

# Soroptimist Signal Zanesville, Ohio Club Midwest Region

## January 2018

## *Hello! It's January...2018! Where has the time gone?*

Welcome New Year! I will avoid the fitness center like the plague, as it will be far too crowed - till maybe February!

We did some amazing things last year. We got an award at Midwest conference for the highest level for getting points from advertising, programs, membership & other criteria that Soroptimist of America reviews. We received the Community Advocate of the Year award from Transitions for 82 hours of time donated, monetary donations and other in-kind assistance. We raised \$251 on the spur of the moment at our party, donations to help out for Christmas.

The Style Show was great under new organizers who took on the project with the help of long-time successful coordinators. A new fundraiser for the golf outing was fun and profitable as we had a golf ball drop on the 18th hole.

Even though we lost a few dear members, several new members joined our group. I am really excited about what 2018 will bring!

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Christmas party special: Brenda Elswick for organizing the location and caterer, Donna Snider for crafts, Melodie Hayes for door prizes and music, The Becky Archibald family for letting us share Becky's blessings, and Judy Rebic for the centerpieces reflecting Becky's sense of style, showmanship and class. It was a fun night!

Happy New Year!



A Message From Our President, Lynn McGlade



#### **3 Month Meeting Information** RSVP to Amy Hursey amyjohursey@yahoo.com (740) 607-1476



JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup> Potluck Meal at First Christian Church WEATHER PERMITTING

We will be having a baked potato bar. Potatoes will be provided, please bring toppings for the potatoes or side dishes/desserts. *See the list of suggested items on page 4*. A leader from MERR-C will be speaking.



FEBRUARY1ST Potluck Meal at First Christian Church WEATHER PERMITTING

We will be making fleece blankets at this meeting. Please bring a pair of sewing scissors and a ruler if you have them.



MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>- Meeting details to be determined.

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

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## **Smile Zone**

## Valencia Clark

As we begin the next semester in the Zanesville City Schools Mobile Dental Unit, I want to say Thank you for your continued support of this much needed dental health program. Treatment will begin right away, filling teeth and a few extractions of some teeth that cannot be repaired. We have some students that were on the verge of a toothache. This will take priority next week. Happy New Year Smiles!



#### PLAN AHEAD FOR FEBRUARY MEETING!

At the February Meeting we will be making tied fleece blankets and lap blankets. Please bring a pair of sewing scissors or a rotary cutter and mat, and a ruler if you have them available. The blankets will be donated to the homeless shelter and to nursing homes. The blankets take 4 yards each and the lap blankets take 3 yards each. If you would like to donate some fleece for this club project please let Melodie Hayes know.

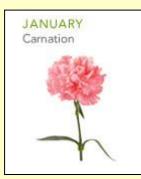
#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**



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

- <u>Membership</u>: Who do you know that would enjoy being a part of Soroptimist? Invite them to attend an upcoming meeting!
- <u>Fundraising</u>: Gift Wrapping at Colony Square Mall was held. Dec. 9 to Dec. 16. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to wrap. *If anyone has any pecans left please get in touch with Barb Parmer. A few people are still needing some.* Start thinking about The Style Show!
- **<u>Program</u>**: In January, a leader from MERR-C will be our speaker. She will be discussing how the organization works to end human trafficking. In February, we will be making fleece blankets. Program Committee will also meet.
- <u>Public Awareness</u>: January 11<sup>th</sup> is Human Trafficking awareness day. <u>Volunteers are needed</u> to help distribute info cards for the STOP Trafficking Awareness project. Read article included in the newsletter.

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## **Member Milestones for January**

**Birthdays** 10- Linda White 18- Barb Cafaratti **Anniversaries** 2004 Carol Kagenski Linda White 2007 Barb Cafaratti 2014 Barb Parmer





Start thinking about The Style Show!

#### **CONTACT** US!

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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:**

People will never forget how you made them feel, so what you do echoes in eternity.

# Member Spotlight Shirley Figgins

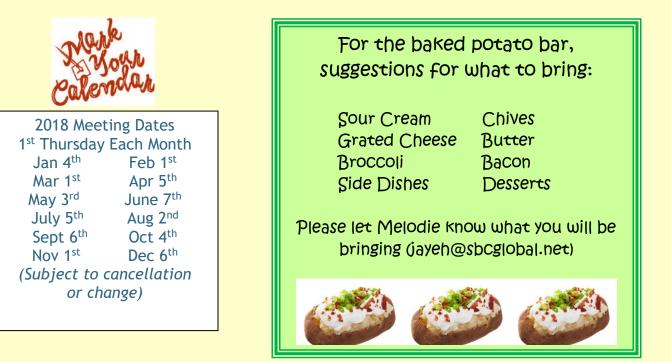
I was born and raised on a farm in Fairfield County, west of Lancaster. There were 10 children in my family, 5 boys and 5 girls. I am the youngest girl.

I met my husband, George, at Lancaster High School. We have been married for 59 years, and lived in Zanesville for 51 years. We have 2 daughters. Kaleen works in the Trust Department at Huntington Bank, and Heather is a teacher at John McIntire School. We have 2 grandchildren. Andrew is a sophomore at West Muskingum and Kaitlyn in in kindergarten at the West Muskingum Elementary School. I enjoy watching Andrew and Kaitlyn play sport, and spending time with them. I also enjoy tending to my flowers and staying busy around our home.

I was employed as a Medical Assistant for 10 years, and as a secretary for 20 years. My husband worked internationally, which required him to be out of the country for several weeks at a time. My most important job was raising our two daughters and getting them to and from all of their after school and weekend activities.

I learned about Soroptimist from my dear friend, Doris Baker. I had been a 4-H advisor for 18 years and tried to be a positive influence on young girls. When Doris told me how Soroptimist helped women and children, I knew I wanted to join!

I have enjoyed working with our members on all of our projects. My favorite Soroptimist memory will be the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Not only to honor Doris, but to be recognized for all of the accomplishments Soroptimist has made.



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#### Fun From the December Meeting











## **Becky's Best Blessing: Her Lovely Family!**

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## Volunteers are Needed for the Jan. 11, 2018 National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness

In an effort to end the hideous crime of Human Trafficking, Soroptimist has developed the **Soroptimists STOP Trafficking program**—a simple way for clubs to raise awareness about trafficking and sexual slavery. Clubs can participate by distributing Soroptimists STOP Trafficking cards and informational flyers.

The cards, which provide information about the sex trafficking of women and girls, will be distributed in several places. SIZ will be partnering with other local organizations to maximize the effort to increase awareness. We will be distributing cards in places such as doctor's offices, hospitals, workplaces, businesses, libraries, universities, police stations, transportation centers, and domestic violence shelters.

Several volunteers are needed to reach out to businesses and to drop off and post cards and flyers the week of Jan 8 to 12, 2018. Please contact Amy Hursey if you wish to help with this project. We also need people to "Like" and "Share" Trafficking awareness posts that will be on our Facebook page during those dates.

Flyers and cards will be available to take with you at the January meeting. If you take cards to distribute, please keep a list of where you place them so we can track our efforts for reporting to the Region.

If your workplace or business would like to have cards to display, please contact Amy.

Please watch your e mail for a message from Amy regarding the list for standing reservations and will call reservations. The list will be updated by the end of January. Please remember, if you have a <u>standing reservation</u> you must call if you are <u>NOT</u> going to attend. If you have a <u>will call reservation</u>, you must call if you <u>ARE</u> going to attend.

# Treasurer's Report

	Nov 27 - Dec 26, 2017
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Balance as of November 26, 2017	7,719.40
Income	
Fundraising Income	
Gift Wrapping	956.19
Pecan Sales	4,020.00
Total Fundraising Income	4,976.19
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Expense	
Advertising	
Website	143.84
Advertising - Other	100.00
Total Advertising	243.84
Dental Supplies	526.96
Fundraising Expenses	
Gift Wrap Expense	31.77
Total Fundraising Expenses	31.77
Member Meeting Expenses	
Meals	
Meals - Member	
Payments	-520.00
Meals Expense	446.38
Total Meals	-73.62
Total Member Meeting	
Expenses	-73.62
Printing/ Newsletters	70.29
Program Focus Expenses	
Human Sex Trafficking	70.62
Total Program Focus	
Expenses	70.62
Total Expense	869.86
Net Change in Cash	4,106.33
Balance as of December 26, 2017	11,825.73
Money	
Market	18,205.78