

SOROPTIMIST INDY METRO

MARCH 2015

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Geneva Taylor



Geneva, pictured with her daughter, Lauren

Geneva has been a member of Sorooptimist for 5 years, as a charter member and as the first President of the Indy Metro Club. She is also on the board of another 501(c)3 non-profit in Indianapolis, Arts for Learning, a local affiliate of a national organization that works to bring arts education into standard curriculums to schools around the State of Indiana through teaching artists.

Geneva has been living in Indianapolis for almost 14 years working at Rolls-Royce in purchasing, currently as a Strategic Purchasing Executive. She has almost 30 years of experience in purchasing although she graduated from Northwestern University with an engineering degree and has never worked a day as an engineer! In her career she has been fortunate to work with and/or travel to places around the world including Poland, Brazil, Norway, Italy, Germany and the United Kingdom.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Birthdays:

March 20	Monique Bland
March 21	Jaye Gaddis
March 25	Francie Falls

March Business Meeting (brief) and Annual Awards Dinner

Date: Monday, March 2
Time: 6:30 pm
Place: Granite City Food & Brewery
49 West Maryland St.
Indpls 46204

April Business Meeting

Date: Monday, April 6
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Shapiro's Delicatessen
808 S. Meridian
Indpls 46225

May Business Meeting

Date: Monday, May 4
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Southeast Community Svcs.
901 S. Shelby St.
Indpls 46203

Midwestern Region Spring Conference

Date: April 24 - 26
PLACE: Crown Plaza Hotel MILWAUKEE, WI
HOSTED BY: SI of Milwaukee and SI of Fond Du Lac

Sorooptimist International 20th Annual Convention

Date: July 9 - 12
Place: Istanbul, Turkey

For More Information, and to register, go to:
<http://www.si-istanbul2015.org>



2015 DREAM IT, BE IT PROGRAM

Our Dream It, Be It Program will utilize our club's past work with The Professional Business Series, but tailor it for middle school age girls from the local Indianapolis Public Schools. The program consists of two workshops focusing on different topics designed to build confidence, empowerment, and good habits. Since our club has an ongoing relationship with the Southeast Community Services Center, we will work with their youth center coordinator, Tiffany Boyd, building upon relationships she already has with the local IPS Schools and its parents. Tentative program dates are on Saturdays, April 18 and May 2, 2015 for 4 hours each session.

How can you help?

- Topic speakers/presenters ideas
- Workshop material development
- Online research on the SIAHQ and other websites on topics below
- Our first planning meeting will be announced soon so please look out for the information via email

Workshop Topics	
Day One	Day Two
Self-esteem and Self respect	Developing and "selling your brand" (values)
Anger management, bullying, positive relationships (introduce teen-dating violence education)	Dressing for success,
Hygiene and health	Time Management,
Establishing your values	Money management,
	Helping others
	Careers and planning for the future
	Develop Road Map and Plan

Dream It, Be It Committee	
Geneva Taylor	Jaye Gaddis
Dominique Raymond	Christine DuBridge
Jessica Davis	Leah Carroll
Monique Bland	Sara Fields
Rachelle Merkel-Diaz	Careth Flash
FrancieFalls	Kenita Doss

Geneva Taylor (cont.)

Geneva is proud to be from a little working class suburb of Chicago called Harvey, IL (population around 15,000) and to be a member of the third generation to graduate from the same high school. Her grandfather was the 4th black person to graduate from that school in the class of 1922 and the school was founded in 1899. She is also proud of her daughter, Lauren, who has just recently joined our club as a member and is a sophomore, majoring in Computer Science, at Ball State University.

Her family, especially her parents (her mom is a member of the Soroptimist Illiana club and her dad is a volunteer for Soroptimist) and her boyfriend are her support system, which also includes many friends that keep her positive, and going!

Geneva's favorite quote:

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. - Maya Angelou

Geneva enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, watching movies, mentoring and helping others.

VIRGINIA WAGNER AWARD WINNER SELECTED

Our club's Virginia Wagner Award winner is Mari'ssa McKinney of South Amherst, Ohio. Mari'ssa is a senior in high school, but has been enrolled in college courses at Lorain County Community College. When she graduates from high school she will enter college as a sophomore with all her general education classes completed. She has worked part time since 2011 while maintaining a 3.7+ grade point average. Mari'ssa has been accepted to both Kent State University and Ashland University and will take classes in both law and financial management.

