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President's Letter—Debbie Gheen

Dear Friends,

It's time. Winter is here. Are you prepared? I wasn't. Recently, I left my office to go home for what normally would be a twenty minute drive. Instead, it took me almost two hours. There was no rain or snow when I left my office on Maple Avenue in Zanesville. But just a few miles away, there was snow and freezing rain. The weather had changed so quickly that no one was prepared. There was no salt on the roads and no sign of anyone helping the many cars stuck along the roadside. After forty-five minutes of driving just from Zanesville, I finally made it to my road in Duncan Falls only to find

that it was temporarily closed due to the cars in ditches and others that were blocking the way. I then waited in my car for another forty-five minutes with at least thirty cars stuck in the same place. Determined to get home, I decided to walk the last couple of miles. Was I prepared? No. I was dressed to work in an office and not for the outside when it was twenty-eight degrees. And, no gloves or boots, or hat. No flashlight either. I definitely was not prepared. I was also the person walking in the dark by the light of a cell phone. I did notice that a few others starting walking too.

We all hear stories about



how we should be prepared for bad weather but are we? I can tell you that my boots, hat, and gloves, and flashlight are now back in my car for the winter. I encourage you to think ahead about what you may need and be prepared because the weather is so unpredictable.

Thank you everyone for coming to the Christmas party. What a great time! I hope you enjoyed it. I look forward to seeing you in January.

Happy New Year!

Debbie

January Member Meeting & Dinner

Date: Wednesday, Jan 7

Location: First Christian Church

Board Meeting: 4:45pm

Member Meeting: 6:00pm

Menu: Pot luck dinner

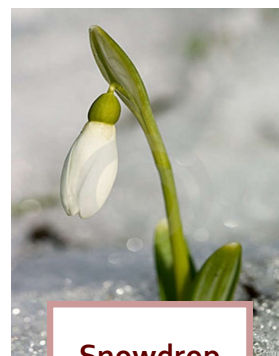
Price: \$4

Regular meeting reservations:

Barbparmer@yahoo.com

740-872-6124 (home)

740-452-0099 (work)



Snowdrop

Smile Zone



Dr. Sulens and I finished the December calendar year in style at National Road Elementary. We had 8 new Kindergarten students. They were so excited to visit the mobile dental unit to have their teeth cleaned and

examined by the dentist. New toothbrushes all around. We also saw another 12 students (1st through 6th grades) on this treatment day. We filled some teeth, had one extraction, and the rest had good recalls with no cavities. Education contin-

ues to help with prevention and treatment of all teeth. Thanks to all of you for continuing to support this much needed dental health program. Here's to happy, healthy smiles in 2015!

- Valencia Clark

**"Stop
focusing on
how stressed
you are and
concentrate
on how
blessed you
are."**

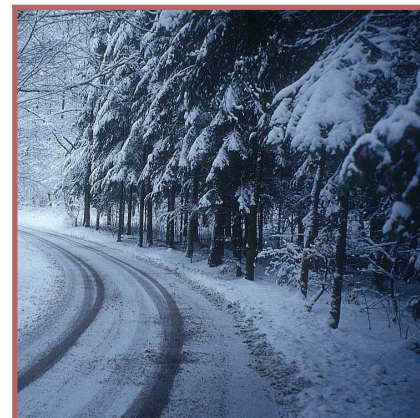
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Winter Weather Concerns

The weather is the reason why we are having potluck dinners for our January and February meetings. No one wants to be surprised by snow or be walking home because of the icy roads.

It will be nice to be able to cancel at the last minute if needed. This seems to be a good option for us and worth a try. As I stated at the Christmas party, each of us have a different level of comfort for winter and winter driving.

- Debbie Gheen



Fundraising—Giftwrapping

The giftwrapping fundraiser held at Colony Square Mall December 13th thru the 20th was very successful.

We had great participation by our members and help from

the Key Club.

Thanks to our members for the many ways you participated, whether by helping out at the mall or with your donations of wrapping paper, bows, or monetary do-

nations.

This year we raised \$1,407.95 through your efforts, which will provide many benefits to our worthy service projects. Thank you!

- Fundraising Committee



Member Milestones

January Birthdays:

18 Barb Caffaratti

10 Linda White

January Anniversaries:

Barb Caffaratti 2007

Burdeen Higgenbotham 1978

Carol Kagenski 2004

Linda White 2004

Sharon Wise 2013



**"A New
Year's
resolution is
something
that goes in
one year
and out the
other.**

**~Author
Unknown**

January 7 Meeting — Committee Planning & Updates

Each club member is assigned to a committee at the beginning of the fiscal year. These are listed in the Membership Book.

The Committees and Chairs are:

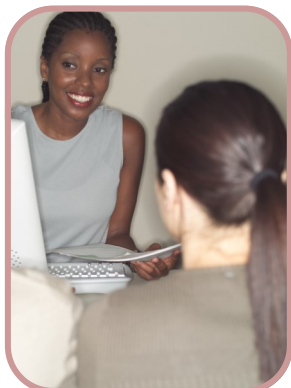
Fundraising: Sharon Wise, Pat Burkhart, and Melanie Smith

Membership: Taffy Tippet and Judy Rebic

Program: Cindy Brandi and Lynn McGlade

Public Awareness: Barb Caffaratti, Jamie Clark, Theresa LaCrone, Caroyln Sherry, Crystal Zellar, and Melodie Hayes

Three-Month Meeting Info



January 7 — Pot luck meeting at First Christian Church. Committee teams will meet and update on progress of initiatives and projects

February 4 — Pot luck dinner/meeting at First Christian Church. Speaker will be Meg Dietrick, who will discuss 211 services

March 4 — will feature our scholarship winners with a special dinner at Primrose Retirement Village. See page 4 for additional details.

SIZ EVENTS

A Snapshot of the Year Ahead

Membership Meetings (MM) are typically held on the first Wednesday of each month

2015

January 7 — MM will concentrate on committee planning for upcoming events and updates. We will meet at First Christian Church (where we have the style show) and have a pot luck dinner with meat and cheese tray provided. If the weather is bad we can cancel without having to pay for the meal. The cost per member is \$4.00 to cover cleaning and set up of the room and meat tray.

February 4 — MM will feature Meg Dietrick, who will talk about the services provided by the 211 phone number. We will again meet at First Christian Church (where we have the style show) and have a pot luck dinner with Chicken strips from KFC provided. The cost per member is \$5.00 to cover the chicken and the set up and cleaning of the room.

March 4 — MM will feature our scholarship winners with a special dinner at Primrose Retirement Village on North Pointe Rd. Cost for the dinner is \$10.00 which includes Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, salad, rolls, beverage and coconut cream pie. An optional tour of this nice facility will be offered at 5:30 before the meeting for those interested. When members sign up for dinner we need to know if they will take the tour (If no one is interested then Primrose won't need to have someone there to lead the tour.) The meeting room is on the second floor with an elevator right inside the door and easy to get to.

April 1 — MM topic Influential Person Night - Members are asked to bring a person that has influenced them or who they have influenced to dinner. Style Show is scheduled for April 11, Spring Conference 2015 April 24-26 in Milwaukee, WI

May 6 — Sister Fun Night, Quarter Auction and Door Prizes, Transitions Home Renovation May 15 and 16

June 3 — Installation for new Board members and dinner at a location TBD, membership dues are due

July 1 or 8 Picnic – Golf Outing fundraiser on July 11. The club also has a pot luck picnic with the board providing meat and table service.

August 5 — TBD

September — TBD

October—TBD

November—TBD

December—Member Christmas Party, details TBD

Each month, one member is asked to create a scrapbook page as a remembrance for the chapter president upon the end of her term. Contact Donna Snider if you are willing to participate. She has all of the resources. Thank you in advance!

***“ If we did
everything we
are capable of,
we would
literally astound
ourselves.”***

***-- Thomas
Jefferson***





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Soroptimist International Mission Statement:

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

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Vice President Lynn McGlade
Recording Secretary Kelly Moore
Corresponding Secretary Cindy Brandi
Treasurer Molly Ross
Delegate Jamie Clark
Delegate Donna Snider
Director Judy Rebic
Director Linda White

President's Theme: "Have fun and enjoy life-
Together we can make a difference for
women in need."

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Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women

The Live Your Dream Awards assist women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills, and employment prospects. Learn more by visiting Soroptimist.org

Quick Facts

- ◆ Each year, more than \$1.6 million is disbursed through cash awards at various levels of the organization.
- ◆ Many recipients have overcome enormous obstacles including poverty, domestic violence, and drug and alcohol abuse.
- ◆ The awards may be used to offset any costs associated with efforts to attain higher education, such as books, childcare and transportation.

Source: Soroptimist.org

