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Soroptimist Signal

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President's Letter—Debbie Gheen

Dear Friends,

Spring is definitely something to look forward to right now. I hear it is near but I am not a believer!

We all seem to want warmer days and not to hear any mention of snow. However, there is something else we can look forward to in the spring. It is the Soroptimist Style Show.

This really is a good fit for this time of year. What a great way to begin spring with one another! Fashion, fun, and food, how can we go wrong with this? I don't know about you

but the thought of the dessert table alone will help me have happy thoughts until spring! Once again, I am truly impressed at how everyone in Soroptimist works together to make events possible. Few organizations can say this. You can be proud of what you have. It is unique. I remember the first time I attended the style show I was so impressed at the quality of it. I believe it is an event that so many ladies would love to attend if they knew about it. So, if you will, please remember to invite your family, friends, and

coworkers to the style show. One other thing you can do is just remember who you sat with at your table last year. Call them and remind them how much you enjoyed their company and ask them to come back again this year. The best invitation is still a phone call.

I thank you for all you do. See you at the March meeting.

In Friendship,

Debbie



March Member Meeting & Dinner

Date: Wednesday, Mar 4

Location: Primrose

Board Meeting: 4:45pm

Member Meeting: 6:00pm

Menu: Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, salad, rolls, and coconut cream pie

Price: \$10

Regular meeting reservations:

Barbparmer@yahoo.com

740-872-6124 (home)

740-452-0099 (work)



Daffodil



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Smile Zone



Did you ever think about the invention of the toothbrush? Early forms of the toothbrush dated back to 3000 BC. It was known as a chew stick. This was a small twig that was frayed on the ends and rubbed against the teeth to clean them. Boar bristles were used in the

brush up until 1938. They were replaced by nylon bristles in for better cleaning and less harsh to the gum tissue. Mass production of toothbrushes began around 1885 and the first electric toothbrush was invented around 1960. Americans began being more oral-health

conscious during World War II when the soldiers were asking for toothbrushes, floss and toothpaste. See, oral health and pretty smiles seem to be always important to people! Keep showing those beautiful smiles! - **Valencia**

***“Can you
imagine
finding time
to earn your
living if you
had to spend
hours every
day collecting
firewood?”
-Ann Garvie***

President’s Appeal—See Solar, Cook Solar

The Soroptimist International President, Ann Garvie, has chosen “See Solar, Cook Solar” as the President’s Appeal Project to “educate, empower, and enable opportunities for women and girls by providing solar lanterns and cookers to:

- Increased time to pursue other activities
- Ability to read and study at night
- Ability to undertake income generating activities at night
- Health benefits (decreased access to harmful smoke)
- Increased access to health services (powered by renewable energy)
- Water purification
- New jobs and areas of employment
- Decreased risk of violence with increased lighting, particularly in refugee camps and other notably dangerous areas”

For more information, visit <http://www.soroptimistinternational.org/our-projects/>



Scholarship Award Winners



Our three winning recipients of scholarship awards for 2015 are:

- ♦ **Emily Denton** for the Violet Richardson Award, presented by Donna Snider;
- ♦ **Melissa Cyrus** for Live your Dream Award (formerly Women’s Oppor-
- ♦ **Andrea McMillan** for the Virginia Wagner Award, presented by Linda White;

tunity Award), presented by Kelly Moore.

Be sure to come to the meeting to support these ladies in their achievement goals!

Member Milestones

March Birthdays:

19 Pat Burkhart
11 Erma Findeiss
14 Carol Kagenski
27 Theresa LaCrone
14 Kelly Moore
19 Barb Parmer
8 Crystal Zellar

March Anniversaries:

Theresa LaCrone 1980—35 years!
Charlotte McGuire 1980—35 years!
Carol Kagenski 2004
Donna Snyder 2011



“The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.”

~Sydney J. Harris

March 4 Meeting

March 4— 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.

Please be sure to give Barb Parmer your reservation information.

Three-Month Meeting Info



March 4— Scholarship presentations with dinner at Primrose Retirement Village. The meeting room is on the second floor with an elevator right inside the door and easy to get to.

April 1— theme is “Influential Person Night” - Members are asked to bring a person that has influenced them or who they have influenced to dinner

May 6—Sister Fun Night, Quarter Auction and Door Prizes. We had great fun with this last year and it is back by popular demand!

SIZ EVENTS

A Snapshot of the Year Ahead

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

2015

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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 18—see article on next page, Spring Conference 2015 April 24-26 in Milwaukee, WI

May 6 — Sister Fun Night, Quarter Auction and Door Prizes at Honey Baked Ham store, Transitions Home Renovation May 15 and 16. We will be working on the back porch. Melanie Smith will be looking for 4 outdoor living chairs and a small table. We will be replanting the garden and replacing the flowers in the pots.

June 3 — Installation for new Board members and dinner at Terra Cotta Vineyards in Rix Mills, 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

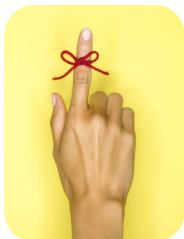
November—TBD

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!

“ We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

— Winston Churchill



Membership Responsibilities:

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



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Soroptimist International Mission Statement:

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

President Debbie Gheen
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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All Hands on Deck!

Soroptimist of Zanesville members are making plans for one of the biggest fundraisers of the year, which helps fund yearly Transitions renovations, Zane State scholarships and three Soroptimist Awards for area women and girls, plus awareness events like the Human Trafficking program at Zane State last fall.



The Style Show & Silent Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2015, so we need all hands on deck to help make this event a success! Note: this is a week later than originally announced.

Here's how you can help!

- ◆ Sell tickets \$25.00 (a real bargain) Tickets will be available for pick up at the March member meeting.
- ◆ Invite your friends, relatives, and cohorts to attend.
- ◆ Contact businesses to donate for the Silent Auction or Door Prize.
- ◆ Take a poster and a business letter with Soroptimist logo that explains how proceeds are used.
- ◆ Tell contacts that businesses names and donation are printed in the program and on auction Bid sheets so it's good advertisement.
- ◆ Thank you letters are sent to all donors.
- ◆ Bake or buy desserts(petite sized servings) for the "delicious" dessert buffet.
- ◆ Sign up for a committee : Set up on April 17th and/or Clean up after the event on April 18th.

Email Linda White – lwhite21@columbus.rr.com- the names, addresses, phone number of guests who attended last April or new contacts to send "Save the Date" cards. Volunteer to help on this project.

Thanks for your help!