



## Program/Business Meeting Tuesday, September 10 – 5:30 p.m. Olive Tree Venue



The speaker for the September meeting is **Kaiti Dinges**, Interim Executive Director of Jana's Campaign.

Jana's Campaign is a national education and violence prevention organization with the single mission of reducing gender and relationship

violence. In honor of the late Jana Mackey and other victims and survivors of gender and relationship violence, Jana's Campaign delivers educational programs that prevent domestic and dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking.

The meeting will be held at the Olive Tree with social time at 5:30, dinner at 6:00 and program at 6:30. Be sure to make your reservation.

**Cost of dinners this year will be \$25.**

- ~ **Sherry Grady**  
President
- ~ **Genee Kubin**  
Vice President
- ~ **Karen Harmon**  
Recording Secretary
- ~ **Lois Short**  
Corresponding Secretary
- ~ **Kathy Newsome**  
Treasurer
- ~ **Leann Barth**  
Past President

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

## Beautiful Past, Brilliant Future

At a recent club leadership workshop, participants were asked two questions. The first collected memorable moments and events from both recent and distant Soroptimist experiences. Answers varied, but centered around the satisfaction of helping Live Your Dream (LYD) award recipients; events related to District, Region and Federation meetings and friendships; and the impact of the 80<sup>th</sup> celebration slideshow showing all our club had accomplished through the years. This club has a Beautiful Past of which we can all be proud.

The second question focused on what it will take to have a successful year for our club. Again the answers varied but helping even more women and girls through our Dream programs and other efforts was the most frequent answer. Strengthening our club through active engagement, creating leadership pipelines and growing membership plus having a successful fundraiser and South Central Region Conference were close behind. Working together to achieve these goals leads to our Brilliant Future.

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## Dates to Remember

<b>September 3</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
Board Meeting Candle Club	
<b>September 10</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
Business Meeting Olive Tree Venue	
<b>October 1</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
Board Meeting Candle Club	
<b>October 4 – 6</b>	
District/Region Fall Meeting Quapaw OK (Joplin MO)	
<b>October 8</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
Program/Business Meeting Olive Tree Venue	
<b>December 2</b>	
Christmas Gala LaVela Venue	

## Meet Genee Kubin



**Genee** first came to Wichita from Emporia so her brother could go to the Institute of Logopedics (now Heartspring). She married early, had two sons and was involved in their activities - church, scouting and sports. After living in Connecticut for ten years she returned to Wichita and divorced.

She attended CCCC, Votech and WSU, graduating from Friends in 1986. She has worked in a variety of areas: as a Tupperware office manager for a couple of years, 4 years in Banking, 17 years managing Medical and Dental offices, 10 years as an automotive service manager, a year with United Way, and 17 years in partnership with husband Steve in CS&S Graphics, a printing company, retiring in 2015.

While working she was involved with YWCA, NAWBO, WVSC WIBA. She has been happily married to Steve for 33 years. The last 12 years have kept her busy as the guardian and caregiver for her developmentally disabled brother. Genee enjoys sailboat racing, collecting art, reading, household and gardening projects and biking. She finds inspiration from these words: "Let no good by me be marred; let no duty be too hard; in all things bravely do your best."

Genee says her membership in Soroptimist has brought her joy, friendship and purpose.

*Linda Bowles*



### September Inspirations

10 Roshelle Ford



### September Birthdays

Mary Herrin	1
Eileen Hawkins	11
Linda Bowles	23

## Lunch Bunch

We will resume our fourth Tuesday of the month luncheon socials on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, with lunch at **The Muse Café**, located in the Wichita Art Museum, 1400 W. Museum Blvd.

It is not necessary to pay the museum entrance fee if you are just having lunch, however, if you wish to tour the art gallery, you will need to pay the admission fee. We meet at noon and everyone is welcome to come and go on your own schedule.

Hope to see many of you there.

*Leann Barth, Coordinator*

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We are already receiving applications for Live Your Dream Awards. Our December Gala will again be the only fundraiser for the year. Plans for it are well underway; success will depend on all members (remember we are all members of the Ways and Means Committee) collecting donations for auction items. The goal is set to raise more funds than ever before in order to fund even more LYD awards.

The key to active engagement is committee membership. Committee Chairs will be reaching out to fill committee rosters – just say yes. This will be a busy year and active participation is needed from all. If you are a recent new member, you are especially encouraged to jump right in.

We also have three opportunities to expand our circle of Soroptimist Friendships and make new memories, The Fall Meeting – October 4 – 6; the South Central Region Conference here in Wichita April 17-19; and the SIA Federation conference July 24 – 26 in Bellevue, Washington. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend any and all of these events.

Welcome to the new Soroptimist Year. As we continue to celebrate our Beautiful Past, the Brilliant Future of our club is in our hands. Let's have fun making Dreams come true and building new, lasting memories.

*Sherry Grady, President*

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Dear South Central Region,

I am so excited for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Meeting! We have listened to what you want for this meeting and I know that the committee has worked very hard on an agenda that fulfills our individual Districts' needs and the needs of you, our SCR members, as a whole. As you spend your time at this meeting, we want to help you grow as a person, as a club member and as a member of your community. YOU ARE VERY IMPORTANT to all of these facets in life and if you do not focus on you, what good are you to everyone else? We want to give you the tools to be better to yourself, connect with teenagers, branding and a little sprinkling of SOLT (Soroptimist Orientation Leadership Training).

I hope that you will learn a lot from our speakers; they have some great things to teach us! Most importantly, take the time to hang out and have fun meeting new people in our South Central Region. Some of my favorite people are ones that I have met through Soroptimist!

Over the weekend, I hope to get to visit with all of you! I want to hear what your dreams and aspirations are for your personal life, career and club. Remember you are never too old to have new dreams and to accomplish them!

Best wishes,  
Jennifer Reeves  
SCR Governor 2018-2020

## Service Awards Presentations



Left: SIW member **Judy Haglund** presented service grant award of \$725 to Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center Executive Director **Kathy Williams** for developing and printing of posters and related items that provides information on services and educational programs available at WASAC.

Right: SIW member **Judy Haglund** presented service grant award of \$800 to **Libby Wiseman** at Dress for Success for supplies/meals for its “Tailored Transitions: Women’s Empowerment Towards Career Success” client monthly meetings focused on job retention and life skills/professional development.



Mark Arts Soroptimist Endowment Partner Program: **StepStone** youth and staff with their Mark Arts clay project instructor.

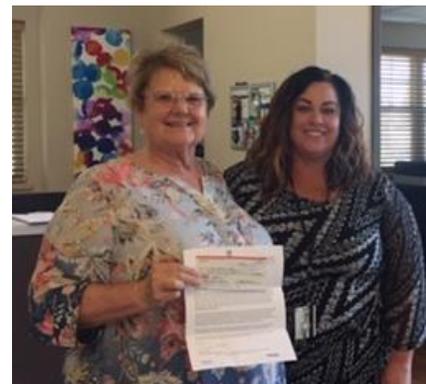


SIW member **Jane McHugh** (right) presented service grant award of \$500 to Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland Executive Director (and SIW member) **Liz Workman** for activity supplies for three one-day Community Based Programs (CBP) Camps for 150 underserved girls in Sedgwick County.



SIW member **Marilyn Wells** presented service grant award of \$1,020 to Catholic Charities Senior Director of Programs **Joyce Mahoney** (left) and Executive Director **Wendy Glick** (right) for GED fees or other educational expenses for women in its shelters and outreach.

SIW member **Carolyn Gerstenkorn** presented \$540 to Wichita Children’s Home staffer **Melody** for its Human Trafficking Survival Care Program - classroom magnetic dry erase white board and landscape wall mural (visual stimulation, plus installation costs).





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June 18, 2019

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF WICHITA, INC.  
Attn. Marilyn Wells  
P.O. Box 48163  
Wichita, KS 67201-8163

Dear Marilyn,

Words cannot express our gratitude for your generous donation that benefits the men, women and children we serve at Harbor House. When we think about the impact made on those we serve, it truly starts with the hearts of those who give to support our mission.

Our families come to us hurt, afraid, and many times with only the clothes on their back. Fleeing an unsafe situation doesn't allow our clients to grab many of the items we can often times take for granted. Thanks to your giving heart and generous support we are able to provide them with the basic needs and essentials to truly start over in a safe environment surrounded by hope and love.

Our ministry allows us the opportunity to meet each client where they're at based on their individualized circumstances. We assess their needs, barriers, goals, fears and work quickly to put as much support and resources in place so they can begin to move forward. This would not be possible without your willingness to support us, our mission, and the precious lives of those we serve each day.

I pray that you receive God's blessings in abundance for the kindness you have shown to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Gratefully yours,

*Wendy*  
Wendy Glick  
Executive Director

*Thank you Ladies! We are excited about the opportunity at Mark Arts too!*

*LeAnne Miller*  
LeAnne Miller  
Senior Development Director

*Thank you!*

If further documentation is desired, please contact us at (316) 264-8344 x 1261.



Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center

June 12, 2019

Marilyn Wells, Service Awards Committee Chair  
Soroptimist International of Wichita, KS Inc.  
P.O. Box 48163  
Wichita, KS 67201

Dear Marilyn:

Thank you for your grant award of \$725.00 to the Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center (WASAC). Your award will support our educational programming in the Wichita community.

Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center assists and supports survivors of sexual violence as well as their family members. The support to survivors includes a 24-hour hotline, medical and court advocacy, support groups, therapy, and crisis intervention. In addition, WASAC staff works to provide education in our community on sexual violence. Your award will help us continue our community education work in 2019.

Once again, thank you for making WASAC the recipient of the Service Award for 2019. We are grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Kathy Williams  
Executive Director

Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center Mission Statement: Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center works with individuals and communities through comprehensive services and education to create a culture of intolerance for sexual violence and an atmosphere of healing for those impacted by it.

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June 28, 2019

Soroptimist International of Wichita  
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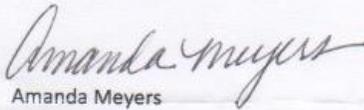
Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent, generous donation to the Wichita Family Crisis Center on 6/28/2019, totaling \$1,000.00. Your commitment to helping victims of domestic violence in our community truly makes a difference.

The Wichita Family Crisis Center was able to provide services to over 1,800 people affected by domestic violence in 2018 because of donors like you. Your donation will be used to help operate our 24/7 crisis center and assist in providing basic needs for domestic violence survivors and their children.

With your assistance and continued support, more domestic violence survivors and their children are able to get and stay safe.

Sincerely,

  
Amanda Meyers  
Executive Director

*Thank you so much! We are so excited for our project!*

Your contribution is tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations. In accordance with Federal tax law, The Wichita Family Crisis Center (fka Young Women's Christian Association of Wichita) affirms it has not provided any goods or services in consideration, in whole or in part, for this contribution. The Wichita Family Crisis Center is a charitable organization exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, and is not a private foundation as defined in Section 509 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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