



SOROPTIMIST
Best for Women

Soroptimist Indy Metro

August 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VOLUNTEER DAY AT GLEANERS

PLACE: GLEANERS FOOD BANK OF INDIANA
3737 WALDEMERE AVE
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46241
DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH
TIME: 9AM-NOON

CLUB MEETING

PLACE: SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY SERVICES
901 S. SHELBY STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46203
DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
TIME: 6PM – 7:30PM

CLUB MEETING

PLACE: SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY SERVICES
901 S. SHELBY STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46203
DATE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH
TIME: 6PM – 7:30PM

2014 SOROPTIMIST DESIGNER HANDBAG BINGO FUNDRAISER

PLACE: SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY SERVICES
901 S. SHELBY STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46203
DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
TIME: 11:30AM – 5:30PM

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OUR MISSION

Soroptimist International of Indianapolis Metro (Soroptimist Indy Metro) is a registered non-profit organization that works to provide “The Best for Women.” Our organization is a worldwide sisterhood of professional women who volunteer to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities, nationally, and throughout the world.

2014 DESIGNER HANDBAG BINGO

Soroptimist Indy Metro will host its premier biennial bingo fundraising event, Designer Handbag Bingo. At this event you will be given the chance to win an authentic designer handbag or accessory (Coach, Michael Kors, Dooney & Bourke, etc.) by simply playing the game bingo. In case of a tie, a coin toss will be held and a consolation prize will be awarded. A gift basket drawing will also be held at this event.

All proceeds will help fund our annual Soroptimist awards (see page 2 for more details), volunteer efforts, and programs for women and girls in the Greater Indianapolis community.



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2014 DESIGNER HANDBAG BINGO

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The ticket price is \$25.00 per person if purchased in advance online at www.eventbrite.com (search Soroptimist). Tickets may also be purchased for \$30 per person at the door. Donations are always greatly appreciated and are being accepted online. Attendance for this event is limited so get your tickets fast!

ANNUAL SOROPTIMIST AWARDS

INFORMATION:

LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD

The Live Your Dream Award (formerly known as the Women's Opportunity Award) is one of the organization's major programs. This award program assists women ages 18 and older who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills, and employment prospects.

Each year, more than \$1.5 million in education grants are awarded to more than 1,000 women, many of whom have overcome enormous obstacles including poverty, domestic violence and/or drug and alcohol abuse. Live Your Dream Award recipients may use the cash award to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education, such as books, childcare, tuition, and transportation.

In addition to providing the primary financial support for their families, eligible applicants must be enrolled in, or have been accepted to, a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program and must demonstrate financial need. The program begins at the local club level of the organization, with club recipients becoming eligible for additional awards at other levels of the organization.

Deadline: November 15th

VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARD

Named after the president of the first Soroptimist club, the Violet Richardson Award honors girls who are making a difference through volunteer service. This recognition program is for young women ages 14-17 who are engaged in volunteer action within their communities or schools. Each year, this award is given to a young woman who donates her time and energy to causes that make the community and world a better place. The program begins at the local club level of the organization, with club recipients becoming eligible for additional awards at other levels of the organization.

Deadline: December 1st

VIRGINIA WAGNER AWARD

The Virginia Wagner Award is specific to those states in the Midwestern Region: Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio. Women residing in these states who are attending college/university in pursuit of a bachelors, masters, or doctoral degree are eligible to apply. This award is granted to those women who display effort toward education, have done volunteer work in the community, and demonstrate financial need. This award was established by the Soroptimist International Midwest Region in honor and memory of Virginia Wagner, a former Soroptimist club member and physician at Riley's Children Hospital in Indianapolis, IN.

Deadline: January 15th

For information about SI Indy Metro and award applications, or to make a donation please visit our web site:
www.soroptimistindymetro.org

GLEANERS VOLUNTEER DAY A GREAT SUCCESS!

Our recent Volunteer Day at Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana was a great success! Ladies Under Construction partnered with us and we had an awesome turnout. We were tasked with filling snack bags for children who need food assistance during the weekend. Our team filled 1,650 bags for local children in need. We also had fun networking in the process. Thank you to all that participated in this event!

