



SOROPTIMIST

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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

The months of November and December bring the Holiday Season upon us. We started with All- Hallows-Eve when many of us enjoyed all the little pranksters as they traveled through our neighborhoods. November 1st, All Saints, gave us time to stop and remember those who went before us, as well as, those who serve and support us now. November 7th saw us at the polls for local elections and, on November 11, we had the honor of remembering our Veterans for their dedication and service.

Speaking of service, let's begin Thanksgiving by thanking those who represented us at Districts 3&4 meeting in Danville on November 4th - Carol Ann, Renee, Karen Rabena and Billie represented our Club while Alice diligently took notes as the District 4 secretary.

I hope all who went to Longhorn Steak House on November 9th had a good meal and a great time with family and friends. Your dedication to SI Harrisburg is appreciated.

We are now looking to an early Thanksgiving, as we are Thankful for what we have our family and friends here are a few words from the past.

'May your stuffing be tasty. May your Turkey be plump.
May your potatoes and gravy never have lumps.
May your yams be delicious, and your pie take a prize.
May your Thanksgiving dinner stay off your thighs.
Happy Thanksgiving.

*Best Wishes to all for a Happy and Joyous Season
with friends and loved ones. MaryBeth*

November Invocation

Patti Krow

December Invocation

Jackie Speaks

PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER:

Donations for Central PA
Food Bank

DECEMBER:

Cash Collection for
President's Appeal

**DATES: November 28 and
December 12, 2017**

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

NOVEMBER COLLECTION



Food Bank.

We will be collecting cans of soup and other non-perishables and powdered milk for the Central Pennsylvania

DECEMBER CASH COLLECTION

Every SI President proposes a 'President's Appeal': a project Soroptimists worldwide, across all four federations, are called upon to raise funds during the President's 2-year tenure. The 2017-2019 President Mariet Verhoef-Cohen and her appeal is "*Women, Water & Leadership*" supporting projects that educate, empower and enable women and girls, ensuring they have the capacity, experience and education needed to manage water resources and gain careers in water-related professions.

Water is Life -

Safe, accessible water is crucial to preserving life. Water fuels our bodies, cleans our

homes and clothes, drives industry, generates energy and irrigates the crops which feed the population. Growth in the world's population and industrialization, with climate change and demographic shifts, all lead to an increased demand for water. Annually, four billion people experience severe water scarcity.

Additionally, 663 million people lack ready access to improved sources of drinking water. Women and girls are affected – instead of earning an income or attending school, they are forced to be the primary water carriers for their families.



80TH ANNIVERSARY AND COMMUNITY COOKBOOK

At the September meeting a motion was approved to have a multi-functional event. It starts with collecting recipes



from **all** members and their friends for the next five months; at least 2 recipes monthly from each member. They will be made into a cookbook similar to our roster and available at our 80th Anniversary in June. Members can purchase the cookbook and we will sell copies as a fundraising tool.

Please make sure your name is on the recipe submitted as well as the friend's name for her recipes.

October -- Appetizers, finger foods, snacks or beverages.

November – Soups, Chowders and Chili

December – Main Dishes

If you have them on the computer, you can email recipes to Carol Ann.

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN



UN Commission on the Status of Women

The 62nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will take place at United Nations Headquarters in New York, March 12-23,

2018. Every year, Soroptimist sends a delegation of leaders and members interested in advocating for the Soroptimist position, learning more about the UN, and networking with other women's organizations. The delegation is made up of Soroptimists from around the world and is a unique experience to learn, network and advocate.

SI NAR FALL DISTRICT MEETING



SI NAR Districts 3 & 4 held a combined Fall District Meeting coordinated by S I Montour, in Danville on November 3-4.

Scarecrow from Peddlers Village

Membership Retention (Do not form small groups, welcome everyone and practice inclusion), Revised Ethel F. Lord Fellowship application (it will now be granted to Women Veterans who are in financial need in order to improve their quality of life and/or fulfill their career goals), Fundraising Events, Dream It Be It Partnerships, Laurel Society (our club has 3 new members)



“Abigail Geisinger telling up about her involvement in founding Geisinger Hospital.

Attending from S I Harrisburg were Alice Lubrecht, Carol Colyer, Billie Hawk, Karen Rabena, and Renee Jones. There were 109 in total attendance; from District 4 all 11 clubs were in attendance with 27 voting members, 44 non-delegate members and 4 guests. Round table discussions included: Friendship Links, History of Soroptimist International (how many members remember that the first club was in Alameda County, California and that Violet Richardson was our first President), Membership Growth (the best practice for membership growth is personal invitation; there are many resources available on line at SI and NAR websites, and participating in community events),

and Leadership Development.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:



- November 12, 2017 SI Board Meeting
Carol Colyer's home
- November 26, 2017 SI Dinner Meeting
- December – No Board Meeting
- December 12, 2017 SI Dinner Meeting
- 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

Happy Birthday

November

- 2 – Billie Hawk
7 – Margaretta Morrow
11 – Jean Johns
24 – Renee Jones

December

- 14 – Cathy Orwan
17 – Karen Rabena
21 – Marybeth Lehtimaki

BOSCOV'S

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

Our club earned **\$420** by participating in this event on October 17.

ETHEL F. LORD FELLOWSHIPS

A change was voted on the Ethel F Lord Fellowships at the NAR Spring Conference. As a result of that vote, these fellowships will now be granted by the NAR 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 North Atlantic Region, and must demonstrate through documentation her financial need. The Fellowship is granted up to \$5,000. To be considered, a completed application must be emailed by 12:00 PM EST January 31, 2018. You can get an application at [www.soroptimistnar.org/forms-documents/Ethel B Lord Fellowship 2018 Application](http://www.soroptimistnar.org/forms-documents/Ethel%20B%20Lord%20Fellowship%202018%20Application). Please share this information with anyone who think would qualify.

CHANGE IS COMING ... TO SIA WEBSITE



SIA will be upgrading software for our membership database system on December 11. All members and clubs who login to the website on or after December 11 to add new members, make donations, interact with SIA member directories, or any of our tools that are behind the login, will need to change their passwords to at least seven characters, including one letter and one

SIA will be upgrading software for our

number. These changes are in accordance with requirements for Payment Card Industry (PCI) compliance on websites that interact with credit card companies.

Our FRIENDSHIP LINK --



SI of CANNOCK and DISTRICT

Cannock Soroptimists are preparing for Christmas! But not just for themselves: as in previous years, club

members do what they can to provide a better Christmas for some of those who may be in some sort of need this year. They provide Christmas gifts for the women and children who will be living in a refuge run by the Pathway Project for women victims of domestic violence over the festive period. They send along toys, games, clothing, books, toiletries, jewelry – the recipients of the gifts are always touched that there are people thinking of them at this time. Soroptimist Carole Holdcroft will coordinate the club's preparation, cooking and serving of a Christmas Dinner in December for those who use the Soup Kitchen in Mill Street Cannock. They fund a large part of this meal too and usually serve over 50 meals, complete with all of the Christmas trimmings – again, this service to members of the community is always appreciated.

In lieu of sending cards to each other at Christmas, Soroptimists make donations to their International President's appeal, held to mark United Nations Day on December 10th. The appeal this year is Women, Water and Leadership and will support at least five projects in five continents, embracing the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the targets set out in SDG 6: Water. Increasing awareness of the vital role of women as equal partners at all levels of the water sector, 'Women, Water and Leadership' will work to ensure women and

girls have the capacity, education and experience to manage water resources, and gain careers in water-related professions. SI Cannock's own Christmas Celebration will be held on December 12th at the Barns when President Val Jones will welcome members and guests to an evening of fun and fellowship with entertainment provided by singer James Michael.

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.

DISHCLOTHS FOR SALE



Handmade crocheted dishcloths will be for sale at our September

meeting. All funds will be donated to our club.

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

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

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

**SOROPTIGRAM DEADLINE:
Deadline for the January issue is: January 11**

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.