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Best for Women

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SOROPTIGRAM

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District IV

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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 ALICE

We started the service year off with a great effort by club members to help with our joint Dream It Be It project with Harrisburg East. Let's continue our efforts as we move through the year. The Program Committee met with the Community Service Committee and created a list of projects for the club throughout the year. The list is located on page 5 of this newsletter.

For October, in honor of efforts to stop domestic violence, we would like to collect items needed by the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter. In particular, **we will collect cleaning products, baby diapers, baby wipes, full-size shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste.** Many of the women who arrive at the shelter, arrive with only the clothes on their backs and with small children. Let's help them get back on their feet.

October Invocation
Marybeth Lehtimaki

Looking towards November, we want to collect gently used clothing to support the MALALA Project. As you review your closets with the change of seasons, look for one item which could be donated for this project.

See you on the 25th,

Alice

**OCTOBER
PROGRAM:**
Collection for YWCA
Domestic Violence
Shelter

DATE: Oct. 25, 2016
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

INTER-SERVICE LUNCHEON

The Rotary Club will hold Annual Luncheon at the Harrisburg Hilton Hotel on November 21 at 12 Noon. President Alice will be taking reservations at the October dinner meeting. Cost is \$17. You will pay our club and we will pay the total bill afterwards.

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.



October - No Birthdays

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:



- October 22 District IV Meeting at Hampton Inn West, Host Club is SI West Shore
- October 25 Dinner Meeting
- November 7 Board Meeting
- November 21 Interservice Club Luncheon
- November 22 Dinner Meeting
- April 28-30, 2017 NAR Spring Conference, Valley Forge

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

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

You should have received your coupons for **Tuesday, October 18, 2016** Boscov's Department Store will host the 20th Anniversary of the popular fun filled shopping day. This special day is a fundraiser to benefit local non-profit organizations.

Everyone who purchases a \$5.00 Friends Helping Friends pass receives a **25% discount** on purchases made only on October 18th. The sale of the shopping passes benefits our Club and supports the important work we do to serve women and girls.

Take advantage of this opportunity to shop for holiday gifts, special occasion items or just satisfy a whim! Encourage your friends and family members to purchase passes which will support our Club. **Each \$5 pass is 100% profit for our Soroptimist Club.**

Unsold tickets must be returned to the store. Please return them to Renee. Thank you.

NORTH ATLANTIC REGION Fall Activities

October 13 – SI of Tom's River invites you to attend their 13th Annual Women's Hall of Fame. For more information contact Sue Sedivec at 908-600Date(s) - 10/16/2016



October 16 - SI Rancocas Valley presents a Charity Doggie Fashion Show and Two-Mile Walk. Fashion Show is \$ 5.00 per dog- with 12 fun groups to choose from. A prize will be awarded for each group. Groups include: Funniest, Best 6 leg (you &

your dog), Best Dressed, Most patriotic, The Cutest, Best Rescue Dog, The Happiest, The Scariest, etc. Biggest dog, the Smallest dog, Fanciest, and Best in Show. Other things to do: We will have vendors, a bake sale for humans and dogs, face painting, music, and Hot Dogs and cold drinks. Register on line or at the farm on the 4th. Call Ellen 609-280-2711 or SIRVprograms@gmail.com Two – Mile Walk- bring your dog or walk with human friends. The cost is \$10 per person. Come join us and enjoy the beautiful farm while you support women and girls in our community.

October 29 – SI Five Points Magenta will hold their Dream it Be it girls program where the focus will be Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. This is our STEM program.

October 30 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm – SI of Cumberland County will hold at Bridgeton City Park, Soroptimist Peace and Tranquility Garden Join them for a solemn event to remember those who have suffered in the shadows of Domestic Violence and to honor those who are the survivors.



SI of CANNOCK and DISTRICT

President Carole did a brilliant interview which was broadcast live on Tuesday 20th Sept from Well done Carole. She talked about Sorptimists in general and what the club did locally.

Cannock Soroptimists ran a market stall in Cannock Town Centre on

Friday 9th September to raise awareness of and funds for their Federation three year project, the Meru Women's Garden Project. The aim of the project is to educate, enable and empower women in Meru County, Kenya by providing sustainable gardening techniques and tools, enabling women to become pioneers of agricultural sustainability within the community. Girls will also be educated about their rights, empowering them to stand up to damaging cultural practices like female genital mutilation [FGM]. By providing economic opportunities to women and girls, the project will achieve long term change by strengthening entire communities, so improving the lives and opportunities for generations to come.

Cannock Soroptimists sold produce from their gardens: apples, damsons, and a variety of plants as well as many craft items they have made. Members had a very enjoyable morning making lavender bags, bags of pot pourri, as well as items such as

gift cards, gift tags and pin cushions. They had made chutneys and preserves, had pickled onions and made cakes and biscuits which all sold like the proverbial 'hot cakes'. Everyone who bought from the stall received a leaflet with information about the project. There was even a Visit from Charlie Chase of Cannock Radio!!

It was a really successful day, demonstrating their own gardening and household skills and helping provide the means for women in Meru, Kenya to learn similar skills and so become self sufficient. Soroptimist Kate Young, who organised the event, was thrilled with the fabulous goods provided by members of the club and by the £191.00 raised on the day!



Report from the Program and Community Service Committee meeting:

A joint meeting of the committees was held on October 1 and the following projects were selected for the coming service year. These activities give us a chance



for local impact as well as

supporting international projects focused on education of women and girls

Service Projects

2016-2017

Soroptimist International of Harrisburg

- October: YWCA Domestic Violence Collection
- November: Malala Clothing Project
Movement for Yes all Girls
- December: Salvation Army Senior Gift
Money Collection for President's Appeal-Nepal Schools
Program: A "Ventry" Merry Puppet & Story Christmas
- January: Paper Products for Food Pantry at Calvary United
Methodist Church
- February: Days for Girls
- March: Easter Treat Bags - YWCA
- April: Awards Dinner
Collection of travel size items and toiletries for
Downtown Daily Bread
- May: Caitlyn's Smiles Play Doh and Crayons
- June: Shelter Donations

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

SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE

I pledge allegiance to Soroptimism 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 10.

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.