



SOROPTIMIST

Best for Women

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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.

SOROPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL
Of
HARRISBURG, PA, INC.

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June Invocation
Billie Hawk

MESSAGE FROM Our President

Summer may be upon us, but the year is not done. We have our 80th Celebration and Membership Fling to look forward to. I hope all of you are considering someone who you might bring. We will have our Cookbooks and Mystery Bags to entertain us. I'm sure you know someone who would enjoy a few new ideas for dinner. I wonder what goodies we might find? Also, the Scholarship committee is hard a work selecting our awardees. You won't want to miss meeting them at our June dinner.

Summer is here! And with it, hopefully you have exciting plans for summer vacation. It's a wonderful time for everyone to refresh and reboot. It's also a great time to try out ideas of activities you would enjoy, new pursuits, and possibly a different place you'd like to live in retirement. Whether you're traveling or staying at home, try something new – movie, sport, museum, or activity like biking, etc.

Even though you may be taking time to reboot, you may rest assured that many of us are working hard to put together next year's agenda and roster. I want to thank all those hard workers. Thank you for all you do to keep us afloat. Please take time to enjoy some free as well.

Summer has us thinking of picnics and outdoor activities. Billie has again offered us her house and garden for our picnic. I hope to see many of you there.

Keep cool and enjoy this time of leisure.

Marybeth

PROGRAMS

JUNE: 80TH
Anniversary
Celebration and
Installation of
Officers

DATES June 26, 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 by 6 PM
the Wednesday before meeting
Meal Cost \$19

**OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED
at the June
Meeting:**



Incoming Governor-Elect Diane Savidge will be installing our officers for the coming year:

New 2-Year Terms:

Treasurer – Alice Lubrecht

Corresponding Secretary –
Patti Krow

Director – Susan Wolfe

Director – Jackie Speaks

Delegate – Karen Rabena

Continuing from 2017-18:

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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@ptreasury.gov or jcspeaks@aol.com to submit your orders.

*A Taste of Soroptimist:
A Celebration of 80 Years of
Service to the Harrisburg
area!*

*JOIN US FOR WINE AND
CHEESE, ICED TEA AND
LEMONADE. SIT AND TALK
WITH FRIENDS. LEARN
ABOUT OUR WOMEN'S
SERVICE ORGANIZATION.
REVIEW OUR NEW
COOKBOOK. BUY A MYSTERY
BAG.*

*SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2 pm - 4 pm
At St. Andrew's In the Valley
Episcopal Church,
4620 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg,
PA*

Cookbooks will sell for \$10. Come and help us to "Toot Our Horn," reach out to potential new members, and say thank you to past as well as future supporters. [How many cookbooks will you want?](#)



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:



- June 12, 2018 SI Board Meeting
- June 26, 2018 SI Dinner Meeting
- July 30-Aug 2, 2018 SIA 45th Biennial Convention, Japan
- August 17-18, 2018 NAR SOAR, Hilton Garden Inn, Valley Forge
- November 3, 2018 District IV Meeting SI Phoenixville
- November 15, 2018 Live Your Dream Application Deadline
- January 31, 2019 Ethel F. Lord Application Deadline
- May 3-5, 2019 NAR Spring Conference, Mars, PA (Cranberry Twp.)
- July 18-20, 2019 SI 21st International Convention Kuala Lumpur
- July 20-22, 2020 SIA 46th Biennial Convention, Bellevue, WA



FYI

Our Scholarship Committee is hard at work reviewing 29 scholarship applications. We will be awarding the two \$2,000 scholarships in June.

SUMMER SOCIAL AT BILLIE'S

Billie has invited us to have our Summer Social in her backyard on Saturday, **August 11**, starting at 4 PM. As in the past, the cost will be \$10 with everyone bringing a side dish or dessert. The money will be used to provide drink, paper products and burgers/hot dogs. It will be BYOB for wine and beer. Please come, enjoy the fellowship, play games and laugh!!



NAR SOAR

The Summer Session to Empower will be held Friday evening, August 17 and August 18 (9 AM-4 PM) at the Hilton

Garden Inn Valley Forge, Phoenixville, PA. Agenda items include Biennium Puzzle, Health & Wellness Journaling, Embracing Diversity, What Makes a Good Leader. If interested in attending contact Alice Lubrecht, our Treasurer.

Our Friendship Link --

SI of CANNOCK and DISTRICT

Cannock Soroptimists were entertained by their dinner speaker Geoff Brookes, who provided them with an amusing account of his life in the Staffordshire Ambulance Service spanning 25 years. Geoff began his career as an ambulance driver at a time when the role of the ambulance technician did not exist, however he soon grabbed the opportunity of this further development in emergency work to undertake the training at Pelsall Ambulance Training Center. During his long service Geoff saw many changes, for example the increase in violence against emergency staff which he attributes to drugs and alcohol misuse. Jeff shared some of the “highs and lows” of his 25 years in the service, being especially proud of having helped to deliver babies, some in unusual circumstances. One concerned a young girl who had concealed her pregnancy, giving birth at home to the astonishment of her parents. Another was having to deliver a baby who couldn't wait in the hospital lift. Sadly, he also witnessed a number of cot deaths.

There were also some amusing anecdotes such as the incident when a man was thought to be drowning while in reality he was found to have been snorkeling and an unusual call out to a man who suffered a heart attack working at the top of the

Rugeley Power station who had to be brought down by the Fire Service before he could be tended. Geoff has been involved in charity work and was rewarded for his efforts by the Queen with a Golden Jubilee medal having raised £24,000. He was also congratulated by Tony Blair and earned a citation in the Guinness Book of Records as one of a team that performed 150 hours of CPR, an achievement which currently is unchallenged. When she thanked him, Carole Holdcroft presented Geoff with a small donation for Stafford Stroke Club of which he is the chairman.

SOROPTIMIST: WHY WOMEN & GIRLS?

Throughout history women and girls face additional obstacles and discrimination solely because of their gender. As an organization of business and professional women we feel uniquely qualified to help women and girls live their dreams.

Quick Facts:

- 1 in 3 women have been beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused in their lifetime.
- Women represent 40% of the world's labor force but hold just 1% of the world's wealth.
- Of the more than 110 million children not in school, approximately 60% are girls.

SOROPTIMIST LIVE YOUR DREAM: EDUCATION & TRAINING AWARDS FOR WOMEN

The Live Your Dream Awards assist women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills, and employment prospects.

Did you know:

- Each year, more than \$1.6 million is disbursed through cash awards at various levels of the organization.
- Many recipients have overcome enormous obstacles including poverty, domestic violence, and drug and alcohol abuse.
- The awards may be used to offset any costs associated with efforts to attain higher education, such as books, childcare and transportation.

DISHCLOTHS FOR SALE



Sales of the dishcloths and potholders during 2017-2018 was \$112.00 Thank you ladies for purchasing these crafts. And thank you to Susan for sharing her talent.



Celebrating our 80th:

We received a certificate celebrating our 80th anniversary from North Atlantic Region and a check for \$80. At our May business meeting it was approved to use these funds toward our Dream It Be It program which was held on May 8. We had close to 100 girls attend this program which was completed cooperatively with Salvation Army.



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

**SOROPTIGRAM DEADLINE:
Deadline for the September issue is
September 6.**

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.