



Program/Business Meeting Tuesday, May 14 – 5:30 p.m. Advanced Learning Library

Our May 14, 2019, our Soroptimist meeting will be held at Wichita’s new Advanced Learning Library. We’ll be given tours by library staff. We’ll learn about available services such as Book a Librarian (free one-on-one consultation), Public Computing Sessions or . . . how to borrow a book!

We need to be there at 5:30 p.m. to commence the tours. We allot half an hour or so for the tour. Enter through the west door and meet near the coffee shop.

Following the tours, we’ll have box dinners and a short business meeting.

Jane McHugh, a library volunteer from start to finish, has arranged for us to dine on the 2nd floor terrace of the library overlooking the river. If the weather is inclement, there are rooms inside where we can be comfortable.

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~ Sherry Grady
President



~ Donna Ard
Vice President



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~Roshelle Ford
Corresponding Secretary



~ Kathy Newsome
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~Leann Barth
Past President

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In April we met our four Live Your Dream Award recipients at our Annual Awards Banquet. Those women’s applications were forwarded to our District II LYDA Chairperson in January. The three district chairwomen in the South Central Region then met to evaluate the top recipients from all clubs in our region. From those applications, they selected the top four applicants to receive an additional Live Your Dream Awards from the South Central Region and Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA). In our Region, SIA provides a \$5,000 award to the 1st place applicant and two \$3,000 awards to the 2nd and 3rd place applicants. In addition, the South Central Region awards \$1,500 to the 1st place applicant and 3 \$875 awards to the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place winners. The South Central Region awards (\$4,125 total) are funded from our South Central Region annual dues. The SIA awards (\$11,000 total) are funded from donations to SIA such as Club Giving, Laurel Society donations, monthly giving, planned giving and memorial gifts.

As you can see, we are an important local part of a global organization helping women and girls around the world achieve their goals and live their dreams.

Kathy Newsom
Live Your Dream Award Chairperson

Dates to Remember

May 7	5:30pm
Board Meeting Candle Club	
May 14	5:30am
Program/Business Meeting Advanced Learning Library	
June 4	5:30pm
Board Meeting Candle Club	
June 11	5:30pm
Installation Banquet Olive Tree Venue	

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We will need to have our sandwiches ordered no later than Friday, May 10 so please let us know as early as possible whether or not you plan to be there and your choice of sandwich. The sandwiches will be purchased from Reverie Roasters' Founders Bakery. You will need to pay SI-Wichita upon arrival to the meeting.

The cost will be \$15.00. The menu is attached. You may purchase a beverage from the coffee shop when you arrive or bring your own. The coffee shop closes at 6:00 p.m.

*Donna Ard,
Program Chair*

Dr. Cam Wilson, as told to Linda Bowles



Linda: Where did you spend your youth?

Cam: I was born in Minneapolis, MN and spent my first eight years there—but really grew up in KC when my dad was transferred there from the Minnesota FDA office. I graduated from Shawnee Mission North HS and attended my 50th reunion two years ago of my HS class.

Linda: What education, degrees and awards have you acquired?

Cam: I received all three degrees from KU: BS in physical therapy; MS in special education; PhD in educational policy and administration. As a physical therapist, I practiced full time for my first eight years post graduation, and part time during 2/3 of my academic career. I worked in Topeka, Garnett, Kansas City MO and Johnson County KS in a variety of practice settings. I began teaching and administration at KUMC in 1978 until 1992. I continued my teaching, etc. at Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA until 2002, when I returned to Wichita and completed my career here. I served as chair for varying time frames at all three institutions I retired two years ago, but did a short part time stint in administration last summer. Over the years I was blessed to receive several teaching awards and a lifetime achievement award from the KS PT Association. My favorite recognition was being asked to deliver the Jessie Ball lecture at KUMC, as Jessie was one of my teachers in PT school and then I had the privilege go work with her as a faculty member.

Linda: What has been your most rewarding experience to date?

Cam: There are so many blessings, but I would have to say having two awards named for me, which are presented annually at KUMC and WSU.

Linda: What are your other interests/hobbies?

Cam: I love people and enjoy getting together with friends at every opportunity. I have a 3-year-old German short hair pointer, and she commands a lot of my time. We do many walks and pup park activities in addition to my various classes at the YMCA.

Linda: What other organizations are you a member of?

Cam: I am a member of Reformation Lutheran Church and am currently serving on the church council as well as some other committees and groups.

Linda: What are your thoughts on being a Soroptimist?

Cam: I love the opportunity to help women and I am really excited by the new projects with Mark Arts. It also is very rewarding to work with the Endowment/Scholarship committee and the Service Committee. This organization is an amazing group of women!

Service Award Grants Update

The Service Committee met on Wednesday evening, April 24, 2019, to review 15 SIW member-sponsored applicants. After the committee thoroughly reviewed and discussed the applications, recommendations totaling \$6,845 were forwarded to the SIW Board. The Board will consider these recommendations for their approval to forward to the SIW membership. The membership will give final consideration to approve at its business meeting to be held on May 14, 2019.

Marilyn Wells
Service Chair

Website is Live!

I am pleased to announce that our SoroptimistWichita.org website is up and running. Please check it out and give me your feedback.

A huge thanks goes to **Donna Hawley Wolfe** for all the work she did to gather the information from members and transmit that in a logical format to **Rebecca Morris**, the webmaster we hired to develop the website. I know it was not an easy task to gather appropriate pictures and content from a diverse and busy membership. Thanks to those of you who responded promptly to her requests.

A finished website always looks simple and one might think it an easy task. It isn't easy because it takes many hours of writing and editing once the content is determined.

I am pleased to announce that **Kathy Newsom** has agreed to keep the site updated. Hopefully that will mainly involve posting the newsletters and updating info that may become outdated. We tried to eliminate needing to do that as much as possible but if the club chooses to eliminate activities or services that will be necessary. Most of the current activities and events will be announced on our Facebook page.

Now please go and check out both of these sites so that our work will not have been in vain.

Martha Shawver
Chair of the Communications and Marketing Committee

HIGHLIGHTS – Soroptimist International 93rd South Central Region Conference. April 26-28, 2019.

The Soroptimists of Dodge City hosted an outstanding informational, organized and inspirational meeting. We had fun and were entertained, wine & dined while learning.

The Standard Business Meeting was presided by **Governor Jennifer Reeves** with special recognition of first time attendees, former District & Regional Officers, Laurel Society, Federation guest (**Bonnie Domonchuck** SI, Cambridge, Canada) and SRC Committee Members.

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Thirty (30) Clubs were represented with 106 attendees. Our SCR Financial position showed a balance of Total Net Assets of \$94,089.84. The proposed change of Registration fees was approved. *Registration fee shall be \$20 per person for the 2020 Conference, \$25 per person for 2021 Conference, and \$30 for the 2022 Conference and thereafter.* Each Club shall be assessed for a minimum of (3) registrations per conference whether the delegates are in attendance or not.

The Lou Kirby award was given to **Jennifer Reeves** of Joplin Soroptimist for her outstanding contributions to Soroptimist over the years. Lucy Keller awards for “Dreams in Action” were given to the Soroptimists of Vandalia, Arkansas City and Grand Prairie, TX. The Laurel Society report will be given by delegate, **Carolyn Gerstenkorn**.

In closing invitations were submitted for the 2020 Conference, Wichita KS, April 17-19; 2121 Liberty MO, April 16-18; 2022, Amarillo, TX.

Life enrichment, pride and inspiration can not be fully explained; you need to be there. Plan now to attend for the experience of joy and fun while renewing the goals of our Mission: “Soroptimist improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.”

Respectfully submitted
Genee Kubin, Delegate

SOLT

The Laurel Society is Soroptimist International of Americas (SIA) is a prestigious recognition program for donors who contribute gifts totaling \$1000.00 or more. Member’s that provide ongoing financial support beyond their membership dues ensure that the organizational global programs have the funding needed to serve the women and girls around the world. Since 1994, more than 6,000 Laurel Society members have contributed nearly \$10 million dollars to help women through the Live Your Dream award and other Soroptimist programs.



All Laurel Society members get a special commemorative pin representing their recognition level. A person doesn’t have to pay \$1000 all once, she can fill out an application and give a monthly amount towards this prestigious recognition. See SIA web site.

At our South Central Conference in Dodge City, our **President Sherry** decided it was time to become a Laurel Society member. She received her commemorative pin. Congratulations Sherry!

Carolyn Gerstenkorn
SOLT Chair

Sherry is wearing her new Laurel Society pin. And, received another pin for signing up for monthly giving to reach the next level. Thank you Sherry.

Carpenter Place at Mark Arts

On Saturday, May 27th eight girls from Carpenters Place participated in the first Soroptimist Community Partner experience at Mark Arts. For almost two hours they worked with clay under the careful guidance of April from Mark Arts. Each girl fashioned her own mug complete with art design and other embellishments. To say that they really enjoyed the experience is an understatement and April commented that they were one of the most enjoyable groups of young people that she had ever worked with—they were polite, diligent in their work, were very attentive, and had fun. In about three weeks, their completed mugs will be ready to pick up after having the appropriate glazes applied and firings in the kiln completed. We've been promised a picture of all girls with their finished mugs when they are delivered to them at Carpenters Place.

Thanks to **Donna Hawley Wolfe** and **Linda Bowles** for their delicious homemade cookies—which made quite a hit with the girls! And also thanks to Linda who helped oversee the project that morning. At the end of the session, the girls and their two adult drivers also had the opportunity to tour the Mark Arts facility and see the many wonderful studios and artworks.

This was a wonderful start to our new ventures with Mark Arts and our community partners. Our next opportunity will be with Stepstone on June 6th. **Marilyn Wells** is coordinating this session—so please watch for more information from her.

Cam Wilson



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Lunch Bunch for May

Send Newsletter items by the first Tuesday of the month to:

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Our next lunch will be Tuesday, May 28th at noon at the **Scotch and Sirloin Restaurant**, 5325 E. Kellogg Drive. Reservations are not required; however, it is nice if we can give them an attendance estimate so that they will know how many places to set. If you plan to attend, you can send me an email (barthleann@aol.com) anytime between now and May 28th. You will receive a reminder email before that date. If you are seeing this in the newsletter and not receiving the email notices please let me know and I will add you to the list.

This is not a business meeting, just an opportunity to get to know other members better.

Hope to see many of you there.

Leann
Luncheon Coordinator



Club Giving

Club Giving to Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. (SIA) expands our impact beyond our community to assist SIA in helping women throughout our federation. **100% of our funds** given through Club Giving go directly to the Soroptimist Dream Programs – the *Live Your Dream Awards: Education & Training Awards for Women®* and *Dream,It, Be It: Career Support for Girls®*. Because of the unique membership structure of Soroptimist, while dues pay for member services, governance, and administration, your charitable contributions are used 100% for empowering women and girls.

SIA encourages clubs to keep 90% of their fundraising to help women and girls in our local communities and contribute 10% to Club Giving to combine forces with clubs around the world for greater impact. By doing this we unify the Soroptimist brand by being recognized for our Dream Programs across our 21 countries and territories.



Save the Date!

SIA's 46th Biennial Convention is July 22-25, 2020, in Bellevue, Washington,
USA