



*Soroptimist Of  
Wyandotte  
Southgate  
and Taylor*



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*October, 2008*

From the President's Pen

Happy Fall to all! At our October meeting the Service Committee presented their recommendations. I'd like to thank Beth Moore for chairing the committee, and thank the members for their hard work.

As we all know, October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. In Soroptimist International of the America's White Paper "Breast Cancer and Low-Income Women," the importance of early detection is critically important.

It states . . . "current research points to breast self-examination, clinical breast exams and mammography as the screening methods most able to reliably diagnose breast cancer before it has metastasized.

Mammography in conjunction with clinical breast exams has proven particularly effective at achieving this goal: when these procedures are conducted together at annual exams, fewer than 5 percent of breast cancers are missed.<sup>39</sup>"



Our members can be proud of the fact that we help low income women in our community achieve these potentially life saving screenings through our affiliation with the Yes Ma'am Program. Thanks for everyone's hard work to help us help women in our community!

You can read the SIA white papers at [soroptimist.org](http://soroptimist.org).

Happy October!

Sue

Just thought you might like to know.....



# FYI

Josie Burke, is president of AAUW Wyandotte - Downriver Branch. We're sharing newsletters and ideas while we are both presidents, so I thought I would pass along some information about an event they are having.

AAUW Euchre and Bridge Fundraiser

Friday, November 14, 2008 at 7:00pm

Westfield Center in Trenton

Cost is \$15 and prizes will be based on number of participants.

For more information, please contact Josie Burke at 734-671-0148.

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Dear Midwestern Region members,

I just received an email from the guest speaker at all of our district meetings, Theresa Flores. The television shows I've listed below will focus on sex slavery in suburbia. I believe it's important for our members to understand that the problem of human trafficking and sexual slavery exists here in the United States and is not just centered in foreign countries. Theresa has been interviewed in conjunction with the production of these programs, and her experience will be included.

The program, "Sex Slaves in the Suburbs" will air on Sunday October 12 at 10:00 pm EST on MSNBC. The program focuses on several personal stories of sex trafficking and provides a glimpse at law enforcement's efforts to tackle the issue. A short segment and a preview of this program was shown on NBC's Today Show this morning.

The program is the first in a series. Theresa's story will be included in the next segment of the program which will be shown in January or February and is two hours long.

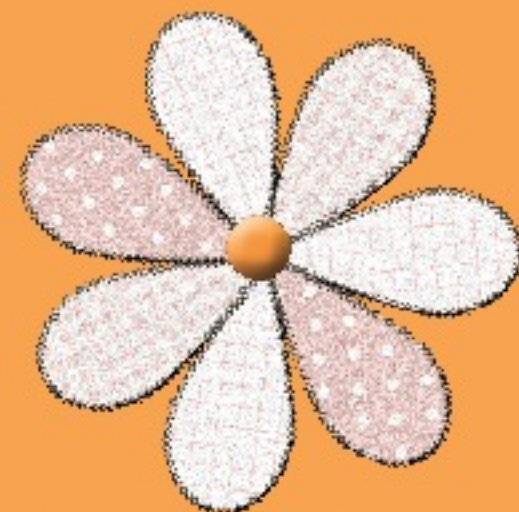
Please let your fellow members know that these programs will be airing and suggest that they watch to garner a fuller understanding of trafficking and how it is affecting us at home.

Mary Parsigian

Midwestern Region Governor

2008 - 2010

# Committee Updates.....



## Awards

Applications are being accepted for all of our Si awards. If you think of a place that it may be beneficial to leave applications or flyers let someone on the committee know. The committees have all started leaving information around town, and would love to have as many applications as possible. Given the state of the economy it is even more important that we tell the world what we stand for and who we support - Our Awards do just that.

## SI-WST Information Brochure.

Kat Popowicz is still looking for sponsors for this incredible brochure. \$50.00 gets you a sponsor block that will be left everywhere women hang out. If you have not had a chance to see this, make a point to do so. I am sure you will be amazed.



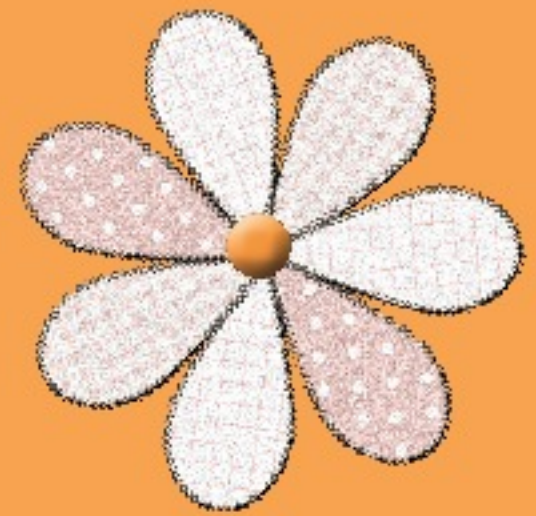
## Ways & Means Event



Our first poker event is coming up quickly! We still need a few people to sell chips, so if you can work either the 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm shift, or the 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm shift, please let Sue know. All we are required to do is sell chips at the desk. The event will be held at Woodhaven Lanes November 13, 14 & 15.

Invite your poker playing friends to this event! More information can be found at [umichiganpoker.com](http://umichiganpoker.com), including information about the tournaments at Woodhaven Lanes.

# Committee Updates Continued.....



**The following Service Contributions Budget was submitted and approved at the October meeting.**

## Scholarships/Continued Projects

WOA	\$2000.00
Virginia Wagner (RAP)	\$1000.00
Violet Richardson Award	\$ 750.00

- We are suggesting a split on this award, \$500.00 to go the student and \$250.00 to go a charity of her choice.

SLA Club Campaign	\$250.00
Laurel Society	\$500.00

Sub-Total \$4500.00

Hands on Projects	\$1200.00
Girls Matters	1200.00
Vision Project (Vista Maria) (33.33%)	2600.00
Maple Grove (33.33%)	2600.00
Yes Maam Program (33.33%)	2600.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$14,700.00</b>

In addition to our budget includes funds for the following items. Said funds are and should remain in our Service Account.

Emergency Fund	\$550.00
Seed Fund	\$600.00
<b>Total Reserve</b>	<b>\$1150</b>

## Website Challenge 1:

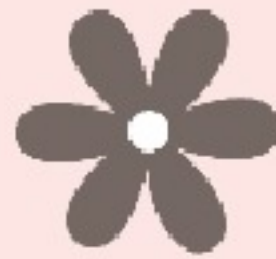
Find a website that would be perfect for us to link our website too.

For example if you go to google and type in michigan volunteers at this point we do not show up in the list. There are lots of different ways to search for volunteer or charity work online so what would you type in? When you do type that in --- does our website show up?

If not bring the website address to the next meeting and we will try to get listed there.

## Website Challenge 2:

Ok it's not really a website challenge but add the SI-WST website address to your email signature line. Let's find every way possible to promote Soroptimist.



**What's on the**

**Web.....**

### Website List:

**Soroptimist of Wyandotte, Southgate & Taylor:**

**[www.si-wst.com](http://www.si-wst.com)**

**Soroptimist of Midwest Region:**

**[www.simwr.org](http://www.simwr.org)**

**Soroptimist International of the Americas:**

**[www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)**

**Soroptimist International:**

**[www.soroptimistinternational.org](http://www.soroptimistinternational.org)**

**Live Your Dream Campaign**

**[www.liveyourdream.org](http://www.liveyourdream.org)**



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# October 2008

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