



SOROPTIMIST

Best for Women

November-December  
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# SOROPTIGRAM

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Soroptimist International of Harrisburg, PA Inc  
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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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HARRISBURG, PA, INC.

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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARYBETH

The Holiday season has begun. We think of December as the holidays but look at the calendar we have been celebrating holidays for a month beginning with Columbus Day and Halloween. Moving into November and December we have many more opportunities to celebrate.

Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> with All Saints Day we remember those who went before us and shaped us into who we are. With the DNA movement this is on our minds constantly. Then November 11 we have Veterans Day when we honor and thank those who served to make our country what it is and serve still to keep those ideals which cost so much alive. Let's pray that we have success in those efforts. Coming early this year is Thanksgiving which gives us the opportunity to thank all those who serve the community, the Club, and us in our individual lives. We are always thankful but isn't it great that we take a day to really remember those who do so much.

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### Invocations:

November – Patti Krow

December – Jackie Speaks

**November  
Program:  
Downtown Daily  
Bread Speaker**

**DATE: November 27, 2018**

**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 Continues**

December is a month of giving as we share our good fortune with others. Our seniors reap the benefit through our senior giving with the Salvation Army. Our community reaps the benefit as each of us participate in giving trees. Our family and friends receive joy as we celebrate Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa and other holidays celebrated by the rich and diverse community we are. These individual celebrations make us the interesting and rich cultural mix that we are as community and country.

Check the calendar for opportunities as a Club, community and individual to serve, give and celebrate as we move through this 2018 season.

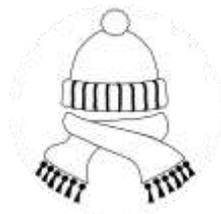
Best wishes for a Healthy and Happy season.  
*Marybeth*

**NOVEMBER MEETING**

Billie Hawk is arranging for a speaker from Downtown Daily Bread. As a



donation to them we are collecting warm socks, gloves and scarves



in feminine colors at the meeting.

**DECEMBER MEETING**

Reminder: Your spouse may attend the December meeting so think about that for the December meal sign-up.

**This monthly meeting is held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018.** Meal ordering deadline is December

Billie Hawk has arranged for Jim Milbrand with the Vintage Brass to be our entertainment.



5<sup>th</sup>.



In December we will have a **cash**

collection for the SI President’s appeal based on Women, Water and Leadership.

We will also be having a December fundraiser – Mystery Bags. Members will assemble items in a gift bag and the club will sell them for half the value (like we did at the Cookbook/ New Member Event in June).

For example: If the value of the items in the bag are worth \$10 then you close up the bag and price it as \$5).



We will not be conducting business that evening unless there is something urgent.

**FALL DISTRICT Meeting**

**Happy Birthday**



The delegates who attended the District Fall Meeting will be giving a presentation in November on

what they learned. Our club was represented with Alice Lubrecht (Region Secretary), Billie Hawk (President's Alternative), Delegates – Sally Straining and Karen Rabena with Joan Gibson attending.

- November**  
 2 – Billie Hawk  
 7 Margaretta Morrow  
 11 – Jean Jones  
 24 – Renee Jones

- December**  
 14 – Cathy Orwan  
 17 – Karen Rabena  
 21 – MaryBeth Lehtimaki  
 23 – Sally Straining

We need to congratulate Joan Gibson who because a Laurel Society member at FDM.



**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**



- Nov 13, 2018 SI HBG Board Meeting at Carol Colyer's home
- Nov 27, 2018 SI HBG Dinner Meeting
- Dec 11, 2018 SI HBG Christmas Dinner
- Jan 8, 2019 SI HBG Board Meeting at Susan Wolfe's home
- May 3-5, 2019 SIA NAR Conference, SI Butler
- July 18-20, 2019 SI International Convention, Kuala Lumpur
- July 23-25, 2020 46<sup>th</sup> SIA Convention Bellevue, WA

**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. **(Don't forget to cards as holiday gifts.)**



## **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

*Note: These are great for small Christmas gifts for friends and family. She will have them at the November meeting but not at the December dinner meeting. So far this club year she has given the club \$45.*

## **DINING FOR DOLLARS**

The club received \$88 from Isaac's and there were \$35 in donations from members who could not attend for a \$123 total.



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

Our Club members sold 50 coupons, so we made a profit of \$300.00. We want to thank those Club members who generously made donations to our profits. We hope everyone enjoyed a fun filled shopping day.

## **SI of CANNOCK and DISTRICT**

Cannock and Stafford Soroptimists and their guests were delighted on 9<sup>th</sup> October to welcome Patricia Gatherum to celebrate their International Evening. Patricia had travelled from Newcastle-Upon-Tyne to be with them. She is the coordinator for the project that Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) have been supporting for the last three years in the Meru district of Kenya and had recently returned from a study tour, so was able to tell everyone at firsthand how the project was progressing.



Working with the charity child.org and a local charity called CIFORD the project set out to provide seeds, tools and encouragement to enable women in that impoverished rural area of Kenya to create gardens to support themselves and their families and to provide surplus food to sell in their local market. Forty highly motivated women were chosen to undertake the gardening. They were also encouraged to harvest seeds to enable the project to be self-sustaining.

This has been very successful and recently the project has expanded. Women have been taught how to use energy efficient stoves to reduce the number of trees being cut down and forty water tanks have been provided

to collect as much precious water as possible.

Women collect water from the tanks every morning, boil it and then allow it to cool so they now have safe drinking water and surplus water can be used to irrigate the gardens. What began as nutritional training has now been expanded to also



provide advice to prevent girls being drawn into forced marriage, female genital mutilation and to encourage AIDS prevention. It is hoped to expand this very shortly to run a similar course for boys in the villages. Two motor bikes have been purchased to allow aid workers to travel to more of the outlying villages.

Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland has so far raised over £127,000 for this work and the project has been extended until October next year. It is hoped that the sum raised by then will easily exceed the original £150,000 which SIGBI had hoped to raise and there will therefore be enough money to provide at least one well, so the villages are not entirely reliant on rain water. At the end of a fascinating talk President June was delighted to be able to present Patricia with a check for £500 which Cannock Soroptimists raised from their Open Gardens weekend in the summer.

## ORANGE ON THE 25TH

Soroptimist International is asking everyone to wear orange on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month to



raise awareness and take action to end violence against women and girls. **Let's make sure to celebrate November 25<sup>th</sup> by wearing our pins and the color orange in support of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women!**

## NAR Peace Gardens

SI Phoenixville dedicated its Peace Garden on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

As part of their dedication, Phoenixville declared November 4 as SOROPTIMIST Day for all future years. Congratulations SI Phoenixville!



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

**SOROPTIGRAM DEADLINE:  
Deadline for the January Issue is January 9.**

**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.