's Hospital Toy Closet.

Expect Respect – Amanda is waiting to hear from Judge Jennifer to confirm a date during the first 2 weeks of March.

Women of Distinction – Sharon is all set.

Live Your Dream – Kellie has three applicants, maybe 4. Needs someone to take over this award next year.

Virginia Wagner - Gilda has two applicants from Madonna.

Sondra Robbins Award – Wendy is in need of applicants from high school girls downriver that are doing special projects within their school, church, or neighborhood.

Social Media – Wendy

Members should check in on Soroptomist page on facebook regarding attending our meetings.

Sheets past out regarding Amazon Smile.

Fall Conference -

Bra mobile was a great success. Need to do more success reporting on our events.

Spring Conference is in Ann Arbor, April 24 – 26, 2020.

Baby Shower – Thirty-nine people have signed up for this event on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Noon is set up.

Announcements -

Johann announced that Huron Township is doing Over the River and Through the Woods event selling crafts at their home on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. She has flyers available. Shelly suggested doing a club social event at a Chelsea play April 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup> and include dinner.  
To be discussed later.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted by,

Evelyn Sergent Kosowski

**PROGRAMS***Gilda Kreucher, Chair*

Thanks to all who helped with our 2019 Service Programs. Your participation is so appreciated. The Christmas Party was well attended, and I think all had a good time! We raised a lot of money for the Children's Hospital's Children Closet. Thank you, Regina, for picking up toys for this project and thanks for all who participated. I received a call from Karla Ford (Flat Rock pre school) who thanked our organization for donating clothes and toys for the Adopt A Child Program. Children and parents were so happy. Thanks to all who helped make this program a success. Happy New Year!

**LIVE YOUR DREAM:**

My winner has been selected and sent to the next level for district judging. I also have a runner-up that I feel is well worthy of an award. Both women are single mothers, pursuing their degrees for nursing, one from HFCC and the other from Schoolcraft, who have had a mixture of family and personal hardships, as well as good references, which made the judging process very difficult.

**Baby Shower**

First let me say thank you to all who participated in the baby shower for the Downriver Pregnancy Resource Center. It was a wonderful event and got many lovely baby items and generous cash donations for the very worthwhile charity that benefits mothers, babies and entire families. We have gotten a lovely thank you note from the center that I will bring to the next meeting. Watch this space for details on the 2020 baby shower.

Mary Dale Dickerson

**FUNDRAISING***Shelly Reichlin, Chair*

I am happy to report that the Flat Rock Holiday Home Tour was well received. On the day of the tour \$535.00 was collected for Home Tour Tickets and \$181.25 was collected for the Bake Sale. I do believe that our Treasurer, Beverly, has already collected for early sales of tickets. Once all of the money has been collected, I will submit an Event Report.

A big thank you to all of those that worked on making this possible.

Now it is time to start focusing on our Fashion Show scheduled on Thursday, March 26. Start asking your friends if they are interested in attending.

**MEMBERSHIP***Diane Flynn, Chair*

Our December Christmas Party included a new member installation. Please welcome the following women to our club: Dixie Bartee, Cynthia Fesko, Therese Laskey, Lorri Milewski, and Dawn Starks. Welcome!!!

**Social Media and Soroptimist***Wendy Smith*

We are having more success with our Facebook page. We have had an increase of likes for our page and we are seeing more shares and comments. Don't forget Amazon smile when shopping. Any articles on women topics, please let me know and I can share on our page.

<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS*****</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Tuesday January 7, 2020	General Meeting	Big Bear Lodge Telegraph Rd Brownstown, MI	6pm Social 7pm Meeting
Tuesday January 24, 2020	Board Meeting	Faith Lutheran Church Arsenal Rd Flat Rock, MI	6pm
Tuesday February 4, 2020	General Meeting	Big Bear Lodge Telegraph Rd Brownstown, MI	6pm Social 7pm Meeting
Tuesday February 25, 2020	Board Meeting	Faith Lutheran Church Arsenal Rd Flat Rock, MI	6pm
First two weeks of March	<b>Expect Respect</b>	TBD	TBD
Thursday March 26, 2020	<b>Spring Fashion Show</b>	Crystal Gardens 16703 Fort St Southgate, MI	5pm-9pm
Friday April 24-Sunday April 26, 2020	Spring Conference	Ann Arbor, MI	4pm-Sunday 3pm
May 2020	<b>Dream It, Be It</b>	TBD	TBD
July 22-25, 2020	SIA Biennial Convention	Bellevue, Washington	
<b>Deadline for the February Issue is Sunday February 2, 2020</b> <b>Please</b> have all items to Lynn Uveges by that date. Info can be emailed to address: <a href="mailto:luveges@charter.net">luveges@charter.net</a>			

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