



Soroptimist Signal

Zanesville, Ohio Club

Midwest Region

Nov/Dec. 2023

Do you have a “Hell Yes!” Attitude?



A Message
From Our
Super Hero
President,
Donna
Snider

Recently I attended three seminars sponsored by Zanesville-Muskingum Chamber of Commerce – you know my first thought was 3 Mondays at 8 am? This is something that I don't have time for with everything sitting on my desk and hit list. But once again I was incorrect in my thinking. I took away something valuable from each presentation. The second week really hit on some “habit changes” I had been trying to do. The presenter was Kirby Hasseman whose book is “**The GIVE FIRST Economy**” which is a different way of doing business thru giving joy and having a gratitude mentality. Kirby talked about Part-Timing or filling our calendars with activities and being too busy. Most people think busy = productive. Your calendar is probably full of activities that you are not really excited about doing (*me not wanting to attend this seminar*) and since your calendar is full of things that you are “meh” about there is no room for the things that truly matter. Kirby's presentation gave credit to many others and talked about a rule that really got me to thinking about projects invited to work on and how to re-think. “If it's not HELL yes, it's a no” This is a powerful rule (and hard to follow) If Hell Yes then it is something we are fired up about and happily move stuff off the calendar. Like trying different ideas to fund our awards to empower women and girls.

Our club has made some awesome changes and given joy to ideas that are new & exciting. Each one of you have contributed and I am grateful for your Hell Yes attitude as Soroptimist members. I encourage you to check out Kirby's book on Amazon.

*In Soroptimist Service,
Donna*

In October, Donna, Kim, Lynn and Amy attended the D2 & 4 District Meeting in Newark. A couple of changes were announced, with the first being changes to the Celebrating Success award process. The second was the end of the president's appeal and the introduction of The Soroptimist International Foundation. The Spring Conference will be in April in Fond Du Lac Wisconsin. The MWR region is working to secure a charter bus for group travel. Please watch your e mail for a survey regarding the conference and the bus as your input is needed.



Smile Zone

Going to the dentist for regular check-ups and cleanings is one of the most important factors in maintaining good oral health. Regular check-ups can prevent cavities, gum disease, oral cancer, and other dental conditions. Don't wait until you have a problem before you see your dentist, prevent problems before they happen. When you go for your regular dental check-up, your dentist is also screening for any signs of oral cancer. Every hour of every day, someone dies of oral cancer in the United States. This serious dental disease which pertains to the mouth, lips or throat is highly curable if diagnosed and treated in the early stages. Visiting your dentist for regular check-ups and avoiding tobacco are the key factors in preventing oral cancer. Schedule your check up today!

Keep Smiling!
Valencia

2023 Meeting Dates

Second Monday of each Month

Jan 5th	Feb 2nd
Mar 3rd	Apr 6th
May 4th	June 1st
July 10th	Aug 14th
Sept 11th	Oct 9th
Nov 13th	Dec 11th

PLEASE NOTE

The meeting date has changed!
We will now meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm.

Check your e mail and facebook for meeting changes.
RSVPS now go to Amy Hursey (740) 607-1476
amyjohursey@yahoo.com



Four Pillars Updates

The 4 Pillars are the cornerstones of club success. They are four areas on which clubs should concentrate their focus.

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:** We have about 5 cases of plain pecans in our immediate possession that we need to sell. All other nut sales will be done through our website with Terri Lynn. The link is on our webpage.
- ❖ **Program:** The LYD Scholarship Application Portal is open! Please share with friends and family and encourage them to apply. The deadline is Nov. 15.
- ❖ **Public Awareness:** We are working to plan another human trafficking event with Rotary. Details to come soon.

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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:**3 Month Meeting Information**

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Nov. 13, 2023 – We will be drawing the Black Friday Raffle Winner at our meeting which will take place at the home of Charlotte McGuire. Charlotte has graciously offered the club a percentage of Mary Kay Sales as a fundraiser. Let's show her the same support she has given us over the years.

Dec. 11, 2023 Christmas Party at Chef Steve's Celebrations Banquet Room on Putnam Ave. We will be playing some fun reindeer games! The meal will be served buffet style and will include baked steak, parmesan chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and corn casserole, with peppermint delight for dessert. The cost is \$22 per person. RSVP no later than Dec. 1st.

January 8, 2024 First Christian Church, Potluck- Soups & Salads

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

Let's Put some FUN into Fundraising!

We have a lot of exciting things happening with our Fundraising Pillar! Make sure you read the info below and check your e mail for all of the details. We use our fundraising dollars to help fund education awards and other club projects and causes, like baby care kits, etc.

Pecans and Cashews

After much consideration, it was decided to make some changes to the pecan sale. We currently have about 5 cases available on hand. We want to sell those first @\$13 per bag, then have the remainder of the sales online. The website is listed on our webpage, and we will have cards with the website and a QR code for ordering. There are even more products available online. You can still take orders from people, and order then deliver them yourself. Order 3 bags and shipping is FREE directly to your door.



[QR Code to Order Cashews & Pecans](#)

GOBBLE GOBBLE!

We are excited to announce a new fundraiser that was presented by our lovely vice president Saleen. It is a CASH raffle that will happen just in time for Black Friday Shopping. Who doesn't need more money?! Only 100 tickets will be sold and they will be \$25 each. The grand prize winner will receive \$500 COLD, HARD CASH!!!! There will be five \$100 runners up prizes, plus an assortment of gift cards. Let's sell ALL the tickets! If someone wants to Venmo a payment, Amy will share her info. The drawing will take place on Nov. 13 at our meeting.

Fall District Meeting Wrap Up

The Fall Meeting for Districts 2 and 4 of MWR was held on Oct 13 and 14 in Newark, Ohio. It was a great meeting, with a lot of information shared.

SIZ received a recognition certificate for participation in Founders Pennies and Club Giving and for awarding Live Your Dream Awards. Great job Club- you should be proud! Our members who attended had this to say about the meeting:

Lynn McGlade: I found that Soroptimist is leading the world with getting feminine products into the hands of girls who need them. It's wonderful that our club can participate and augment this program locally. I also loved seeing friends that I haven't seen in a long while.

Kim Roberts: If you have never attended conference you really should go. The camaraderie is really awesome. You will get to hear how the different clubs do different fundraisers and how they get new members. You will be recharged with what our mission really is. The friendships you make, you can bet they are **REAL**. I enjoy listening to all the ways to raise money. The ideas are great. I look forward to going whenever I can.

Amy Hursey: Attending conference as a board member is really enlightening. There is so much thought put in to making sure that all clubs and attendees find it rewarding to attend, and that we really live up to our mission. Hearing from other clubs and members is always a learning experience. So much wisdom is packed into one meeting room! Soroptimists really do make a difference in their local communities. Also, you should consider going to the Mission Possible Workshops if you can. So much brainstorming and idea sharing takes place. This coming Spring Conference is a voting conference, and I hope a lot of people can attend.

Donna Snider: I Learned more about the history of SIZ club from Amy's presentation and the women who came before us. History that needs to be preserved or potentially lost forever just like family recipes & stories which can't be "Googled" Think about club members that are a part of that history and "interview" them while we still can. This made me ask a few more questions of a Rotary member about the bell and was told that to this day, Rotary begins and ends each meeting by using a bell similar to the one found in storage.



Soroptimist International of Zanesville introduces The Follow Your Dream Grant Program in conjunction with the Muskingum County Community Foundation



Earlier this year our club discussed the feasibility of changing up how we do our education awards so that we can help more women in our community and make a wider impact. After several months of planning, The SIZ Follow Your Dream Grant is finally coming to fruition!

We have worked with The Muskingum County Community Foundation to establish a fund that will be used to provide financial assistance to women and girls for education and employment. The goal of this fund is to remove the obstacles that prevent a woman in Muskingum County from improving herself through education and employment opportunities. These small grants can be used to cover expenses that would not be covered by traditional financial aid, such as background checks, uniforms, transcript fees, etc.

The hope is that the application form will go live in December and that the first awards can be distributed in January of 2024. The applications can be downloaded directly from the SIZ website and from a link from the MCCF website. We have made the initial deposit to the fund in the amount of \$1500, with the same amount donated each year. We also have the ability to revisit this amount and add more to it as we deem necessary, and if any money remains at the end of the year, it will roll over to the next year.

It is very exciting to work with MCCF because they have access to donors who would like to provide additional money to the fund, and donations can be made for the Follow Your Dream fund directly through the MCCF website. Brian Wagner and Amy Luby of MCCF both said that this fund is much needed in Muskingum County because there is no other assistance like it that focuses only on helping women and girls. They said they are looking forward to seeing the success of this program.

We do need to form a committee to review the applications and make the award recommendations. If you are interested in being on the committee speak with Donna Snider, Molly Ross or Amy Hursey as soon as possible.

"Don't be afraid of the space between your dreams and reality. If you can dream it, you can make it so." — Belva Davis