



SOROPTIMIST

Best for Women

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# SOROPTIGRAM

**Soroptimist International of Harrisburg PA - P O Box 61971 Harrisburg PA 17106**

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.

**2016-17 OFFICERS & BOARD**

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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ALICE

*Spring flowers and Mother's Day have come so quickly. I keep thinking it's still March and we have several months until the end of our club year. But April Awards and Spring Conference have come and gone. Last year we wondered whether we would be able to continue. And now, we are ready to celebrate a great year of activities and awards. I want to thank all of you for your support for our various projects. We are small but a mighty group who continue to be determined to aid women and girls to improve their lives.*

*At our May meeting we will be voting for officers, directors and delegates as well as a budget for 2017-18. And we will hear from the Salvation Army about their efforts to help in the Harrisburg area. Please try to make it on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

*I want to thank our Board of Directors for 2016-2017 for their support. Thank you to Carol Ann Colyer, Billie Hawk, Susan Wolfe, Patti Krow, Renee Jones, Jackie Speaks, Marybeth Lehtimaki, and Karen Rabena.*

May Invocation  
Susan Wolfe

*Alice*

**MAY PROGRAM:**  
Speaker from  
Salvation Army and  
Business Meeting  
(Elections and Budget)

**DATE:** May 23, 2017  
**TIME:** 6:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Best Western  
Premier Hotel,  
Harrisburg, PA

Members who plan to attend the  
dinner meeting **MUST** notify  
Billie Hawk (545-6991) or  
[hawk4017@verizon.net](mailto:hawk4017@verizon.net) by 6 PM  
the Wednesday before meeting

**REMEMBER TO BRING THE APRIL SORIPTIGRAM WITH THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND OFFICER ELECTION TO THE MAY MEETING**

**COLLECTION FOR DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD**



In April, we collected travel size toiletries for the Downtown Daily Bread. If you still have items to donate, please give to Billie Hawk.

**MAY'S COLLECTION**

We are collecting Play Doh and Crayons for Caitlyn's Smiles. Please remember to bring the small sizes as these are placed in activity bags to provide to children in hospital beds.



**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.

Karns or Weis Gift Cards contact Gretta Morrow at [grettam@netzero.net](mailto:grettam@netzero.net).

Giant Gift Cards contact Jacalyn Speaks at [jcspeaks@patreasury.gov](mailto:jcspeaks@patreasury.gov) or [jcspeaks@aol.com](mailto:jcspeaks@aol.com) to submit your orders.

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**



- May 23, 2017 Dinner Meeting
- June 12, 2017 Board Meeting
- June 27, 2017 Dinner Meeting
- July 29, 2017 Summer Social
- August 11-12, 2017 NAR SOAR (Leadership) Program
- November 4, 2017 District III/IV Fall District Meeting, Danville
- April 27-29, 2018 NAR at Cape May, New Jersey
- July 30-Aug 2, 2018 SIA 45<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention, Japan
- July 18-20, 2019 SI 21<sup>st</sup> International Convention Kuala Lumpur



**Happy Birthday**

**May**  
**28 Eleanor Clark**  
**31 Doris Stringer**



**DISHCLOTHS FOR SALE**



Handmade crocheted dishcloths will be for sale at our meeting. All funds will be donated to

our club.

Prices: 1 dishcloth \$4.00  
 2 dishcloths \$7.00

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR APRIL AWARDS WINNERS**



The committees have done a great job in identifying worthy winners and organizations for all our awards.

**LUGGAGE TAGS**



President Alice has been giving orange Soroptimist Luggage tags to members for their birthday. Since you often take more than one bag, we are offering them for sales at \$2.

*Dear Friend,*

*On May 27, 2017 Eleanor Clark will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at 5225 Wilson Lane, Mechanicsburg, Pa. Please no presents, only your presence.*

**May 27, 2017**

**1PM-4PM**

**Bethany Village**

**5225 Wilson Lane, Apt. 4112**

**(Door 51—4th Floor)**

*Come and help us celebrate together.*

*Eleanor Clark*

## S. I. NORTH ATLANTIC REGION CONFERENCE

There were 199 attendees at the conference. From District IV all 12 clubs were represented by 28 Presidents, Delegates and Officers. With a Roaring 20s theme, the



opening ceremony of the conference started Friday evening and

continued with clubs "Tooting Your Own Horn."

Saturday business sessions started promptly at 9 AM with a revised agenda and numerous greetings, the treasurer's report and auditor's certification. The Keynote Address was by Karen Johnson, SIA Federation Board Member. Karen discussed the various aspects of Live Your Dream and the need to keep women on the path to achieve their dreams and role models for their children. She pointed under Dream It, Be It about 55% of women enroll in collage and 78% volunteer in their communities. Clubs helped over 8,000 girls last year and because of DIBI 84% of the girls said they felt more prepared to face their future.

Shea Rhodes from Villanova University Law School's Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation spoke on Human

Trafficking. Shea has spoken to us once before. She talked about the legal and legislative perspective within PA and recommended that everyone see the movie *I Am Jane Doe* which is currently in theaters.

Awards were presented at the Saturday luncheon. The \$5,000 Ethel F Lord award went to Lisa Rossino for graduate work. District Live Your Dream \$3,000 award went to Ashley Bartholonew submitted by SI West Shore. The first place Live Your Dream award went to Kristina Trifflitti submitted by SI Solanco.



The afternoon was broken into two sets of workshops. The first set included: Fundraising Club Sharing/Laurel Society, Taking Care of Yourself, and Membership: How to Think Outside the Box. The second set was: Everything Begins with You, Ready?, NAR Trivia, Calling All Officers Present and Future, and individual workshops club Treasurers and Secretaries.

The Fundraising Workshop included a PowerPoint presentation that encompassed some of the most important elements of what a Soroptimist is and does. This presentation will be shared with all club presidents. This presentation

may help in generation of membership.

The workshop on membership was presented on the S\I Federation Board Member and provided a good PowerPoint which could be adapted and used for prospective members or general audiences to promote Soroptimist. Ideas offered to retain members included providing installment dues; joint officers and committee chairs and involvement in hands-on activities to engage members

Saturday evening's banquet was exciting as several SI Harrisburg



members won baskets and Soroptimister Jim Lubrecht won the Escape to Ocean City Weekend.

At the Sunday business session, the proposal to the Ethel F. Lord Fellowship that was in a prior Soroptigram was further amended to make it a one \$5,000 scholarship annually to a woman veteran in need residing within the Region for a post-graduate degree.

#### **FRIENDSHIP LINK WITH CANNOCK**

As Carole Holdcroft came to the end of her year as President of SI of Cannock she was delighted to be able to make a further donation to Pathway for the refuge they run for women victims of Domestic Violence. Members have been

donating Easter Eggs which have now been taken to the Pathway Project and on Easter Day the children living in the refuge will all be given the chocolate eggs. Carole – and indeed the whole Soroptimist Club – has long been a supporter of the Pathway Project and during her year as President Carole held several events to raise funds for them and for Staffordshire Women's Aid. To date each organization has received £600.00 from Cannock Soroptimists. There will be a further £100.00 to each of them very soon as a result of the marshalling members did at the Staffordshire Ironman race last year.

President Carole Holdcroft handed over the chain of office to new President Val Jones who has chosen a theme *Women in Power and Women as Victims*. Speakers for the year have to reflect that theme and charities to benefit from fund-raising and awareness-raising will be Pathway, the local project which supports women victims of domestic violence and a new charity called "Action on Puerperal Psychosis" which focuses on women who, because of childbirth, become psychotic and temporarily insane; killing their child and often themselves. Val explained that she has had experience of this in her professional life and whilst it is not common it is far from being a rare event. Her motto for the year is: "Never stop Learning": you're never too old about to learn about yourself and what you're capable of.

We are on the web at:  
[www.harrisburgsoroptimist.org](http://www.harrisburgsoroptimist.org)

### 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

**SOROPTIGRAM DEADLINE:  
Deadline for the June issue is June 15.**

### **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.