

WHO ARE WE?

Soroptimist Indy Metro Mission:

We are dedicated to embracing the mission of improving the lives of women and girls while engaging in our motto, "The Fun Starts Here!" Our club enjoys great diversity as our members represent a wide range of professions, ages, and ethnic backgrounds. We all work together energetically to advance our common goals of helping women and girls be their best.



SI- INDY METRO FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

As we enter our 10th year as a club within Soroptimist, we continue our mission to reach more women and teen girls through mentoring and encourage women to pursue their goals through participation in our annual award programs, the Live Your Dream and the Virginia Wagner Awards.

This summer we held a fundraiser called, "Quiz for a Cause" at Indiana City Brewing. We had several club members form trivia teams but this outing also included "quiz team regulars" who attend the hosted trivia event weekly around the city. While stretching our random trivia knowledge, we had fun while helping to get our name out in the community and we did a little membership team building too. Our teams were named ("SME's", "Geneva said be here!" and "Jenny swipes right" ... Yes, we do have a sense of humor!)

Also, during our summer season, we continued to meet and discuss ideas to further our club's mission and agreed to continue our mentoring program with a group of teen girls at Lawrence North High School. Girls Empowered and Motivated to Succeed (GEMS), is sponsored by a group of dedicated teachers, led by Kelly Britton and includes girls in their high school- from Freshmen to Seniors. We ended the last



Quiz for a Cause "Fun"draiser- July 2019, (SME's- Co-President Sara Shephard, Taylor and friend, Amber Finley)

meeting in May with gifts for the graduating seniors that included a book- ["Girl Wash Your Face"](#) by Rachel Hollis and its accompanying journal so they could write their thoughts and dreams down.

At the September 2019 meeting we started off this school year with stress relieving tips including a little bit of Yoga to help the girls start their year off right. *Picture to the right- Stress relieving yoga poses being shared by member, Jennifer Burchett, during mentoring activity with Lawrence North HS Girls- GEMS Group*





“FUN”DRAISER!
COME OUT TO **DESIGNER HANDBAG BINGO**
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2019
(DOORS OPEN 11AM; COST \$35 IN ADVANCE)

NORTHSIDE EVENTS & SOCIAL CLUB
2100 EAST 71ST STREET, INDIANAPOLIS, IN
Buy your tickets on Eventbrite:
<http://bit.ly/35bQn8o>

WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT? (ALL EVENTS ARE CLUB EVENTS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

- October 7th** Regular Meeting at St. Philip's Church, 720 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr St, Indianapolis, IN
- October 16th** Club Mentoring with GEMS at Lawrence North High School, Indianapolis, IN
- October 18th -19th** **Region:** District I and III meetings at the Essenhaus Inn, Middlebury, Indiana
- October 21st** Special Meeting- Final Planning for Designer Handbag Bingo Fundraiser
- October 25th -26th** **Region:** District II and IV meetings at the Doubletree by Hilton, Newark, Ohio
- November 2nd** FUNDRAISER! Designer Handbag Bingo, Northside Events & Social Club, 2100 East 71st Street, Indianapolis, IN
- November 4th** Regular Meeting at St. Philip's Church, 720 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr St, Indianapolis, IN
- November 15th** Club Deadline for the Live Your Dream Award Applications
- November 20th** Club Mentoring with GEMS at Lawrence North High School, Indianapolis, IN
- December 2nd** Regular Meeting at St. Philip's Church, 720 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr St, Indianapolis, IN
- Looking ahead...**
- January 15th, 2020** Club Deadline for the Virginia Wagner Award
- April 24th- 26th, 2020** **Region:** Spring Conference- The Kensington Hotel, Ann Arbor, Michigan (hotel registration deadline- March 2020)
- July 22nd-25th, 2020** **SIA Federation:** Hyatt Regency, Bellevue, Washington (hotel registration deadline- June 10th)

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How do I find out more information on the club's awards?

A: Our website has most of the information you need at sroptimistindymetro.org/awards; Deadlines for awards- Live Your Dream Award, November 15th and the Virginia Wagner Award is January 15th every year.

Q: How do I support Soroptimist and/or get involved?

A: Our club consists **100%** of volunteers. As always, your attendance at educational events, fundraisers and/or other programming is always needed and welcome but please let us know you are coming. All of our activities are funded through donations, business sponsors and club fundraisers (including expenses for our scholarship awards and mentoring programs).

We have ongoing fundraisers through Amazon – so order items by using www.smile.amazon.com and then select Soroptimist International of Indianapolis Metro as your non-profit to support. We get a .5% back from Amazon- at no extra cost to you. We also sell candy and treats through Terri Lynn at www.siindymetro.terrilynn.com where a portion of every item sold comes back to our club. You can also support us via www.shopwithscrip.com (contact us to learn more about signing up to buy gift cards through Scrip to give back 1.5 to 15% back at no additional cost to you) Also cash donations are welcomed via PayPal, Square or at our mailing address.

Q: How do I learn more?

A: Our website www.sroptimistindymetro.org, the Midwest Regional website- www.simwr.org or the Federation website- www.sroptimist.org are all good sites to look at to learn more about the organization as a whole. If you want to know about the international presence of Soroptimist and it's involvement in the United Nations go to www.sroptimistinternational.org



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Soroptimist is a name coined from two latin words, "soror" meaning sister and "optima" meaning the best. Hence the translation is "The Best for Women."

2019 – 2020 Board/Committee Members

CO-PRESIDENTS: JESSICA DAVIS & SARA SHEPARD

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DREAM IT, BE IT CHAIR: CARETH FLASH

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WEBSITE MANAGER: KENITA DOSS

SOROPTIMIST SUZY

We decided to borrow a children's project idea of "Flat Stanley" and create "Soroptimist Suzy." If you have not heard of "Flat Stanley", as a school assignment kids are asked to draw their own version of the character, get pictures of Stanley doing activities, traveling, etc. and then write a story about him. We thought it might be fun to create our own character but to do it with the premise of telling the Soroptimist story of women helping women and living their dreams. The basic principle of the project is to bring more awareness about our organization through our travels and interactions with others in our community.

Be on the look out to see Soroptimist Suzy participating at our latest events!