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SOROPTIGRAM

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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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INTERNATIONAL
Of
HARRISBURG, PA, INC.

2016-17 OFFICERS & BOARD

President: Alice Lubrecht
Recording Secretary:
 Billie Hawk
Corresponding Secretary:
 Patti Krow
Treasurer: Carol Colyer

Directors:
 Jackie Speaks
 Marybeth Lehtimaki
 Susan Wolfe

Delegates:
 Karen Rabena
 Renee Jones

June Invocation
Billie Hawk

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ALICE

As my two years as President come to an end, I look back at the various activities we have been able to accomplish with our small group - collections for several women's shelters, the Cupboard at Calvary, Days for Girls, the Malala Project, Caitlyn's Smiles... And we continue to look forward. Over the summer, committees will again meet to talk about projects for the coming year including a revamped Dream It Be It joint project, new fundraising opportunities and ways to work more closely with other Soroptimist clubs in the area. Stay tuned for updates in September.

Installation of new officers will take place at our June meeting. Shirley Cleaver from SI Harrisburg East will be conducting the installation. I hope everyone can be there to support Mary Beth as she steps up to the new position.

Bill and Billie Hawk have invited us to another relaxing summer social at their home on Saturday, July 29. Sign-ups will be at our June meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Alice

**JUNE PROGRAM:
Installation of Officers
& Business Meeting**

**DATE: June 27, 2017
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Best Western
Premier Hotel,
Harrisburg, PA**

**Members who plan to attend the
dinner meeting MUST notify
Billie Hawk (545-6991) or
hawk4017@verizon.net by 6 PM
the Wednesday before meeting**

REMEMBER 2017-18 DUES ARE TO BE PAID BY JUNE 30 BY SEPARATE CHECK

FAREWELL GIFT COLLECTION



At the May meeting club members voted to give a farewell gift of \$100 to our long time waitress, Teresa Strickland. It was her last night to be working at the hotel. Many members indicated they wanted to give a gift but did not have funds available that night. We agreed to take write her a check for the \$100 and to take a collection at the June meeting to reimburse the club.



**SOAR – NAR
Summer
Sessions to
Empower**

Friday evening and
Saturday August 11
and 13 from 9 AM

to 3:45 PM NAR will be conducting SOAR at the Desmond Hotel, Malvern PA. SOAR is replacing the former Leadership Workshop. If you want a room the reservation must be made by July 13th at 610-296-9800 for the \$122.08 price.

There is no cost for members for the workshops and meals. Non-members will be charged a fee of \$100. There is a \$10 charge to members for materials to the Stewards of Children workshop.

Participants in this workshop will receive a PD certificate.

The other workshops include: Membership Up Up & Away; Fundraising Roundtable Discussions; Live Your Dream & Dream It Be It Roundtable; Grant Writing for SIA grants and others; Social Media – how to bring public awareness to your club; What's in the Cloud – storage for club documents; Updating and/or Changing club bylaws.

Please let President Alice know if you plan to attend.

INSTALLING 2017-18 OFFICERS

Shirley Cleaver will be installing our officers for the coming year.



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Director – (Replacing MBL) Susan Wolfe*

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Happy Birthday

JUNE

No Member Birthdays

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.

Karns or Weis Gift Cards contact Gretta Morrow at grettam@netzero.net.

Giant Gift Cards contact Jacalyn Speaks at jcspeaks@patreasury.gov or jcspeaks@aol.com to submit your orders.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:



- July 29 Summer Social
- August 11-12 NAR SOAR (Leadership) Program
- September 12 Board meeting
- September 26 Dinner meeting
- November 4, 2017 District III/IV Fall District Meeting, Danville
- April 27-29, 2018 NAR at Cape May, New Jersey
- July 30-Aug 2, 2018 SIA 45th Biennial Convention, Japan

July 18-20, 2019 SI 21st International Convention Kuala Lumpur

SUMMER SOCIAL AT BILLIE'S

Billie has invited us to have our Summer Social in her backyard



on Saturday, **July 29**, starting at 4 PM. As in past years 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. Billie will have a sign-up sheet at our June meeting. Please come, enjoy the fellowship, play games and laugh!!

DISHCLOTHS FOR SALE



Handmade crocheted dishcloths will be for sale at our meeting. All funds will be donated to our club.

Prices: 1 dishcloth \$4.00
2 dishcloths \$7.00

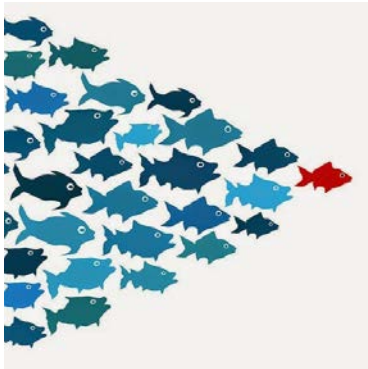
Susan Wolfe donated another \$50 from the sale of dishcloths. This makes a total of \$160 for the year. Thanks Susan.

LUGGAGE TAGS

Alice has been giving orange Soroptimist Luggage tags to members for their birthday. Since you often travel with more than one bag, we are offering them for sale at \$2.



2017-18 SIA LEADERSHIP



Elections for the upcoming year are complete. Dawn Marie Lemonds, SI/Newport Harbor Area, CA (Desert Coast Region), will serve as

2017-2018 president, and Elizabeth Di Geronimo Annicchiarico, SI/Miranda, Venezuela (America del Sur Region), will serve as president-elect.

Congratulations to the newly elected 2017-2019 board members: Julieta Armendariz de Lopez, SI/La Mesa, Mexico (Mexico/Centroamerica Region); Bonnie Domonchuk, SI/Cambridge, Ontario (Eastern Canada Region); Minda Garcia, SI/Founder Manila (Philippines Region); Sherry Pearson, SI/Los Banos, CA (Sierra Pacific Region); Michiko Shoji, SI/Atsugi, Japan (Japan Higashi Region); and Toshiko Ryomoto, SI/Osaka-Kita, Japan (Japan Chuo Region). They will join continuing 2016-2018 board members Nobuko Fujii, SI/Imabari, Japan (Japan Nishi Region); Karen Cromer Johnson, SI/Twin Cities, MN (North Central Region); Kathy King, SI/Klamath Falls, OR (Northwestern Region); Heidi McNamar, SI/Greater Hartford, CT (Northeastern Region); Mariza Schuster Bueno, SI/Rio Negro,

Brazil (Brazil Region); and "Tina" Wei-Kang Pan, SI/Taipei, Taiwan (Taiwan Region). The SIA Board recently completed its appointments to the Fundraising Council.

Congratulations to the newly appointed 2017-2019 members:

Ohran Choe, SI/Daegu, Korea (Korea Region); Kelly Fogarty, SI/Manhattan Beach, CA (Camino Real Region); and Tracy Scala, SI/Farmington Valley, CT (Northeastern Region). They join continuing 2016-2018 members Lee Ann Cochran, SI/Columbus and Franklin County, OH (Midwestern Region), and Paloma Papa, SI/Taguig, Philippines (Philippines Region). The SIA Board has appointed Tracy Scala as the 2017-2018 Fundraising Council chair.

FRIENDSHIP LINK WITH CANNOCK

As Carole Holdcroft came to the end of her year as President of SI of Cannock she was delighted to be able to make a further donation to Pathway, in particular to the refuge they



run for women victims of Domestic Violence. Members have been donating Easter Eggs which have now been taken to the Pathway Project and on Easter Day the children living at the refuge will all be given the chocolate eggs. Making the decision to leave an abusive home is never easy, leaving with your children makes it even more of a huge decision. As well as caring for the women, Pathway takes care of the children, doing all that they can to make this traumatic time in their lives more bearable. Having little treats like receiving chocolate

eggs at Easter is just one way of bringing normality and also some pleasure.

Carole – and indeed the whole Soroptimist Club – has long been a supporter of the Pathway Project and during her year as President Carole held a number of events to raise funds for them and for Staffordshire Women's Aid. So far each organization has received £600.00 from Cannock Soroptimists though there will be a further £100.00 to each of them very soon as a result of the marshalling members did at the Staffordshire Ironman race last year.

MARGARET WEAVER 2017 SCHOLARSHIPS



The committee has selected the two winners for the \$2,000 scholarships for this year from

approximately 20 applications.

The winners are:

Anika Wagner of Hummelstown, graduated with a 95.16 GPA. She will be attending the University of Pittsburgh in the Kenneth P. Dietrick School of Arts & Sciences starting with the fall term. She is aspiring to become a medical product engineer and hopes to be able to develop implants and aid in the advance of further research in the bioengineering field. As a medical product engineer she wants to focus on developing implants designed to assist neurosurgery patients affected by psychiatric illnesses such as obsessive compulsive disorder.

Angelina Van Sprang graduated from Central Dauphin School District with a 88.1173 GPA. She has been accepted at Duquesne University's School of Natural and Environment Sciences for the Fall 2017 semester. She will be a Biology

major with a pre-medical focus as she aspires to be a surgeon. One of her goals is to be a member of the Doctors Without Borders program.



SUMMER BREAK

Your Soroptigram editors wish you a peaceful and happy summer break. We look forward to hearing about your summer adventures when we return in the fall.

We hope you enjoy this poem

KINDNESS

*A little word in kindness spoken,
a motion, or a tear, has often
healed the heart that's broken,
and made a friend sincere.*

*A word, a look, has crushed to
earth many a budding flower,
Which, had a smile but owned its
birth, Would bless life's darkest
hour.*

*Then deem it not an idle thing a
pleasant word to speak; The face
you wear, the thought you bring,
a heart may heal or break.*

John G. Whittier

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www.harrisburgsoroptimist.org*

**SOROPTIGRAM DEADLINE:
Deadline for the August/September issue is
September 15.**

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.