



# SOROPTIMIST SIGNAL

## ZANESVILLE, OHIO CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2018

*A Message  
From Our  
President,  
Donna  
Snider*

### Hello! Welcome to September....

This is from Midwestern region newsletter. Words for thought and encouragement to better ourselves and others. My personal favorite is Number 4.

*Challenge yourself to make a difference. Be intentional, be strong, be bold — be a Soroptimist. — Kris Armstrong, SIMWR Governor*

Our new Governor has set some guidelines and standards for the board members and by extension all Soroptimists to follow. These are the behaviors we have identified that will create and reinforce the culture and climate that we aspire to attain.

**1. Treating our team as family.** *What does "treating our team as family" mean?* We are nice to one another, respect each other, have fun together, embrace our differences, seek and appreciate each other's opinion, and are honest with each other in an effort to help us improve. A good team/family gets a lot done while enjoying working together towards a common goal. We want everyone to succeed.

**2. Valuing collaboration over consensus.** *What does "valuing collaboration over consensus" mean?* Collaboration often leads to more ideas and, ultimately, a better solution. On our board, collaboration is a means to gather ideas and make a decision to take action. Our time is better spent working on and delivering results, not vetting options and decisions past everyone. In the time it would take to get consensus on a decision, we can implement the decision and validate whether or not it will work. We strive to prevent swirl, and we support decisions as a team.

**3. Embracing agility with constant improvement.** *What does Agility with constant improvement mean?* We will respond quickly to meet changing needs. This allows us to react to changes in priority and continually improve.

**4. Starting simple, always learning and then adjusting.** *What does "starting simple, always learning, and then adjusting" mean?* We begin working on solutions early, learn from the initial results, and build iteratively upon that foundation. We are not afraid to try because we can learn from our failures. This value also allows and encourages us to be responsive to members' needs. We will lead through service.

### 3 Month Meeting Info

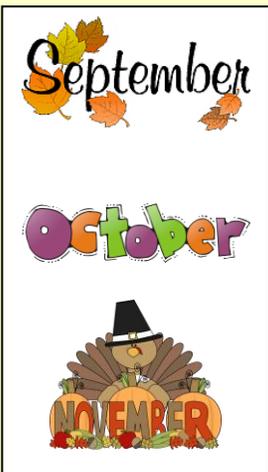
**RSVP to Brenda Elswick at [belswick@zanestate.edu](mailto:belswick@zanestate.edu) or (740) 252-1266**

**Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>**- First Christian Church, Dresden Rd. Baked Potato Bar (Potatoes Provided, members bring toppings, desserts or beverages) **RSVP By Aug. 30** and let Brenda know what topping you are bringing. Speaker is Cheryl Reed with Young Lives. We will be having a raffle for a beautiful Soroptimist Necklace.

**Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>**- Cracker Barrel Catering, \$10 per person, First Christian Church. **RSVP by Sept. 28.** If you can provide a dessert please let Brenda know. Speaker is from Gentle Giants.  
Founder's Day Celebration!

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>**- Mary Kay Sale at the home of Charlotte McGuire. Boxed lunches from Honey Baked Ham. \$9 per person. **RSVP By Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>.** Members bring desserts.

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





## Smile Zone

FDI launched a three-year campaign for World Oral Health Day (WOHD) under the theme 'Say Ahh' at the World Dental Congress in Madrid, Spain. Combined with different sub-themes each year, the 2018 WOHD campaign: 'Say Ahh: Think Mouth, Think Health' encourages people to make the connection between their oral health and their general health and well-being.

The WOHD 2018 campaign aims to educate people that keeping a healthy mouth is crucial to keeping it functioning correctly and for maintaining overall health and quality of life. It highlights associations between certain oral diseases and non-communicable diseases (such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease and some cancers), raises awareness of common risk factors, and promotes good oral hygiene habits.

## Valencia Clark



## Committee Reports



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

- **Membership:** If you have joined in the last year and would like a member orientation session, please contact Lynn McGlade. We would like to add new members every year. Think about who you know that would be an asset to our group.
- **Fundraising:** For a more complete accounting of the recent fundraisers, check the Treasurer's Report. We will be ordering pecans very soon. If you have an idea of how many you will need please let Molly Ross know.
- **Program:** Founders Day Celebration Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting Speaker will be from Gentle Giants.
- **Public Awareness:** Start thinking about how we can implement the Workplace Campaign Against Domestic Violence this year. The campaign is during the month of November.

Please bring toppings for a baked potato bar, desserts or beverages at the September Meeting. Potatoes will be provided!



October 12&13

### MIDWEST REGION IMPORTANT DATE!

District II & IV Meeting  
Holiday Inn, Lima, Ohio

Registrations are due  
By 9-15

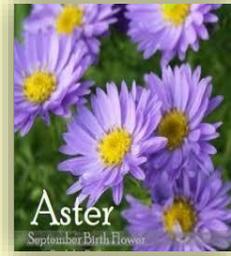
## Member Milestones for September

### BIRTHDAYS

4 Charlotte McGuire  
 11 Debbie Gheen  
 23 Joyce Haddox  
 25 Melodie Hayes  
 29 Carolyn Sherry

### ANNIVERSARIES

1995 Joyce Haddox  
 1999 Shirley Figgins  
 2000 Vickey Taylor  
 2010 Molly Ross



**September Flower**  
 Aster



*Brown paper packages tied up in strings...  
 These are a few of the things that we need!*

Gift boxes, name tags, ribbons and bows are needed for the Colony Square Mall Gift Wrapping Fundraiser. Please shop the sales and bring your donations to either the October or November Member Meetings.

Charlotte will be scheduling volunteer times soon. Keep an eye out for the list!

**Soroptimist Photos can be found on Eversnap! Look for Album: [dlqsmfy1](#)**

### ***CONTACT US!***

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[www.zanesvillesoroptimist.org](http://www.zanesvillesoroptimist.org)

#### **On Facebook:**

Soroptimist International  
 of Zanesville

President.....Donna Snider  
 Vice President.....Kim Brandfass  
 Treasurer.....Molly Ross  
 Recording Secretary.....Amy Hursey  
 Corresponding Secretary.....Cindy Brandi  
 Delegates.....Lynn McGlade  
 Directors.....Melodie Hayes, Melanie Smith

#### **Mission Statement:**

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

#### **President's Theme:**

Be, Accept, Value, Forgive, Bless,  
 Express, Trust, Love, Empower  
 Yourself and Others

The Living Word Outdoor Drama is Ohio's only outdoor passion play! Located in Cambridge, Ohio with shows on Fridays and Saturdays.

**Friday September 7<sup>th</sup> is  
Service Club Night**

All members of service clubs will receive a special admission price of \$10 when they show a member card or proof of membership.

If you would like to attend and need proof of membership, please ask Molly Ross or use your dues invoice marked paid.

[www.livingworddrama.org](http://www.livingworddrama.org)



**Membership Responsibilities:**

- Attend meetings frequently
- Participate in Service Projects
- Be involved in fundraising events
- Actively serve on committees
- Live the Soroptimist Pledge

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR  
CLUB SURVEYS  
AT THE SEPT. MEETING



## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: BRENDA ELSWICK**

Brenda is a single mom. She has 2 daughters: 12 year old, Abi, who is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Brenda stays very busy with Abi's extracurricular activities: middle school archery team, takes lyrical and pointe from Genesis Dance Academy. Emily is 16, a junior, takes hip hop, clog, and tap dancing from Genesis Dance Academy. She also has one furbaby, a Mastiff named Max who just turned 6 and is spoiled rotten.

Brenda has worked at Zane State for 27 years. Currently she is serving as Office Manager for the President's Office and Foundation Office and has previously worked in admissions and the financial aid office. Brenda is very creative! Her hobbies include reading, scrapbooking, and shopping. She is also the box top and mall receipt coordinator for West Muskingum and gladly accepts either!

Brenda says that she learned about SIZ through her work in the Foundation when SIZ began their scholarship for Zane State students. Linda White was instrumental in helping Brenda join the club, and when she finally had time to become involved in the community, SIZ was a good fit because of the scholarship connection.

Brenda's favorite activity (*so far!*) is volunteering at is the gift wrapping at the mall and she volunteered at this year's golf outing. Like all moms know, sometimes it is hard to be involved when you have girls with busy schedules.

Brenda recalls her favorite memory with Soroptimist as being when Linda White escorted her to her first meeting and introduced her to everyone. Brenda says: "I met a high school classmate's mother, reconnected with a former co-worker, and met the wife of my elementary principal at the first meeting!"

Brenda has just started helping with the program committee and will also be helping with other public awareness projects. We are blessed to have her in our group!

## *Soropti-* WHAT???

Have you ever been asked: “What is Soroptimist?”, and you didn’t know what to say? We need to be prepared to give a quick commercial of our club whenever we are asked. Here is a good example of what to say:

*“Soroptimist is a service club for women. We work on projects that promote our mission of improving the lives of women and girls. You can like our Facebook page or visit our website for more information.*

*We really have a lot of fun. I would love to have you visit one of our meetings so you can learn more! May I have your contact information so I can send an invitation?”*

It really is that simple! Don’t overwhelm them with too much information all at once. Listen, answer their questions and make a connection. Use our brochures and business cards as a way to share information and direct people to our website and social media pages.



### The Soroptimist Pledge



I pledge allegiance to Soroptimist  
and to the ideals for which it stands.

The Sincerity of Friendship,  
The Joy of Achievement,  
The Dignity of Service,  
The Integrity of Profession,  
The Love of Country.

I will put forth my greatest effort  
to Promote, Uphold, and Defend  
these Ideals, for a Larger Fellowship  
in Home, in Society, In Business,  
for Country and for God.

The search for a Soroptimist ‘creed’ began six months prior to the 1930 convention. The delegates chose to defer making a decision for another six months so that each club could receive copies of the proposed creeds to make an informed decision. Ethel Knight Pollard, director of Midwestern/South Atlantic regions, noted “we want a creed that we can use and work by and live by, not one that will simply be printed and stuck away to get dusty and have no use to us.”

Six months later the federation chose as its creed a pledge that simply stated the ideals of the organization. The pledge was written in 1927 by Candis Nelson, a charter member of the Seattle, WA club. The pledge was set to music in 1947 by Dorothy Miller Dunlap, a member of Huntington Beach, CA club. The setting was adopted as the official musical arrangement of the pledge at the 1950 convention in Seattle, WA- the city of the Soroptimist Pledge’s birth.