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## SOROPTINEWS—SIMIDDLETOWN

JANUARY 2020

### PRESIDENT MARTI'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!!

Let's ring out the old and ring in the new as we look to the future and increasing our membership!

Feeling my Celtic heritage, I will offer you Celtic New Year Blessings!

"Always remember to forget

The troubles that pass away.

But never forget to remember

The blessings that come each day."

and

"Count your blessings instead of your crosses.

Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes.

Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears.

Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full times instead of your lean.

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth.

Love your neighbor as much as yourself."

Blessings

*President Marti*

JANUARY



## **JANUARY MEETING**

Unless we hear otherwise, we'll meet at Sue and Rick's for dinner and Holiday Auction. The membership committee will be in touch with the details.

## **HOPE HOUSE UPDATE**

Another 7 "Going Home Bathroom Baskets" were delivered to Hope House before Christmas. The baskets were for the end of December and all of January. This brings our total baskets delivered since the first of September to twenty (20). We still have not heard back from Menards about our mop request for 48 mops for the year, so I will be following up on our request in January.

If you missed Tammi Ector, Director of the Hope House Center for Women and Children when she spoke at our Soroptimist meeting last fall or would like to hear her again, she and Tim Williams, Hope House Director, will be speaking at an upcoming Middletown Rotary Club meeting. They are scheduled to join us on Tuesday, January 21 at noon at Central Connections. Please feel welcome to attend as my guest.

Ann

## **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

Do any of you have any updates for our membership directory? Maybe you received a new phone or computer or e-mail address for Christmas. If so, give updates to Judy or to Barb to print in the newsletter.

Barb's new e-mail

[bflory2307@gmail.com](mailto:bflory2307@gmail.com)

## **JANUARY INSPIRATION**

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## **JANUARY RAFFLE**

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## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

January 6—Betty

## **JANUARY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

Dee—1998

Beth—1998

Marti—2017

Diane—2018

Jennie—2018

## **SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS**

Do you know a woman attending college who could use some extra money for her schooling? Interested women can find writeable applications for Virginia Wagner Award and our Miami Regional scholarship 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.

Virginia Wagner applications are due January 15.

## **SPRING CONFERENCE**

Spring Conference will be April 24-26 in Ann Arbor Michigan. Put the date on your calendar now and plan to attend Spring Conference

## PINS

Remember to wear your pin and nametag to the meetings. Otherwise, feed the piggy bank. The money collected in the piggy bank goes toward operating expenses. Feed the piggy \$1 if you forget to wear your pin or if you have a birthday during the month.

## KROGER PLUS CARD

If you are a Kroger Plus Card holder, make sure you select SI Middletown as your community giving partner. That way, when you shop at Kroger, a percentage of your spending will be donated back to the club.

Visit <http://kroger.com> Once logged in to your Kroger account, you can search for Soroptimist International of Middletown, OH either by name or LD932 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address, and a rewards card. If you do not have a rewards card, you can get one at the customer service desk.

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Fun was had by all at our sock exchange party—plenty of unique gifts and laughs.

## CALENDAR

January 2– 6:30 board meeting at Mt. Pleasant

January 9-- **Change of location.**  
Dinner and auction will be held at Sue and Rick's

January 13—National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness

January 15—Virginia M. Wagner applications due to club

March 1—Miami University Regional applications due to club

March 31—Governor's Club Award form due to Gov. Kris

April 24-26—Spring Conference in Ann Arbor, Michigan

July 22-25—46<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in Bellevue, Washington