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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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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARYBETH

Happy New Year! We begin the new year with many of our members needing prayers. Susan Wolfe has informed us that her husband is in the hospital again. If you know of other concerns, please let Carol Ann know so they can be shared with all members. *Thanks*

As we pray for our members in need let us consider that we need to pick up the ball and carry it for those who are carrying the load of health and family issues. We are into the meat of the year with all of the committees working toward our awards banquet in April and elections in May. Nominations are coming up and the Nominating committee will be contacting many of you to serve the Club. We do many good things for the community at home and at large. We can't accomplish these without you so when you get the call to serve, **please** consider saying yes.

Best wishes to all!

*Marybeth*

**Invocations:**  
**January 2019**  
**Peggy Schmitt**

**January Program:**  
**Collection for**  
**Cupboard**  
**at Calvary**

**DATE: January 22, 2018\9**  
**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**

*January Meeting*

We will be collecting toilet paper, paper towels, tissues and other paper products for the Food Pantry at the Calvary United Methodist Church.



*January*  
**5 – Miriam Rothermel**  
**6 – Jacalyn Speaks**

**25 – Peggy Schmidt**

*December Meeting Follow-Up*

We had a cash collection of \$151 for the SI President’s appeal based on Women, Water & Leadership.

We also held a fundraiser – Mystery Bags. Members assembled items in a gift bag and the club sold them for half the value. The club made \$98.



**CALENDAR OF  
 UPCOMING  
 EVENTS:**

**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@aol.com](mailto:jcspeaks@aol.com) to submit your orders.



January 22, 2019 S I Dinner Meeting  
 February 12 Board meeting at 6 p.m., East Shore Library

May 3-5, 2018 NAR Conference, SI Butler. Mars, PA

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

*Note: She gave the club an additional \$30 making her year-to-date \$75.*

## **ETHEL F LORD FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION**



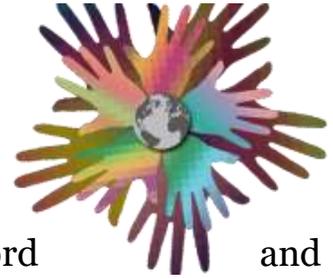
The club announced the application in the Paxton Herald. We want to share with women veterans as widely

as possible. Please share this announcement as appropriate:

Soroptimist International of Harrisburg announces the revised Ethel F. Lord Fellowship funded by the North Atlantic Region. The Ethel F. Lord Fellowships are granted by the North Atlantic Region to Women Veterans who are in financial need in order to improve their quality of life and/or social and economic challenges that the Woman Veteran is facing and/or help in the pursuit of a vocation or education degree. To qualify for consideration, the Woman Veteran must reside within the geographic area of the Region and must demonstrate through documentation her financial need. The Region encompasses all or parts of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Wheeling, West Virginia. An Ethel F. Lord Fellowship is granted up to \$5,000. The 2019 award will be presented in April 2019. In order to be considered, a completed application must be emailed by 12:00 PM EST January 31, 2019. You can obtain an application by going to [www.soroptimistnar.org](http://www.soroptimistnar.org)

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

President June Bould was delighted to welcome Zoe Pyatt, Housing Manager at Stafford and Cannock League of Hospital Friends to Cannock Soroptimist's last speaker evening. Zoe captured the ladies' attention by outlining the amazing work undertaken by this unique Charity. Far from the League of Friends indispensable coffee shops which effuse hospitality and for which the organization is known, Zoe explained the Charity's growth and expansion into providing supportive housing for individuals who are battling mental illness.



The Charity, which was run solely by dedicated volunteers until 1996, now owns several properties in the Stafford area, recently purchasing their first in Cannock. Stafford and Cannock League of Hospital Friends work tirelessly to offer furnished, modern housing to those in need. They help to support vulnerable members of society by providing a tailored support service to aid recovery and beat addiction.

Currently there they house 43 tenants.

With a growing increase in demand, the Charity has ambitious plans to increase the number of one-bedroom

properties that they own and work alongside veterans. Alongside this, the Friends also remain committed to helping hospitalized patients by continually working to fundraise for improvement projects, such as the previous renovation of the Summerhouse at Cannock Chase Hospital.

When she gave the vote of thanks Carole Holdcroft presented Zoe with a donation towards the work of the charity.

**Violet Richardson** Applications are due on January 31.

Do you know a girl 14 to 17 years of age who is actively volunteering in the Harrisburg area? Applications for our Violet Richardson award are due to Susan Wolfe on January 31. Applications can be found on our website or by contacting Susan.

**Volunteer Opportunity!**

Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to assist with their food pantry on Tuesdays and Thursdays at their location (1123 Green Street,

Harrisburg). Volunteers will act as guides for customers “shopping” at the Food Pantry. Call the Salvation Army for a start time.



**Wear Orange on the 25th**



The UN Secretary-General’s UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign, managed by UN Women, has proclaimed every 25th of the month as “Orange Day” – a day to take action to raise awareness and prevent violence against women and girls.



Initiated and led by the UNiTE campaign Global Youth Network, Orange Day calls upon activists, governments and UN partners to mobilize people and highlight issues relevant to preventing and ending violence against women and girls, not only once a year, on 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women), but every month.



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

**SOROPTIGRAM DEADLINE:  
Deadline for the February Issue is February  
7.**

**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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**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.