



Soroptimist Signal

Zanesville, Ohio Club

Midwest Region



Celebrating 80 years of service 1941-2021

Mar/Apr 2021

*A Message
From Our
President,
Kim
Brandt'ass*



Come on Spring!

Barb and I would like to give our heartfelt thanks to all of our Soroptimist Sisters for the flowers, thoughts, prayers and support for the passing of our husband and father, Al Parmer. The flowers were beautiful. It was certainly a shock to our family to experience such a loss. The love you shared was greatly appreciated and warmed our hearts immensely.

Spring is right around the corner and with it comes new life and new joy for all things. With some restrictions and curfews being lifted, hopefully **things** will start to go back to some sort of normalcy. It sure would be nice to see everyone in person!

With Love, Kim

3 Month Meeting Information

RSVP to Brenda Elswick belswick@zanestate.edu (740) 252-1266

Everyone must RSVP. There are no longer any "standing" reservations.



March 4, April 1, May 6th

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

A note from Brenda regarding future meetings:

If you haven't heard, Chef Steve purchased the old Nichol's Restaurant on Putnam Avenue. At this time he will only be using the building to run his catering business. However, he has agreed to let us hold our meetings there when we are ready to meet again.

He will prepare individual boxed hot meals for us. You will be able to choose between two meats, two potatoes, and two veggies and each meal will be served with a roll and butter and a bottle of water. Cost will be \$8-10 depending on the meat. I will email and text the details out after we set our next in-person meeting date.



Smile Zone

We have all been wearing mask for about a year. Evidence is showing that the humidity created inside the mask has been linked to lower disease severity with Covid-19, flu and other respiratory tract issues. Keep those mask on and smiles inside the mask. Remember a smile wakes up the brain.

*Keep Smiling!
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:

- Fundraising: All of the Roosters cards were sold for a profit of \$300. 48 Anniversary Raffle tickets were sold for a profit of \$540. That's pretty good!
- The Style No Show planning is going well. Tickets are \$20 and will enter you into the cash raffle. Contact Amy for more info.
- Turn in any outstanding pecan money to Molly. There are still 2 cases of plain pecans remaining.

❖ Program: If you have suggestions for a speaker or topic to be presented at a future meeting, speak with Melodie Hayes.

❖ Public Awareness: We have partnered with The John McIntire Library to put together a display in honor of International Women's Day on March 8th. For the entire month of March, the glass case located at the library's entrance will display items that highlight historical women from Ohio, women's museums and education centers in Ohio, items that were invented by women and of course, information on SIZ. Make sure you stop by the library and check it out!

Member Milestones for March

Birthdays

8- Crystal Zellar-Hinkle
19- Pat Burkhart
Barb Parmer

Anniversaries

Charlotte McGuire 41 yrs



Member Milestones for April

Birthdays
23- Lynn McGlade

Important Dates

Mar. 8- International Women's Day

Apr. 17- Style NO Show online

Mar. 31- Governor's Award Due

April- Split Dues payment due to Molly

May 31- Club Giving & Founders Pennies Due



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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:

Birds of a Feather
Flock Together



#choosetochallenge

1908 was a year of great expansion in the US. It was also a year of unrest. The oppression of women encouraged women to become vocal about disparity and inequality. A campaign for change rallied 15,000 women to march the streets in New York protesting for shorter hours, better pay and voting rights.

The next year the Socialist Party of America announced a National Women's Day to honor the movement, and in 1910 it went global – the Socialist International voted for the creation of a Women's Day to advocate for suffrage. The first International Women's Day was held in 1911, and more than a million people turned out to rallies in Europe.

For most of the 20th century International Women's Day was acknowledged and celebrated by people at the grassroots level, a rallying point for social justice. In 1975 International Women's Day was celebrated for the first time by the United Nations. Then in December of 1977, the General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace.

By the year 2000, very little activity was occurring for International Women's Day. The world had moved on and feminism wasn't a popular topic. A spark was needed to re-ignite International Women's Day, and to raise awareness amongst the masses. There is still much work to be done.

President Barack Obama proclaimed March 2011 to be "Women's History Month", calling Americans to mark the event by reflecting on ***"the extraordinary accomplishments of women"*** in shaping the country's history. Hillary Clinton launched the ***"100 Women Initiative: Empowering Women and Girls through International Exchanges"***.

The 2021 IWD theme is **#choosetochallenge**. A challenged world is an alert world. Individually, we are responsible for our own thoughts and actions. BUT...We can choose to challenge and call out gender bias and inequity. We can choose to seek out and celebrate women's achievements. Collectively, we can all help create an inclusive world. We can honor the women who went before us in 1908. We can honor their efforts by carrying on the mission they began.

On **March 8, 2021**, International Women's Day (IWD) will be celebrated as one of the most important days of the year for us to:

- celebrate women's achievements
- raise awareness about equality
- lobby for accelerated gender parity
- fundraise for female-focused charities

Together, we can make a difference!
Learn more at www.internationalwomensday.com

Style No Show Virtual Event April 17th, 2021

Planning continues for the Style NO Show. So far, Can Roe & Co. in Duncan Falls, and The Shop on Main in New Lexington, and Hole in The Wall Boutique have agreed to provide photos of models and outfits. Community Bank and Huntington have once again given their support for our event.

This will be a virtual event, posted on Facebook. Anyone can view the photos, etc., but to be eligible for the cash and door prizes, a ticket must be purchased.

Tickets are only \$20! The ticket enters the purchaser into the \$100 prize drawing, and for door prizes. Contact Amy for tickets. Payments can also be made through Pay Pal or Venmo.

Golf Outing Sat. July 10, 2021

The golf outing will be held on Sat. July 10th at Green Valley Golf Course. Taffy is working on the details. If you are able to help in any way, please let her know.



Sunday March 14th, 2021

Turn clocks ahead 1 hour!





The Mid West Region is transitioning away from Facebook to Slack for communication. What is SLACK you may ask?

SLACK is a computer application that was created as a way for organizations to communicate both as a group and in one-on-one discussions. You can communicate as a group through channels or privately via “direct messaging.”

The region is trying to migrate to this platform instead of Facebook for announcements since it’s more of a workspace than a social space.

You can access SLACK by going to slack.com or downloading the App straight to your device.

Create an account and search for Soroptimist International Midwest Region.



Live Your Dream & Virginia Wagner Awards

Drumroll please.....

We are pleased to announce that **Constance Marling** is the recipient of the LYD Award. We met Constance last year when she spoke to our group about Naomi House.

Grayce Brannon of Duncan Falls is the recipient of the Virginia Wagner Award. She is currently studying Business Accounting at Capital University

Congratulations and best wishes to both of these ladies.

We look forward to meeting them in person soon.