



Soroptimist Signal

Zanesville, Ohio Club

Midwestern Region

April/May 2024



A Message
From Our
President,
Donna
Snider

Everyone should be passionately and wholeheartedly engaged in something they truly believe in. We should live by building in tons of love, laughter and joy. Seize the day by embracing each day head on with positive energy. Sometimes it seems like the day literally seizes us instead of the other way around. Challenges pound on our door. While can't always change the situation we can change how we respond by choosing an alternate path. Do we move forward with apprehension or chuckle at the thought adversity seeing it as growth?

At a recent SIZ meeting we talked about the golf outing as our challenge in that not enough boots on the ground. Then the ideas started to flow and from everyone's ideas came a new fund raiser. By choosing to embrace new ideas & recognize challenges we quickly learn that we together can regroup recognizing in the process we may come up with an even better plan.

Let's add some magic, sparkle and shine thru laughter, joy and embrace change with new ideas.

With Love, Donna

Spring Conference Updates

The 116th Annual MWR Spring Conference was held in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Attendees were welcomed by Senator Dan Feyen, who said how impressed he is by the work done by Soroptimists.

The official Federation Visitor was Susan Gilbey, from California. Susan shared info and updates from HQ about upcoming website changes in June, program reporting and Big Goal reporting. Susan encouraged members to unite as an organization, grow as leaders, fight for gender equality and help women and girls live their dreams.

Several clubs displayed trifold posters that highlighted successful fundraisers they have done. It was a good way to see other ideas and how to be successful.

SI Zanesville received a certificate of excellence for the Club Activity Report. Congratulations to us!

The fundraisers were a great success! Nearly \$4000 was raised from the raffles, sales and 50/50. The Soroptimist Memory Quilt was won by Patricia Cavell, who was very grateful to receive it.

The Fall District Meetings were announced, with Districts 2&4 being at the Findlay Inn on October 18-19, 2024. Everyone was invited to Lafayette, Indiana for Spring Conference 2025, where they promised we would see more than corn.

Soroptimist International
Midwestern Region
116th Annual
Spring Conference
April 19-22, 2024
Fond Du Lac, WI



Soroptimist:
Unlocking the Best Kept Secret

Dental FYI...

Community Water Fluoridation Programs

- *One year of providing fluoridated water in the United States is estimated to save \$6.5 billion in averted direct and indirect dental treatment costs.
- *Communities served by fluoridated water save an average of \$32 per person a year by avoiding treatment for cavities.
- *The return on investment for community water fluoridation varies with size of the community, increasing as the community size increases, and is cost-saving even for small communities. Communities of 1,000 or more people see an average estimated return on investment of \$20 for every \$1 spent on water fluoridation.



That's something to smile about!

Valencia



Four Pillars Updates

If you would like to serve on any of these committees or on special projects, please inform the club president or vice president.

- ❖ **Membership:** Member Dues Invoices coming out in Mid May sometime. Payment is needed by June. See Molly for more info.
- ❖ **Fundraising:** Spring Painting Party at Mission Oaks Park on May 4th. Cost is \$30 per person. The painting flyer is attached to the e mail with this newsletter.
- ❖ **Program:** We donated 20 dignity bags to Big Brothers Big Sisters for their summer hygiene bags for teens program. They were very appreciative.
- ❖ **Public Awareness:**

What are the Four Pillars, and what do the chairs do?

The four pillars are the cornerstone committees of Soroptimist that the clubs are built on.

Each pillar has a chairperson and supporting members.

The pillars are: Membership, Fundraising, Public Awareness and Program.

The Membership Pillar concentrates on member engagement, recruiting and retention.

The Fundraising Pillar focuses on raising money to fund club expenses and the education awards that are given each year. The club's fundraisers include Making Change Count, Golf Outing, Raffles, Paint Parties and Pecan Sale. There are a few others but these are the big ones.

The Public Awareness Pillar is responsible for the communications that are necessary to promote our events and missions, as well as keep members informed of club happenings.

The newsletter, Facebook and club website are part of public awareness.

The Program Pillar is centered on the overall mission of Soroptimist and the Zanesville club.

This pillar is responsible for arranging speakers for meetings, planning Dream It Be It Events, and finding projects that benefit women and girls.

The chair of each pillar is responsible for sharing updates at each meeting, and for submitting important information to the newsletter. If you would like to know more, speak with one of the club board members.



Did you feed your pig?!
Turn in piggy bank
jars at the
May Meeting

Please note the change
for the May Member
Meeting! It will be held
on **Sat. May 4**, 1 hour
prior to the paint party.

2024 Meeting Dates

2nd Monday of
Each Month

Jan 8th	Feb 12th
Mar 11th	Apr 8th
May 13 th -4th	June 10th
July 8th	Aug 12th
Sept 9th	Oct 14th
Nov 11th	Dec 9th

Inquiring minds want
to know...Would you be
interested in bringing
back the
Quarter Auction?
This used to be an
annual event prior to
Covid. If there is
enough interest we can
plan it!



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Mission Statement:

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

President's Theme:



3 Month Meeting Information

RSVP to Amy Hursey (740) 607-1476 amyjohursey@yahoo.com

Everyone must RSVP. There are no longer any “standing” reservations.



May 4th, 2024 @ Mission Oaks Park, one hour prior to the painting party. Please return your Piggy Bank Jars at this meeting.



June 10, 2024- TBD



July 8, 2024- Club Picnic. Send ideas and suggestions to Amy for the picnic meal and location.

Please watch for meeting info and updates on our Facebook page!

I need your ideas and suggestions!

If you have an idea for a speaker, program or topic to be presented at a future meeting, please let me know. My goal is to plan meetings that our members enjoy and find interesting. –Amy H

IMPORTANT GOLF OUTING UPDATE & A NEW FUNDRAISING IDEA

At the last club meeting there was a discussion about the feasibility of holding the golf outing. There is a lot that goes into the planning and execution of the golf outing and it takes many volunteers to make it happen. After careful consideration it was decided to cancel this year’s golf outing due to not having enough volunteers to hold the event and still give it the attention it deserves. Every event that has our club name on it should be done well. We will revisit the golf outing again in 2025.

After much brainstorming, it was decided to host a Craft Fair Fundraiser on Oct 5th. Niki worked her magic and got Newton Township Fire Hall donated for **FREE** as a space to hold it. The table fee that will be charged to the vendors will be all profit to the club, and each vendor will be asked to donate one item for a Chinese Raffle. It will also be a great opportunity to advertise our club. More details about the event will be coming soon.