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

Presidents Message.



2018 - 2020 OFFICERS

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Linda Crisi

Chartered:
April 3, 1951
Club # 105319

*Hi SI Ladies,
Happy Thanksgiving!*

Planning for our upcoming events, "Dream It, Be It" and the "Battle for Freedom" is in full force. The VIP tables for BFF sold out in one night. Quite impressive! If you are not part of a committee or part of planning an event, please consider helping. We are in need of assistance with these events.

The month of November is a time to reflect and count our blessings. It's a time to be thankful! I am thankful for each and every one of you! See you at the upcoming business meeting.

Yours in Soroptimist,

Karen

President, SI of Trenton Area

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

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2019
Brownstown Community Center

Meeting called to order @ 6:33pm by President Karen

19 Members in attendance. Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Minutes from September 2019 business meeting approved by Nancy Nagle, 2nd by Cathy Infantado.

Treasurers Report filed for audit.
Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

PUBLIC AWARENESS:

LYD and Prime scholarship applications due November 15, 2019. Virginia Wagner applications due in January.

SERVICE:

DIBI for High School students on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019 at Cook Community Center from 9:00am–3:30pm. Planning meeting 11/6/19 @ 6:30pm at Nancy Nagle's house.

PROGRAMS:

Dinner meeting October 22, 2019 at Mr. Nicks (\$15). Speaker - Hannah McPeak with Hope Against Trafficking. Possible November 26th Dinner meeting at Trenton Art Studio.

MEMBERSHIP:

Orientation for new/seasoned members TBA. Possible membership basket raffle party to be discussed.

FUNDRAISING:

Battle For Freedom January 25, 2020 at Prestige Hall. As of today 12 salons participating. Trenton School of Dance to Open. Partnered with Hope Against Trafficking.
Possible Dress Drive event next year – fall 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

By-Laws updates discussed. Linda to finish final revisions.

NEW BUSINESS:

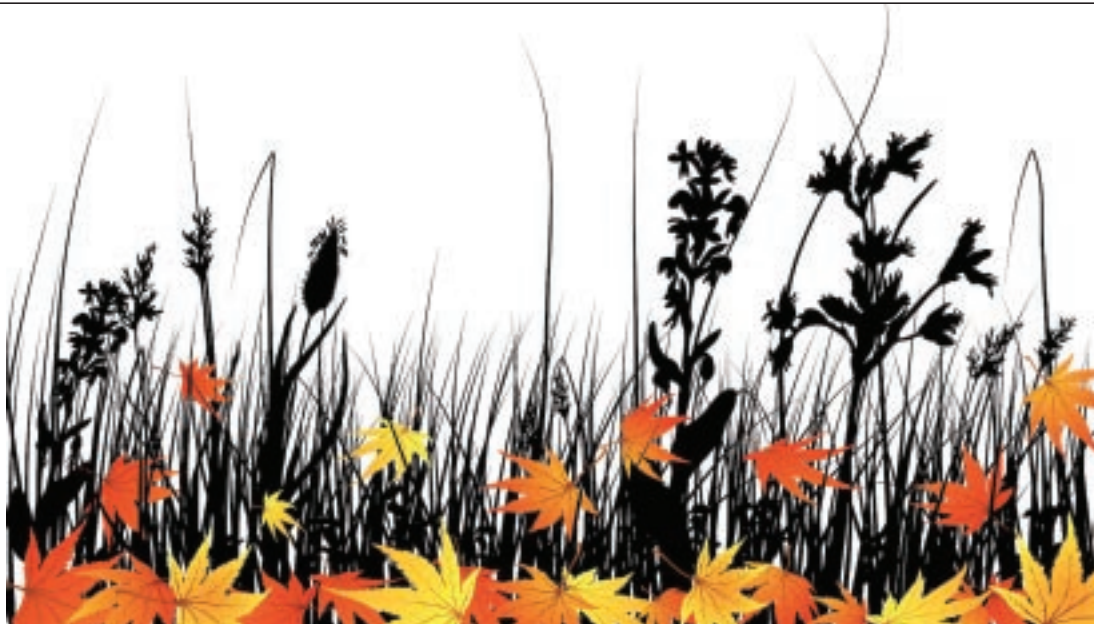
Soroptimist Derby and Fundraising Marathon discussed. Kimberly Bondy to set tentative date/cost to discuss further. Chris & Linda to take Water Box idea to other clubs while at District Meeting for some feedback.
2020 Spring Conference April 24-26 in Ann Arbor
SIA Convention, July 22-25, Bellevue, WA.

MEMBER CONCERNS: None

Next business meeting is November 12, 2019

Motion to adjourn meeting with the Soroptimist Pledge at 7:46 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Brigitte Rizzuto, Secretary



• COMMITTEE UPDATES •

PROGRAMS

Pat Gonyea, Temporary Chair

Business Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30pm at the Brownstown Community Center at Telegraph and King Roads.

Our Dinner Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 26th at The Studio, 2855 West Jefferson, Trenton, MI which is located right across the street from the Police Dept.

It will begin at 6pm. **The cost is \$30** and will include a Taco Bar, soft drinks, wine and a craft project for our program. Please R.S.V.P. to Erika Repasky ASAP for this event. You can BYOB if you like to this event. Sounds like a really great time.

You will be paying The Studio directly that night, so be prepared for that.

We will be having a December Business Meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Since our scheduled dinner meeting is on Christmas Eve, we will not be meeting! Happy Holidays to all!!

MEMBERSHIP

Linda Crisi, Chair

I will announce the date, time and place of the New Member Orientation at our meeting on the 12th of November.

We have 2 new members that attended the last dinner meeting. Welcome to Cecilia Beaty and Chelsea Dobija

Working on a new member event. Thinking Pot Luck, a couple of door prizes and something fun. Also thinking sometime in February as we will be pretty busy getting ready for the Battle for Freedom. Any ideas are welcome.

Again, if you have friends or family that might be interested in our mission let us know and we can send them information.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Nancy Nagle, Chair

Deadline is nearing for applications for Soroptimist PRIME and Live Your Dream Educational Awards. Please continue to spread the word that applications will be accepted until Nov. 15th. So far, there are 3 for PRIME and 2 for LYD. It's frustrating

since we all know the high cost of post secondary education and few apply. Virginia Wagner is due Jan. 15, 2020. Judges are recruited for scoring.

We have been invited by Brownstown Twp. to participate in Holiday Nights like we did last year. It's Friday, December 8th at the Brownstown Community Center from 6-8 p.m.

It's a fun family activity that a few of us attended last year. Set up about 5:15-5:30. It's an opportunity to have membership information, applications, info on trafficking, domestic violence, women's health and advertising Battle for Freedom. The township provides the tent, table, chairs. We just brought our large SI Banner and we sold water and pretzels that Donna, Sarah and I made. I suggest we try to sell water and our other merchandise including bracelets or something more simple than the pretzels. Food we sell has to be approved by event coordinator so it doesn't duplicate what other organizations are selling. I need to confirm with them ASAP but I am not able to coordinate it this year. At least Brownstown recognizes us as a service organization in the community. We can discuss and get final approval at 11-12-19 business meeting.

Sub-Committees:

Service and Human Trafficking

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

SERVICE

Dream It Be It is scheduled for Saturday, November 23, 2019 at Cook Community Center in Gibraltar from 9:00am to 3:30pm.

There will be a planning meeting to review and adjust last year's plan for middle/ high school girls at Nancy Nagle's house on Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30. We will need members to help stuff folders and Dream bags, to help with set up, help with activities, setting up refreshments and most importantly facilitators/presenters for the modules.

These will be teens so they'll probably need more help. Please R.S.V.P. to Nancy if you can attend or are willing to help. We'll also have a sign up sheet at November 12th business meeting.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

No Report

FUNDRAISING

Chris Speedie, Chair

From: Abby Premoe, Chair of Battle for Freedom

Battle for Freedom plans are coming together. Guys, I'm super excited about this year's show! The event is at the Prestige Banquet Hall in Allen Park on January 25, 2020. Tickets went on sale on October 25. VIP tables sold in less than 24 hours!! We actually mistakenly over sold 2! Good problem to have! With that being said. Do not wait to purchase general seating tickets. It's very possible we could have a sell out show! General admission is \$30. Get them at

<http://forms.marts.com/form/1nmt>

We have decided to donate a portion of what we make to Hope Against Trafficking. It's an organization out of Pontiac that helps victims of trafficking. Check out their website <https://hopeagainsttrafficking.org>

At this time we have 8 salons participating, a speaker from Hope Against Trafficking and the Trenton School of Dance opening our show with two songs.

We need your help with sponsorships as well as donations for raffle baskets! We are looking for Michigan, Detroit, or local items for the baskets! We have flyers and sponsorship forms. If you would like us to email you copies, please let me know!! Thank you ladies for all your hard work!! I appreciate you all!



The Acorn Guild

Have you seen Hildy the Acorn Guild squirrel? You can join the Acorn Guild by making a \$100 donation. Money gained by the new

Acorn Guild will support and finance the Dr. Virginia M. Wagner Educational Award. This award is a Midwestern Region award and Midwestern Region is responsible for the funding. When you join the Acorn Guild you will receive a squirrel pin and the knowledge that you are assisting young women.

We've talked and talked for years about declining membership and what to do about it. We've also talked about how declining membership impacts the Virginia Wagner Award since this award is funded by MWR members. Fewer members equal less money for the award. Our solution to the funding question? **The Acorn Guild**. Think of us as squirrels gathering nuts for the winter. Nobody is coming to save us, so we are going to save ourselves.

The Acorn Guild resembles The Laurel Society, with a few exceptions. We're not asking you to donate a thousand dollars to become a member. Unless you want to donate a thousand, we'll take it! We won't have different levels of membership. Donate \$100 dollars and you are a member! Perks of membership include a delightful Acorn Guild sticker and a trinket of some kind – the first one will be a cute little squirrel pin. If you donate the next year, you'll get another doodad. The biggest perk though, is ensuring that the region has the ability to provide the Wagner Award.

This will be a three-year campaign with the goal of reaching at least \$100k. Proceeds will be deposited in a fund, separate from the region's investment portfolio funds. At the end of three years, an annual disbursement of half of earned interest will be withdrawn and used to help fund the Virginia Wagner Award, if needed. There will not be a withdraw if the return is negative or if we have sufficient cash on hand.

The Acorn Guild committee will be composed of a chairman, region governor, and region treasurer. The chairman will be appointed by the presiding governor and will provide fiduciary oversight for the three-year period. Funds cannot be withdrawn without the consent of the region board.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9 - Paetrah Collins
13 - Shelley Amrozi
14 - Terry Morreau



NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

1992 - Linda Crisi
2019 - Cecilia Beaty
2019 - Chelsea Dobija



Have a Happy Thanksgiving

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

Deadline for the DECEMBER Issue is Monday, NOVEMBER 26, 2018. 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

NOVEMBER 2019

6 DREAM IT BE IT PLANNING MEETIN
HOME OF NANCY NAGLE
6:30pm

12 BOARD MEETING
BROWNSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER
21313 Telegraph at King Road
Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

12 BUSINESS MEETING
BROWNSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER
21313 Telegraph at King Road
Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

26 TACO TUESDAY DINNER MEETING
THE STUDIO
2855 West Jefferson, Trenton, MI
(accross from the Trenton Police Station)
Informal fun evening. \$30.00 cost
includes a Taco Bar, beverage, wine and
project you can take home with you.

DECEMBER 2019

10 BOARD MEETING
BROWNSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER
21313 Telegraph at King Road
Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

10 BUSINESS MEETING
BROWNSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER
21313 Telegraph at King Road
Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

24 No Meeting - Have a Great Holiday.