



SOROPTIMIST

Best for Women

April 2018 Issue

# SOROPTIGRAM

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Soroptimist International of Harrisburg, PA Inc  
*Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.*  
North Atlantic Region  
District IV

Chartered June 1, 1938  
Making a difference for Women since 1921  
The vision of SI is:  
To be a Global Voice for women through  
awareness, advocacy and action.

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Of  
HARRISBURG, PA, INC.

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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARYBETH

March winds have blown in April Showers and is still blowing. Mother Nature sure seems to be confused. So far our April Showers have been snow showers but spring is coming. This weekend will give us a peek at what is coming. It may be cold showers outside but inside we Soroptimists use April to warmly shower those in our community who work to better the lives of women and girls in the Harrisburg area, with our awards banquet to be held on April 24. I hope many of you have invited a friend to join you as we show case the efforts of those serving as we "toot our horn". Perhaps those attendees will consider joining us in our effort to improve our community and the lives of those in it especially women and girls. Not only will we award those who improve the lives of others, but we will also give financial assistance to help to improve the lives of those recipients and their families. I would like to take this opportunity to shower with thanks those who worked so hard to put these awards together. Thank you one and all.

I would also like to thank those attending NAR. They will keep us abreast of what is happening in the larger arena as well keep us informed of changes as they are presented. Many thanks go to Cathy Orwan and her committee for putting together our slate for elections in May. A huge shower of thanks goes to those who responded positively and are stepping forward to guide our club in the coming year.

*MaryBeth*

April Invocation  
Patti Krow

## PROGRAMS

APRIL: AWARDS  
PROGRAM

**DATES April 24, 2018**  
**TIME: 6:30 P.M.**  
**PLACE: Best Western**  
**Premier Hotel,**  
**Harrisburg, PA**

**Members who plan to attend the**  
**February dinner meeting MUST**  
**notify Carol Ann Colyer, 717-540-**  
**1278 or [ccacolyer@aol.com](mailto:ccacolyer@aol.com) the**  
**Wednesday before meeting**  
**Meal Cost \$19**

## SI – NAR COLLECTION

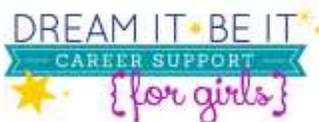


The last weekend in April is our regional conference hosted by SI of Cape May County. NAR would like to support CARA, the Coalition Against Rape and Abuse. CARA is committed to empowering victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault through free and confidential counseling, support and advocacy. They are going to collect baby wipes, toilet tissue, deodorants, diapers and pull-ups; children underwear and PJs. You can also give Walmart gift cards. Alice Lubrecht has said she would take any items you may want to donate.

**Happy Birthday**

April  
2 – Helen Drothler

## DREAM IT BE IT with SALVATION ARMY



On Tuesday, May 8, our Club, SI of Harrisburg, will partner with The Salvation Army Capital City Region for the *SIA Dream It Be It* Career Support for Girls project. The program for girls in grades 7 & 8 will

take place at the Steelton Highspire High School from 11 AM to 2:30 PM.

Participants will rotate through a series of workshops. The Salvation Army coordinators, Jenny Gallagher-Blom and Yolanda Haywood presented an overview of the program to our Club members at the February Dinner/ Business meeting. The association of our organizations combines resources as well as enthusiasm for this initiative.

Our partnership with the Salvation Army will enhance and extend the impact of Soroptimist in the community. We will be stuffing bags for participants on May 2, 1 PM, at Renee's House

## 80TH ANNIVERSARY AND COMMUNITY COOKBOOK

Get ready to celebrate our club, **SI of Harrisburg, Pa, Inc.** Working together club members, family, and



friends contributed favorite recipes for our Anniversary cookbook collection. The cookbook

includes snacks, appetizers, main dishes, salads, soups and desserts. Some old favorites (such as Helen Swaincott's Mandarin Orange Salad) as well as many new and interesting offerings fill the pages. Let's get ready to gift and sell our cookbook. It's a

great way reach out to potential new members and say thank you to past as well as future supporters. **How many cookbooks will you want? Start making your list now!**

**GIANT, KARNS & WEIS CARDS**

Treat a senior citizen, a family member and or give a gift to a family or individual in need of assistance. Grocery cards can be purchased in the amount of \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 and \$100.



While Gretta is healing, please contact Jacalyn Speaks for gift cards at [jcspeaks@patreasury.gov](mailto:jcspeaks@patreasury.gov) or [jcspeaks@aol.com](mailto:jcspeaks@aol.com) to submit your orders.

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**



- April 24, 2018 SI Dinner Meeting & Awards Night
- April 27-29, 2018 NAR at Cape May, New Jersey
- May 7, 2018 S I Board Meeting, Susan’s Home
- May 22, 2018 S I Dinner Meeting
- June 12, 2018 S I Board Meeting  
Location Not Determined

- June 26, 2018 S I Dinner Meeting, 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration!
- July 30-Aug 2, 2018 SIA 45<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention, Japan
- August 17-18, 2018 NAR SOAR, Hilton Garden Inn, Valley Forge
- Nov 2 -3, 2018 FDM, Hilton Garden Inn, Valley Forge
- May 3-5, 2019 NAR Spring Conference, Mars, PA
- July 18-20, 2019 SI 21<sup>st</sup> International Convention Kuala Lumpur
- July 20-22, 2020 SIA 46<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention, Bellevue, WA

**DISHCLOTHS FOR SALE**



Handmade crocheted dishcloths will be for sale at our September meeting. All funds will be donated to our club.  
 Prices: 1 dishcloth \$4.00  
 2 dishcloths \$7.00

**LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD**



Last month you were provided with information on our 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, Holly Witmer. This month we want to provide

information on our 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner, Kayla Slack.

Kayla lives in York and is attending the Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences working for an Associate's Degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology. She has a chronic illness and often struggles to pay medical bills as well as provide for her daughter. She is looking forward to walking across the stage in two years with her degree. Kayla will be receiving \$800.

### **VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARD**

The Violet Richardson Award is for girls between the ages of 14-17 who volunteer in their community. The award recognizes young women who make the community and world a better place through volunteer efforts.



This year our award will be presented to Alexandra Sassaman, a senior at Lower Dauphin High School where she enrolled in Honors and

Advanced placement classes. She is receiving the award for her volunteer service in founding the "Falcon Packs Program" for the Lower Dauphin School District. This program provides food for the weekend for needy students.

### **2018-19 BOARD OFFICERS**

Cathy Orwan and the members of the Nominating Committee have filed the slate of officers for next year.



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The Vice President and Assistant Treasurer remain open. Please consider these opportunities to serve.

### **SI of CANNOCK and DISTRICT**

Cannock Soroptimists were thrilled when club member Dr. Janis Lomas had a book published very recently. The book, *'The History of Women in 100 Objects'* was written in collaboration with Professor Maggie Andrews and was featured in a national newspaper on International Women's Day. It contains fascinating articles and pictures on such objects as the washing machine, sanitary towels, and Mrs. Beeton's Book of Household Management! The 100 objects tell the tale of women and womanhood and symbolize the journey of women from second-class citizens with no legal rights, no vote

and no official status to the people they are today. Some of the items oppressed women. The launch was held at the Redditch Needle Museum on March 10th. Both women are historians specializing in Women's History. Janis was a lecturer in Women's History at Birmingham University, she now gives talks all around the area on various aspects of women in history and was a founding member of the Women's History Network. The two will have a busy time with two more books for publication, further books in the initial planning stages and a 2-day conference "*Voices of Women in the Great War & it's Aftermath*" on 13th and 14th April at the Black Country Living Museum.

### **2018-19 BUDGET AND DUES**



The proposed dues are \$144 for regular members and \$67 for Life Members. The dues increase is a result of a COLA issues by the SIA. Neither NAR or the local club increased the dues. The current meal contact is in negotiation for next year. A copy of the draft proposal is included with this issue. Voting on the budget will take place at the May meeting.

### **Region Fundraisers at NAR Spring Conference**

#### **Escape to Ocean City, Maryland!!**



A weekend in Ocean City Maryland. Relax for 2 nights & 3 days! 4 BR, 4 Bath home, on inlet bayside.

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Includes all amenities, sheets, towels, etc. Off season weekend October thru April. Based on availability.

DS Alice had just returned from her weekend from winning at last year's conference when the tickets arrived. It is a wonderful weekend and suggests you get your ticket from one of our delegates at the April meeting. Tickets will be available at Spring Conference for \$5.00 each.

There will also be a gift card tree and one of the new Soroptimist Water Pins. The Board's Soroptimists (including SI Harrisburg's own Jim Lubrecht) will be staffing the NAR raffle table at Spring Conference.



*We are on the web at:  
www.harrisburgsoroptimist.org*

**SOROPTIGRAM DEADLINE:  
Deadline the first Wednesday of month.**

### **SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE**

**I pledge allegiance to Soroptimist and to  
the ideals for which it stands.  
The Sincerity of Friendship  
The Joy of Achievement  
The Dignity of Service  
The Integrity of Profession  
The Love of Country  
I will put forth my greatest effort to  
promote, uphold and defend these ideals,  
For the larger fellowship in home, in  
society, in business, for Country and God.**

Editor: Alice Lubrecht  
Associate Editor: Carol Ann Colyer

### **WHO ARE SOROPTIMISTS**

Soroptimists are women of all ages, cultures, and ethnic groups. They are working moms and single women, small business owners and corporate executives, attorneys, teachers and physicians. Soroptimists are leaders across all professional disciplines that also serve as role models for younger women at the beginning of their careers. The common thread that connects all Soroptimists is the desire to make a difference for others through volunteer service.

Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) is part of Soroptimist International, the world's largest classified service organization for executive and professional women.

The Harrisburg Club's mission is to use our time, talents and resources to advance the status of women and children. To accomplish this mission, we establish and support specific projects to address the needs locally, regionally and internationally.