



Soroptimist Signal

Zanesville, Ohio Club

Midwest Region

May/June 2022

May is the month of flowers and color



A Message
From Our
President,
Kim
Brandfass

I would like to say thank goodness the weather is getting nice again! I know several of us have been waiting for it to change. I am happy that it is sunny and ready to relax! When you read this, we will have recently returned from attending the MWR Spring Conference in Akron. How awesome that we were about to be together as a group again? We were able to watch our own Virginia Wagner award winner, Katelyn Foucher, accept the 2nd place award for the entire Mid West Region.

A recurring theme at the conference was storytelling. We heard amazing stories from the speakers and guests. Telling our stories is what creates a meaningful connection. It is so important to share our stories with other people because you never know who may be inspired by what you have to say. Your story may encourage a single mother to apply for the LYD award and return to school. It may encourage someone to speak out against domestic violence. It may even encourage someone to join our club!

The Club Assessment Survey has been sent to your email. This online form only takes a few minutes to complete. Please do so by May 25. The information we gain from your responses and comments help us improve the club, making it a better experience for YOU, our members.

Hope to see you soon!

With Love, Kim

“Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.”

Vince Lombardi



Dental FYI...

I am pleased to announce the mobile dental unit for the Zanesville City Schools is back in operation. The dental unit has been to a couple of elementary schools where screenings, cleaning, x-rays, toothbrushes and some education have been taking place. Between Covid and getting our new partner (Muskingum Valley Health Center) going, we are now helping our students dental health needs! And that is something to smile about!

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:** Invoices for dues will be sent soon. Please return your payment to Molly ASAP. Please check your e mail for a message about club assessment survey. This only takes a few minutes. Complete the survey by May 25th.
- ❖ **Fundraising:** The Style Show was a success! Now we are moving forward with the Golf Outing, which is July 9th at Green Valley.
- ❖ **Program:** If you have suggestions for a speaker or topic to be presented at a future meeting, speak with Brenda Elswick.
- ❖ **Public Awareness:**

PLEASE NOTE!!!!

The meeting information for May has changed from what has been announced before. The meeting will be held at First Christian Church and the meal is boxed lunches from Honey Baked Ham for \$10.

EVERYONE MUST CONTACT BRENDA IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

Member Milestones for May

Birthdays

15 Melanie Smith

25 Valencia Clark

Anniversaries

1983 Valencia Clark

2004 Melanie Smith



2022 Meeting Dates

1st Thursday Each Month

Jan 6th Feb 3rd

Mar 3rd Apr 7th

May 5th June 2nd

July 7th Aug 4th

Sept 8th Oct 6th

Nov 3rd Dec 1st

(Subject to cancellation or change)

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

1 in 5 people are diagnosed with some type of mental disorder. 1 in 10 have a substance abuse disorder. These numbers have increased since the start of the pandemic in 2020.

Learn more at www.NAMI.org and help #endthestigma



Member Milestones for June Birthdays
7 Cindy Brandi
23 Judy Rebic

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Mission Statement:

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

President's Theme:

Birds of a Feather
Flock Together



80 Years Of Clean Teeth & Healthy Gums



In 1942, The Soroptimist Club began a partnership with The Zanesville City Schools to provide dental health education for students. It is unknown for sure, but this was most likely SIZ's first major project, as the club was chartered in April 1941.

A lot of upgrades have happened since then, such as the mobile dental unit that allows students to receive basic dental care on site.

The dental health program's mission is to strive for a life-long understanding and personal acceptance of good nutrition and dental care. The results have been tremendous in improving the condition of students' teeth and oral health.

This unique program is very valuable and has received national recognition from various dental organizations.



Valencia Clark, before she retired as hygienist, providing valuable instruction and care to students in the Zanesville City Schools.

3 Month Meeting Information

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

Everyone must RSVP. There are no longer any “standing” reservations.



May 5th, 2022 First Christian Church, Dresden Rd. Boxed meals from Honey Baked Ham. Choose from Classic Ham or Roast Turkey RSVP with your choice no later than April 30. **\$10 per person**

June 2nd, 2022 First Christian Church, Dresden Rd. Officer Installation “Soroptimist Scoop” Ice Cream Social RSVP no later than May 30th.

July 7th, 2022- No official business meeting. Club Picnic at the home of Kim’s Daughter. Address will be sent to your e mail. Bring your lawn chair and a swim suit if you wish to swim.

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

Soroptimist Pledge

I pledge allegiance to Soroptimist
and to the ideals for which it stands:

The sincerity of friendship,
The joy of achievement
The dignity of service,
The integrity of profession,
and the love of country.

I will put forth my greatest effort
to promote, uphold and defend these ideals,
for a larger fellowship
in home, in society, in business,
for country and for God.

Soroptimist Grace

For the bread upon the board
Make us truly thankful Lord
For each member gathered here
Whom our hearts hold close and dear
For this day, oh Lord above
Now accept our grateful love.





Style Show Wrap Up



The style providers for the show were all women owned businesses! Isn't that exciting? Can Roe and Co, NoCo LoCo, The Kountry Kloset, Tux N Stuff and The Shop on Main provided photographs of outfits and accessories that are sold in their stores. Please take a moment to "like" and share their Facebook pages.

We had amazing donors and sponsors for our event. Thanks to The Community Bank, Huntington Bank, North Valley Bank, American Pride and Muskingum Behavioral Health for their financial sponsorships and to all of the businesses and individuals who donated door prizes. Thanks to everyone who has helped in the preparation and planning of this event. We were able to raise \$1400 that will go toward our scholarships and projects.



**Making Change Count
Update:
Well fed pigs benefit
Camp Hope**

In January everyone was given a piggy bank jar to collect spare change in. The banks were returned at the April Meeting. We were able to collect over \$200 that will be used for future projects that will **MAKE CHANGE** right here in our own community. At the April meeting the club decided to use that money to make a donation to the Build Strong Hearts 5k Fundraiser for Camp Hope Programs in Zanesville. Thanks to everyone who took the time to feed their pig over the last few months. Many members got their whole family involved with collecting coins. Your generosity is appreciated! If you are still keeping care of your pig turn it in to Molly when you are able. *Oink Oink!*

"Mayday, Mayday, Mayday"

This distress code was invented in 1923 by an airport radio officer in London. Challenged to come up with a word that would be easily understood by pilots and ground staff in case of an emergency, Frederick Mockford coined the word "mayday" because it sounded like "m'aider," a shortened version of the French term for *"come and help me."*

Club Assessment Surveys must be completed by May 25th. If yours did not come to your e mail, contact Amy Hursey for a link.

Important Dates

May 20th- Payment for Club Dues \$120

May 31- Club Giving and Founders Pennies Due

June 2- Officer Installation
Ice Cream Social

July 1- Deadline for sending Celebrating Success Forms
Dues Form 200 and Officer Info due to MWR

July 7- Club Picnic

July 9- Green Valley Golf Outing

Aug 1- LYD application portal opens

Oct. 28-29- D2 & D4 Fall Conference, Springfield, OH

One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The Four-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy.

This 24-word test for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions:

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?





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The golf outing is back in full swing

After a two year hiatus, we are pleased to announce that the annual golf outing will take place. The event is being planned by Taffy Tippet. Everyone please mark your calendar for Saturday, July 9th. We will need as many members as possible to help with the Pre-start, the snacks on Hole 10, lunch and the clean-up. At the least please sign up for the early session or the late session though you are welcome to work both. You can come early and possibly leave for a while and come back to help with lunch and clean up. We will be selling Corporate Sponsors soon, too. Taffy will get a list out for volunteers to contact or members are free to make new contacts. The Corporate Sponsorships are \$100 each.

Spring Conference Re Cap

At the end of April, 5 club members attended the MWR Spring Conference. Below is a snippet from each one about their biggest take away.

President Kim Brandfass- The conference was great! It gave me back the fire in my heart for our mission. If you have never been to one, you should make it a point to go. I learned more in 1 weekend there than in 2 years of being a member. The stories you hear are heart wrenching. And the ideas for fundraising are interesting.

Vice President Pam Edwards- I came away with a better understanding and appreciation of the the projects that we sponsor.

Treasurer Molly Ross- I like seeing that the people we help really appreciate it, and knowing that we are making a difference.

Secretary Amy Hursey- Speak positively about the club, especially if you are an officer or board member. This encourages other members to step into a leadership position, or take on a project within the club. Also, we need to have shared experiences among members. When we do something fun or meaningful together, we build a stronger bond and create memories.

Director/Membership Chair Valencia Clark Spring Conference is always fun seeing friends from many states and the fellowship with them. Conference reminds me of the wonderful work our clubs do helping women all over the word getting out of abusive relationships, getting an education to improve their lives and their children's lives. Women helping Women! Thanks Molly and Amy for the car ride fun!