



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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INTERNATIONAL  
Of  
HARRISBURG, PA, INC.

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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARYBETH

Looking back on 2017-18, I'd like to thank everyone for carrying out your responsibilities. I also would like to thank you, on behalf of the community, for your generous support of our service projects. I want to thank the Board members for all they have done to make my year a success. Looking forward to 2018-19, I would like to welcome our new members from Harrisburg East and their service to the Club, as members of committees. I know we will have another successful year as each of you are diligent Soroptimist. For those of you who were unable to attend the 80th Celebration I'd like to highlight our evening.

Susan Wolfe did a world class job of presenting our Club's history, as a game of Jeopardy. We had a few good laughs as we tried to answer her questions and ring the bell first. Can you answer these questions?

- Soroptimist charter installation dinner was held at the Harrisburg Civic Club in what year?
- During World War II, Madam Noel, a surgeon and Soroptimist in Paris received what from Soroptimist International of Harrisburg?
- Margaret Weaver, Charlotte Shuey, Edna Mae Yost and Miriam Olewine provided us with money for this continued focus for our club.

## September Invocation

Alice Lubrecht

**SEPTEMBER  
PROGRAM:  
Programs for the  
Coming Year;  
Boscov's update**

*Continued*

**DATE: Sept. 26, 2017  
TIME: 6:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Best Western  
Premier Hotel,  
Harrisburg, PA**

**Members who plan to attend the  
dinner meeting MUST notify  
Carol Ann Colyer (540-1278 or  
[ccacolyer@aol.com](mailto:ccacolyer@aol.com)) by 6 PM  
the Wednesday before meeting**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED**

- Name the Month in which the following are presented; Live your Dream, Violet Richardson Award and the Ruby Award are presented.
- In 1990, 1996 and 2002 our club won this special NAR award.
- Camp Riley, Harrisburg Window Box Project, River Rescue, Girls Club, PA Association for the Blind, Central PA Literacy Council, and Mammogram Voucher Program are examples of our commitment to this.
- A Making A difference for Women Grant of \$3,000 allowed our club to fund a project to mentor mothers so they could enjoy reading to their children. It was called this.
- Varieties, Fashion Shows, 50-50 chances, Smart Money, Book Exchanges, Selling hot dogs and soft pretzels at the Farm Show and Community Day Coupons help us do this.
- When our club members serve breakfast at the Ronald MacDonald House, make craft kits for Caitlin's Smiles, Ring the Bell for Salvation Army and crochet and knit baby caps for a local hospital we are doing this.

*See You At Our September Meeting,  
MaryBeth*



## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

We are pleased to welcome three members to our club. Shirley Cleaver, Joan Gibson and Sally Straining transferred their membership from Harrisburg East as their charter was retired. Shirley, Joan and Sally will bring fresh ideas and suggestions as well as their Soroptimist history.

## **BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS**

On Tuesday, October 16, 2018, Boscovs Department Stores will host the 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the popular fun filled shopping day.

This special day is a fundraiser to benefit local non-profit organizations. Everyone who purchases a \$5.00 shopping pass receives a **25% discount** on purchases made only on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The sale of the shopping passes benefits our Club and supports the important work we do to serve women and girls.

Please plan to take advantage of this opportunity to shop for holiday gifts, special occasion items or just satisfy a whim! Encourage your friends and family members to purchase passes which will support our Club.

**Each \$5.00 pass is 100% profit for our Soroptimist Club.** Let's get started! Each Club member will receive 5 tickets. Can you sell more? Unsold tickets must be returned to the store. Please return unsold tickets to Renee. Thank you.



### **DISTRICTS 3 and 4 FALL MEETING**

The District 4 Fall Conference is being hosted by SI Phoenixville at the Hilton Garden Inn/Valley Forge Oaks on November 3 and 4. Plan to join the group as we hear updates for the SIA Convention in Japan and meet our new Governor and new District Director. Information about reservations will be at the September meeting.

### **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.

You can get Karns, Weis and Giant Gift Cards by contacting Jacalyn Speaks at [jcspeaks@patreasury.gov](mailto:jcspeaks@patreasury.gov) to submit your orders.

*Memories  
are made when  
gathered around the table.*



### **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Sept 11, 2018 SI Board Meeting  
 Sept 25, 2018 SI Dinner Meeting  
 Nov 2-3, 2018 District IV Meeting  
                   at SI Phoenixville  
 May 3-5, 2018 NAR Conference, SI  
                   Butler  
 July 18-20, 2019 SIA International  
                   Convention, Kuala  
                   Lumpur  
 July 23-25, 2020 46<sup>th</sup> SIA Convention  
                   Bellevue, WA

### **Happy Birthday Happy Birthday**

#### **August**

**1 – Alice Lubrecht**  
**8 – Susan Wolfe**

#### **September**

**14 – Patricia Krow**  
**15 – Meada McAlister**

### **Programs and Service**



Projects for 2018-2019 will be discussed at the September meeting. Make sure your voice is heard!

### FUNDRAISING EFFORTS



### **80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS**

For the 2017-18 year fundraiser we collected recipes and made a community cookbook. 125 copies were printed the end of May and we sold 103 copies \$10 each by the end of June. We need to sell the remaining cookbooks. Alice will be bringing some to our September meeting. In addition, you can order them by contacting her at 717-503-8258.

What Ideas do you have for 2018-2019? Suggestions for new ones? Ones we have had before? The board would like to hear from the members.



### **DISHCLOTHS FOR SALE**

Susan Wolfe continues to make handmade crocheted dishcloths for sale at our dinner meeting. All funds will be donated to our clubs.

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

### **SUMMER SOCIAL AT BILLIE'S**

There were 14 of us at Billie's for the summer social. We had a wonderful time with lots of conversation and good food. Thanks to Billie for allowing us to come to your home.



Two of our new

members, Shirley & Joan





## 2018-19 ROSTERS

Either at the Summer Social or the September meeting each member receives one copy of the club roster free as part of their membership. If you want additional copies, see

Alice. Cost is \$3 each.



## **WOMEN, WATER & LEADERSHIP 2017-2019 SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S (SI) APPEAL—UPDATE**

A thank you was sent to SIA member clubs for total contributions of over \$60,000 since SI President Mariet Verhoef-Cohen announced her appeal— “Women, Water & Leadership.” The appeal supports projects that educate, empower and enable women and girls, ensuring they have the capacity, experience and education needed to manage water resources and gain careers in water-related professions. The appeal will raise money to support five projects on five continents. There are currently two projects: the Mwhoko Women’s Group, Kenya (improving the economic and social livelihood of

women), and WeWash, Bulgaria (reshaping the lives of unemployed and low-income women and girls by increasing employability).

The President’s Appeal committee, made up of representatives of the four federations, confers regularly to review and select new projects. The SIA representative is Dona Gaddis Wolf, at [gaddiswolf@comcast.net](mailto:gaddiswolf@comcast.net).

Remember that our club takes up a collection at our December meeting for the President’s Appeal. Last year’s \$100 collection was given to this project. We will again collect money for this project this December.

And check out the Water pin that several of our members have purchased at NAR meetings in support of this project.

## **SIA Portal for Live Your Dream Applications**

has been updated this year for applicants to submit applications as well as local club chairs to review them. Remember the deadline at the local club level is **November 15**. **Encourage women who qualify to apply at**

<https://www.soroptimist.org/our-work/live-your-dream-awards/apply-for-the-live-your-dream-awards.html>



*We are on the web at:  
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.**

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**DEADLINE: Deadline for the  
October Issue is October 6.**

**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.