



## Program/Business Meeting Tuesday, November 13 - 5:30 p.m. Olive Tree Venue

Our November speaker will be Mitzi Beach. Mitzi is an award-winning interior designer, author and baby boomer marketing and lifestyle specialist. She has over 30 years of experience and a master's degree in interior design. She is one of the Design Hounds top 100 influencers for 2018 and was selected as a member of the prestigious Style Spotters High Point market in North Carolina. She has been quoted in the Wall Street Journal as an expert in the emerging Aging in Place trend. Along with designers across America, her home is featured in the 2018 "Christmas by Design" book.

Several of our members met her during the Wichita Symphony Designers Digs tour in September. Her topic will be "aging in place".

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*A global volunteer organization that improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment..*

## Gala Auction Update



We are well on our way to having two fabulous auctions for the Gala, *but we still need your support and donations.*

**Silent Auction:** We are expanding the silent auction portion of the Gala to be much larger than in past years because we will not have our usual Spring Brunch in 2019 to help fund our service projects. If you do not feel comfortable soliciting items from Wichita merchants (I certainly didn't), check your closets for those never-used gifts - someone else will LOVE them! We can use all types of items for men or women; a bottle of wine goes with anything! Please bring your items to our November meeting, or email me, LindaB923@cox.net, to arrange for delivery. And don't forget to complete the donation receipt -it's very important too!

Our **Live Auction** will remain just 8-10 items. So far we have a stay in a Buena Vista condo, a case of wines from Veritas Vineyards in Virginia, a certificate for a weekly class at Mark Arts, dinner for 4 at Elderslie Farm Restaurant and a lovely quilt. We are working on a chef's dinner and cooking class, and still need several more.

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## Dates to Remember

<b>November 6</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
Board Meeting Candle Club	
<b>November 13</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
Program/Business Meeting Olive Tree Venue	
<b>Monday, December 3</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
Christmas Gala La Vela Venue, 6147 E. 13 <sup>th</sup> St.	



### November Birthdays

Sun Tackett	2
Kathy Newsom	17
Cam Wilson	20
Marty Shawver	21
Marché Fleming-Randle	30



### *Christmas Gala 2018*

*It is less than a month away! The committee met, and we are running along smoothly. I hope all of you are working on Auction items. If you need more invitation, please let me know 755-1503 (I will be at the meeting) or pick them up at Kathy Newsom's office. Please invite people that you would have invited to the brunch. This will be our only fundraiser this year. We need lots of people. It will get everyone in the spirit of Christmas.*

*I thought you might like to know our Menu for the evening.*

*Menu  
Steak au Poivre  
Chicken Marsala  
Salmon  
Salads: Fattoush/Caesar/House  
Roasted Red Potatoes  
Vegetable Medley  
Desserts (by club)*

*Remember this is our only fundraiser. We will not have the Brunch in the spring.*

## Live Auction Update,

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**IMPORTANT:** I need to have all the auction items no later than **November 27** in order to have enough time for Roshelle & me to put it all together so she can do the program and tent cards..

**The Ways & Means Basket:** Your committee will again be contributing items to a wonderful basket of goodies. Cleo will be putting the basket together, so get your contribution to her. This basket (valued to be determined, but well over \$100) will go to the winner of the "Heads or Tails" game immediately after dinner. There will also be a smaller consolation prize for the runner-up this year. Be sure to buy your beads for \$10 each to have a chance to be the very lucky winner!

Finally, I want to THANK all of those who have contributed to the auctions so far - you're marvelous and have made my job so much easier! Please contact me if you have questions, have an idea for an item, or need to arrange for delivery of an auction item.

Linda

## Simply SOLT

One of the many membership benefits is our Mission. We have 5 new members getting their pins at our November 13 meeting. I hope they will experience joy and sense of accomplishment by working with other like-minded women on community and global programs that socially and economically empower women and girls. Congratulations to **Terra Reusser, Suzanne Hamker, Eileen Hawkins, Glenda Foster and Anna Jackson**. The key in keeping the Soroptimist Mission activated is the daily practice of effective networking. A big thank you to the members who invited these women to our club. Very good networking indeed.

Carolyn Gerstenkorn, SOLT and Membership co-chair

HELLO MY NAME IS:

### *Who needs a new nametag??*

I will be ordering nametags for our new members soon. If any member needs a new nametag, please let me know and I will order it at the same time. I do not currently have a cost as I am shopping for a local business. I hope to have a price for you the November meeting.

Kathy Newsom, Treasurer



The Soroptimist Ruby Award:  
For Women Helping Women

## REMINDER

**The Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women deadline is December 1, 2018.**



## Update on Applications Received

As of November 4<sup>th</sup>, SI/Wichita has received three Live Your Dream Award Applications.

The deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup>. This year the Live Your Dream Award application process is all completed online. See: <http://bit.ly/LYDA-apply>. This new portal allows all applications to be filed online. So, it's not too late to forward this information to any organization you know who might have contact with eligible women.

**Kathy Newsom**  
**LYD Award Chair**



## SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS

News Release: Sorooptimist Region Governor  
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### Meet the South Central Region Governor

#### Jennifer Reeves, SI Joplin, MO

Jennifer Lentz Reeves, of Neosho, MO, is serving a two-year term as South Central Region Governor of Sorooptimist, an international volunteer organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. As region governor, Reeves will serve as the top administrative officer for Sorooptimist clubs in her geographical territory, which covers Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana. Together, Reeves and her clubs will work to affect social change and to increase the collective impact they have on local women and girls.

Governor Jennifer is a member of Sorooptimist International of Joplin, MO, one of 3,100 Sorooptimist clubs that improve the lives of women and girls through volunteer projects in the community. A member since 2006, Jennifer has held several leadership positions including region governor-elect and secretary and club president.

Jennifer is currently a Lender and Loan Administrator Officer for Southwest Missouri Bank.

Jennifer admits on the side to being a huge Star Wars fan, it helps that Jennifer's husband Brent is also a huge Star Wars fan. For those who were unable to attend the last South Central Region Conference, then Governor Cindy Lindley of SI Rockwall, TX presented Jennifer with a large stuffed Darth Vader. So Jennifer has the "force" with her during her term as Governor.

During the recent Fall Meeting in Quapaw, OK, Jennifer was seen sporting a green feather boa during the Saturday evening BUNCO tournament. If you see Jennifer at a meeting step forward and introduce yourself. She would love to meet all of the South Central Region Members.



June 21, 2018

Marilyn Wells  
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Dear Marilyn,

We would like to thank you for your recent generous gift of \$400.00 to Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland in support new STEM kits for Sedgwick County girls. Your gift will help us to achieve our goal to provide impactful, transformative experiences to our girls.

At Girl Scouts, we are all about *practicing* everyday leadership, *preparing* girls to empower themselves, and *promoting* **G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™** experiences. With your help, we are preparing every G.I.R.L. to practice a lifetime of leadership through access to thousands of girl-led experiences, skills, and connections because we know that girls built of courage, confidence, and character make the world a better place.

Today Girl Scouts is, as it always has been, the organization best positioned to help girls develop important leadership skills they need to become successful adults that will have a positive impact on their communities and beyond.

Thank you for your support of Girl Scouts and your belief in our girls.

For the girls,

Liz Workman  
CEO

*Thank you so much!*

Ann Marie Siegwirth  
Director of Fund Development

GIFT RECEIPT

Gift Amount	Check Date	Check #
\$400.00	5/15/2018	1119

*Thank you for turning Kansas girls into leaders!*

Please retain this letter as a receipt for your tax-deductible donation to Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland, which is a 501(c) (3) organization. In compliance with IRS regulations, we confirm that no goods or services were provided in consideration of your contribution.

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character.



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06/28/2018

Soroptimist International of Wichita  
Peggy Church & Marilyn Wells  
Service Awards Committee  
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Dear Peggy Church & Marilyn Wells,  
On behalf of the Kansas School for Effective Learning (KANSEL), we thank you for your generous award of \$500.  
With your added support, female students like Madalene Gallon experience Freedom through Education.

Madalene grew up in Jamaica, NY. Intelligent and with a larger than life personality, she has overcome obstacles in her life in order to earn her high school diploma.

Madelene reported she had always struggled with traditional schooling. She could complete her school work and pass her tests, but struggled to handle the constant bullying from her peers.

Her exceptional speech engagements, however, deserve recognition. Madalene was selected in the 6th grade to be the public relations representative for her school, speaking on ABC television network in front of state legislature.

Starting high school, she did well her freshman year, but dropped out her sophomore year after falling back into old habits of missing classes and failing to complete her homework.

Lonely and homeless, Madalene left her extremely abusive grandfather's home. She and her mom relocated to her aunt's tiny home for a short time, but shortly wound up at the shelter in Bronx. Living conditions were poor. She was exposed to violence, infestation and unsanitary conditions.

Madalene moved to Wichita KS after meeting a boy online from Wichita. She stayed at the Wichita Children's Home where she was to complete her education. Madalene worked full time, so she enrolled at KANSEL to take advantage of the flexible scheduling. She found KANSEL to be better than all the eight traditional schools she had attended. Working at her own pace, Madalene blew through her GED tests with the exception of math. With the personalized attention of her instructors, she learned to study more effectively. She then passed her GED math test and earned her Kansas State High School Diploma.

On graduation day she received her first tax refund and was promoted to supervisor – all on her birthday! Her bubbly personality and self-confidence now shines brighter than ever with pride.



Success stories like these are made possible with contributions from wonderful people like you.

With sincere gratitude,

Laura Paschal  
Development Director

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Linda Bowles, Reporter



## Luncheon Social

The October Soroptimist luncheon was held Tuesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> at The Fusion Restaurant and attended by eleven members and three guests. We enjoyed their unusual menu – it was truly a fusion of American and Mexican cuisine and a good opportunity to get to know one another better. We had not planned to meet in November since it is so close to Thanksgiving, however, the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday is the week after Thanksgiving and several members suggested we meet. The location has not been decided yet. You will receive an email in early November with that information.

If you have not been receiving notices about our lunches, please email me ([barthleann@aol.com](mailto:barthleann@aol.com)) and I will make sure you are on the list. Hope to see many of you at the November luncheon, or at any future lunches that fit in your schedules.

*Leann Barth, Coordinator*

## Marty in Mexico

I know some of you think that all I do is lounge around and drink Margaritas while I am in Mexico. Not so! I am on the Social and Hospitality committee at church and today we hosted a Harvest Comida for 75 people. My job was to make the cranberry sauce and a dessert. The rest was catered but we served it.

