

**June 3**

No face to face meeting  
due to restrictions.

*We will meet via zoom.*

*June 3 from 5:30 PM until 8 PM*

<https://zoom.us/j/7038772293>

### Summer Birthdays

June 9 – Renee DuFore-Russell

June 24 – Robyn King

July 3 – Whitney Towne-Curl

July 27 – Kathy Hahn

July 17 – Audrey Jarvey

July 24 – Sheila Ziegler-Gilbert

July 28 – Dawn Nelson

August 13 – Arlene Costello

August 23 – Nancy Daleiden

August 26 – Donna Christensen

**Please enjoy a treat at home  
with your housemates and  
stay safe. Happy birthday!**

### **Midwestern Region**

#### **Mission Statement**

*Soroptimist improves the lives of women  
and girls through programs leading to  
social and economic empowerment.*

**June**

**2020**



## **Message from our President**

### **Out of my mind**

Certainly it's an understatement to say that this club year ends in ways none of us could have predicted. Like you, I am feeling that we've been robbed of our usual face-to-face meetings, and especially of what normally is a gala June banquet with its officer installation and honors presentations.

However, all that WILL happen when the time is right and we are safe enough to get together. Incoming president Linda and I hope to hold a late summer gathering where all those victories and celebrations can happen - in person.

As you can see in this Beacon, all the hard work of closing out our year has taken place, despite the restrictions on our lives. Leave it to Soroptimists to get creative, figure it out and overcome!

We will meet via Zoom on our usual meeting night, Wednesday June 3 at 6:30 p.m. Find the link to that meeting elsewhere in this Beacon. You'll also see the slate of officers to be voted, reports of Spring Giving and all the usual meeting info.

I will, no doubt, say this again when we meet in person, but thank you for allowing me to serve as your president. Despite the fact that I've made some stumbles and omissions, it's been a challenging and rewarding term. Thank you, every one, for your support.

I miss you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Renee".

May 22, 2020

Dear Soroptimist Members,

I hope this communication finds you and yours doing well.

As you know, we are living through an uncertain time when there are no easy answers or solutions to the global pandemic. We have been advising our clubs and members to follow their national and local guidelines with regard to physical distancing, wearing masks and other measures designed to keep us all safe.

We know that communities and countries have different approaches to tackling this pandemic, and that some places are beginning to open back up while others remain on lockdown or are even moving back to lockdown. Please continue to follow your local area's requirements for gathering in groups. Our situation is fluid and so we must adapt as necessary.

Something else to consider as a club ... how to accommodate the varying levels of members' comfort with meeting in person. Your SIA headquarters has received several comments of concern from members who live in areas that have opened up but are worried about attending in-person events with their Soroptimist club members.

Please be mindful that many people have vulnerabilities making it necessary for them to stay isolated. And still others may simply be nervous. If members are tentative about returning to person-to-person meetings for any reason, please make other accommodations so they may continue to stay involved and connected. The key to keeping our membership ranks healthy is flexibility and accommodation, especially now.

Remember your headquarters staff is here to support you. Please let us know how we can help. And do share your stories of how your clubs continue to support our programs. Send them to [siahq@soroptimist.org](mailto:siahq@soroptimist.org).

Thank you for all you do, and please stay safe and healthy.



Elizabeth M. Lucas, CAE

Executive Director & CEO

Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.

Do you have any club expenses?



Currently, our link to the treasury reimbursement form is not working, until we get it fixed our treasurer will have reimbursement forms by emailing our treasurer directly.  
[evmzschnook4@aol.com](mailto:evmzschnook4@aol.com)



[soroptimist.org](http://soroptimist.org)  
[soroptimistinternational.org](http://soroptimistinternational.org)  
[simwr.org](http://simwr.org)

## Programs of Service

Submitted by: Linda Uselman

For **Spring Giving** we had \$1700 available. It was decided that the following organizations will receive our support.

1. **\$ 350 Girls Soccer Team sponsorship for two teams:** The soccer club is still intending to run their season late in the summer, and we will have sponsorship of two girl's teams.
2. **\$ 675 Advocap/Work-n-Wheels program:** This program is doing a lot of work right now in this strange economy enabling women to get interest-free car loans so they can do the tasks required for their families and get and keep jobs.
3. **\$ 675 Getting Ahead Program sponsored by St Vincent DePaul.** Cathy will send a letter with a check to the organization designating the funds are to be used for a Woman, Head of Household.

## Submission of Poetry

Submitted by: Former Governor Kris

### This is the Time to Be Slow

This is the time to be slow,  
Lie low to the wall  
Until the bitter weather passes.

Try, as best you can, not to let  
The wire brush of doubt  
Scrape from your heart  
All sense of yourself  
And your hesitant light.

If you remain generous,  
Time will come good;  
And you will find your feet  
Again in fresh pastures of promise,  
Where the air will be kind  
And blushed with beginning.



## Foundation Feminarum

Submitted by: Linda Uselman

This is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this award. This year's recipient will be **Judith Berger O'Brien for the Berger Book Bag Scholarship** which provides scholarships at both UWO-Fond du Lac and Moraine Park Technical College. These are scholarships that provide financial assistance to students who might otherwise have difficulty with the purchase of books and academic supplies. Judith is a former member of Soroptimist of FDL and was instrumental in setting up Foundation Feminarum. She will ensure that the funds reach a woman in need.

# Nomination Committee

Submitted by: Linda Uselman

Barring any complications, we have a full slate of candidates at this time, which looks like:

President-Linda  
Pres-elect: Dawn  
Recording Sec: Terri J  
Director: Kathy D and Renee  
Corresponding Sec: Claudia  
Delegate: Denise  
Treasurer: Vicki

Laurie Albert has also self-nominated as a Delegate and should be considered as we nominate our second Delegate from the floor as stated in the bylaws.

THANK YOU to all who have stepped forward. I look forward to working closely with all of you, and I am sure the rest of the club will lend their support as much as possible.

## Delicious Recipe to Try Part I

Submitted by: Marion

### Rhubarb Pizza-Marion's Recipe

Crust:  
1 cup flour  
2 tablespoons shortening-Crisco or butter  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
2 tablespoons milk  
1 egg  
Combine first five ingredients as for pie crust  
(Cut in shortening into flour/baking powder mixture, then mix in milk and egg to form a dough)  
Press into large round (14 or 16 inch) pizza pan or onto large cookie sheet (one with short sides will keep it from running all over your oven)

Sprinkle crust with 3 cups diced rhubarb.

Mix together:  
1 cup sugar  
½ cup flour  
1/3 cup melted butter  
3 oz package of dry strawberry gelatin.  
Sprinkle mixture over rhubarb.  
(For a creamier filling mix rhubarb with the gelatin/sugar/flour mixture, pour over crust)

Either way, bake at 350 degrees F for 45 minutes.

# Chocolate Fantasy Update

Submitted by Dawn Nelson

It's May and we are talking about Chocolate Fantasy? Yes, we are! There are many things to get into place for Chocolate Fantasy much earlier than the Fall, when we really roll up our sleeves and dig in.

All the changes over the last few months due to the global pandemic mean that we, too, have to consider any changes to Chocolate Fantasy. Before you read any further, we feel it is important to remind our members that Chocolate Fantasy is the prominent vehicle that raises money for the organizations and programs Soroptimists of FDL support throughout the year.

We have secured the Knights of Columbus Hall for our event on January 31, 2021. We will be considering many different options for Chocolate Fantasy including keeping our event similar to last year, changing to a primarily virtual event, changing to an online auction or any combination of many other ideas.

Another important topic at our meeting will be sample/chocolate handling, as well as considering alternative options for guests that typically attend but do not feel comfortable this year.

Our typical donations for the packages and raffles might look different this year as well, and we will discuss ways to continue a successful event despite some new challenges.

Finally, it will be important for members to be willing to step-up and volunteer for one of the many committees within the Chocolate Fantasy event. Some of the main groups or "committees" include vendors, marketing, silent auction, sponsorships, donations, chocolates, pink raffle, drop raffle and event set-up. That's a lot of stuff!

Therefore, it is very important that you make your thoughts known and share your ideas at our next Chocolate Fantasy meeting, where we will set the course for January 31, 2021. Our Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. <https://zoom.us/j/7038772293>

We are very excited to make our 25<sup>th</sup> Chocolate Fantasy an awesome event!

Go team Fond du Lac Soroptimists!

## From Your Editor

From: Desiree 'dezzz' Grin

I hope you are all staying safe and healthy. I don't know about all of you, but I am doing all that I can to remain healthy and ensure that my family and friends are kept up to date on the shenanigans of my husband and pets. Things are not so bad for our family, so we are counting our blessings and doing our best to be as supportive as possible wherever we can. My hope is that everyone is doing the best that they all can do as well. And just a reminder to please use this email for all correspondence related to the Beacon, [beaconeditorfdl@gmail.com](mailto:beaconeditorfdl@gmail.com) this includes anything that you would like to see published in an upcoming edition, or any questions you might have.



# Networking

June 3, Soroptimist virtual meeting via ZOOM

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://zoom.us/j/7038772293>

June 16, Soroptimist Chocolate Fantasy Meeting via ZOOM

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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If you struggle with zoom, Feel free to call dezzz directly 262 707 0072

## Delicious Recipe to Try Part 2

Submitted by: Marion

### Rhubarb Crisp

- 2 1/2 cups quick cooking oats
- 2 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 9 cups chopped rhubarb

3 teaspoons ground cinnamon

- 2 cups water
- 2 cups white sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.
2. In a large bowl, mix together oats, brown sugar, flour and butter. Put half of the mixture into the bottom of the baking dish. Place rhubarb over top of mixture and sprinkle with cinnamon.
3. In a medium saucepan, cook water, sugar, cornstarch and vanilla over medium heat until thick; let cool slightly. Pour over rhubarb and sprinkle remaining oat and flour mixture on top. Bake in preheated oven for 30 to 35 minutes.

