



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.

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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARYBETH

*March is here, and Spring is oh so soon to arrive! Before we know it everything will start to bloom, cherry blossoms and forsythia budding on branches, tulips and daffodils gently poking through the soil. We celebrate levity and fun as we ride out this wishy-washy month, with all the fun of St Patrick's Day. It gives us the strength to endure and wear green. Is it Spring or is it not? I hope all of you are safe and warm as the winds blow and the snow flies between the warm and balmy days that will come to tease us. While you are staying warm, you will have time for all the many tasks which come before us as we prepare for the awards night and annual meeting. Remember that we have elections coming up and the nomination committee will be calling. Please make their job easy and say yes. As you know, many hands make light work.*

*I didn't take close notice, but I don't remember any orange at this last dinner. Ireland in a country with split allegiances so we can be Irish at our next dinner and wear orange and green to honor both ideals yet and support our sisters in distress, by following the lead of SI with our orange on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.*

*I'll leave you with an Irish proverb: May your heart be light and happy, may your smile be big and wide, and may your pockets always have a coin or two inside!*

*See you at dinner.*

*Marybeth*

**Invocations:  
March 2019  
M. Susan Wolfe**

**March Program:  
Speaker &  
Collection for  
Central PA Food  
Bank**

**DATE: March 26, 2019  
TIME: 6:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Best Western  
Premier Hotel,  
Harrisburg, PA**

**Members who plan to attend the  
dinner meeting MUST notify  
Billie Hawk 717-545-6991 by 6 PM  
the Wednesday before meeting**

**March Meeting**



The speaker will be Sue Ward, Individual Giving Manager, Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. Please bring canned goods and other non-perishable food items.

- May 3-5, 2019 NAR Conference, SI Butler
- July 18-20, 2019 SIA International Convention, Kuala Lumpur
- Aug. 16-17, 2019 NAR SOAR, Valley Forge, Oaks
- Nov. 8-9, 2019 Fall District Meeting Connellsville
- 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.

*Every month on the 25<sup>th</sup> – Wear orange to say NO to violence against women!*



**Birthdays for March**

- 1 – Carol Ann Colyer
- 24 – Sherry Zablotsky

**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 has given us \$75 this year.*

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**



- March 12, 2019 S I Board Meeting at Colonial Park Library
- March 26, 2019 S I Dinner Meeting
- April 9, 2019 SI Board Meeting at Colonial Park Library
- April 23, 2019 April Awards Dinner

*Looking Forward to the warmer weather? Have you seen any of these in your garden yet?*



**The Finance Committee --**

reports that budget preparations for the next year are underway. If



you are a chair of a committee, we need your input for the draft budget by the March meeting. Please email Alice Lubrecht ([alicelubrecht@gmail.com](mailto:alicelubrecht@gmail.com)) or hand your request to her at the March meeting.



**DREAM IT BE IT**

At the February meeting President MaryBeth gave an update on the status of this year’s event. We will again be working with the Salvation Army for a one-day workshop entitled “Where Do I go After High School.” It will be held the first week of May at the Steelton Highspire Jr./Sr. High School. It will be organized differently this year starting with a panel discussion, then two rotating breakout groups; followed by Zumba in the middle of the day and followed by two more rotating breakout groups. It will close with a keynote speaker – Representative Patti Kim.

If you want additional details, contact either Renee or MaryBeth. If you have not participated in the past and want to this year, you will need to submit security clearances. Renee can tell you how to obtain them at no cost.

*North Atlantic Region Annual Spring Conference*

*May 3rd thru May 5th.*

*Mars, Cranberry Township,*

*Pennsylvania*

*Host Club:*

*St Butler County*

*Please join us!*



Pull out your poodle skirt and your saddle shoes and join in the fun on Friday evening at the Hop!

**NAR Region Fundraisers**

**Escape to Ocean City, Maryland**

A weekend in Ocean City Maryland. Relax for 2 nights & 3 days! 4 BR, 4 Bath home, on inlet



bayside. Includes all amenities, sheets, towels, etc. Off season weekend October thru April. Based on availability. Tickets will be available at our March and April meetings as well as Spring Conference for \$5.00 each. Interested?

**SHOE Donation**



Most women love this subject. Want to get some new ones? Why not donate some gently used ones to a Soroptimist attending NAR Conference in MARS. NAR is collecting them as a second fundraiser for our region projects. Give your donations to a club member attending spring conference at the March or April business meeting.

**Spring Conference Service Project** Victim Outreach Intervention Center (VOICe) is the sole provider of comprehensive domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victim services for the more than 180,000 people who call Butler County, Pennsylvania, home. Each club is asked to bring items from this list with their members who are attending conference.

**SI of CANNOCK and DISTRICT**

Cannock Soroptimists recently celebrated the



64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their Charter, the club was formed in 1955. This year's Annual Dinner was held at Brocton Hall Golf Club and was attended by members and friends from Cannock and from other clubs within the Midland Chase Region. President June Bould welcomed special guests Amanda Milling MP; Jan Gray, President, SI Midland Chase Region and speaker for the evening Anna Turney, Para-Olympic ski racer.

Amanda Milling MP made the toast to Soroptimist International; the organization is almost 100 years old. She praised the organization for the work it does to improve and enhance the lives of women and had looked at all that women in Parliament have achieved in the last 100 years, from Nancy Astor, the first woman in Parliament in 1919, through to today when there are 208 women MPs and the second woman Prime Minister. She is very proud of the fact that all female MPs work together as a team, she believes that is what makes all women strong and enables them to achieve great things.

**SI Harrisburg plans to do their collection at the April meeting!**

President June's theme for the year has been "Life is a



**General Needs Wish List**

| Cleaning          |                         | Hygiene                           |  |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Toilet cleaner    | Lysol spray             | NEW makeup                        |  |
| Mops & buckets    | Laundry detergent       | Shampoo                           |  |
| Murphy's Oil      | Dryer sheets            | Conditioner                       |  |
| Soap              | Vacuums                 | Liquid body wash                  |  |
| Pinesol           | Kitchen sponges         | Razors                            |  |
| NEW rags          | Pledge                  | Lotion                            |  |
| Bleach            | Dish soap               | Hair products, including cultural |  |
| Gloves            | Lysol wipes             |                                   |  |
| Household         |                         | Seasonal clothing                 |  |
| Twin/full bedding | Paper products          | Seasonal shoes                    |  |
| Comforters        | Toilet paper            | Extension cords                   |  |
| Pillows           | Garbage bags, all sizes | Phone chargers                    |  |
| Pots & pans       | Silverware              | Batteries, all sizes              |  |
| Small appliances  | Ziploc bags             | DVDs, adult & kid                 |  |
| Shower curtains   | Foil                    | Coffee & filters                  |  |
| Microwaves        | Plastic wrap            | Arts & crafts supplies            |  |
| Dish sets         | Tupperware              | School supplies                   |  |
|                   |                         | Backpacks                         |  |

Last Thursday of the month, January–October  
 218 E. Main St., Evans City, PA 16033  
 8:30 AM–6:00 PM



journey, not a destination” and so she invited Anna Turney to come and speak, knowing that Anna has taken an incredible journey which inspires so many. Anna was hoping to be a world class snowboarder when, in 2006, she had a horrific accident in a boarder cross race and broke her back. In the previous race she had finished less than one second behind GBs No 1 so was determined to do just that little bit better and become a pro snowboarder. After her accident, those hopes were dashed completely.

She had operations, exercises, physical therapy – and an amazing positive attitude. After going through a real low time and wondering how she could ever live a ‘normal’ life again she began to concentrate on what she could do and how she could improve. She was introduced to people who had overcome disabilities themselves and that led her to believe that she would be able to do some of the things she loved again. Anna considers herself very fortunate – although she cannot stand, she has good abdominal muscles, strong arms and hands and good balance. She believes it’s harder for family members who all feel helpless, but she maintains it’s their support that has enabled her to get back to skiing and competing.



**SIA Reports:**

**Soroptimist Live Your Dream Awards are impacting women on a global scale!**



Learn more about our winners at our April Awards Dinner on April 23.



**SOROPTIGRAM DEADLINE:  
Deadline for the April Issue is April 8.**

**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  
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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.