



Soroptimist International Midwestern Region

November
2019
Edition

The Vision

2019 Date to Remember

- **11/15** Form 990 due to IRS
- **11/15** Live Your Dream Applications Due to Clubs
- **12/15** Club Live Your Dream Award Winner due to District Director

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Happy Autumn!

District Meetings are complete – thank you to our terrific District Directors and Secretaries for planning and facilitating the meetings. As we move into November, we all need to be mindful of a couple of deadlines. Form 990 is due to the IRS by 11/15, so make sure that your club gets that done. If you have any questions, please contact your Director. The 15th is an important date because it's also the last day to accept Live Your Dream applications. Please make sure that your club is checking the portal several times a week to check for applicants. If your club does not get any applications, please alert Governor Elect Darcy, or LYD Chair, Lynn High. You should also be receiving Wagner applications, if you're not, make sure to reach out to your local colleges and advise them of this monetary award.

It was great to see so many of you at Districts 1/3 meeting and it really stunk not being able to make it to the 2/4 meeting. I wrote a FaceBook post about that and am sharing here:

Greetings Midwesterners - this is a message about transparency.

Some of you may recall that I had an ACDF procedure in 2018 in which part of my cervical spine was fused. And it worked great! For awhile... Unfortunately, I'm now dealing with bone spurs in the same area which may or may not also be growing under

the titanium hardware. I'll know more after a 10/28 consultation as to if I'll need another surgery or if cervical epidurals will do the trick.

I attended the Districts 1/3 meeting this weekend but as much as I enjoyed the meeting, it was a mistake to go. Lesson learned, so I won't be traveling to Newark for the 2/4 meeting. My travel time window seems to be three hours.

I'm really sorry to miss the 2/4 meeting and I'm sorry that I've not been able to make any club visits this year - it sucks and it is not how I expected the whole Governor experience to go. I am hoping to make it to Indy's Designer Purse Bingo though, and hope to see lots of you there.

Shorter story: I'll be fine and I appreciate your patience and support while I deal with this nonsense.

The Region is carrying on without any hiccups, proving that leadership is indeed fundamental. It's so important to have leaders on the region board like GE Darcy who can step up and run the show. It's imperative that we have leaders at every level of our organization, so I hope that you all continue to widen your skill sets and increase your Soroptimist acumen. I'd planned to share this nugget of wisdom at the 2/4 meeting, so will share it here now.

"Be grateful for what you already have while you pursue your goals. If you aren't grateful for what you already have, what makes you think you would be happy with more."

— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

Kris Armstrong
Midwestern Region Governor

Soroptimist International Midwestern Region

2020-2022 MWR Nomination Form

DEADLINE for the Nominations Forms is:
DECEMBER 20, 2019

Dear Clubs in the Midwestern Region,

Just a reminder that nominations are open in our region for the 2020-2022 Governor-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, all District Directors and all District Secretaries.

By clicking on this link you will be directed to [members only – tools & resources - then click on the 2020-2022 MWR Nomination Form and download](#). Nomination forms will also be available at both District Meetings.

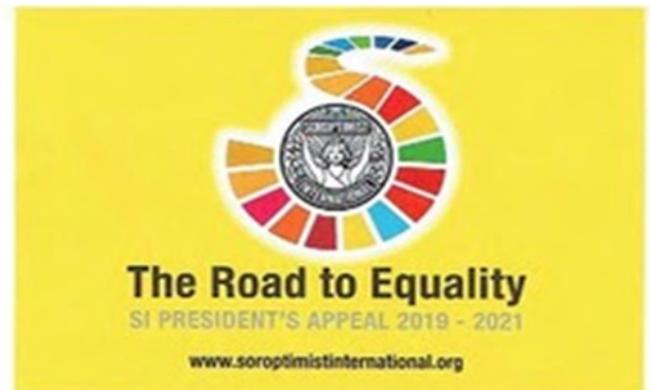
Please consider stepping up and taking a board position.

If you have questions, please contact the Region Nomination Chair Valencia Clark at vclark003@columbus.rr.com

December 10th, 2019-2020 President's Appeal

SI President-elect Sharon Fisher, from British Columbia, Canada, announced her December 10th President's Appeal at the SI convention in Malaysia. The Road to Equality will focus on the role SI can play in achieving gender equality as we develop capacity and raise awareness on human rights challenges that prevent women and girls from reaching their full potential. Look for more information when the new appeal launches on October 1.

Soroptimist International created a new logo representing this year's Presidential Appeal. Soroptimist International and the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women are working to improve the lives of women and girls worldwide as relates to gender equity, the fifth UN-CSW sustainment goal. The large S stands for Soroptimists. The color squares represent the UN Sustainment Goals. The circle with the women's arms raised representing empowerment, is the Soroptimist International logo.



The Road to Equality

UN Secretary General, Mr. Antonio Guterres has stated that achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls is the "unfinished business of our time, and the greatest human rights challenge in our world." The adoption of the 2030 Agenda pledged to ensure "no one will be left behind" and to "endeavour to reach the furthest behind first".

The Road to Equality will focus on the role Soroptimist International can play in achieving gender equality as we develop capacity and raise awareness on human rights challenges that prevent women and girls from reaching their full potential. Child Marriage, FGM, Domestic Violence, Trafficking, Migration and the rights of Older Women are some of the issues that our UN representatives and your SI team advocate for globally. We ask for your financial support, your voice and your commitment to impact these human rights issues on the Road to Equality through the following actions:

- Support best practice projects that create change in grassroots communities.
- Soroptimist regional forums & webinars to create awareness while increasing our profile. We will bring people together around our Soroptimist Mission, including identifying lived experiences and knowledge within our membership in finding our advocacy voices.
- Networking with other organisations to increase our collective Global Advocacy Voice.

The Road to Equality launches October 1, 2019
Watch for announcements and news at www.soroptimistinternational.org.

Soroptimist International Of Greater Macomb

Stay tuned for more information as it develops

<h1>4.16.2020</h1>	<h3>Soroptimist Greater Macomb</h3>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited Seating • Silent Auction • Raffle • Speakers 	<h1>Save the Date</h1>
	<p>75th Anniversary and Award Banquet</p>		
	<p>BEAUTIFUL PAST ~~ BRILLIANT FUTURE</p>		
	<p>Italian Cultural Center Clinton Twp., MI</p>		
			

Public Awareness

New Club Brochure

As you recently heard, SIA has refined its brand image and messaging. Our updated look, language and logo are beautifully featured in this newly designed [bi-fold brochure template](#) that clubs can easily customize and print from home or provide to a professional printer. The brochure is available in all languages and available from the translated resources pages.

Updated Website Guidelines

Does your club wish to learn what building a website entails? Do you have an out-of-date website that needs sprucing up? Check out SIA's updated [website guidelines](#). It walks you through the building process and provides information on creating an engaging site that fosters the Soroptimist brand, promotes the mission and markets your club. The guide is available in all languages

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL EMBLEM

Submitted by Mary Ellen Burke, SI Grosse Pointe, Michigan

This summer there have been many discussions about the Soroptimist International emblem on the SI Chat line, the SI Facebook Friends, and One Global Voice. The original SI emblem is on a circle pin, which was given to you when you were inducted into Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe. It is still the SI emblem, however, SI of the Americas and SI of Great Britain and Ireland have created a unique registered trademark, a “S” logo to take its place. The original emblem appears to have an Anglo-Saxon woman, which is no longer viewed to be an appropriate symbol to represent the diversity of all the women Soroptimists around the world. Soroptimist International of Europe and Soroptimist International of South West Pacific, have not created a new emblem, but are advocating for a universal emblem to represent all four federations.

In the course of these discussions, Chris Knight, SI of Moreton North, Australia, has emailed everyone an extract from the Soroptimist International Articles of Association, as a reminder of exactly what it means to be a Soroptimist. She states “I would again just emphasize that the one aspect that unites us all no matter where you live in this world is the name, Soroptimist International, pure and simple.”

Amended 03.12.2018 by ballot AR03

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Preamble

Soroptimist International is a not for profit organization first constituted as an unincorporated Association in 1928 to unite the Federations of Soroptimist International service clubs for women across the world and to promote, empower, enable and encourage the furtherance of the Objects of Soroptimist International in all parts of the world. The Soroptimist movement began with the founding of the first Soroptimist club in Oakland, California, USA in 1921.

It is a global voice for the improvement of the lives and status of women and girls through awareness, advocacy and action.

Soroptimist International is and always shall be strictly neutral upon matters of political controversy between nations, upon party politics and upon matters of religion.

Soroptimist International has an emblem, which is intended to be uniform throughout the world, and protected by the member Federations from undesirable publicity and commercial exploitation. The emblem may be used by member Federations, their constituent Clubs and individual Soroptimists to identify themselves as part of the worldwide Soroptimist International movement.

The emblem consists of a circular disc on which the figure of a woman holds the banner “Soroptimist” in up-lifted arms; spreading sunrays form the background; from the banner on one side fall acorns and leaves of oak and on the other side, leaves of laurel; the word “International” completes the outer circle.

The principles of Soroptimism are to strive for:

- The advancement of the status of women;
- High ethical standards;
- Human rights for all;
- Equality, development and peace; and
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

End of Extract References

To the best of my knowledge and confirmed with SIHQ there is no SI Constitution anymore as we are now an incorporated company. (per Chris Knight)

Articles of Association on the SI website <https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/members-area/articles/>
SI also has by-laws for more specific guidance <https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/members-area/si-resources/>

Regardless of the emblem Soroptimist International women use, the title Soroptimist International symbolizes women who are committed to improving the lives of women and girls by promoting the principles as stated in the Articles of Association quoted above. We are all proud to call ourselves members of Soroptimist International.



SI Original Emblem



SI of the America's



SI of Great Britain and Ireland

Currently, SIGBI, SIE, and SISWP are all using the original emblem on their websites. SIA is no longer using this logo. SIA is committed to being recognized with their new emblem, as a brand.

Soroptimist International District I Secretary Connie Gindt

GREETINGS FROM MIDDLEBURY INDIANA
Submitted by District I Secretary Connie Gindt

The District I & III meeting was held October 18 & 19 at the beautiful Das Essenhaus. Our fearless Directors Mary Pilon and Susan Frankel had a jammed packed agenda that included reports from the SIA Convention, the new President's Appeal "The Road to Equality," and the Celebrating Success awards critique.

The Friday night Dream It Be It dream collage activity was fun and really made each person consider where they've been in their life and what they've accomplished. The message of "keep on dreaming" was on all our minds by the end of the activity.

Our "Thinking Outside of the Box" theme was represented in many ways; craft boxes, boxes of candies at the tables, the raffle baskets were actually raffle boxes, the table discussion instructions were all in boxes (except the "thinking outside the box" table), and the directors and secretaries posed in Barbie Doll boxes!

The table discussions covered the four Soroptimist pillars as well as five other topics. The information was shared and hopefully members left with one or two good ideas for improving their club experience.

Mary Dale Donald from SI-Illiana spoke on the importance of *Leading a Golden Life* and had us laughing at ourselves and considering what is important in our lives. This was an excellent presentation for personal growth. Good job Mary Dale!

We heard from Governor-elect Darcy Merritt about nominations to the Region Board of Directors as well as Leadership.

Governor Kris Armstrong spoke on Leadership and encouraged clubs to "Do Soroptimist."

Vivian Walczesky from SI-Trenton invited everyone to the Spring Conference in Ann Arbor, Michigan next April. I heard a BIG PARTY is on the agenda which means we'll all be there!

The overwhelming number of bras donated for Free the Girls was sensational. They were displayed in large bags on the stage at the front of the room for all to see. We only needed four vehicles to drop off the loot in Chesterton. What good feeling that was to know how many women we are assisting in that program. I salute all who donated, bagged, delivered and dropped off these bras.

Nice rooms, good food, good shopping and great company made the weekend extra special.



Soroptimist International District II & IV District Meeting

Soroptimist International Midwestern Region District II & IV Meeting was held October 25-26, 2019 at the Doubletree by Hilton hotel in Newark, Ohio. Friday evening started with a friendly buffet dinner, Presidents Appeal Purse raffle, and team building events of Escape Room Activities and Inspiration Card Making. Saturday started out with a buffet breakfast for all and call to order by District Directors Barb Flory and Christine Shearer with 59 attendees present. Inspirations, recognitions of first time attendees, and messages from District Directors led into a fun team building event. The team building event gave all attendees the opportunity to take a leadership role while engaging



and listening to others. Guest speaker Bonnie Zorc presented on behalf of the Days for Girls International Organization which empowers women and girls in poverty by providing feminine reproductive education and hygiene product kits.

All meeting attendees provided generous donations of women and girls panties, washcloths, soap, body wash and plastic bags for additional feminine hygiene kit distribution worldwide. Club donation raffle baskets were beautiful as usual generating \$1,270.00 for our SI Districts.

Meeting was adjourned with the Soroptimist Pledge and farewell to friends until next Spring Conference April 24th - 26th at the Kensington Hotel in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Submitted by Deanna McCaffrey

Soroptimist International of Indy Metro

As we enter our 10th year as a club within Soroptimist, we continue our mission to reach more women and teen girls through mentoring and encourage women to pursue their goals through participation in our annual award programs, the Live Your Dream and the Virginia Wagner Awards.

This summer we held a fundraiser called, "Quiz for a Cause" at Indiana City Brewing. We had several club members form trivia teams but this outing also included "quiz team regulars" who attend the hosted trivia event weekly around the city. While stretching our random trivia knowledge, we had fun while helping to get our name out in the community and we did a little membership team building too. Our teams were named ("SME's", "Geneva said be here!" and "Jenny swipes right"... Yes, we do have a sense of humor!)

Also, during our summer season, we continued to meet and discuss ideas to further our club's mission and agreed to continue our mentoring program with a group of teen girls at Lawrence North High School. Girls Empowered and Motivated to Succeed (GEMS), is sponsored by a group of dedicated teachers, led by Kelly Britton and includes girls in their high school- from Freshmen to Seniors. We ended the last meeting in May with gifts for the graduating seniors that included a book- "Girl Wash Your Face" by Rachel Hollis and its accompanying journal so they could write their thoughts and dreams down.



Quiz for a Cause "Fun"draiser- July 2019, (SME's- Co-President Sara Shephard, Taylor and friend, Amber Finley)

Soroptimist International of Cleveland

It was great to see everyone at district meeting in Newark. Cleveland was excited to be a group of first-time attendees! It's great for our club to meet more



seasoned members and hear what other clubs do! November we will start our drawing for our 250 tickets, host our first DIBI program as well as nominate our first

LYD recipient! We are looking forward to continuing the Soroptimist mission!

Picture: Shannon Parente, Christine Shearer, Lori Long, Lauren Rudman, Ann Lang

Soroptimist International of Chicago



JoAnne Klein of SI Chicago, drops off bras collected at Dist. 1 & 3 meeting at Free the Girls collection center.

Soroptimist International of Greater Macomb

After months of work and planning SI

Greater Macomb held our Second Annual Steps Toward Freedom 5K Walk/Run at River Bends Park in

Shelby Twp. on Sunday, October 13th. We enjoyed perfect weather: clear skies, comfortable temperatures and bright sunshine. We also enjoyed apple cider, doughnuts, and fresh fruit.



It's only our second year and we would have liked to have more participants; but we did have a least one participant who had never heard of us, but saw our ad on Facebook. We were also fortunate that we had a number of corporate sponsors.

Soroptimist International of Suburban Chicago

Suburban Chicago inducted a new member, Guelnur Sentuerk, at the October 17th Meeting. Guelnur was a Soroptimist in Germany and has a passion for helping women. We welcome Guelner.



Picture:
Lisa Heurich, Guelnur Sentuerk and Marie Delos Santos

Soroptimist International of Milwaukee

Plans for Dream It, Be It Taking Shape



Plans are coming together nicely for SI Milwaukee's first Dream It, Be It outing, President-Elect and event chair Aundrea Price told the club at its Sept. 14 meeting.

To get more of a feel for the event, the meeting was held at Sojourner Family Peace Center in the very room in which 12 to 15 high school sophomore girls, mentors, facilitators and club members will gather on Nov. 2.

"We've had quite a lot of interest from people who want to participate or want more information, even from people quite a way out of Milwaukee, thanks to the SI-Milwaukee.org website," Aundrea said.

She said she expects confirmation of participants and contributions by the time of the club's next business meeting on Oct. 12 at The Brass Key Restaurant.

At the September meeting Aundrea handed out packets to all members containing details of the proceedings and materials they can use in soliciting support in the community. Also in the packet is a copy of the evaluation form participants will be asked to fill out at the end of the day. "This will be very helpful to us in planning for next year," Aundrea said.

She also credited co-chair Mary Esser for her work with educators in locating girls who would be interested in and benefit from a day planning their futures. Additionally Aundrea thanked SI Fond du Lac, and the national Soroptimist organization for providing her with plentiful guidance and materials.

Soroptimist International of Chicago

SI Chicago President, Terry Phillips, met with Illinois Senator Tammy Duckworth, to discuss the proposed Breast Cancer Patient Equity Act.

Senator Duckworth is the lead sponsor of Senate bill S. 565, a bill that would expand Medicare coverage in include custom breast prosthesis for women recovering from mastectomy surgery.

The breast is the only part of the human body that is not covered by Medicare for a custom prosthesis which is clearly a bias against women who have had breast cancer.

Sen. Duckwork is an ideal candidate to bring awareness of this problem as a women who lost both of her legs when her helicopter was struck while deployed serving in the Iraq War in 2004 and now wears leg prosthesis.

To learn more about S. 562 and its companion House bill H.R.1370 go to www.lettherdecide.org

LET HER DECIDE

Helping you choose a post-mastectomy solution that works for you. Join us in getting Medicare coverage for custom breast prostheses.



Soroptimist International of Greater Macomb



Thursday, October 17 we held a Program Meeting at the South Branch of the Clinton/Macomb Library. Our speaker was Nate Knapper from the Joseph Project.



Nate has a legal background; formerly one of Michigan’s Assistant Attorneys General, Nate is now with the FBI. He recently established this new

501-C-3 organization which works to acquire pro bono legal representation for Human Trafficking survivors. They are establishing links to tax / financial, family law, immigration, and criminal attorneys because Trafficking survivors have a wide variety of legal needs. It was an excellent meeting.

NEWS

The Joseph Project works to connect human trafficking survivors with pro bono legal services

Survivor shares story

By Karen Drew - Reporter/Anchor, Kayla Clarke

Posted: 1:00 AM, May 14, 2019
Updated: 1:00 AM, May 14, 2019

<https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/the-joseph-project-works-to-connect-human-trafficking-survivors-with-pro-bono-legal-services>

THE JOSEPH PROJECT is a nonprofit organization that connects human trafficking survivors with pro bono legal services. It is inspired by the Biblical account of one of history’s earliest recorded survivors, who transitioned from exploitation to empowerment (Genesis 37-50).



THE ISSUE

Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a crime perpetrated by those who commercially exploit others for sex and labor services through force, fraud, or coercion. Each year, thousands of trafficking cases are reported across the U.S.



THE PROBLEM

The Justice Gap

Trafficking survivors often face legal obstacles that arise from the circumstances of their enslavement. Yet, they frequently lack the means to secure legal assistance. This problem is commonly referred to as the justice gap.



THE SOLUTION

Legal First Responders

Closing the justice gap requires the creation of a broad network of Legal First Responders – an army of attorneys who are equipped to service the legal needs of every identifiable trafficking survivor, at no cost.



THE MISSION

Leveraging The Law To Empower The Enslaved

The Joseph Project exists to close the justice gap for trafficking survivors by creating a network of Legal First Responders to service their legal needs on a pro bono basis. By leveraging the law, we empower the enslaved, addressing the legal consequences of exploitation and transitioning survivors toward a future in which they are free to pursue their God-given dreams.

CONNECT
Interested in learning more?
Visit us at josephproject.com to learn how you can help empower the enslaved.



Call 1-888-373-7888 (TTY: 711) | Text 233733 | Live Chat



Please visit your club's page on the Midwestern Region website and make sure ALL the information is accurate and up to date.

There's nothing worse than visiting a website and having the information outdated!

Submit all updates and changes to Chris Speedie at crspeedie@sbcglobal.net or you can call her at 734-675-8528.

Please have your corrections and updates to her no later than
December 1, 2019.

Soroptimist International of Chicago

Read the article linked below to learn more:

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in the Midwest

Lori Post, a professor in emergency medicine at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine who researches FGM, estimates 200,000 American girls are at risk for FGM per year, with about 40,000 of those [girls living in the Midwest](#). She arrived at those numbers by studying population demographics, including how many people in a given state identify with ethnic groups that routinely perform FGM.

"Every American should know this is being done here," Post said. "We need a campaign. We need to raise awareness. And we need people to understand it has nothing to do with religion."

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/columns/heidi-stevens/ct-heidi-stevens-monday-female-genital-mutilation-law-illinois-0819-20190819-kic6obzktntflgordszlk3tcwu-story.html>



Former female genital mutilation (FGM) cutter Monika Cheptilak, who stopped practicing after the country set anti-FGM law in 2010, shows a homemade tool from a nail used for FGM, during a meeting of anti-FGM organization in Alakas village in northeast Uganda on Jan. 31, 2018. The UN estimates that over 200 million girls and women have experienced FGM, which is a life-threatening procedure that involves the partial or total removal of a woman's external genitalia. (YASUYOSHI CHIBA / AFP/Getty Images)

Soroptimist International Of Lucas County

Another successful wine tasting for the Lucas County club was held at the local Moose on October 5. All worked hard to bring this event for the second year. There were several tables of donations from local businesses, gift cards, gift certificates, and homemade items. Two favorite items up for bid were a home brewery kit for beer and patio chairs redone in Ohio State colors and emblems. Our club supplied several platters of cheese, crackers, and fruit. The favorite was a bucket of strawberries and grapes. Needless to say, there was hardly any leftovers. We supplied 3 each white and red wines. Each guest was asked to score each wine. The winner of the evening was Cantina Riff Pino Grigio 2018. Looking forward to next year and already tossing around ideas. Thank you to all



Pictured from left to right are: Debbie Wolf, Judy Davis, Shannon George, Linda Sass, Julie Richards, Sue Hahn Sharree Youssef (peeking over), Nancy Flaherty and Mary Bryant

Soroptimist International Of Suburban Chicago

FANTASTIC FALL "FUN"DAY
We held our "lipstick" event on Sunday, October 20th at the Oak Brook Park District. Everyone had a great time and Jessica from Betty Bomber Cosmetics made lipstick and/or lip balm to match color tone and preference.



Picture shows the finished product and a close up of Jessica of Bomber Betty Cosmetics mixing ingredients to get the perfect color and sparkle.

Soroptimist International Fundraiser Chair Lee Ann Cochran

The SIA Fundraising Council (FRC) meet for their annual meeting in Philadelphia October 25 – 27. The group worked diligently to review and analyze FY 18 – 19 results, reviewing FY 19-20 plans and firming up any details that were needed. The FRC is charged by the SIA Board to solicit and attract charitable donations, gifts, sponsorships and bequests in order to support the programs of Soroptimist International of the Americas, and to provide recommendations regarding fundraising in support of the Board's fiduciary responsibilities. The Fundraising Council is a committee of the Board and as such reports to SIA's Board of Directors. The FRC also supports the Region Fundraising Chairs to ensure they have the tools, resources and training to complete their role with impact and confidence.

MWR was well represented at the meeting with Lee Ann Cochran and Diane Thompson. If you have any questions around fundraising please reach out to your Region Fundraising Chair, Patricia Cavell or the SIA FRC Chair, Lee Ann Cochran. Between the two you will certainly get an answer on all things related to fundraising!



The SIA Fundraising Council (FRC)

Soroptimist International Of Indy Metro

NOVEMBER FUNDRAISER

ANNOUNCING DESIGNER HANDBAG BINGO!
November 2nd, 2019 in Indianapolis, IN
Shortened Eventbrite Link- <http://bit.ly/2GwPT1S>



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Indianapolis Metro Presents:

Designer Handbag Bingo



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2019

Doors open at 11:00 am
Bingo starts at 12:00 pm
\$35 in advance, \$40 at door



Northside Events & Social Club

2100 E. 71 Street
Indianapolis, IN 46220



Gift Basket Raffle (\$50 - \$150 Value)

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.
One (1) raffle ticket included with entry fee.



Food, snacks, and drinks (including alcoholic beverages) will be available for purchase.



Must be 18+ to play & participate

Tickets are available on Eventbrite at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-designer-handbag-bingo-presented-by-soroptimist-indy-metro-tickets-65007016737>

OUR MISSION

To improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. Funds raised will support our scholarship awards & mentoring programs to help women & girls.

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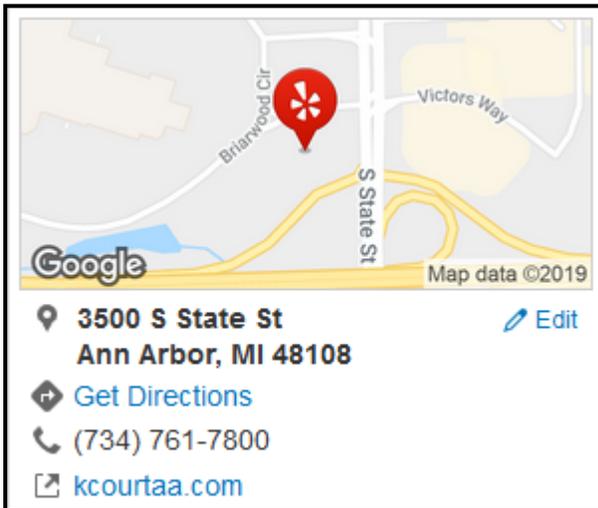
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Join Us for SIA's 46th Biennial Convention

You won't want to miss it!

Reach New Heights with SIA in Bellevue! The 46th Biennial Convention will be one for the books. There is so much fun, friendship and learning in store. Plus, be there as we kick off Soroptimist's year-long 100th Anniversary celebration!

See the back of this page for information you need to plan your trip—including pricing, where to stay, how to register and more! Be sure to follow the convention Facebook page <<https://www.Facebook.com/SIAConv2020/>> for updates on speakers, tours and other exciting details!



Make new friends and catch up with old ones! This is your chance to connect with Soroptimists from around the world!



Be inspired by informative keynote speakers and workshops!



Indulge in a world-class urban experience and enjoy all the shopping, dining, arts and culture you can handle.



Explore the great outdoors and take in the beautiful scenery the Pacific Northwest has to offer.



#SIAConv2020



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 900 Bellevue Way, NE
 Bellevue, Washington 98004 USA
 Phone: (425) 462-1234

Book your room when you register for convention via the hotel link included with the convention registration information. Must book online to receive SIA discount.

- **Single or Double (king or two queens):** \$219 USD, + 14.4%, tax per room/per night
- **Triple (three people sharing room):** \$244 USD, + 14.4% tax per room/per night
- **Quad (four people sharing room):** \$269 USD, + 14.4% tax, per room/per night

Hotel reservation deadline: June 10, 2020

Registration and housing open in October!

Visit the SIA website Soroptimist.org/SIAConv2020.html for all the details you need to make this convention one you'll never forget!

Meals/Social Events

- Wednesday, July 2—Friendship Dinner: \$110 USD
- Thursday, July 23—Sit-down Lunch: \$70 USD
- Saturday, July 25—Sit-down Lunch: \$70 USD
- Saturday, July 25—Recognition Banquet: \$120 USD

Registration Rates*

	Early Bird By January 15	Regular January 16-May 15	Late/Onsite May 16-July 25	Daily
Member/ Non-Delegate	\$550	\$625	\$675	\$325 \$375 (late/onsite)
Delegate**	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Guest	—	\$350	\$375	—

*Registration fees cover the cost of convention, including speakers, interpretation services, and audio visual services that enhance your experience through projections, live camera operators, teleprompters for presenters and more.

**SIA will send an invoice to all clubs for the delegate fee. All clubs are required to pay this fee.

Soroptimist International Midwestern Region Board

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MIDWESTERN REGION 2019

November 15	Form 990 due to IRS
November 15	Live Your Dream Applications Due to Clubs
December 2	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
December 10	Human Rights Day – President’s Appeal
December 15	Club Live Your Dream Award Winner due to District Director

MIDWESTERN REGION 2020

January 10-12	Winter Board Meeting - Time and Place TBD
January 11	National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness in the US
January 15	Virginia Wagner Award Applications due to Clubs
January 15	District Live Your Dream Award Winner due to Region Chair
January 18-20	MWR Winter Board Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana
February 1	Club Live Your Dream Report due to District Director
February 15	Virginia Wagner Club Award winners due to District Director
February 15	Region LYD Winner info due to both SIA and Treasurer Audrey Jarvey by Region Chair
March 1	Soroptimist Club Grant applications due at SI HQ
March 8	International Women’s Day
March 8	Virginia Wagner District Winners due to Region Chair
March 15	Award Report due from District Directors to Governor Elect Darcy
March 31	Region Virginia Wagner Award Winners names to Region Treasurer Audrey Jarvey by Region Chair
March 31	Governor’s Award Form due to Governor Kris Armstrong
April 23 & 24	MWR Board Meeting Kensington Hotel - Ann Arbor, MI
April 24 - 26	2019 Spring Conference Kensington Hotel - Ann Arbor, MI
May 31	Club Giving and Founders Pennies contributions to SIA for 2020 recognition
June 1	Dream It, Be It Online Club Reporting due to SIA
July 1	Club Celebrating Success forms due to Kris Armstrong
July 10-12	MWR Summer Board Meeting, Location TBD
July 22 - 25	SIA 46 th Biennial Convention- Bellevue, WA
July 26 – 27	Governors Roundtable – Bellevue, WA

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