



SOROPTIMIST INDY METRO

DECEMBER 2014

Member of the Month President Kenita Doss



President Kenita was born and raised in Detroit. She attended the University of Alabama for undergrad and Arizona State University for graduate school. She worked for GE and TRW Automotive before moving to Indianapolis to work at Rolls-Royce where she's been for six years. She is a Structural Engineer whose responsibilities involve developing and applying structural integrity assessment techniques to support the design and safety for current and future gas turbine engine components. A member of Sorooptimist since 2011, she has served as Secretary and now President. She enjoys reading, travelling, spending time with family and friends, dancing, and taking care of Diego with whom she is pictured above.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BIRTHDAYS:

DECEMBER 23 JESSICA DAVIS

DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 1
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY SVCS.
901 S. SHELBY ST.
INDPLS 46203
THEME: MERRY/UGLY SWEATER AND
HOLIDAY JEWELRY
BRING A BOTTLE OF WINE

SOCIAL: YELP'S TOTALLY BAZAAR

DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11
TIME: 6PM - 10PM
PLACE: CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
FORMAT: FREE HOLIDAY SHOPPING
PARTY WITH FOOD, DRINK,
SHOPPING,
ENTERTAINMENT

JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 5
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY SVCS.
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REMINDERS

WE STILL NEED NON-SOROPTIMISTS TO SERVE AS JUDGES FOR OUR AWARDS PROGRAMS. IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED PLEASE LET JESSICA DAVIS KNOW.



Soroptimist International News

Each year, on December 10, the SI President invites all Soroptimists to join her in making a personal sacrifice and donating money to be used to benefit Soroptimist International projects for education and leadership. For 2013-2015, Soroptimist International President Ann Garvie has selected See Solar, Cook Solar. Energy poverty is a significant barrier to women and girls' education and empowerment in many parts of the world. Women are particularly affected because of their role in collecting fuel, cooking and other domestic work. This project will support Soroptimist projects around the world that educate women about renewable energy and will empower and enable opportunities for them by providing solar lanterns and cookers. The first two projects to benefit will be in Zambia and Fiji. For more information, and to learn how to support the appeal, visit www.soroptimistinternational.org.

Soroptimist International of the Americas News

SIA is reminding members that Tuesday, December 2, 2014, has been designated #Giving Tuesday. On that day charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give. This would be an excellent date to remember your favorite charity. If you are interested in donating to SIA there's a link at liveyourdream.org.

Midwestern Region News

Clubs are still accepting applications for the Virginia Wagner Award, a grant designated for women who are attending college/university in pursuit of a bachelors, masters or doctoral degree. If you know any qualifying candidates contact Mary Shelby.

Member Dominique Raymond has suggested a volunteer opportunity for us: helping at a bridal shower for breast cancer patients and survivors. The event will be held on January 9th and 10th at the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing. You can sign up to volunteer at www.bridesagainstbreastcancer.org/upcoming-shows-2015/indianapolis-bridal-show-january-2015. Dom has suggested that interested members can coordinate as a team.



On November 11 members Geneva Taylor and Mary Shelby attended the graduation ceremony for inner city school children who have taken eight dancing lessons provided by Kids Dance Outreach Indianapolis, a non-profit program designed to equip young, at-risk children with skills that can prepare them to achieve success. There is a possibility that we can arrange with KDO to provide opportunities for the girls we mentor when we begin our Dream It Be It program.

Designer Handbag Bingo a Popular Success

This year's Indy Metro Designer Handbag Bingo (DHBB), held on November 1, 2014, at Southeast Community Services, was the most successful so far!!! We netted \$4800, nearly \$2000 more than at the previous event.

Bingo winners were able to choose from nearly twenty handbags and were awed by the selection. Pictured at the right is our remarkable Bingo Caller, Jaye Gaddis, with several of the top prizes.



The event attracted over 100 attendees, many from other Midwestern Region Soroptimist clubs, and including several past and current Region leaders.



Standing, left to right, Jennifer Prater, Hancock County; Dominique Raymond, SIIM; Barb Eberts, Columbus; Wendi Stern, Columbus; Jennifer Gaddis, SIIM; Pricilla Hutra, Monroe; Leah Carroll, SIIM; Governor-Elect Vivian Walczesky, Monroe; former Governor Mary Shelby, SIIM; Monique Bland, SIIM; District I Director Kris Armstrong, Bloomington-Normal; Jaye Gaddis, SIIM; former Governor Bev Bucur, Illiana; Julia Tellis, Illiana; Nancy Davis, Genesee County; Terri Stamps, SIIM; President Kenita Doss, SIIM; Careth Flash, SIIM. Seated, left to right, Mary Chapman, Illiana; Treasurer Geneva Taylor, SIIM; former Governor Missie Austin, Kenton/Hardin County; Anita Newman, Urbana; Governor Vicky Hicks, Columbus; Jessica Davis, SIIM; former Governor Cheryl Fouts, Northeast Suburban Franklin County.