



The Scoop

A Message from the President

As the new President, it's a pleasure working with these wonderful Ladies! I look forward to a New Year of possibilities.

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Holiday!

Diana

Christmas Celebration



The White Elephant Gift Exchange included everything from a calculator, singing toilet paper roll holder, candy, glassware, turtle, golfer and another fuzzy feathered bird! Not to mention our fun festive holiday eyewear!



Calendar*

January 14, 5:00 PM

Business Meeting

Mazza's Restaurant Banquet Room

January 28, 5:00 PM

Jeff Gottke

Knox County Landmarks Foundation

Mazza's Restaurant Banquet Room

February 11, 5:00 PM

Business Meeting

Mazza's Restaurant Banquet Room

February 25, 5:00 PM

Hospice, Virtual Reality Therapy

Mazza's Restaurant Banquet Room

March 8

International Women's Day

March 10, 5:00 PM

Business Meeting

Mazza's Restaurant Banquet Room

March 24, 5:00 PM

KCH, Essential Oils 101

Mazza's Restaurant Banquet Room

April 4, 11:30-2:00 pm

Style Show at Gallagher Centre

April 14, 5:00 PM

Style Show It's a Wrap

Business Meeting

Mazza's Restaurant Banquet Room

**Subject to change*



Days for Girls



Susan Smith, Days for Girls organizer, gave an inspirational speech on the difference the Kits (that include Hygiene information) makes in the lives of young girls. Not only can they get an education by no longer missing school but learn about the personal challenges every young girl should know about young boys and men. At the District Meeting Clubs donated supplies for the Kits.

Approximately 15 million Kits have been distributed in 141 countries with each Kit lasting 3 years.



Fall District Conference in Newark

President Diana Oswalt won a Fall Basket by District Director II Barb Flory and a Michael Kors bag! Our beautiful Fall Conference Basket was by Loretta Reynolds.



Soroptimist of Mt. Vernon / Knox County was represented by Delegate Rhonda Gherman, President Diana Oswalt, Joan Stallard and Loretta Reynolds (absent for photo). The Conference included information on the Four Pillar Updates of Membership, Programs, Public Awareness, and Fundraising. A booklet about Soroptimist and Leadership was given to each club to share with members. Clubs shared many of their own successful fundraising events which were to be emailed to club Presidents. Funds raised during the District Meeting go towards Virginia Wagner 60% and Region Live Your Dream 40%, Purse Raffle for the Presidents Appeal *The Road to Equality*.



Former Midwest Region Governors Vivian Walczesky, Missie Austin, Cheryl Fouts, Joan Stallard, Vicky Hicks



The Road to Equality

SI PRESIDENT'S APPEAL 2019 - 2021

THE ROAD TO EQUALITY, our next Soroptimist International (SI) President's Appeal, was announced by President-Elect Sharon Fisher as she invited Soroptimists around the world to join her on a two-year road trip to find and empower women and girls who have been left behind. The Appeal will raise awareness of human rights challenges that prevent women and girls from reaching their full potential.

Sharon explains: "The Road to Equality Appeal, 2019-2021, will focus on issues already the focus of much of the SI advocacy work, such as child marriage, FGM/C, the rights of older women, human trafficking, migration, and domestic violence. A grassroots project for each topic will bring stories from the field that we can share, allowing Soroptimists to turn up the volume of our global voice. Webinars and seminars will unite our membership, and host important conversations that bring to life the stories, issues and challenges that matter to women and girls. On the road we will renew relationships and make new ones as we join together with other organizations travelling together to increase our presence and our impact – none of us can do the job alone.

The adoption of the 2030 Agenda pledged to ensure '**no one will be left behind**' and to '**endeavour to reach the furthest behind first**'.

Please join us from 1 October, 2019 through to 30 September, 2021 on **The Road to Equality** as we transform the lives of women and girls through innovative projects and activities, with your valued financial support, your voice and your commitment.

The coordinators joining us on 'The Road to Equality' are Ayushi Kundu and Olga Sidenko, who will work within a team that will include a representative from each Federation, to ensure that this appeal is brought to life.

Good luck to you all and thank you in advance for your support."

Sharon Fisher, President-Elect 2020-2021

Midwest Region Spring Conference April 24, 25, 26



Kensington Hotel
3500 S. State Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
734-761-7800

Make Reservations early!

Step into Spring Style Show April 4



Co-Producers Diana Oswalt,
Chris Kompton

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 am

Individual Tickets: \$25

Corporate Tickets: \$250

*8 tickets includes prime
seating and favors*

GALLAGHER CENTRE

Ohio Eastern Star Home

1451 Gambier Road

Mount Vernon

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Soroptimist is a global women's organization whose members volunteer to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

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Retiring the SI Emblem



SIA no longer uses the SI emblem on its materials. The SIA Board of Directors issued a new logo policy calling for all clubs to cease use of the SI emblem by the end of 2019 to be replaced by the S logo.

The Vision

**Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel
to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge
you build to overcome evil and welcome good.**

Dr. Maya Angelou

From the Editor

Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season! :) Just thought I'd share a poem given to my father-in-law from my mother-in-law to start off the New Year as we all have a lot to be grateful for:

**Keep this little card as a reminder that you're the one
who makes hopes worth sharing,
Dreams worth daring, Risks worth taking,
Plans worth making, Life worth living, Love worth giving,
You're my husband, My one and only love.**

Although my In-laws have passed on I'm grateful for my husband and gave the poem card to him for his wallet. A few things that I'm grateful for are my kids, as my daughter moving out after getting her college degree while recently getting engaged and my son deciding to move out after completing trade school. I'm grateful that both are using their education working and doing well living on their own and getting used to calling the Apartment Manager for repairs instead of mom and dad! :) I'm grateful for my 'walking coach' Max, our Sheltie, as he makes sure I get in a few walks daily. :)

Thanks to those for sharing with all of us in the *The Scoop* newsletter. As this is the Club's newsletter everyone is encouraged to contribute, please email to cgherman@columbus.rr.com info or photos for the Spring Issue by April 20. This issue has the latest information available, any corrections will be published in the next issue. It's a joy to serve as *The Scoop* Editor.

See you at the next meeting!

Rhonda Gherman, Editor

P.S. Please feel free to share the newsletter via email or a print copy.

"To address climate change, we must use more wood, not less."

Dr. Patrick Moore, Co-Founder, Greenpeace