



SOROPTIMIST

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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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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARYBETH

'Trick or Treat' as October rolls around we begin to think of cooler weather. Where did it go as I write this letter we are experiencing yet another wave of unusual heat. Beyond cooler weather, we think of pumpkins, ghost and goblins and giving to the little ones in our community. As danger in treats has curtailed this happy adventure and it may be becoming pass in the larger community our Club has not forgotten those in need and giving is in the fore front of what we do. Thank you, to all of you, who worked hard in preparing our service projects and programs for the year. We are small but mighty when I see the bags and boxes of goodies and supplies leave the room each month I am warmed by your generosity. Thank you one all for digging deep and sharing. I know these efforts bring joy to each of you as you carry your donations to the meetings.

**October Invocation**  
Renee Jones

Our goal for the last several years has been to increase membership. We have striven to do so and have been rewarded with an up-hill battle as all organizations have. Last year we increased our numbers by one.

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**October Program:**  
**Shalom House on**  
**Domestic Violence**

**DATE: October 23, 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

In June we increased our numbers by three. SIA has set membership as priority with the Diamond Campaign. The Diamond Campaign is a multi-year campaign to strengthen our organization's membership base as we approach our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Through the Diamond Campaign we will ensure the future of Soroptimist, and our legacy will shine on as we carry out our mission to improve the lives of women and girls. The SIA Board has defined the following goals for ALL clubs and regions to meet or exceed by May 31, 2019:

- Overall net change in membership of -1% or better.
- Add new members representing 13% or more of your starting total membership.
- Terminated members represent 14% or fewer of your starting total membership.

Clubs that meet the goals outlined above may win cash prizes in funding to support club and region Dream Programs. We are well on our way with our three new members. What a better way to begin the new club year. We're up there with SIA and we certainly are up there with our efforts to help our community. Take a bow and let's move on to make this a rewarding club year.

*MaryBeth*

## October Speaker from SHALOM HOUSE

Donations  
are GREATLY  
appreciated!

Our speaker this month is from Shalom House for Domestic Violence. We are collecting the following from their current donation needs:

- Diapers (any brand and size)
- Sanitary Napkins (any brand and type)
- Laundry pods - High Efficiency type
- Dishwashing pods - High Efficiency type
- All-purpose cleaner (like Lysol)
- Socks and white T-shirts for boys (men's small or medium t's and men's size socks).

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

On Tuesday, **October 16, 2018**, Boscovs Department Stores hosts the 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the popular fun filled shopping day. **Each \$5.00 pass is 100% profit for our Soroptimist Club.** Each Club member received 5 tickets to sell.



## **DISTRICT 4 FALL CONFERENCE**

The District 4 Fall Conference is being coordinated by SI Phoenixville, Danville on November 2-3. Our club will be well represented with Alice Lubrecht (District IV Secretary), Billie Hawk (President's Alternative), Delegates – Sally Straining and Karen Rabena with Joan Gibson attending.



There is a new pin based on the Soroptimist International President's Appeal. The pin is hand crafted by a women in England so they take a while to come. It contains a small silver logo in a "sea" of blue glass stones – Cost \$25. We will be taking orders at the October 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.

**Happy Birthday**

October  
20 – Shirley Cleaver

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**



- October 9, 2018 SI Board Meeting at Alice Lubrecht's home
- October 16, 2018 Boscov's Coupon Sale
- October 17, 2018 Isaac's Dining for Dollars
- October 23, 2018 SI Dinner Meeting
- November 2-3, 2018 District IV Meeting at SI Phoenixville
- November 13, 2018 SI Board Meeting at Carol Colyer's home
- January 8, 2019 S I Board Meeting at Susan Wolfe's home
- 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

**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



## **PROGRAMS FOR REMAINDER OF 2018**

In November Billie Hawk is working to get a speaker from Downtown Dailey Bread and we plan to collect warm socks, gloves and scarves in feminine colors.



In December we will have our cash collection to 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 \$10 then you close the bag and put a price of \$5 on it).

Cathy Orwan and Jackie Speaks have agreed to handle our Salvation Army presents for two women (Budgeted item).



## **Our Friendship Link: SI of CANNOCK and DISTRICT**

President of SI Cannock June Bould welcomed members and guests, including region President Jan Gray, to their September speaker meeting and introduced speaker Detective Sergeant Sharon Smith of the West Midlands Police. Sharon is Safeguarding Lead and specializes in the area of Domestic Abuse, including Forced Marriage and Honour Abuse. These last two subjects were the topic of her presentation.

Ms. Smith ensured that everyone understood the difference between a forced marriage and an arranged marriage: those involved in an arranged marriage have the opportunity to choose not to marry the chosen partner, those involved in a forced marriage have no choice and are often threatened that awful things will happen if the marriage does not occur; violence can often be a part of this. Forced marriage is a criminal offence in Great Britain and has been so since 2014. She based her presentation on two stories of young women in the West Midlands who were the subject of forced marriage, both of whom went, bravely, to the police. In the first case [which occurred over 10 years ago] the story did not have a happy ending as the woman was murdered by her father. The second story ended in a

completely different way, possibly because the Police handled the situation very differently. Police worked closely with the young woman, offering alternatives all designed to help. They also worked closely with family members,



including her Father, in order to achieve such a positive result. In this particular case, Police Protection Orders and Non-Molestation Orders were put in place to protect her though there are many other options available.

When the matter was successfully concluded the woman involved told Detective Sergeant Smith that she wanted to advertise how wonderful the Police had been in the hope that others would feel able to go to the Police for help should they need to. This resulted in a national newspaper writing articles and also appearances on a daytime TV program. Part of the established way of working by the police should a woman or girl report that she is being forced to marry someone against her wishes is that the police will always take the matter seriously; they will see the woman immediately and alone; they will respect the woman's wishes and reassure them; they will establish means of safe contact.



### ***A New PEACE Garden in NAR***

Several clubs in the NAR have developed Peace Gardens. During the month of October, many of them are holding Memorial Services in memory of those who have lost their lives to Domestic Violence. SI Phoenixville invites all SI members to the dedication of their new garden.



*Soroptimist Club of Phoenixville*

*Peace Garden  
Dedication & Candlelight Vigil  
Domestic Violence Awareness Event  
Sunday, October 28th, 2018  
6:00 PM  
Fisher Park, Phoenixville, PA  
Between Starr St. & Manavon St. (enter from either side)*

*Please join us for our Ribbon Cutting and Dedication, followed by a solemn event to remember those who have suffered in the shadows of Domestic Violence and to honor those who are the survivors.*

*Please bring along your lawn chair, limited seating.*

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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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**SOROPTIGRAM DEADLINE:  
Deadline for the November Issue is  
November 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.