



Soroptimist Signal

Zanesville, Ohio Club

Midwestern Region

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Collecting Confidence

I purchased a book by Kim Gravel (but have not started to read) “Collecting Confidence”. Front cover and back cover are now calling to me. Back cover thoughts: “Hey y’all – How are you doing? If you are like me, you’re just trying to keep the kids fed, the boss happy and all the chaos at bay. It’s exhausting. Everyday life can cause you to lose momentum. The ups & downs of life can make you forget who you are and forget that you are beautiful, loved, one of a kind, powerful and important. You are enough as you are fearfully and wonderfully made.”

Isn’t this what we try to do as Soroptimist for others? But what about ourselves? I have been working on finding a new balance for me between family, home, work and other interests. Why does this keep biting me in backside? I need to change my thinking to what balance is, and it is not static but changes as we go thru our daily routine. Change is not a once & done but something we need to embrace to grow and become the person WE/YOU were meant to be.

A co-worker just came back from Extraordinary Women conference and gave me the following acronym that you have seen but this one is more than just the words **Faith Over Fear**

F = Faithfully

A = And

I = Intensely

T = Trusting

H = Him

F= False

E= Evidence

A= Appearing

R= Real

Our club has had some up & downs with new ideas lately and made some changes in our thinking about raising funds a different way. Some things worked well & fell perfectly in place other ideas need more thoughts & tweaking. Again, not static, and how to look from a different perspective. We have just scratched the surface of what we can do & who we are!

With Love, Donna



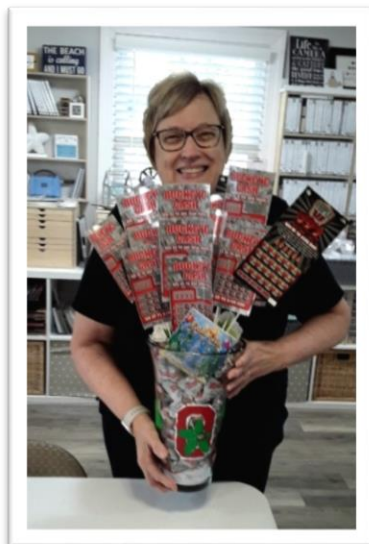
**A Message
From Our
President,
Donna
Snider**

The Big Winner of The Lottery Tree Raffle was Cindy Sheets, pictured right.

No word if she hit the jackpot yet.

We raised \$890!

Thanks to Gary for the great idea and thanks to all who sold tickets to make this a successful fundraiser.



2024 Meeting Dates

2nd Monday of
Each Month

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

Dental FYI...



Dental care is the number one health service skipped due to cost. Nearly 70 million adults and 8 million children do not have dental insurance. This is partly because traditional Medicare doesn't cover dental services and some people cannot afford to pay for dental insurance. The government is starting to look into these issues as dental health is extremely important to overall health. Brush and Floss and get your Dental Exam!

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:** Our membership numbers are declining. Think of who you know that would be an asset to our club and invite them to attend a meeting.
- ❖ **Fundraising:** *The Black Friday Cash Raffle is underway! A winner will be drawn at our November 11th Meeting. Please turn in all tickets and money to Molly Ross.*
- ❖ **Program:** At our November meeting we will be digging in to what the Dream Programs are all about. The Dream Big, Live Your Dream, Dream It Be It and our own Follow Your Dream. If you have questions send them to Amy Hursey prior to the meeting.
- ❖ **Public Awareness:** A new challenge was issued by Gov. Audrey at the Fall District Meeting. Clubs are encouraged to complete 4 of the 8 Key Activities to win prizes. We will discuss this at our meeting.

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 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.

Soroptimist Awards Applications are Open
Virginia Wagner and Live Your Dream

Applications are now being accepted for Soroptimist Educational Awards.

The QR Codes at the right are for each award application. To access, open your phone’s camera app, point it at the QR Code and the website should pop up. Click or Tap on it to go to the website.

Feel free to pass this info along to anyone who may be interested in applying.



Virginia Wagner Application



Live Your Dream Application

Region Visitors at October Meeting

At the October meeting, SI Zanesville was visited by Gov. Elect Ruth Waggoner and Laura Ferguson, D2 Director.

Gov. Elect Ruth shared information on Big Goal Accelerator Projects, Live Your Dream Awards and the new UpliftHER quarterly campaigns from SIA.

Laura shared about projects that her club is hosting and offered encouragement to Zanesville to keep up the good work.

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- Vice President.....Saleen Hail
- Treasurer.....Molly Ross
- Corresponding Secretary.....Amy Hursey
- Recording Secretary.....Brenda Elswick
- Delegates.....Gary Roberts
- Directors.....Valencia Clark
- Ex Officio.....Kim Brandfass

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.



Nov. 11th, 2024-Three Sisters Studio, Meal is \$10 per person and we will be ordering pizza. We will be discussing the Dream Programs and drawing Black Friday Raffle Winners, as well as painting shirts to wear at the December Fundraiser. Please bring a white T Shirt to paint.

Dec. 9th, 2024- Christmas Party at Three Sisters Studio Meal from Chef Steve **MUST RSVP by Dec. 1st.**

January 13, 2025- Potluck Meal- Soups & Salads Location To Be Determined based on weather conditions.

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

West M Youth Volleyball Team Sponsorship



This year Zanesville Soroptimist decided to sponsor one of the West Muskingum Youth Volleyball teams as a way to increase public awareness and to show support for girls in our community. At left is a photo of the team we sponsored. Games are played on Saturday mornings at WMHS. Good Luck Girls!



Once a quarter, clubs will focus on an obstacle that women and girls face on their path to formal education and economic empowerment. SIA will share information about the obstacle, along with suggested projects that count towards our Big Goal. Clubs can participate in the quarterly project focus by sharing SIA posts and posting their own projects with the hashtag **#SoroptimistsUpliftHER**.

For the first quarter (October-December), we will focus on projects that increase access to education for women or girls who have experienced intimate partner violence.

The other quarterly focus topics are:
January- Trafficking; March- Single Parenting; May- Period Poverty.

**UpliftHER:
A New Public
Awareness Program
from SIA**



In October, SI Zanesville voted to make a donation to Transitions to help pay for emergency hotel stays for women who are fleeing from domestic violence situations, and must leave their home with little more than the belongings they can carry and the clothes on their backs.

At left, Niki Angelo (R) presents a check to Kim Roberts (L) a Transitions Shelter Employee. Both Kim and Niki are domestic violence survivors and strong advocates to end violence against women as well as being active members of SI Zanesville.

Important Fundraising Information

Black Friday Raffle

We will be doing the Black Friday Cash Raffle again this year. 100 tickets will be sold for \$20 each. See Saleen for tickets to sell. Money and tickets must be turned in by November 11th. There are 3 cash prizes. The drawing will be held at our November meeting.



Painting with Santa

Sun. December 8th at the American Legion Post 29. Kids can paint a fun holiday themed picture and enjoy some milk and cookies. Trying to line up a visit from Santa too.

The cost is only \$5 per child. **Set up is at 1:30.**

Painting Starts at 2:00. We will need helpers the day of the event to set up, clean up and tear down, and offer assistance where needed with the painting.

There will be a Facebook post that can be shared as we get closer to the date.



Pecans, Cashews and More!

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QR Code for Pecans

