#### ZANESVILLE, OH CHAPTER

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# Soroptimist Signal

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## President's Letter—Debbie Gheen

Dear Friends,

In August, it seems we have spent a great deal of time planning for our new SIZ year. There have been committee meetings, event meetings, and several email and phone message passed about. And, I can't say enough how I continue to be impressed at the teamwork and energy I see. What a blessing!

Many organizations seem to be struggling getting volunteers involved, let alone finish projects. They set goals and plan work for their members. However, this is not what I see at SIZ. I see a group of ladies gathered in fellowship and laughing and enjoying themselves. This spending time together as friends is what makes us different.

Think about the story of Tom Sawyer painting the fence. He was asked, "Why ain't that work?" I am sure you remember how the story goes. Before long, fence painting wasn't work but a privilege that the others actually paid Tom that day. They paid for the chance of joining in the fun. Author, Mark Twain, stated that no one wants to do what they feel obligated to do (work) but we all want to have fun and enjoy life.

With this said, I ask you to consider making fellowship and fun a priority this year. At each SIZ meeting or event, bring a friend and have a good time. And, if you still need proof, "it ain't work." When I talked to Doris Baker about her 70 years of SIZ membership she never once



mentioned a project or any work. Her smile and eyes brightened though as she spoke of valued friendships and the time spent with ladies she cares about. This is what makes us different from other organizations.

So my friends, I challenge you. Join me this year and have fun and enjoy life with one another because together we can make a difference for women in need.

Debbie

## **September Meeting Information**

Date: Sept 3

Location: Dooley's in the

Freight Shops

**Board Meeting**: 4:45pm **Member Meeting**: 6:00pm **Menu**: Lasagna, salad, rolls,

pound cake

**Price**: \$8
Remember to notify Donna

Snider by August 28 at noon if your reservation needs to change. Members with standing reservations do not need to contact her, unless you are not able to attend. We are required to pay for all meals ordered.



"Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower"

-Steve Jobs

## **Public Awareness Committee Report**

Public Awareness Venues: Times Recorder, WHIZ, WYBZ, Chamber of Commerce, Soroptimist Newsletter, FACEBOOK, SIZ website, SIZ tri-fold pamphlet, and SIZ member outreach.

Public **Awareness Strategies:** I. Publish information & photos plus create posters to advertise the events such as Educational Grants & Scholarship Awards, and fundraisers such as Golf Outing, Pecan Sale, Mall Gift Wrap, & Style Show & Silent Auction and awareness events such as Human Trafficking Awareness event 2.Submit news and updates to Chamber of Commerce, Soroptimist Newsletter. FACE-

BOOK, SIZ website. Include the light blue S logo on published materials.

Public Awareness Responsibilities : Times Recorder: Linda White, Debbie Gheen. Kelly Moore plus all members; WHIZ & WYBZ- open; Chamber of Commerceopen; Soroptimist Newsletter- Melodie Hayes & Valencia Clark (Dental Health program ) and Committee Chairs; FA-CEBOOK- Taffy; Website - Carolyn Sherry; SIZ tri-fold pamphlet-Kelly Moore.

"Pictures are worth a thousand words", so pictures of all program speakers, events, fundraisers, member inductions, new officers, fun Birthday Parties are necessary to chronicle who Soroptimists are and what they do in our community! Thanks to Debbie, Kelly, Melanie, Melodie, Pat & Vickey for snapping photos and sharing to publish. Your talents are so appreciated.

Human Trafficking Awareness Event— October 7- see attached poster for distribution.

All SIZ members are welcome and needed to help get the word out about Soroptimist International of Zanesville and its mission- "To improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world".

## **Pecan Sales Fund Raiser**



Every year in October, the club's pecan sales fund raiser begins. Each member is asked to sell two cases (24) of one-pound bags of pecans, either regular or chocolate-covered.

The price of either bag is \$10. Cases will be available from Pat Burkhart beginning around October 20. Think of new ways to market your pecans this year and ask fel-

low members how they sell their bags. This is one of our major fund raisers for the club and is widely known and loved.

### **Member Milestones**

#### September Birthdays:

- 11 Debbie Gheen
- 23 Joyce Haddox
- 25 Melodie Hayes
- 4 Charlotte McGuire

#### September Anniversaries:

Shirley Figgins 1999 Joyce Haddox 1995 Vickey Taylor 2000



"Everyone who's
ever taken a
shower has an
idea. It's the
person who gets
out of the shower,
dries off and does
something about it
who makes a
difference."

- Nolan Bushnell

## September Speaker Profile—Ron Welch

The speaker for the September Member Meeting will be Ron Welch, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Felony Division for Muskingum County. Ron has spoken to us before about domestic violence in our community and this time will be focused on our timely

topic of Human Trafficking.

Ron has been a prosecuting attorney for his entire legal career. He has successfully prosecuted a wide variety of cases including white collar theft, drug trafficking, robbery, burglary, rape, child abuse and homicide.

He also spent six years serving as a special victim prosecutor in Columbus, including time as the unit director.

"Trying to make society better and safer one case at a time."

## Three-Month Meeting Info

**September 3**—meeting will be held at Dooley's again. Menu will be lasagna, salad, rolls, and pound cake. Ron Welch will be speaking on the topic of Human Trafficking legislation.

October I—meeting will be held at Tlaquepaque. Members may order from the restaurant menu. Speaker will be Tieaira Campbell from the Girl Scouts regarding their mission.

November 5—meeting will be held at Charlotte McGuire's home and she will present the Mary Kay line for member purchase. A portion will go to SIZ. Box lunches from Heavenly Ham will be the menu. Desserts brought by members.



**SIZ EVENTS** 

#### A Snapshot of the Year Ahead

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

#### 2014

September 3 — MM topic Human Trafficking with speaker— Prosecutor Ron Welch

October I — MM topic Girl Scouts Mission, with Teiaira Campbell, a Virginia Wagner Award winner, and Lisa Rook. Special Event at Zane State to raise awareness of Human Trafficking on October 7. See attached flyer. Please bring a small, unwrapped "white elephant" gifts to the MM for Doris Baker. Also, Cindy Brandi will be on Live at Noon on WHIZ on October 15. Tape donations from members will be accepted for gift wrapping supplies.

November 5 – MM Mary Kay night held at Charlotte McGuire's home at 1940 Newark Road. Small monetary donations or a package of nametags will be accepted for gift wrapping supplies.

December 3 — Member Holiday party, location TBD, Gift wrapping fund raiser at Colony Square Mall 13-20. Small monetary donations or a bag of bows will be accepted for gift wrapping supplies.

#### 2015

January 7 — TBD

February 4 — TBD

March 4 — TBD

April I — MM topic TBD. Style Show is scheduled for April II, Transitions Home Renovation

May 6 — TBD

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

July I or 8 – Golf Outing fund raiser on July II. The club also has a pot luck picnic with the board providing meat and table service.

August — 5



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!



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Soroptimist International Mission
Statement: To improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world.

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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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http://www.soroptimist.org/awards/live-your-dream-awards.html

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