



## September 2 Meeting

Meetings starts at 6:15 PM, arrive earlier for social time Lakeside Park at the Frazier Shelter on Frazier Drive, in FDL.

Bring your own food, beverage, snacks, and maybe a chair to ensure social distancing.

Attire is summer comfortable clothing, but don't forget your jacket, in case of weather.

For those not comfortable meeting in person, there will be a zoom access available.

The zoom meeting ID is 703 877 2293, room will be open at 6:00 PM.

## September Birthdays

September 6 – Terri Jacobson  
 September 14 – Denise Wartgow  
 September 17 – Laurel Nett  
 September 26 – Karla Reehl  
 September 28 – Linda Uselmann

## Information from our President

***May the sun shine on your shoulders, May luck and love be your friends, For now, always, forever, 'Til we meet again...***

Here we are, getting together again (somewhat) for the first time since March! While it's been great to see everyone on Zoom and in the occasional small group, it'll be interesting to be able to see so many at once, CAREFULLY. So, the meeting next Wednesday will be at Frazier Shelter in Lakeside Park (across the street from the playground/splashpad, on the lake side of the road where the Holiday Light Show happens every year). Because of COVID, a few adjustments.

If you're coming to the park, BRING YOUR OWN:

bandana (mask/face covering)

bottle

buffet (or even better, eat before the 6:15 start time)

blanket

bug spray

butt spot (if you don't like picnic tables, or want to sit further apart)

If you can't come or don't feel comfortable coming to the park, Dez will host a group on Zoom, and we're planning to link that up with the group at the park.

No business meeting per se; we'll do minutes and treasurer reports and such in October. This meeting is mainly for installation, celebration, revelation, and raffle kickoff. There may be some after-activities...stay tuned!

***As weird as this year has been, it doesn't hold a candle to me.  
 We'll handle it, as we do. And please remember, that  
 whatever it is that you're able to do, YOU ARE ENOUGH.***

*President Linda*

## A bit more from our President

### Taking Care of Business

...is not business as usual.

- Dream It, Be It will be postponed until spring, for sure
- the Bazaar did not happen this summer; watch for news
- Chocolate Fantasy will not be scheduled this year, we have decided to focus on the raffle, and helping our community (however that will look) –See Chocolate Fantasy Article
- Meeting and Planning will be planning month-to-month, as we have seen the unpredictability of things; we may still be able to have speakers and such on Zoom, if things continue to decline and not get better with respect to safety/FDL county Phases

...but there are still ways to contribute!

- Participate in the raffle
  - Remind folks that Edith's ornaments are available from Donna and soon, the courthouse and Edith's itself
  - Let Linda know you'd like to help setting up our new scholarship for high school girls, to replace Violet Richardson award. We'll need a name, format, criteria, etc.
  - Contact Whitney and talk with her about her Little Free Pantry idea
  - Keep storing that Bazaar stuff for just a little while longer
  - Keep supporting one another through thick and thin, because that's what Soroptimists do!
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### 52 Pick Up – Exciting and Encouraging Raffle to involve our entire community!

Based on the feedback from most club members and the legwork of some dedicated folks, we are ready to get going with a social-distance friendly fundraiser, the CLUB 250 raffle!

#### DEETS/NEEDS:

- never more than **250** tickets sold
- gonna cost **\$52 each** (\$1 per week to support women and girls, locally to internationally!)
- give out **\$100 per week**, with a final drawing Dec 29th for **\$500** (HAPPY Holiday\$ to someone!)
- you can view the drawings weekly all through 2021, Wednesdays at 5:30, **weekly buddies needed** to draw with me!
- up to 51 wins; weekly **winners re-entered**
- never make sales online; we can **advertise online**, though
- gonna need some **savvy folks to craft messaging** that we can share online and/or on flyers
- let the mathletes among you figure out that our profit is **\$7,400**, minus costs (printing/ads?)
- you will all **put forth your best effort** to make this work, right?
- down in the nitty-gritty, we'll need a **person/crew to assign numbers to buyers & catalog** their pertinent information



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Weeks.



## District I News

I know it was a disappointment that both Spring Conference and District Meeting were cancelled this year. Connie and I were so looking forward to these meetings, and knowing many of you were considering attending made it even more exciting. Well, I have some great news . . .

**DISTRICT MEETING is going VIRTUAL!!!**

### October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5	6	7	8	9
11	12	13	14	15	16
18	19	20	21	22	23
25	26	27	28	29	30

Look at your calendar and pencil in time for this ground-breaking meeting of Soroptimists in the Midwestern Region! We know you'll want to be part of this unique meeting and will enjoy the presentations.

We are in the planning stages and will keep you updated with all the details as soon as possible.

Many of the District I Clubs are continuing with Zoom meetings and we hope you will continue on this path until we can meet in person. Connie and I have been able to participate and hear what each club has been doing to continue the SOROPTIMIST mission.

Yours in Soroptimist

Susan and Connie

Report from your editor, which also includes a report from your Chocolate Fantasy leadership team,

Greetings sisters,

I cannot even believe that we are starting another new year with our soroptimist club. As per usual, I want to state that I am forever grateful to be a member of this club. It is always a privilege to work with like minded individuals to ensure that solutions are offered to everyone we encounter. I also know that this pandemic has caused many different opportunities to help within our communities and throughout the world. I look forward to being a part of all of our activities that we will undertake and ensure that I am here to help out with whatever we plan to do. Thanks for everything. Please don't forget to send ideas and such to [beaconeditor@gmail.com](mailto:beaconeditor@gmail.com)

Now, onto the Chocolate Fantasy decision. On March 17, I met with Dawn and a staff member at the Retlaw to discuss the possibilities of holding Chocolate Fantasy, it was very early on with the pandemic. Dawn and I looked at one another and stated how can we ask our local businesses to donate when we had no idea the devastation they would be facing. As time progressed, we continued to ask similar questions. We searched for a solution. We sent a survey, which many of you replied to and the results showed that of the 29 members of our club that replied 93% replied that they felt that postponing Chocolate Fantasy 2021 was a good idea, and 90% replied that doing some sort of raffle in place of Chocolate Fantasy was acceptable. Our club has spoke, and we are heart you. I cannot speak entirely for Dawn, but I am certain she would agree that we will both help out in any way with the Raffle spoke about in The President's informative report.

Dawn and I have also agreed to continue to serve as Chocolate Fantasy co-chairs for the 2022 Celebration and the 25<sup>th</sup> year of this fundraiser (if the club agrees of course). Just wanted to let you all know. Thanks!

*dezzz G - Beacon Editor and Chocolate Fantasy Co-Chair*